

NE security scenario comfortable: Patil



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Union home minister Shivraj Patil says the over all security scenario in the north eastern states is comfortable but continued violence in Assam still remains a cause of concern.

Inaugurating a meeting of the Diector Ggenerals of police and inspector generals from the states here on Wednesday, Mr Patil says there is no scope for complacency when infiltration across the border continues and terrorist incidents are still taking place.

Stressing the steps to strengthen intelligence agencies, he says it should receive first priority in any plan for combating crime and terrorism.

He said that no weapon or device is going to be as useful as intelligence can be to control and contain crimes, violence and terrorism.

Mr Patil calls upon the states to equip their special branches with modern advanced gadgets and technologies.

He says crimes committed against weaker sections of the society should be handled with determination and constant vigilance. The demands of these sections to have a just share in the police should never be lost sight of while recruiting candidates for the police forces.

He says without a sense of security prevailing in the states, investments by entrepreneurs will not be possible.

The strength of policemen and officers in the States is not adequate to meet the growing requirements of policing. In fact, the number should go up.

He further stresses the need for police reforms and reforms in the Criminal Justice System. He also drew attention towards the role of media in maintenance of peace and public order.

The Conference of DGPs/IGPs in India is being organized by the Intelligence Bureau since 1920.

The conference has been held regularly in New Delhi. The Director, Intelligence Bureau continues to remain the ex-officio Chairman of the Conference. This year's DGPs/IGPs Conference is the 42nd since Independence.

Ministers of state for home, Sriprakash Jaiswal, Manik Rao H. Gavit and V. Radhika Selvi; National Security Adviser, M.K. Narayanan; Home Secretary, Madhukar Gupta and Director, Intelligence Bureau, P.C. Haldar were among those who were present on the occasion.

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