

# CASE STUDIES OF KARNATAKA MALE PRISONERS....

*(A study with Social work Perspectives)*

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*Abstract : The detainment of guilty prisoners is contrasted and hospitalization of mental patients as imprisonment in all out foundations. In spite of the fact that the quantity of patients in clinics has diminished in every nation as of late in light of the fact that systematization is contraindicated as a method for reconstruction, the quantity of guilty offenders in jail has expanded. The results of placing individuals in jail are talked about. The sentiment of being a freak in the general public was strengthened in jail. 76% of the detainees did not trust that detainment would have any obstruction impact. The vast majority of respondents is that detainment facilities are "criminal colleges." The guilty inmates acknowledged that their offenses were ought to be, unlawful and were prepared to be rebuffed. The inmates, in any case, did not imagine that long haul uninvolved detainment seemed well and good. An incredible greater part proposed "network work" as the most suitable and viable discipline as to recovery. The inmates are most likely right. Prisoners does not prompt reconstruction inside or a decent life outside of jail. Imprisonment is a partial solution to the criminal issue. The important strides in a recovery program for guilty parties are laid out.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

India is a developing country. Along with economical, political, educational, social , cultural development, the crime rates are also developing. Specially male offenders are major in strength. Many reasons are there behind that. The conditions in prison have remained remarkably stagnant for inmates during this time. They are kept in oppressive, often violent conditions and almost totally shut off from the outside world – apart from token visiting privileges and limited access to television and newspapers. They have inferior complex in them, guilty feeling inside and have fear of acceptance. Along with that most of the prisoners are angry with the system and society. And these issues never let them lead their life with peace. Hence, the behavior modification, case study, rehabilitation with Social work is very necessary nowadays. It seems to be that most of the prisoners, who undergone the rehabilitation and behavior modification programme are now leading good life. Social workers can become reason behind this kind of change.

## SOME CASE STUDIES

Here are some case studies mentioned as examples, that post released life of prisoners could be very good if they undergo the rehabilitation and behavior modification programme. And mainly the mentioned names of the offenders are changed here. Revealing their names may not good for them. And it was their personal request too.

### CASE STUDY 1: KORMANGALA, BANGALORE.

Here is one of the interesting case is there. The name of victim is Mr.Basavaraj (name is changed). He took birth in Bangoare itself. He was having a poor family Background. He was not interested in an education. So, he left that in PU level only. He had a family. He was living with four brothers. And he was the first son. Their father was a Driver. Basavaraj was also doing job. But no permanent job was there. He left many jobs like Hotel, Showroom, Shopping mall, Undergarments etc. Finally he found some other way to earn. He entered into real estate business with the help of some contacts. He started earning well. Started enjoying the job. And then he got married with Kamala, Who was in his relation. Got arranged marriage.

With the moral support of his wife and with the help of real estate earnings, He purchased a Flat. And started life in that. And other family members were living in the same old house. In his business to build some relations, he was joining some parties, where drinks were available. He started drinking. But he wasn't know that this habit will destroy his future. One day he sold some property as a broker. The sight buyer was not gave him commission amount. He hold that for some days. Basavaraj was tried much to get that commission amount. But the party made some problem. One fine day the opposite party who was the buyer of the property met him in some bar and restaurant. Basavaraj was started drinking in front of him. Talks were begin. After some time talks were turning into aggressive mood. Basavaraj was very angry on opposite party. And in that anger he drunk a lot. He killed that property buyer.

It was the main turning point of his life. He escaped from there. But Police caught him very easily. Because the bar where he was there, it was his regular bar and everybody were knowing him. So all were gave hint to Police in Police enquiry. Basavaraj was produced to court. Judge heard everything from his appointed lawyer in court. Finally with the witness, Basavaraj Punished seven years imprisonment. He was very un happy from the crime which he committed. He saw many kinds of Prisoners. He was feeling alone inside in the beginning. His family was coming once in a week. After a year the family was coming once in a month. After 3 years they are coming once in three or four month. Basavaraj was very upset inside. Very unhappy from the behavior. But He can't make corrections of past. He was counting days to come out. He was very much worried about his family. He was injured inside from the inmate attack. The injury was major. He got treatment with the help of Prison and his family.

Any how he survived in Prison. And after the time he got released. He was very Happy that day. But After the attack in the prison his family left him alone in anger. So he tried to contact his family. But no use. He was knowing the researcher. He called the researcher to get help outside of the prison. Then I found him alone and helpless. So many relatives were refused to help him.

