

Tools to trick bomber's minds

COUNTER TERRORISM

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Hyderabad, Jan. 6: Scientists are planning to use Low Frequency portable electromagnetic radiation tools to immobilise the suicide bombers, said Dr M.S. Rao, chief forensic scientist and director of Forensic Science from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Making a keynote address at the Forensic Science Forum as part of the 93rd Indian Science Congress held at the National Police Academy on Friday Mr Rao said, "This technique of using electromagnetic radiation can control the mind of the suicide bomber and make him to leave his target place silently without making any effort to explode the bomb at the given area."

Mr Rao added, "We don't have this technique available right now. We have to adopt the technology. It will show effect on the brain. Nowadays suicide attacks by terrorist outfits demand innovative planning and rethinking on forensic research. A suicide bomber has to be tackled properly by detecting explosives from safe stand off distances."

"Forensic psychology also plays a vital role in dealing terrorist cases. Narco analysis and brain-wave fingerprinting can reveal future plans of terrorists and can be deciphered to prevent terrorist activities," Mr Rao said.

"Preventive forensics will play a key role in countering terror acts. Cyber terrorists are targeting e-commerce and e-governance," he added.

"In jail, criminals talk with co-conspirators on mobile phones which is not permitted. Cellphone jammers in the jails make the mobile phone non-functional. This arrangement puts the jail officers and visitors to inconvenience. To overcome this problem, now cost-effective Frequency Selection Wall Paper Screens (FSS) with metal grids have been designed to filter all radio signals and silence the cell phone in jail. This arrangement will also help detect cell phones in jails when not switched off," said Rao.

"Small radio isotope sources used for diagnostic purposes, therapy in hospitals and for research in universities and organisations are pilfered and used in making dirty bombs which after explosion can have severe radiation effect on water resources, animals and plants," Mr Rao said.



Power of music: Noted vocalist Hariharan performs on Friday during a cultural programme on the Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University campus, where the 93rd Indian Science Congress is being held. (A Deccan Chronicle photograph)

'AP first in fake currency'

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Hyderabad, Jan. 6: Andhra Pradesh ranks first in the circulation of fake currency, said Director General of Police Swaranjit Sen. Addressing the valedictory function of Forensic Science Forum, DGP Sen said, "Intelligence Bureau chief always alerted me that AP had the largest circulation of fake currency. Forensic science shall help in detecting the fake currency."

Swaranjit Sen said three more regional forensic labs would come up in the state in addition to the existing six.

Road terror

55-year-old knocked down

Hyderabad: Fifty-five-year-old Boddupally Laxmaiah, a class IV employee of Osmania University, was killed when an unknown vehicle knocked him down near Lingareddy gardens on Thursday. He was returning home on his scooter when the mishap took place.

18 persons have died in the city and Cyberabad due to road accidents since January 1, 2006

Police picks up terror suspect from Bidar

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Hyderabad, Jan. 6: Special Investigation Team of Central Crime Station picked up another terror suspect from Bidar for supplying explosives to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror module, lead by Shahed.

Sources in the police department said that the suspect, identified as Mahmood Baroodwala, 40, of Bidar, is a contractor by profession and has been carrying out blasts in quarries. "Mahmood has no explosive licence. He had supplied detonators and explosive material to the JeM activists who planned serial blasts in the city," said a

police official.

Police had already picked up Azmal Khan, who gave shelter to Shahed, Shakeel and others who participated in JeM terror plot and Task Force blast.

Meanwhile, police are questioning four terrorists — Shakeel, Haji, Hialuddin and Nafeeq Ul — in custody. Mujeeb chief of Hizbul Mujahideen is also being questioned.

The prime accused in terrorist activities, Shahed alias Bilal, stayed at Bidar for four months and procured explosives and detonators. He prepared bombs and sent them to his various associates in Hyderabad, Zaheerabad and Bidar.

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