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The role of Kerala Prisons & Correctional Services Department in containing Corona Virus

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Corona virus is exponentially spreading its tentacles all over the world and has resulted taking many lives. The absence of an effective vaccine and its highly contagious nature makes it a very dangerous proposition. It's been a huge challenge for DG of Prisons & CS, Kerala Prisons, to ensure that, Covid19 does not spread among inmates.

First case of Corona in Kerala was identified at Pathanamthitta District on 06.3.2020 in a family of three who had just returned from Italy. Kerala Government had notified that the Corona virus would spread fast and utmost vigil had to be made. As soon as we received this information, we waited no further and started taking all required actions in war footing and have been successful in the prevention of Corona virus inside Jails so far.

It is a matter of great honour to us that, the Honourable Supreme Court of India have repeatedly appreciated our efforts in this regard and have hailed our efforts as a role model. The honest effort made by Prison Officials and prisoners alike have helped us overcome this threat which has resulted in zero infection among 2000 Officers and 8128 prisoners of 55 Jails in this State. It consists of 3181 convicts and 4947 remand prisoners, including 101 parolees.

Jails in Kerala are reeling under overcrowding and any infectious disease poses serious consequences. If Corona virus had found its way inside Jails it would have spread among prisoners rapidly causing panic among other prisoners and their families.

We have not only ensured successful prevention of Corona among Officials and prisoners on our own, but have also diligently utilized the abundant human resources at our disposal for making masks and sanitizers for Health Workers and general public. This has directly helped in averting shortage of supplies and also to curb prices. We are proud to say that, we not only have carried out our primary responsibilities successfully but have also done our part for the welfare of General public.

The Prisons and Correctional Services Department of Kerala has taken the following steps to restrict the spread of corona virus within our institutions.

1) Prisoners were closely monitored and timely medical aid have been provided to ensure their general health. The services of 11 full time Medical Officers and 35 Para Medical Staff available in various major Prisons were utilized for this purpose. In other Jails, Medical Officers from the nearest District Hospitals visits once in a week. Apart from this, Homeo Medical Officers and Ayurveda Medical Officers visit Jails on regular basis. Some NGOs like SACS are also functioning in some Jails.

2) Medical Officers and para medical staffs of this Department were instructed prepare for emergencies round the clock. Their expert advices were sought and their collective suggestions were sent as directives to all Subordinate Institutions for strict compliance.

3) An isolation cell / block was set up at each prison. Inmates with flu like symptoms were confined at isolation blocks. Newly admitted prisoners as well as prisoners returning from parole were kept in isolation blocks for a specific period.

4) Two jails and one block each in other prisons in the state have been exclusively earmarked for inmates who exhibit symptoms of flu or any epidemics.

5) Medical Officers were instructed to visit the screening and admission blocks daily along with a health visitor.

6) Masks and sanitisers are being manufactured in all prisons and are sold to other Government departments and general public at reasonable rates.

Mask counters and collection units at jails' premises were started for visitors and made easily available and use of it was also recommended. The masks purchase/manufacturing and use were encouraged.

7) Sign boards cautioning against open spitting, promoting hand wash, wearing of masks, keeping social distance, etc. were exhibited at places frequented by public inside prisons.

8) Interview facilities were curtailed yet allowed with close relatives only. Strict screening of visitors was arranged before their entry into interview rooms. The children below age of 10 and those elders above 60 were discouraged in having interview with prisoners. Duration of interview was reduced to 5 - 10 minutes.

Video conferencing facility is also being utilized for prisoners' interviews. The utilization of VC facility for this purpose is being encouraged.

9) Inmates were allowed to make phone calls to their relatives using telephone facility of inmates. Free calls were allowed for prisoners who had no telephone card. After each use the telephones were disinfected regularly.

10) Gathering of prisoners at places like prisoner's canteen, prayer hall, library, healthclub, etc. was banned and social distancing between them were ensured. The Prison Health Clubs/ Gymnasiums were closed.

11) Screening of local newspapers before distribution inside prisons initiated to prevent spread of false information of fear and misconception.

