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① Lack of forensic evidences is influencing the quality of justice delivery in the country? Do u agree with this view?

### Introduction -

Forensic evidence is a vital instrument for the detection (as) investigation of crime & administration of justice by providing crucial information about the scene of the crime.

### Importance of Forensic Evidence :-

- ① Bias-free & Speedy investigation is a right of person under (Art - 21) envisages the importance of timely forensic reports.
- ② Quality & timely forensic analysis is a backbone of many cases.
- ③ Evidences like blood samples, photography, fingerprints & currency acted as a last resort of evidences in many cases.

④ Forensic evidences helps police to identify the scene of crime & solve the cases at earlier.

## Issues in Forensic s/m in India

① Recent RTI reported that 50% of cases reported to labs each year for forensic investigation remains unresolved

② 4-7 crore cases pending in IND out of these 4 crore pending in lower courts & many might pending due to lack of forensic report according to [NJDG].

③ with a long time taken for forensic reports to provide results in turn increases the margin of error in a scientific procedure therefore in final case itself

④ As per estimates laboratories in Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Pune, Kolkata, Bhopal where most of the forensic evidence yet to be tested.

5) The <sup>staff</sup> ~~experts~~ in forensic laboratories ~~are~~ ~~is~~ severely shortage & not trained to up to the mark.

## Way Forward

(i) Increase the ratio of Judge to population as the judicial system is under tremendous pressure with lacking of cases.

(ii) ~~Ind~~ state govt should invest in setting up of laboratories which could provide timely reports with increase in laboratories.

(iii) ANABIS device should be implemented by every state police official which enables them to track the scene of crime.

(iv) desperate need for training facilities & continuous education programme for our forensic experts.

## Conclusion -

As 35-40% cases pending due to improper forensic evidence, govt should step up in this needy hour to raise their investment to set up forensic labs & <sup>thereby</sup> ↓ pending of cases.