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Prayas Social Workers Honored by Aurangabad Central Prison Superintendent

In September 2023, Superintendent Shri Jayant Naik of Aurangabad Central Prison honored Prayas social workers Mahadev Dongre and Dadasaheb Lahane during the 75th Marathwada Mukti Sangram Divas for their contributions to various initiatives in the prison. This recognition encourages continued efforts to positively impact the lives of incarcerated individuals and the broader community.



Celebrating Teacher's Day with Love and Gratitude



In September 2023, JJB Unit Prayas celebrated Teacher's Day with children inside the Children's Home. This was a sharing session with the children. 23 Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) participated in the discussion. They shared their experiences regarding their experiences with their teachers in school, and the teachers shared the importance of this day.

Hindustan Times spotlights Prayas' work with women prisoners



On September 10, 2023, The Hindustan Times featured an article by Lalita Panicker titled "Ensuring Justice for Women Prisoners", discussing Prayas' initiative to facilitate the transition of women prisoners into the social mainstream.

Prayas Conducts Workshop in Bhubaneswar

On November 22 & 23, 2023' Prayas conducted a successful two-day training program in Bhubaneswar for police officers and prison warders on the rights of arrested women and their children. Following the training, the Commissioner has requested Prayas to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to guide future actions on this matter.



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Galabhet: Strengthening Family Bonds within Prison Walls

On September 17, 2023, a unique "Galabhet" event was organized by prison authorities in collaboration with Prayas, allowing women prisoners to spend face-to-face time with their children. This initiative fosters emotional connections, motivating prisoners towards rehabilitation and providing positive environment for their children. Strengthened family bonds and improved mental health are significant outcomes of such interactions, contributing to a more effective reintegration process post-incarceration. The "Galabhet" concept highlights the importance of nurturing familial relationships even within the confines of prison.



Successful Workshop on Prisoner Rehabilitation Held in Gujarat, Ahmedabad



Prayas, in collaboration with the Gujarat Institute of Prisons and Correctional Administration (GIPCA), conducted a one-day workshop on prisoner rehabilitation at the Gujarat Prison Head Office, Sabarmati. The event, attended by 180 prison officers, focused on the impact of incarceration on individuals and families, legal assistance for prisoners, the NALSA legal aid program, and the importance of citizenship documents in rehabilitation. Key resource persons included Shri N.M. Vasava from GIPCA, and Prayas team members Ms. Krupa Shah, Mr. Ashish Barot, Ms. Pooja Dave, Ms. Nita Gajjar and Mr. Anil Vasava.

MSLSA Spearheads Initiative to Release Eligible Undertrials

The Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA) held an online meeting with DLSA Secretaries to plan a two-month NALSA-directed campaign focused on reviewing under-trial cases for potential release on bail, PR Bond, or probation. The MSLSA Member Secretary highlighted Prayas' contributions in this area and urged DLSA Secretaries to utilize Prayas' expertise to increase under-trial releases. The initiative follows NALSA's SOPs for Under Trial Review Committees (UTRCs), promoting a collaborative approach to justice for under-trial prisoners.



Mehndi Magic Behind Bars: Kalyan District Prison Hosts Competition

On 3rd week of September, 2023, 38 women at Kalyan District Prison exhibited their artistic skills in a mehndi competition, displaying intricate designs on each other's hands. Three winners were selected based on design quality and awarded prizes: a pouch, notebooks, and pens. The event recognized the participants' exceptional mehndi artistry and promoted creativity and talent.



Legal Knowledge for Social Impact: Three-Day Training Program

Rizvi Law College in Bandra, in collaboration with Prayas and the Mumbai District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), organized a three-day training program for Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) to empower aspiring legal professionals with a deeper understanding of the criminal justice system and its functioning.

The program aimed to foster a sense of social responsibility, encouraging participants to contribute positively to society through a sound understanding of the law.



Fostering Mutual Support: Prayas Brings Together NGOs in M-Ward

Prayas, in collaboration with Janajagruti Vidyarthi Sangh and Child Rights Forum - M Ward, organized a meeting of local NGOs and CBOs in M-Ward, Mumbai. The goal was to foster collaboration and resource-sharing among organizations, with a focus on identifying services and placements to support Prayas's clients in the area. The gathering aimed to strengthen the local support network and enhance the collective impact of social welfare efforts.

