Press Release

Bureau of Police Research & Development

The Bureau of Police Research & Development organised Dr. Anandswarup Gupta Memorial Lecture-2019 today, at the BPR&D Headquarters, Mahipalpur, New Delhi. Shri K Vijay Kumar, IPS (Retd.), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address in the august presence of the members of the family of Dr. Anandswarup Gupta, senior serving and retired officers of the MHA, CAPFs, State Police, Academia, Members of National Police Mission, Civil Society organizations and BPR&D officers and staff.

2. The Chief Guest praised the work and contribution of the BPR&D in the domain of capacity building of the Police Forces, Correctional Administration and its efforts for Modernisation of the Police Forces.

3. While speaking on the theme of the lecture, which was “Indian Police in the 21st Century: Policy Imperative for National Security”, he emphasised upon understanding and redefining the role of Police in the context of contemporary challenges - to national security. He further said that the role of the Police is much more complex than maintenance of law and order and investigation of crimes. The increasing trend of terrorism, left wing extremism,
insurgency, cross border terrorism, crimes, and Cyber Crimes in daily lives of common citizens, has made internal security a very challenging issue. He further described the different types of crimes police has to face like violent crimes, invisible crimes, blue-collar crimes, white-collar, black-collar, red-collar and green-collar crimes. We have to equip and empower our Police Forces to deal with such complex dynamics of internal security. He further emphasised the need for a right mix of human component with technology. Handling of internal security requires smart alliance and participation of all stake holders.

4. On this occasion, Shri V.S.K. Kaumudi, DG, BPR&D, earlier welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests and briefly narrated the history of the BPR&D, which was founded on the 28th of August, 1970. The contribution of Dr. Anandswarup Gupta, in establishing the role of the BPR&D was remembered. He further gave a brief account of the ‘Foundation Day’ Function of the BPR&D this year and repeated the statement recorded by the Hon’ble Home Minister in the Visitors Book which says “BPR&D ke bagair achchi policing ki kalpana nahi ki ja sakti”

5. Prior to his address, the Chief Guest released the BPR&D Profile Book, which highlights different activities of the BPR&D. Shri Madhukar Gupta, ex-Home Secretary and other members of the family of Dr. Anandswarup Gupta were felicitated.
6. In the end, Shri Vikas Arora, IG, BPR&D, proposed the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest and distinguished guests on the behalf of the BPR&D.

*****