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Q8

Case study. Raman is a senior IPS officer and has recently been posted as D.G. of a state. Among the various issues and problems/challenges which needed his immediate attention, the issue relating to recruitment of unemployed youth by an unknown terrorist group, was a matter of grave concern. Unemployment was relatively high in the state. A new terrorist group has emerged at the global level and launched a massive drive to recruit young unemployed people, with special focus on a particular community. Discrete inquiries through the Cyber Cell revealed that good numbers of unemployed youth are very active on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, spending 6-8 hours each day, showing sympathy and endorsing messages from contact persons of that global terrorist group. (a) What are the options available to Raman to tackle the above situation? (b) What measures would you suggest for strengthening the existing set-up to ensure that such groups do not succeed in penetrating and vitiating the atmosphere in the state? (c) In the above scenario, what action plan would you advise for enhancing the intelligence gathering mechanism of the police force?

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Role of a DG

The Director General is the professional head of the State police; he can advise and operate, but communal policy still sits with the elected government.

Sympathy versus conspiracy

Liking or forwarding can be foolish or even punishable in some frames; a terrorist module needs tasking, money and intent that a court can test.

UAPA caution

Special anti-terror law is a heavy tool; using it as a community net destroys both trials and fraternity.

OSINT

Open-source intelligence from public posts; it still needs audit so a cell cannot build a private enemy list.

Preamble fraternity

The constitutional friendship among citizens; a security plan that brands one community as the problem fails this value in operation.

Lawful interception

Phone and data intercept only under statutory sanction; bulk faith-based scraping is the opposite of professional intelligence.

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