

IG PRISONS CONDUCTS VACCINATION DRIVE

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The Inspector General of Prisons has conducted an effective vaccination drive in their premises apart from implementing other measures during this pandemic.

Around 178 staff of Inspector General of Prisons working at Headquarters – Panaji and 148 staff working at Central Jail, Colvale, have been administered Covid-19 vaccine.

The vaccination drive (first dose) was conducted in two phases i.e. prisoners in the age group of 45 years & above and prisoners in the age group of 18 to 44 years. Out of 82 prisoners in the age group of 45 years and above, 73 prisoners have been vaccinated; remaining 9 prisoners have refused to get vaccinated. The Central Jail, Colvale as on **June 07, 2021** has 458 prison inmates in total.

Similarly, out of 376 prisoners in the age group 18 to 44 years, 261 prisoners have been vaccinated, whereas, 84 prisoners have refused to get vaccinated. The remaining prisoners will be vaccinated shortly in consultation and coordination with the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Goa.

The 15 bedded Jail Hospital has been equipped with 5 oxygen concentrators and 2 oxygen cylinders to meet any emergency.

Sanitation and health care measures have been followed in terms of the Standard Operation Procedure (SoPs) issued by the various authorities of the State Government as well as Central Government. Sanitization of the entire Central Jail, Colvale premises is carried out through the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services, Mapusa periodically. Central Jail, Colvale has been provided with two units of Mini Thermal Fogger Sprayer (HYT-2) and Electric Sprayer, each along with its accessories, to carry out the sanitization process on a daily basis.

In anticipation of the outbreak of Covid-19, High Security Block, Auditorium Block and Block no.III are kept ready to use for isolation / quarantine purposes.

The jail administration has released 64 convict prisoners on parole in terms of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Sou Motu Writ Petition No.1/2020 dated [07/05/2021](#).

Covid -19 testing drive was also conducted at Central Jail, Colvale and 583 inmates were tested with RTPCR, thereby, 32 inmates who were found positive for Covid-19 have now fully recovered. As on date, there are no Covid - 19 positive inmates in the Central Jail, Colvale, as Informed by the Information and Publicity Department.

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