

Annexure-I

Development of Website & CMS for
Department of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Government of Tamil Nadu
(<http://prisons.tn.gov.in/>)

Information Architecture & Navigation Structure

**Crime is the outcome of a diseased mind and Jail
must have an Environment of Hospital
for a treatment and care.**

Mahatma Gandhi



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➤ DGP's /CS Message

➤ **What's New**

• **Seerthirutha Siragugal**

The core objective of this Department is Reformation Rehabilitation and Reassimilation of the prisoners into the society. To achieve this aim, this Department has implemented a lot of reformation programmes in prisons all over Tamil Nadu. Education, skill training, industrial training, Yoga, meditation etc., are a few to mention. However, most of these programmes mainly concentrate on convict prisoners whose population is nearly 30% of the total prison population. It is therefore necessary to implement correctional programmes to all types of prisoners including remand, undertrial and detenues who constitute the remaining 70% of prisons population. Hence, the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced a scheme called "Seerthirutha Siragugal" to convert the prisons as reform Centres with a holistic approach.

It is well known that alcohol and drug addiction is the driving force of crime indulgence. Hence, it is proposed to establish an exclusive De-addiction Centres in all the 9 Central Prisons and 5 Special Prison for Women for the treatment of the prisoners addicted to drugs and alcohol.

It is proposed to incur an expenditure of Rs.93,72,000/- (Recurring Expenditure) towards purchase of medicines and payment of honorarium to the Project Coordinator-cum-vocational counsellor and Psychiatrist/ Therapist for De-addiction Centres for the financial year 2023-24.

Library

In every Central Prison a library is available where prisoners are allowed to read books, newspapers and magazines. Prison Libraries play an important role in educating the prisoners, make them cultured, reduce recidivism, and in still good thoughts, imbibe values and improve family bonds through reading. Government desires to reform

the prisoners through education and believes that improving the infrastructure and ambience of prison libraries will bring change in the attitude among prisoners and in pursuit of this objective, for the first time, the Department had participated in the Book Fairs conducted across the State where more than 75,000 books were collected as donation from various quarters. Hon'ble Minister for Law courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 that library facilities in all Central Prisons, SPW's and District Jails and Borstal School, Pudukottai would be upgraded. Accordingly, infrastructure facilities will be improved in the Prison libraries at the cost of Rs. 208.74 lakhs.

- **Setting up of Mental Health Establishment**

- Government shall setup mental health establishment in the medical wing of at least one prison in each state. With the above proviso and in the interest and welfare of mentally ill prisoners, it has been proposed to execute the above setup in Central Prison, Trichy.

➤ **News/Events**

IJR submit their report since 2019 with some measures with Indian Judicial Department, Police Department, Prisons and Correctional Services Department and Legal Aid Human Rights accompany with NGO's like Tata Institute of Social Science-Prayas, Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Common Wealth Human Right Initiative, Daksh and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. Recently, IJR published the 2022 report.

In 2022 IJR report, 18 biggest states depending on the Population over 1 crore were considered and Tamilnadu Prisons and Correctional Services Department scores 6.24 out of 10 and got First place in the country. And also, Karnataka got second place and Telungana got Third place in IJR 2022.

Prisons and Correctional Services Department emerged as the number one in the country according to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022. This is a substantial jump as it was ranked 10th in IJR 2019 and 6th in IJR 2021.

The report based on the Prison Area, Crowd in the Prison, Financial position, Human Resource, Infrastructure and Multi tasking Facilities.

➤ **Recruitments**

1 Vacancies for the post of Grade II Warders (Men and Women) are being filled up through Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. At present recruitment of 153 men and 8 women by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board is under process. After selection the candidates will be imparted six months basic training at Warders Training Centre, Trichy.

Assistant Jailors are being recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct recruitment and by promotion from the feeder category i.e. Chief Head Warders in the ratio of 1:1. The estimate of 55 vacancies in the post of Assistant Jailor (men) and 5 vacancies in the post of Assistant Jailor (women) have been communicated to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for filling up of these posts and the same is under process.

Jailors are being recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct Recruitment and appointment by transfer in the ratio of 1:2.

The estimates of vacancies for the six posts of Jailor (Men) and two posts of Jailor (Women) have been communicated to Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for filling up of these posts through Direct Recruitment and the same is under process.

Probation Officers are being recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct Recruitment and appointment by transfer in the ratio of 2:1. Two vacancies for Direct Recruitments

have been communicated to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and the selection of candidates is under process.

Psychologists are being filled up by direct recruitment through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and by transfer of service from the post of probation officer in the ratio of 1:1. Four posts of Psychologist will be filled up shortly by direct Recruitment through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

➤ **Events /Photo/Video Galleries**

➤ **Tenders**

- As per the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998, Machinery for Prison Industries and raw materials required for manufacturing sections of the prisons are purchased through the Open Tender System and Annual Tender System. E-Tender system will be adopted from 01.04.2023 as per Government Orders.

➤ **RTI**

The **Right to Information (RTI)** is an Act of passed by Parliament of India which sets out the rules and procedures regarding citizens' right to information. It replaced the former Freedom of Information Act, 2002. Under the provisions of RTI Act, any citizen of India may request information from a "public authority" (a body of Government or "instrumentality of State") which is required to reply expeditiously or within thirty days. In case of matter involving a petitioner's life and liberty, the information has to be provided within 48 hours. The Act also requires every public authority to computerize their records for wide dissemination and to proactively publish certain categories of information so that the citizens need minimum recourse to request for information formally.

RTI Addresses

➤ Contact Details

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Related Links

- Tamil Nadu Police
- Government of TamilNadu
- Academy of Prisons & Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore
- Tihar Prisons, Delhi
- Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi
- Law Commission of India
- Indian Subordinates Courts
- Supreme Courts of India
- State Human Rights Commission / National Human Rights Commission
- High Court of Madras
- Discharge Prisoners Aid Society

➤ Daily Lockup Details

Total Accommodation	Lockup Details as on
24342	

➤ The way forward

- The core objective of the Department is Reformation, Rehabilitation and Re-integration.
- The integration of prisoners into the society as honourable citizens.
- To ensure the security of Prisons and prisoners, by adopting latest Technologies.
- Prisoners welfare by implementing Novel Measures.

- Staff welfare for efficient administration.
- Humane approach / upholding of Human rights.

ABOUT US

➤ Objectives

- The Primary objective of the Department is not only to confine prisoners but also to reform, rehabilitate and reintegrate them with the society after their release, thereby reducing recidivism. Education, Skill development, Vocational training, Yoga, Meditation and other life skills are imparted to the prisoner to adapt in to the society so as to become a good citizen instead of remaining a criminal.

➤ Vision /Mission

- To Reform the prisoners by imparting education/skills and to a release the prisoners from the prisons with Knowledge in any one of the skill to and become a honourable man in the society

➤ Origin of Prisons & Location

- The word "Prison" the synonym of the word 'Jail' or 'gaol' or 'Penitentiary' has been defined as a place properly arranged and equipped for reception of persons who by legal process are committed to it for safe custody while awaiting trial or for punishment.
- During the period of the Sultanate, there were no regular Prisons. Only old forts and castles were used as prisons.
- During the time of Emperor Akbar, there were two kinds of prisons. One for criminals who had committed serious offence and other for ordinary criminals. Important nobles and princes guilty of treason and rebellions were imprisoned in fortresses situated in different parts of the country.
- The provision for proper jail building in the whole of India started from the British Government. The native Governments did not maintain proper jail buildings.

- Lord Macaulay a member of the Indian Law Commission initiated the Prison reform in 1835 for the first time in India. Indian Prisons Act of 1894 regulated the prison system in the country. At that time there were 43 civil, 75 criminal and 68 mixed jails in India. These jails were run by District Magistrates.
- The Presidency Jail for women in Vellore, was the first prison constructed in Tamil Nadu during the year 1830 followed by Madras "Penitentiary" during the year 1837 and thereafter all other prisons were constructed one by one up to the year 1880. After Independence Central Prison, Puzhal was the only prison constructed during the year 1981 and some additional accommodation was made in other Prisons. All the Prison buildings are more than 150 years old.
- The Prisons plays a vital role in the Administration of Criminal Justice system and assisting the courts in the due execution of the sentences awarded by them.

➤ **Category of Prisons**

Prisons are of 5 kinds namely Central Prisons, Special Prisons, District Jails, Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails.

Open Air Prisons at Singanallur, Salem and Purasadaidaiappu, Special Prisons for Women at Vellore, Trichy, Puzhal, Coimbatore and Madurai are the Special Prisons.

Central Prisons are meant for confinement of prisoners who are sentenced to death, life imprisonment and imprisonment for a period exceeding three months, prisoners convicted for major offences, notorious, habitual and high risk categories, civil debtors and detenus. At the same time undertrial and remand prisoners as per classification are also lodged in Central Prisons and segregated in different blocks. All foreign convict/ remand/ under trial prisoners are lodged in the Prisons at the Puzhal Prison Complex in Chennai.

Remand / Undertrial prisoners and those who are sentenced to less than three months imprisonment by the Courts in the Districts are

lodged in the District Jails concerned while Remand /under trial prisoners involved in sensitive cases are lodged in Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee. Remand Prisoners involved in offences which are not serious in nature are lodged in Sub Jails.

2) Women Prisoners who are sentenced to imprisonment for a period exceeding one month or sentenced to death or habitual women prisoners who are committed by the courts are confined in the five Special Prisons for Women. Remand and Undertrial women prisoners who have committed offences which are not serious in nature are lodged in Special Sub Jails and Sub Jails for Women.

These women prisons are exclusively guarded by Women Personnel. Prisoners in the age group between 21 and 55, having good physical and mental health, good conduct, emotional stability and agricultural background are transferred to Open Air Prisons, on their willingness.

There are 142 Prisons under the control of Department of Prisons and Correctional Services which includes 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women, 3 Open Air Prisons, 14 District Jails, 2 Special Sub Jails for Men, 2 Special Sub Jails for Women, 95 Sub Jails for Men, 8 Sub Jails for Women, 3 Borstal Schools and 1 Transit Yard and the total Authorized capacity of all the prisons in the state is 24342.

Central Prisons - 9

- Central Prison-I(Convict)Puzhal
- Central Prison-II(Remand)Puzhal
- Central Prison, Vellore
- Central Prison, Cuddalore
- Central Prison, Trichy
- Central Prison, Salem
- Central Prison, Coimbatore
- Central Prison, Madurai
- Central Prison, Palayamkottai

➤ **Special Prisons for Women - 5**

- Special Prison for Women, Puzhal
- Special Prison for Women, Vellore
- Special Prison for Women, Tiruchirapalli
- Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore
- Special Prison for Women, Madurai

➤ **Open Air Jails - 3**

- Open Air Jail, Salem
- Open Air Jail, Singanallur @ Coimbatore
- Open Air Jail, Purasadaiduaippu @ Sivaganga

➤ **District Jails - 14**

- District Jail, Pudukottai
- District Jail, Nagercoil
- District Jail, Dindigul
- District Jail, Perurani
- District Jail, Attur
- District Jail, Virudunagar
- District Jail, Ramanathapuram
- District Jail, Nagapattinam
- District Jail, Gopichettipalayam
- District Jail, Chengalpet
- District Jail, Villupuram
- District Jail, Dharmapuri
- District Jail, Tiruppur
- District Jail, Theni

➤ **Special Sub Jails for Men- 2**

- Special Sub Jail, Poonamallee
- Special Sub Jail, Nanguneri

➤ **Special Sub Jails for Women- 2**

- Special Sub Jail, Salem
- Special Sub Jail, Kokkirakulam

➤ **Sub Jails for Men– 95**

- Sub Jail, Saidapet
- Sub Jail, Kancheepuram
- Sub Jail, Maduranthagam
- Sub Jail, Thiruvallur
- Sub Jail, Ponneri
- Sub Jail, Tiruttani
- Sub Jail, Gudiyatham
- Sub Jail, Ambur
- Sub Jail, Tirupattur
- Sub Jail, Vaniyampadi
- Sub Jail, Arokkonam
- Sub Jail, Walaja
- Sub Jail, Cheyyar
- Sub Jail, Thiruvannamalai
- Sub Jail, Arani
- Sub Jail, Chengam
- Sub Jail, Polur
- Sub Jail, Vandavasi
- Sub Jail, Cuddalore
- Sub Jail, Virudhachalam
- Sub Jail, Portnova
- Sub Jail, Panruti
- Sub Jail, Chidambaram
- Sub Jail, Villupuram
- Sub Jail, Kallakurichi
- Sub Jail, Tindivanam
- Sub Jail, Ulundurpet
- Sub Jail, Thirukovilur
- Sub Jail, Gingee
- Sub Jail, Omalur
- Sub Jail, Namakkal

