

## **“National Security Module for 75th Batch of IRS probationers by CDTI, BPR&D, Ghaziabad”**

After exciting escapade in picturesque meadows of Dayara Bugyal, officer trainees of 75th batch formally completed special mountaineering course designed for them and started journey for their Indian Police attachment at Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Gaziabad functioning under Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs. The objective of CDTI is to provide inservice training to police personnel upto the rank of Dy. SSP.

The batch of 53 officer trainees reached CDTI campus on 6th June. First day, officer trainees visited many infrastructure facilities available i.e. seminal hall, cyber crime lab, crime scene simulation center, library and gymnasium. On 7th June, there was formal inauguration of course “National Security Module for 75th Batch of IRS probationers” by Shri Neeraj Sinha, IPS, ADG, BPR&D.

Finance is one of the many areas where functions of the Police and Revenue department converge. In the matter of national security, financing of terrorism through organized crimes and money laundering have seen a spike. Module put emphasis on how two departments work together to secure India’s national and economic security by preventing the outright exploitation of various financing channels, Fake Indian Currency Notes, black money and commercial frauds etc. ss



In a session taken by cyber expert Shri. Amit Dubey on 7th June, he discussed national security in the age of more decentralized, distributed Web 3.0. He put stress on how emergence of decentralized autonomous organization can challenge critical infrastructure and have debilitating

effects. He also discussed in length the threat to privacy and ill effects of early exposure to digital gadgets on psychology of children. In the second session, Shri Neeraj Sinha discussed building blocks of national security and butterfly effects with a case study of the 26/11 attack. Constant vigilance is the only solution as even an insignificant event can cause large differences in later state.

On 8th June, Shri Shanker Jaiswal had a discussion on predictive analysis in policing and its increasing role in national security. Data, algorithms and tech-savvy policing can not only predict crime beforehand but also can take measures to prevent it. He also discussed how Predictive analytics can be used to detect money laundering at an early stage, which was discussed in detail in the following session taken by Shri. DC Jain. Apart from three stages of money laundering, officer trainees were taught about predicate crimes and its significance.



On 9th June, Shri Anurag Kumar took lecture on terror financing and various preventing measures. Internet is a growing modern form of terrorist financing as it is able to protect the anonymity that it can provide to the donor of the recipient. Officer trainees were briefed about the structure of the Finance Intelligence Unit and Egmont group. It was followed by Syndicate Group Deliberation based on diverse topics related to security on which the group had to present their key points the next day at BPR&D headquarters. Day ended with food for thought as Shri. Sudhanshu Sarangi started a very thought-provoking discussion on the psychology of criminals. How power structure, system can corrupt even an idealist's mind. As revenue officials, he reminded us of our authority as well as responsibility as well as obligation.

On the concluding day of the module, Officer trainees visited BPR&D headquarters, New Delhi. Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh, Director General, CISF gave a very comprehensive overview of



national security. He not only touched upon each aspect of security but also answered various queries of officer trainees satisfactorily. Next, Shri Atul Kulkarni, ADG, NIA discussed radicalization and de-radicalization in the context of national security with a case study of Islamic state. Post lunch, officer trainees presented their key points from syndicate group deliberation in front of esteemed officers.

Special module finally concluded on June 10, with a formal valedictory function. Ceremony was graced by the presence of Director General, BPR&D, Shri Balaji Shrivastav. He emphasized on the significance of transformative research in any institution including the department of revenue. In the evolving nature of crime and its sophistication, two departments need to work in synergy to achieve common goals of securing the nation's financial frontiers. The collective wisdom of two organizations can culminate inputs for policy imperatives and implementation. On behalf of the National Academy of Direct Taxes, officer trainees expressed their gratitude towards the respected course team, esteemed officers and staff members for their hospitality and learnings.

At the valedictory, with Shri Balaji Srivastava, DG, BPR&D

