

Major events of the year

1. All India conference of correctional administrators

An all India Conference of Correctional Administrators was organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs in association with the Bureau of Police Research and Development and the Prison Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi on 8th & 9th September, 2010 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated by Mr. P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Home Minister, Government of India, in the august presence of Mr. G. K. Pillai, Union Home Secretary, Ms. B. Bhamathi, Addl. Secretary (MHA), Mr. N.S. Kalsi, Joint Secretary (MHA), Mr. B.K. Gupta, the then Director General (Prisons) and others. The Correctional Administrators of States and Union Territories attended the conference.



Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Home Minister laid emphasis on reformation and rehabilitation programs which should be carried out more vigorously so that jails become correctional centres in their true sense. He also stressed on the use of modern technology for the security of prisons as well as prison inmates.

On 8th September, four sessions were held and presentations on the following topics were made:

- Overcrowding - Reducing the number of Undertrials
- Best Prison Practices / Innovative Steps in Correction.
- Professional Development and Well Being of Prison Staff.
- Enactment of Prisons Act in States and Special Provisions

Each of the session was followed by open house discussions on the above said topics.

On 9th September, four workshops were held on the following subjects:

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| Workshop 1 | Vocational Training and Capacity Building |
| Workshop 2 | Public Private Partnership in Prisons in specific areas |
| Workshop 3 | Improving Public Awareness and Support for reintegration into Society |
| Workshop 4 | Performance Evaluation of Prisons through Internal and External Mechanism |

The valedictory address was delivered by Mr. Ajay Maken, Hon'ble, Minister of State for Home Affairs, who urged the correctional administrators to take new initiatives to make the lives of prisoners free from misery. The conference ended with a vote of thanks by Director, BPR&D.

After the conclusion of the conference, the Correctional Administrators visited Tihar Jail to get first hand knowledge of the reformation and rehabilitation programmes being pursued by Delhi Jails Administration. The visitors appreciated the programmes and facilities provided to the Tihar inmates for their reformation and rehabilitation.

2. Launching of para legal training programme at Tihar

The Delhi Legal Services Authority in association with Delhi Prisons launches a Para-Legal Training Programme for Delhi Inmates on 3rd June, 2010. The National Legal Services Authority has formulated “Scheme for implementing the Project of Para-Legal Volunteers by the State Legal Services Authority” and to enumerate the scheme an inaugural function was organized at Jail No.2, Tihar Jail, Delhi. In his inaugural address Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority stated that the Jail Inmates will be benefited by getting the Legal Aid & Advice easily



with the help of educated jail inmates who will be trained to give legal aid & advice by the DLSA. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi Mr. Dipak Misra gave presidential address and informed the jail inmates that the trained jail inmates will work as Para-Legals and they can act as messengers for other jail inmates for proper Legal Aid & Advice. Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Executive Chairman of DLSA underlined the importance of the trained jail inmates and stated that since these Para-Legals will be easily accessible to the other jail inmates as such they can really be benefitted to get proper Legal Aid & Assistance work being carried out by the DLSA. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikramajit Sen presented vote of thanks and the welcome address was given by Mr. B.K. Gupta, the then Director General, Delhi Prisons. On the occasion a booklet containing information on the Legal Rights of Prisoners was also released by Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir, Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

3. Phone facility for Tihar inmates.

The Prison Administration has introduced “Tihar Inmates Phone Call System” which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, acting Chief Justice, Delhi High Court in Central Jail No.4 on 18.03.2010, in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog, Judge, Delhi High Court and Mr. B.K. Gupta, the then Director General (Prisons).

Describing it as a “progressive step”, Justice Lokur said “The Supreme Court has always maintained in its judgements that a prisoner should not lose touch with his family and society. The facility introduced today is an



implementation of the orders of the Supreme Court. It is an important step forward.” Expressing hope that the new facility would be of immense help to the inmates, Mr. Justice Lokur said such facilities should be introduced in other jails of the country as well.

