

Telangana CID solves 900 cases using Russian fingerprint system

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HYDERABAD: Over 900 property cases have been solved after Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) matched latent fingerprints using AFPIS (automated finger and palmprint identification system) from Papillon AQ, Russia.

Papillon-AFIS has also helped in the identification of dead bodies.

“Seventy-two dead bodies have been identified using the tool. AFIS has become popular among officers in the field as it gives them real-time information,” said an official.

Around 8,850 suspects with previous criminal history were traced after officials verified that they were found moving under suspicious circumstances on streets.

According to the department, the State Finger Print Bureau has extended support to other states by processing chance prints received from them through the mail on Papillon-AFIS against the fingerprint database of Telangana State.

A total of 20 successful identifications were made related to chance prints received from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, said an official.

“After establishing real-time integration between AFIS servers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for sharing criminal information, cases from Telangana were solved with prints of criminals arrested in Andhra, Pradesh. Similarly, prints in 11 cases from AP were identified with prints of criminals arrested in Telangana. Apart from that, 13 criminals wanted by Telangana police were found to be arrested in Andhra Pradesh,” added the officer.

Telangana is the first state to have completely discarded the manual method of taking finger prints of accused. "We use the best live-scan technology available to capture fingerprints and palmprints electronically," said a top official from CID.