12) VC was enabled between Central Prisons and other Jails in each zone so as to allow the Medical Officers of Central Prisons to clear doubts or answer queries of Staffs or prisoners belonging to other Jails.



13) Staff meetings were held at regular intervals and they were instructed to carry out their duties with utmost care and responsibility.

14) Weekly meetings via Video conferencing were arranged between Senior Prison Officers and Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services to share the views and for collecting feed backs.

15) Cells/barracks, office rooms, interview rooms of all prisons were disinfected with the help of Fire & Rescue Services on a weekly basis. The area near water tanks, wells etc. are being chlorinated in regular intervals.

16) All prisoners engaged on various works and the Prison Personnel were directed to wear cotton masks and use hand wash/ soap/ sanitizers frequently. Masks were also supplied to Prison Personnel and inmates free of cost.

17) Prisoners referred by jail Hospitals are initially taken to referal units rather than Medical college hospitals directly.

18) Transfer of prisoners from one prison to another prison on routine reasons was stopped.

19) Awareness classes were conducted, informative audios were played and shown to create awareness among prisoners of all Jails on Covid 19; it's impact, implications, precautions etc.

20) A monitoring team consisting of Deputy Inspector General in the respective Zone, Superintendents of prisons in the respective prisons and Medical Officers in the respective prisons has been constituted to implement prison specific readiness and response plan as per the Government order No.GO(Rt) 970/2020/Home dated 25.03.2020.

21) A specialized task force comprising of 15 members in each zone, headed by Deputy Inspector General in the respective Zone have been constituted for monitoring all the works related with the unnatural situation and for making masks and sanitizers.

22) Physical production of prisoners before various Courts in our State have been stopped, and, they are being produced through VC at present. Video conferencing facilities have been installed with separate username for all the Courts and Jails in our State. All the Jails and Courts in five out of fourteen Districts have already been equipped with this facility and they are utilizing it effectively.

The Courts shall utilize this facility itself or access it through mobile phones or laptops etc. In the remaining Jails, production of prisoners are being done successfully through VC utilizing mobile phones/ desktops/ laptops etc.

23) The Government of Kerala have constituted High Powered Committee comprising of (1) The Executive Chairman of the State Legal Service Authority (2) the Additional Chief Secretary Home Department and (3) Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services to consider the recommendations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in the pretext of Corona spread. As per the Government Order No. GO(Rt) 970/2020/Home dated 25.03.2020, 770 inmates were released on special parole for 60 days from 10 major jails of Kerala and the parole granted earlier to 105 inmates were extended up to 16.04.2020.

24) As per the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) 9400 of 2020 dated 30.03.2020, 611 UT/RP prisoners were released on interim bail from 51 prisons of Kerala.

25) The Kerala Prisons Department have thus released 1486 prisoners out of the total population of 8128 (as on 07-4-2020).

It is a huge task to educate and encourage the prisoners to voluntarily abide with the recent restrictions, but, we have tackled the issue with utmost care in the background of the mishap that happened at West Bengal Prisons. Prisoners are also encouraged to contribute to the welfare of the society in these days of challenges.

At present there is a great demand for cotton masks and sanitizers and the prisoners have taken it as an opportunity to showcase their commitment by working harder in day night shifts and collectively stitched 7 lakhs masks. Similarly 4468.4 lts. of sanitizers were also produced.

The commitment and efforts put in by prisoners have manifested as double bold strategy to educate the prisners on the severity of covid 19, plight of the general public and the importance to abide with restrictions.

The honest effort made jointly by Govt of Kerala, Govt. of India, Supreme Court of India, High Court of Kerala and Kerala Prisons Department have contributed to overcome this dangerous threat till now.



VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM

Linking among Courts and Prisons in Kerala

The Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala Sri.Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Video Conferencing System linking among courts and prisons in Kerala on 10th January, 2020 at High Court of Kerala Erakulam in the presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Manikumar (Chief Justice, High Court of Kerala), Sri. E.P.Jayarajan, (Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Sports & Youth Affairs), Sri. T.J.Vinod (Hon'ble MLA), Sri. Hibi Eden (Hon'ble MP), Dr.Viswas Mehta IAS (Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Department), Sri.Loknath Behra IPS (State Police Chief, Kerala), Sri. Rishi Raj Singh IPS (Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Kerala) and K. Haripal (Registrar General, High Court of Kerala).