- Sub Jail, Paramathi
- Sub Jail, Rasipuram
- Sub Jail, Tiruchengode
- Sub Jail, Dharmapuri
- Sub Jail, Harur
- Sub Jail, Uthangarai
- Sub Jail, Hosur
- Sub Jail, Mettupalayam
- Sub Jail, Pollachi
- Sub Jail, Erode
- Sub Jail, Sathyamangalam
- Sub Jail, Bhavani
- Sub Jail, Perundurai
- Sub Jail, Ooty
- Sub Jail, Coonoor
- Sub Jail, Gudalur
- Sub Jail, Avinashi
- Sub Jail, Udumalpet
- Sub Jail, Dharapuram
- Sub Jail, Palladam
- Sub Jail, Manaparai
- Sub Jail, Musiri
- Sub Jail, Thuraiyur
- Sub Jail, Lalgudi
- Sub Jail, Ariyalur
- Sub Jail, Jeyamkondam
- Sub Jail, Perambalur
- Sub Jail, Karur
- Sub Jail, Kulithalai
- Sub Jail, Aranthangi
- Sub Jail, Thirumayam
- Sub Jail, Keeranur

- Sub Jail, Thiruvudaimaruthur
- Sub Jail, Tanjore
- Sub Jail, Papanasam
- Sub Jail, Pattukottai
- Sub Jail, Kumbakonam
- Sub Jail, Sirkali
- Sub Jail, Mayiladuthurai
- Sub Jail, Tharangampadi
- Sub Jail, Thiruthuraipoondi
- Sub Jail, Nannilam
- Sub Jail, Mannargudi
- Sub Jail, Melur
- Sub Jail, Usilampatty
- Sub Jail, Thirumangalam
- Sub Jail, Vedasandur
- Sub Jail, Palani
- Sub Jail, Kodaikanal
- Sub Jail, Uthamapalayam
- Sub Jail, Periyakulam
- Sub Jail, Sivagangai
- Sub Jail, Thirupathur
- Sub Jail, Mudukulathur
- Sub Jail, Thiruvadanai
- Sub Jail, Aruppukottai
- Sub Jail, Srivilliputhur
- Sub Jail, Tenkasi
- Sub Jail, Sankarankoil
- Sub Jail, Ambasamuthiram
- Sub Jail, Srivaigundam
- Sub Jail, Kovilpatti
- Sub Jail, Tiruchendur
- Sub Jail, Kulithurai

➤ **Sub Jails for Women– 8**

- Sub Jail, Cuddalore
- Sub Jail, Krishnagiri
- District Jail (Women Annex), Tirupur
- Sub Jail, Thiruvarur
- Sub Jail, Nilakottai
- Sub Jail, Paramagudi
- Sub Jail, Sathur
- Sub Jail, Thuckalai

➤ **Borstal Schools– 3**

- Borstal School, Pudukottai
- Borstal School, Vellore
- Borstal School, Sankari

➤ **Transit Yard, Puzhal**

➤ **Jurisdiction of Prisons**

The location and the District Jurisdiction of Central Prisons are as follows:

Location	District Jurisdiction
Central Prison – I(Convict), Puzhal	All Convict Prisoners of Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram & Chengalpet
Central Prison – II (Remand), Puzhal	All Remand Prisoners of Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram & Chengalpet
Special Prison for Women, Puzhal	All Women Prisoners of Chennai Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram & Chengalpet
Central Prison, Vellore	Vellore, Thirupattur, Thiruvannamalai and Ranipet
Special Prison for Women, Vellore	Vellore, Thirupattur, Thiruvannamalai and Ranipet
Central Prison, Cuddalore	Cuddalore, Villupuram & Kallkurichi

Central Prison, Salem	Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri & Krishnagiri and all Habitual and Habitual Prison Offenders of this State.
Central Prison, Trichy	Trichy, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Karur, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Nagai and Thiruvarur.
Special Prison for Women, Trichy	Trichy, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Karur, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Nagai and Thiruvarur.
Central Prison, Madurai	Madurai, Ramnad, Sivagangai, Dindigul, Theni and Virudhunagar.
Special Prison for Women, Madurai	Madurai, Ramnad, Sivagangai, Dindigul, Theni and Virudhunagar.
Central Prison, Palayamkottai	Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Kanyakumari and Thoothukudi.
Central Prison, Coimbatore	Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Erode and Tiruppur
Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore	Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Erode and Tiruppur
Borstal School, Pudukkottai	All Adolescent offender (18 – 21) of the State.
District Jail, Pudukkottai District Jail, Nagercoil District Jail, Dindigul District Jail, Perurani District Jail, Attur District Jail, Virudunagar District Jail, Ramanathapuram District Jail, Nagapattinam District Jail, Gopichettipalayam District Jail, Chengalpet District Jail, Villupuram District Jail, Dharmapuri District Jail, Tiruppur District Jail, Theni	All male remand and under trial prisons and male prisoners sentenced to less than three months committed by the Courts in the District in which the District Jail is situated

Classification of Prisoners

In Tamil Nadu prisoners are segregated in to following 5 categories S1 to S5. Each category of prisoners are kept in prisons separately.

To be categorized and indicated by Police Authorities during admission in the enclosed format:

1] Red – security Category – 1 (S-1): Fundamentalists Naxalites, Extremists and Terrorists or any other individual characteristics warranting internment in High Security Enclosures.

2] Blue – security Category – 2(S-2): Gangsters, Hired Assassins, Dacoits, Serial Killers / Rapists / Violent Robbers, Drug offenders, Habitual Grave offenders / Caste fanatics and those highly prone to escapes / previous escapees / attack on police and other dangerous offenders posing threat to society.

3] Yellow – Security Category – 3(S-3): Those who do not pose any threat to the society, upon release, like those involved in murders on personal motives, other bodily offences, theft/property offences, Prohibition offences, other special and local laws, railway offences, and other minor offences.

4] White – Security Category – 4(S-4): Prisoners who are eligible for Open Air Prisons.

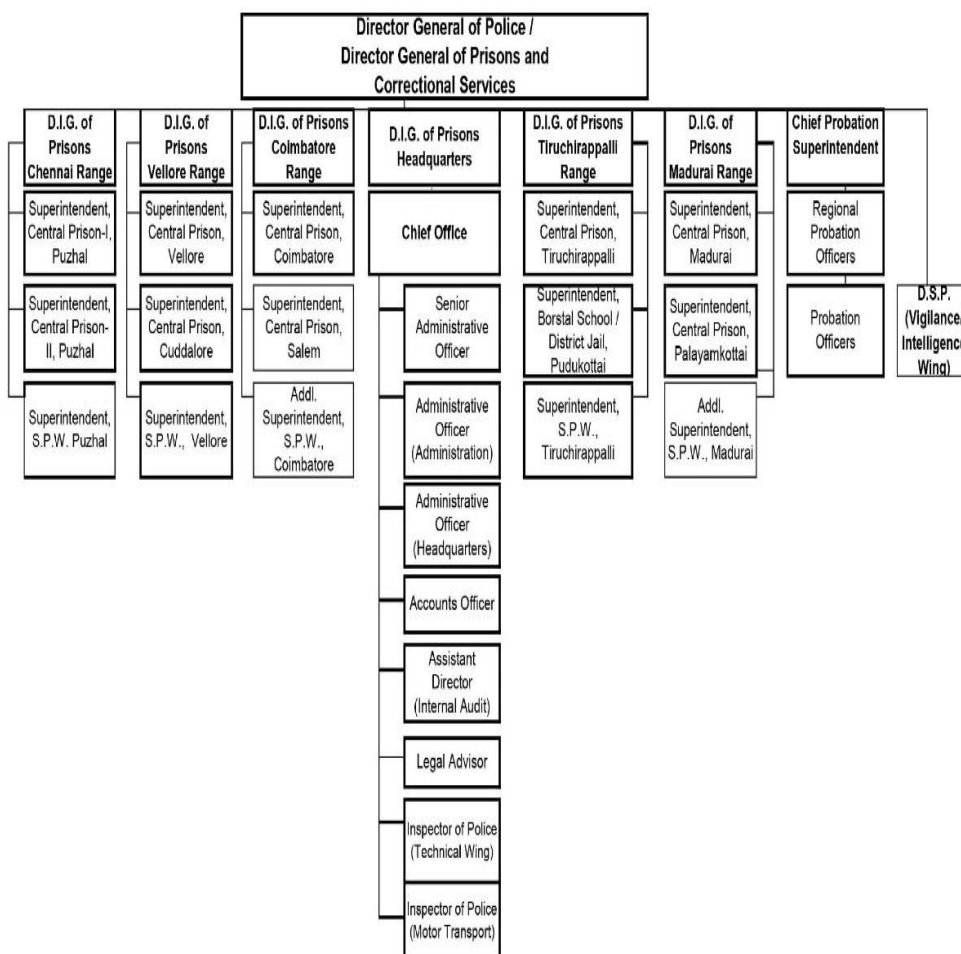
5] Green – Security Category – 5(S-5): Elders, sickly, students etc.

Old and aged prisoners are kept separately and a regular medical attention is given to them. Mentally ill prisoners are treated & Segregated separately. Mentally challenged prisoners are treated by admitting in to the Institute of Mental Health, Chennai.

Organisational structure

ANNEXURE-I

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES



Note : The Superintendents of Central Prisons (except Central Prison-II, Puzhal) have jurisdiction over their respective Districts Jails, Special Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons, Borstal Schools and Sub Jails under their control.

➤ **Modern Technology in Prisons**

Cell Phone Jammers

With a view to strengthen the security measures, Cell Phone Jammers have been provided in 12 High Security Blocks at 9 Central Prisons in the State.

Security Pole

12 numbers of Security Poles for cell phone and ferrous metal detection system have been installed in 9 Central Prisons and 3 Special Prisons for women to strengthen the security of Prisons.

CCTV with Access Control System

In order to monitor the movement of prisoners as well as the visitors, 556 number of CCTV cameras at vulnerable area so fall Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai have been installed. In addition, Smart Cards containing all details about the prisoners have been provided in 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

Video Conferencing System

To avoid transport / escort charges, to control smuggling of contrabands inside the prisons and to prevent prisoners to escape during transit, Video Conferencing System was introduced in prisons long back. Prisoners are produced through Video Conferencing System for extension of Remand Period.

X-Ray Baggage Scanner

All the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai have been provided with X-Ray Baggage Scanners to prevent smuggling of contraband articles and prohibited materials inside the prisons. 9 Nos. of X-Ray Baggage Scanner Machine have been purchased to replace the old machines in 9 Central Prisons during the year 2022-23.

Key Management System in Prisons

On pilot basis, Electronic Key Management System has been introduced in Central Prisons-I & II, Puzhal and Special Prison for Women, Puzhal and is functioning well.

Laundry Machines

Prisoners wash their own clothes they wear regularly. But the bed linen and blankets are not washed by them due to difficulty in washing heavy clothes and drying. This non washing of bed linen and blankets resulted in un-hygienic conditions of bed sheets and Linen clothes. Hence, in order to maintain hygienic conditions in prisons and washing the Prisoner's bed sheets and linen easily, it is felt necessary to provide Laundry Machines in 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukottai to enable the prisoners to wash their blankets and bed linen regularly.

DFMD

A metal detector is an electronic instrument that detects the presence of metal. **DFMD** is the metal detector placed at the entrances of premises to detect forbidden metals in the body of the person while passing through the door frame. A Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD) as the name suggests is a metal detector fitted in a door to detect metal that may be hidden on the body of the person passing through this door. These are used for security screening at access points in prisons to detect concealed metal weapons on a person's body.

