

# **The Eleventh Annual General Body Meeting 2010**

## **Annual Report of the Secretary for the year 2009-2010**

I have the pleasure of presenting before the General Body the Annual Report for the year 2009-2010 on the activities of the Association.

### **Membership**

The following new members have joined the Association during the year:

#### Retired as:

1. Shri D.N.S. Srivastava - DG, Civil Defence, MHA
2. Shri N.C. Padhi - Secretary, GOI, Dept. of Security
3. Shri Jyoti Krishan Dutt - DG, NSG
4. Shri Gopal Sharma - DGP, SSB, MHA
5. Shri Ashok Chaturvedi - Secretary (R), Cabinet Secretariat
6. Shri Ramesh C. Agarwal - DG, ITBP
7. Shri Sudhir Kumar - Vigilance Commissioner, CVC
8. Shri Koshy Koshy - DG, BPR&D

The following were admitted as honorary members:

9. Prof. Smita Dave

10. Mrs. Saral S. Tandon
11. Mrs. Chander Shekhar
12. Mrs. Poornima Santosh Kumar
13. Mrs. Prabha Singh
14. Mrs. A.K. Banerjee
15. Mrs. Mridula Rudra
16. Mrs. Markandey Singh

Besides, **34 members** of the **Orissa Unit of ARSIPSO** have been co-opted into our Association and they are being invited to participate in our programmes.

We warmly welcome all the new entrants into our Association.

### **Accounts**

The honorary Treasurer, Shri S. Banerjee's report and the audited accounts have been circulated.

### **Activities**

The Executive Committee of the Association met regularly during the period under review. There was free and productive interaction in these meetings.

The Association organized and/or participated in various activities, which are mentioned on the next page: -

Sr. no.	Date	Event
1.	30/05/2009	AGM & Annual Dinner at 'Ashwini' BSF Officers Mess, Nizamuddin
2.	30/07/2009	Presentation on National Police University, given by DG, BSF, at BSF HQ
3.	22/08/2009	Social Get-together with light Ghazzals, at CISF HQ
4.	13/09/2009	Annual Dinner hosted by IPS (Central) Association
5.	07/10/2009	Book Release by Dr. Girija Vyas on 'Trafficking in Women & Children & Realities & Myths' at ISS, Vasant Kunj
6.	27/11/2009	Social get-together with orchestra party of Singer Sukhbir at CISF HQ
7.	13/01/2010	Presentation on Anti-Naxalite Operations given by DGP, CRPF, at CRPF HQ
8.	21/01/2010	Workshop on Police Reforms at IIC
9.	12/02/2010	Shri A.K. Dave Memorial Seminar at IIC
10.	13/03/2010	Annual Lunch of ARSIPSO at 'Ashwini' BSF Officers Mess, Nizamuddin
11.	29/03/2010	Presentation on Disaster Management at NDMA Bhawan, Safdarjung Enclave
12.	23/04/2010	Shrawan Tandon Memorial Seminar at BSF HQ
13.	29/05/2010	Talk by Dr. Raja Mohan on the topic 'Rethinking India's North-Western Frontiers' at IIC, Vasant Kunj, followed by discussions

We are grateful to our esteemed Patron, Shri B.S. Das, for his all-out support and valuable guidance, as also for his sustained push to secure appropriate recognition for the Association.

I am glad to inform you that the ARSIPSO website [www.arsipso.com](http://www.arsipso.com) has more than a hundred articles of immense interest in the field of policing and intelligence. That is one reason why the number of hits during the last

one year has considerably increased from that of the previous year (**4181** in March 2009) to **6,318 hits** in May 2010 including **27%** from the Russian Federation, **13%** from the USA and **12.6%** within India. Netizens from Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Germany, United Kingdom and others also browsed our Website frequently. The total number of hits between July 2009 to May 2010 was approximately **50,000**.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

An attempt was made to make the activities more varied and attractive to the members.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

In the presentation made by Shri M.L. Kumawat, the then DG, B.S.F., on 'National Police University', he explained the background, concept and expected impact of the proposed project. Unfortunately, this proposal has since been grounded by the M.H.A.

Shri A.S. Gill, the then DG, CRPF, was kind enough to organize a briefing for ARSIPSO by Shri P.N. Nair, I.G., Operations, CRPF at the CRPF HQ on CRPF's role in anti-Maoist operations in various states of the country. The participants gained considerable knowledge about the ground situation, as also a fair idea regarding strategy, tactics, weaknesses, future

plans, etc., of the para military and police forces with regard to countering the Maoist threat.

In its presentation, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) outlined its activities since its inception and its future plans. It showed that the NDMA has been able to provide significant assistance in dealing with several disasters arising from natural calamities, without the least delay in many instances. It has also been training people in 'self-help' measures when disasters strike. It has also taken preparatory steps to deal with the eventuality of nuclear disasters.