As a Total Service Provider (TSP), M/s KELTRON is carrying out the implementation of Video Conferencing System linking 372 courts and 87 studios in 53 jails in Kerala. M/s United Telecom Limited (UTL) is the execution agency for the supply of electronics/electrical equipments. M/s People Link is the solution provider for this project. BSNL is providing 2 Mbps dedicated connectivity to the system by extending the Kerala State Wide Area Network (KSWAN) managed by Kerala State Information Technology Mission (KSITM).

As a first phase, the Video Conferencing System linking 136 courts and 38 Studios in 14 Jails of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam districts were started and are functioning well at present. The supply and installation of the 2nd phase of the System which includes 184 locations in Ernakulam, Thrissur, Idukki, Kannur and Kozhikode districts are under progress. The 3rd phase including balance locations in remaining districts will be completed by 31-5-2020.

At present, the extension of remand period are being done through this system. In nearby future, the trial of the prisoners will also be covered. For this purpose, the Video Conferencing System equipments have been installed in Court Halls. As it is software based, the video conferencing can be done through computers, laptops and even mobile phones. Local and centralized recording facilities are also available in the system. The system is equipped with a document scanner in Courts as well as in Jails through which copy of warrants, petitions etc can be send between both ends through online.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has permitted the jail authorities to produce remand warrants though online by using document scanner available in Courts and Jails instead of producing the original warrants through Police / Prison Officials at the time of extension of remand period. Hence the Prison / Police department can save man power and utilize their service for other essential duties in their Department.



- 1) Once the Video Conferencing System become fully functional, the services of an average of about 1000 Police Officials who have been spared for prisoner escort duties can be utilized by Police Department for Law and Order purposes every day.
- 2) Prison Department can save considerable amount on account of batta and subsistence allowance etc.
- 3) Escape of prisoners while on transit to courts can be prevented.
- 4) Same prisoner or prisoners having multiple cases can be produced before different Courts in a single day, itself.
- 5) Prisoners can be produced before various Courts in the absence of transportation facilities also.
- 6) Prisoner's interview with their close relatives who have been detained in other Jails of our States, can also be conducted.
- 7) Ailing prisoners who are not fit to travel may also be produced before Courts.
- 8) Recorded video of production may be retrieved at any time if needed.
- 9) Trafficking of contraband articles such as ganja, beedi, tablets etc to the prisons by the Prisoners who are coming from Courts can be prevented.
- 10) Dangerous prisoners such as Terrorists, Maoists, Rebellion groups etc can be produced before the Courts and thereby reduce the risk and hardship of their physical production before the courts.

To prevent the spreading of Corona virus, the physical production of prisoners before various Courts in our State were stopped and instead produced through video conferencing systems which is already installed in the Districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam. The rest of the places with the help of People Link software using mobile phone/desk tops/ laptops, productions of UTs / RPs are being effected successfully. All the courts in the state were linked with VC facility for which the user name have been created and they could use the VC with the help of their mobile phones. During the lock down period, the meeting among Judicial Officers and the meeting among Prison Officers are being conducted by using this facility.



COURT DECISIONS COMBATING PANDEMIC COVID-19 IN JAILS

The Honourable Supreme Court of India on 16.03.2020, observed that, while the Government of India have already advised that social distancing must be maintained it would still be a difficult task to ensure it inside prisons due to overcrowding. Prisoners are highly prone to contagious infections as the rate of ingress and egress of prisoners are high, the unavoidable regular entry of correctional officers and the frequent visits by kith, kin or lawyers. Honourable Supreme Court also opined that there is an imminent need to take steps on an urgent basis to prevent the contagion of covid 19 in Prisons, but, at the same time appreciated the efforts of the Director General of Prisons, Kerala in combating Covid 19 virus. When the Honourable Supreme Court made these observations we had already setup isolation cells in all the Jails in our State. Prisoners suffering from covid 19 symptoms such as cold and fever were identified and shifted to isolation cells, newly admitted prisoners were kept in isolation cells for six days. In an effort to reduce the frequency of visits by relatives and Advocates, we allowed video conferencing for this purpose. Vulnerable groups such as children below 10 years of age and people over 60 years of age were discouraged from visiting prisoners.