PRISON ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP

➤ Head quarters

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services functions under the Home Department of the Government. The Department is headed by senior I.P.S Officer in the rank of Director General of Police. He is assisted by Deputy Inspector General of Prisons at Headquarters.

➤ Range Administration

There are five Deputy Inspector General of Prisons at Chennai, Vellore, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai Ranges. The Superintendents of Prisons are controlling the administration of Central Prisons, District Jails, Special Sub Jails, Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons and Borstal Schools under their respective jurisdictions. The women Superintendents of Prisons are controlling the administration of Special Prisons for Women at Puzhal, Trichy and Vellore. The women Additional Superintendent of Prisons are controlling the administration of Special Prisons for Women at Coimbatore and Madurai. The Additional Superintendents of Prisons are in-charge of District Jails and assist the Superintendents of Prisons in supervising the Special Sub Jails, Open Air Prisons, Sub Jails and Borstal Schools in their respective districts.

➤ Prison Administration

i) Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing:

An "Intelligence cum Vigilance Wing" is functioning in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services under the leadership of Deputy Superintendent of Police, which consists of 20 officials deputed from Police Department and 13 officials from Department of Prisons and Correctional Services. The wing monitors the activities of the prisoners and prison personnel and collect important and sensitive information for effective management of the Prison Administration and exchange intelligence inputs with other intelligence agencies.

ii) Technical Wing

A Technical Wing is functioning in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services, in Prison Headquarters and in all Central Prisons which consists of one Inspector (Technical) and 10 Sub Inspectors (Technical) for the maintenance and up keep of the modern gadgets provided to the Department.

iii) Motor Transport Wing

The Motor Transport Wing is functioning with one Reserve Inspector of Police (Category II). He supervises the maintenance of all vehicles used in the Department.

iv) Legal Cell

A Legal Advisor in the cadre of Assistant Public Prosecutor(Grade-I) deputed from the Directorate of Prosecution is heading the "Legal Cell" functioning at the Prison Head quarters to render legal advice and assistance in dealing court cases in the Department

v) Probation Branch

The Probation Wing is functioning as part of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services since 1946 which is headed by the Chief Probation Superintendent. He is assisted by 12 Regional Probation Officers and 64 Probation Officers.

The Probation Officers render assistance to the Courts of Judicial Magistrates in implementing the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 and Tamil Nadu Borstal School Act, 1925 by submitting enquiry reports after making preliminary enquiries regarding the behavior pattern of the offenders and their living conditions. They also supervise the offenders released on probation and attend to their rehabilitation.

Their main function is to secure the first offenders on probation subject to certain conditions instead of committing them to prisons. The officials of Probation Wing visit the Prisons, interview them

concerning their needs and examine their specific request such as education of their children, loan for family members for their livelihood, employment assistance for convicts after their release etc., They function as a bridge between the prisoners and their families.

They also inspect Police lockups to ensure that there is no violation of Human Rights as ordered by the Government.

➤ **Staff Strength**

DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, TAMIL NADU		
Sl. No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned Strength
I	EXECUTIVE STAFF	4202
II	MINISTERIAL STAFF	842
III	MEDICAL STAFF	130
IV	OTHER STAFF	108
V	MANUFACTORY SECTION	87
VI	PROBATION BRANCH	77
VII	INTELLIGENCE WING	33
VIII	TECHNICAL WING	11
IX	MOTOR TRANSPORT WING	1
	Total	5491

Training to Staff

i. Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore

A Joint Training Centre of the five Southern States i.e., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala namely Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration has been established at Vellore in 1979 for imparting training to the prison officials in the field of Correctional Methods and Prison Management. The expenditure of this institution is equally shared by the above five Southern States.

ii. Warders Training

Newly recruited Warders are being imparted basic Training at Warders Training Centre, Vellore functioning under the control of the Superintendent of Prisons, Central Prison, Vellore who is acting as a Principal of the Institute. The capacity of the training center is 130 persons. It has all supporting staff and other facilities.

The six months basic training to the newly recruited Grade-II Warders includes drill, training in weapons and basic knowledge in Rules and Regulation of Prison Management with special emphasis on Human Rights.

Grade II Warders, Grade I Warders, Chief Head Warders, Assistant Jailors, Deputy Jailors also undergo general refresher courses periodically at Warders Training Centre, Vellore.

The Police Commando School at Marutham, Chennai is also utilized by this Department to impart training to Warders in martial arts such as Karate, Silambam, Unarmed Combat, Commando training and Bomb Detection and Disposal course.

iii. Other Trainings

The Officers in the Department attend training programmes pertaining to National Level Training Courses on Human Rights, Prison Management, etc., conducted by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Lok Nayak Jaya prakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (LNJNNICFS) and National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), New Delhi. Similarly Training institutions in other states also provide training. The officers also participate in various training programmes conducted by the State Level Training Institutions.

PRISONS IN TAMILNADU

➤ Model Prison complex- Puzhal



Central Prison in at Madras (Now Chennai) was constructed during the year 1987 in Britishera. keeping in view of severe over crowding in Central Prison, Chennai and the need for increasing the capacity, a new prison complex at Puzhal was constructed at a total cost of Rs.77 crores. It consists of three prisons viz. Central Prison I Puzhal with a capacity of 1250, for accommodating convict prisoners, Central Prison II Puzhal with a capacity of 1750, for accommodating remand prisoners and Special Prison for Women Puzhal with a capacity of 500 for accommodating women prisoners. The prison complex is situated in a sprawling area of about 212 acres. The construction works were carried out by the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Ltd. The prison started functioning from 26.11.2006 onwards. Additional facilities such as Meditation Hall, Rehabilitation Centre, Open Air Theatre, Gymnasium, Computer training Centre has been provided. Apart from the above all cells, blocks and hospitals of this prisons are provided with ceiling fans.

➤ **Central Prison, Salem**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1862. The Jail annex was constructed during the year 1934 to accommodate adolescent Prisoners. The area of this Prison is 113.19 acres. The authorised accommodation is 1431. This Prison is classified as a Special Prison for the confinement of Habitual Prisoners and Habitual Prison Offenders.

The architectural design of this Prison is circular in shape like lotus petals and all the cells are facing inwardly to a central point.

➤ **Central Prison, Cuddalore.**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1865. This Prison was initially used for accommodating mentally retarded prisoners and thereafter converted as Habitual Prison. During the year 1986 this Prison was re-classified as Prison for Habitual Prison offenders. This Prison was converted as a casual Prison during the year 1996. The National poet Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar was confined in this prison during the freedom struggle from 20.11.1918 to 14.12.1918. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 723.

➤ **Central Prison, Tiruchirapalli :**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1865. The area occupied by this Prison is 289.10 acres. The authorised accommodation is 2517. The architectural arrangement of this Prison is radial blocks with central tower.

➤ **Central Prison, Madurai**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1865. This Prison is located in the area to an extent of 31 acres. This Prison is a Casual Prison to accommodate Remand and Under trials and Convicts. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 1252.

➤ **Central Prison, Vellore**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1867. The total area of this Prison is 153 acres. The authorised accommodation is 2130. The architectural design of this Prison is radial blocks with tower. The former President of India Shri.R.Venkatraman was confined in this Prison from 30.11.1940 to 25.09.1941 during the freedom struggle. The former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Perarisingar Dr.C.N.Annadurai was also confined in this Prison from 16.08.1962 to 24.10.1962.

➤ **Central Prison, Coimbatore**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1872 . The area now occupied by this prison is 167.76 acres. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 2208. The veteran freedom fighters Thiru. V.O. Chidambaram Pillai was confined in this Prison during the freedom struggle from 09.07.1908 to 01.12.1910.

➤ **Central Prison, Palayamkottai**



This Prison was constructed during the year 1880 It was functioning as a District Jail till 1929. During the year 1929 it was converted as a Borstal School. Due to lesser admission, the Borstal School was shifted to the premises of the nearest District Jail, Pudukottai. The present premises has been functioning as a Central Prison with effect from 1.4.68. The area of the Prison is 117.75 acres. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 1332.

➤ **Borstal School and District Jail, Pudukottai**



This was originally functioning as a District Prison and converted as a Borstal School with effect from 01.04.1968. The young offenders between the age of 18-21 years (Boys) convicted by Courts under Section 8(1) of Tamil Nadu Borstal Act 1925 are confined in this Prison. The area occupied by this Institution is 23.45 acres. The authorised accommodation of this Borstal School is 40.

Special Prison for Women, Vellore



This Prison was originally named as presidency Jail for Women and functioning from 1830. The total area of this Prison is 13.62 acres. The area of the jail premises is 3.23 acres. The women Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for more than 3 months from all the Southern States namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu were originally admitted here. After the formation of these States as Independent ones, the name of the Prison was changed as State Prison for Women. Prisoners belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu alone are confined here. Women political leaders like Dr.Radhabai Subbarayah, Dr.(Mrs) Rukmani Lakshmi pathi, Mrs.Anmana Raj were confined in this prison. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 412 and manned by Women staff.

➤ **Special Prison for Women, Tiruchirapalli**



This Prison was functioning from 04.05.1997. The women Prisoners hailing from all the Southern districts are accommodated in this Prison. This Institution is fully manned by Women Officers and Staff. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 106.

➤ **Special Prison for Women, Coimbatore**



This Prison was functioning from 25.02.2016. The women Prisoners hailing from all the western districts are accommodated in this Prison. This Institution is fully manned by Women Officers and Staff. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 500.

➤ **Special Prison for Women, Madurai**



This Prison was functioning from 24.02.2016. The women Prisoners hailing from all the Southern districts are accommodated in this Prison. This Institution is fully manned by Women Officers and Staff. The authorised accommodation of this Prison is 500

Open Air Prisons in TamilNadu

As per rule 36 of TamilNadu Prison Rules, 1983, Open Air Prison to an extent of 30.72 acres has been functioning in Singanallur village, Coimbatore District and its authorised accommodation is 100. In addition, Open Air Prison to an extent of 88.79 acres has been established in Purasadaidudaipu Village, Sivagangai District and functioning since 09.12.2013 and its authorised accommodation is 150. Further, fifth garden Farm Prison which is near to Central Prison Salem functioning as open air prison and its authorised accommodation is 10. Admission of convict prisoners in open air prisons is subject to fulfilling the conditions as stipulated in rule 794 to 799 of TamilNadu Prison Rules, 1983, that

they should be an eligible farming/agriculture known prisoner and the admission should be in concurrence with their own willing and as per recommendation of the classification committee. The objective of the open air prison is to impart training in agriculture work and to improve the agriculture growth by utilizing the agriculture land in prisons and to give them job opportunity.

PRISONER'S CORNER

➤ Prison Adalat

Prison Adalat have been established in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women to expedite the disposal of the petty cases and prevent overcrowding in the Prisons. The Magistrates regularly conduct Prison Adalat and dispose the cases of prisoners who plead guilty.

➤ Prisoners Interview(Visiting Prisoners)

Prisoners are facilitated to contact their relatives and friends, through interviews as per the provision of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983. The application forms for seeking interview with prisoners are supplied free of cost and can also be downloaded from the website of the Department. This facility helps the family members and relatives of the prisoners to apply for interview from remote places without any difficulty. Prior appointment may also be fixed over phone to interview the prisoners. Intercom facility has been introduced in the visitor's hall to reduce the noise so as to have a clear conversation between the prisoners and their visitors.

➤ Under Trial Prisoners Review Committee

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(Civil) No.406/2013, dated:24.04.2015 & 07.08.2015, the Hon'ble High Court constituted a under trial review committee to review the progress of cases of Undertrial prisoners. The status of under trial prisoners who were completed 3 to 5 years and 5 to 10 years including who have completed half of their maximum sentence are being sent to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras once in three months and every month to the District level Under trial monitoring committee.

