It has been four months since I took over as DG/NCRB. So far it has been a pleasure working here. The CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems) project has infused new life and vibrancy in the organisation. It has kept all of us on our toes busy and thus happy.

Besides being a statistics collection centre, NCRB has been contributing in enabling state police organisations in e-governance through training of police personnel in basic working knowledge of computers. NCRB has also undertaken training of police officers from developing countries from Africa and middle-eastern countries in e-governance and fingerprint science. This is a goodwill gesture programme funded by the Ministry of External Affairs and NCRB has gained useful experience in handling foreign police officers making suitable arrangements for their stay, transport, faculty and their excursion trips to Agra, Jaipur and Hyderabad. It has lent variety to the job content of NCRB officials. It has also added to the busy schedule of officers here. The next session of foreign police officers training is scheduled to begin in September and officials in the training division are busy making advance preparations for it.
The Central Fingerprint Bureau in NCRB is busy in updating itself to make it a state of the art consulting hub for the fingerprint bureaux of different state police organisations. They have succeeded in collecting and storing fingerprints received from a large number of states which have been prompt in sending fingerprints of mainly convicted criminals and in some cases of arrested criminals with the permission of the courts. The CFPB is planning to send its team to such states which have not been sending fingerprints to assist them in first collecting it and then handing it over to NCRB officials. We must reach out to our reluctant clients.

The CCTNS project which was reviewed by the Hon'ble Former Union Home Minister Shri Chidambaram at the NCRB Headquarters two months back has kept most of us on our toes. More than his review, it has been the time lines fixed after a series of meetings that has kept the NCRB officials concerned with the CCTNS on alert. It is a flagship project of the MHA/NCRB and it has invoked a lot of enthusiastic interest in the state police officials without whose help and active cooperation this project would not have taken off. The core application software popularly known in the corridors of NCRB as CAS is to be released in phases by the software development agency (M/S Wipro). The first build which carries the first two IIF forms relating to registration of FIR and crime details form has been released on 16/17th of which is being accessed by our teams. Other IIF forms are included in Build 4 and 5 which are scheduled to be released on 14th September and 22nd October 2012 respectively. NCRB has planned to conduct user acceptance testing with field users from States/UTs. The fourth round of user acceptance testing is planned with 4 States (Chandigarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh) from 1st August to 14th August 2012 in NCRB's test environment. In addition to this the pilot testing in UP, Assam and Kerala on these builds would be undertaken along with the user acceptance testing. These tests are being undertaken to access how user friendly and informative this would be when it would finally be used in every police station of the country.

It is a huge project and when it is finally rolled out for implementation would bring about a paradigm change in the thought process of investigating officers and the senior formations. The system integrators appointed in all the States/UTs have been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing its implementation over a period of three years from its inception and also plan out change management in the police organisation. They are already training police officials for using CCTNS and have introduced workshops in which they motivate police officers and men in different States/UTs to whole heartedly accept and implement this project. Without this change in attitude and without overcoming the mindset the CCTNS project would not achieve its full potential. Two of our IGs Shri Naidu and Smt. B. Radhika are overseeing this mega project. They have been meticulous and have shown a high sense of commitment to this project.

NCRB has brought the “Crime in India” compendium for 2011. Its timely publication has been possible with the untiring efforts of IG (Admn.) Shri Nasir Kamal, the Deputy Director, Shri Rajasekaran and the CSO Shri Akhilesh Kumar. They deserve to be lauded for their efforts in keeping the 30th June deadline.
The Training Branch of NCRB has successfully conducted courses on “Advanced Programme in Computer Networking and Security for IT Personnel in Police” and “Advanced Fingerprint Science & Computers” for Foreign Police Officers from 4th June 2012 to 13th July 2012.

During their stay in India, Study tours to Agra, and Jaipur were arranged where they could get a glimpse of our cultural heritage including Taj monument, a world cultural heritage.

Amongst the cases received by CFPB, there were some, namely- case#05, 06, 08 & 12 of the year 2012, from the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), where various construction companies were suspected to have manipulated and fabricated their respective employees’ accounts with an ulterior motive to swindle huge sum of money and incur heavy loss to the government exchequers. These cases required minute scrutiny of hundreds of finger impressions, that too, many being of extremely poor quality. Nevertheless the experts of CFPB were proved equal to the task and detected huge amount of impersonations in all the cases & thus were instrumental in unearthing of massive fudging of PF accounts.

The annual publications viz. “Crime in India—2011” and “Accidental Deaths & Suicides India—2011” have been published on 20-06-2012 and 27-06-2012 respectively and the same have been uploaded on the NCRB website.

Website for NCRB http://ncrb.gov.in is being updated on regular basis with regards to the information related to Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), CCIS and Motor Vehicle Co-ordination system. The Hindi page of this bureau with separate hit counter has been created. This counter has registered more than 1000 hits since 31-05-2012.

Bureau’s website has registered more than 53,000 hits in less than three months time, totaling more than 4,87,000 hits since August 2012 which is a sure indicator of its increasing popularity.
Status of Core Application Software (CAS)

- The feedback received from field users in User Acceptance Testing with 10 States/UTs, Intensive Field Testing in 3 Pilot States and CAS Testing in State SCRB’s is being incorporated by Software Development Agency.
- CAS version 2.4.1 was released on 29th May 2012 incorporating all the bugs reported by field users up to 30th April 2012.
- STQC has provided the closure certificate to the following project artifacts:
  - Software Requirement Specification
  - High Level Design
  - Low Level Design
  - State Data Migration Utility
  - SDA Process Audit

Milestones in CCTNS Project

- 87 bids related to EoIs for selection/empanelment of eligible agencies for design, development, implementation and operations & maintenance of four specialized solutions and two specialized infrastructure solutions were evaluated. Accordingly, clarification letters were issued to shortlisted bidders.
- On 11th April 2012, the Steering Committee Meeting under the chairmanship of JS (CS) at MHA was held to review the development of CAS.
- On 18th April 2012, the Process Advisory Group Meeting under the Chairmanship of AS (CS) was held at MHA.
- CAS Core Group Meeting was held at NCRB on 27th April 2012 under the chairmanship of Shri T. Krishna Prasad, ADGP, Andhra Pradesh.
- Hon’ble former Home Minister reviewed the progress of CCTNS project at NCRB on 27th April 2012.
- Union Home Secretary reviewed the BSNL issues related to CCTNS MoA on 30th April 2012.
- 5 Training courses were conducted at NCRB training branch on CCTNS project during April & May 2012.
- System Integrator (SI) workshop were conducted on 30th May and 18th June 2012 at NCRB.
- Empowered Committee Meeting headed by Additional Secretary (CS), MHA was held on 21st June 2012.
- 22 States/UTs have signed the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with BSNL. 8 States/UTs are either opting for existing network connectivity or going for SWAN connectivity.
- Selection of System Integrators (SI) completed in 21 States/UTs out of which 16 have signed the contract and 5 have issued the LoI. Final negotiation process has been completed in 6 States/UTs. Financial bid opened/negotiation is in process in 3 States/UTs. Re-tender and bid submission are due in 4 States/UTs. Possibility of re-tendering in 1 State.
- Under CCTNS project Rs. 418.87 Cr have been released to States/UTs so far through eight (8) installments. Utilization of funds by States/UTs stands at Rs. 101.86 Cr.
- Capacity building infrastructure has been completed in 876 units out of 901 units.
- A review meeting with Secretary (IT) was held on 25th June 2012.
- Out of total 11,36,760 personnel planned for various trainings, 4,74,485* personnel have been trained so far in various trainings (*The figure includes one person attending multiple trainings).