Mr. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog also appreciated this facility. He further informed about the steps taken to expeditious disposal of convicts appeals pending before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

The inmates can avail of the facility once a week, but the duration of the call cannot be more than five minutes. Before making a call, the caller inmate will have to identify himself by putting his right thumb on a fingerprint scanner and it will be matched with the stored fingerprints. The inmates can call up only two phone numbers already stored in the system and will have to spent Rs.100 per month for local calls and Rs.200 for STD calls. The conversation will be fully recorded to prevent misuse of the facility and stored along with the date, time and name of the caller and can be retrieved if required. The facility will be made available only to those inmates who maintain good conduct and can be withdrawn temporarily or permanently, if misused.

4. Work shop on " Positive Life Through Meditation”

Master Del Pe, who is a US based sage and a healer, was invited to show another path of meditation to prisoners as well as staff.

A lecture on "living your greatest life" was delivered by him in Central Jail No.2, Tihar and at Prison Head Quarters on 03.05.10. The lecture was attended by the Director General (Prisons) and other officers. He said "The subconscious mind has tremendous power and during the alpha state, it accepts all the commands

and messages it receives, without logic and starts working on them." The lecture delivered by him included way of conduction of meditation, various distressing exercises and spiritual sessions.



5. Inauguration of Tihar outlet

Tihar Jail has opened an outlet of its products at Dwarka Courts Complex. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Mishra, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. S. Sistani, Judge, Delhi High Court on 7th August, 2010 at Dwarka Courts Complex.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Mishra, Chief Justice of Delhi High Court applauded the quality of the products being manufactured in the Tihar Jail Factory. He requested the members of the legal fraternity to use these products. He admired the reformative and rehabilitation programmes run by Tihar Jail Administration. Bakery items, pure mustard oil, handmade paper files, envelopes, terrycot and cotton shirts, furniture, durries, aasans, khes etc. are available at the Tihar Outlet.



Released prisoners are being employed in these outlets for their rehabilitation. **The annual turn over of Jail factory has reached 11 crores in the financial year 2009-10.**

Tihar Jail Outlets have already been opened at Delhi High Court, in the district courts of Delhi such as Dwarka, Tis Hazari, Rohini and are in the process of opening at Saket & Karkardooma very shortly. These outlets provide best quality products such as Shirts, Bakery products, Files etc. at very competitive prices to the members of the Legal Fraternity and other visitors.

6. Painting exhibition of prisoners

A three-day exhibition of paintings offering a glimpse of the artistic streak of Tihar inmates opened at Shri Ram Bharatiya Kala Kendra, New Delhi on 17.12.2010. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Rakesh Mehta, Chief Secretary, Delhi. On this occasion Mr. G.S. Patnaik, the then Pr. Secy. (Home), GNCT of Delhi, Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director General (Prisons), Mr. R.N. Sharma, DIG(P) and other senior officers were present. The Chief Secretary, talking to the media, said that the paintings showcase the inmates'

outlook towards life and the people who have influenced them. **"The work show-cases their human side and their special bond with nature. It also highlights their aspirations and thoughts while languishing in the prison. I am sure people will buy the works, put them up in their offices and**

derive inspiration from them," he added. **Mr. G.S. Patnaik, the then Pr. Secy. (Home), GNCT of Delhi stated that the idea behind a prison term was not to punish but to reform the prisoner and positive activities like painting play a crucial role in keeping the human qualities alive.**



7. Visit of yoga Guru Swami Ramdev Ji

On 6th October, 2010 **Yoga Guru Swami Ramdev Ji** visited Central Jail Tihar, New Delhi to teach the



prisoners ways to improve mental & physical health by the practice of Yoga & Pranayama. The event was organized on a big scale in Central Jail No.1 in which around 1000 prisoners participated and were taught various 'aasans' by Swami Ramdev Ji. The camp aimed at revitalizing the self-esteem of prison inmates through the practice of yoga. The inmates were thrilled to

see Swami Ji in their midst and promised to follow his message of non-violence, truthfulness and to spurn crime.

Swami Ramdev Ji penned his views in the Visitors Book saying that Tihar Jail is a **MODEL JAIL** where every effort is made towards reformation & rehabilitation of prisoners. The pure atmosphere maintained in the jail is worthy of appreciation. Yoga would fetch dynamic changes in the life of prisoners which would enable them to become role models for the society and take the nation to a new height. He also expressed his gratitude to prison administration for organising a grand show.