Further, The details of Prisoners who have completed more than half of their maximum possible sentence are being ascertained once in a month from the Prisons through Prisoners information system available in Prison and also manually based on the date of admission and sections under which they are dealt. If any eligible cases are found, the details will be sent to the District Judge and District Legal Service Authority for their release as per Criminal Procedure Code. Moreover, District Legal Service

Authorities have also conducted periodical review meeting and monitoring the cases of Under-Trial prisoners. This permanent mechanism is being followed in all Prisons.

➤ **Women Prisoners with Children**

In the State of Tamil Nadu, women prisoners are not lodged in prisons other than the prisons exclusively for women prisoners. There are 5 Special Prisons for Women, 2 Special Sub Jails for Women and 8 Sub Jails for Women functioning exclusively for lodging women prisoners. The authorized accommodation of Women Prisons in the State is 2512.

The following facilities are provided to the Women prisoners who are lodged in the Prisons.

Women prisoners are examined by a Woman Assistant Surgeon at the time of admission and the observations are recorded in the Medical Sheet.

Priority is given to the day to day care of pregnant women prisoners. Gynecological examination is also conducted and pre-natal and post-natal care is given to the must required. Special care is bestowed on the nursing women inmates and they are supplied with half a liter milk per day. Emergency Leave for a period of 15 days is being granted to the pregnant women prisoners for delivery. Further, Sanitary Napkins are being provided to the female prisoners free of cost.

As per TamilNaduPrisonRules,1983, Children are permitted to stay with their mothers until they attain the age of six years, if they cannot be otherwise suitably taken care of.

Based on the recommendation of the Medical Officer, baby foods are provided to babies who are less than one year old accompanying the female prisoners, keeping in view, the nutritional requirement of growing children.

Food, clothing, shelter, medical care and recreational facilities are also provided to them. A crèche and nursery are also functioning in the Special Prisons for Women to look after the children.

- Keeping rehabilitation of female prisoners in view, the following crafts and trades are imparted to the female prisoners Confined in All Special Prisons for Women.

Skill Training Programme in Palmyra products
Stitching, Handloom, Making papadams
Certification course Beautician, Painting
Tailoring, Fabric painting, Training programme in Making Jute bags, Fashion designing

➤ **Prisoners Welfare**

- **Health Care**

In Prison Hospitals there are 3 Civil Assistant Surgeons in each Central Prison and Special Prison for Women and Borstal School, Pudukottai, to attend to the health needs of the Prisoners round the clock without interruption.

Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women are provided with hospitals having experienced doctors supported by sufficient paramedical staff to render necessary treatment to the prisoners according to their requirements. Prisoners who need specialized in-patient care are admitted in the Prison Hospital.

To transport the prisoners requiring specialized treatment in the hospitals located outside the Prisons, ambulances are provided to all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails, Special Sub Jails for Women, Sub Jails for Women.

In association with the NGO.'s. Medical camps are regularly conducted in Prisons to diagnose and to provide necessary treatment to the Prisoners. Various medical camps such as Eye camp, Dental camp, general checkup etc. are being conducted in prisons as a preventive measure to avoid major illness among inmates.

21 types of Life Saving Medical Equipments are provided in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai.

As a health care measure, smoking and use of tobacco in the Prisons are banned. Integrated Counselling and Testing Centers (ICTC) are established in all Central Prisons for checking prevalence of AIDS among inmates. All inmates in the Central Prisons are subjected to H.I.V. test after due counselling. De-addiction centers are proposed to be set up in all Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai in order to provide proper treatment to prisoners addicted to alcohol, drugs, narcotic substances etc.

To use refined Sunflower Oil for preparation of food for the "B" class prisoners, ordinary, remand and undertrial prisoners for six days from Monday to Saturday and to use Gingelly oil on Sundays.

Further, if any prisoner requires special diet such as milk, bread, Chapati etc., based on the recommendation of the Medical Officer and such prisoners are given special diet for 15 days.

In order to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases among the prisoners, the use of knife for shaving is dispensed with. Instead two disposable shaving razors are provided to the prisoners once in a month at a cost of Rs.43.68 lakh per annum.

In addition to the above measures, to protect the prisoners from any communicable disease, sanitation facilities have been improved in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women, Puzhal and Trichy at a cost of Rs.1240.10 lakh and at Special SubJail, Poonamallee at a cost of Rs.30.59lakh.

- **Mental Health Screening**

Psychologists have been appointed in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to treat and counsel the prisoners suffering from depression and exhibiting

violent behavior due to prolonged confinement and exhibiting high stress level in prisons. Counselling instills confidence in the depressed mind of the prisoners and brings hope towards life. It eliminates their mental agony and other mental issues and they look forward for better future.

Prisoners requiring psychiatric treatment are treated in the Government Institute of Mental Health, Chennai as in-patients. The services of Psychiatrists from Government Hospitals are also utilized to take care of the mentally ill Prisoners.

Two Counsellors are engaged in each Central Prison and one Counsellor is engaged in each Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai to ensure better mental health of the disturbed prisoners. Government in G.O.(MS) No. 297, Home (Pri-I) Department, Dated: 20.06.2022 have enhanced Honorarium paid to the Counsellors from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 to encourage their service activities.

To keep the ties of prisoner's relationship with his/her family strong by arranging interviews with relative and friends, to render help in the settlement of civil claims of every prisoner, to arrange for vocational or other activities permissible within the rules and to instill the value of dignified living of the prisoner after release and to look after the welfare of the prisoner, Welfare Officer post was created in all Central Prisons and at Special Prison for Women, Puzhal and Vellore. Now Government in G.O.(Ms) No. 830, Home (Pri-I) Department, Dated: 01.11.2022 have created 3 women Welfare Officer posts for Special Prison for Women, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore considering the Welfare of Women Prisoners. They act as an intermediary between prisoner and their families.

- **Covid preventive Measures**

All the prisoners are screened for symptoms of COVID-19. If any of the prisoner has symptoms like cough, cold, fever, difficulty in

breathing, prisoner is isolated and tested. If tested positive for COVID-19, the prisoner sent to the respective District Headquarters Hospitals immediately for necessary treatment.

Prisoners who are admitted inside prisons and employees who are working in Prison premises are permitted inside the prisons only after proper screening.

Sufficient number of Soaps and Sanitizers are made available in prison for usage. The usage by prisoners is ensured periodically. Wearing of masks is made compulsory to the prisoners who are working in Petrol Retail Outlets.

Transfer of prisoners to other prisons was stopped temporarily for reasons other than administrative grounds.

Prisoners are not allowed to gather at a single place. The relatives and Advocates who come to interview prisoners are allowed inside prisons after producing Covid- 19 negative test report taken within 72 hours or Certificate for taking 2 doses of vaccine. Prisoners are allowed to make video calls through mobile phone to their family members and advocate in addition to regular telephone calls.

Common areas of prisons like toilets, hospital premises and telephone booths are frequently sanitized.

As suggested by the High Powered Committee constituted as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 23.03.2020 in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) 1 of 2020. As on 31.01.2022, 54,246 number of remand prisoners were released on bail across the State due to COVID-19 (own bond) and 1,20,518 prisoners were released on regular bail from all prisons of the State.

108 Jails have been earmarked for the admission of new prisoners subject to Covid-19 test.

Utmost care is given to the prisoners of old age, pregnant women prisoners, prisoners with co-morbidities and children of women prisoners of below 6 years age staying with their mothers in women

prisons.

Disaster Relief fund of Rs.1,15,17,000/- have been sanctioned for this department for purchase of Sanitary /disinfectants /essential materials to maintain cleanliness in prisons and to control spreading of COVID-19 pandemic inside prison premises.

- **Sports Activities**

Sports is an effective instrument for reforming prisoners by ameliorating their physical and mental health resulting in attitudinal change. Sports improves a person's sense of control, coping ability and self-esteem. It can withdraw prisoners from negative thoughts and serve as a healthy outlet for frustrations. Exercise reduces skeletal muscle tension, which helps a person relax. Each of these factors is crucial for the rehabilitation process of an inmate. Physical activities like sports help the inmates overcome the stigma associated with imprisonment and aid their integration into mainstream society upon release. Prisoners are encouraged to playing indoor games like chess, carrom, tennicoit of their choice in the prescribed time allotted in the evening. Action has been taken to build one volleyball court and one shuttle court in every block in all prisons. Sports materials amounting to Rs.15.4 Lakh has been purchased in the financial year 2022-23.

- **Complaint Box**

Considering the importance of redressal of grievances of prisoners, sealed complaint boxes have been installed in all the Central prisons to enable the prisoners to ventilate their grievances. These boxes are opened by the District and Sessions Judge on the first working day of every month and complaints are forwarded to the appropriate authorities for action. Apart from this, Sessions Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates make surprise visits to prisons once in a month to check the quality of food and other facilities provided to the prisoners and enquire into their grievances.

- **Protection of Human Rights**

Human Rights of the prisoners, is given top most priority in the Prison Administration. Accordingly basic amenities and requirements are provided in all prisons to ensure better living conditions of prisoners and they are adequately sensitized to handle the human rights in Prisons. The subject of human rights forms an integral part in all training courses including refresher courses imparted to the prison personnel.

Officials of the Human Rights Commissions and the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and other dignitaries visit prisons in the State to ensure provision of basic requirements and treatment of the prisoners and they appreciated the Prison Administration in the State. In addition, Board of Visitors comprising official and non-official visitors make periodical visits/surprise visits to check management.

- **Vocational Training**

To inculcate work habits during their confinement in prisons and impart new skills, several industries such as Sealing Wax Industry, Weaving Industry, Boot Industry, Book Binding Industry, Tag Industry, Soap Industry, Tailoring Unit, Carpentry Unit, Shoe Polish Unit, Bakery Unit, Hand Made Paper Unit, Fly Ash Bricks Industry manufacturing cum training unit have also been established. For offering practical experience to the prisoners, life-coping skills and production skills are being imparted enabling them to have better employability on their release and preventing them from reverting back to crimes. Further, activities like Nursery Development, Agricultural Production and Compost Making, etc. are also being conducted.

The prison products such as uniform clothes, belts, caps, uniform shoes, shoe polish, rain coats, mosquito nets required for Department of Police, Fire & Rescue Services and Prisons and

Correctional Services and sealing wax, tags, file pads, postal covers, gauze and bandage cloth, soap, other textiles, fire buckets, iron cot, saline stand, barricade, trolley and bed-side lockers, etc. are supplied to various Government Department since, the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services Department being a "Service Department", enjoys special privilege of supplying articles to various Government Departments.

- **Recreation Activities**

As per rule 958 TamilNadu Prison Manual. Recreational facilities are provided for prisoners in this State. Indoor games like Chess, Carrom and Outdoor games according to local custom, group music, community and folk dances dramatics, films and arts and crafts are organised in all prisons.

- **Diet**

Government have issued orders in G.O. Ms. No.468, Home, (Pri-III) Department, Dated:23.11.2020 for constitution of a committee to improve the scale and pattern of Diet of Prisoners. In this regard, a subcommittee of Prison officials was constituted for evaluation of pattern of Diet of Prisoners. The subcommittee has submitted its report to Expert Committee. The meeting of Expert Committee members was held on 20.01.2022 in Prison Headquarters with concerned officers' and Ministry of Nutrients and a report was sent to the Government and is under consideration of the Government.

Modification of Diet Pattern

Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 for Modification of Diet Pattern for Prisoners with additional Expenditure of Rs.26.00 lakhs based on Expert Committee Recommendations Modified Diet Pattern will be introduced in all Prisons in due course.

- **Clothing and Bedding**

White colour full pant and shirt for convict Male prisoners Red colour sarees and white blouse for Female convicted prisoners are provided. Remand prisoners are permitted to wear their own clothing. Poor Remand Prisoners are given clothing at Government cost.

- **Possession of Property**

As per Rule 192 of Tamil Nadu Prison Rules 1983, The Jailor shall furnish the officer who delivers a prisoner at the prison with a receipt in form No. 43 or 44 noting therein the property received with the prisoner, which shall be carefully examined and shown to the prisoner at the time of his admission. The prisoner's acknowledgment that he has seen the property and that it is correct shall at the same time be taken in the admission register in Form No. 126 upon release the same will be handed over to the prisoner.

