

Status review of the projects funded under State Innovation Fund

1. Name of the Innovation Project: Video Conferencing Facility
2. Nodal Implementing Agency (s): Regional Forensic Science Lab.
3. Area of Operation/Site of Implementation: Regional Forensic Science Lab, NR, D/shala
4. Financial Status:
 - i) Amount Sanctioned (Rs.) 7.00 lac
 - ii) Date of Sanction 24 April, 2017
 - iii) Amount Utilized (Rs.) 698928/-
 - iv) Balance Amount and its status (Rs.) 1072/- + 4007/- = 5079/-
 - v) UC/CC Submitted of (Rs.) 694921/-
5. Physical Status:

Sr.No.	Name of the component	Completed	Date of Starting	If Yes, date of completion	If not, likely date of completion
1.	VC equipments	Yes	-	-	-
2.	Ceiling and Panelling works	Yes	-	-	-
3.	Electricity/Wiring works	Yes	-	-	-
4.	Air Conditioner	Yes	-	-	-
5.	Brass Board	Yes	-	-	-
6.	Executive Revolving Chair	Yes	-	-	-
7.	Ahuja Microphone	Yes	-	-	-
8.	HP Webcam & Table Top Mic	Yes	-	-	-

6. Details of the activities carried out with the State Innovation Fund (Max. 200 words).

The State Innovation fund was sanctioned by the Govt. of HP on dated 28th Jan, 2017. The Director, DIT was consulted for the necessary infrastructure and equipments. Accordingly, the space was identified, got furnished. The proforma invoice from National Information Centre Services Inc., Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi (NICS) was called. Further, the matter was taken up with Director, DFS for sanction and transfer of funds. On receipt, equipments procured and got installed by the agencies and trial run conducted. As per need, the network connection HIMSWAN got upgraded through Directorate, DIT, Shimla. The complete set-up was made operational and the first expert evidence through Video Conference from RFSL, NR, Dharamshala was deposited in the Ld. Court CJM, Chamba, District Chamba on dated 14.05.2018. The facility is being used for expert testimony, attending to meeting and disseminating forensics.

7. Objectives of Innovative Intervention:

- i) To Save the Man Hours in transit to depose expert witness, Time saved thus can be utilized in examining, reporting crime cases.
- ii) To reduce expenditure on account of TA/DA.

8. What are the elements of innovation that were introduced which brought out procedural changes and increased efficiency. Please give a brief: -

- i) The Video Conferencing helped in timely deposing expert evidence in different courts of HP State. Time taken to perform journeys was saved and utilized in lab, thus enabled timely examination and reporting of crime cases.
- ii) During Covid-19 pandemic and afterwards facility is utilized to attend the meeting with the MHA, GOI, Forensic HQ etc.
- iii) The facility is also being utilized for delivering online lectures to the law and enforcement agencies and disseminating knowledge to young professionals.

9. How the innovation project has benefitted the public?


- The Video Conferencing facility enabled early and timely deposing the expert testimony, thus facilitated the trials .
- During Covid-19 Pandemic, this facility was also utilized by the Medical Officers of Distt. Kangra to depose the expert testimony.
- The professionals, who are collecting samples for forensic analysis sensitized by way of online webinar.

10. How the innovation project has benefitted the department? (Two or three sentence against each of the following).

- i) Procedural Simplification
 - Virtual mode of expert testimony simplified and became effective.
- ii) Quick Disposal (Compare pre and post innovation with three examples).
 - Man hours saved by experts are being used in examination and early reporting of heinous cases and in cases of crime against women and children.
- iii) Convenience for clients (minimum three examples).
 - The trials which at times got delayed due to timely delivery of reports by experts by climatic conditions, now could be completed in time bound manner and at first opportunity.

11. Further steps taken by the department to continue with the Project activities/innovative ideas?

- The RFSL, NR, encourages the experts to adopt virtual mode of expert testimony at first instance. Also, whenever needed they may use the facility for knowledge exchange with the forensic experts across the country.



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