

7 International Face

Of late, the world has, thanks to the present times and the gauntlets thrown down by it, contracted substantially. It is, thus, not without basis that some people have started calling it 'a global village' – although our forebears had reduced it to a still smaller and finer entity – family (*kutumbha*) thousands of years ago. Anyway, almost everything around is having a global face these days. The Police being an essential organization, cannot be an exception. It too, has to go global. And that is INTERPOL.

The INTERPOL office at CBI Headquarters, New Delhi.

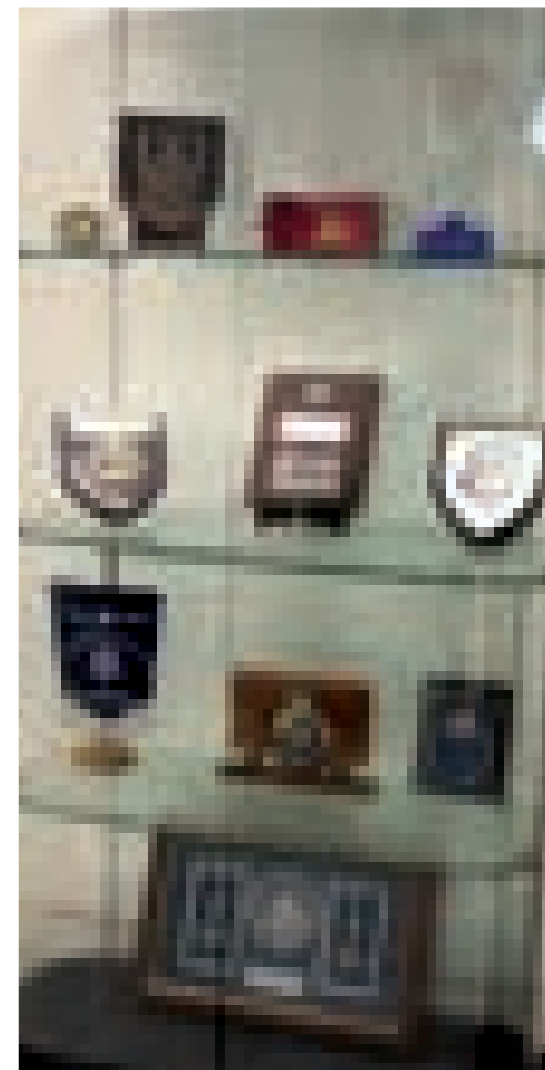
HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Interpol is the telegraphic address of the International Criminal Police Organization - ICPO and it dates back to 1914, when the first International Criminal Police Congress was held in Monaco.

Today, INTERPOL is the only official International Police Cooperation Organization for ensuing day-to-day cooperation across international borders. It incorporates 188 member-countries and has its Headquarters at Lyons, France. It has its branch offices, called National Central Bureaus (NCBs) in all the member-countries.

India is a member-country of Interpol organization, in which the CBI represents India. It is the National Central Bureau (NCB) - New Delhi and is the sole authorized agency in India for contacts with the Police agencies of the world. It functions as a branch of CBI and is located at CBI, HO, New Delhi. Director, CBI is the ex-officio Head of NCB, India.

The Interpol was born in 1923 to develop better coordination and cooperation amongst Law Enforcement Agencies fighting against crime the world over. Since then, it has been making steady progress.



Mementos from different countries
at Interpol Office.



Shri Venu Gopal Rao of CBI and other officers with Mr. A.L. Coffey, Chief of Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California in 1967.

Earlier, the work of Interpol Division rested with the Intelligence Bureau. However, on 1st January, 1967, this was transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide its circular letter dated 17th October, 1966, conveyed its decision to all the State Governments that CBI would henceforth be the representative of India for correspondence with INTERPOL. The 1967 Annual Session of the General Assembly of the ICPO was held in Kyoto Japan in September-October, 1967, which was attended by Director, CBI as leader of the Indian delegation.





