

Note on Crime

On the crime front 2018 has been a successful year for Odisha Police. State Police cracked many important cases and arrested dreaded criminals. During the year State Police has also taken many important and progressive steps for crime control in the state.

CID, CB successfully detected sensational Patnagarh Parcel Bomb case. Investigation of this blind double murder case was carried out in a professional and scientific manner. The successful detection of the parcel bomb case was highly appreciated by the people within and outside the state.

In crackdown on Mafia activity STF arrested many dreaded criminals including gangster Tito @ Sahyd Usaman Alli and his 17 associates. STF was successful in detecting many cases under Wild Life Act and NDPS Act. EOW continued its crusade against financial crimes. It registered 28 cases in the year 2018 and arrested 103 accused persons. Cyber Crime Unit of Crime Branch took up 22 cases in the year-2018 with arrest of 17 criminals including some foreigners. STF has also secured conviction in sensational kidnapping with murder case of Khalikote. In this case 3 accused persons were sentenced to life imprisonment.

In view of going Cyber crime 03 new Cyber Police Stations were started in Berhampur, Rourkela and Sambalpur during the year. Seven new family counselling centers were made operationalised in different districts taking the number to 16. Legal advisor have been appointed in 15 districts successful students traffic volunteers scheme of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar was extended to 4 more towns i.e. Sambalpur, Rourkela, Berhampur and Balasore.

Crime Branch organized various workshops during the year for professional excellence of the Police Officers. This included workshop on POCSO cases, OPID cases, Forensic Accounting, Destruction of Cannabis and ATMs theft related issues. The CID, CB has issued advisories / circulars on various important issues for better guidance of district police such as advisory on mob lynching, rumour of child lifters, working of Courier agencies, use of fire crackers and various issues on cyber crimes.

In the supervision of STF special drive was launched for destruction of cannabis plants across the State .A total of 6683.24 acres of land was cleared from cannabis and 76 cases were registered during the campaign in various districts. Similarly a record 704 quintals Ganja and 989 gms brown sugar were seized by State Police in the year 2018.

Special emphasis was given on the cases of crime against women and children. A system of Red Flag Case is already operational in this regard. It is heartening to note that due to effective monitoring conviction in Red Flag Cases has gone up to 41% in the year 2018. Six important cases have been convicted in Fast trials (copy enclosed).

In operation of PAREE-II, 08 teams were sent across the country and rescue and recovery of Oriya children staying in various shelters homes in different States. **106** children were rescued and brought back under the campaign. Similarly **2789** children were rescued within the State during operation PAREE-II .

In the coming year State Police will focus on improving standard of investigation and securing higher conviction rate. Forensic investigation will be key area to emphasize. Data bank of Crime and criminal will be revamped with the help of recently operationalised CCTN system .This year State Police intend to invest in technologies for crime

control as well as investigation. We will add drones for monitoring during law and order. Other than we would strive to increase CCTV density in both public and private areas both for crime control and law and order maintenance purposes.

Nine more legal advisers in districts will be appointed during the year 2019. Student volunteers scheme will be extended to 6 more towns namely Koraput, Angul, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Puri and Khordha. Another area of focus will be on cyber crime. It is proposed to create a pool of cyber experts within Odisha Police. Similarly a new cyber Crime forensic laboratory cum-training Centre will be made operational in the year 2019.