

In city: A forensic lab for common people



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NEW DELHI: Truth Labs, a private forensic service facility, was inaugurated by Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Wednesday.

This non-profit non-government public-private partnership project, billed a private forensic lab, is the brainchild of Dr Gandhi P.C. Kaza, former Andhra Pradesh inspector-general of police.

"A common man is either hesitant or afraid to go to the

police or the judiciary," said Kaza, adding that individuals and institutions that prefer to resolve disputes of family or a personal nature will have access to forensic science facilities.

Chidambaram described it a "milestone" in the forensic science community. But he also had a word of caution.

"This lab must aim to establish the truth and truth alone, however bitter. And it must defend it come what may. Any deviation will compromise integrity of private sector services. It must set a high bench-

mark and adhere to it."

Truth Labs has been functional in Hyderabad since 2007. The facility offers services like narco-analysis, finger print tests, verification of documents and many other tests.

Advocate K.T.S. Tulsi, Dr P. Chandrashekhara, former director Tamil Nadu Forensic Science Department, M.L. Sharma, former CBI special director CBI present Central Information Commissioner and Delhi High Court Chief Justice A.P. Shah were also present on the occasion.

■ Home Minister P. Chidambaram and Chief Justice A.P. Shah (right) at the inauguration of Truth Labs, a facility providing forensic services to the people. RAJ K RAJ / HT PHOTO