

INTERPOL: Is The Key to Better Policing

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- ❖ INTERPOL is vital for cooperation in sharing and gathering information on international criminals and upgrading policing worldwide.

India is moving ahead both in terms of being the most tolerant and democratic country as well as one of the leading economies across the globe. On the other hand, there has been a theatrical growth of terrorism which remained unabated. The number of recent events of sporadic terrorist violence suggests the urgency of catalysts for a new shift, most importantly towards creating a long route of a combined international mechanism to deal with the monster head-on. Recently the Prime Minister's addressed the 90th Interpol General Assembl speaks volumes about India's leading in the strategic areas. INTERPOL can help India on the path of high-powered police technology to equip our Police with the most efficient and latest technologies.



Popularity of Interpol

The popularity and importance of the INTERPOL are very high as there are 195 member countries, making it a huge Police body to cooperate in handling international crimes and sharing vital information. Prime Minister's call for coming together and close cooperation in fighting international threats including cyber-crimes, poaching, corruption, and international terrorism exhibits the need to develop international strategies for the establishment of an extremely capable international intelligence system in close cooperation to ensure such threats can be encountered at early stages.

A Hi-tech Policing System

Right from the funding of terrorist activities, policing cooperation, dealing with cyber threats, and secrecy through enhancing technological innovations and tightening the border to maritime security information-gathering exercises. Cooperation and coordination in the aggrandizement of communication capabilities and management of security arrangements to deal with any kind of threat are the main objectives of his call for moving towards a high-tech policing process.

Besides, the modernization of the Police would generate prudence to anticipate a possible threat from religiously-motivated bands of distraught minds. Efforts are already on towards a SMART way of policing and usage of interoperable and transferable technologies such as Drones that would help institutionalize the learning process and create a new gateway for comprehending even very complex security challenges.

Another Way To End Terrorism

The recent targeted killings in Kashmir Valley have been done to disturb the peaceful ambiance and incredible gradual progress of the state. The killing of a fruit grower and the subsequent murders of two labourers in Shopian district of J&K is done by the enemies of the state who are jealous of India's prowess. There is a need for a truly effective preparedness program at the government level. First of all, we must know about the people involved in terrorist activities and their motivations. The relationship dealing with the terrorist incident and mitigating its consequences need to be carefully thought out.

Sufficient data about the area within which the event is unfolding could be of immense use. This is simple work of good intelligence and police. The intelligence should be able to provide information about terrorist targets, timings, and sites in advance. On the other hand, there is a need for sophisticated security procedures which can go all the way from airport screening to the border area.

Some kind of positive programs which can replace the frustration of terrorists can prove effective. There is also a need to promote open institutions, including political institutions to absorb the ethnic, religious, and political pressure and allow them (the terrorists) to vent their feelings adequately. This will change their mind and thus encourage them to settle their differences peacefully.

Since the present-day terrorists are very well organised and more professional than their counterparts a decade ago, new conceptions of safety and security should arise. A vigilant and assertive police and paramilitary network should replace the old one. There is an apprehension that with the availability of biological and chemical weapons the terrorists will start their campaign with renewed vigour and pursue their mission of destruction which will be virtually unstoppable.

Need To Modernize The Police

Police officers from myriad countries can be trained to take the initiative in implementing development plans in consultation with experts from various branches across the globe. Developing the capability to anticipate security needs. The manner of recent criminal attacks with the help of improvised devices and modus operandi reveals the unprecedented ruthlessness among the new breed of terrorists and drug traffickers and smugglers. Whereas Police have been regarded important organ of the government to deal with varied problems throughout the world but mounting and varied threats started taking a heavy toll on policing.

Need A Joint Effort

Time is of the essence and it is high time we realized the need for international Security Cooperation Police of different countries alone cannot stop crime, the entire society should make substantial efforts towards ensuring the safety and security of fellow beings. On account of rapid globalization criminals and terrorists have also modified their ways of operation, hence, international Policing requires cooperation and coordination and ought to be motivated and appreciated to keep on relentlessly working diligently for any unforeseen and upcoming challenges.

INTERPOL

- ↳ The International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) is an international organization that facilitates worldwide police cooperation and crime control, with 195 member (India been member since 1949) and founded in 1923 (Vienna, Austria) but with headquarters at Lyon (France).
- ↳ It works on the principle of one country, one vote. It launched Global Policing Goal (in 2018) to focus on collective efforts for the International law enforcement.
- ↳ Interpol deals with cases of Child abusers, Rapists, Murderers, Traffickers, Drug dealers, and Cybercriminals
- ↳ Interpol is like the UN. But it is not meant for dispute resolution. It is designed to assist the police forces of member nations. Interpol is neither an investigative agency like the CBI nor a front-line police force. It is mandated to share information and provide back-end technical assistance to law enforcement agencies.

Structure

- ↳ General Assembly (GA) - INTERPOL's supreme governing body, it meets annually and comprises delegates appointed by each member country. The assembly takes all important decisions related to policy, resources, working methods, finances, activities and programs.
- ↳ Executive Committee - This 13-member committee is elected by the GA, and comprises the president, three vice- presidents and nine delegates covering the four regions.

- ↳ In each country, an INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) provides the central point of contact for the General Secretariat and other NCBs.
- ↳ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) assumes this role in India with one of its senior officers heading its exclusive Interwing (the National Central Bureaus) for collation of information and liaison with the world body.

A notice issued by Interpol is an international request for cooperation or an alert to share critical crime-related information with police in member countries. Mainly 7 types of notices are issued by Interpol-

- ⦿ **Red Notice:** This notice allows security agencies in all Interpol member countries to track and arrest suspects so that extradition proceedings can be initiated against them.
- ⦿ **Yellow Notice:** For help in locating missing minors or identifying persons (who are unable to identify themselves).
- ⦿ **Black Notice:** To get information about unknown dead bodies.
- ⦿ **Green Notice:** Issuance of a warning about the criminal activities of a person who is considered a potential threat to public safety.
- ⦿ **Orange Notice:** To warn of an event, person, object or process considered to be a serious and imminent threat to public safety.
- ⦿ **Purple Notice:** To provide information about places, procedures, objects, equipment, or hiding places used by criminals.
- ⦿ **Blue Notice:** This notice is issued to collect additional information about the identity, location or activities of a person in connection with an offence.
- ⦿ **INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notice:** Issued to groups and individuals who are subject to UNSC (United Nation Security Council) sanctions.

Expected Question

Que. With reference to Interpol, consider the following statements:

1. The President of Interpol is elected by the United Nations General Assembly.
2. In India, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) acts as the “National Central Bureau” of Interpol.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?—

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B

Mains Expected Question & Format

Que.: What is the role and function of the International Criminal Police Organisation? state the major notices issued by Interpol and their objectives.

Answer Format :

- ❖ Explain the roles and functions of the International Criminal Police Organisation.
- ❖ State the major notices and their objectives issued by INTERPOL.
- ❖ Balanced Conclusion considering the importance of Interpol.

Note: - The question of the main examination given for practice is designed keeping in mind the upcoming UPSC mains examination. Therefore, to get an answer to this question, you can take the help of this source as well as other sources related to this topic.