- **Free Legal Aid**

To extend the Free Legal Aid facility to the prisoners, a separate Legal Aid Cell has been established by the TamilNadu State Legal Services Authority in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails and Sub Jails. Prisoners can avail all legal assistance in connection with their cases freely through this cell.

Prisoners can approach the Hon'ble Courts concerned to prepare appeal against their sentences, seek bail and conduct trials through this Free Legal Cell. Prisoners are produced before Free Legal Cell by the Prison authorities on admission so that any appeal, can be prepared in time and effective action is also taken to watch the progress and disposal of the same by this system. Rendering of effective and speedy justice is ensured through this system.

- **Prisoners Information booklet**
Under Preparation.....

- **Types of Sentences**

- Simple imprisonment

Labouring is not compulsory on sentence

- Rigorous imprisonment

Labouring is compulsory on sentence.

- Life imprisonment

Rigorous Imprisonment to his life time.

- **Leave for Prisoners**

- **Types of Leave**

- **Emergency Leave**

As per the Rule 6 of TamilNadu Prison Manual Volume III, Emergency leave may be granted for attending death or serious illness of father, mother, wife, husband, son, daughter, full brother or full sister as the case may be or the wedding of the prisoner or son, daughter, full brother or full sister as the case may be, of the prisoner.

As per the Rule 13 of TamilNadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, emergency leave granted by Superintendent of Prisons shall be 15 days in a year to be spread over four spells and one spell of maximum of 6 days and the remaining 9 days in three spells, each spell not exceeding 3 days.

• Ordinary Leave

For Eligibility for Ordinary leave to convict prisoners as per rule 22 of Tamil Nadu

Suspension of Sentences Rules, 1982 (As amended in G.O. Ms.No.205, Home (Prison-V) Department, Dated:25.04.2022)

Sentence	Eligibility for first release on Ordinary Leave	Eligibility for second and subsequent release on ordinary leave	Eligible Leave per Year
Not exceeding five years	On completion of one year of actual imprisonment to be counted from the date of admission to prison as convict	After completion of one year of actual imprisonment to be counted from the date of his return from last ordinary leave.	21 days
Exceeding five years but not more than 14 years	On completion of two years of actual imprisonment to be counted from the date of admission to prison as convict.		21 days during the third to fifth years of imprisonment and 28 days for the rest of term.
life imprisonment or imprisonment exceeding 14 Years	On completion of three years of actual imprisonment to be counted from the date of admission to prison as convict.		21 days during the fourth and fifth years of imprisonment, 28 days from the sixth year of imprisonment to fourteenth year of imprisonment and 40 days from 15 th year to the rest of term. Provided 40 days leave may be availed in one spell or in two spells of any duration.

Remission System

Ordinary Remission.-

Ordinary remission shall be awarded on the following scales;

(a) Two days per month for thoroughly good conduct and scrupulous attention to all prison regulations.

(b) Two days per month for industry and the due performance of the daily task imposed.

Special Remission :

Special remission may be awarded-

(a) by the Superintendent for a period not exceeding thirty days in one year

(b) by the Inspector-General or the Government for a period not exceeding sixty days in one year.

(c) Special remission for sterilization operation not exceeding 1 year

(d) Special Remission for donation of blood not exceeding 15 days

➤ Premature Release

Remission is one of the motivating factors which will have positive impact on the prisoners to mend their behavior.

The Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement on the floor of the TamilNadu Legislative Assembly on 13.09.2021 on the release of the life convict prisoners on good will measure and humanitarian grounds in commemoration of 113th Birthday of Dr. Perarisingar Anna on 15.09.2021. In G.O. (Ms) No. 488, Home (Prison-IV) Department, Dated. 15.11.2021, Government have

framed detailed guidelines for the premature release of the life convict prisoners who have completed 10/20 years of actual imprisonment as on 15.09.2021. After consideration of the prisoners on case to case basis, as per Government orders, so far 318 life convict prisoners were released prematurely. Further, as part of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence, 20 convict prisoners were released on 15.08.2022 and 60 convict prisoners were released on 26.01.2023 after special remission ordered by the Government.

- **Premature release through Advisory Board Scheme**

In the State of Tamil Nadu, under the powers vested with the Government under section 423(5) of the Cr.P.C. the Government of TamilNadu have framed certain guidelines for the consideration of premature release of prisoners by placing their cases before an Advisory Board and incorporated the same in the rule 335 to 341 of TamilNadu Prison Rules, 1983. Advisory Board is constituted to consider the Premature Release of Life Convict Prisoners under the Chairmanship of District Collector consisting of 6 members as per rule 335 of TamilNadu Prison Rules.

- **Premature release on Special Occasions**

As per Article 161 of Constitution of India, the Governor of the State has unfettered powers to release any prisoner including the life convict by remitting their unexpired portion of sentence even if they have not completed the minimum period of fourteen years of imprisonment.

And also, Under Article 161 of Constitution of India, the Government of TamilNadu on special occasions like birth days of leaders, Golden Jubilee of India Independence day, International Women's day etc., released prisoners based on certain guidelines / conditions.

- **Premature release on Medical Grounds**

As per Rule, 632 and 633 of TamilNadu Prison Rules 1983, the following categories of prisoners are eligible of premature release on medical grounds.

1. That any prisoner is dangerously ill and that his illness has not been purposely caused or aggravated by the prisoner himself.
2. That his illness, whether caused by imprisonment or not, will be so aggravated by further imprisonment as to render his early death likely; and
3. That the prisoner will have a reasonable chances of recovery,
4. The prisoner who are in danger of death from sickness not due to infectious diseases and that there is no hope of recovery within or without the prison and will give the certificate based on the above.

➤ **Appointment Of Non-Official Members To Advisory Board**

As per rule 335 of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules 1983, there shall be an Advisory Board for each Central Prison and Special Prison for Women and the Advisory Board shall consist of the following members.

- (i) The District Collector (Chairman)
- (ii) The Sessions judge of the Sessions Division in which the prison is situated;
- (iii) The Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district in which the prison is situated;
- (iv) The Superintendent of the concerned Prison;
- (v) The Regional Probation Officer of the station; and
- (vi) one Non-Official members appointed by Government;

2) As per Rule 338 of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, Government have to issue necessary orders for appointing the persons recommended by the District Collectors as Non Official Member to participate in the Advisory Board proceedings in respect of all the Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women to consider the cases of prisoners eligible for premature release.

➤ **Prisoner Transfer procedure**

As per TamilNadu Prison Rules, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services is empowered to transfer sentenced prisoners from one prison to another prison for the purpose interview, medical treatment etc, subject to fulfilling all the conditions as laid down in existing Rules.

When a prisoner is transferred to another prison, the total amount of remission earned by him up to the end of the previous month shall be endorsed on his warrant and entered on his History Ticket, these entries being signed by the Superintendent or the Additional Superintendent.

The receiving prison shall be responsible that the above information is duly obtained. Each prison at which a prisoner serves a portion of his sentence shall be held responsible for the correct calculation of the remission earned in that prison.

In the case of a prisoner transferred from a subjail to a prison while undergoing imprisonment the period spent by him in the sub-jail excluding the period spent as an under trial prisoner shall also count for calculating, if he is otherwise eligible under these rules.

➤ **Setting up chair – Research on Prisons & Rehabilitation of Prisoners**

INITIATIVE:

Crimes are the result of deviant behavior. While the majority of citizens in a society acquire during the process of growth and socialization a psychological mechanism commonly called “conscience” which stops them from crossing the limits of acceptable behaviour, a small minority of individuals fail to do so for various reasons. In such individuals the line between socially acceptable and unacceptable behavior remains vague and blurred and they tend to indulge in actions which the laws of the society define as crimes.

The objective of establishing this Chair is to provide a platform for research scholars to conduct systematic research into the psychological and social causes of deviant behavior and to suggest methods of preventing such behavior.

PURPOSE & PRIORITIES OF THE INITIATIVE:

A human being even while under any form of detention of imprisonment continues to have his dignity and self-respect, which are inalienable rights. The twin objectives of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services are Reformation and Rehabilitation and not retribution and punishment.

SETTING UP OF CHAIR:

Therefore Government with the objective of providing platform for research scholars to conduct systematic research into the psychological and social causes of deviant behaviour and to suggest methods of preventing such behaviour have accorded administrative sanction orders for setting up of a chair in the University of Madras for taking up a "Research on Prisons and Rehabilitation of prisoners" at a cost of one-time grant of Rs.1.00 crore (Rupees One Crore only), subject to spending a maximum of annual grant of Rs.15,00,000- (Rupees Fifteen lakhs only) per year for research and other activities for the above project. The Chair will call for research projects from scholars who wish to do doctoral and post-doctoral research in the field of Psychology. The Projects will have to be of national relevance and international quality and project will generally be completed within three years and report submitted. The final report will be published by the Madras University in the form of the book.

➤ Employable Training to Prisoners

Centres of excellence are set up in each Central Prison to impart appropriate vocational training to the inmates in different trades in association with the industries located in the respective regions:

- Fabrication & Engineering – Central Prison, Trichy
- Textiles – Central Prison, Coimbatore & Madurai
- Leather – Central Prison, Vellore
- Steel & Silk – Central Prison, Salem
- Stationery – Central Prison, Palayamkottai
- Hospitality & Construction – Central Prison, Puzhal.

Monthly release forecast are prepared by each superintendent with the job arrangements made for them which is reviewed in the Office of the Director General of Police and Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services and in almost all the cases of release employment/placement orders are given on the day of release in the field the inmates are trained and in their local area industries with the assistance of CII. (Confederation of Indian Industries)

REFORMATION OF PRISONERS

➤ Skill Development Programme

In Tamil Nadu with the assistance of Confederation of Indian Industries, employable trades/fields are identified and training are offered in such employable trades inside the prisons. Monthly release forecast are prepared and employments are identified and offered before their release in the prisons. Campus placement will also be tried with the help of Confederation of Indian Industries.

Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) are tied up for imparting employable training. At present one institution is functioning in Central Prison, Trichy to impart skills in various courses to prisoners. Details of courses as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Trade	Duration	Sanctioned Strength
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1	Fitter	2 Years	20
2	Electrician	2 Years	20
3	COPA(Computer Operator and Programming Assistant)	1 Year	48
4	Cutting &Sewing	1 Year	40
5	Welder(Gas &Electric)	1 Year	40

The above courses are designed based on the employability in the market in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) meaningful employment opportunities are created.

Totally, 682 prisoners were admitted in the Industrial Training Institute, Trichy since 2015 and 415 prisoners have successfully completed 2 years course in various trades. 176 prisoners admitted in this year 2022-2023.

➤ **Yoga and Meditation**

In order to transform the lives of Prisoners Yoga and Meditation classes and Counselling are conducted regularly by various NGO's in all the Prisons. Various NGO's involved are as follows :

1. Isha Foundation Sahaja Sthithiyoga programme, Coimbatore
2. Vipassana Meditation Maavuthan Seva Samithi, Vepery, Chennai
3. Magarishi Yoga Centre, Majakuppam , Cuddalore
4. Project Officer, Deaddiction Centre, Cuddalore
5. PrajaPithaBrammaKumarigalIswariyaVisvaVidhyala, Cuddalore
6. Viyaktu Vikas Kendra , Pollachi
7. Brahma Kumaris, Chennai
8. Viyakthi Vikas Kendra, Chennai.
9. Sky Trust ManavalarkalaiMandram, Trichy

10. Art of Living Yoga Meditation, Chennai

11. Vikthivikar Kendra India Jeeva Nagar, Bangalore.

Counselling

The Psychologist, counsellors and social Case work Experts are periodically giving counselling to prisoners. Inmates, who are found depressed due to their committed to the Prison / non communication with family members, recent loss of family members, economical resources are identified and watched closely and they are given counselling to avoid their attempts to commit suicide. Psychologist classify the prisoners and counsel them in order to prevent suicides of the inmates.

In order to avoid deaths, particularly suicides, suitable instructions are given that for prisoners who have been diagnosed with mental illness and those prisoners who have suicidal tendencies, appropriate counselling shall be given by the Psychologist, Counsellors of the Prison and also by N.G.O's.

