

Print Electronics Delivers SecuGen Hamster IV to Indian eGovernance Initiative, 100 Million Fingerprints Enrolled

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 23 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – SecuGen, the world’s leading optical fingerprint device vendor, is pleased to announce that Print Electronics, working with a local integrator partner, has successfully delivered and implemented the SecuGen Hamster™ IV, a fully FIPS 201/PIV-compliant fingerprint reader, into the Tamil Nadu Health Insurance Scheme (TNHIS).

The TNHIS is one of many projects that comprise the Indian government’s eGovernance Initiative. The TNHIS is intended to make health care insurance available to India’s rural poor, while the biometric component and usage of the [SecuGen Hamster IV fingerprint readers](#) are to help prevent unauthorized access at the point of authentication in the hospitals.

SecuGen fingerprint readers have been utilized in many e-governance projects across India, including health insurance and micro finance projects, which are critical for developing countries such as India. For the TNHIS project alone, SecuGen Hamster IV fingerprint readers have been used to enroll approximately 100 million fingerprints from about 15 million families in only 75 days. The fingerprint devices are used first to enroll each beneficiary into the system and then to identify them when they subsequently visit a hospital to obtain medical care.

Print Electronics is a SecuGen Value Added Reseller partner that has been supplying SecuGen products, such as the Hamster Plus and Hamster IV to a wide array of projects in India for the past ten years. Nilesh Parikh, Director for Print Electronics stated, “I am happy to say that the quality of SecuGen’s fingerprint products is among the best in the industry. The technical support from the SecuGen team has been remarkable. When we requested ISO standard fingerprint template support on Linux, SecuGen responded quickly and accurately.”

Nilesh added, “It is hard to overstate the importance of a sensor that can withstand a great deal of punishment and still operate flawlessly. We are pleased to help our customers succeed in securing their operations at the scale and level of security needed by the Indian government and both large insurance companies and financial institutions.”

Jeffrey Brown, VP of Sales for SecuGen said, “In the ten years of our partnership with Print Electronics, we have found both their technical ability as integrators and their knowledge of the biometrics industry in India to be unsurpassed. We have not only done a lot of business together but it has been a pleasure doing so.”

Won Lee, CEO of SecuGen added, "For over a decade we have focused our efforts on developing and manufacturing fingerprint readers that are very robust, accurate and affordable. The Tamil Nadu Health Insurance project is a clear validation of that strategy. The characteristics that define our products are precisely what allowed this project to succeed. We are very pleased to have worked with Print Electronics in this recent endeavor."

About Print Electronics:

Print Electronics is one of the leading manufacturers and system integrators of fingerprint based products for logical and physical access control systems. Print Electronics is a professionally managed organization with 120 employees, four overseas operations, and eleven branches in India. Backed by a strong dealer network spread over the world and an impressive satisfied client list, Print Electronics has been providing logical and physical biometrics solutions worldwide since 1998.

About SecuGen:

SecuGen Corporation (www.secugen.com) is the world's leading provider of advanced, optical fingerprint recognition technology, products, tools and platforms for physical and information security. SecuGen designs and develops FBI-certified fingerprint readers and OEM components, developer kits and software, including NIST/MINEX-compliant algorithms. Known for high quality, ruggedness, and performance in a wide variety of applications and environmental conditions, SecuGen products are used by world-leading financial, medical, government, educational and corporate institutions and are sold through a partner network of over 200 original equipment manufacturers, independent software vendors and system integrators around the world.

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