The Ivory model of 'Geetopadesh' presented by Shri F.V. Arul, Director, CBI to Mr. Jean Nepote, Secretary-General, Interpol and Mr. Paul Dickopf, President, Interpol at Indian Embassy, Paris in 1969.



Ever since then, CBI has played a major role in making INTERPOL a key tool for police cooperation. The early leaders of CBI were aware of its importance, and therefore all of them have contributed in INTERPOL's fight against crime and criminals, and in expanding its role in fight against terrorism, cyber crime and to increase trans-border police cooperation. As early as 1967, Jean Nepote, Secretary-General of ICPO, visited CBI HO and emphasized



Renowned Toxicologist Dr. A.S. Curry (in the center) at a tea party at CFSL, Delhi along with Shri J.S. Bawa, Shri N.S. Saxena, Shri John Lobo (Director, CBI) and Dr. H.L. Bami on 20th December, 1977.

on close relations of ICPO with India. Since then, CBI Chiefs and other officers have been a part and parcel of the ICPO Conferences, International Symposiums on Crime Prevention, and various other activities of Interpol. It also organized the 66th General Assembly of INTERPOL in 1997 and the First Fugitives Conference in the same year.

The Interpol Wing of the CBI, which is the National Central Bureau for India, endeavours to maintain close and continuous liaison with various Departments and Police Organisations within the country on one hand and with the General Secretariat of the ICPO - Interpol and the foreign Central Bureau on the other.

India has been actively involved in Interpol activities. It hosted the Inter-Regional Meeting of Heads of Drug Services in 1988, the first Interpol Conference on Methaqualone in 1992, the 66th General Assembly Session of ICPO - Interpol in 1997. The Heads of CBI have always shown leadership and statesmanship in this regard. Shri F.V. Arul attended the International Symposium on Crime Prevention Problems at Paris in 1969 so as to enable the Police

Forces in different countries in the world to effectively coordinate their work with the twin aim of crime prevention and law enforcement. He also served on the Executive Committee of Interpol as Vice-President for Asia. Former Directors Shri M.G. Katre, Shri Joginder Singh, Shri P.C. Sharma, Shri U.S. Misra and Shri Vijay Shanker also served as delegates on the Executive Committee of Interpol.



Shri Y.B. Chavan, Hon'ble Union Minister at the 13th Asia Regional ICPO in the year 1994



Dr. A.P. Mukherjee, Director, CBI, presenting a Souvenir to a FBI delegate (1995)



Shri Vijay Rama Rao, Director, CBI with Nepalese delegation in the year 1995



Shri Vijay Rama Rao with
a FBI delegate (1995)



Shri I.K. Gujral, Prime Minister of India and Shri Joginder Singh, Director, CBI
with the delegates of 66th General Assembly Session of ICPO on 15th October, 1997.



Shri R.C. Sharma, Director, CBI with Mr. Toshinovi Kanemoto, President ICPO-Interpol and Mr. Raymond E. Kendall, Secretary-General, Interpol at 66th General Assembly Session at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 17th October, 1997.



Dr. D.R. Karthikeyan with his Excellency Mr. William Deane AC, KBE, Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia at Canberra.



Shri P.C. Sharma, Director, CBI with Mr. Robert S. Mueller III, FBI Director at an interactive session in New Delhi in 2001 on the issues of Global Terrorism, Exchange of Criminal Intelligence etc.



Mr. Ronald K. Noble, Secretary-General, Interpol at Interpol, New Delhi in 2004.



Earlier, NCB-India was connected to the world through X-400 system. Now, a special network called I-24/7 (Interpol-24/7) does this job. It works round the clock.





Agency of Pakistan at CBI Headquarters, New Delhi on 21st & 22nd March 2006



A view of the 7th International Conference on Cyber Crime at New Delhi in 2007



"No excuses.... Take up the rest quickly."

