

East India 2 Day Regional Workshop on SMART Policing
6th – 7th May, 2015, Guwahati

Press Release

The East India 2 Day Regional Workshop on SMART Policing was held w.e.f. 6th to 7th May, 2015, at the Conference Hall of Assam Police Headquarters, Guwahati. This workshop on Smart Policing is being organized nationwide following the announcement of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India regarding Smart Policing. As enunciated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, SMART

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- S – Strict and Sensitive
- M – Modern and Mobile
- A – Alert and Accountable
- R – Reliable and Responsive
- T – Techsavvy and well Trained.

A total number of 10 Police organizations (States) – Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kolkata, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and West Bengal participated in the workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sri Tarun Gogoi, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, in presence of Sri Khagen Sarma, IPS, Director General of Police, Assam, Sri Jitesh Khosla, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam, Sri M.G.V.K. Bhanu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Political, Assam, Sri Radhakrishna Kini, IPS, Special Director General, Bureau of Police Research & Development, New Delhi, Sri V. Vumlunmang, IAS, Joint Secretary (PM), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, Ms L. S. Changsan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary (Home), Assam, senior police officers of the Assam Police and invited guests.

Sri Khagen Sarma, IPS, Director General of Police, Assam, in his welcome address spoke of the unique nature of the DsGP/IsGP Conference held in Assam in November last year, as it was the first time ever that the conference was held outside Delhi since its inception. He thanked the Chief Guest for his able guidance and support which resulted in the success of the conference.

Sri V. Vumlunmang, IAS, Joint Secretary (PM), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, in his address informed that the East India Regional Workshop on Smart Policing is the second in a series of four regional workshops. He also informed that a National Workshop on Smart Policing to be held in New Delhi is on the anvil.

Sri Jitesh Khosla, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam, brought to focus the current situation of Assam and the relevance of SMART Policing in the present context. He reiterated that police is an integral part of the administrative set up and providing fairness is crucial in a democracy. He also asserted that to be sensitive to the needs of the society, policing should take steps towards capacity building, regular training, effective equipments to prevent crime and building community relations.

In his inaugural address, the Hon'ble Chief Minister commented on the requirements of policing in a democratic set up. He spoke about the four essential elements within the system like smartness, sensitivity, understanding and responsibility. SMART policing according to him does not mean only

smartness in dress and appearance, rather the reality lies in understanding and solving the diverse problems that crop up in view of the differences in ethnicities, religion, caste, creed etc. Community / civil policing is the call of the day. Effective rewards should be given for good work and best practices.

The inaugural session concluded with the proposal of the Vote of Thanks by Sri Pradeep Kumar, IPS, Additional DGP, (Training & Armed Police, Modernisation & Logistics), Assam and Nodal Officer, East India 2 Day Regional Workshop on SMART Policing.

Presentations on **Best Practices** were presented by the participating states on the following topics: -

1. Smart Policing in the Counter Insurgency Scenario – Sri. Hiren Chandra Nath, IPS, IGP, SB, Assam.
2. Speedy Trial & Speedy Appeal of Select Criminal Cases – Sri Kumar Rajesh Chandra, IPS, ADGP (Mod), Bihar.
3. Towards Smart Policing in the State of Manipur – Sri L. Kailun, IPS, IG (Zone –II), Manipur and Sri I.K. Muivah, IPS, DIG (Range – I), Manipur.
4. Smart Sikkim Police – Sri Akshay Kumar Sachdeva, IPS, IGP (L&O), Sikkim.
5. Smart Policing in Kolkata – Sri Laxmi Narayan Meena, IPS, Joint CP (Estb), Kolkata Police.
6. Smart Police Station and SMS Based Vehicle Monitoring System – Sri Bendang Lemtur, IPS, DIGP (Trg/Bdr), Nagaland and Sri S. Changkei Konyak, IPS, DIG (NPTO), Nagaland.
7. Smart Policing – Sri Vivek Kishore, IPS, DIGP, Mizoram.
8. Concept of Smart Policing by Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi – Sri Amit Sharma, IPS, SP (Crime), Arunachal Pradesh.
9. Effective Vehicle Database Management Implemented by Sri Bhusan Gulab Rao, IPS, SP, Mandya, Karnataka – Sri Sumit Gupta, ITS, Pr. Scientific Officer, BPRD, New Delhi.
10. Safe and Secure Shillong – Sri H. Nongpluh, IPS, IG, I/C WR, Meghalaya.
11. Transparent Recruitment Process – Sri F.D. Sangma, IPS, IG (TAP), Meghalaya.
12. How to Improve the Health Condition of Police Force in West Bengal: My Experience – Sri A.K. Prasad, IPS, DIG (IPS Cell), West Bengal.

Further, four Brainstorming Sessions were conducted where deliberations were made on the following points presided by the Moderators and Speakers during the 2 day workshop as detailed below: -

1. Session I: What is SMART Policing?

Moderator - Sri Sibabrata Kakati, IPS, (Retd.), former DGP Meghalaya

Speaker (1) - Dr. Prem Saran, IAS (Retd.)

Speaker (2) - Sri Mukesh Agarwal, IPS, ADGP (Proc.), Assam

2. Session II: Responding to the Regional Context (Human Trafficking, Drug Abuse)

Moderator - Sri Mukesh Sahay, IPS, Addl. DGP, CID, Assam.

Speaker (1) - Dr. Monisha Behal, Founder & Executive Director, North East Network, Guwahati

Speaker (2) - Sri Digambar Narzary, Founder Chairperson, NEDAN Foundation, Kokrajhar

3. Session III: Technology in Aid of Policing

Moderator – Prof. Gautam Baruah, former Director, IIT, Guwahati

Speaker (1) - Prof. Ratnajit Bhattacharya, DEE, IIT, Guwahati

Speaker (2) - Sri Deepak Goswami, Director, NIC, Guwahati

4. Session IV: Community Policing & People Friendly Policing

Moderator – Sri S.P. Kar, IPS (Retd.), Former IGP, Assam

Speaker (1) – Sri Kuladhar Saikia, IPS, ADGP, BI (EO), Assam

Speaker (2) – Ms. Meghali Senapati, Associate Professor, TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati.

The workshop ended on 7th May with a summing up address by Sri V. Vumlunmang, IAS, Joint Secretary (PM), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and Sri Radhakrishna Kini, IPS, Special Director General, Bureau of Police Research & Development, New Delhi.