8. Visit of the Parliamentary Committee

The Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Prevention of Torture Bill-2010 comprising of several Members of Parliament headed by Mr. Ashwani Kumar (M.P) visited Tihar Jail on 18.11.2010. The Committee was given a Power Point Presentation on the functioning of Delhi Jails and thereafter they visited CCTV Control Room at Prison Headquarters, Central Jail No.4 and lastly the female jail i.e. Central Jail No. 6. The Committee interacted with the prisoners to ascertain if any form of torture was meted out to them during police custody. **The Members were highly appreciative of the functioning of prisons in Delhi.**



9. Visit of Indonesian delegation

A Delegation of National Narcotics Board of the Republic of Indonesia visited Tihar Jail on 21st December, 2010. The delegation was headed by Mr. Tommy Sagiman, Dy. Head for Eradication, Narcotics Board of the Republic of Indonesia with other members. The programmes against drug abuse are being conducted in Delhi Jails on a very large scale as around 8% of the prison population comprises drug addicts at the time of their admission in the jail. The Jail administration is practicing Opioid Substitution Therapy in association with United Nations Drug Control Programmes (UNDCP) for treating drug abusers which is the first in South Asia. The Head of delegation recorded the following observations in the Visitor Book

“Thank you be a host (sic) for us, very impressive and nice prison ever I look(sic)..... again thank you.”

Tommy Sagiman



10. Delhi Women Commission visits Tihar

A delegation of Delhi Commission for Women visited the Women's Jail on 07.12.2010. The delegates were lead by Ms. P.M.Singh, Member Secretary, D.C.W. and Member of D.C.W. On their arrival at Prison Headquarters they were welcomed by D.I.G.(Prisons) and given a presentation on the functioning of Delhi Jails. They were also shown the Central Control Room for CCTV surveillance at the Prison Headquarters. The delegates thereafter visited Central Jail No. 6 (Female Jail) and were impressed with its functioning. **It may be mentioned here that Central Jail No. 6 is the only jail in India which has been given ISO - 9001 : 2008 certification for providing quality service to the inmates.** The remarks made by the Member Secretary, DCW, in the visitors book are reproduced below:-



"Today we have visited the Female prisoners and discussed their cases. The visit in the jail has been a very pleasant surprise - a very modern and well run establishment, where a lot of material comforts have been provided to the inmates. Very well run and a good experience. Thanks."

Ms. P.M. Singh, Member Secretary, D.C.W. and Member of D.C.W.

11. Good show at IITF - 2010

IITF -2010 was held in the Pragati Maidan from 14th Nov. To 28th Nov, 2010. This year the theme of the fair was "Export of Services". Like every year a stall by Delhi Prisons was put up in the Delhi Pavilion where various products from the Jail Factory as well as Women Jail were exhibited for sale cum display.



The products displayed included consumable /eatable items like biscuits, namkeens, rusks and patties etc. Besides this, shirts, mustard oil, weaving products like Dari & Khes sold under the brand T.J's were also the attraction of visitors. Paintings and fancy items made with the help of waste bottles from CJ-1 and various Jails were also appreciated. Furniture from the Jail factory and Gel Candles, Papad, Agarbatti etc. from the Women's Jail were widely appreciated by the visitors during the trade fair.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ms. Sheila Dikshit, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Mr. Haroon Yusuf, Chief Secretary Govt of NCT of Delhi Mr. Rakesh Mehta and other dignitaries also visited the stall and exhibited keen interest in the products displayed at the stall. A record sale of Tihar Products amounting to Rs. 3,86,002/- was achieved as compared with the last year's sale of Rs.2,98,259/-.

12. IGNOU waive fee For Tihar inmates

The IGNOU Study Centre in Tihar Jail is working since 1994 and so far 3566 students have been enrolled for various courses of IGNOU and passed out with flying colours. Five students are pursuing MBA & 31 are pursuing Post Graduate courses in various streams. Tihar has once again proved that it is in true spirit working for rehabilitation and reformation of prisoners/students. Due to persistent efforts of Tihar Jail authorities, IGNOU has announced to introduce new courses like Masters in Social Work, Bachelor in Social Work, Diploma in HIV & Family Education and Certificate in HIV & family education thereby broadening the scope of more variety of streams which prison inmates can choose. **Further the efforts of Tihar has made IGNOU to waive off fees of prisoners for any course. Another announcement, which has overwhelmed the prisoners, is extension of IGNOU Centre to female jail also.** This move will open a wide world of education for female prisoners also & will prove a mile stone in their self sufficiency after release from prison.



