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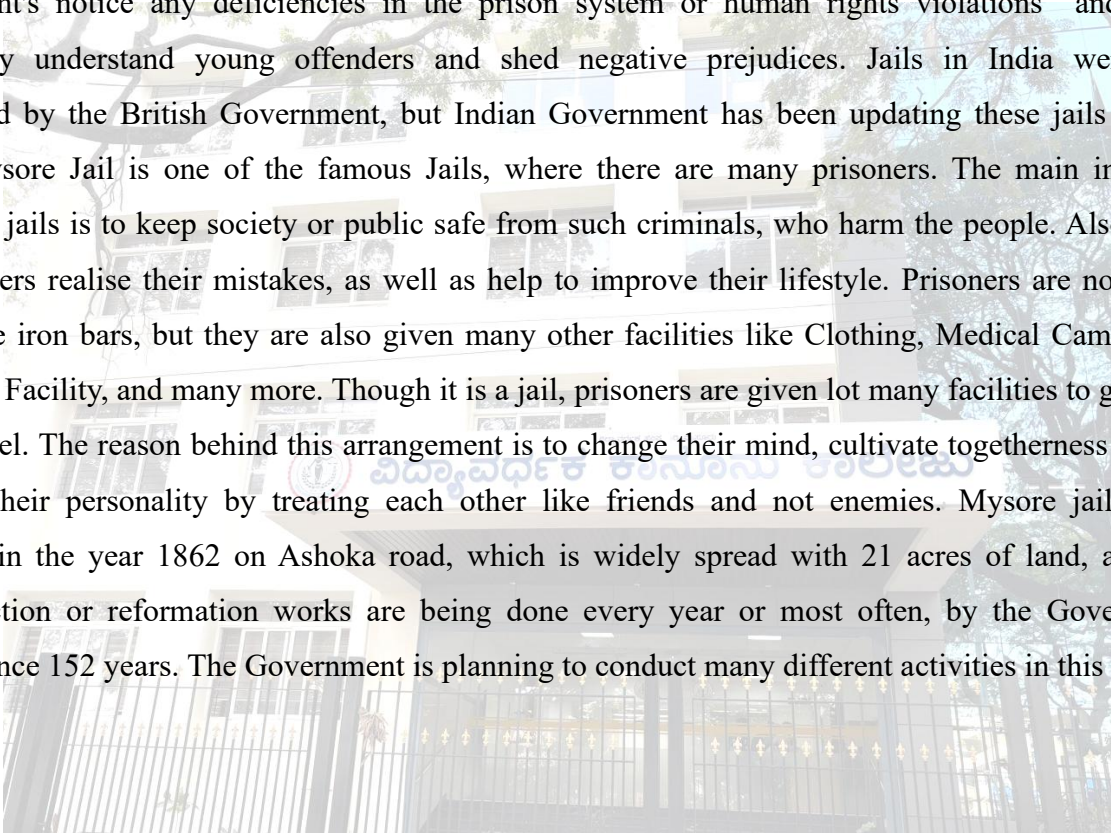


