



Kannauj FSL Achieves ISO 9001:2015 Certification

Why in News?

The **Kannauj Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)** in Uttar Pradesh has become the **first laboratory in the state** to receive the prestigious **ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System** certification.

Key Points

- **About:** On 8 August 2025, the certificate was formally presented to **Rajeev Krishna**, the Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh, by **Naveen Arora**, Additional Director General of Police, Technical Services Headquarters.
 - The certification recognizes the laboratory's high standards in forensic examinations and analysis, which significantly supports [law enforcement agencies](#) in the region.
 - The laboratory made **significant improvements** across various operational areas, such as upgraded equipment, storage, staff services, sample collection, and audits to meet ISO 9001:2015 standards.
- **Significance:** The certification not only **strengthens the operational framework** of the Kannauj laboratory but also **increases the credibility** of the forensic evidence it provides in judicial proceedings.

Forensic Laboratories in UP

- As of mid-2025, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has a **total of 12** (Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, and Ghaziabad, Jhansi, Kannauj, Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Gonda, Aligarh, and Moradabad) **operational forensic science laboratories** and is in the **process of establishing 6** (Ayodhya, Basti, Banda, Azamgarh, Mirzapur, and Saharanpur) more labs, which will raise the **total to at least 18 forensic labs in the state**.

ISO 9001:2015 Certification

- ISO 9001:2015 Certification is an **internationally recognized standard** for Quality Management Systems (QMS), published by the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)**.
- **ISO** is an independent, **non-governmental international organization** that unites global experts to **establish** best practices.
- Organizations of any size or sector can pursue this certification to **demonstrate their ability to consistently provide products** and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.
- The benefits include **boosted customer confidence**, improved efficiency, easier market access, and a structured approach for continuous business improvement.