Tihar with joint efforts of IGNOU has decided to appoint academic counselors for the guidance of prisoners/students of this centre from its own staff as well as from among the prisoners. The counselors selected from amongst prisoners will be paid remuneration for their services. This step will prove helpful for student as at present there is no such provision. Another remarkable decision is to provide 5 sets of Books of each course to IGNOU Centre.

The IGNOU library containing around 6000 books on various subject, will further facilitate the students for making references which will improve the overall standard of education being imparted to them.

Tihar Jail after consultation with IGNOU has decided to hold "**COUNSELING CLINIC**" at IGNOU Centre of Tihar Jail. Various Schools of IGNOU will send their Scholars, pursuing Ph.D in various fields of study, to this centre for one to one counseling, group discussion & Nukad Natak which will make the whole process more vivid and dynamic.

Another innovative step taken by Tihar administration is the campus selection of prisoners, which will prove a milestone as those prisoners who are expecting their release within one year will be selected from IGNOU Centre of Tihar Jail by the various companies according to caliber of students/inmates for working in the companies.

13. Tihar inmates to make school uniforms

Tihar has obtained an order to make 9,000 school uniforms for girls for Satya Bharti Schools, being run by Bharti Foundation /Airtel, Gurgaon. The total value of work is Rs. 4,32,000/-. The Prison administration is contacting a number of business houses so that they may get their job work done from the prisoners thus helping the prisoners in their rehabilitation. **There has been sharp increase in the Annual turn-over of the Jail Factory which is reflected from the figure that in Financial year 2008-09 it was 6.5 Crores whereas in year 2009-10 it has jumped to 11 Crores.**



This has been possible because of supply order from the Directorate of Education to manufacture the dual desk for their schools.

14. ISO certification for female jail

Central Jail No.6 at Tihar which houses women inmates has been awarded the ISO 9001 : 2008 certification for maintaining international standards in management of female prisoners and accompanied children upto six years of age as per the norms laid down in Delhi Prison Act, 2000. The certificate bearing registration number SQ/ ISO 9001/626 dt. 15.02.2010 has been awarded by the STQC Certification Services, Department of Information Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi.



The certification agency for ISO inspected the prison several times since October, 2009 and appreciated the quality of food served to prisoners, living conditions like television sets in all barracks, a crèche for children under six years who are in jail with their mothers, a vocational centre where inmates are

trained in tailoring, embroidery, pickles, papad, dhoop, agarbattis and candles making. **Habib's have also opened "Beauty Culture and Hair Dressing Center" in women jail so that inmates may learn various techniques of beauty culture free of cost.** Women inmates are also awarded certificates by Habib's after the completion of their course so that inmate may resettle into the society after their release.

15. ISO 22000:2005 certificate for Tihar bakery food safety management system

Tihar Baking School is a premier unit of Central Jail Factory, Tihar, New Delhi. It is known for qualitative Bakery and Confectionary products like Bread, Biscuits and namkeens etc. **It has an annual turnover of Rs. 2 crores, which has been increasing with each passing year.**

Tihar Baking School has been awarded ISO 22000 : 2005 Certificate on 22.02.2010 for Food Safety Management System for manufacturing and supply of Bakery products. The certificate has been issued by Moody's International Certification Ltd. for Food Safety procedures being adopted in Tihar Baking School in conformity with International standards of ISO 22000 : 2005.



The ISO Certification has been awarded for systematic and hygienic storage methods, regular pest control measures, usage of qualitative raw materials and finished products, accuracy in weight gauges, proper cleanliness of premises as well as equipments, glassless area, compulsory use of hand gloves, proper recording and documenting system etc.

Tihar Jail Factory including Tihar Baking School has already been awarded three ISO certificates in Jaunary 2009 for Integrated Management System.

1. ISO 9001 : 2008 (Quality Management System)
2. ISO 14001 : 2004 (Environment Management System).
3. OHSAS 18001 :2007 (Occupational Health And Safety Management System).