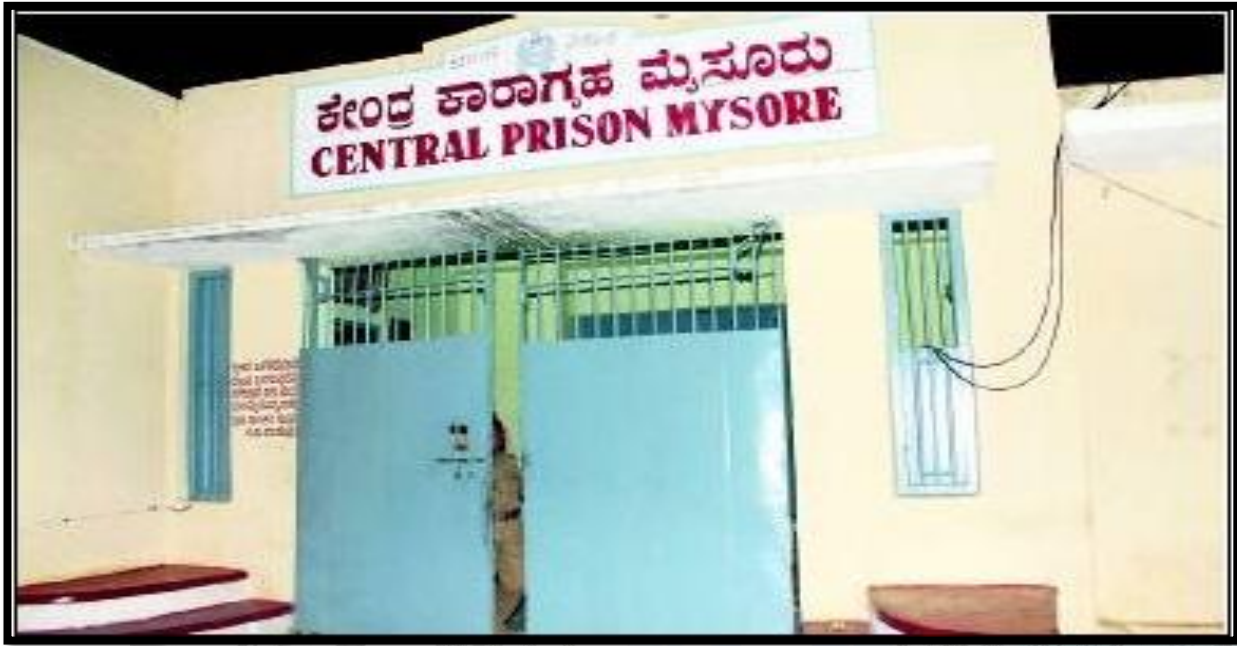
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## **REPORT ON OUTREACH PROGRAMME- VISIT TO MYSORE CENTRAL PRISON**

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 orientation programme of Mysore central prison visit was organized. Sri. Ningegowda and Dr. Prakruthi A R Assistant Professor were co-ordinated with the students. The purpose of a central prison visit can be to learn about the prison system, Understand the conditions in which prisoners are kept, the rules and protocols, and how the prison works Learn about the lives of the inmates and their roles in the prison , Understand the importance of legal aid: Gain a practical understanding of the laws that apply to prisoners and the importance of legal aid, Bring attention to human rights violations to bring to the government's notice any deficiencies in the prison system or human rights violations and help the community understand young offenders and shed negative prejudices. Jails in India were usually established by the British Government, but Indian Government has been updating these jails since past years. Mysore Jail is one of the famous Jails, where there are many prisoners. The main intention of setting-up jails is to keep society or public safe from such criminals, who harm the people. Also, to make the prisoners realise their mistakes, as well as help to improve their lifestyle. Prisoners are not just kept behind the iron bars, but they are also given many other facilities like Clothing, Medical Camp, Bathing and Toilet Facility, and many more. Though it is a jail, prisoners are given lot many facilities to give them a homely feel. The reason behind this arrangement is to change their mind, cultivate togetherness (oneness), improve their personality by treating each other like friends and not enemies. Mysore jail has been launched in the year 1862 on Ashoka road, which is widely spread with 21 acres of land, and lots of reconstruction or reformation works are being done every year or most often, by the Government of Mysore since 152 years. The Government is planning to conduct many different activities in this wide area.





### **Security in Mysore Central Jail**

After the incidents at Bellary jail, which became easy for the killers like Jai Shanker to jump out of the walls, the administration of Mysore jail has awoken, and have built highly secured 20 feet tall wall, which becomes impossible for the prisoners to escape from this wall.

The walls are so strong that, they have been built by razor-barbed wire fencing, which may harm the person who tries to jump over the wall. So, there is absolutely no chance to escape.

