# IndianOil's PARIVARTAN-PRISON TO PRIDE Transforming Lives

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IndianOil takes immense pride in the fact that it has a galaxy of sports stars that it proudly calls IOCians. IndianOil, over the last three decades, has been actively involved in the promoting sports across the nation. This is being done not only through recruitment of sportspersons, but by offering sports scholarships to budding talented sportspersons, providing equipment and kits to rural school children and sponsoring major sporting events not only within the country but internationally as well.

IndianOil has also been providing its best Ex International sportspersons to National Federations and State Sports bodies in view of contributing best coaches to nurture talent and develop future Champions of India in various sports.

IndianOil also rewards exemplary performance of its Sportstars by bestowing them with cash awards for their outstanding international performances and acknowledgements in the form of National awards. Out of turn promotions for outstanding international performances by sportspersons is also offered to them to encourage them to put in their best in the sport and ensure India shines at the International arena.

Acknowledging the fact that sports can play a key role in the socio-economic growth of the nation, IndianOil recruited the first batch of sports persons in the year 1982 encompassing sports like badminton, cricket, table tennis and tennis. The next batch came in 1992 which was followed by bringing in carrom players in 1995, chess players in 1996 and hockey players in the year 2000. IndianOil's sports policy was formulated and implemented in the year 2003 which included recruitment, performance evaluation, promotion, re-designation, facilities for sportspersons, kit items policy, code of conduct. From humble beginnings, IndianOil now has a sanction of having 115 sports players on its payroll.

While the pandemic dominated the sports world during the last two years, IndianOil took these years to consolidate its sports culture. From transforming its sports policy to bringing in new enthusiastic players and guiding them towards earning national glory, supporting ex-national and international sportspersons to set-up sports academies and encourage them to coach the future sportstars and even unique initiatives, IndianOil left no stone unturned in giving a major boost to sports in India.

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While IndianOil is known as the leader in Oil and Gas industry of India but when it comes to encouraging sports, IndianOil has left indelible imprints across different sports which have been nationally acknowledged as the Corporation was recently bestowed the "Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Purskar" for the year 2021. The award was presented by Hon'ble President of India Mr Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 13th November 2021. Chairman, Mr Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, received the award on behalf of IndianOil.

## **INDIANOIL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. At present IndianOil has 106 recruited sportspersons in 10 sports. (Cricket, Badminton, Table tennis, Tennis, etc.)
- 2. First Corporate Women's Hockey team 15 girls were inducted into IndianOil in March 2022 in officer cadre.
- 3. IndianOil is collaborating with Sports Ministry for a unique program to provide support to girls from game Athletics. IndianOil has titled this project as "IndianOil Shakti" and is endeavoured towards scouting for talented girls between age of 13 to 18 yrs and providing support towards their training /coaching/etc. The project amount is approx 7 crores.
- 4. IndianOil has a very robust/successful sports scholarship scheme named as "IndianOil Acers" where in monthly stipend, tournament expenses and kit allowance is provided to 250 budding sportspersons in 20 games to give encouragement for taking up the sports at higher level.
- 5. Parivartan- Prison to pride program, wherein IndianOil sportspersons impart sports training to prison inmates with aim at rehabilitating them and aid for smooth re-entry into society. This program has already been successfully implemented 30 jails in 23 states across India Using Sports as tool to bring about a positive change in lives of inmates.

## **Parivartan - Prison to Pride**

Today Prison is treated more as a correctional or improvement facility which itself indicates that there is more emphasis on reformation of prisoners in the form of punishment. To achieve this goal, a pleasant atmosphere is required to be created in jails for the benefit of inmates. Apart from emphasis on social and ethical values for integration with society after release, inmates also require educational, recreational, and vocational training facilities. This will help to provide them with alternate sources of livelihood after release. In coordination with the Prisons Department of the respective State police, the IndianOil provides coaches to train the inmates in badminton, chess, table tennis, volleyball, tennis, carrom, kabaddi, kho kho and basketball.