16. Visit of Maldivian home minister

A delegation led by **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Shihab, Minister of Home Affairs, Republic of Maldives** visited Tihar jail on 4th Feb. 2010. The delegation was warmly welcomed by the Director General (Prisons) at the Prison Headquarters. They were given power point presentation about the functioning of Delhi Jails and were shown CCTV surveillance system, Central Visitor Registration Office, women jail and management of jail factory and convicts. They were highly impressed with the functioning of Delhi Jails.



17. Show of creative Tihar

A show of Tihar products was organized in Central Jail No.2 on 11.2.2010 with the help of famous designer **Sanjana Jon** who alongwith singer **Shibani Kashyap**, **Boxer Akhil Kumar** and Indian women's hockey team captain **Mamta Kharab**, walked the ramp wearing outfits created by inmates.

The jail authorities promote the products made by inmates so that maximum prisoners can be given employment and could be rehabilitated. Speaking on the occasion designer Sanjana Jon said that her experience inside the jail was overwhelming. **“Tihar is a role model for the entire world and it was heartening to see that the inmates want to contribute something to the society”** she stated. Beijing

Olympics quarter finalist **Boxer, Akhil Kumar**, whose father served as a jail warder at Rohtak jail expressed his feeling in the following words :

“Right from my childhood, I have visited jails once or twice a year. My father always emphasized the need to give inmates a chance to live with dignity once they have served their sentence. I believe they should be given a chance to serve society in some way or another”.



18. Launch of footwear academy

The Jail Administration has tied up with Shoe designer **Swati Mehrotra** for a three month course in Shoe designing for the prisoners. The academy has been opened in Central Jail No.4 in which the prisoner will be taught shoe designing by the renowned trainer. After learning the art of shoe making the prisoner would be able to secure a job for themselves and even set up their own business. This is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) model being followed at Tihar.



19. Dance workshop for inmates

Three days dance training workshop was organized for the adolescent prisoners in Central Jail No. 5 from 10th February, 2010 to 12th February, 2010 by well known Choreographer Shiamak Davar. For the inmates the workshop meant a window to connect with the outside world and a sense of belonging. These workshops creates a feeling for a prisoner that he is not alone and outside people love and care for him.



“Dance, for me is the most honest expression of human emotion and I don't see any reason why the joy of dance should not be shared with Tihar Jail Inmates. I pray and hope that inmates imbibe the many positive values of dance from the workshop.”
Says Shiamak Davar.”

20. Tihar outlet at Delhi High court

Tihar Jail administration has set up “Tihar Outlet” at Delhi High Court for display and sale of variety of products being manufactured in the jail factory by inmates such as Bakery products like biscuits, namkeens, muffins, Handmade paper bags, file covers, shirts, kurtas/pyjamas, khes, daris, handkerchief, wooden gift items, pickle, papad, candles, mustard oil, phenyl, pottery items etc. These items are produced in most hygienic conditions from best available ingredients and are of excellent quality. Tihar jail products are sold under the brand name TJ's. This outlet was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Acting Chief Justice, Delhi High Court, on 16.4.2010 in the august presence of Hon'ble Judges of Delhi High Court, office bearers of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Bar Council of Delhi, advocates, jail staff and others.



Tihar Jail Outlets are now opened in District Courts of Delhi such as Tis Hazari, Dwarka, Rohini, and are in the process of opening at Saket and Karkardooma Courts Complexes very shortly. These outlets will provide best quality products such as Shirts, Bakery products, Files etc. at very competitive prices to the members of the Legal Fraternity and other visitors. During last financial year, Tihar Jail administration entered into an agreement with Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board (DKVIB) for display and sale of Tihar Jail products from all their outlets like Delhi Secretariat, Udyog Bhawan, Patparganj, Dilli Haat, Pitampura etc. Tihar Jail products are getting an overwhelming response from the public. Tihar Jail administration has decided to increase the number of sale outlets for Tihar Jail products in the coming years. This would be helpful in projecting the reformation and rehabilitation process of inmates, being run in Tihar Jail.

