

Press Release

ITEC-Backed Training Programme at Rashtriya Raksha University Bolsters India-Mexico Law Enforcement Cooperation

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on June 25, 2024, Rashtriya Raksha University's School of Internal Security and SMART Policing (SISSP) initiated a two-week training program for senior law enforcement officials from Mexico starting from June 25, 2024. This program, organized under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative, signifies an important step towards strengthening international cooperation in law enforcement and capacity building. The program aims to enhance the skills and capabilities of Mexican senior law enforcement officials through collaborative learning and exchange of best practices.

Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) is dedicated to fostering global partnerships, particularly focused on enhancing the skills of law enforcement personnel worldwide, as reflected in its **Suraksha Gyansetu initiative**. This initiative, in line with India's commitment to the principle of **"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family)**, aims to establish a knowledge connectivity platform between India and Latin American countries. The **Suraksha Gyansetu** seeks to promote mutual learning and collaboration in the fields of law enforcement, security, and disaster management by sharing best practices, research findings, and practical experiences, ultimately enhancing the capacity of law enforcement agencies in both regions. This initiative aims to foster a deeper understanding of regional issues, build trust, and promote collaborative solutions that can contribute to a more secure and stable world order.

Inaugural session was chaired by Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), distinguished guest of Honour Maj Gen Deepak Mehra, Kirti Chakra, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Director of the School of Internal Security and SMART Policing (SISSP) and Mr. Ravish Shah, Head International Cooperation and Relations Branch (ICRB).

Maj. Gen. Mehra, Director SISSP, emphasized the significance of training programs in fostering international cooperation, sharing best practices, and enhancing the capabilities of Law Enforcement Officials during his welcome address at the program's commencement. He underscored SISSP and RRU's dedication to delivering high-quality training and expressed optimism that the program would contribute substantially to the professional growth of the participating officials.

He further stated that the collaboration between India and Mexico in the realm of law enforcement demonstrates our shared commitment to global peace and security. This training program is designed to equip our Mexican counterparts with the latest tools and techniques to combat modern-day security challenges.

Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of RRU, in his address highlighted the strong and lasting bond between India and Mexico, emphasizing their shared values and mutual respect. He further stated that this program marks another milestone in the deep and enduring relationship between India and Mexico, a relationship built on shared values, mutual respect, and a commitment to global peace and security. Prof. Patel elaborated on the historical partnership between the two nations, emphasizing the significant progress made in various sectors, including security cooperation.

Furthermore, he highlighted the Prime Minister's vision, "India and Mexico are united by our common aspirations for development and prosperity. Our collaboration spans numerous areas, including trade and investment, science and technology, cultural exchange, and security cooperation. Together, we aim to create a safer and more prosperous world for our people."

The training program, scheduled from June 25 to July 5, 2024, will cover contemporary policing methodologies and strategies through a series of lectures, workshops, and practical sessions. The program will explore the following themes and topics:

- **Police Reforms:** Interactive case studies of the Indian and Mexican police forces will be examined to understand their reform efforts and challenges.
- **Effective Police Interviewing Techniques:** The program will emphasize psychological aspects and evidence-based strategies for conducting effective police interviews.
- **Surveillance and Monitoring Methodologies:** Participants will learn about real-time domain awareness and predictive policing techniques, exploring the use of surveillance and monitoring technologies in law enforcement.
- **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS):** The program will delve into the CCTNS, a system designed to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement through integrated data management and information sharing.
- **Predictive Analysis in Law Enforcement:** Participants will explore the use of data-driven approaches to predict crime patterns and inform proactive policing strategies.
- **Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence:** The program will cover operational strategies and inter-agency coordination for combating terrorism and countering intelligence threats.
- **Cybersecurity:** Participants will gain an understanding of digital threats and learn strategies for countering cybercriminal activities.
- **Dark Web Operations:** The program will examine the threats and challenges posed by the dark web, exploring its use by criminal organizations and the methods for investigating and combating dark web activities.

India has significantly strengthened its relations with the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region, focusing on collaboration in various sectors, including internal security. The ties between India and LAC countries have been bolstered through high-level visits, bilateral agreements, and strategic dialogues. These partnerships have facilitated the exchange of best practices and technologies in areas such as counterterrorism, cyber security, drug trafficking, and transnational crime.

The collaboration extends to capacity building and training initiatives, similar to the current programme for Mexican officials. Such initiatives aim to enhance the operational capabilities of law enforcement agencies across the LAC region, fostering a shared commitment to global peace and security. The partnership with Mexico is a testament to this growing relationship, reflecting a mutual desire to address contemporary security challenges through cooperation and knowledge exchange.

As the training programme progresses, it is expected that the exchange of knowledge and expertise will significantly enhance the operational capabilities of the participating Mexican officials. The programme not only aims to impart advanced skills but also to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding between the law enforcement agencies of India and Mexico.

About Rashtriya Raksha University:

Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) is a central university established by the Indian government in 2020, focusing on education, training, and research in the field of policing and internal security. Located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the university aims to become a global leader in homeland security studies and research.