

# **Evidence Based Policing**

#### What is the issue?

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• The quality of service that people get at grass roots from the police is disatisfying.

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- There is a need to transform the police from a traditional outfit into a modern force to upgrade delivery of its service.  $\n$ 

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### What are the issues with Indian police force?

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- Political interference.  $\slash n$
- Lack of professionalism.  $\normalim{\sc n}$
- Lack of audit by dedicated committee.  $\slash n$
- Lack of infrastructure investment  $\n$
- Lack of community support.  $\space{-1mu}\space{-1mu$
- No counter cyber-attack skills n

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# How to professionalise the police department?

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• Brainstorming problems of maintaining public order and combating conventional crime.

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• Making plans to acquire a fresh mind-set to cope with the needs of a society

under attack.

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- Improvising the manpower and use of new technology.
- Implementation of scientific approaches like evidence based policing in every day policing activities.

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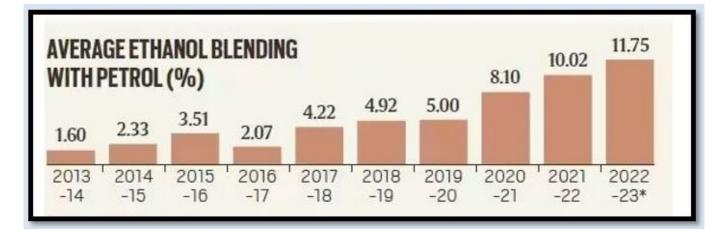
# What is evidence based policing (EBP)?

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- It emphasizes the value of statistical analysis and empirical research.  $\ensuremath{\sc n}$
- When left alone to practice individually, officers often act upon their own perception of the facts, which often turn out to be wrong.  $\n$
- $\bullet$  EBP rectifies this by stressing to work based on statistics, changing practices and measuring the success of those changes with risk-adjusted outcomes.  $\n$
- e.g One strategy is identifying 'hot spots' of crime and spotting problematic individuals in a community.  $\gamma_n$
- The Prediction task requires an analysis of events which are either crimes by themselves or border on crimes defined by law.  $\n$
- There are certain geographic areas in each police jurisdiction which report more incidents than others.
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- EBP goes beyond statistics and pinpoints the time and opportunities presented to a potential offender.  $\n$

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 Monitoring behavioural patterns of a class of individuals who had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement is a logical way to predict whether they will again lapse into crime.

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#### **Source: The Hindu**

