



Jal Jeevan Mission Scam in Rajasthan

Why in News?

Recently, the [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#) has registered an [First Information Report \(FIR\)](#) in the centrally-funded [Jal Jeevan Mission scheme](#) scam case in Rajasthan.

Key Points

- According to the officials, Jaipur-based contractors used fake completion certificates purportedly issued by **Indian Railway Construction International Limited (IRCON)** to get tenders from the Public Health Engineering Department of the state.
- The CBI action came after the conclusion of an eight-month-long preliminary enquiry registered in August 2023.



Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

- It is the **premier investigating police agency** in India.
 - It provides assistance to the **Central Vigilance Commission and Lokpal**.
- It functions under the superintendence of the Deptt. of Personnel, Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Public Grievances, Government of India - which falls under the prime minister's office.

- However, for investigations of offences under [the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988](#) its superintendence vests with the Central Vigilance Commission.
- It is also the nodal police agency in India which coordinates investigations on behalf of **Interpol Member countries**.
- Its conviction rate is as high as 65 to 70% and it is comparable to the best investigation agencies in the world.

First Information Report (FIR)

- It is a **written document prepared** by the police when they receive information about the commission of a **cognizable offence**.
- It is a report of information that reaches the police first in point of time and that is why it is called the **First Information Report**.
- It is generally a complaint lodged with the police by the **victim of a cognizable offence or by someone on his/her behalf**. Anyone can report the commission of a cognizable offence either orally or in writing.
- The term FIR is not defined in the **Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973**, or in any other law.
- However, in police regulations or rules, information recorded under Section **154 of CrPC** is known as First Information Report (FIR).
- There are **three important elements** of an FIR:
 - The information must relate to the **commission of a cognizable offence**,
 - It should be given in **writing or orally** to the head of the police station,
 - It must be written down and **signed by the informant**, and its key points **should be recorded in a daily diary**.

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