Courtesy : Siddarth Panwar



Shri K.M. Chandrasekhar, Cabinet Secretary, Government of India with Shri Ashwani Kumar, Director, CBI and others





The Third INTERPOL Liaison Officers' Meeting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi (2009)

A large number of requests for part-investigation, letters rotatory, extradition requests for issuance of Red Corner Notices and other notices of IPSG, including Lookout Circulars etc. are received and sent by NCB-India to various NCBs and similarly, the same request from other NCBs are also received for investigation/enquiries to be carried out in India. All the State Police Forces and other Law Enforcement Agencies in India have a link through Interpol to their counterparts in other member-countries, through Interpol Global Communication System (I-24/7) in dealing with criminal investigations.

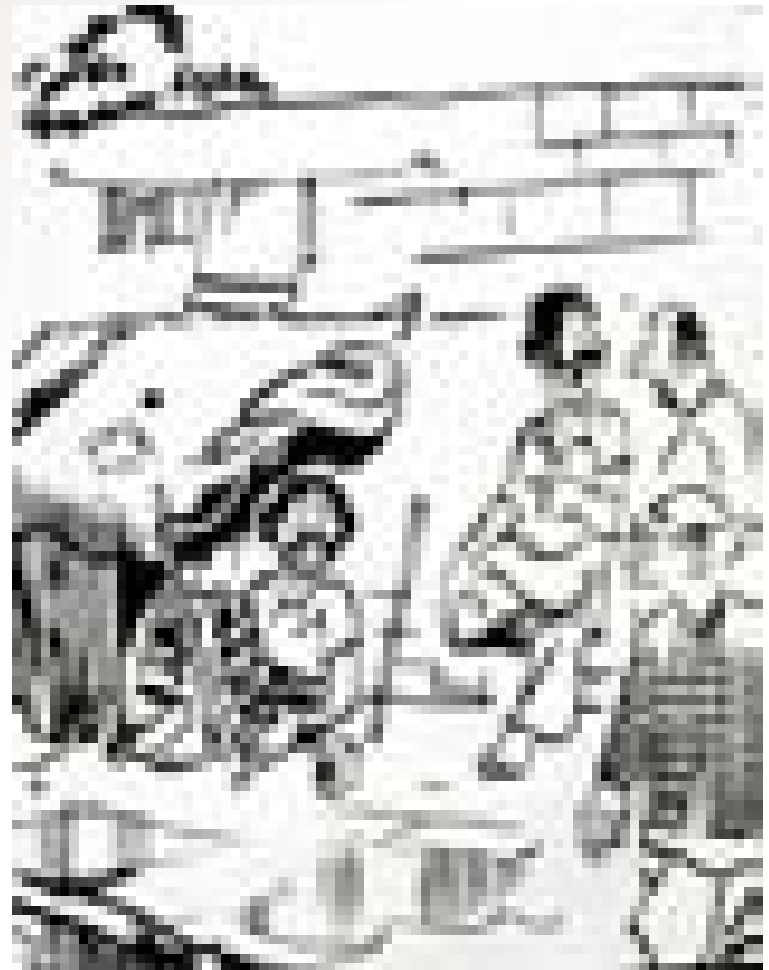
For better coordination and cooperation among the concerned countries and internal organizations, as also for updating of the know-how relating to the subject in question, several important activities/initiatives are arranged from time to time. During 2009, 36 Conferences/Seminars/Meetings etc., including 14 organized by ICPO-Interpol held abroad were attended by our officials as against 34 in 2008 and 27 in 2007. The CBI delegations went abroad and foreign delegations came here to exchange know-how relating to anti-crime measures. NCB-India (CBI) helped the Ministries of Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and others in entering into treaties, agreements etc. with foreign countries.



Shri Ashwani Kumar, Director, CBI, welcoming the Home Minister of Maldives at CBI Headquarters, New Delhi (2009)



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It's my dwelling. He is my paying guest.

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