

PM launches Cyber Coordination Centre

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched the website of the Cyber Coordination Centre as a one-stop shop on all cyber related issues, whether it is cyber crime or cyber security. The portal launched at the conclusion of the DGPs conference would also act as a bridge between law enforcement agencies on the one hand, and academia and private cyber security professionals on the other.

The PM also announced the institution of a new national honour for National Unity on the pattern of Padma Awards, the Government said in a statement.

The annual award would be given to any Indian who has contributed to national unity in any manner, it said, adding that the PM drew inspiration from iconic Congress leader Sardar Patel's contribution towards unification of the country.

The three-day Conference also focused on improving cyber security in the country and on preparing the Police forces to prevent and investigate cyber crimes and financial frauds.

The announcement of the

new awards came at the conclusion of the annual conference of Director Generals of Police and Inspector Generals of Police held at Kevadiya in Narmada district of Gujarat, near the statue of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, country's first Union Home Minister who is dubbed to have unified close to 600 princely States into the Indian Union.

Modi also released a commemorative postal stamp on the National Police Memorial and a special issue of Indian Police Journal on police martyrdom, published by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

The PM also advised the top police brass that a national level parade may be organised by police forces of about three to four states near Patel's statue at Kevadiya every year on Patel's birthday on October 31, observed as National Unity Day.

It was Patel, who, as the home minister of the country, had inaugurated the first conference of Inspector Generals of Police in Delhi in 1948. For this reason, Patel's message of national unity was the underlying theme of this year's conference, it said.

At the conclusion of the

conference, Modi lauded the contribution of the police forces in maintaining internal security and directed the heads of police forces to take steps towards creating a more responsive and sensitive police force, the statement said.

The PM further stressed on the need for coordination of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Central agencies with the state police forces and amongst neighbouring states was absolutely essential for successfully dealing with complex issues of crime prevention and management of law and order in the country, it said.

Modi advised the DGPs to make imaginative use of information technology to reach out to all sections of society through websites and apps to provide various police related services and safety advisories.

He highlighted the misuse of social media by anti-national forces for creating mass unrest and for radicalising vulnerable youth in this context.

A large number of issues concerning internal security, criminal justice system, terrorism, left wing extremism and bridging the gap between police and public were discussed at the conference.