Such walls are very important for the jail, not just to prevent prisoners from getting escape, but also to avoid other people to send messages to the prisoners inside, which will make the criminals to run-off from this jail.

### **Betterment Activities for Prisoners in Mysore Central Jail**

There are various activities performed in jail including agriculture and horticulture. A large acre of land is provided for the prisoners to do agriculture and horticulture. Government has arranged a guide to guide them in these fields; so that, prisoners can learn the method of how exactly agriculture and horticulture is done, and adopt them in their life after getting released from the jail. Prisoners are taught both Basic and Advanced method of Agriculture and Horticulture. This means, manual and machinery method will be practiced in the open area of the central jail, or prisoners are carried out some other wide open space, especially to the fields to make them learn agriculture, if they are interested to build their career in agriculture.

### **Managing a Bakery**



As per the recent news, bakery items such as bread, buns, biscuits, etc have been started manufacturing by the Mysore jail administrators. These administrators provide all the essentials such as maida, sugar, eggs, and so on ... needed to prepare bakery products; but, all the expenses are filled by the Government itself. The main intention behind making the bakery items is to help them to start a new career by changing or modifying their lifestyle.

#### Mysore\_Jail\_Bakery\_Manufacturing

Investigation has found that, 800 pounds of bread, 20kg biscuits, and 500 buns, etc. are being manufactured and sold out daily. This will help prisoners to start a new business when they are released from the jail. Also, earn some money when they are in the prison itself, which will assist them for their personal expenditure after releasing.



These bakery items are sold in the outlet – opened for premises to sell the bakery products. And this outlet is occupied by CCTV camera, along with the prison guard to keep a keen eye on the products manufactured.

#### Education and Library

Jailers or prisoners have the opportunity to study in the jail itself. Mysore jail administrators have been in touch with many universities and provide great opportunity for the prisoners to learn and improve their career, studying at jail. Thus, there are many young prisoners who have taken advantage of this learning opportunity at jail, and they studied hard to hold a degree or diploma certificate staying at jail itself.

#### Education Library

Also, the Government of Mysore has provided library facility in the Mysore Central jail, with the intension to help prisoners study in a better way. So that, after they are released from the jail, these people will get

wide job opportunity in many standard companies in India and abroad as well, through which they can start their new career and lead the new life happily.



### **Sports and Cultural Activities**

If prisoners are interested in sports and cultural activities, they can participate in many sports and cultural activities conducted by the jail administrators. Sports such as Volleyball, Football, Cricket Match, Hockey, etc. are played at the ground. Also, there will be cultural programmes like dance, drama, music is also held by the administrators, who encourage prisoners to perform several activities and build their career. Such type of physical activities not just helps them build their career in the sports field, but also gives them physical fitness and thereby keeps them strong and healthy; also, encourages them to lead their life by working hard, and not through any shortcut route such as robbery or murder.

### **Health Camps for Prisoners in Mysore Central Jail**

Prisoners are even provided health checkup or health camp by the Government of Mysore, with the intension to keep these prisoners healthy and safe. The health camp began after the capture of intimates of Veerapan. These people suffered from nausea and vomiting and were taken to the health clinic for check up, and there were no certain facility in the jail during that time. Later, Government became alert and have create Health Camp in the Jail itself, which helped many prisoners to get immediate treatment and get speedy recovery. Actually,

### **Cable TV Arrangement in Mysore Central Jail**

There are around 40 cells in the jail, among which 35 are meant for men and 5 cells are occupied by women. Each cell includes Television with Set Top Box which costs Rs.1000 (per Set Top Box), and all the prisoners are allowed to watch television till night 10:30 only, and will be switched-off later. This is



one of the ways, where government of Mysore and the administrators of the jail have shown their humanity against prisoners by creating homely environment and has given lots of freedom for these people to enjoy in the jail by watching the programmes of their interest.

