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The two day Regional Conference on Smart Policing of Northern states and UTs hosted by Chandigarh Police in collaboration with BPR&D and MHA was concluded on 21st May 2015. In the 49th annual DGP/IGP conference held at Guwahati, the Honourable Prime Minister has put forward the concept of smart policing. In pursuance of that, BPRD have decided to organise regional conferences in Bangalore, Guwahati, Bhopal and Chandigarh. This is to be followed by a national conference in Delhi. The two day workshop in Chandigarh was conducted in 8 sessions with over 35 participants from the northern states taking part in this workshop making it a huge success.

The first session was on Defining Smart Policing: Establishment of smart police stations and smart personnel. Sh. S.K. Verma, IPS (Retd.), DGP, Punjab was the moderator and the speakers Dr. Anil Monga, Head of Department, Centre for Police Administration, Punjab University and Dr. Akshat Mehta, Assistant Professor, Centre for Police Administration, Punjab University, gave a presentation on smart policing: the road map ahead, Sh. Joydeep Nayak, IPS, IG, Orissa gave a presentation on i-click(instant complaint registration kiosk) machine, Sh. Praveen Kumar Sinha, IPS, I.G., Prov. & Logistics, Punjab advocated that smart police stations will manifest into smart policing and Sh. O.P. Singh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Ambala-Panchkula, Haryana advocated about perception management as an imperative towards smart policing.

The second session was on Smart Traffic Management. Sh. Shatruijit Kapoor, IPS, ADG, CID, Haryana was the moderator and the speakers Sh. Harman Singh Sidhu, NGO, Arrive Safe, Chandigarh stressed on the need for a better road safety management, Sh. Maneesh Chaudhry, IPS, SSP Traffic and Security, Chandigarh highlighted the initiatives of Chandigarh traffic police towards smart traffic management, Sh. Anil Shukla, IPS, IG, National Investigation Agency. (Former Joint. Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Delhi) highlighted the initiatives taken by Delhi police like use of technology, social media and data analytics towards better traffic management and Sh. Rohit Baluja, Director, Institute of Road Traffic Education, Gurgaon stressed on the need for road engineering.

The third session was on police accountability. Sh. P.K. Shrivastava, IPS (Retd.), Police Complaints Authority, Chandigarh was the moderator and the speakers Sh.K.P. Singh, IPS, ADG, Crime, Haryana gave an impetus on the need for devising some key performance indicators to gauge the performance of the SHOs and Sh. Mahesh Singla, IPS, Spl. DG., Border

Security Force stressed the need for the implementation of the recommendation of various commissions which were formed on police accountability.

The fourth session was on police-public interface and community policing. Justice Amar Dutt, (Retd.), Punjab and Haryana High Court was the moderator and the speakers Sh. Manmohan Singh, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau stressed on the need for involving people in policing for a better delivery system, Dr. Sukhchain Singh Gill, IPS, SSP, Chandigarh highlighted the community policing initiatives taken by Chandigarh police and Sh. Navniet Sekera, IPS, DIG, Lucknow, U.P. showcased the initiatives of UP police like Women Power Line and Power Angels, through which confidence is being instilled among the women to come out and report their problems.

The fifth session was on the best practices being adopted in their states. Sh. V.K. Kapoor, IPS (Retd.), DGP, Haryana was the moderator and the Speakers Sh. Sadanand Date, IPS, AIG, Uttarakhand highlighted the smart police initiatives taken by the Uttarakhand Police especially the State Disaster Response Force, Sh. Rakesh Aggarwal, IPS, IG, CID, Himachal Pradesh showcased the smart initiatives taken by the HP Police as part of proactive policing, and Sh. Vipin Tada, IPS, ASP, Ghaziabad, U.P. gave a presentation on Operation smile which was launched by the UP Police to trace the missing children. Through this operation, they traced out more than 550 children who had gone missing in a span of two months.

The sixth session on the second day of the conference was on Cyber crime and use of information and communication technology in 21st century. Kunwar Vijay Pratap, IPS, DIG, Jalandhar, Punjab was the moderator and the speakers were Sh. Rakshit Tandon, Resource Person, Uttar Pradesh enlisted the challenges being faced in cyber crime investigation and also how technology could be used in ensuring Smart Policing, Dr. Sanjeev Sofat, Head of Department, Computer Science and Engineering, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh and Dr. Divya Bansal, Associate Professor, Computer Science, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh briefed about the Prevention of Cyber Crime and Public Awareness, Digital Evidence using Mobile Phones and Future Trends and ICT Implementations in Chandigarh.

The seventh session was on role of social media in smart policing. Dr. Varinder Kumar, Professor (Retd.), Faculty of Law, Punjab University was the moderator and the speakers were Sh. Anil Shukla, IPS, IG, National Investigation Agency. (Former Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Delhi) advocated for gathering actionable information through social media to aid the police, Kunwar Vijay Pratap, IPS, DIG, Jalandhar, Punjab enumerated about the role of social media in policing and Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Faculty,

Central Detective Training School, Chandigarh stressed on the need to adopt the social media and innovate for smart policing.

The eight session was on best practices. The speakers were Sh. Satyanarayan Sabat, IPS, ADGP (Recruitment), Uttar Pradesh who gave a presentation on the transparent recruitment process being adopted by the UP Police, Sh. R.S. Yadav, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime, Delhi gave a presentation on the innovative practices of Delhi police like Lost Report App, Traffic Police Mobile App, Police Clearance Certificate, Himmat SOS, Himmat Whatsapp and hike group and Online FIR of Motor Vehicle Theft, Sh. Anil Rao, IG, Crime, Haryana gave a presentation on Operation Samvedi which led to the arrest of Baba Ram Pal and the last speaker Sh. Naunihal Singh, DIG, Punjab in his presentation highlighted two case studies- Community Police officer(CPO) scheme adopted in Khanna district and Chandigarh Police Gully Cricket League organised in the year 2012.

The two day regional conference on smart policing was inaugurated by Sh. Vijay kumar Dev, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chd while the guest of honour was Sh. Jaideep Govind, Additional secretary (LWE), MHA. The conference was attended by Sh. Radhakrishna Kini. A, Spl. DG, BPR&D, Sh. V. Vumlunmang, Joint secretary, MHA and Sh. Anand prakash, IG, BPR&D. Sh. Yashpal Singal, DGP, Haryana was the chief guest at the valedictory session on the concluding day.

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