Maharashtra Government appoints Female Probation Officers in Central and District Prisons for Women Inmates and their Children

The Government of Maharashtra has taken a momentous decision to appoint female probation officers in nine Central and District Prisons, including Byculla and Kalyan, to support the welfare and rehabilitation of women prisoners and their children. This decision follows a 2017 Bombay High Court ruling, in a *Suo Motu Public Interest Litigation* on behalf of children of female inmates where Prayas, as *Amicus Curae*, recommended full-time female probation officers in prisons admitting women. After five years of advocacy, Prayas succeeded in having this government resolution issued, ensuring dedicated officers in nine prisons to oversee the welfare of women inmates and their children.

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State-Level Consultation on Social Reintegration of Women Rescued from Commercial Sexual Exploitation



In the month of September 2023, Prayas, in partnership with the Maharashtra Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), hosted a state-level consultation at TISS Mumbai on the social reintegration of women rescued from commercial sexual exploitation. The event included superintendents, probation officers, district officials, DWCD leaders, and NGOs. Dr. Prashant Naranaware, DWCD Commissioner, affirmed the Department's commitment to implementing the consultation's recommendations. The event featured sessions on challenges, best practices, and government shelter homes, concluding with an open discussion. A working group, led by the Deputy Commissioner, will focus on implementing the recommendations.

Restoring Dignity: Prayas and DWCD's State-Level Consultation on Reintegration of Women Exiting Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Working group to help women exit life of commercial sexual exploitation

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Prayas, a project by the Centre for Criminology and Justice and the department of Women and Child Development in Maharashtra, recently held a state-level consultation to address the issue of women trapped in commercial sexual exploitation. The aim was to assess existing services and propose strategies for long-term support. One proposal is to create a working group, chaired by the deputy commissioner of the WCD. Other proposals include vocational training and the issuance of certificates to provide essential support for women in shelter homes.

To empower women trapped in the cycle of commercial sexual exploitation, Prayas, a field action project at TISS, and the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra, collaborated to organize a state-level consultation last month. This collaborative initiative signifies a commitment to restoring the lives of these marginalized women with dignity, offering a glimmer of hope and support on their path toward rehabilitation and reintegration into society.



Empowering Health: Breast Cancer Screening Camp at Byculla District Prison Drives Awareness and Early Detection

In the first week of October 2023, Prayas, in collaboration with the Guvati Kapoor Foundation, organized a breast cancer screening camp at Byculla District Prison. The event raised awareness about breast health and provided screenings, with 200 women attending and 122 receiving check-ups. This initiative highlighted the importance of early detection and proactive health efforts within communities.



Reviving Tradition: Prayas Empowers Women Through Kalamkari and Warli Painting



Prayas hosted a three-days certificate course in Kalamkari and Warli painting at Navjeevan Mahila Vastigruh and Shanti Sadan Mahila Vastigruh, in collaboration with C.B. Kora Kendra (Khadi and Village Industries Commission). With 27 participants, the initiative aimed to revive traditional art forms and empower women through skill development. Participants created Warli portraits on canvas, which were later presented at a State Advisory Committee meeting on Immoral Trafficking. The women were compensated on a piece-rate basis, showcasing their talents and providing them with a valuable income source, highlighting Prayas' commitment to supporting women through cultural and economic opportunities.

From December 13 to 15, 2023, Prayas organized a vibrant Warli Painting training session at the Kalyan District Prison (Women's Section), led by the skilled Ms. Ujwala Bhatte. This initiative allowed incarcerated women to explore Warli art, showcasing their dedication and creativity. Participants crafted intricate Warli paintings on various surfaces, including decorating the prison walls with lively scenes and adorning clay vases with traditional designs. Their artistic efforts will be recognized with certificates, celebrating their contributions and fostering creativity and skill development within the prison environment.



