DR. MCR HRD Institute of Management hosts the XIX All India Conference of Directors of Fergus Plans Bureau!

Dr. R. Gopinath, President of XIX All India Conference of Directors of Fergus Plans Bureau, inaugurated the conference.

The conference was themed "Innovation for Transformation: Fergus Plans Bureau's Role in Building a Better Society." The event aimed to bring together the leaders of Fergus Plans Bureau from across the country to discuss the challenges and opportunities in the field of rural development and to explore innovative solutions for enhancing the impact of their work.

Dr. Gopinath emphasized the importance of collaboration and learning from each other's experiences to drive progress in rural development. He highlighted the role of the Fergus Plans Bureau in empowering rural communities through strategic planning and implementation of development projects.

The conference featured several sessions on various aspects of rural development, including sustainable agriculture, water management, and community engagement. Experts from the Bureau and other organizations shared their insights and solutions to address the pressing issues faced by rural areas.

The event concluded with the commitment to continue working towards the betterment of rural India through effective planning and implementation of development initiatives.

The XIX All India Conference of Directors of Fergus Plans Bureau was a platform for the leaders of the Bureau to come together, discuss, and strategize for a brighter future for rural India.

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The image contains a photograph of a group of people, possibly taken during a ceremony or event related to the conference.
NCRB for Aadhaar database access to solve cases

Fingerprint experts able to visit only 1% of scenes of crime

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National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) Director Ish Kumar on Thursday requested the government to provide limited access to Aadhaar database, which would help the investigating agencies in conducting probe into inter-State criminals more effectively and timely with the help of fingerprint.

He said limited access to Aadhaar database is needed of the hour as 80 to 85% of the criminals every year are first-time offenders with no record with the police.

"If the government provides us Aadhaar database, the local police can tally the collected fingerprint and nab the accused," he said.

Similarly, more than 40,000 unidentified dead bodies are recovered by the police every year and with access to Aadhaar, these could be identified and handed over to their relatives.

Age-old system

Speaking at the 19th All India Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaux here, Mr. Kumar emphasised the need for National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS).

He said the current Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) which was developed in 1992, has only 11.5 lakh fingerprint database, while all the States have about 50 lakh fingerprint database.

"The AFIS has limited capacity and is outdated now. So we have proposed for a NAFIS that can be linked to 850-odd police district headquarters and commissionerates from where a search query could be sent to the National Database," he said, adding that the FBI has 500 million fingerprint database.

In the second phase, the NCRB would stretch their arms to all the 15,600 odd police stations across the country so that a police constable on patrolling duty, or at a makkha can send a query and check the incidents of any suspect.

"Once the database is ready, there would be a need for Artificial Intelligence in data analytic tools by which we can analyse the data and see whether an offender has a criminal record in other states too," the NCRB director said.

Amendment in Act

Amendment in Identification of Prisoners Act 1920 is also required to include other biometrics as face, palm and voice which are the need of the hour, he said. "There is also need to do away with the clause of one year rigorous imprisonment in the Identification of Prisoners Act 1920 and the NCRB has already sent the proposal to MHA," he said.

Can reach only 1% cases

He said out of 50 lakh cases registered each year in the country, the fingerprint experts are able to visit only around 50,000 scenes of crime, which is just 1% of all cases and is grossly inadequate.

"The reason is many states do not have adequate fingerprint cadre strength nor do they have the proper equipment," he said.

Mr. Kumar requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to modernise all the State Fingerprint Bureaux so that experts could at least visit 10% of the scenes of crime.

Centre wants to end Valley's trouble forever: Union Minister

Will work in national interest, says Hansraj Ahir

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Ahir on Thursday said that terrorism in Kashmir Valley will be dealt with firmly and assured that tight security measures for the safety of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims are in place.

He said that the government is committed to maintaining peace in the valley and will not tolerate unlawful activities carried out by separatists, terrorists or Pakistan. "We want to end this trouble forever," he said while addressing mediapersons on the sidelines of the 19th All Indian Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaux here. The Centre will ensure safety and security of people in the Valley and across the country, he said.

He said the government will not heed to any band call given by outfits in the valley, "we will continue to work in national interest," he said. Earlier, while addressing the conference, Mr. Ahir said that there is a need to increase conviction period to decrease crime rate.

Fewer people would resort to committing crimes if the police force works to bring down the crime rate and ensure criminals are punished, he said. "If we continue to practice traditional methods in solving crime, the country can't change," he said, adding, the NCRB Director Ish Kumar's request for access to Aadhaar database will be considered.

Further, praising the Telangana Police for adopting smart and innovative technology in policing, he said that latter had fulfilled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of 'Smart Policing'. "Policemen should also be fitness freaks," he said.

Awards presented

Later, awards were presented to fingerprint experts who excelled in All India Examination of Fingerprint Experts Ajeesh KV topped the examination and was awarded 'Aziz ul Haque Trophy', while Sreeja S Nair bagged the second rank.

TS first to have palm print-based live scanner

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The society still accepts fingerprints as undeniable and unchangeable evidence of the identity and Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is a tool to nab the criminals efficiently, said Telangana DGP M. Mahender Reddy. He said AFIS plays vital role in investigations, virtually replacing traditional manual methods of fingerprint matching and classification. Mr. Reddy said Telangana State Fingerprint Bureau is the first in the country to implement an International standard of AFIS in record time. "We are the first to incorporate palm print-based live scanner system for enrolment of criminal's fingerprint prints and also deployed an android based single fingerprint identification system to verify the criminal antecedents of a suspect in the field," he said.
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The NCRB demands Aadhaar data of public to solve crimes.

Who will guard the guardians? Officials in the National Crime Records Bureau believe their demand for Aadhaar data will help clamp down on criminal elements.
Fingerprint meet ends with ideas to better probe process

Hyderabad: The valedictory function of the 98th All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux held in the city ended with crucial recommendations being made by the participants to better the crime prevention and investigation process.

During the two-day conference, recommendations were made to establish inter-connectivity between databases of various law enforcement agencies through National Automation of Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), issue special medal for fingerprint fraternity, create database of suspects, amend ‘identification of prisoners act’ and change name to ‘identification of arrested and suspect act’ and to create three committees to study various issues. NCRB director Ish Kumar has also requested the government to give police partial access to Aadhaar database to identify first-time criminals, unknown bodies and missing persons using fingerprints.

On the second day of the conference on Friday, the NCRB director also explained the working of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and stated that government agreed for CCTNS phase-2, of which NAFIS would be a part.

Telangana DGP M Mahendar Reddy said that fingerprinting was a great tool to detect offenders and their successful prosecution. "Use of scientific tools improves conviction rate and proves that police is transparent and accountable," the DGP said.

TS has dedicated officers in the fingerprint bureau. Use of the technology has improved through regular training

Mahender Reddy
DGP