He was also unable to get shelter. Because he committed crime and imprisoned. People had fear about him. It was a bad time of him. Then the Researched decided to help him.

Our Kormangala helpers supported Basavaraj H. over several months, primarily assisting him to secure accommodation and transporting him to various appointments as he tried to reestablish himself in the community after release and attended to medical issues arising from an injury to his leg while in prison. As part of Basavaraj H's reintegration process we uplifted him on release from prison and delivered him to JP Nagara, where we had helped arrange for him to stay with his ex-partner temporarily. Because of the serious infection still raging in his left leg from his prison injury, over the following month we continued to see Basavaraj frequently, transporting him to appointments with Work and Income, a prison chaplain, Community Probation, a doctor, Kormangala Hospital and private landlords, among others.

Between 1 and 31 August our friend supported him through 70 separate actions over 74 hours as Basavaraj settled into life outside of prison and in an effort to address his medical issues. Resercher tried to also convince Basavraj's Family and get succeeded. In September Basavaraj moved out of the temporary accommodation with his ex-partner in Kormangala and into his own flat. Basavaraj still calls in for support occasionally but appears to be living crime-free, looking after himself, and recovering from his long-term leg injury.

#### **CASE STUDY 2: BELLARY**

The next case is very different. He name was Mr.Rajendra (name is changed). He was 32 years old when he committed crime. He belongs to middle class family in Bellary. He completed SSLC there only. In the early collage, He was restricted to be in contact with outsiders by family. Though he was interested in doing friendship with new people, in collage he found different kind of new friends. But some Young students were so naughty in his collage. They were not having control on their language and behavior. They were talking very ugly with each other and being happy. In their mobile they were watching some nude photos. Some blue films. And forwarding ugly jokes to friends. Rajendra met them and became friends with them. Started enjoying their talks and friendship. He was joining in many activities with them. Even they are moving for theatres to see some movies. Most of the times they were watching b grade movies too.

Rajendra's mind addicted towards sexuality. He was thinking about that most of the time. As he told he was also jerking off himself (Self Sex). He was badly addicted to that. He a left shyness and became bold and aggressive. Because of all these his mind and style was changed a lot. Parents were scolding him a lot. But he doesn't cared anything. Parents were very much worried.

His mother was praying for him daily and took him to some sadhu/Priest. They chanted some mantras and gave some lemon and vibhuti (ash). But no use of all those. One day when he was walking toward collage, he saw some girl child, who was carrying water from the bore well. She was wet somewhere from the water though she was carrying water. She was may be studying in 5<sup>th</sup> class. He attract towards her because she had very fair complex. For some days he observed her daily activities. One fine day he offered some chocolate to that girl. But the girl refused to get chocolate from an unknown person. He continued that daily. Daily

he was waiting at bore well point with some chocolate. Gradually she said ok and accepted chocolate. For some days he was giving chocolate and kissing the child. Then after some time he started touching everywhere.

Then one day with lot of aggression he removed her dress and raped her forcefully. She was badly crying and she was in pain. She was admitted by some local person to the Hospital. She was bleeding. When her parents came to know all these things then they searched for Rajendra. The day when he raped that child he was with his friends and that night he stayed there. He put his mobile off. Next day somehow the girl child parents caught him and beaten badly. Lastly they were wanted to kill him. But because of some educated people's advice, they took him to the Police station and handover him to the Police. Complaint against Rajendra was registered. The non bail able offence was that. He produced to the court and on the basis of medical report he imprisoned for seven years.

Rajendra imprisoned. He felt insulted from all. He was quite unhappy from what he did. Family tried to make him release. But the offence was proved and he punished by the Court. He was badly upset. He wanted to change his life. In prison he experienced some bad things. He had some problems. He felt alone. He was thinking to change his life inside. He attended some spiritual classes. Did many allotted works in the prison. Somehow he was attracted towards the peaceful life and spirituality.

A child sex offender Rajendra was released to live in Bellary in 2013 on an extended supervisory order. He has some limited cognitive functions and requires constant support. Prisoners Aid initially was intensively involved in finding appropriate accommodation for him and has supported him regularly since then.

During the first six months of release he had to move three times due to community opposition. The last move was in 2013 and he is now in his rented flat which we managed to arrange for him because of our established relationship with the agency's local branch.

