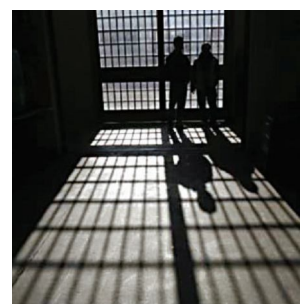


Correctional Administration



The aims and undertrial objectives of Department of Correctional Administration are to ensure correction, reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners and undertrials and this Department no longer denotes 'Confinement' only. So it is an imperative on the part of this Department to adopt measures and policies that ensure well being of the inmates.

Achievement

1. A number of development schemes in respect of repair, renovations, electrification, sanitation & hygiene of the Correctional Homes of the State were undertaken and a sum of above Rs. 21.00 Crore has

been spent for implementation/ completion for better amenities as well as improvement in living conditions of the inmates. Some of the important schemes / Projects are as follows :-

- **Alipore CCH** (Rs. 2.78 Cr.)
- **Presidency CH** (Rs. 2.54 Cr.)
- **Dumdum CCH** (Rs. 52.33 lakhs)
- **Jalpaiguri CCH** (Rs. 76.87 lakhs)
- **Berhampore CCH** (Rs. 1.97 Cr.)
- **Midnapore CCH** (Rs. 25.67 lakhs)
- **Balurghat DCH** (Rs. 59.10 lakhs)
- **Bankura DCH** (Rs. 41.93 lakhs)
- **Coochbehar DCH** (Rs. 18.70 lakhs)
- **Jhargram SCH** (Rs. 16.60 lakhs)
- **Alipore WCH** (Rs. 12.45 lakhs)
- **Krishnanagar DCH** (Rs. 5.94 lakhs)
- **Hooghly DCH** (Rs. 80.25 lakhs)
- **Howrah DCH** (Rs. 26.19 lakhs)
- **Raiganj DCH** (Rs. 82.50 lakhs)
- **Burdwan DCH** (Rs. 44.06 lakhs)
- **Asansol Special CH** (Rs. 6.09 lakhs)
- **Katwa SCH** (Rs. 3.50 lakhs)
- **Ranaghat SCH** (Rs. 17.75 lakhs)
- **Contai SCH** (Rs. 50.63 lakhs)
- **Siliguri SCH** (Rs. 12.41 lakhs)

Total plan outlay and expenditure of fund thereon

Year	Total plan outlay (Rs. Lakhs)	Expenditure of fund (Rs. Lakhs)
2009 -10	1320.00	1272.96
2010 -11	2000.00	1571.67
2011 -12	2200.00	2108.16

2. 2 (two) Subsidiary Correctional Homes were completed within the last financial year

Name of the Subsidiary Correctional Home	Name of the Sub-Division	Name of the District	Amount	Date of inauguration
Raghunathpur SCH	Raghunathpur	Purulia	Rs. 3.28 Cr.	11.01.12
Tehatta SCH	Tehatta	Nadia	Rs. 4.48 Cr.	21.01.12

3. Simless Telephone facilities extended to Presidency CH, Alipore CCH & Alipore Women CH after Dum Dum CCH to facilitate the opportunity for the inmates to talk with their kinsmen residing in remote and distant areas. Steps are being taken to extend the same facilities to other CCH.

4. a) **Rehabilitation Programmes for inmates :**

With support extended by NABARD, I.T.C, Ramkrishna Mission and other NGOs, this Department could make arrangement of training for the inmates creating opportunities for earning during the period of incarceration. In order to rehabilitate the inmates easily in the

mainstream of the society vocational training on computer, D.T.P etc. are being imparted to them

b) **Basic Education & higher studies:-**

Almost all the illiterate inmates have been covered under “State Literacy Programme”. This programme is running throughout the year in the Correctional Homes in the state.

A study centre under Netaji Open University is running at the Alipore C.C.H for pursuing higher education by the inmates.

The inmates who passed successfully in Madhyamik, Higher Secondary and also in Master Degree courses during the last three educational years is given below.

