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## Introduction

**I**t has been our endeavor to treat every prisoner in Delhi Jails with dignity and respect. The challenge before the Jail Administration is to make the imprisonment purposeful in every way for those who have to undergo the same. We begin, by attempting to minimize the suffering of a person who has been imprisoned by providing an efficient and transparent administration. We provide him with the opportunity to use his time purposefully and constructively by learning new skills, pursuing education and to find other ways and means to resolve his inner conflicts.

*Delhi Jails have been successful in breaking the myth in the western world that the Prisons in third world countries are medieval hellholes. Today Delhi Jails are perceived as harbinger of human rights of prisoners and are being considered as role model by the National as well as International Prison Community. A Chinese delegation lead by Vice Minister Mr. Zhang Sujun recently visited Delhi Jails. After visit he recorded the following comments:*

***"Prison complex of New Delhi has excellent management, harmonious environment, and is a model for the corrections work in Asia"***

*During the year a number of initiatives were taken for reformation/rehabilitation of prisoners besides strengthening the security environment.*

*The main emphasis of the year was to recharge the Prison atmosphere with vocational activities thus creating more employment avenues for the prisoners. A blanket unit has been started in Central Jail No.9 for manufacturing quality blankets. We are getting the support of other departments like Delhi Police and Health department, GNCT of Delhi for purchase of blankets. This unit has employed around 80 prisoners. An artificial flower unit in PPP mode has also been started in jails creating job opportunities for around 150 prisoners.*

*Another big achievement of the year is the amendment of existing guidelines for the selection of convicts for confinement in Semi-Open Jail. Now a prisoner who is serving the imprisonment for more than five years but less than twelve years (earlier it was ten years) and also the lifer who have undergone twelve years of imprisonment without remission will be eligible for this relaxed treatment of Open Jail.*

*Our endeavor is that no one commits crime for the sake of his survival after his release from jail. To meet this objective two Campus Placements were organized in which 161 convicts including 13 women, were selected and offered employment by different Corporate Houses. More campus placements are in the offing.*

*Tihar Jail Factory is a key establishment of Prison department employing around 600 convicts in its various units. Its annual turnover which was ₹ 18 crore during past year is likely to have a big jump and may cross ₹ 26 crore during the current Financial Year. A number of initiatives were taken to popularize TJ's products with opening of new Show Rooms and collaboration with big outlets.*

*In an Eco-friendly initiative to generate electricity and bio-fuel Tihar administration has joined hands with DSIDC Energy Ltd., GNCT of Delhi and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay. The commissioning of the projects will bring a big saving in electricity/fuel bills besides utilizing the waste generated in the jails.*

*The security environment in and around jails is being strengthened so that we are ready to meet day-to-day challenges. Recently 21 Mobile Jammers were installed in the jails by Public Sector Undertaking, Bharat Electronic Limited so that mobile activities are jammed. Now there are total 32 Mobile Jammers in all the ten jails.*

*The talent of the inmates is being appreciated by organizing talent-hunt programme like Tihar Idols and Quiz Competitions.*

*A Smart Cash Card System has now been launched in all the jails for bringing transparency in monetary transactions of prisoners replacing the age old coupons system. Every inmate has been given a Smart Card and his money is credited to his account via this Card.*

*We have introduced stenography classes in female jail and language classes in all the jails so that self confidence of inmates may be generated.*

*We have planned to further expand reformation and rehabilitative activities so that more and more prisoners particularly belonging to women and deprived section of the society may be benefited from our programmes.*

*Jai Hind!*

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## ***From the Desk of DIG(P)***

**O**n any given day, Delhi Prisons comprising Nine Jails in the Tihar Jail Complex and the Rohini District Jail houses about 12000 plus prisoners as against a capacity of 6250 prisoners. Thus the present prison capacity-prisoner population ratio is 1: 2.2. On completion of the construction of prison complex at Mandoli, it is expected that the prison capacity – prisoner ratio will significantly improve, thereby sharply reducing congestion and facilitating provision of better amenities to the prisoners.

To augment the security, 21 mobile phone jammers in addition to the existing eleven jammers have been installed in the Jails by M/S. Bharat Electronics Ltd. for jamming the signals and the work of installation of 243 CCTV Cameras in Jails at an estimated cost of ₹ 2.81 crore is under progress. Procurement of security pole detectors for detecting metallic objects and cell phones in the baggage, body etc. HHMDS, X-Ray baggage scanner is in pipeline.

A MOU has been signed between Delhi Prisons and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre for setting up of NISARGUNA Biogas Plant in Central Jail No. 2 for production of cooking gas from biodegradable kitchen waste.

The work of installation of 430 KW Solar Power Plant in the Jail has been awarded to DSIIDC Energy Ltd., Govt. of NCT of Delhi at an estimated cost of ₹ 468 lacs.

The Prison administration is doing its best to reformative and rehabilitative activities besides strengthening the security.

*Jai Hind!*

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