In line with IndianOil's Corporate Core Value of **'Care'**, the Corporation launched a novel initiative **'Prison to Pride'** adding joy and health to the lives of Prison Inmates through sports coaching. The programme aims to help inmates overcome the stigma associated with imprisonment and aid in their smooth integration into the society upon their release. With **International Sports Players** training the prison mates, the Corporation reached out to over **2000 inmates across 13 states and 25 cities** through this programme. The third phase of this initiative will be launched this month by **Chairman, IndianOil, Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya**.

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IndianOil launched Parivartan – an initiative to train inmates in select sports – at select prisons across the country. The initiative was inaugurated by Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil on August 15, 2021.

Under this initiative, IndianOil, in coordination with Prisons Department of the respective State Police, is facilitating training programmes in badminton, volleyball, chess, tennis, and carrom across prisons in India to help improve the physical and mental well-being of prison inmates. This unique initiative coincides with India's 75th Independence Day being celebrated as Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

During the four-week-long training, 129 inmates were coached in the basics of the sport, enabling them to participate in local competitions, besides recreation. Under this programme, IndianOil is providing the equipment and kits to the participants. This initiative will also boost the participants' self-esteem and confidence. International sportspersons from IndianOil are steering the program. The team of IOCL and other renowned sports coaches/mentors include the following:

- 1. Ms. Rushmi Chakravarthi International Tennis/Olympian
- 2. Ms. Padmini Rout Woman Chess Grandmaster
- 3. Deepak Thakur International Hockey/ Olympian/Arjuna awardee.

- 4. Abhinsham Gupta International/Arjuna awardee
- 5. K.Srinivas Carrom International
- 6. Syed Karimullah National level Volleyball
- 7. Mohm Adil NIS Badminton coach
- 8. Beant Singh National level Volleyball
- 9. Raman Kumar National level Kabaddi
- 10. Arun Vishmu International level badminton

IndianOil has been leading a number of social stewardship programmes across the country. 'Parivartan' initiative aims to build confidence and improve the well-being of prison inmates through sports. The programme is in sync with IndianOil s core value of care and will complement our ongoing initiative of employing prison inmates and people who have completed their time in prison, as customer attendants at our fuel stations.

Chairman, IndianOil

IndianOil's Prison to Pride initiative was much appreciated and encouraged across the states where it was launched. Motivated by the positive impact, IndianOil launched second phase of Parivartan initiative; to 17 prisons in ten states across India in which over 1000 inmates are undergoing sports coaching.

The initiative was inaugurated in a physical event held at Tihar Jail in New Delhi and virtually at eight locations by Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, to coincide with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. Simultaneously, the coaching camp went underway at another eight locations.





In the second phase, IndianOil, in coordination with the Prisons Department of the respective State Police, will facilitate coaching programs in multiple sporting disciplines including basketball, badminton, volleyball, chess, tennis, table tennis, kho-kho, and carrom across prisons in India to help improve the physical and mental well-being of prison inmates, especially during this pandemic period.



In its first phase, Parivartan was launched in Chanchalguda Central Jail (Hyderabad), Puzhal Central Jail (Chennai), Poojapura Central Jail (Trivandrum), Special Jail (Bhubaneshwar), and Circle Jail (Cuttack). The participating prisons in the second phase of Parivartan are Central Jail, Tihar, Delhi; Yerawada Central Jail, Pune; Kolhapur Central Prison; Central Jail, Patiala; Lala Lajapat Rai District and Open Air Jail, Dharamshala; Central Jail, Indore; Central Jail, Bhopal; Central Jail, Ahmedabad; Central Jail, Vadodara; Adarsh Karagar, Lucknow; Central Jail, Varanasi; Naini Central Jail, Prayagraj; Central Jail, Guwahati; Central Jail, Dibrugarh, Central Jail, Dimapur.

IndianOil also employs prison inmates and people who have finished their prison term as customer attendants at 30 retail outlets in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan. Farivartan aims to reach out to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of the society - prison inmates and add joy and health to their lives by inducting them into sports.

- Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil



## **Parivartan-Prison to Pride Project Details**

	Phase-I launched - 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021								
SI. No.	Name of Jail	City	State						
1	Puzhal Jail, TN	Chennai	Tamil Nadu						
2	Saidabad, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Telegana						
3	Poojapura, Trivandrum	Trivandrum	Kerala						
4	Special Jail, Jharpada	Bhubaneshwar	Odisha						
5	Choudwar Circle Jail	Cuttack	Ouisha						













Phase-II launched - 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021							
SI. No.	Name of Jail	City	State				
6	Adarsh Karagar, Lucknow	Lucknow					
7	Central Jail, Prayagraj	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh				
8	Central Jail, Varanasi	Varanasi					
9	Central Jail, Guwahati	Guwahati	Assam				
10	Central Jail, Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh	Assaill				
11	Central Jail, Dimapur	Dimapur	Nagaland				
12	Tihar ( 5 jails)	New Delhi	New Delhi				
13	Yervada Jail	Pune	Maharashtra				
14	Central Jail, Kolhapur	Kolhapur	Manarashtra				
15	Central Jail, Patiala	Patiala					
16	Lala Lajpat Rai, District and Open Air Correctional Home, Dharamshala	Dharamshala	Punjab				
17	Central Jail, Indore	Indore	Madhua Dradach				
18	Central Jail, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh				
19	Ahmedabad Central Jail	Ahmedabad	Cuiarat				
20	Vadodara Central Jail	Baroda	Gujarat				















#### Phase-III Kickstarts from 26th January 2022

IndianOil extended its 'Parivartan – Prison to Pride' initiative to train inmates in select sports across 15 prisons in 8 states and 4 UTs in the third phase in March 2022. With the launch of this phase, the total number of prisons covered by this intiative has gone up to 37.

SI. No.	Name of Jail	City	State	
1	BM Central Jail	Ranchi		
2	Central Jail	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	
3	District Jail	Dhanbad		
4	Rajahmundry Central Jail	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	
5	Bengaluru Prison	Bengaluru	Karnataka	
6	District Jail	Kurukshetra	Haryana	
7	Jaipur Central Jail	Jaipur	Rajasthan	
8	Central Jail	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	
9	Sub Jail	Haldwani		
10	District Jail	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	
11	District Jail	Shillong	Meghalaya	
12	Central Jail	Jammu	UT of J&K	
13	Chandigarh Central Jail	Chandigarh	Punjab	
14	Central Prison	Puducherry	Tamilnadu	
15	Prothrapur Jail	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar	

The first two phases of Parivartan have already heralded a remarkable social movement by transforming the lives of prison inmates and facilitating their integration with society. IndianOil is the first corporate to take such a unique initiative forward, and I am incredibly proud of how the IndianOil sports persons have teamed up with external coaches to help the inmates cultivate their sporting interests. Let me also assert that we are committed to bringing in more prison inmates within the fold of Parivartan in the days to come. I am confident that this sporting endeavour will continue to create a social ripple that will transform the lives of reformed citizens.

- Mr. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil This initiative came in the wake of India's 75th Year of Independence, being celebrated as Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. Over 1775 inmates in 37 prisons have been coached in the basics of the Sport, enabling them to participate in local competitions, besides recreation.