Kerala Government and Health Ministry at a very early stage itself had taken a policy to combat covid 19 virus and urged all Departments to maintain utmost vigil as it would spread fast. These directives encouraged us to act fast and we have been successful in preventing the spread of covid 19 in all Jails in our State.

Honourable High Court of Kerala extended all the interim orders passed by various Courts coming under its supervisory jurisdiction by one month, but, left the decision of granting interim bail to prisoners who were facing charges for having committed offences punishable upto 7 years or less with or without fine with the High Powered Committee which has been constituted by the Government of Kerala. On 30.04.2020 Honourable High Court of Kerala modified this order and granted interim bail to this category of prisoners also provided that they do not have criminal antecedents, previous convictions, habitual offenders and did not have more than one case. The decision of the Honourable High Court of Kerala in the granting of interim bail made it possible for us to release 611 prisoners from various Jails in our State.

Honourable Supreme Court of India on 23.03.2020 directed that,

- ♦ physical presence of all under trial prisoners before Courts must be stopped forthwith and recourse to video conferencing must be taken for all purposes.
- ♦ transfer of prisoners from one prison to another for routine reasons must not be resorted to except for decongestion to ensure social distancing and medical assistance to ill prisoner.
- ♦ there should not be any delay in shifting sick person to a Nodal Medical Institution.
- ♦ Prison specific readiness and response plans must be developed in consultation with medical experts.
- ♦ a monitoring team must be set up at the State level to ensure that the directives are being complied with scrupulously.

Honourable Supreme Court of India further directed to constitute a High Powered Committee to determine which class of prisoners can be released on parole or an interim bail for such period as may be thought appropriate.



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HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

S. Manikumar, CJ,
C.K. Abdul Rehim &
C.T. Ravikumar JJ.

W.P. (C) No.9400 OF 2020 (Suo Motu)

Dated this the 25th day of March, 2020

ORDER

Suo motu Writ Petition - COVID-19 - taken up by the High Court.
S. Manikumar, CJ.
1. On 24th March, 2020, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced a complete lock down throughout the Country and consequently, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

മൊബൈൽ വിഡിയോ കോൺഫറൻസിങ്ങിലൂടെ 155 തടവുകാരെ കോടതിയിൽ ഹാജരാക്കി



സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരിന്റെ അനുമതിയില്ലാതെ തടവുകാരുടെയും സാധാരണക്കാര്യങ്ങളിലും സാമൂഹിക ഇടപെടലിൽ ഏർപ്പെടരുത് എന്നും, അതിനുള്ളിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ സാധാരണക്കാര്യങ്ങളിലും സാമൂഹിക ഇടപെടലിൽ ഏർപ്പെടരുത് എന്നും ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു. അതേസമയം തടവുകാരുടെയും സാധാരണക്കാര്യങ്ങളിലും സാമൂഹിക ഇടപെടലിൽ ഏർപ്പെടരുത് എന്നും ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു.



C.K. ABDUL REHIM, J.
C.T. RAVIKUMAR, J.
&
RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V., J.
W.P (C) No. 9400 OF 2020 (Suo Motu)
DATED THIS THE 30th DAY OF MARCH, 2020

ORDER

Abdul Rehim, J.
In the wake of outbreak of the pandemic Corona Virus, COVID-19, the country has gone into complete lock down. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India had issued Notification No.40-3/2020 dated 24-03-2020 prescribing guidelines on the measures to be taken by the



SOCIAL COMMITMENT OF PRISONS DEPARTMENT BY MAKING OF MASKS AND SANITIZERS

The most effective way to prevent the spreading of Corona Virus is to use face mask and to wash hands frequently with sanitizers. When this virus started spreading in Kerala in the earlier part of March 2020, a severe shortage of masks and sanitizers was felt and its costs was also exorbitant.

