

Forensic Science research in India- An overview

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The forensic science setup in India is very old. The first Chemical Examiner's laboratory was established in the year 1849. The government examiner of documents was established in 1904 at Shimla. The credit of using fingerprints and related research also is credited to Indian forensic setup, the roots of which were in Kolkata, the headquarters of the British rule. Today we have seven Central Forensic Science Laboratories, Thirty state Forensic Science Laboratories and Approximately fifty regional forensic science laboratories. These organizations have a work force of 2500 technical personnel and they handle 0.2 million cases per year and there is a backlog of approximately same quanta. The investments in pure research in forensic science are very low and applied research on investigation related problems are also very low the central laboratories deal with such research under the command and control of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services, Government of India. Beside these laboratories only seven Indian Universities are taking up the Research in the various fields of Forensic Science, In this paper I have also tried to collate the details of the research during the last one decade and future plans for forensic research.

Biography

Parveen Kumar Janjua, started career as founder Head of the Department/Faculty in the University at Jhansi (UP)-India-In 2001. He was the youngest expert among the members of National Committee for making uniform syllabus of M.Sc (Forensic Science) in Indian Universities & various developmental activities for the subject (2002) formulated by the Bureau of Police Research & Development, MHA, GOI, New Delhi. He has guided 40 Master's Research thesis and 5 Ph.D's published 3 Books and presented/published more than 20 papers in reputed journals and serving as an editorial board member of repute. Since January 2009 holding the position of *President*-Forensic Science Development & Welfare Society (Regd.)-India and actively participating and organizing various Conferences, Symposium, Seminars and other related activities for the development of the subject.

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