Sl No.	Name of the Correctional Home.	No of inmates passed in 2009-10	No of inmates passed in 2010-11	No of inmates appears in 2011-12
1.	Alipore Central Correctional Home.	11 (M.P + H.S) 1 (M.A)	11 (M.P + H.S)	24 (M.P.) 1 (M.C.A)
2.	Alipore Women Correctional Home.	3 (M.P)	5 (M.P)	7 (M.P)
3.	Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home.	-----	9 (M.P + H.S)	12 (M.P)
4.	Berhampore Central Correctional Home.	-----	18 (M.P)	21 (M.P)
5.	Midnapore Central Correctional Home.	-----	12 (M.P)	4 (M.P) 1 (M.P)
6.	Presidency Correctional Home.	-----	-----	10 (M.P)
7.	Dum Dum Correctional Home.	-----	-----	20 (M.P)

c) **Cultural & Recreational Activities :**

Dance Drama like ‘Balmiki Pratibha’, ‘Bisarjan’ ‘Tasher Desh’, ‘Sesher Kabita’, ‘Tota Kahini’, are staged by the inmates. Moreover, jatra performance “Maa Mati Manush’ is also performed.

Balmiki Prativa was also staged at Netaji Indoor Stadium where the Hon’ble Chief Minister happily declared honorarium to the tune of

Rs.8000/- (Eight thousand only) to all the inmates who participated in the show.. Balmiki Prativa was staged also at Delhi Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan, Central University at Ranchi, Jharkhand, Navi Mumbai etc.

The no. of cultural troupes have gone up from 2 (two) to 6 (six) between 2009 & 2011 and stage shows from 5 to 29 within the same period.

Folk song performed by 7 (Seven) convicts of

Dum Dum C.C.H has been recorded & the cassette prepared with the help of 'SAA RE GA MA' will be released shortly. Besides this inmates are trained in painting through workshop and exhibition with painting of inmates were held in different halls.

Art Gallery has been inaugurated in Alipore Central Correctional Home for the public. An exhibition of the paintings of the inmates organized at Birla Academy received accolades from the people.

The 'Sports Club' has started functioning and is making its mark in the Sports arena of the state. In 2012, Sports Team was sent to Hyderabad in All India Prison Meet, 2012.



d) Benevolent Activities

'Prisoners Welfare Fund' provides support to the inmates and their families in time of crisis and also for pursuing education.

'Self Help Groups' comprising of convict inmates are functioning efficiently and providing financial assistance to their families regularly.

e) Training

The Regional Institute of Correctional Administration (RICA) has done a commendable job since its inception (August, 2010) in imparting training to the officers and staff of the correctional services not only of West Bengal, but also to the Officers of some other North-Eastern (NE) States.

creation. This is being looked into along with construction of open air Correctional Home.

- Providing better living condition to the inmates by way of giving proper health care and improving sanitation, hygiene and pure drinking water facilities.
- Strengthening security of Correctional Homes.

A steadfast measures have to be taken with relates to gearing up security in Correctional Homes of the State. With the limited man power it is not possible to keep vigilance over all the activities and every nook and corner of the Correctional Home unless using electronic gadgets / devices. CCTV with recording facilities will be installed at 13 (thirteen) Correctional Homes in 2012-13 Financial year.

- Rehabilitation through imparting training in vocational trades to make the inmates self-reliant, so that they may come in the mainstream of the society after expiry of their sentence.
- Introduction of Computer networking in different 25 Correctional Homes including RICA .
- Introduction of e-prison system including Prisoners Management System and Visitors Management System.
- Revision of wages payable to the inmates (convicts) throughout the state is under active consideration of the Government.
- Extension of hassle free communication facilities among the inmates & their kinsmen /relative through SIM less telephone & thus to avoid unnecessary trouble & financial burden by their relatives.
- Modernization of IT base Management of Correctional Homes and improvement of Communication System.

Looking forward :

The major policy decisions/ reforms made by the Department of Correctional Administration since June, 2011 are as follows :-

- Problems of overcrowding of the inmates has to be lessened reasonably by way of setting up new Correctional Homes and expanding the existing infrastructural facilities for better accommodation.
- To provide logistic and infrastructural support by way of setting up one SCH in such Sub-Division which does not have the same. Every Sub-Division is supposed to have a Correctional Home as a part of criminal justice system. There are still no Correctional Homes in a few newly created Sub-Divisions though courts have already been functioning there since its