SPIR PRESENTATION

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Common Cause was invited to discuss its Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) and make a presentation on the key findings of the 280 page study, comprising extensive data and survey results. SPIR has been instrumental in providing a firm statistical foundation to advocacy for police reforms and generated time series data on the satisfaction levels of the citizens to monitor its impact on the ground.

Dr. Vipul Mudgal, the Director of Common Cause, was invited by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) to make a detailed presentation at a conference of Senior IPS officers on February 8, 2019. It was part of the second National Conference of Micro Missions of National Police Mission which took place at the BPR&D Headquarters in New Delhi. The conference, inaugurated by the Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri NN Vohra, focussed on micro missions such as human resource development, community policing, communication and technology, infrastructure, new age crimes and technology, among other things.

Mr. Rakesh Ranjan from NITI Aayog chaired the session on Proactive Policing and Visualising Future Challenges, in which Dr. Mudgal spoke on the ranking of states in policing parameters. This process had been undertaken through an all India performance-



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cum-perception survey of 22 states, done in collaboration with the Lokiniti Programme of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS).

Dr. Mudgal discussed the objectives, evolution and the derivations of SPIR of 2018. Common Cause had initiated the project on police reforms in early 2000s, while the current report is a combination of performance and perception of policing through an analysis of official data as well as an elaborate perception survey. It also highlights the gaps and systemic inefficiencies which have become endemic in almost all states despite having been flagged by successive CAG reports. The analysis is arranged primarily in terms of best or worst-performing states and on parameters like age, gender, caste, community, urban/ rural or economic/educational status of the respondents.

Along with Dr. Mudgal, Mr. Maithili Sharan Gupta, Special DG (Police Reforms) Madhya Pradesh, spoke on developing automated support system for reducing crimes in railways, while Mr. Santosh Mehra, ADG, West Bengal discussed the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System. Other speakers like Dr. Avik Sarkar from the Data Analytics Cell of NITI Aayog, shed light on Data Analytics or predictive policing and its applications. Later, a resolution discussion was followed by valedictory address by the Former Governor of Uttarakhand, Shri KK Paul.



Common Cause Director Dr. Vipul Mudgal was presented a memento on the occasion

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