Diya Decoration Activity at Shanti Sadan Mahila Vastigruh

In October 2023, Prayas, organized a Diya decoration activity at Shanti Sadan Mahila Vastigruh for 15 women residents, including five from Bangladesh. Despite personal challenges, like speech impairments, the women enthusiastically decorated five Diyas each under the guidance of an activity teacher. This event fostered creativity, connection, and joy, showing how simple activities can strengthen communal bonds.



Celebrating Diwali with Creativity



In October and November 2023, Prayas organized various creative activities across different institutions, including Shanti Sadan Mahila Vastigruh, Navjeevan Mahila Vastigruh, Kasturba Mahila Vastigruh, Thane Central Prison and Kalyan District Prison. These activities, such as diya decoration, brooch pin crafting, kandil making, and greeting card designing, engaged women from diverse backgrounds, including prisoners and women overcoming challenging circumstances. The events fostered artistic expression, joy, and connection, while also empowering participants by showcasing their entrepreneurial skills at events like the Diwali Mela. These initiatives highlighted creativity's role in rehabilitation and community building during the festive season.



A Festival of Hope and Empowerment: M-Ward Welcomes Women's Self-Help Group



On 1st week of November 2023, an exposure visit was organized to the M-East Ward, where a self-help group promoted by Prayas comprising women released prisoners and women exiting commercial sexual exploitation called Himmat Swayam Sahayta Mahila Bachat Gat, had the opportunity to explore and engage with the community. This visit was particularly special, as the M-Ward Project, a field action project of TISS, had thoughtfully arranged stalls for the Bachat Gat on the occasion of Diwali. It was a heartwarming experience for these women, as they gained knowledge about the stalls and handcrafted products, and showcased their entrepreneurial skills before a wider audience. The festive atmosphere and the warm reception from the community added a layer of joy and enthusiasm to the visit. Such initiatives not only empower these women but also foster a sense of community and celebration, making Diwali a truly inclusive and meaningful occasion.





Heartfelt Reunions: Galabhet Meeting at Yerawada Central Prison

Yerawada Central Prison in Pune held a Galabhet meeting, reuniting 87 male inmates with 187 children and 8 female inmates with 13 children. Organized with the help of Prayas social workers, the event fostered emotional connections and emphasized the importance of family bonds despite incarceration.

Exploring Excellence: Key Insights from Exposure Visits

An exposure visit to Child Rights and You (CRY) was organized by Prayas for children of women exiting commercial sexual exploitation on 1st week of November 2023. In Mankhurd, where the school lacked a dedicated laboratory, CRY has taken a significant step by establishing a learning hub accessible to both students from the school and the wider community. It symbolizes the power of community-driven initiatives



Exposure Visit to Kotak Mahindra Education Foundation



Another exposure visit to Kotak Mahindra Education Foundation for children of women released prisoners and women exiting commercial sexual exploitation in the 1st week of December 2023. The initiative aimed to provide these young minds with a glimpse of various career paths and educational opportunities. The visit included interactive sessions, workshops, and discussions to help the children to explore their interests and aspirations. The event not only fostered a positive learning environment but also emphasized the importance of education in shaping their future

Enhancing Inmate and family Support: Alibag Rotary Club and Prayas Collaborate on Health and Wellness Initiatives

In October 2023, a meeting at Alibag District Prison, involving the Rotary Club of Alibag Seashore, Prayas, and prison officials, focused on implementing health camps, yoga classes, and counseling sessions for inmates and their families. These initiatives aim to enhance prisoners' physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Prayas representatives and Social Worker facilitated the discussions.



Para Legal Volunteers (PLV) Training Program

Prayas, in collaboration with DLSA Mumbai, Raigad, and prison authorities has initiated Para-Legal Volunteer (PLV) training programs to provide legal guidance and support. Prayas organized several training programs for Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) in prisons, focusing on equipping under-trial prisoners and law students with legal knowledge. In Latur, a program trained educated under-trial prisoners to serve as PLVs, with guidance from Legal Aid Defence Counsel on the legal aid system. Similar sessions were held at Thane Central and Taloja Central Prisons, emphasizing NALSA's campaign on advocating for the rights of under-trial prisoners and assisting those eligible for bail. These initiatives empower prisoners and PLVs to support marginalized communities and improve access to justice.