As our friends office is about a two-minute walk from Probation and he reports to them each week, he usually calls in for a coffee and chat on his way there. He trusts us which enables us to discuss his offending and provide reminders regarding his conditions in a supportive yet candid way, for example, and accepts that our fieldworker's primary role is to support him never to reoffend.

His probation officer is aware of our role and refers him to us for specific immediate needs such as food parcels or to be his support person in dealings with Work and Income and other agencies.

Prisoners Aid involvement in this client's life over the past three years undoubtedly has played a meaningful role in supporting him not to reoffend.

### **CASE STUDY 3: KALABURAGI**

The third case study is also very interesting. It is involved with lot of thrills. In Prison the Researcher met one adult. His name was Abbas Ali(name is changed). He was a Muslim. Light beard with uncut hairs. He was in white prisoner uniform. He opened up with the researcher slowly. He explained about his life history and the reason of an imprisonment. Abbas Ali was a car mechanic. At some leisure time he was also driving taxi. He was married and had four children. So he was doing multi jobs. He

was wanted to gain much money. He was having a dream to fulfill all the family needs. He was not happy with his minimum salary or gaining. He was in search for gaining somehow.

One fine day when he was driving his cab in the night shift, then one of the passenger hired his taxi. He was the man who had contact with underworld. Abbas was with him for 6 hours that night. In this short time he introduced himself to that man and explored his dreams to him in casual talk. After some time, he paid him cab charge (rent) and apart from that he gave an additional amount. Happily he exchanged his mobile number with him, who hired the taxi. One fine day he called Abbas for some work regarding Money Collection. Abbas did whatever he said. Finally he gained obedience and joined his gang. Abbas was getting good amount of Money. He was happy. Started to live in gang. Doing many legal and illegal works. But he was unaware of upcoming problem on that time.

Abbas came out of the home one day. His new boss ordered him to collect money from some businessman. He went there with his joined gang. They started talking to that businessman. Suddenly A man from his gang attacked him and that businessman was seriously injured. Whole gang was arrested then after an enquiry by the Police department. Abbas was arrested by his home when he was playing with his children.

Court gave him punishment of ten years imprisonment of ten years for attempt to murder with gang. He was very upset. In small time he came into Jail with his gang. He was ashamed of him. He was very much worried about his loving wife and his children. He was crying a lot lonely. His family was coming once in three months. His wife was doing housekeeping job after him. She was too sad. He decide himself to be changed inside. He had good mates inside. After some years he released.

Though he had a problem in the beginning after released, We were involved in successfully finding and placing into suitable accommodation on three separate occasions a 42-year-old male of Kalaburagi. Given the client was also facing challenges with child access at that time, We stepped in to support him by liaising and providing advocacy with Child Youth & Family (CYF) and the Family Court.

The Researcher supported the client to apply for a benefit with Work & Income, resolved outstanding issues with the client's Probation Officer, and arranged food parcels for the client when needed.

The helper supported the client to complete a driving course, resulting in him successfully obtaining his driver license and thereby increasing his prospects of employment. We helped the client create an attractive CV and provided him with information on where and how to look for employment. Since then this client has remained in stable accommodation for at least six months, has stable employment, has formed positive relationships with his children as a result of regular access, and has moved away from 'gang life'. The client and the mother of his children are now attending relationship counselling as a means of reconciliation.

**CASE STUDY 4: KACHAPUR**

It is very terrible story. The man was in prison named Babu gouda (name is changed) was had scary background. He was by birth very angry person. He was always showing his anger to others. He was not having patience. His father was fulfilling all his desires. He was from rich family. Having many acres of land and also many workers were doing work under them.

His family was not opposing him. He was had habit of drinking too. He was wanted to look after everything own. He liked a girl very much and got married in his relation without any problem. He was travelling to some places by his own vehicle. He was enjoying a lot. But he was always talking about the power of money.

Though he had drinking habit, he met some people in some deluxe bar where he was going regularly to drink. Those people were not good. They observed Babu, that he is able to spend money very much. He is having some hold and status. Then they willingly made friendship with Babu. He also joined them. And after some days they became close. Babu was feeling like a leader to them and looking all the expenditure come across.

They were roaming in gang. Some cases they found and had conflict with some people. Now people were recognizing him as a Don. And also he was behaving like that. Gradually they were started involving in so many businesses. Many people were became enemy to him.

