

**An Evaluation on Welfare Process for Female Inmates
With Reference to Female Ward – Walikada.**

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Prisons today are more civilized in regime and conditions. Welfare facilities at prisoners' have been up graded due to the human right discourse in the society. This study focuses on welfare process of prison with special emphasis on females. This is a qualitative research and uses Case Study Method and Functional Method. Both primary and secondary data are used in this research. To collect primary data researcher used interviews and observations. The sample is consisted of 25 prisoners in female ward attach to the Welikada Prison. Secondary data were obtained from the books and magazines.

Prisoner's welfare branch organizes welfare activities such as Educational, Spiritual and Vocational training with the collaboration of external institutions. There are special welfare programs such as Home Leave Scheme, Consultancy Services, and Residential Medical Facilities. Despite these, there are welfare problems such as lack of welfare officers, less space for prisoners, less motivation to join welfare programs, lack of sanitary facilities etc. Although these problems cannot be solved immediately a few of them can be settled to a fair extent. Further, there are issues related to motivation, leadership and supervision in women prison.

According to data gathered it was revealed that improving relationship between inmates and staff, exercising more supervision, explaining the benefit of the existing programmes of work to inmates are a few steps that can be taken to solve this problem.

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