### **MEMORIAL SEMINARS**

Shri A.K. Dave Memorial Seminar was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 at the India International Centre on the theme – **Developing Situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan and Its Implications for India**. Prominent speakers included Shri K. Subrahmanyam, a leading and well-known security analyst; Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble Union Minister, who was the Chief Guest, and former National Security Advisor, Shri Brijesh Mishra. There were several interesting and well-informed comments by other participants during the discussions. The views expressed at the seminar were wide ranging, covering the strategic stakes involved, geo-political

realities, motivation and agenda of major powers and concerned countries, the likely scenarios and options for India.

Shri Shrawan Tandon Memorial Seminar on '**Maoist Threat – Challenge & Response**' was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 at the Conference Hall of B.S.F. Headquarters. The panel of speakers included Shri T.V. Rajeshwar, former Governor of U.P. & West Bengal and former D.I.B., Shri Ved Marwah, former Governor of Jharkhand and Manipur and former Commissioner of Police, Delhi, Shri Vishwa Ranjan, DG Police of Chhattisgarh, Shri Praveen Swamy, an eminent security analyst and journalist, a senior officer of the Intelligence Bureau, and a number of distinguished retired police officers like Shri Prakash Singh and Shri R.K. Khandelwal. Introductory and concluding remarks and comments were also made by Shri G.C. Saxena, President, ARSIPSO, who chaired the meeting. A clearer picture emerged of the ground situation prevailing in the worst affected areas. There was also an appreciation of a few weaknesses in the response and some useful suggestions came up for refining and upgrading the measures to overcome the challenge.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

A workshop was organized on Police Reforms at the India International Centre. A book on 'Trafficking in Women & Children and

Realities & Myths' by Shri Sankar Sen, General Secretary of ARSIPSO, was released by Dr. Girija Vyas, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, at the Institute of Social Sciences. Dr. Raja Mohan, an Editor of Indian Express and well-known security analyst, was invited to speak on 'Rewriting India's North-Western Borders' on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at the Institute of Social Sciences. He recalled the historical perspective of how during the British Raj India's Borders and sovereignty were chalked out and secured with outer layers of the tribal region and Afghanistan, and related it to the present day security scenario and issues relating to what constitutes or should constitute India's North-Western Borders. His analysis and suggestions generated lively participation from some of the ARSIPSO members present.

The Association has been addressing proposals for having a medical facility or medical facilities for police officers and men. The latest position is that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has identified one site (B.S.F. land at Tigri) to set up a referral hospital. Besides, a bigger facility is being planned to come up in neighbouring Bhondsi Village in Gurgaon District where specialized treatment would be available for the patients. Specific details regarding implementation of these plans are awaited.

The Association is also circulating among the members pieces of information of common interest, e.g. decision of Indian Railways to grant 50% concession in ticket charges to recipients of PPM and IPM. Several members have been raising pertinent queries about this concession, like whether airlines also are providing similar concession. Knowledgeable members can perhaps share relevant information they may have acquired and their own experience in this regard.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Annual Lunch was organized on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at the B.S.F. Officers Mess. Two get-togethers along with musical entertainment were organized, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug., 2009 and 27<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2009. The social get-togethers were apparently quite popular and well attended. We thank Shri Ashwini Kumar, our Patron, and Shri Sankar Sen, our General Secretary, who were of great help in making these social evenings enjoyable. The two memorial seminars as well as other functions were followed by lunch and this was much appreciated. The annual voluntary contribution of **Rs. 1200/-** by the members has enabled the Association to organize its social activities in this more satisfying fashion.



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Shri B.S. Das, Patron of the Association, has set up an N.G.O. called **Centre for Development of Strategy & Planning** (CDSP). Its Board will include one or two prominent members of ARSIPSO which will facilitate participation of our Association in the research and related activities taken up by the CDSP, whenever required.

The Association has started a scheme to occasionally recognize outstanding and exceptional contribution to the Indian Police by a retired or serving policeman. Shri Prakash Singh's historical efforts to advance the cause of Police Reforms are being recognized this year with the presentation of a silver salver and a citation.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I place on record our sincere gratitude to the DGs of BSF and CISF, and also to the Director, Institute of Social Sciences, Vasant Kunj, for permitting the Association to use their premises and facilities for its meetings. The Association also places on record its deep appreciation of services rendered by Shri N.K. Shinghal, who served as Treasurer of the Association for about one and a half years. The Executive Committee of the Association appointed Shri S. Banerjee as Treasurer in his place on a temporary basis. I also feel privileged in acknowledging our deep

appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee for rendering valuable guidance in Association's day-to-day activities. Our special thanks go to our esteemed President, Shri G.C. Saxena, for his guidance in running the programmes. Our sincere thanks also go to Shri Piyush Agrawal, our Auditor and his team, and also to our secretarial staff.

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