This prompted us to effectively utilize the human resources at our disposal for making face masks and sanitizers to overcome shortage and also to curb prices. As a Correctional Department we were keen to do our part also for the well being of the Society and we are proud to see our Officers and inmates coming together and exhibit their social commitment.

Initially, the Jails in our State which had tailoring units started the production of face masks as per the guidelines of Health Department and handed it over to them for the use of their staffs. To satisfy the huge demand we gradually started temporary tailoring units in other Jails also. This was made possible by the earnest effort put in by our Officials and by the contributions of various NGOs who made available tailoring machines to Jails free of cost.

The inmates made face masks by working in day/ night shifts under the guidance and supervision of Prison staffs and it was made available to various Government Departments and general public at reasonable cost. In Jails, especially Open Prisons, Prison Officials also stepped in for mask production as most of the prisoners were released in bail, leaves etc. as per the directions of Honourable Supreme Court of India/Honourable High Court of Kerala.

Sanitizers are made in most of the Jails in our State with the help of Corporations/ Municipality/ Panchayat/ Health Department/ Excise Department etc and are being made available to various Government Departments and general public at reasonable rates.

Kerala Prisons (55 Prisons) manufactured a total of 515494 masks and 14003.9 litres of sanitisers so far. The jail wise production details are given below.

Many print and visual medias applauded our efforts. Our contributions have definitely helped to stifle shortage to some extent and also curb prices.



Famous Malayalam Actor Sri. Indrans teaches mask making to inmates

| Details of Face Mask & Sanitiser production as on 13-4-2020 | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sl. No. | Name of Jail Institution | No. of Mask produced | Qty of sanitiser produced (Ltr) |
| 1 | Central Prison & Correctional Home, Kannur | 128318 | 807.00 |
| 2 | Open Prison & Correctional Home, Cheemeni | 11965 | 170.40 |
| 3 | Women Prison & Correctional Home, Kannur | 6063 | 50.20 |
| 4 | District Jail, Kozhikode | 13458 | 80.00 |
| 5 | District Jail, Kannur | 860 | 0.00 |
| 6 | District Jail, Mananthavady | 1121 | 9.00 |
| 7 | District Jail, Hosdurg | 3870 | 32.00 |
| 8 | District Jail, Malampuzha, Palakkad | 9350 | 282.30 |
| 9 | SSJ, Thalassery | 1621 | 55.00 |
| 10 | Special Sub Jail, Kannur | 359 | 3.00 |
| 11 | Special Sub Jail, Kozhikode | 10925 | 39.00 |
| 12 | Special Sub Jail, Kasaragod | 400 | 2.00 |
| 13 | Special Sub Jail, Manjeri | 3800 | 17.00 |
| 14 | Special Sub Jail, Chittoor | 1900 | 80.00 |
| 15 | Special Sub Jail, Vythiri | 1783 | 0.00 |
| 16 | Sub Jail, Kannur | 1985 | 696.40 |
| 17 | Sub Jail, Vadakara | 3143 | 296.20 |
| 18 | Sub Jail, Quilandy | 3633 | 52.00 |
| 19 | Sub Jail, Tirur | 3070 | 10.00 |
| 20 | Sub Jail, Perinthalmanna | 1919 | 85.50 |
| 21 | Sub Jail, Ottapalam | 2484 | 11.80 |
| 22 | Sub Jail, Alathur | 1440 | 1.50 |
| 23 | Sub Jail, Ponnani | 4250 | 24.00 |
| 24 | Central Prison & Correctional Home, Viyyur | 46646 | 1065.00 |
| 25 | High Security Prison, Viyyur | 3066 | 727.50 |
| 26 | Women Prison & Correctional Home, Viyyur | 5886 | 38.90 |
| 27 | Borstal School, Ernakulam | 2730 | 0.00 |
| 28 | District Jail, Ernakulam | 34534 | 484.80 |
| 29 | District Jail, Viyyur | 3511 | 57.00 |
| 30 | District Jail, Kottayam | 5959 | 0.00 |
| 31 | District Jail, Muttom | 6000 | 55.00 |
| 32 | Special Sub Jail, Irinjalakuda | 2465 | 10.00 |
| 33 | Special Sub Jail, Muvattupuzha | 1454 | 0.00 |
| 34 | Special Sub Jail, Ponkunnam | 1450 | 0.00 |
| 35 | Special Sub Jail, Devikulam | 711 | 0.00 |
| 36 | Sub Jail, Mattanchery | 2300 | 0.00 |
| 37 | Sub Jail, Chavakkad | 0 | 0.00 |
| 38 | Sub Jail, Viyyur | 2744 | 39.00 |
| 39 | Sub Jail, Aluva | 0 | 0.00 |
| 40 | Sub Jail, Ernakulam | 2480 | 0.00 |
| 41 | Sub Jail, Meenachil | 4525 | 0.00 |
| 42 | Sub Jail, Peermade | 2641 | 0.00 |
| 43 | Central Prison & Correctional Home, Tvpm | 99852 | 7439.00 |
| 44 | Open Prison & Correctional Home, Nettukaltheri | 5594 | 7.00 |
| 45 | Women Open Prison & Correctional Home, Tvpm | 4362 | 9.00 |
| 46 | Women Prison & Correctional Home, Tvpm | 20535 | 162.80 |
| 47 | District Jail, Poojappura | 14480 | 0.00 |
| 48 | District Jail, Kollam | 2965 | 34.00 |
| 49 | District Jail, Alappuzha | 2380 | 20.60 |
| 50 | Special Sub Jail, Poojappura | 6100 | 0.00 |
| 51 | Special Sub Jail, Neyyattinkara | 5320 | 0.00 |
| 52 | Special Sub Jail, Kottarakkara | 2007 | 0.00 |
| 53 | Special Sub Jail, Mavelikara | 3800 | 0.00 |
| 54 | Sub Jail, Attingal | 1280 | 0.00 |
| 55 | DIG Office & SICA, Tvpm | 0 | 1050.00 |
| Total | | 5,15,494 | 14,003.90 |





