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# National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme

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Recently, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs informed the Rajya Sabha about the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme.

## About National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme

It is a Central Sector Scheme launched in 2024.

**Aim:** The aim of the scheme is to help create a sound forensic laboratory infrastructure and prepare world class trained forensic professionals in the country.

**Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Implementation Period:** 2024–25 to 2028–29.

## Components of National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme

Establishment of campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in the country.

Establishment of Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) in the country.

Enhancement of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Campus of the NFSU.

## What is the NFIES?

With the enactment of the New Criminal Laws, which mandates forensic investigation for offences involving punishment of 7 years or more, there is significant increase in workload.

An increase in the workload of forensic science laboratories is expected.

To address the significant shortage of trained forensic manpower in the Forensic Science Laboratories (FSL) in the country.

To alleviate the case load / pendency of forensic laboratories, and align with the Government of India's goal of securing a high conviction rate of more than 90%

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