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**EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION  
AWARD**

*Shri Siddharth Kaushal, IPS*

(Superintendent of Police, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh)

For significantly improving administrative efficiency and citizen services through innovative use of technology

*A* 2012-batch Andhra Pradesh cadre IPS officer, Siddharth Kaushal is an alumnus of St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, and is a PGDM from IIM, Indore & Paul Cezanne University, Marseille, France. A hobby body-builder, he did a brief stint in the private sector as Business Development Manager and worked in the Indian Railway Traffic Service. After joining IPS, he worked as Assault Commander in the elite anti-naxal commando force Greyhounds, ASP, Parvatipuram, OSD Narsipatnam and SP Railway Police at Guntakal.

He was instrumental in setting up Spandana, a live multimedia link that connects all police stations and officers to a common platform, allowing for on-demand sharing of audio, video and other forms of data between terminals across the district, especially in areas with low-quality internet coverage, at a very low cost. It enables grievance redressal and Government Process Reengineering for conducting performance reviews and capacity building and training. The project has saved considerable time and money. BPRD, New Delhi (Bureau of Police Research & Development) has already selected the project for consideration under the National Police Mission for nationwide implementation.

It was implemented in Prakasam-district the country's 10<sup>th</sup> largest district, measuring 18,000 sq. km. It improved administrative efficiency and access to justice for citizens at just two percent of the standard cost for a similar system-saving 2,880 man-hours, 48,000 km of vehicle mileage and 5,300 litres of fuel every month that would have been spent in physical communication.



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