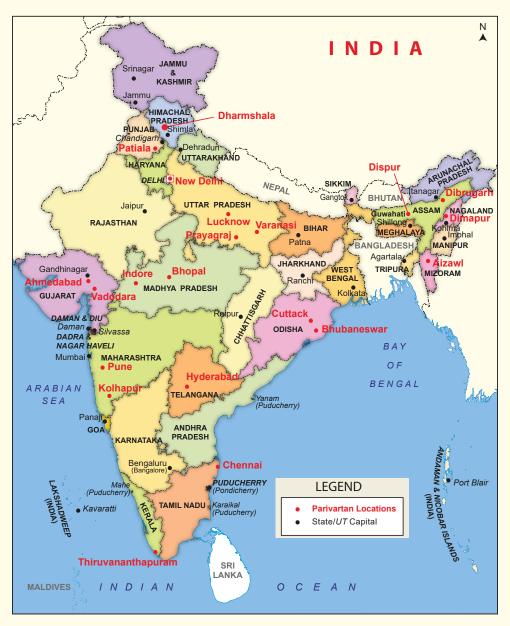


## **Tihar Jail Sports Coaching Project**

S. No.	Game	Jail No.	Name of the Coach	Credentials
1	Chess	4&7	Shivakant Mishra	Chess Coach & International Arbiter
2	Carrom	2&7	Mohd. Zaid	Delhi State team coach for U-14, National Player
3	Badminton	2&7	Manav	BPEd and Delhi State Coach for Sub Jr. national
4	Volleyball	5	Parveen Kumar	NIS Coach, National Player
5	Basketball	5	Vishal Kumar Gupta	International Player
6	Chess (Women)	6	Swati Bhatt	International Arbiter
7	Carrom (Women)	6	Neha Rani	National Carrom Player
8	Badminton (Women)	6	Manjusha Kanwar/ Mini Sharma	BPEd and National Badminton Player
9	Kho-Kho	5	Jitender Tyagi	National Coach & Secretary, Delhi Kho-Kho Association



## Parivartan - Prison to Pride The journey so far...



## **Chess for Freedom**

The rights and opportunities of self-realization and development for people in imprisonment are essential prerequisites in order to consciously build their future after liberation. Access to training and learning, as well as to quality ways of socializing could give strong motivation to change for better.

Chess is a game that not only allows the inmates to spend a quality time and socialize in a smart and safe way, but also can serve for decreasing such common symptoms like depression, stress, and anxiety. Developing memory and logical thinking, improving concentration skills and imagination may foster their reintegration after liberation. Chess inspires self-motivation, develops the capacity to for-see consequences and demonstrates the success is a reward of hard work. To support and promote this line of work, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Cook County Sheriff's Office (Chicago, USA) have signed a cooperation agreement and launched the "Chess for Freedom" program. This project kicked off in May 2021 with an online conference and an exhibition tournament with four participant countries. Later on, in October, the first Intercontinental Online Chess Championship for Prisoners – a much larger competition with the participation of tens of prisons will be held.

The recent years have witnessed the successful introduction of chess in prisons through different educative programs in the USA, Armenia, Norway, Russia, England, Brazil, Italy and Spain, with very positive outcomes.

#### **1st Intercontinental Online Championship for Prisoners**

Forty-two teams representing 31 countries played in the group stage of the inaugural event held in the autumn of 2021. Prisoners from Italy, England, Armenia, Spain, Palestine, Germany, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Colombia, Portugal, Philippines, Australia, Norway, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Mongolia, Uruguay, Ukraine, Serbia, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Turks & Caicos Islands, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Argentina, Cyprus, The Netherlands, USA and Macedonia were divided into six groups. Two top teams from each group proceeded to the Championship round.

Mongolia became the winner of the 1st Intercontinental Online Championship for Prisoners, while Georgia dominated the women's tournament.

#### Online Chess Tournament under Parivartan

IndianOil, in Association with All India Chess Federation organised 1st ever "Parivartan – Prison to pride Online Chess Tournament" on 30th September and 1st October 2022. Total 20 Prisons participated in this first ever unique Tournament in India. This selection Trial Tournament eas arranged to select 2 teams in men Category, 1 Women Category and 1 Junior Category to represent Indian Prisons in the Intercontinental "Chess for Freedom Tournament" organized by World Chess Federation on 13-14 October 2022.

The Tournament was inaugurated by Shri U.P. Singh ED I/C (HR), Head Office, in presence of Managing Director of World Chess Federation Ms. Dana Ozola, and Deputy President Asian Chess Federation Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan. Also present on this occasion were Senior Officials of Indian Oil, Authorities from different Prisons, Chess Coaches, Chess Arbiters, Indian Oil Chess Grandmasters, Sports Coordinators, and Prison Inmates taking part in the Tournament.

