

The new equipment

Gujarat police install Suspect Detection System

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Ahmedabad: Compulsive liars and anti-socials who have much to hide should keep away from three spots of Gujarat — the Somnath temple, the BSF outpost on the Indo-Pak border in Bhuj and Surat police head quarters.

These are the spots where gadgets fitted with Suspect Detection System (SDS) have been installed by Gujarat police to upgrade security and preempt suspects. The SDS is the result of a tie-up between the Directorate of Forensic Science (DFS), Gujarat, and a private company of Israel where Gujarat Forensic Science University (GFSU) will be developed as an excellence centre for SDS in India and the entire south-east Asia region.

“The temple is one of the many targets in Gujarat that figure high on the terrorists’ target-list. This gadget, each worth Rs 70 lakh, makes it easier to catch liars. The best part is, unlike the conventional liedetection tests, court order is not needed for the use of SDS,” said a senior police official, adding that three gadgets will be linked to the DFS in Gandhinagar, where all information collected in the screenings at all three spots will be relayed to the SDS control room.

Six questions will be asked to the suspect and each will be repeated six times. At the end of the session, the verdict will be out on whether the suspect is lying. During the procedure, the suspect shall have to put his palms on a sensor-pad linked to the gadget, while the pre-recorded questions are being asked to him through head phones. The officer manning the instrument will have to pre-record questions.

More than 100 people have been screened during the last one month. “Till date such machines were in use at international airports in foreign countries like the US and UK. Each passenger is screened through SDS before he can enter into the country. For Gujarat, the next phase of SDS project will be to link up all major cities of Gujarat through this system,” said DFS director JM Vyas.

Guj DFS director appointed in Interpol:

Director of DFS JM Vyas has been appointed as a member of the working committee of Interpol. A total of 17 countries are represented in the Interpol. Each country can have more than one representative. Vyas was the only one to be appointed at the Interpol from the whole of Asia. TNN



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