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Policing in Modern India:
Decolonization, Institutional Transformation, and Reform Pathways

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Important Dates

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- Final Chapter Submission
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Objective of the book:

The book seeks to provide a critical and comprehensive examination of the evolution, current practices, and future trajectory of policing in India. It focuses on understanding how legacy structures, governance reforms, socio-political shifts, and judicial interventions have influenced police legitimacy, public trust, and law enforcement outcomes. By drawing from expert insights, the book endeavors to contribute to informed debates and offer policy recommendations that align policing with democratic values, rule of law, and the developmental aspirations of a rising India.

Brief synopsis of each chapter:

- New Criminal Laws: Paradigm Shift from Punishment to Justice

This chapter examines India's replacement of colonial-era criminal laws with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. It highlights how these reforms reflect a decolonization approach by shifting the focus from retribution and state control to justice, victim rights, and accountability. For policing, this marks a transition from enforcing punitive colonial statutes to facilitating justice and upholding constitutional values, while also raising critical questions on whether the reforms can truly overcome colonial legacies.

- Policing by Principle: Solutions at the Crossroads of Crime Control and Due Process

This chapter explores Herbert Packer's "Crime Control" and "Due Process" models of criminal justice, advocating for their balanced integration in modern policing. Focusing on the Indian context, it highlights the need to align enforcement efficiency with constitutional protections. The chapter proposes reforms such as revising police training, promoting procedural fairness, strengthening accountability, and fostering community engagement. It calls for a shift in police identity—from agents of control to defenders of democratic values.

- Blurred Lines: How Policing Adapts to the Shift from Blue to White Collar Offenses and Cybercrimes

This chapter unpacks the dynamic transformation of policing paradigms in the wake of economic crime and omnipotent use of internet linked services. Focuses on institutional preparedness and training, investigating how traditional crime-fighting models cope with forensic and financial complexity.

- Investigative Challenges in Collar Crimes: A Comparative Study of Police Responses

A comparative analysis of domestic and international policing models. It focuses on procedural hurdles—like evidence collection, conventional and digital forensics, and witness protection—in both blue- and white-collar cases.

- Policing the Pixel: Institutional Reforms for Tackling Cybercrimes in India

This chapter analyzes current institutional shortcomings in India's cyber policing landscape and advocates for structural upgrades, such as cybercrime cells at district levels, technology-neutral protocols, and cross-border investigative coordination mechanisms.

- Cyber Forensics and Police Capacity: Bridging the Skill Gap in Digital Investigations

This chapter examines police preparedness across ranks, suggesting certification-based cyber forensic programs and mentorship models. It also explores the role of academia and industry in capacity development through internships and joint innovation labs.

- Public-Private Partnerships in Cybercrime Control: A Policing Perspective

This chapter explores the scope of PPPs in domains like real-time monitoring, AI-enabled cyber threat detection, and cyber tip lines. Offers governance models for ethical data sharing between law enforcement and tech companies.

- Data Protection Laws and State Accountability: A Compliance Blueprint for Law Enforcement Agencies

This chapter explores legal obligations under India's data protection ecosystem for State agencies. Offers an actionable blueprint for regulatory Digital Audits, Digital Insurance, Data Protection Officer appointments, and grievance redressal systems for data breaches by law enforcement agencies.

- Digital Surveillance and Data Rights: Harmonizing Police Powers with Privacy Protections

This chapter investigates how police surveillance—via CCTVs, phone tapping, and location tracking—can be balanced with data subject rights under the DPDP Act. Proposes legislative checks, judicial warrants, and transparency dashboards to prevent misuse.

- Securing the Scene: A Tactical Blueprint for Crime Scene Preservation and Evidence Integrity

This chapter addresses common lapses in crime scene handling and proposes a multi-tiered management system. Includes checklists, mobile forensic kits, and digital logging tools to ensure evidence remains uncontaminated and admissible.

- Policing the Future: Building Legally Resilient Digital Architectures for Smart Law Enforcement

This chapter explores how law enforcement can transition to digitally empowered systems that are legally compliant and ethically sound. It highlights the need for designing smart policing tools—like AI surveillance, evidence platforms, and citizen interfaces—that align with constitutional safeguards, privacy laws, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. By focusing on compliance-by-design, digital literacy for officers, and judicial oversight, the chapter offers a roadmap for integrating technology without compromising the rule of law.

- Policing Marginalized Communities: Caste, Religion, and Regional Disparities

This chapter critically explores how caste, religion, and regional disparities shape discriminatory policing practices in India. It highlights systemic biases against marginalized communities—Dalits, Adivasis, Muslims, and residents of underdeveloped regions—reflected in patterns of surveillance, custodial violence, and procedural neglect. Drawing on data, judicial rulings, and case studies, the chapter reveals deep-rooted structural inequities and institutional failures, including lack of diversity and cultural sensitivity within the police. It advocates for inclusive, rights-based policing through affirmative recruitment, anti-discrimination training, and stronger oversight. The chapter calls for a justice-oriented policing model grounded in constitutional values and social equity.

- Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence-led Policing: Balancing Security and Human Rights

This chapter critically analyzes the rise of intelligence-led policing in India's counter-terrorism efforts, highlighting the tension between national security and fundamental human rights. It traces the evolution of counter-terrorism architecture following major attacks and the expansion of surveillance and preventive policing under laws like the UAPA. Through case studies and international human rights standards, the chapter reveals how these practices have led to rights violations, especially against minorities and dissenters. It advocates for a rights-compliant framework with judicial safeguards, parliamentary oversight, and human rights audits to ensure that security measures uphold democratic values and the rule of law.

- Ground-Up Reform: Empowering Police Ranks through Education and Professional Development

This chapter emphasizes the importance of empowering lower and middle-ranking police personnel through structured education and professional development. It argues that sustainable police reform must go beyond senior leadership to include officers at the operational level. By advocating academic collaborations, modular training, and skill-building, the chapter proposes strategies to foster critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and adaptive leadership—ultimately enhancing police effectiveness, morale, and public trust.

- Policing with Purpose: A Paradigm Shift Toward Solutions, Not Symptoms

This chapter traces the shift in policing from a reactive, problem-solving approach to a proactive, solution-oriented model. It emphasizes addressing root causes of crime through long-term, community-driven strategies rather than short-term fixes. Drawing on global and Indian innovations, the chapter proposes frameworks for mindset change, improved training, and collaborative partnerships. It advocates for a preventive, empathetic, and adaptive police force focused on resilience and sustainable public safety.

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