Finally, One day they moved to some sand business place and had conflict with them for a business. And then the gang which was there with him, they attacked the opposite person who had conflict with them. He died on the spot. After that all were arrested. Then Babu as a don he was also involved there and present there in that offence. So Judge gave him four years imprisonment punishment. Where other gang members had life time imprisonment and other punishments. Because of the defense lawyer, he had less punishment.

Don had been in prison for four years. As his release date approached he decided he wanted to return to the town where he grew up. After our Jewargi friend/helper referral from Don's Case Manager our friend's office there played a major role in finding suitable accommodation for him. However, Don's release conditions made it hard for Prisoners Aid to secure a place for him in his hometown, which was very much his preferred option. In the interim we placed Don in a Supported Accommodation house 45 minutes drive from his hometown, where he lived for four months.

Don came from a very large family and enjoyed the company of other people; he also made friends easily. During his time in supported accommodation he established a good rapport with the other tenants and became a role model for the younger housemates. Don attended all the programmes required of him under his release conditions and told us the Alcohol and Drugs programme specifically had helped him become a better person. Don eventually managed to achieve his dream of moving back to his hometown and is now living with his daughter and her family. He is active in the community and because of his generosity of spirit and eagerness to lend a hand, is viewed by most as a local Good Samaritan. He recently secured a job and has bought himself a reliable car. Don babu has told us that the support he received from us made it possible for him to turn his life around.

**CASE STUDY 5: BASAVAKALYAN**

The next case name is Nikhil(name is changed).. He is very handsome man. He was from middle class family. He was completed his education in Bidar. He was not much interested in Study and all. He was from beginning interested in Business. He was wanted to do something for his future. He had some good and Rich friends there in Bidar.

He had outing with friends. He learned and observed the family of others. He came to know about the real estate. His one of friend was helped him to enter in this field. In the beginning only they got succeeded. They had two percent of the total sold value of the small plot. He was very happy. He did party with all friends. Then from next day he seriously tried to involve in that business.

Gradually he earned so good. He also purchased two plots near Basavakalyan. He was so happy. And he got lease of some company and tried to run that with the help of his friends. He became alcoholic. He was started drinking day and night. He was also smoking much. He was feeling happy in that. But the time was demanded different thing.

He was feeling like something great. Achieved something very big. Changes were found in his behavior. Arrogant behavior took place. He was also showing anger to his workers, when they commit mistakes. In this way he felt loss. He was so aggressive. He fought with some employee and later he tried to kill the company real owner in anger.

He registered case on him. And many witnesses were there. So he got punishment of Imprisonment on the basis of attempt to murder. He entered to Prison. Saw many criminals and innocent people. He was very sad. Any how he was wanted to come out. They appealed in High Court. But he failed there too. He becomes upset. He was disturbed inside. He was feeling very lonely. He was hitting himself some time. Some psychological problem was arrived.

Many people observed him. The Prison authority tried to give him a treatment and they diverted his mind towards spirituality and meditation. Then Researcher met his and accepted as client. He made available to regular treatment inside with the permission of authority. So he was much open up in front of Researcher. He released one fine day after completion of his punishment.

Nikhil's Probation Officer referred him to us for support for the last few months of his Home Detention. In his forties, Nikhil had received his sentence for repeated drink driving and had some mental health issues, mainly around stress and his inability to handling it well.

As his Home Detention drew to a close he became worried because his lease was about to terminate and he was unable to view other properties. With our support, he spoke to his landlord and persuaded him to allow his stay on for another two weeks.

During that fortnight the Researcher stayed in close touch with Nikhil and transported him to real estate agents and to view properties. Nikhil found a suitable home in his price range; we then went Work and Income for assistance with the bond and helped him move in. Nikhil's next goal was to get work – a big step as he had only ever been a sex worker server. After much hesitation and apprehension Nikhil got a job in a small company, packing fruits for the export market. He started at the beginning of the season (early June) and was still working in September although the end of the packing was approaching.

Nikhil was thrilled with his first real work experience and was keen to find a permanent job. He has managed to remain offence-free and alcohol-free for almost eighteen months.

#### **CASE STUDY 6: KUDLIGI**

The next name of our client is Arjun(name is changed).. He was from Kudligi. Although serving time in Bangalore, Arjun was originally from the Koodligi region and was familiar with Researcher there because of previous contact with the criminal justice system. He was from poor family background. He seemed like innocent. He was having dream to have his own house.

He was having contact with some drug mafia. His one of friend was there. He approached Arjun because he was not having any criminal background. He introduced him to some people. He was not much open. Not shared many things about his family. He was not wanted to talk about his family. He was very disappointed on his family. His inmate says that there is some tragedy. Nobody was coming there to see him.

