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Sub: - Criminal Gallery module of iCoPS – consistent data entry and effective utilization – instructions issued – reg.


As per the circular cited, details of criminals involved in various crimes, especially in property offences and NDPS Act cases are being collected and collated at SCRB since 1998. To accomplish this, data sheets pertaining to the above-mentioned cases are being filled at Police Stations and forwarded to SCRB and subsequently, these data are being captured in an in-house developed application viz., Modus Operandi Information System (MOIS) till recently.

The State police had developed and implemented an application viz., iCoPS (Integrated Core Policing System) in which a module viz., 'Criminal Gallery" with enhanced facilities with the following features have been developed to collect and correlate the details of Criminals and Gangs.

i. In the Criminal section, comprehensive details of a criminal viz., Criminal Information, whereabouts, personal info, associates, criminal history, present status, issued notices and available photos etc, can be entered.

ii. In the Gang section, comprehensive details of a gang viz., activities, modus operandi, followers, supporters, hideouts, training, financial sources etc, are available.

iii. After the Criminal registration, any criminal can be linked to a Gang.
iv. Data belongs to a Criminal or Gang can be entered by either PS/SDPO/DCRB/DPO and the same can be updated at any point of time by the entered unit/higher office.

v. Enhanced search facility is available for all the users to search details of a criminal with parameters viz., Criminal ID, Modus Operandi, Crime classification, Area of Operation, Criminal Personal info, Physical Characteristics, Crime Info, Photo etc., as single or in combination for searching.

vi. During data entry in Criminal Gallery, basic details already available in different modules of iCoPS can be fetched so as to avoid duplicate data entry. The remaining data only need to be entered.

vii. If any Police Station/higher office, unknowingly add an already existing criminal details into the system as a new one, both the crime data will be kept separately. To handle these types of dual data existing situations, Merge facility is provided to merge the duplicate entries to a single file.
   a. If the merge is required for Police stations within a district, concerned DCRBs can merge Criminal details.
   b. If the merging is required between units of different districts, SCRBS can merge the Criminal details.

viii. Criminal Gallery encompasses the **Facial Recognition System** using which an available photo can be used to search visually similar images of the criminal in the Gallery. The given image will be cross checked with all the photos in the Gallery and a list of photos with percentage of similarity will be displayed as a list.

In order to ensure a state of the art Criminal Gallery for supporting the state police and to make the Criminal Gallery technically faultless and sound system to guarantee crime detection and prevention for a better policing, the following instructions are issued for strict compliance:

1. Since Criminal Gallery includes features of both MOIS and SAS, data sheet preparation for MOIS and data entry in Security Alert System (www.sas.keralapolice.gov.in) at PS level is hereby discontinued.

2. Police station will enter the details of Criminals and Gangs in the respective sections of the Criminal Gallery module of iCoPS. Police
Stations should enter the details of criminals involved in Property cases, Bodily offences, NDPS cases, Abkari offences, Cyber crimes, other grave/heinous crimes etc., including all active antisocials in the Criminal Gallery Module without fail.

3. MOIS wing of SCR B will monitor the data entry of criminals and gangs in the criminal gallery. As of now Criminal Gallery consists of around 1 lakh criminal data which were migrated from MOIS. Urgent necessary action should be taken to update the current status of this migrated data.

4. The Criminal and Gang details can be keyed into the Criminal Gallery module soon after the FIR is registered or recording of an arrest. The same should be updated as and when new details are received.

"For eg., The jail release details for a particular criminal should be updated in Criminal Gallery as soon as the information is received at PS/DCRB/DPO. As soon as the data entry is completed, this data will be available to all the Police Stations/SDPOs/DPOs across the state once and will be useful for other Police Stations in crime detection/prevention."

5. There is a provision to enter the details of other state criminals/gangs and details of criminals available with external agencies. The responsibility of entering these data is vested with DCRBx/SCRB.

6. Since Criminal Gallery has a unique search facility, all the measures should be taken to collect ID cards details, Mobile number etc., of the criminal and make sure that the same has been entered in the System.

7. To receive the complete benefits of the Facial Recognition System, all possible efforts should be taken to enter multiple and clear images of the criminals into the Criminal Gallery.

8. The DCRBx will monitor the Criminal Gallery inputs pertaining to respective districts and perform merge activity within a district in time.

9. MOIS wing at SCR B will continuously monitor the data entry in Criminal Gallery and will perform the merge activity for the data span across districts.

10. MOIS wing, SCR B will device a monitoring mechanism to ensure proper data entry in Criminal Gallery system and will submit a
monthly report in this regard to the State Police Chief with a copy marked to Nodal Officer CCTNS.

11. All the SHOs should ensure that the facilities provided through Criminal Gallery is being used by the investigation officers for crime detection/prevention.

12. The District Police Chiefs should ensure that all Police Stations record criminal data and gang data in the Criminal Gallery module of iCoPS without any pendency. They shall also ensure that officers at all level are continuously utilizing the facilities provided in Criminal Gallery for better policing.

13. Training to selected personnel will be arranged by the Nodal Officer at the State level and who will be inturn acting as Master Trainers of their district police force and shall be used by the District Police Chiefs for capacity building in this regard.

All District Police Chiefs are hereby directed to personally monitor the action taken on these instructions by their subordinate officers and ensure compliance of the above directions. ADGP Law & Order, IGP Zones and DIG Ranges will review periodically the entry of data in the Criminal Gallery by the local police.

DGP & State Police Chief

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