21. Vocational training institute at Tihar

Vocational Training Institute was set up in Central Jail, Tihar on 13.10.2009 under Skill Development Initiative Scheme (SDIS) of Union Ministry of Labour. The Institute has been very successful in providing training to the Jail inmates in various sectors such as automotive repair, beauty culture and hair dressing, carpet, garment making, wood work, hospitality, khadi, printing, refrigeration and air conditioning, sweets, snacks & food, food processing and preservation. This is a land mark step in the reformation and rehabilitation process of inmates in Tihar Jail, Delhi. **During the year 627 prison inmates successfully completed the training in various trades and were awarded certificates without mentioning the place of training.**



22. Research activities at central jail hospital

A research was conducted on the HIV infected inmates at the time of their admission to the Prison and it was found that a large number of such inmates who were injectable drug abuser were co-infected with Hepatitis C infection. To study their response to treatment a research has been undertaken and it has been found that Effecta memory T cells and PDI, expression in HCV and HIV Co-infection results in reduced immune response. The research work is being done in collaboration with Institute of Liver Disease and Biliary Science, Delhi.

Further an epidemiological study to know the prevalence of hepatitis B and hepatitis C amongst the inmates was carried out and it was found 65 prisoners were positive to the disease. All the Hepatitis B and C positive inmate patients are under regular treatment and follow-up at G.B. Pant Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology.

A sizeable percentage of drug users had indulged in High Risk Behavior which could lead to Transmission and spread of HIV, e.g., Injectable Drug users/illicit and unsafe sexual relationships etc. before their admission to the prisons and suffered from HIV/AIDS. A number of prisoners attend medical facilities only in Prisons and never outside. Keeping this in view, an Integrated Counseling & Testing Centre (ICTC) is functional in Central Jail, Tihar for identifying the HIV positive prisoner so that his health status is taken care of from the very first day of his admission.



23. Medical check-up camp for the prison inmates

A Medical Check-up Camp was organized in Jail No.6, Tihar, New Delhi on 29.04.10 with the help of Sunder Lal Jain Hospital, Delhi wherein female prisoners were privileged to consult their gynae problems with Specialists. 167 prisoners/ patients reported for medical consultation. In the camp ultrasound of pelvis and abdomen of 72 prisoners/ patients was done. Another camp of Eye/Ortho was also organized in Central Jail No.3, Tihar as well as in Central Jail No.6, Tihar on 02.05.10. This camp proved a boon for ageing prisoners. In this camp 277 patients /prisoners were checked for their ocular problem & spectacles were distributed to needy prisoners.



24. Computer training courses in Tihar

A programme of distribution of certificates of certified computer course was organized in Central Jail No.2 on dated 9.4.2010. The certificates were provided to 17 successful convict inmates who passed examination after the four month long computer course in Central Jail No. 2. This was the first certified course held in this Jail. This Computer Training programme is being conducted with the assistance of "Scope Plus" an NGO.



25. Inauguration of waiting hall for visitors

The Waiting Hall for the visitors at District Jail Rohini was inaugurated by Mr. B. K. Gupta, Director General (Prisons) on 30.04.10 in the presence of Senior Officers. The waiting Hall has all basic amenities which is a boon in disguise for visitors who, in some cases, cover a long distance to meet their prison inmates. This hall has capacity to accommodate 70 visitors. The Director General (Prisons) also inaugurated the phone facility in Rohini Jail on same day, which has already been started in Central Prisons, Tihar.



26. Arms training to the prison staff

The Jail armoury has been upgraded with the acquisition of INSAS Rifle which are more effective and handy than Old. 303 Rifles which are being gradually phased out. One Hundred INSAS Rifles have been purchased to modernize armoury so that security may be further strengthened. The training is being given to the jail staff for handling the INSAS Rifles by the ITBP trainer. About five hundred warders have been trained so far.



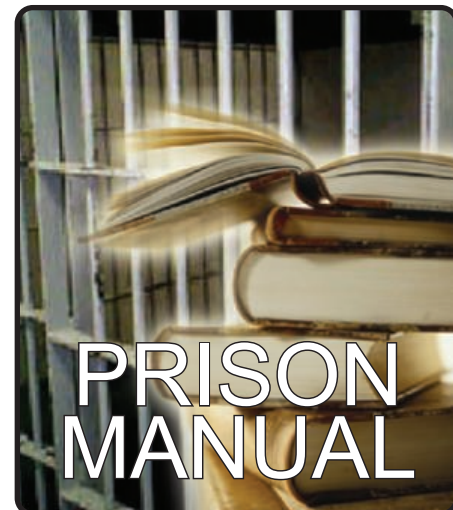
27. Sharp increase in the applications under RTI ACT

