

VISIT TO HARSOOL CENTRAL JAIL, AURANGABAD

24th March, 2018

The course curriculum of LL.B three years and five years includes the subject Criminology & Penology in which one unit is on Prison administration. To have an insight and proper understanding of the subject the prison visit was organised by the college for the students of Pre Law -I and LLB- II Year students. The special permission from the jail authorities was obtained for the same. For organising this visit Vijay Vakale and Ranjit Jadhav of LLB-II-year and Madhuri Kulkarni from Pre law I acted as student coordinators. The visit was accompanied by Dr. Aparna Kottapalle, & Prof Anju Singh subject teachers and Adv. Suvarna Dongaonkar visiting faculty of the institution. 75 students including boys & girls visited Harsool Jail on 24th March 2018. The jail staff Kadam madam and Irshad Yakoob Sayed Sir were kind enough to guide us during the visit. They were very co-operative and showed the entire premises of the jail except the barracks and high security cells which are commonly known as Aanda Cell . All the students could visit male prison where as only girl students could visit the female prison.

After entering in the prison the students saw the place where relatives and next friends can visit the under trial and convicted inmates. The place where video conferencing with court can be provided. during the visit all were taken to the kitchen where food was prepared by the jail inmates for all. The chart displaying the weekly menu and the quantity also was shown. Thereafter we could see various units where inmates were engaged in different types of work such as carpentering, tailoring, weaving *etc.* The students thus observed and learnt that there is a mandate to work for the convicted Prisoners with rigours imprisonment, for which they are provided remuneration depending upon the nature of work such as skilled / semi skilled and unskilled work .

More interestingly, there was a library comprising Marathi Hindi & English books for the inmates. There was small hospital in the premises where the needy prisoners were given treatment by the doctor. There was a canteen from where prisoners were

allowed to purchase necessary items as per their requirement (not exceeding Rs 3500 / month). Special teachers also are appointed for the inmates. Moreover, there is an open prison, where inmates were engaged in agriculture.

There was a separate cell for women prisoners. Inside there was a unit 'Spark Minda' where women prisoners were engaged in making electrical equipments. As it was a Saturday female prisoners could meet their small kids inside the prison. It was heart touching experience for all.

During the visit all budding lawyers experienced the influence of reformatory approach while treating the inmates. They observed how inmates are part of prison administration & help prison administration in maintaining the discipline. Mrs Kadam and Mr. Irshad Saiyed prison officers answered to all questions of the students additionally expressed their views and reminded the students with professional ethics and duty of practicing piously in the court so as to achieve the ends of justice.

Outside the prison there was a shop where goods made by the inmates were displayed for sale. The visit was very informative and the students learned many things about the prison administration. We thank the administrator of Harsool Central Jail for their kind support and co-operation and making this visit successful.