With the approach of his friend he started smuggling. He was smuggling drugs. Only two times he succeeded and third time he caught by Police. They arrested him and produced to court. Hence, It is one of the serious offence, Judge gave him a punishment of Imprisonment.

Researcher started working with Arjun in early March after he arrived Bangalore Prison on an eight-month sentence. Initially, the fieldworker supported him to settle several financial issues. This included applying to Legal Aid for his debts to be written off and working with SH Organisation Advice to obtain confirmation that all his debts were frozen and would not incur any further penalties.

Planning ahead for Arjun's release in October, Researchers referred Arjun to one of the friend of Researcher to attend his future accommodation needs and more recently supported him with several health issues. Arjun has responded well to the wrap-around support Researcher provided to his and was consistently demonstrating signs that this has helped create the conditions for his successfully to reintegrate into society on his release.

#### **CASE STUDY 7: BANGALORE**

The Miraz (name is changed). was the offender who living in central prison. Researcher found him and accepted as a case. Miraz was the man who living happily with his middleclass family. He was a small thief by profession. He was also having drink at least once in three days. He started moving to new bars. He was opening his account there and getting drink any day, if he does not have money too.

He was also in touch with their relatives. Some of youngsters were good with him. One day some four/five youngsters came to Miraz and asked to get some job for them. Because they were wanted to gain money for their survival. Then Miraz told them to be with him and do what he say. He fixed their salary. But the youngsters were not much clear about the job. Next day he took



them to the bar and ordered drink for all. Then he explained about the job what he was wanted to offer them. Miraz was planned well about the robbery in group. In that party emotionally all became ready to support him.

A repeat offender, Mr Miraz, was experiencing rising levels of anxiety as his release date approached. After many years of offending he recognised he had reached a crisis point in his criminal life – this might very well be his last opportunity to turn his life around.

Mr Miraz decided to move to a small town in south-east Karnataka where he had family but was aware that this would present its own challenges as most of them had disowned him. Nevertheless, he resolved to go there so he could prove to them that he could be a worthwhile member of society.

Researcher picked him up from the prison, escorted him to Work and Income and then drove him to this town for numerous pre-arranged appointments, including with a real estate company, Salvation Army Family Store, and the Food Bank. Over a period of about four hours we found him a place to live and bought a mobile phone, some basic furniture, some food and a block of electricity supply. Researcher also helped arrange an introduction to a local Cricket club.

Researcher contacted a local agency and organised with them to provide him with social support. Subsequent follow-up contact has established that Mr Miraz has now also secured a job on a farm doing seasonal transport work. Mr Miraz was grateful for the wrap-around support Researcher provided and acknowledged it was the first time he had ever allowed a community organisation to assist him in a reintegration process.

#### **CASE STUDY 8: KAMPLI**

A local lawyer with whom we have regular contact phoned from a Parole Board hearing desperate for accommodation in Kampli for Waseem (name is changed).. Waseem was from a small town in Bellary District on an Extended Supervision Order but back behind bars on a technical breach. Local Community Probation Service (CPS) in his area were not experienced enough to manage this well so didn't want him back. Due to a relationship with a landlord Researcher was able to put an address forward immediately.

Phone calls to and from CPS and prison resulted in all parties attending a meeting with Waseem to discuss his imminent release. Accommodation at a local motel was sourced and approved by Probation for the first two nights to establish Work and Income assistance with rent, bond and power, and a limited furniture grant. When Waseem was released from prison a few days later and referred to the Researcher, he possessed nothing. Through Researcher and his strong community contacts he was gifted a TV, bedding and change of clothes. A bank account was also gained. This was all achieved with a lot of effort over a two-day period. Completing paperwork was time consuming as Waseem has difficulty with reading and writing. He was uplifted from his temporary accommodation and delivered with a station wagon of gear to his new home.

## CONCLUSION

Prisoners are also human beings. They are also having the right to live normally like others in society. Unknowingly they commit a mistake and get punishments. They feel many things inside them. The social workers, who know the mental and physical situations of the inmates, can provide them basic treatment. They can even modify the behavior of inmates. They play their role in reconstruction of the prisoners. The trained social workers can really contribute in changing their life. It is also very good and needful for the society. The social workers should be appointed in courts, jails and should work as prisoner's development officer. Then only prisoners may lead good life in society after releasing from the jails.

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