

# Kullu first to set up 'e-soochna kiosk'

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Kullu became the first district in establishing e-information touch screen display in northern India, named as 'e-Soochna Kiosk' under the Right To Information (RTI) programme, at the mini secretariat building, Dhalpur, here today.

Deputy commissioner Chamel Singh inaugurated the kiosk, which had a machine that looked like a bank ATM. He said the responsibility of the district officers had increased with the starting of the kiosk and urged them to keep the information updated so that wrong message did not reach the common man.

ADC Abhishek Jain said the display would give all information about development projects, office routine works, plans available for panchayats, motor-vehicle licences and registration and

other government related information. Jain said any one could access the kiosk. Jain further claimed that the ATM like machine that would display the information might be first of its kind in the country.

He told that in near future the kiosk would also render information regarding voter lists status, information of passport applications and details of important persons in the district, besides the address and telephone numbers of blood donors on the touch screen.

Zila Parishad chairman Ses Ram Chaudhary called upon elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj institutions that the funds allocated to their respective panchayats should be utilised. He said today while he saw the details on the touch screen display, he was surprised to know that many panchayats could not use the funds allocated to them.