

Scientific tools improve conviction rate: DGP

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Fingerprint is a great tool to nab offenders and prosecute them successfully, according to Director-General of Police M Mahender Reddy on Friday.

Speaking at the valedictory function of the two-day 19th All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux (FPBx) at MCR-HRD Institute, the DGP said the use of scientific tools would improve the conviction rate. Scientific tools would not only improve the citizens' confidence and but also prove that the police were transparent and accountable.

The country has the distinction of having the first fingerprint bureau as an integral part of policing. Principal Secretary (Home) Rajiv Trivedi said the fingerprint evidence was the oldest evidence. "It's the confirmed method used to



Home Minister N Narsimha Reddy presenting a certificate to a delegate at the valedictory function of 19th All-India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux at MCR-HRD Institute on Friday.

identify individuals. In modern society, identification plays a major role. Fingerprints are used in day-to-day life as well like for unlocking smartphones," he said.

Trivedi said the popularity of the fingerprint technology had made people realise its importance. Training, increasing man-

power and mobility had improved the policing in the State. Social schemes were also implemented successfully with the wide use of biometrics, he said.

National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) Director Ish Kumar said every year, the best fingerprint bureau would be awarded on the

basis of certain SOPs. He explained in detail the work done by the NCRB along with the research, CCIS software, 'Vahan Samanvay', 'Talash' and Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) among others.

Home Minister N Narsimha Reddy said finger-

print technology had made the process of nabbing an offender simple with scientific evidence. He later released a book titled 'Award of Excellence in FP identification/science competition-compilation of cases'. He presented certificates to the first prize winner Som Shankar, a Sub Inspector (SI) from Karnataka, second prize winner G Swarna Jyoti, SI from Telangana, and third prize winner T Ramchandra Rao, an Inspector from AP. He also felicitated FPBx retiring officers Antaryami Mohopatra from Bhubaneswar and Jagdish Suresh Koshti from Mumbai.

The recommendations made during the meet were establishing interconnectivity through NAFIS, issue of special medal for fingerprint fraternity, changing the nomenclature of the conference to 'All India conference of Fingerprint Science' and modernising FPBx.