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Press Release

“Combat Insurgency with a Professional Touch”

**Said Sri K Vijay Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Senior Security Advisor, MoHA, Govt. of India in
“Dr. P Srinivas Memorial Lecture”, Hosted by Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana**

Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana organised Dr. P Srinivas Memorial Lecture on “Challenges in Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas”, as a part of the 92nd Foundation Course for All India Services and Central Civil Services Officers. The lecture was delivered by Sri K Vijay Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Senior Security Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, who was the Chief of the Special Task Force of Tamil Nadu that was behind the brave encounter of the notorious sandalwood smuggler Veerappan during Operation Cocoon of 2004.

Sri K. Vijay Kumar paid rich tributes to Dr, P Srinivas, a great martyr, who was brutally murdered by Veerappan on November 10th, 1991. He said that Dr. Srinivas laid down his life upholding the values of honesty, dedication to duty, and courage to stand by principles.

Continuing his address, Sri Vijay Kumar said that internal security is as impotent as external security and it is one of the important responsibilities of all civil servants. He said that terrorism, equipped with latest technology and global reach, has become complex and multi-layered and emerged as a dangerous phenomenon and added that the archaic and conventional response will not be adequate in curbing this menace. “Mere killing of terrorists is not the full answer. Addressing the issue is equally important”, he said.



Sri B P Acharya,. Spl CS to Govt. & DG of the Institute presenting a memento to Sri K Vijay Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Senior Security Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

“As regards countering Insurgency, police response alone would never suffice, but an integrated approach is a must”, he emphasised. Expanding the acronym ASK – Arrest, Surrender and Kill (only as a last resort in 'kill or get killed' situation), he said all these three are part of any Counter Insurgency mantra, the fourth parameter 'Peace', even if achieved without resort to ASK should be, but not often is, given equal importance. “After all, counter Insurgency is about ushering in peace and development and removing alienation. Sadly, past injustice - like in many other things cannot be fully compensated but we can always ensure present inequities are removed or lessened”, he stated.

Sri Vijay Kumar pointed out that a 'service is a product ' and police is a service and the public are entitled to a fine product - namely a top class policing. He stated that for police reforms, integrated interventions, rather than piecemeal initiatives, are needed. He said that, in order to give a sense of security to people, which they richly deserve, police forces should be withdrawn from all sorts of fringe and peripheral tasks they currently perform and their core competencies should be enriched in order to empower them to control crime with a professional touch, “Effective management of minor crimes on a day-to-day basis is important in its own right as it would help them to address major crimes”, he said. “That is the quintessence of 'broken windows theory - if police on the beat ignore graffiti and broken windows which are indirect signs of a place slipping into decadence, that place would turn into a den of crime”, he added.



The Dignitaries and Officer Trainees observing two minutes silence in the memory of late Dr. P Srinivas

Sri Vijay Kumar said that mere establishment of police stations is not enough in controlling crime. He cited the backlog of cases on trial. "Once a crime occurs, the detection - arrest - recovery - prosecution -penalty / imprisonment are a continuum between each of which there should be least gap", he said and called for better coordination between State and Central Governments, police and army, and also among different departments of Government for finding an enduring solution to the problems of insurgency.

"The Insurgents and the Counter Insurgents mimicking each other is common. Mimic but do one better", he said.

Advising the OTs to become impact-making leaders, Sri Vijay Kumar said that if they are equipped with right moral compass and up-to-date professional skills, political interference is more imaginary than real.

Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS and Sri A V Joseph, IFS, who were the batch mates of Dr. Srinivas, said that his sacrifice will continue to remain a source of inspiration for all the civil servants.

Sri Jitender, IPS, Director, Telangana State Police Academy and Sri AK Srivastava, Chairman, Telangana State Biodiversity Board also graced the event.

Earlier, Sri Achal Tyagi, IPS welcomed the gathering and introduced Sri Vijay Kumar. Sri Apoorva Krishna Srivastava, IFS spoke about the life of Dr. Srinivas. And Ms.Vrinda Shukla, IPS proposed a vote of thanks.
