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Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE, in his welcome address, observed that illicit trade was undeniably one of the greatest risks globally. Unfortunately, the problem has only compounded in the current COVID crisis when criminals have used the pandemic as an opportunity to increase their nefarious activities. Applauding the work of DRI, he added, "Even in this challenging scenario, DRI officers are fulfilling their responsibilities with utmost dedication and zeal and are playing a vital role in strengthening the economic and physical security of the nation."

## आर्थिक सुरक्षा को सीमाओं की सुरक्षा से अलग नहीं मान सकते

नई दिल्ली, जेएनएन। राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा को व्यापक परिप्रेक्ष्य में देखने की जरूरत है। हमें समझना होगा कि आर्थिक सुरक्षा को सीमाओं की सुरक्षा से अलग मानकर नहीं चला जा सकता है। फिक्की कॉस्केड की ओर से आयोजित परिचर्चा में देश में तस्करी के माहौल पर विमर्श करते हुए राजस्व खुफिया निदेशालय (डीआरआई) के प्रधान महानिदेशक बालेश कुमार ने यह बात कही। देश के समक्ष चुनौतीपूर्ण सुरक्षा के माहौल पर श्री कुमार ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि सभी प्रवर्तन एजेंसियों को तस्करी रोकने के लिए सतत निगरानी के साथ-साथ यह भी सुनिश्चित करने की दिशा में काम करना होगा कि बाहरी या आंतरिक तौर पर वित्त पोषित होने वाली संभावित आतंकी घटनाओं को रोकने के जरूरी इनपुट भी मिलते रहें। फिक्की कास्केड ने अवैध कारोबार के विभिन्न स्वरूपों जैसे तस्करी एवं जालसाजी को लेकर मामले के विशेषज्ञों के साथ जानकारियों एवं विचारों को साझा करने के लिए इन कंवर्जेशन सीरीज शुरू की है।



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