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FOREWORD

It is a matter of immense pleasure for me to bring out the 24th edition of “Finger Print in India” which has the data compiled for the year 2020. NCRB has been publishing “Finger Print in India” since the year 1997.

This publication contains details of the important cases solved by the Central Finger Print Bureau (CFPB) in NCRB as well as State Finger Print Bureaux (SFPBx) through the use of Finger Print Science. It also carries information on transactional activities of State FPBx such as number of visits of FP experts to scenes of crime, number of chance prints lifted from those sites, number of convicts’ fingerprints enrolled, number of arrestee slips processed to ascertain their criminal history, number of document cases examined and expert opinion furnished, etc.

It is matter of satisfaction to note that during the year 2020, Finger Prints Units in the country visited 49,453 crime scenes and were able to match the chance prints in 2,768 cases. As regards matching of arrested persons fingerprints, their traces were found in 39,903 cases against 5,13,257 searches. State Finger Print Bureaux also received 38,663 fingerprint slips of convicted persons for recording during the year. CFPB also furnished opinion in 175 documents cases and State FPBx furnished opinion in 1,153 documents cases after examining fingerprints during this year.

Information contained in this publication regarding fingerprints and statistics of the same will help law enforcement agencies and researchers alike. The primary aim of Finger Print Science is to identify a suspect/person through the analysis and comparison of his /her fingerprint ridges, as fingerprints are unique to a person. The fingerprint evidence in a court of law is governed by Section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act.

National Automated Fingerprints Identification System (NAFIS) Project, a new flagship project being launched in the country, aims to create a national searchable database of criminal fingerprints. A total number of 27, 77,689 FP slips have been migrated into NAFIS database as on 31.12.2020. NAFIS hardware has been delivered and installed in all the State Finger Print Bureaux and district/Commissionerates. Proof of technology event was organized in the month of August, 2020 to demonstrate NAFIS solution to all the DGsP & Commissioners of State/UTs and Directors of SFPBx. Implementation of NAFIS will greatly reduce the time and efforts of fingerprint community as the tiresome task of sending physical fingerprint slips to SFPB/CFPB will be completely eliminated. Further, chance prints as well as arrestee slips will now be processed at every district Hqrs online instead of depending on SFPB/CFPB.

The XXI All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux was organized on 13 - 14 October, 2020 at NCRB Hqrs on online platform with 133 delegates attending from various Finger Print Bureaux, CFSL - CBI, NIA, FSLs, post graduate and research students from colleges and universities. This conference deliberated on the latest emerging trends in lifting the fingerprints from crime scene, automation of fingerprint data and their utilization.

I take this opportunity to compliment Central Finger Print Bureau team in NCRB for their efforts in bringing out this publication. I also compliment all State/UT Finger Print Bureaux for supplying data timely. I am sure that the present edition of this annual report will be found useful by all stake holders. Suggestions, if any, for improving the future editions are welcome.



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