

SECURITY REPORT



Smart Policing Boost Police Training and Enhance Community Interaction

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India is still behind in the basic level and standard that the police forces need to achieve to counter the growing security threats of the 21st Century. Police reformation is most needed and no political party has proposed appropriate police reform to meet security risks across the country. In this context, the three basic elements of 'Smart Policing' that need to be highlighted and implemented are **Recruitment, Training and Community Policing**.

Recruitment: We must have a merit based, open, transparent recruitment system in place and not constables paying money in order to get employed. SOP's has been laid down in the Ministry of Home Affairs for recruitment system and now almost 35% of central police don't pay money to get in the service. But this is not the case for state police forces and 60% constables still pay money to get into the system.



seminars on road safety especially assessing the data and number of road accidents. The basic scientific investigation has not been done in most cases because the police personnel were not trained. Thus, the SHO has a very critical role to perform in society and should be adequately trained to manage their team and ensure public safety and security.

Community Policing is also very important in police reforms. However, the community outreach is very low today. Community itself needs to plan a better outreach and should act as a force multiplier to bring changes in reforms by the police. Economically well off people can reach out to the police stations and help them out. Some ways to help can include getting forensic proof for training and propose to get accommodation for their constables. These essential elements are still missing.

Training and recruitment procedures can be assisted by the use of advanced technology and intelligence for threat management. The Securing India Conference 2016 highlighted the use of Facial Recognition System, Artificial intelligence, Video Analytics, City Surveillance as some of the latest technologies in Smart Cities to counter and identify multiple sources of threat. Technology experts at the conference also suggested adopting the practice of auditing and analysis of CCTV cameras on a daily basis. This will create a new perception of CCTV auditors where everyone can be involved in crime prevention in the country especially in critical installations. Such a process can support the security personnel in community policing.

As police modernization impacts both urban and rural areas, the police needs to use the latest technical

Training was considered a 'punishment posting' in some parts of the country. In 2010, in J&K in police training institutes sanctions were zero. Army has the best strength in their training institutes. There is need to change this perception and increase the relevance of training in today's multifaceted security risk scenario. The Indian Police Service is being trained under programmes of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) but more private research and training institutes need to update the centre by sharing inputs on latest and modern techniques of crime prevention, detection and investigation that are being used across the globe.

Road Safety is also very eminent area of concern as accidents kill 1 lakh people every year. There are no gadgets, physical data, pictures, videos in order to detect and prevent new threats and crimes. Further, it is imperative that training of police personnel for using the latest technologies in the country should be made mandatory. Therefore, interoperability is necessary between state and government office, defence forces and manufacturers and technology suppliers. The importance of public private partnerships can be seen in this homeland security context.

The session on Smart policing at the conference welcomed inputs from experts like Ms Meenakshi Lekhi, Member Parliament and Spokesperson, BJP, Mr Ashwin Amarapur, Director & CEO, AllGoVision, Dr.C. R. Bannur, Sr. Divisional Director, Business Development-Homeland Security, Defense and Security Division, Rolta India Limited, Mr Arup Patnaik, IPS (Retd), Former DGP, Maharashtra Member Advisory Board , Security Watch India, Ms. Sutapa Sanyal, IPS, DGP, UP Police, Mr Purushottam Sharma, IPS, ADG, Police reforms, MP Police, and Mr. Ashok Bajpai, MD, G4S India.

These panellists highlighted the role the state government along with the state police unit which is as important in the fight against terrorism and therefore, state policing needs to be worked very smartly. They also emphasised on the need to channelize funds for training of police personnel through Public Private Partnerships. This process would go a long way in creating the basic institutional framework for smart policing and training personnel in India.



Smart Borders India in 'Hybrid Warfare'

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Considering the current security scenario in Kashmir and its trickling down effect to Punjab borders –with firing across the borders, has showcased visible hybrid border warfare. We are emerging as the leader of our nation; this is worrying our adversaries, as they well know that India has the potential of being the whole 'beta' in every sphere. We wish to covert no territory or rule no nation; all we wish is to ensure the well-being of our citizens and increase the opportunities to make continuing progress in the economic and social field.

Speaking on securing India under territorial challenges- it was discussed that this can be achieved by ensuring that we have a set of strong armed forces to secure our borders and prevent any infiltration- but this is now an old world view. The modern world view is very different; it looks at the entire spectrum of conflict and examines every domain to ensure the identification of all potential threats and measures to counter them. India exists in a complex security environment with turbulence in its North, West and East. Pakistan has been a traditional adversary because of the dispute over J&K but that

enmity has grown bigger and become more existential in nature. Pakistan uses 4th generation warrior i.e. nuclear possession, as strategic assets to weaken India internally. Speaking on our other adversary, China has a problem with us in terms of territory and would like India to remain weak. China wishes to dominate the Indian Ocean to secure its energy routes and enter our security space; our strategic space.

The threats to our borders, territory and coastline come from all these directions. It is not that our adversaries threaten only our borders to achieve their territorial ambition; the strategy is to weaken the entire Indian nation. This should ensure that the armed forces, the central armed police force and the paramilitary forces, which are responsible for securing Indian territory borders, cannot be maintained at the optimal level of operation.

India cannot be the lone rangers in this globalized world. We need strategic partners with whom we can have a mutual support diplomatically, economically and technologically. Further, to understand the entire domain of technology; it forms the most significant part in transformation today. It is just not about evolving concepts in the technical domain but the whole area of fast track acquisition of technology and its absorption is also required

It is necessary to create a scientific culture and technology temper. Physical needs in securing the territories cannot be done by armed forces alone; rather the entire government is needed to act on in this nature of 'hybrid warfare.'