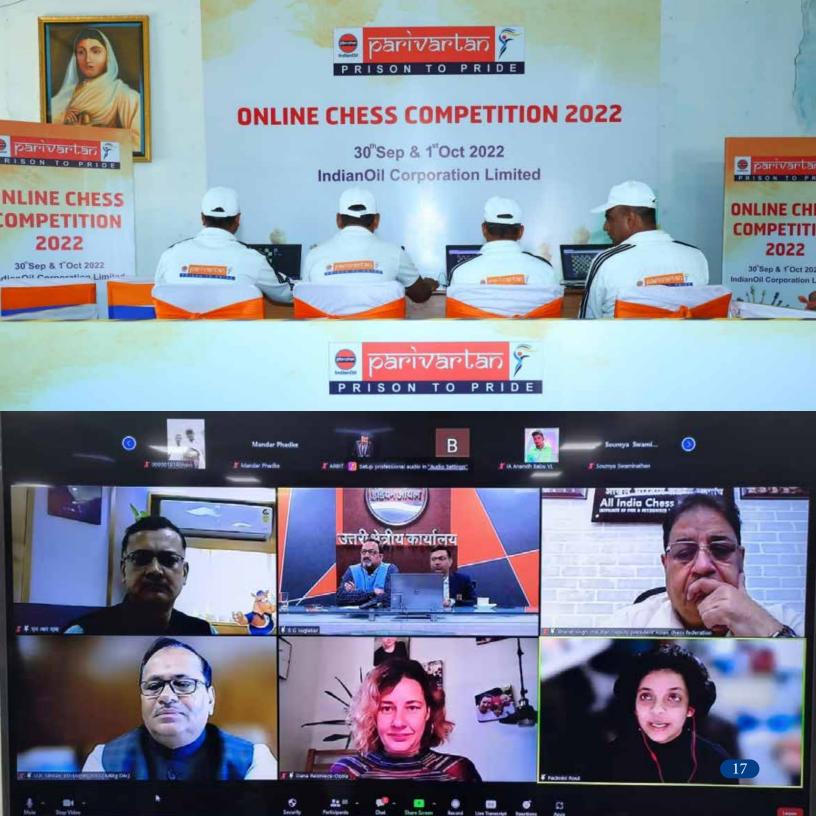
Women Grandmaster Padmini Rout, shared her experience of coaching the Prison Inmates. She expressed her unique experience and how this program has changed the attitude of inmates positively.

Shri Bharat Singh Complemented and thanked Indian Oil for Parivartan initiative and offered complete support from AICF and Asian Chess Federation. he requested IOCL to consider running special programs for girl child in the field of Chess.

Ms. Dana Ozola, who had joined all the way from Latvia, congratulated IOCL and Chairman Shri Shrikant Madhav Vaidya for their sustained effort in the field of social empowerment to prisoners through various games, including Chess. She requested AICF and IOCL to join hands with FIDE in this noble initiative in future also.

At the end of 6 Swiss league rounds, top 4 prisons qualify for the semi final. All the prisons performed well and they showed their chess skills / knowledge. During the event we saw many interesting & intense battles between players. Players enjoyed the 10 min + 5 sec rapid online format. The prisons which qualify for semis are, Bhubaneshwar, Prayagraj, Kolhapur and Pune.





#### Final ranking after 6

Rank	Team	Gam.	+	=	-	MP	Res.	Pts.	SBFIDE	Berlin
1	BHUBANESWAR	6	5	0	1	10	0	14½	212.00	36½
2	KOLHAPUR	6	4	1	1	9	2	17	243.25	45½
3	PRAYGRAJ	6	4	1	1	9	0	15½	205.75	331⁄2
4	PUNE	5	2	2	1	8	0	17½	169.75	33½
5	VARANASI	5	2	2	1	8	0	16½	146.75	30½
6	CUITACK	6	4	0	2	8	0	16	181.75	36
7	TIHAR	6	3	2	1	8	0	13½	171.75	38
8	AHMEDABAD	5	2	1	2	7	0	14½	126.25	22
9	BHOPAL	6	3	0	3	6	0	14½	158.75	41½
10	BANGLORE	6	2	2	2	6	0	13	108.50	30
11	DIMAPUR	6	2	2	2	6	0	12½	144.00	29
12	INDORE	6	2	2	2	6	0	12	156.00	30
13	JAMSHEDPUR	6	2	2	2	6	0	111⁄2	137.75	271⁄2
14	RAJMUNDARY	6	2	2	2	6	0	11	106.50	26
15	BARODA	6	1	3	2	5	0	11	117.50	27
16	RAIPUR	6	2	1	3	5	0	11	116.50	30
17	JAIPUR	6	2	1	3	5	0	10½	119.75	301⁄2
18	RANCHI	5	0	2	3	4	0	9	55.50	13
19	LUCKNOW	5	0	2	3	4	0	9	52.00	16
20	TIHAR WOMEN	5	1	0	4	4	0	9	39.50	11
21	DIBRUGARH	6	1	0	5	2	0	5	47.00	13

