

# HM: Security agencies to get face recognition tools

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**New Delhi:** Security agencies are trying to obtain new software and improved face-recognition technology to enable themselves to dig deeper into social media about a criminal whose record is unavailable in police database, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday.

Singh said cybercrimes were posing a “big challenge” to the security establishment.

He said security agencies have detected that terrorists were using the “dark internet” to recruit operatives and to “sell and purchase confidential information by big criminals.” He said hence, for the first time, they have created a cyber-security division in the Home Ministry.

Inaugurating a three-day Defence and Homeland Security Expo and Conference 2018, organised by the PHD Chamber, Singh said the utility of drones in ensuring security has been found to be necessary and the Central government will soon bring out a policy on their comprehensive usage in the country.

“I am fully confident that drones will be very useful for our security forces. I have seen their capabilities and utility in the conduct of anti-Naxal operations,” he said.

The Home Minister then



Rajnath Singh at Defence & Homeland Security Expo and Conference —PTI

## CYBERCRIME A BIG THREAT

■ Rajnath Singh said security agencies have detected that terrorists were using the “dark internet” to recruit and to “sell and purchase confidential information”.

■ The Home Minister also said that the Ministry has, for the first time, created a cyber-security division to deal with the rising challenge of cyber crimes.

talked about the “new tech-edge” that the security agencies are looking to procure.

“We can track criminals through the CCTV cameras. But at times, it is very difficult to identify and recognise them. We are trying that face recognition technology is better improved so that if a criminal is not identified by CCTV cameras, there should be a technology to get his face recognised. This is what we

are trying. We are also trying that if there is no information about them (criminals) in the CCTNS (crime and criminal tracking network system), we should have such software that can dig into the social media network and collate information about such elements,” he said.

Singh also said that he will soon inaugurate a pilot project for laser-fencing border security in Jammu. —PTI