Education

Imparting education plays an important role in rehabilitating prison inmates. In order to achieve cent percent literacy amongst the prison inmates, many programmes have been launched in co-ordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Education Department of Tamil Nadu. Indira Gandhi National Open University is also conducting various courses for the benefit of the prisoners.

Education requirement is categorized based on the level of individual's attainment as (i) Primary level (ii) Elementary School level (iii) Higher Secondary level (iv) Graduation and Post Graduation through Open Universities and (v) Diploma and Degree courses in order to facilitate useful job oriented skills to the inmates. The services of the educated inmates are also utilized for teaching.

Through the Education Department under special literacy mission /

scheme, basic literacy is being imparted to the illiterate prisoners in all prisons in the state. The prisoners are identified for this purpose and two days training programme was conducted for the teachers by the Education Department in Central Prison-I, Puzhal for implementing this scheme and scheme is functioning well.

Elementary Schools are functioning with qualified teachers in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Distance Education facility is provided to the prisoners at Government cost.

Mahatma Gandhi Community Colleges, approved by the Tamil Nadu Open University have been established in all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai. Various educational and vocational courses are offered to the prisoners aiming at empowering them towards gainful employment on their release.

During the year 2022-23, 109 prisoners have appeared for 12th Standard Public Examination, 163 prisoners have appeared for 11th Standard Public Examination, 231 prisoners have appeared for 10th Standard Public Examination and 386 prisoners have appeared for 8th Standard Examination.

During the year 2022-2023, a total number of 9,844 prisoners pursued various vocational courses as detailed below:-

Sl.No	Name of the Course	Number of Prisoners
1	Basic literacy Education by School Education Department	1,802
2	Foundation Course(Preparatory Course upto 7th standard level)	3,606
3	Literacy Programme (Through State Resource Centre)	3,049
4	M.C.A.	4
5	M.B.A.	28
6	M.A/M.Sc.	26
7	B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.Lit.	96
8	B.B.A.	31

9	8 th ,10 th ,11 th Standard+2Level 386+231+163+109=889	889
10	Diploma/Certificate	313
Total		9,844

➤ Vocational Training

Industrial Training Institute functions inside Central Prison, Trichy. During the year 2022-2023, 176 prisoners have pursued various studies as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Trade	Duration	No. of prisoners		
			I year	II year	Total
1	Fitter	2Years	20	4	24
2	Electrician	2Years	20	4	24
3	COPA(Computer Operator and Programming Assistant)	1Year	48	-	48
4	Cutting & Sewing	1Year	40	-	40
5	Welder(Gas & Electric)	1Year	40	-	40
Total			168	8	176

Prison Industries

The incarceration of a person in prison not only leads to his loss of reputation among the public but also causes social disorientation, because of lack of social interaction with the rest of the society. One of the prime negative consequence of the incarceration is loss of job if employed and loss of means of livelihood. Hence, the most important single factor, which can facilitate his reintegration with the society and prevent his relapse into crime after release is his economic rehabilitation.

About 40% of the prisoners confined in various prisons in Tamil Nadu are convicted prisoners. Tamil Nadu Department of Prisons and Correctional Services is initiating various steps to reform these prisoners by means of correctional administration through imparting life-coping skills, enabling them for better employability on release and deterring them from reverting to crimes. In order to mend their minds and to

inculcate work habit in them during their confinement in prisons and to impart training to them to learn new skills, the following industries are established in prisons and prisoners are engaged in prison industries in manufacturing the various types of articles. These prison-made articles are being supplied to Government Departments free of cost.

Sl.No.	Name of the Prison	Industries
1	Central Prison -I, Puzhal	Sealing Wax, Tag, Weaving & Hand Made Paper Unit
2	Central Prison, Trichy	Soap, Weaving, Book Binding & Hand Made Paper Unit
3	Central Prison, Madurai	Hand Made Paper Unit, Book Binding, Post Cover Making & Weaving
4	Central Prison,Vellore	Boot, Weaving, Binding & Hand Made Paper Unit
5	Central Prison,Salem	Aluminium, Black Smithy, Hand Made Paper Unit. & Book Binding
6	Central Prison, Coimbatore	Weaving, Tailoring, Book Binding, Hand Loom Spinning & Hand Made Paper Unit
7	Central Prison, Cuddalore	Weaving, Cap Industry
8	Central Prison, Palayamcottai	Weaving & Hand Made Paper Unit
9	Special Prison for Women, Vellore	Tape, Spinning
10	District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukottai	Tag

Convict Prisoners who are engaged in maintenance section being paid wages per day, as detailed below:

Sl.No	Category	Wages paid per day per head
1.	Skilled Prisoner	Rs.200.00
2.	Semi-skilled Prisoner	Rs.180.00
3.	Un-skilled Prisoner	Rs.160.00

Further, convict prisoners engaged in Prison Industries are being paid wages on the basis of task as per Appendix III of TN Prison Rules.

The value of the industrial production for the last five years are given below:-

Sl. No	Year	Industrial Production Rs. (in Lakh)
1	2017-2018	5683.36
2	2018-2019	7280.00
3	2019-2020	7960.98
4	2020-2021	5902.72
5	2021-2022	5332.41

Become Reformation Partner

Are you carrying on some business in or around Chennai for which you need workers? If yes, you could perhaps become our Prisoner-Reformation Partner.

The best incentive a prison-inmate could get is a means of earning his or her livelihood. Such employment not only makes the released prisoner gainfully employed but would also help to change his / her self-image as well his / her image in society.

However, the Prison Bazaar will be mostly restricted to the convicts, because it would require relative stability and time-perspective.

Therefore, in all likelihood, it will operate only with the convicts in Puzhal-1 Prison.

What about the Remand Prisoners in Puzhal-2 Prison who might remain in prison for a period of a few days to a few months?

If these Remand Prisoners are to go and settle down as responsible citizens, they must be taught some trade during their short period of stay in the prison and must then get employment on their release on bail.

It is with this view that we would like to try a new model in Puzhal-2 prison which could then be extended to other prisons.

➤ **Special Diet**

On the occasion of Pongal, Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanthi, special diet at a cost of Rs.100/- is provided to each prisoner.

➤ **Telephone Facilities**

To reduce the stress level of prisoners Telephone facility has been provided to the prisoners to contact their family members, friends and their advocates. For this purpose 65 telephone booths were installed in all Central Prisons, 3 Special Prisons for Women, District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai, 9 District Jails and 2 Open Air Prisons, at a cost of Rs.300.29 lakh.

The maximum number of calls permitted are 8 and the maximum call duration is 56 minutes per prisoner per month including 4 Sundays.

Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 increasing the frequency of calls and durations (Audio) for the Prisoners in the telephone booth facility as once in 3 days 10 times in a month and 123 minutes per call and introducing Video Call facility. This Scheme will be implemented shortly.

➤ **Special Remission systems**

Special remission may be awarded-

- (a) by the Superintendent for a period not exceeding thirty days in one year;
- (b) by the DGP/CS or the Government for a period not exceeding sixty days in one year.
- (c) Special remission for sterilization operation not exceeding 1 year
- (d) Special Remission for donation of blood not exceeding 15 days.

➤ **Wages**

The convict prisoners engaged in Prison Industries are being paid on the basis of their classification, viz., Skilled, Semi Skilled and Un Skilled, at the rate of Rs.200, Rs.180 and Rs.160 respectively as wages per day per prisoner. The Wages are being fixed by the Wage fixation committee once in 5 years.

➤ **Prisoners Canteen**

All the essential and permitted articles are being sold to the Prisoners through Prisoners canteen functioning in Prisons. Now, due to increase in prices of essential articles, the existing ceiling amount for purchase of items was enhanced by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.261, Home (Pri-III) Department, Dated: 30.05.2022 from Rs.750 per week to Rs.1000 for "A" class prisoners and from Rs.450 to Rs.750 for 'B' Class Prisoners.

➤ **Re-integration**

- You can discuss with me the type of work for which you need workers and the area of Chennai where this work will be available.
- We will identify Remand Prisoners who reside in that area and show keenness to work in your factory / other establishment.

- We will together decide on the total period of time for which training may have to be given and will provide you facilities to conduct such training within the prison premises.
- As a part of this training, I will personally work on the mind of the Remand Prisoner, using meditation and psychological techniques, to take away any possible negative thinking patterns in his / her mind and will create in him / her a strong motivational structure to work with a positive mind.
- By the time the Remand Prisoner is released, he / she will be fully prepared mentally and skill-wise for doing the work for which he / she was chosen.
- Immediately on release on bail, you can employ him / her.
- For a few months, the Remand Prisoner will be called every Sunday to participate in the meditation session in Puzhal premises to ensure that the outside world does not wash off the effects of the meditation and psychological change.

HIGH LIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT

➤ PATTAM

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services conducts various Reformation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration programmes for the inmates. One such visionary programme "PATTAM" (a Tamil word meaning "Kite") – Personality and Attitude Transformation through Therapeutic Assistance and Management is the combined effort of Police, Judiciary, Prisons and Correctional Services Departments with the collaboration of a Non-Governmental Organization.

This project is exclusively designed for the first time for petty offenders of young age (18-24 years) pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. This program aims at a focused holistic intervention of the inmates in a conducive

environment, so as to reintegrate them and transform them as responsible members of the Society.

The Project initially started at Sub Jail, Saidapet and the next ended to all Central Prisons in the State from 02.10.2021. So far 5104 number of prisoners were benefited in this scheme as detailed below. As a result of implementation of this scheme, the rate of recidivism has been reduced drastically in Prisons.

Sl. No.	Prison	Oct-2021 to Dec-2022	
		Participants	Rearrested
1	SJ Saidapet	971	0
2	All Central Prisons (Except Central Prison-1, Puzhal)	4133	12
Total		5104	12

➤ **E-Prisons**

The Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) has been introduced to facilitate speedy Justice through data-exchange between the Courts, Police, Prisons, Prosecution, Forensics and Finger Prints.

The Government of India have initiated e-Prisons project for computerization of all jails of the country as part of CCTNS project. The e-Prisons suite is a web-enabled software developed by NIC, New Delhi in order to computerize and integrate all the activities relating to Prison and Prisoner management. This system works in real time environment to provide data to prison staff and other entities such as Police, Courts etc. The data is stored in the Server located in the NIC, New Delhi. This application software requires customization to suit the needs of this State.

➤ **Visitors Management System**

Visitors Management System has been introduced to collect details of Visitors in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai to streamline the interview system.

➤ **Prison Bazaar**

With the objective of provide an opportunity to the prisoners for reformation and rehabilitation by channelizing their energy in a positive direction, Government have established **"PRISON BAZAARS"**, at the boundary of the Central Prisons, certain District Jails and SubJail complexes and is functioning well. A Corpus Fund of Rs.10.00 lakh was sanctioned for the development of the Prison Bazaar.

The articles made by the prisoners such as Bakery Items, Leather Shoes, Wallets, Nursery Products, Detergent Soap, Sanitary Napkins, Candles, Mosquito Nets, Rain Coats, Shoe Polish, Ready made Garments, Honey, Masala Powder, Handi crafts, Envelopes, Note Books, Organic Vegetables, Cold Pressed Edible Oil, Compost Manure, Panchakavyam, Organic Pesticides, Paintings, etc. are sold in this Bazaar in the registered brand name **"FREEDOM"**. Other outlets such as Beauty Saloons, Ironing, Food Courts etc., are also functioning in this Bazaar.

The profit earned from the Prison Bazaar is apportioned as follows:-

- a. 20%totheprisonerswhoworked to produce the goods.
- b. 20%toGovernmentAccount
- c. 20%tothePrisonStaffWelfare Fund
- d. 40%totheTamilNaduPrisonDepartmentManufacture of Goods Fund(TNPDMGF)

The turn over of these Bazaars for the financial year 2022-2023 upto Jan-2023 Rs.468.18 lakh with **a net profit Rs.89.76 lakh.**

Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 for selling of Prison Bazaar Articles made by the Prisoners under the brand name of **"FREEDOM"** in TamilNadu Police Canteen. Hence, Products of Prison Bazaar will be available in Police Canteens shortly.