The semifinal matches drawn between 1st Bhubaneshwar vs 3rd Prayagraj and 2nd Kolhapur vs 4th Pune on 1st October 2022. The rapid match between all 4 teams tied with 2 pts each. A tiebreaker blitz match settles the score. Pune beat Kolhapur with the score of 3 -1 while Prayagraj beat Bhubaneshwar 3.5 - 0.5.

#### Semi Final

No.	Team	MP	Res.	MP	Team
1	Bhubaneshwar	0	2 - 2	0	Prayagraj
2	Kolhapur	0	2 - 2	0	Pune









### **Semi Final**

#### Tiebreak

No.	Team	MP	Res.	MP	Team
1	Bhubaneshwar	0	0.5 - 3.5	0	Prayagraj
2	Kolhapur	0	1 - 3	0	Pune

The final was inaugurated at the hands of badminton player Manjusha Kanwar, IOCL, on 1st October 2022 at 12 PM. The final match of the event between Pune vs Prayagraj wins by Pune Prison with a score 2.5 – 1.5. and team Kolhapur finished 3rd after beating Bhubaneshwar 4 – 0.

No.	Team	MP	Res.	MP	Team
Final	Prayagraj	0	11⁄2 - 21⁄2	0	Pune
3rd Place	Kolhapur	0	4 - 0	0	Bhubaneshwar









### **Parivartan - Transforming Lives**

If people get sick, we take them to the hospital and give them the right medicine to get better. If people's behaviour is sick, we bring them to the prison, but we forget the medicines.

- Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

The Parivartan-Prison to Pride Program is aimed to transform the lives of people working in or incarcerated within the criminal justice system. This program teaches sports skills that reduce stress, heal trauma and provides practical knowledge of how to handle negative emotions in order to live to one's highest potential and contribute to society in a positive way.

### **IndianOil's Novel Initiative Coaches Appreciate**

**P. Gopichand** Chief National Badminton Coach, IndianOil

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This unique initiative of Parivartan-Prison to Pride is very, very important, and I do believe that as people who are in prison have a lot of energy, and if we can channelise it, I think it's great for the society.

This will be a change which will not really change the people, but actually bring a transformation in society where people believe that if people who are convicted can be transformed, any of us can be. I think it's a great initiative and I congratulate IndianOil and its entire team for bringing this together. Syed Karimullah



National level player and National coach, Puzal Jail, Chennai



I had a very unique experience, didn't expect such enthusiasm from inmates for learning sports/volleyball. In fact my batch of inmates were disciplined and wanted to learn the game very fast at each session and they respected me like a teacher. The age group of my batch was from19 years to 50 years and all responded well. I'm thankful to IndianOil for giving me a chance to be a part of this unique initiative, where I utilised my expertise to help inmates to relieve their stress levels and teach them good qualities of sports.



**Mohd. Adil** National Volleyball player & UP State selector, Lucknow Jail

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Initially I did not wanted to be part of this project, as I felt that it would not be safe. But very soon my perception changed completely and I really looked forward to my visit and coaching sessions. At first, inmates were little quiet but by the 5th day, they really started to enjoy the sessions. It was a very rewarding experience for me to see the team improve basics of volley ball and few of them got very good at it. As the days passed, one of the inmates who was very reserved and quiet, opened up and wholeheartedly took part in volleyball lessons. The superintendent was very surprised to notice how happy the inmates were while playing volleyball. Fantastic initiative by IndianOil.