There has been sharp increase in the applications under the Right to Information Act filed before the Prison administration. This is reflected from the fact that during the year 2009-2010 there were total 402 applications / Appeals filed before the PIO / Appellate Authority in comparison to the year 2008-2009 when it was 220. **This is because of transparency in prisons functioning and timely response to the applications.**



28. New prison rules for Delhi jails

A new Prison Manual has been drafted under the provisions of Delhi Prison Act, 2000 and is under the process of notification. The need for the new Prison Rules was felt since Delhi Jail Manual, 1988 has been drafted under the provisions of Indian Prisons Act, 1894 which has now no applicability on Delhi Prisons after coming into force of Delhi Act. In the draft Rules the guidelines for the management of the Jails as stipulated in the Model Jail Manual drafted by Central Govt. have been incorporated. Further, every aspect of Prison administration like classification of prisoners, their treatment, reformative and rehabilitative activities, medical administration, vocational activities etc. has been fully elaborated. **The recommendation of various Jail Reforms Committees, various pronouncements of Courts including Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court have also been taken into account while drafting the Rules.**



29. Workshop on "Positive Life Through Mind Power"

A one day workshop on "Positive Life through Mind Power" was organized in Central Jail No.2 on 29.4.2010 by Dr. Jeetendra Adhia. The workshop was attended by 300 convict inmates of Central Jail No.2, Tihar, New Delhi. Dr. Jeetendra Adhia explained to the convicts about the utilization of unlimited power of conscious and unconscious mind by which every person can make their lives positive, happier, prosperous and successful. The convict inmates were taught about the various techniques and methods of sharpening their memory, maximum utilization of Mind Power, visualization and actualization of goals of life. He stated that :

"Every person is born to be successful and happy. Failure, unhappiness and mental unrest are produced by negative thinking and disempowering beliefs, which were harbour and nurture willingly.

We can achieve anything and everything we desire, in life. We have the power to do so, within ourselves. All we need, is to recognize us and understand the power of our mind, scientifically. Once we do so, we can utilize it to the maximum possible extent.



Between wakefulness and sleep, lies a special subconscious-activated state, known as the Alpha State. If we visualize our goals during this stage, we can achieve them more easily. The subconscious mind has tremendous power. And during the alpha state, it accepts all the commands and messages it receives, without logic-and starts working on them."

The inmates gave an overwhelming response to the programme. The workshop was organized with the purpose to change the mindset of inmate towards positively, stress buster, reformation and rehabilitation after their release.

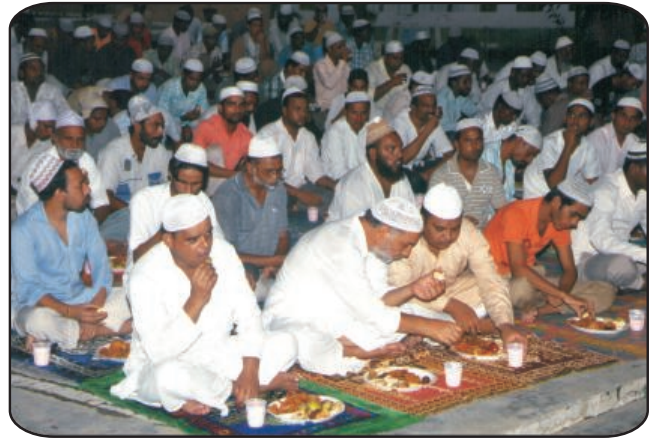
30. Award of diplomas in hair styling and beauty culture

Vocational Diplomas in Hair-dressing and Beauty Culture were given by Mr. Neeraj Kumar, DG(P) on 13.12.2010 to the prison inmates (male and female) who had successfully completed the course. The vocational courses were conducted by Habib's Hair Academy located in Central Jail No.2 & 6 under the expert guidance of Mr. Amzad Habib and Mrs. Sanam Habib. The Habib Academy is providing free training to the prison inmates to enable them to be self reliant after release.



