

PRESS NOTE

Drug De-addiction Centre which is named as "Rupantran Kendra" has been set up in the Model Jail, Chandigarh. Sh. V.P. Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor, Punjab & Administrator, UT, Chandigarh inaugurated the Rupantran Kendra in the Model Jail, Chandigarh on 12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM. Sh. Manoj Parida, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Sh. Arun Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary Home, Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, IPS, DGP Chandigarh, Sh. Omvir Singh, IPS, I.G. Prisons, Chandigarh, Sh. Mandeep Brar, IAS, DC UT Chandigarh, Mrs. Nilambari Jagadale, IPS, SSP UT Chandigarh and Sh. Virat, HCS, Joint I.G. Prisons were present on this occasion.

The Hon'ble Governor has simultaneously inaugurated another Project called '**Rupantran Project**' in collaboration with Psychology department of Panjab University Chandigarh. The aim of the project '**Rupantran**' is to provide psychological counselling to the inmates and thereby transforming the lives of prisoners with an object to rehabilitate them. There will be standard operating procedure/protocol for counseling of habitual offenders. This project has multiple benefits to sensitize stake holders to factors influencing criminality, to plan prevention and anti social behaviour on the basis of results amongst habitual offenders, to help prisoners embrace normal life by enhancing their well being and mental health.

The Inspector General of Prisons UT, Chandigarh welcomed the Chief Guest and apprised the ongoing works of the Jail and details about the Rupantran Kendra and Project.

A musical concert was also organized on this occasion Ms. Gurleen Kaur, Vikram and Arpit of a group called Soul' Diet. The Hon'ble Governor addressed the gathering of inmates and stated that Model Jail, Chandigarh is undoubtedly one of the best prison in India. He further stated that any prison can have world class infrastructure and high level of cleanliness and all facilities for the inmates and the staff but the Project like Rupantran is the real work which should be executed in all the prisons not in India but around the world. He further said that this Rupantran work can be considered as " the Soul" of any prison. This project will have positive outcome in near future. He further praises the involvement of faculty

members of Panjab University and encouraged the jail administration for similar kind of visionary works in the future. He also praised the talent of Soul's Diet group.