Courses conducted at State Institute of Correctional Administration (SICA), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala during January to March 2020

01 THREE DAYS COURSE FOR MINISTERIAL STAFF (28-1-2020 to 30-1-2020)

SICA conducted a three days course for the Ministerial Staff of Prisons Department from 28-1-2020 to 30-1-2020. A total of 30 ministerial staffs from different Jail Institutions of Kerala attended the course. Sessions on topics such as Purchasing of Articles for Manufactory wing / Food production wing etc. with relevant rules, Life Style Management & First Aid, Stress Management, Effective Communication and Telephone Etiquettes, Mindful Living, Interaction With Senior Officers were included in the training course.

02 FIVE DAYS REFRESHER COURSE ON GENDER SENSITIZATION AND CUSTODIAL JUSTICE TO WOMEN PRISONERS (06.01.2020 to 10.01.2020)

In a five days course for the Executive Staff of Prisons Department from 06-1-2020 to 10-1-2020, a total of 30 staffs from different Jail Institutions of Kerala attended the course. Sessions on topics such as An overview on Gender Sensitization in Correctional Institutions, First Aid, YOGA, Gender Sensitization: How to approach Gender related Issues, Stress Management, Rules Governing Women in Prisons, Gender Sensitization and Legal Safeguarding to Women / Transgenders, Procedure of Release and Rehabilitation of Women / Transgender Prisoners and were included in the training course.