31. Roza iftar party

During the holy month of Ramzan, a "ROZA IFTAR" party was organized by the Prison Administration in Central Jail No.1 on 27.08.2010 in which the then Director General (Prisons) and other senior officers participated. Around 300 prisoners attended the programme and offered prayers in the presence of notable Muslim clerics and dignitaries. The significance of observing Rozas was explained to the gathering by noted clerics **Mr. A. U. Sheikh who exhorted them to shun the life of crime and violence and understand the suffering of the under privileged.** Sweets and other eatables were served to the participants for breaking their fast. Participating inmates and visiting clerics appreciated the initiative taken by the Prison Department to organize "ROZA IFTAR PARTY".



32. Christmas celebration in jails

Vidyajyoti College of Theology, an NGO, organized Annual Christmas celebration programme in Central Jail No.3, Tihar on 01.12.2010. On this occasion cultural programmes were presented by the members of the NGO and the prison inmates. Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director General (Prisons) was the chief guest on the occasion and exhorted the prisoners to participate in the reformatory and rehabilitative programmes being carried out in the jails so that they do not find any problem in rehabilitating themselves in society after their release. He also warmly greeted the prison inmates for the Christmas. The occasion was also graced by Dr. Rev. Fr. Fominic Emmanuel SVD and others.



33. Pranik healing course for Tihar staff

The newly recruited Tihar Jail Staff was given training of Pranik Healing Meditation during their training at the Prisons Headquarters in August, 2010. As is well known, prison services are very stressful and the staff is given training in various meditational techniques so that they are able to keep stress away while discharging their duties. The course brought positive changes in the attitude and behaviour of the trainees, as reported by them.



34. Prevention of drug abuse and promotion of healthy practices

The Prison administration in collaboration with Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan and National Seeds Corporation launched a project on 'Prevention of Drug Abuse and Promotion of Health & Yoga in Prisons'. The project which includes advocacy workshops, counseling, Yoga and Meditation sessions was launched in Central Jail No.3 on 13.12.2010. The purpose behind the project was to create awareness about the evil effects of drug abuse.



The advocacy session discussed the current scenario of drug abuse in society, the problems of drug abusers at the time of admission into the Prison, the handling of such prisoners by the prison administration and their treatment. A group of inmates will be trained to counsel the other prisoners to eschew drug abuse. Addicts will be treated through Vilakshan Yog asanas, meditation and health awareness. Such camps would also generate general awareness on healthy practices and personal hygiene. **Apart from this, expansion of the existing herbal gardens in the Tihar prisons would also be undertaken with the assistance of National Seeds Corporation.**

35. Inauguration of ward & rehabilitation workshop

The Ward No.5 of Central Jail No.3 has been bifurcated into two parts i.e. 5A & 5B for making best possible use of space and strengthening the security requirements. This renovated ward was inaugurated by Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director General (Prisons) on 01.12.10. A Rehabilitation Workshop was also inaugurated in which stitching machines have been provided for creating employment avenue for the inmates. This workshop will undertake job work brought by the NGOs so that the inmates not only learn a skill but also earn wages.



36. Touch screen information kiosk

The Prison administration has installed Touch Screen Information Kiosk in Jail No.2 so that a convict can find out details about his conviction, probable date of release, remission earned, parole and furlough availed, punishment awarded etc. by touching the screen of the Kiosk. The information made available through this technology is by integrating it with Prisoner Management System. This has brought transparency in the Convict Record Management System and is a positive step in reducing malpractices.



37. Sampark sabha of the staff

A Sampark Sabha was organized at the Prison Head Quarter on 03.01.2011. which was attended by the staff of each rank . The Sampark sabha was presided by Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director General Prison who emphasized that reformative and rehabilitation programmes being carried out in different jail should be qualitative and properly recorded. He further told the staff that every inmate should be given a chance to pursue literacy programmes for his further advancement in the life.



38. President's Meritorious Services medal for jail staff

Four prison officers were awarded Presidents Correction Medal for meritorious services during the year for their outstanding work. Two officers namely Mr. Sheo Raj Yadav, Dy. Supdt. and Mr. Ved Prakash, Head Warder were awarded this medal on the occasion of Republic Day. 2010 while two others namely Mr. Rajender Singh Rana, Head Warder and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Head Warder on the occasion of Independence Day 2010.



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Deputy Superintendent -II



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Head Warder



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