Sl . No	Name of the Prison	Name of the Items	Contact Number / Google Pay Number	E-mail ID
1.	Central Prison- I Puzhal	Black and Brown leather Shoes	9087209375	centralprison1@gmail.com
2.	Central Prison- II Puzhal	Ground nut Oil 1 ltr	9345467479 8838737963	centralprison2@gmail.com
		Gingelly oil 1 ltr		
		Coconut Oil 1 ltr		
3.	Central Prison, Vellore	Black Leather Shoe	8610716597	premnaths1998@gmail.com
		Brown Leather Shoe		
		Black Ammunition Boot		
		Brown Ammunition Boot		
		Belt for men of officer		
4.	Central Prison Cuddalore	Sweet Stall Articles Laddu	9791270227	psivarajacivil@gmail.com
		Jangiri		
		kajara		
		Bhadusha		
		Mixer		
		karasevu		
		karapoonthi		
		Olai pagoda		
		Milagu Sevu		

		Bakery Products Bread400gm		
		Salt Biscits		
		Coconut Biscuits		
		Butter Biscuits		
		Groundnut Biscuits		
		Fried Gram Biscuits		
		Cap Articles Blue peak Cap with light Blue Band		
		Blue peak Cap with serge without light Blue Band		
		Cap Peak Gabardine Khaki & Blue		
		Camufledge Cap		
		Monkey Cap		
		Cap Beret Marron, Black, Ash, Grey, Blue, Khaki		
		Sweet Stall Articles Laddu		
		Special Laddu		
		Bhadusha		
		Halwa		
		Mysore paku		
		Jangiri		
		Glub jamun		
5.	Central Prison Trichy		7502093745	trichyprisonbazaar@gmail.com

		Paulgova		
		Athirasam		
		karapoonthi		
		Pepper Sevu		
		Olai pakkoda		
		Omakaram		
		Rice Muruku		
		Andra Muruku		
		Mixture		
		Special Mixture		
		Kadalai Pakkoda		
		Bakery Unit		
		Fruit Cup Cake 30 gms		
		Fruit Cake		
		Vennila Cup Cake		
		Plum Cake		
		Bun 50gms		
		Salt Biscuit		
		Ragi Biscuits		
		Coconut Biscuits		
		Bread		
		Food Item		
		Idly poodi (100gms)		
		Dall poodi (100gms)		
		Amala jam (100gms)		
		Diabetic Health Miz Kangi		
		Pickle Item		
		Amla (100gms)		
		Green		

		Chilies (100gms)		
		Mango (100gms)		
6.	Central Prison Madurai	Karasevu	9080240703	cpmubazaar@gmail.c om
		PepperSevu		
		karapoonthi		
		Seeval		
		Mixre		
		Muruku		
		Groundnut Pakoda		
		Mysore paku		
		Groundnut Mittai		
		Milk cake		
		Laddu		
		Mysore Pakku		
		Gelapi		
		Halwa		
		Athirasam		
		Gents Half hand Shirt		
		Gents Full hand Shirt		
		Kylie+ Stiched		
		Saree (Sunkudi)		
		Sudidhar Top		
		hand Kerchief		
		Pillow Cover		
		Panja kaviam		
		Fish Acid		
		Agni Astriam		
		Vermicom post		
		Rain Coat with Cap (White)		
		Mosquito Net		
		Khaki Uniform		

		Cloth		
		White Uniform Cloth		
		Power loom Bed sheet		
		Power loom Jacquard Bed sheet		
		Towel Big Size		
		Hand Towel small size		
		Coconut Oil 1Ltr		
		Coconut Oil 500 ml		
		Coconut Oil 200 ml		
		Jute Bag Big Size		
		Jute Bag Medium Size		
		Jute Bag Small Size		
8.	Special Prison for Women Coimbatore	Amla Pickle	9944032542	spwcbe25@gmail.com
		Mango Pickle		
		Garlic Pickle		
		Tomoto Pickle		
		Ginger Pickle		
		Lemon Pickle		
		Narthankai Pickle		
		Athirasam		
		Rava Laddu		
		Laddu		
9.	Central Prison, Palayamkottai	Athirasam	9500331700	freedomshoppalay@gmail.com
		Halwa		
		Carrot Halwa		
		Musoth Halwa		
		Laddu		
		Spl.Laddu		
		Badusha		
		Jangiri		
		Ghee Mysuru bagu		
		Boost Burby		
		Son Pappadi		
		Gulab Jamoon		
		Groundnut		

		Mittai		
		Ellu Mittai		
		Ginger Mittai		
		Mixre		
		Karasevu		
		Pepper sevu		
		Sweet Sevu		
		Seeval		
		Muruku		
		Andra Muruku		
		Thattai		
		Finger Chips		
		Garlic Pickle		
		Lemon Pickle		
10	Central Prison Salem	Coconut Bun	0427-	cpsalem2gmail.com
		Small bun	2403551	
		Slat & Sweet Biscuits		
		Mixture		
		Gulab jamun		
		Coconut burpi laddu		
11	Special Prison for Women, Puzhal	Mint Thuvaial	9345458296	spwpuzhal@gmail.com
		Gulabjamun		
		Muruku		
		Rava Laddu		
		Poli		
		Badusha		
		Vatha Gravy		
		Wheel Chips		
		Buttermilk Chilli		
		Ribbonpokada		
		Sevu		
		Spiced Chick peas		
		Spiced Groundnut		
		karapoonthi		
		Omapodi		

		Mixre		
		Corn chips		
		Tomato Pickle		
		Spiced Bengal gram		
		Masala pori		
		Bet waffles		
		Specied Green pepas		
		Onion Chips		
		Specied algae lentils		
		Pepper Sevu		
		Finger Chips		
		Gourd Vathal		
		Potato Chips		
		bitter guard Chips		
		Sweet bunt		
		Thatai		
		Smiling Chips		
		Corn Leyar Chips		
		Spiced Groundnut Bukeye		
		Nethiram Chips		
		Pop Corn		
		Garlic Gravy		
		Mango Patchadi		
		Mysore Pak		

➤ **Petrol Retail Outlets**

Petrol Retail Outlets have been established already in association with M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. and functioning as

part of the Phase-I as pilot project in Central Prisons, Puzhal-I, Vellore, Coimbatore, Palayamkottai and District Jail & Borstal School, Pudukkottai for the benefit of the general public and reformation and habilitation of the prisoners.

The turnover of the five Petrol Retail Outlets (Phase-I) for the financial year 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 upto Nov-2022 is Rs.751.71 crore, **with a net profit of Rs.21.56 crore.**

Establishment of similar Petrol Retail Outlets in 6 more locations at Central Prison-I, Puzhal on Ambattur Road at Trichy on Airport Road at Coimbatore on Bharathiar Road at Salem & Madurai and at Special Prison for Women, Trichy on Gandhi Market in phase-II is under Progress.

➤ **Sewage Treatment plant**

Sewage Treatment Plants have been established in Central Prisons for recycling of waste water for Gardening and Watering trees around Prisons.

➤ **Solar Power Panel System**

The Roof Top Solar Photo Voltaic System with grid connectivity at Puzhal Prison Complex was established by the TamilNadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) at a cost of Rs.2.41 crore.

➤ **Industrial Laundry Machines**

A sum of Rs.60.00 lakh has been sanctioned for purchase of 15 Numbers of Industrial Heavy Duty Laundry Machines for all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and District Jail and Borstal School, Pudukkottai in G.O. (Ms) No.504, Home (Prison-IV) Department, dated 18.11.2021. Industrial Laundry Machines were installed in Prisons and functioning.

➤ **Modern Equipment's and Security**

Body Worn Cameras

To improve the surveillance of Prisons, Prisoners' activities, and their movement, Body worn cameras will be successful in monitoring and controlling the activities of prisoners inside the Prisons. The Body worn Cameras are able to record video as well as audio of the incidents occur inside the Prisons. Body worn cameras help to reduce the violent situations and also help inmates to improve their behaviour. Body worn cameras also improve the transparency in Prisons by revealing what really happens in every situation in Prison.

Security Pole

Cell phone is a contraband inside the Prison. By using cell phones prisoners can communicate with persons outside the Prison for their unlawful activities which is a security threat not only for the Prison but also the entire society. Despite taking stringent security measures, the prisoners used to adopt novel methods to smuggle the cell phones inside the Prison and use them clandestinely.

Physical search of prisoners and their belongings alone does not always give the desired results. Though Cell phone Jammers are installed in selected High Security Blocks in Prisons, the Prison administration is required to be armed with modern equipments to detect the presence of cell phones inside the prison. Hence the security poles were purchased to detect cell phones.

Cell Phone Jammers

In prisons, prisoners are physically checked at the time of admission or return from courts at two levels (i.e) one at the time of entering the prison and another, while allowing them inside their blocks. Besides, the articles bought by the visitors to be passed on to the prisoners are also checked at the time of interview to ensure that no contraband articles are allowed inside the prison in the guise of permissible items. Despite these check, the prisoners are employing novel methods to smuggle contraband articles inside the prison (i.e) through

bread, Chappals etc. The smuggling of a cell phone inside the prison due to slackness in frisking the prisoners, or human error in frisking the prisoners cannot be ruled out. Hence, Cell phone Jammers were installed in prisons to prevent the usage of Cell phones inside the High Security Block of Prisons.

Video wall Facilities in Prison Head Quarters

Government have sanctioned an amount Rs.49,99,999/- towards the setting up of Video Wall facility at Prison Head Quarters.

A Video Wall is a Special multi monitor setup that Consists of multiple computer monitors, tiled together to form one large screen that runs in a 24x 7 manner.

A 3 (Row) x 3 (Coloumn) matrix video wall has been installed in Prisons Head quarters for monitoring multiple feeds of body worn cameras from 9 Central Prisons. With this setup at Head Quarters, Senior Officers can take a Quick decisions by assessing the actual situation happening in the Central Prisons. Multiple Applications can be run in a single Video Wall. Installation of Video Wall improves the transparency in Prison by revealing what really happens in Prison in every situation.

STAFF'S CORNER

➤ Overall Sanctioned Strength

DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, TAMIL NADU		
Sl. No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned Strength
I	EXECUTIVE STAFF	4202
II	MINISTERIAL STAFF	842
III	MEDICAL STAFF	130
IV	OTHER STAFF	108

V	MANUFACTORY SECTION	87
VI	PROBATION BRANCH	77
VII	INTELLIGENCE WING	33
VIII	TECHNICAL WING	11
IX	MOTOR TRANSPORT WING	1
	Total	5491

➤ **Training**

i) Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore.

Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration has been established at Vellore in 1979 for imparting training to the prison officials in the field of Correctional Methods and Prison Management. It is a Joint Training Centre of the five Southern States, namely, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala. The expenditure of this institution is equally shared by the above five Southern States.

ii) Training to Grade II Warders:

Warders Training Centre has been established at Vellore under the control of the Superintendent of Prisons, Central Prison, Vellore to impart basic training to warders with a capacity to train 130 persons. It has all supporting staff and other facilities.

The six months basic training includes drill, training in weapons, martial arts such as karate, silambam, sociology, psychology, IPC, Cr.PC and Rules and Regulation of Prison Management with special emphasis on Human Rights to the newly recruited Grade-II Warders.

The Deputy Jailors, Assistant Jailors, Chief Head Warders, Grade I Warders, Grade II Warders are also under going general refresher courses periodically at Warders Training Centre, Vellore.

The Police Commando School at Marutham, Chennai is also utilized by this Department to impart training to Warders in Unarmed Combat, Commando training and Bomb Detection and Disposal course.

iii) Other Training

National Level Training Courses on Human Rights, Prison Management, etc., are conducted by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Lok Nayak Jayapraksh Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (LNJN NICFS) and National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), New Delhi and other States. The Officers in the Department are getting training in the National Level Training Courses.

