

Bhopal Central Jail bags the ISO 9001-2000 certificate

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Prisoners are a condemned lot and the tiny cells and harsh prison conditions that houses them condemns them twice. However the Bhopal Central Jail in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh proved it untrue after it became the first jail in the world to get the ISO 9001-2000 certificate. Click here for details.

Inaugurated in 1992, the jail has a total capacity of 1400 while it actually housed 2763 prisoners as on 6.11.2003. The jail runs vocational training courses in small scale industries, computer trainings, scientific farming, furniture and Stationary works are prepared for the Raj Bhavan and the prisoners have also carried out renovation of the jail premises. The results have been outstanding as record production and record collection of arrears have been achieved for the last five years.

Amongst other welfare activities, meditation has been carried out, children have been sent to SOS Village, canteens are run in the jail premises and books too have been provided to the inmates. They have also been encouraged to save and to that end a Savings account have been opened for the prisoners.

The jail has a good health care facilities for all seriously ill patients from other jails are received here. The jail boasts of well-equipped hospital with Pathological Unit, X-ray unit, Operation Theater and expert medical officers. Apart from all these facilities, the authorities have also arranged for schooling and correspondence courses for the education of the prisoners and their children in jail. For an all round development, the inmates have also been encouraged to take part in cultural programmes and fashion shows. Amongst the most notable feature has been the involvement of the prisoners in the construction of the 'Stop Dam', Reservoir Development and helped in converting an arid land into a cultivable fertile land.

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