

# TAMILNADU PRISON DEPARTMENT

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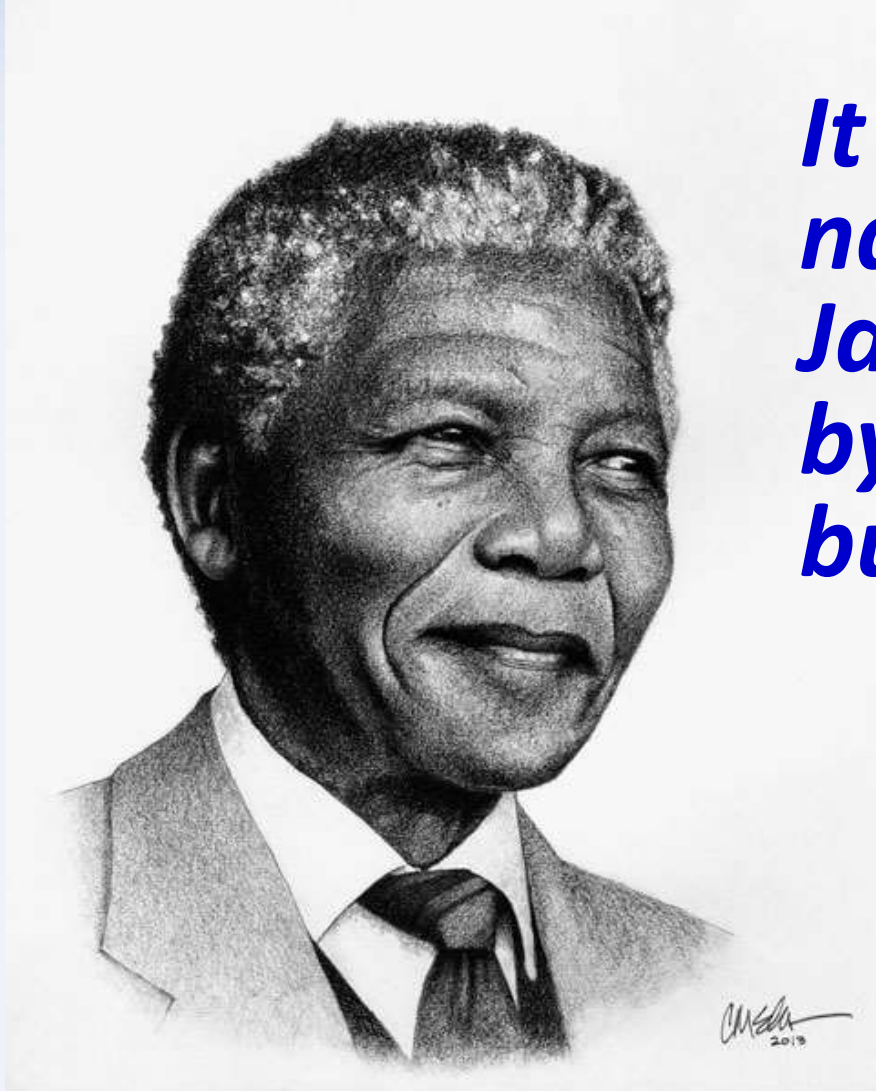
# WELCOME

# **ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS IN PRISONS (Issues & Challenges)**



➤ **Crime is the outcome of a diseased mind and Jail must have an environment of hospital for treatment and care**

***- Mahathma Gandhi***



***It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its Jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizen, but its lowest one.***

**- Nelson Mandela.**

# Concept

For the purpose of this presentation, the following are set as benchmarks:

- **United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Nelson Mandela Rules- NMR) 2015.**
- **United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules) 2010.**
- **Model Prison Manual (MPM) 2016.**

# Areas of Discussion

- Admission & Accommodation
- Food
- Clothing and Bedding
- Healthcare
- Communication
- Contrabands
- Education
- Vocational Training and Skill Development
- Welfare & Legal Aid
- Training

# ADMISSION

## Issues & challenges

- Frisking
  - Cooperation for searching & frisking
  - Smuggling of contrabands
- Proper entry of injuries & diseases
- Information to prisoner's family
- 100 % Medical Screening and counseling



# Accommodation

## Issues & challenges

- Over crowding
- Classification & Segregation
- Inadequate number of Night use & western toilets
- Place for drying clothes and keeping personal belongings
- Staff quarters for District Jails & Sub Jails





# Food

## Issues & challenges

- Rice / wheat based diet only
- Food distribution – transport, hygiene & dining area
- Food waste disposal
- Diet for foreigners



# Clothing and Bedding

## Issues & challenges

- Dress code
- Separate dress code for Lifers, Term Sentence, Hospital Inmates, Industry, Out-gang
- Maintenance: Automated Laundry, Ironing

### Darwin Correctional Centre - Australia



# Health care

## Issues & challenges

- Malingering of prisoners
- Pathology laboratory
- Medical Emergencies
- Isolated ward for HIV, TB, Leprosy etc
- First Aid kit in all Blocks
- Separate Psychologist & Counsellors
- Regular visits of Specialized Doctor
- Insurance Scheme for prisoners



# Health care

- Life cover to the prisoners
- Enrolment of all convicts under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana Insurance Scheme.



# Communication

## Issues & challenges

- Crowded & Noisy Interview room
- Telephonic call for foreigners



# Contrabands

## Issues & challenges

- Threat to Prison & outside Security
- Lesser punishments
- Connivance - Staff/prisoners
- Visitors



# Education, Skill Development and Vocational Training

## Issues & challenges

- 100% basic literacy among convicts
- Teachers and Technical staff
- Job placement



# Vocational Training and Skill Development





# Welfare & Legal Aid

## Issues & challenges

- Infrastructure & staff
- Financial allocation
- Welfare of prisoner family, especially children
- Legal assistance in higher courts
- Coordination between Police, Prison, Court (UTRC meeting)
- Compliance of 436(A) Cr.P.C.



# Training

## Issues & challenges

- Important part of Prison Administration
- Establishment of Central Academy for Correctional Administration like Police & Fire Service Departments
- Financial Assistance to APCA, Vellore from Central Government - MHA



**THANK YOU**

# Accommodation - International

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