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## State looks beyond borders for help to combat terror

### Singapore varsity's terror research wing will share its expertise with state government

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The state home department is now open to global tips on terrorism.

A source in the department said the government had approached a few international groups and universities dealing in counter-terrorism techniques.

On Thursday, deputy chief minister and home minister RR Patil met faculty members of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research of the Singapore University in this regard. The institute has offered to provide counter-terrorism expertise like tracking the money trail, cracking websites and also counter indoctrination of terrorists.

Faculty members Arvind Acharya and Swati Parasher met the deputy chief minister for more than an hour and informed him that the institute had a data base of 123 jihadi websites. Counter terrorism expert Rohan

Gunaratne heads the institute.

"Terror is an international issue and we better get equipped to deal with it," Patil said. The state will now send a senior ICS officer to Singapore to check whether the collaboration will add value to its anti-terrorism system. A decision to hire the services of the institute will be based on the report filed by the officer.

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