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HYDERABAD: Fingerprints left behind by culprits have helped [police](#) nab criminals umpteen times. Incidentally, [Telangana police](#) could solve mystery behind the death of 68 unknown persons by using [PAPILLON](#) technology, an advanced version of Finger Print Analysis and Criminal Tracing System ([FACTS](#)), in last one-and-half years. The 68 persons were previously involved in criminal cases and their fingerprints were part of [accused](#) and suspects' database.

FINGERPRINTS HELP SOLVE CASES

► Re-matching and verification of **12,413** unsolved chance prints, lifted from different crime scenes, were tested using PAPILLON technology to detect old cases. A total of **641** undetected cases were solved



448 chance prints were received from other states and after searching on PAPILLON technology, T police solved **19** cases and shared information of suspects with concerned state police



Forensic experts look for fingerprints at a jewellery store

SOLVED CASES

In 2006 **65-tola** gold was stolen from a house in Rajendra Nagar police limits. The case remained unsolved till 2018. The accused Kaleel was taken into custody by Asif Nagar police for some other case and the house burglary case was solved after his fingerprint was verified

► Jawaharnagar patrolling staff found a person moving under suspicious circumstances at Dammaiguda. He was taken into custody and his fingerprints were checked on PAPILLON technology. He was identified as Nataraj, a resident of Banjara Hills. He had committed **63 thefts** in and around Hyderabad. Police seized **2.1kg gold** and **7.5kg silver** from his possession

After introduction of PAPILLON, Telangana police cracked 641 undetected cases in the past one-and-half-years. Prior to 2018, Telangana police used FACTS application and the chance of matching fingerprints of a suspect with available database was less compared to newly-introduced PAPILLON. After implementation of PAPILLON, police achieved breakthrough in several old undetected criminal cases. Police had integrated [fingerprint](#) data of accused and suspects of all cases registered across the state and synchronised it with PAPILLON.

In a 2014 burglary offence at a house at Irrum Manzil Colony, Panjagutta police and Clues team lifted fingerprints from the [crime](#) scene and ran through FACTS. After search, FACTS threw up a negative result and the case remained unsolved. “When police were in the process to solve old cases after introduction of PAPILLON, it gave a positive result and interestingly fingerprint of the accused, Abid Hussain, was

part of police records since 1987, when he first committed an offence in Asifnagar police limits. Hussain, who is 61 now, was nabbed some months ago,” sources in Telangana police told TOI.

Police have zeroed in on the suspect involved in offence at a jewellery store in Warangal a few days ago. They got a breakthrough as the accused's fingerprints matched with an inter-state gang member and identified the accused. However, he is yet to be nabbed. Meanwhile, Telangana and AP have agreed to share fingerprint data of accused and suspects on real-time basis and eight cases have already been solved after the initiative.