In order to address the problems of persons with disabilities with an emphasis on children with disabilities in particular, Prayas organized a program in association with the Thane DLSA Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs). The National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) mandate, which emphasizes the significance of guaranteeing equal rights and opportunities for all people was in line with this program. Our goals for the session were to support children with disabilities rights to social inclusion as well as to increase awareness of the special difficulties they encounter.



A training session for women Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) at Thane Central Prison, in line with the National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) campaign. This initiative aims to empower PLVs in identifying and assisting women prisoners eligible for consideration by the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRc) for release on bail. By raising awareness about prisoners' basic rights as mandated by NALSA, the session took a significant step towards ensuring justice within the prison system. Continued training and collaboration among stakeholders will be vital in achieving the objectives outlined by the NALSA campaign and in enhancing the well-being of women prisoners

Prayas and DLSA Mumbai arranged a court visit of students of Jitendra Chauhan Law College in Mazgaon Sessions Court under the guidance of Hon'ble Shri Anant Deshmukh, Member Secretary, DLSA, Mumbai. This is part of the Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) training for law students who are going to start a legal guidance project in Mumbai Central prison and Byculla District Prison in collaboration with Prayas and DLSA Mumbai. Professor Sushma Mhaske has played a major role in this college activity.

PLV training gives people the knowledge and skills to provide socio-legal guidance to marginalized communities





Kolhapur Central Prison Displays New Flex Boards on Bail and Probation

In November 2023, Kolhapur Central Prison saw a major legal awareness initiative with the unveiling of twelve flex boards by DLSA Secretary Shri Pritam Kumar Patil, Prison Superintendent Shri Kapade, and Senior Jailer Shri Ade. The boards, placed throughout the prison, provide key information on bail procedures, probation acts, and Supreme Court judgments, ensuring undertrials have access to vital legal information, promoting a fair legal process within the prison system.

Inspiring Change: Prayas Highlights Rehabilitation Services at Byculla District Prison

On November 23, 2023, Prayas held an informative session at Byculla District Prison, where Prayas social workers from the Aftercare Unit presented their rehabilitation program. They outlined available support, including vocational training, counseling, and education. The session highlighted Prayas' efforts and fostered inmate engagement, encouraging them to view rehabilitation as a tool for personal transformation.



Building Practical Skills: Prayas JJB Unit's Seminar for CCL in Dongri

In early November 2023, Prayas JJB unit, in coordination with Shree Ram Skills Centre, organized a skill development seminar in Dongri for CCL. The event featured presentations and workshops, focusing on enhancing participants' practical skills and keeping them updated on industry trends.

Yerawada Central Prison Honors Prayas Social Workers

On November 30, 2023, Shri Sunil Dhamal, Superintendent of Yerawada Central Prison, held a monthly meeting to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Prayas social workers. During the meeting, Mr. Dhamal presented certificates of appreciation to recognize their significant and impactful contributions. This gesture highlighted the crucial role of social workers in enhancing the prison system and supporting inmate welfare.



Holistic Well-Being Session and Creative Expression at Dongri Children's Home, Mumbai & at Kishore Sudharalay, Nasik

On November 30th, Prayas organized a holistic well-being session at Dongri Children's Home, led by Dr. Saili Pingle and Shital Swamy from the Family Planning Association of India, covering topics like anger management, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS and menstrual health. Simultaneously, at Kishore Sudharalay in Nashik, teenagers participated in a Cotton Fabric Painting training program, creating a mural of Gautama Buddha. This initiative, part of Prayas' Prisoners' Welfare and Rehabilitation Project, promoted skill development, creativity, and personal growth, fostering hope and positivity among the participants.



Greeting Card-Making Workshop

Greeting cards carry wishes and emotions wrapped in colors, words, and drawings. Prayas organized a greeting card-making activity at Kasturba Mahila Vastigruh and Navjeevan Mahila Vastigruh on November 20 and 24, 2023. The participants who participated from both institutions enjoyed the activity and felt energized at the end of the sessions.