03 FIVE DAYS REFRESHER COURSE ON COUNSELLING SKILLS & TECHNIQUES FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS (13.01.2020 to 17.01.2020)

In the five days course for the Executive Staffs from 13-1-2020 to 17-1-2020, a total of 30 Executive staffs from different Jail Institutions of Kerala attended. Sessions on topics such as Counselling skills & Techniques: Importance of Early Identification & Timely Intervention, First Aid, Yoga, Incarceration : Punishment to Reformation : The thought behind the change in approach, Counselling Techniques adopted in other countries, Counselling for Emotional Control (Anger Management), Different Counselling skills and Techniques adopted in prison setup, Hypnotherapy in the field of Correction and Improper Conselling Techniques: Disadvantages were included.

04 THREE DAYS SHORT TERM COURSES ON INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM SPONSORED BY BPR&D (24/02/2020 to 26/02/2020)

A total of 22 Executive staffs from different Jail Institutions of Kerala (19) and Tamilnadu (3) attended the 3 days course. Sessions on topics such as Operational Administrative Issue, Security - Utilization of available facilities, equipment etc. - shortcomings Emergencies; - How to tackle various Prison Emergencies/ Custody; Importance of Segregation, Custody - A Criminological Perspective, De-radicalization, Prison Management - New Concept, New Thoughts and Best Practices were included in the training course.

05 THREE DAYS SHORT TERM COURSES ON PRISONERS RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENT LAWS, POLICIES AND APPARATUS, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, AN UPDATE SPONSORED BY BPR&D (27/02/2020 to 29/02/2020)

A total of 22 Executive staffs from different Jail Institutions of Kerala (17) and Tamilnadu (5) attended the 3 days course hosted by SICA. Sessions on topics such as Updates on international covenants, Laws of the Country, MHA Advisories, Supreme Court Direction, Local laws, Rules and Procederes, Under trial Review committee, Free Legal Aid Instruments, Challenges faced in ensuring prisoners rights, Oversight Mechanism including Board of Visitors, and Best Practices : Balancing Rights Vs Duties of Prisoners were included in the training course.





SUB JAIL, PERINTHALMANNA : Distribution of mask to Kerala State Electricity Board official by Sri.Rasheed Muhammed, Superintendent



മലപ്പുറം സബ് ജയിലിൽ തടവുകാർ നിർമ്മിച്ച മാസ്കും സാനിറ്റൈസറും സാധ്യമാക്കി
SPECIAL SUB JAIL, THALASSERI
Masks and sanitizer ready to sale



DISTRICT JAIL, KOLLAM
Sanitizer making training



Borstal School, Ernakulam
Mask making training



CENTRAL PRISON, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Harvesting of up land paddy cultivation



CENTRAL PRISON, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Medical camp for jail officials of South Zone

Obituary **Obituary** *Obituary*



NARENDRANATH.M.S
Joint Superintendent
High Security Prison, Viyyur
[15.05.1966 -12.01.2020]



SURESHKUMAR
Asst. Superintendent Gr-II
Central Prison, Viyyur
[20.05.1970 - 17.03.2020]



The Award winners of President's Correctional Service Medals on Prison Personnel on the occasion of Republic Day, 2020.

Distinguished Service



D.SATYARAJ
Superintendent
Dist. Jail, Thiruvananthapuram



E.KRISHNADAS
Asst. Supdt. Gr-II
Spl. Officer, Thavanur Jail



S.SANTHOSH
DIG (HQ), Prisons Headquarters
Thiruvananthapuram



JAGADEESAN.K.V.
Superintendent
Dist. Jail, Ernakulam



ANILKUMAR. P
Superintendent
Spl. Sub Jail, Mavelikkara



RAVEENDRAN K.V.
Superintendent
Spl. Sub Jail, Kannur



K.A. BABU
Asst. Superintendent Gr-II
Dist. Jail, Ernakulam

Meritorious Service

Special Achievements



Sri. C.Surendran [standing first - left]
Deputy Prison Officer, Dist. Jail,
Kollam won the Silver Medal for 5 Km.
Walking in National Masters Games
and qualified for International Meet at Japan.



Sri. Bobby Varghese Assistant Prison Officer
cum Driver, Sub Jail, Viyyur won the Gold Medal
for 4 x 100 m, Silver Medal for 4 x 400m, 1500m
& 200m running in Masters Athletic Federation
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