The Indian navy's decision to hire the entire off shore cadre should be done more.

The media is live and there is a growing interest in the corporate and academic world. This has to multiply

faster and people are to be made conscious with the role played differently by entities in the defence of territories in India. The soldiers, armed, unarmed, police forces need to feel motivated and committed to the nation. This is because of the vulnerability and our inabilities to prevent their exploitation that have led to the current situation. We need new generation of people who are analysts, innovators and thinkers even at a very young age. The Kargil War was won by sheer physical grit of the new generation which has the potential of delivering intellectually provided we allow them.

In terms of equipment, infrastructure must take primacy. Most of our border areas are remote and rugged. The modernization of infrastructure such as roads operational tracks, air fields, helipads and habitat has now been given priority. But the resources to fill this gap are much required. No set of arm forces can thrive unless the progressive modernization continues. Long term equipment is much needed and on this the 'Make in India' initiative should continue. Clubbing of resources in the ministries will get us far better deals.

The session on Smart Borders at the Securing India Conference 2016 also got valuable inputs from eminent speakers like Col RSN Singh (Retd.), Strategic Affairs Expert, Lt Gen A K S Chandele, (Retd), Managing Editor of Geo Intelligence Magazine, Col. S M Kumar, MD, Mitkat Advisory Services, Maj. Gen Umong Sethi (Retd), Independent Security Analyst, Mr Ravi Kumar Nagalia, Principal Group Manager, Rolta India Limited.

The experts agreed that information has a key role to play in this hybrid nature of war today. We have the support of the reserved police forces and paramilitary forces and must partner to assist them to perform their tasks in a more enhanced way.

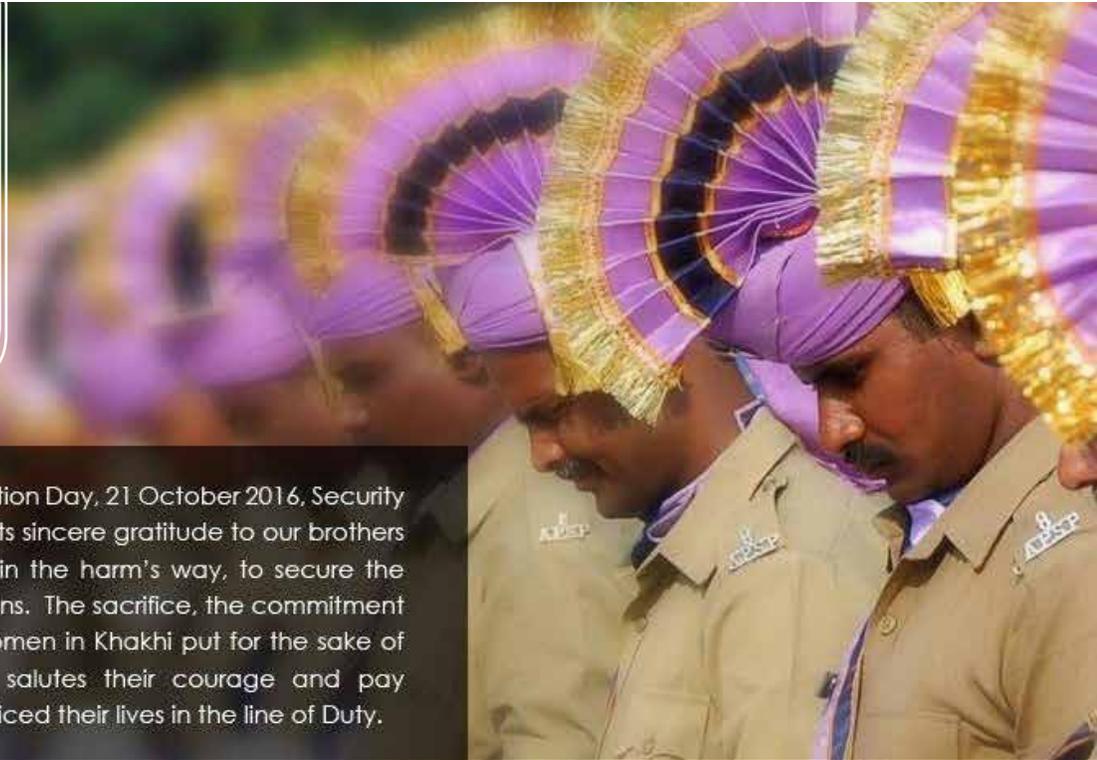
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On the Occasion of Police Commemoration Day, 21 October 2016, Security Watch India (SWI) would like to express its sincere gratitude to our brothers in brown working day-in and day-out, in the harm's way, to secure the country, its people and critical installations. The sacrifice, the commitment and the devotion that the men and women in Khakhi put for the sake of national security is unparalleled. SWI salutes their courage and pay homage to the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of Duty.



SMART COP

VENUE: PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi DATE: 2 December 2016

'SMART COPS': A Round Table Discussion for senior police personnel's, government experts, training academies (both government & private), and private security agencies.

The aim of the event is to improve the role and performance of police personnel in the multifaceted security threat scenario, to make them citizen-friendly, service-oriented and improve Leadership; Accountability; Training and standardization ; Cyber security; Welfare of Police Personnel.

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