➤ Medals/Rewards

In order to motivate and recognize those uniformed personnel who maintain a clean service record and display bravery and commendable performance in discharging their duties. The following medals are awarded by the Government:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Prison Service Medal – Anna Medal

The Government have paid cash award to the award winning personnel as detailed below:

1	From the rank of Jailor to Superintendent of Prisons	Rs.15,000
2	Assistant Jailor and Deputy Jailor	Rs.10,000
3	From the rank of Grade-II Warder to Chief Head Warder	Rs.5,000

Every year, on the occasion of birthday of Peraringnar Anna, 10 Prison Personnel are awarded with this medal.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Prison Medal for Good Service- Pongal Medal

Every year, on the occasion of Pongal Day, 60 Grade I and Grade II Warders are awarded this medal for their Good Service along with payment of medal allowance at the rate of Rs.400/- per month to them.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal

The Government have granted a cash prize of Rs.5.00 lakh to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal winners irrespective of their rank, instead of the earlier scheme of payment of an allowance of Rs.300/- per month.

President's Correctional Service Medal

Every year, on the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day, Prison personnel who have rendered unblemished record of service are awarded with this Medal. 3 Prison personnel have received this Medal, on the occasion of Republic Day, 2022.

➤ Welfare Measure

Various welfare measures are being implemented for the well being of staff to boost their morale and to encourage them to work in the risky environment. Various Allowances / Facilities are provided as detailed below:

i) Feeding Charges

The Feeding Charges are being paid for the Prison personnel employed in security duties, in Central Prisons and District Jails during emergencies, on occasions of mass arrest and for undertaking search operations in prison premises. It is being paid at the rate Rs.300/-per day for 10days in a month in Chennai city and at

the rate of Rs. 250/-per day for 6 days in a month in Mofussil from the rank of Grade II warder to Deputy Jailor.

Risk Allowance

Risk Allowance is being paid at the rate of Rs.800/-per month from the rank of Grade-II Warder to Deputy Jailor and at the rate of Rs.900/-per month from the rank of Jailor to Superintendent of Prisons.

Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 for enhancement of Risk Allowance to the Prisons and Correctional Services Staff (Grade II Warders to Superintendents) on par with Police Personnel.

Stitching Charges and Washing Allowance

The Prison personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Superintendent of Prisons are paid at the rate of Rs.1000/-per head per year towards stitching charges for two set of Uniforms and Rs.500/-per month as Washing Allowance.

ii) Night Meal Allowance

Night Meal Allowance of Rs.100/- per day is being paid from the Rank of Grade-II Warders to Chief Head Warders.

iii) Extra Time Remuneration

Extra Time Remuneration of Rs.200/- is being paid to the Grade-I and Grade-II Warders, if they work on the day of their weekly off.

Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons has announced in the legislative assembly on 10.04.2023 for enhancement of Extra time Remuneration (ETR) to Grade I / Grade II Warders on par with Police Constables (Grade I and Grade II).

iv) Tamil Nadu Jail Benevolent Fund

The Tamil Nadu Jail Benevolent Fund has been created and a sum of Rs.10.00 lakh is paid by the Government as matching grant

for extending Financial Assistance to all then on-gazetted staff and their dependents.

Financial Assistance for College Education, Medical treatment for prolonged critical illness, injury in accident etc. are provided to the members of this scheme from this Fund. Financial Assistance is also given for the death of the staff or eligible family members.

v) Group Insurance Scheme

Group Insurance Scheme has been created for the benefit of the executive staff from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Deputy Inspector General of Prisons.

The insurance coverage is Rs.2.00 lakh to those who die while on duty and in the case of death in accidents.

vi) Ex-gratia payment

In recognition of the services of the deceased Prison personnel who die in harness exhibiting heroic action, Ex-gratia payment is given to the legal heirs of the deceased. The last pay drawn is paid as family pension to the legal heir till the normal date of superannuation of the deceased Government servant. Thereafter, the eligible family pension is paid.

In addition, a lump sum ex-gratia of Rs.2.00 lakh is also paid to the family members of the deceased. Apart from this, ex-gratia payments are also sanctioned to the following categories as mentioned below:-

1	For permanent disability	Rs.50,000
2	For severe injuries	Rs.10,000
3	For simple injuries	Rs.5,000

vii) Grievance Redressal Mechanism for Prison Personnel

Grievances of the Prison personnel are redressed in a systematic manner. The following officers conduct Grievance Day Meetings as detailed below:-

1.	The Director General of Police / Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services	Once in a quarter
2.	The Range Deputy Inspector General of Prisons	Once in a month
3.	Superintendents of Central Prisons	Once in a week

Speedy action is taken to redress the grievances reported by the personnel during such meetings.

A part from the scheduled Grievance Day Meetings, the Director General of Police/ Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services receives grievance petitions from the personnel in the head quarters and also during his visit / inspection to Prisons.

Article sat Subsidized Cost through Police Canteens

Facility for purchasing articles at subsidized cost in Police Canteen has been extended to all the serving, retired Ministerial / Miscellaneous staff of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services and also to the families of the deceased staff.

viii) Essential Commodities at Subsidized Rates

Rice is supplied at free of cost and wheat, sugar, cooking oil and Dhall are supplied at 50% of the sale price through Public Distribution System (PDS) outlets, to the Prison personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Deputy Jailors.

ix) Provision of Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets for the use of Prison Personnel

Rain Coats and Mosquito Nets are provided for use of Prison personnel in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails, Special Sub Jails, Sub Jails, Borstal Schools and Open Air Prisons once in three years.

x) Construction of Staff Quarters

Staff quarters have been constructed by Government to prison

personnel from the rank of Grade-II Warders to Deputy Inspector General of Prisons. New staff quarters are being constructed by the Government through Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation based on the growing needs. And also, Reverse Osmosis Plant (ROP) was installed in staff quarters with the capacity of 500 Liters.

RECRUITMENTS

➤ Recruitment Procedure

The recruitment procedure for Tamil Nadu Jail Service is as follows :

Category	Recruiting Agency	Minimum Qualification
Grade II Warder	Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board	10th Pass
Assistant Jailor	Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission	A recognised University degree
Jailor	Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission	A recognised University degree

The candidates aspiring for the above post must have to satisfy certain minimum physical standards.

➤ Direct Recruitment of Jailors/Assistant Jailors/Grade II Warders

The Government in G.O.Ms.No.1070, Home (Pr.I) Department, dated 2.8.96, have issued orders restoring the method of direct recruitment to the post of Jailor by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission at the ratio of 1:2. Accordingly, the Government in their G.O.Ms.No.484, Home (Pr.I) Department, dated 24.3.2004 appointed six persons including 2 women as Jailors by Direct Recruitment to this Department and the out of six persons, five persons have since been

promoted to the category of DIG of Prisons and one person is working as Superintendent of Prisons.

➤ **Direct Recruitment of Probation Officers**

Probation Officers are recruited through TNPSC by direct recruitment and appointed by Transfer of Service on the ratio of 2:1. At present 57 Nos of the Probation Officers working in this department and the total Sanctioned strength of Probation Officers is 64.

The posts of Junior Assistant, Typist, Steno Typist and Assistant Jailors of this Department are recruited directly through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. The Tamil Nadu Uniformed services recruitment board is the agency for Direct Recruitment of Psychologist, Social Case Work Expert

The Post of Psychologist are being filled up through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission by Direct Recruitment or by Transfer of Service on the ratio of 1:1.

PRISONS DASH BOARD

➤ **Category of Prisons**

There are 142 Prisons under the control of Department of Prisons and Correctional Services which includes 9 Central Prisons, 5 Special Prisons for Women, 3 Open Air Prisons, 14 District Jails, 2 Special Sub Jails for Men, 2 Special Sub Jails for Women, 95 Sub Jails for Men, 8 Sub Jails for Women, 3 Borstal Schools and 1 Trans Yard and the total Authorized capacity of all the prisons in the state is 24342.

➤ **Prisons Capacity & Population**

➤ **Budget Details (Estimate & Expenditure)**

The budget section being the custodian receipts and payments and has to ensure that debt obligations are also met. The Budget section makes critical scrutiny of the proposals of the Departments and evaluates

the proposals with reference to needs, cost effectiveness, budget provisions, financial procedure, etc., keeping in mind the importance of balancing receipts and expenditure and achieving the fiscal objective of the Department.

➤ **N.G.Os' participation:**

NGO's are actually encouraged to participate in Welfare Programmes for Prisoners. They are permitted to conduct Yoga / Counselling Programmes / Moral / motivational lecturers / arranging entertainment activities. Donations in the form of articles which are useful for prisoners etc.,

Appointment of Non Official Visitors

According to rule 507 of Tamil Nadu Prison Manual, Volume II, the non-official visitors shall be appointed by the Government and such appointment shall be notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and intimated to the Superintendent of Prisons and the Superintendent of Sub Jails through the DGP/CS and the Collector of the district concerned.

2) The power to appoint non-official visitors vested with Government has been delegated to the DGP/CS vide G.O. Ms. No.797, Home (Prison-I) Department, dated: 3.9.2002. On the basis of the recommendation of the District Collector, the DGP/CS is appointing non-official visitors to the Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women and Sub Jails periodically.

Term of office of the Non-Official Visitors

Central Prisons	- Three years
Sub Jails	- Two years

- **Prisoner's Education and Vocational Training**

Education plays a major role in rehabilitating the inmates. Many programmes have been launched in co-ordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Education Department of Tamilnadu to achieve 100% literacy is also conducting various courses for the benefit of the prisoners.

Educational requirement is categorized based on the level of individual's attainment as (i) Primary level, (ii) Elementary School level, (iii) Higher Secondary level (iv) Graduation and Post Graduation through Open Universities and (v) Diploma and Degree courses in order to facilitate useful job oriented skills to the inmates.

Mahatma Gandhi Community College, approved by the Tamilnadu Open University, has been established in all the Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women, District Jails & Borstal School, Pudukottai. Various educational and vocational courses are offered to the prisoners aimed at empowering them towards gainful employment on their release.

- **No. of. Prisoners Trained**

During the year 2022-23, a total number of 9844 prisoners pursued various courses like 58 prisoners completed PG courses, 127 prisoners completed UG courses, 313 prisoners completed Diploma courses, etc.

- **Prisoners Adalat**

To expedite the disposal of petty cases and prevent over crowding in the Prisons, Prisoners Adalat has been established in all Central Prisons and Special Prisons for Women. The Magistrates regularly conduct Prisoners Adalat and dispose the cases of prisoners who plead guilty.

Through Prisoners Adalat **5013 cases** have been disposed from **01.01.2016 to 31.12.2022.**

➤ **Health Check-up Camps**

Medical camps are being conducted periodically and Specialists in various fields like ENT, Psychiatric, Dentist, Cardiologist etc. are visiting the prisons periodically and treat the prisoners who need specialized treatment.

➤ Details of work turns out by Probation Officers in the Probation Branch

GALLERY

- Event Gallery
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- Video Gallery

ACTS AND RULES RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF PRISONS

- Acts /Rules
- GOs /Notifications
- Circulars
- Prison Manual
- Policies
- Download Forms

RTI

- RTI Proactive Disclosure
 - Organisation and foundation
 - information disclosed on Own Initiative
- RTI Contacts (AA/PIO/APIO)rti_contacts.pdf

CONTACTS

- Key Contacts
 - DGP/DGP&CS

- DIGs
 - SPs
 - All Jails Control Room/Chief Office Control Room
- Web Information Manager (WIM)

FAQ

TENDERS

As per the Tamilnadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998, Machinery for Prison Industries and raw materials required for manufacturing sections of the prisons are purchased through the Open Tender System and Annual Tender System. E-Tender system will be adopted from 01.04.2023 as per Government Orders.

FEEDBACK

If one thinks that there is more that could be done to improve the service, he or she can make suggestions to Superintendent of Prisons or Deputy Inspector General of Prisons or to the Director General of Police/ Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services whose addresses are given in the site. Policy note is given in the site and the Annual Administration Report is also available with Director General of Police/ Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons and Superintendents of Prisons, which will enable one to know more about the custody and treatment of the prisoners and implementation of Government policy.

If one feels that an excellent service has been done by a staff to the public, he may recommend the individual for an award recognizing his excellent public service to the Director General of Police/ Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, for necessary action. Any good suggestion to improve the administration is also most welcome.