#### Manjusha Kanwar



Ex international Badminton player, DGM, Sports coordination IndianOil, Tihar Jail No. 5

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Thanks to IndianOil, I got a chance to coach/interact with inmates on the sports grounds within the jails. Absolutely unique experience and learnings. Realised the power of sports can touch inmate's lives in a positive way. Prison inmates that showed interest in learning games and also asked for more lessons and wished that such programs continue as it gave them a sense of purpose and hope, while reduced stress levels. I can never forget the day we organised matches in Jail no. 5 where in inmates between ages of 18 to 21 years were divided into 2 groups and played competitions in games kho-kho, kabaddi, basketball and volleyball. Competitions were conducted in a very healthy manner and all reacted well. As a coach, this made me realise the essence of coaching. Hopefully this will re-habilitate their re-entry into society in a very positive way.



#### Jitender Tyagi



National Coach & Secretary, Delhi Kho-Kho Association, Tihar Jail No. 5 (youth jail 18 to 21 years)

Absolutely applaud IndianOil for taking this tough initiative to rehabilitate prisoners through sports coaching. Teaching Kho-Kho to young boys and giving them life lessons through sports coaching was a very rewarding experience. Boys trained hard and hopefully they can take a different route when they re-enter society.



Manav Kumar State level Badminton player, Tihar Jail No. 2 & 7

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I could not believe that I have trained hard core criminals and taught them badminton! It was very unique experience for me. I trained inmates in jail no. 2 and 7 of Tihar. All inmates treated me with respect and in fact I also could improve their game and conduct matches within inmates. It's a phenomenal experience and am sure I have touched lives of few inmates by making a positive change.



Mini State level Badminton & Chess coaches, Tihar Jail No. 6 (Women)

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Good experience. Never before did we think that we can help transform lives of prison inmates through sports. Touched our hearts and really thank IndianOil for giving us this opportunity to connect at the toughest places and try to make a change while coaching sports.



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Raman Kumar Kabaddi Coach, Central Jail Patiala

Feel very proud to be part of this special initiative of sports coaching in Patiala Jail. Thankful to IndianOil for giving me this opportunity. The inmates/ prisoners really enjoyed the Kabaddi training sessions, and I felt proud to teach them sports as well as discipline required in sports.

XXXXXX Indore Chess Coach, Central Jail Bhopal

इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन के द्वारा ऑनलाइन चेस स्पर्धा का आयोजन करना अपने आप में एक अद्भुत कार्य था किसी भी कैदी के लिए अपने आप में अनूटा आयोजन था किसी की जिंदगी को अच्छे रास्ते पर लाने के लिए इस तरह का आयोजन इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन के लिए चुनौतीपूर्ण था जोकि उन्होंने इस को संभव बनाया इस कार्य को सफल बनाने के लिए ग्रैंडमास्टर श्री अभिजीत कुंटे जी की बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही इसके लिए उनको बहुत बहुत बधाइयां भोपाल की निष्ठा शर्मा जी को भी हार्दिक बधाइयां जिन्होंने इस कार्य को सफल बनाने में अपनी अहम भूमिका निभाई और कारपोरेशन के सभी स्टाफ मेंबर जिन्होंने इस प्रतियोगिता को प्रत्यक्ष एवं अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से सफल बनाया सभी को हार्दिक हार्दिक बधाइयां इंदौर के ललित कुमार राय जी को भी साधुवाद जिन्होंने मुझे इस तरह का अवसर प्रदान किया आगे भी आशा करता हूं कि इस तरह का आयोजन सतत जारी रहे सभी प्रशिक्षकों के द्वारा किया गया यह कार्य अपने आप में एक यादगार और जीवन में कभी ना भूलने वाला कार्य था शुरुआत में थोड़ा सा डर था लेकिन बाद में यह कार्य सहज हो गया क्योंकि कैदियों को प्रशिक्षित करना आसान नहीं था और यह कार्य शतरंज के सभी महान प्रशिक्षकों के द्वारा किया गया इसी तरह में सभी प्रशिक्षकों को भी बहुत–बहुत साधुवाद देता हूँ।

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Big thanks to mahua mam she always inspired us, so due to that reason our Dimapur central jail team at least performed well, i hope mam your cooperation will continue to us in future also, Thank u mam!

