

CTSR to train police in use of firearms

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Zen Technologies, a Hyderabad based company, has come up with Containerised Tubular Shooting Range (CTSR), an equipment to train police in use of firearms. Presently, authorities feel the police force is not adequately trained to handle weapons with the result they end up killing innocent persons during times of conflict. The CTSR could be the answer as it takes care of shooting range problems and provides live firing practice in a 40 feet container.

The best part is that the CTSR can be moved from one police station to another to enable security personnel practice firing. It has bullet traps made of rubberised panels reinforced by armoured steel. This ensures that the bullets fired do not escape the container. This is among the three innovative products Zen has developed recently. The other two being the Automatic Grenade Launcher (AGL) simulator and the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) simulator. The CTSR and AGL are now on display at the ongoing 17th India International Security Expo, Delhi.

Rs. 170 crore deal

Zen Technologies has signed a Rs. 170 crore deal with police and armed forces for supply of a combination of simulators such as Advanced Weapons Simulator and Integrated Mortar Simulator.

“The pact also includes a Rs. 85 crore maintenance contract,” said Ashok Atluri, CMD, Zen Technologies.

Prime Minister’s ‘Make in India’ campaign might have caught on now but Zen has been in the forefront of producing training simulators with indigenous technology for defence, police, automotive and mining sectors since 1993. During this period it has made 30 different world class simulators most of which have been sold. Its main clients are the three wings of the Armed Forces, Central and State Police, DRDO. Mr. Atluri attributes the success to its R&D wing. Of the Rs. 46 crore turnover this year, Zen has spent Rs. 20 crore on R&D.

Tracking Naxals

Now all eyes are on the UAV and AGL simulators. The UAV comes handy for a variety of works.

Through it government can carry on surveillance, crop monitoring and traffic check. The Chhattisgarh government used the UAV for tracking movements of Naxalites. The standalone mode allows for individual training and the integrated mode for team training. The simulator trains operators to handle fault, emergency, weather, poor visibility and special payloads.

The AGL offers complete solution to training of 30 mm Automatic Grenade Launcher crew in Infantry. The simulator allows low angle engagement of targets at ranges between 50 to 1,730 meters and high angle firing at targets between 1,000 to 1,730 meters.

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