Prayas JJB Client Transforms Canvas into Art

Each piece reflects a deep understanding of composition, shading, and perspective, turning blank surfaces into rich, expressive artworks. This initiative not only highlights the client's artistic talents but also underscores Prayas' commitment to nurturing creative expression and providing opportunities for personal development.



Orientation Program for Newly Released Women Prisoners: Prayas Provides Insight into Rehabilitation Services

On December 8, 2023, Prayas hosted an orientation for newly released women prisoners from Thane Central Prison and Kalyan District Prison, with 22 out of 45 contacted attending. Presenters, including Ms. Aruna Nimse and others, shared details about Prayas' rehabilitation and placement programs. Attendees actively participated, asking questions and showing interest in the support offered. This initiative was a key step in helping these women reintegrate and access valuable resources for their new beginning.



Free Legal Aid Camp at Chaitya Bhoomi: Prayas Team Provides Guidance

On the occasion of "Mahaparinirvan" day, the Mumbai District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) held a free legal aid camp at Chaitya Bhoomi, Dadar. The Prayas team provided crucial legal guidance, with many attendees seeking help on farming land and family disputes. The camp offered immediate legal assistance and raised awareness about the free services available through DLSA and the importance of legal aid.



Comprehensive Awareness Program for Children at TISS Mumbai

An awareness program for children on various themes was organized by Prayas at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai on November 08, 2023. The topics discussed included a session on Communication Difficulties Between Children and Parents and their Solutions by Ms. Sadhana Shinde, who works on the social health of rural women and adolescent girls, followed by a session by Ms. Swati Khaire from "Sakhi" One Stop Centre, at KEM Hospital, Mumbai, on support to women facing violence. Finally, a session on the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was conducted by Dr. Dhananjay Patil, (District Coordinator), Amar Missal, and Bhagwan Marathe (Program Officer).



A total of 60 children and family members attended the program along with Prayas staff.

Ms. Chandrakala Bhojane took the initiative to organize the awareness program and Ms. Babita Salvi welcomed the guests by singing a song.

Cybercrime Awareness Session at Dezaview Skills Center

In the 2nd week of December 2023, Prayas social worker conducted an informative session on cybercrime at Dezaview Skills Center, Koperkhairane. The session educated 15 students about common online threats and promoted secure online practices. Participants learned essential strategies to stay safe in today's increasingly connected world, enhancing their understanding of how to protect themselves from cybercrime.



Street Play on Constitution Day and Human Rights Day at Paithan Open Prison

प्रबोधनात्मक पथनाट्याच्या माध्यमातून माणसातला ही 'माणूस' जिवंत करण्याचा प्रयत्न

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On December 16, 2023, Prayas, in collaboration with Dr. Ambedkar Maratha University and the District Bar Association, organized a street play at Paithan Open Prison for Constitution Day and Human Rights Day. Written by Prayas social worker Mr. Mahadev Dongre, the play portrayed the struggles of a remand prisoner and was attended by 450 inmates, along with District Judge Shri S.M. Koche

The event was supported by Aurangabad Central Prison Superintendent Mr. Jayant Naik and Paithan Open Prison Superintendent Mr. Dhanshing Kawle. Moderated by Mr. Dadasaheb Lahne, the event concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Dongre.

Empowering Through Craft: Women Clients at Prayas Income Generation Unit



At the Prayas Income Generation Unit in Worli, a dedicated group of skilled women clients were engaged in crafting 500 canvas bags. Their meticulous work highlights both their craftsmanship and commitment to economic empowerment. These bags symbolize more than a product—they represent resilience and collaboration, demonstrating how efforts in the workshop contribute to significant strides in women's empowerment.



Christmas Celebration at Nashik Road Central Prison

Nashik Road Central Jail's female section hosted a vibrant Christmas program, featuring a play on the birth of Jesus, singing, dancing, and performances by women and children. Snacks were distributed, and Prison Superintendent Smt. Mugutrao, along with officers and staff, actively participated. The superintendent praised the social workers for their efforts in organizing the event, which fostered community and joy within the prison.

