

PM Modi flags digital frauds, port security at annual police conference

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the DGP/IGP Conference, discussed various subjects on policing and security, in Bhubaneswar. | Photo Credit: ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over the potential threats generated on account of digital frauds, cyber-crimes and AI technology at a conference of top police officers in the country.

Mr. Modi flagged the issues, particularly the potential of deepfakes to disrupt social and familial relations.

The PM also highlighted the need to expand the focus on port security, and preparing a plan of action for it. Appreciating the initiatives taken in urban policing, he suggested that each of the initiatives be collated and implemented entirely in 100 cities of the country, a government statement said. The PM called for the use of technology to reduce the workload of the constabulary, and suggested that the police station be made the focal point for resource allocation.

Mr. Modi, along with Home Minister Amit Shah, attended the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals of Police/Inspector Generals of Police at Bhubaneswar on November 30 and December 1.

Recalling the unparalleled contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Prime Minister exhorted the entire security establishment — from the level of the MHA to the level of the police station — to pay homage on Patel's 150th birth anniversary next year, by resolving to set and achieve a goal on any aspect that would improve the police's image, professionalism, and capabilities.

During the conference, in-depth discussions were held on existing and emerging challenges, including counter terrorism, left wing extremism, cyber-crime, economic security, immigration, coastal security, and narco-trafficking. Deliberations were also held on emerging security concerns along the border with Bangladesh and Myanmar, trends in urban policing, and strategies for countering malicious narratives. Further, a review was undertaken for the implementation of newly enacted major criminal laws, initiatives and best practices in policing, and the security situation in the neighbourhood.

“PM offered valuable insights during the proceedings and laid a roadmap for the future,” the statement said.

The conference, which was held in a hybrid format, was also attended by Director Generals of Police/Inspector Generals of Police of all States, the heads of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), and by over 750 officers of various ranks from all States.