I take this opportunity to release the Jan-Mar 2012 issue of NCRB Newsletter. We are working hard to roll out the CAS-CCTNS at the earliest for facilitating the Police Station level officers to use the software for conducting effective investigation of cases in addition to sharing information among different Police Stations. Three Pilot states namely Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Assam are already testing the CAS-CCTNS. NCRB is also conducting the User Acceptance Testing at NCRB by inviting police officers from across the States.

⇒ Till date, NCRB has conducted 15 training courses on CCTNS-IT basics, to officers of SP/Addl. SP/DySP/Insp./Sub Insp. ranks.

⇒ BSNL has been selected for providing connectivity in CCTNS.

⇒ Selection process for System Integrator has started in all the States/UTs.

⇒ I am happy to announce that the capacity building infrastructure has already been completed in 800 locations out of 961 identified locations.

⇒ The latest edition of Annual publication of Prison Statistics 2010 has been published which will be useful to the planners for optimizing the resources and in chalking out the strategies for improving the correctional services.

⇒ XIV All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux was conducted at Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Guajarat in collaboration with Directorate of Forensic Science, Gujarath on 26th & 27th March 2012. I attended the conference and was deeply impressed.

⇒ Finally, I convey my sincere thanks to all the members of the Bureau, who have made untiring efforts to keep the image of NCRB high. I hope you would like our Newsletter, also contribute articles and offer suggestions to improve the content and quality of the newsletter in the days to come.
Training for Foreign Police Officers and Fingerprint Experts

The Training Branch of NCRB has successfully conducted courses on "IT in Law Enforcement" and "Advanced Fingerprint Science & Computers" for Foreign Police Officers from 02nd January 2012 to 23rd March 2012. NCRB received about 48 nominations from 25 countries, out of which 40 officers from 23 countries have finally attended and completed the course.

During their stay in India, Study tours to Agra, Jaipur and Hyderabad were arranged where they could get a glimpse of our cultural heritage including Taj monument, a world cultural heritage. They also got the privilege to visit India's state of the art forensic laboratories.

A football match was also organized between NCRB team and Foreign Trainees Team as part of recreation amid long and continuous academic session.
The XIV All India Conference of Directors of Finger Prints Bureaux

The XIV All India Conference of Directors of Finger Prints Bureaux of States/UTs was held on 26th & 27th March 2012 at Gujarat Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, under the aegis of the Directorate of Forensic Sciences Gujarat in collaboration with NCRB. A total of 53 delegates from various states, Union Territories and from other agencies including those from NCRB attended the conference which was inaugurated by Dr. Varesh Sinha, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Government of Gujarat. Chairing the Conference, Shri Shafi Alam, IPS, Director General, National Crime Records Bureau, New Delhi, stressed the urgent need for complete sharing of Finger Print data with CFPB/NCRB for the effectiveness of CCTNS.

The Conference covered an entire range of issues faced by Fingerprint fraternity in the country like CCTNS, Inter State Connectivity of AFIS, Modernisation of Finger Print Science, legal issues pertaining to Finger Prints such as Universal Registration of Finger Prints, status of digital photography etc. and came out with several recommendations for the upliftment of the fingerprint science in general and the Fingerprint bureau in particular.

Software for Data Analysis

The Statistical Branch of NCRB has developed softwares for analyzing Crime data in India, Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India and Prison Statistics India publications, namely, CrimeInfo India, ADSInfo India and PrisonInfo respectively, with the assistance of UNICEF. The UNICEF provided the DevInfo Technology free of cost for developing these softwares. These software tools are available under Publications -> Software for Data Analysis link at our website http://ncrb.gov.in. DevInfo enables users to generate profiles as well as standard and advanced reports. Users can create their own report layouts.

The latest edition of annual publication “Prison Statistics India-2010” was published in the month of January 2012. Statistical Branch of NCRB has designed and developed an Excel template and consolidation software for prison statistics processing and the same are made available under Downloads link at our website http://ncrb.gov.in.

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 version of the website has been given a complete new look. It has been made more stable and easily accessible with the help of menus and quick links.

Since August 2010 till March 2012, the website has registered over 4,34,000 hits, which is a sure indicator of its increasing popularity.

Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)

As per the guidelines of Department of Expenditure, Public Procurement Cell, this Bureau has taken Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from concerned Certifying Authority for use of Central Public Procurement Portal for e-publishing the tender documents. The primary objective of this portal is to provide a single point access to the information on procurements made across various central government organizations. Now the tenders floated by this bureau are published in the bureau’s website as well as in the Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) eprocure.gov.in.
CCTNS Progress Report - Milestones

Status of Core Application Software (CAS) - Offline & Online

- CAS user Acceptance Testing (UAT) was conducted during 6th February 2012 to 16th March 2012 for the participants from States of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra and UT of Chandigarh and the feedback was shared with Software Development Agency (SDA).
- Intensive Field Testing is in progress across all Pilot locations. The feedback from all the pilot sites is being monitored and evaluated on a continuous basis.

Milestones in CCTNS Project

⇒ On 16th January 2012 CCTNS Nodal officers meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Director (CCTNS) - NCRB to review progress of CCTNS project in States/UTs.
⇒ Union Minister of State (Home) conducted CCTNS review meeting in MHA on 19th January 2012.
⇒ Empowered Committee meeting was held on 2nd February 2012 under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (CS) at MHA to review the progress of CCTNS, Network connectivity and consider the change requests submitted by SDA.
⇒ Four regional workshops on connectivity & network were organized at Kolkata (14-02-2012), Guwahati (15-02-2012), Jaipur (27-02-2012) and Hyderabad (03-03-2012).
⇒ Video conferencing was organized with all the States/UT’s Nodal Officers to discuss CCTNS project progress on 22-02-2012.
⇒ One day training on Core Application Software (CAS) of CCTNS was organized on 05-03-2012 for NIA, CBI, NPA and BPR&D at NCRB.
⇒ CCTNS Steering Committee meeting was held on 27-03-2012 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (CS) at the North Block, MHA New Delhi.
⇒ BSNL Network Committee has been constituted in 34 States/UTs.
⇒ 14 States/UTs have signed Service Level Agreement (SLA) with BSNL. 6 States/UTs are either opting for the existing network connectivity or will be going for SWAN connectivity.
⇒ Primary setups of production servers are ready for hosting CAS (Center) application in Staging Area at National Data Centre (NDC).
⇒ At Disaster Recovery Centre, Pune, Operating System & backup software has been installed on backup server. Storage & tape Library installation completed. NCRB has initiated the procurement process for L3 Switch.
⇒ STQC has started audit of CAS Development Processes. Audit of 7 processes (out of 10) completed.
⇒ SRS, HLD and LLD review have been completed by STQC and CAS State code review is under progress.
⇒ Under CCTNS project, Rs.418.87 crores released to States/UTs so far in 8 installments, Rs. 87.31 crores have been utilized by the States/UTs (based on UC received).
⇒ Procurement and installation of Capacity Building Infrastructure has been completed in 860 units (Out of total 901 identified units).
⇒ Out of total 1136760 personnel planned for various trainings, 426298* personnel have been trained so far in various trainings (*The figure includes one person attending multiple trainings).
⇒ Data Migration Utility (DMU) for TALASH, MIVCS, CCIS (Centre) was delivered by SDA on 1st March 2012.
⇒ Review for State DMU completed by STQC and successful testing analysis report based on English data provided by STQC.