Course on Evidence Based Policing: New Criminal Laws

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Level of Participants	Judges/Magistrate, Dy. SP/ACP/AC and above, Prosecution Officials, Defence Officers & Prison/Correctional/Welfare Administrators
Duration	03 days

ABOUT THE COURSE

Evidence-based policing (EBP) is an approach to policy making and tactical decision-making for police departments. Sherman defines evidence-based policing as "the use of the best available research on the outcomes of police work to implement guidelines and evaluate agencies, units and officers." Evaluation of ongoing police operations is important because it can link research-based strategies to improved public safety outcomes, allowing police agencies to move beyond a reactive, response-driven approach and get smarter about crime control.

Evidence-based policing offers a practical solution to the need to balance public safety, community service needs, and available funds. It blends the science of controlling crime and disorder with the principles of community policing and problem solving. Evidence-based policing can be implemented without adding Police Officers, disrupting police organizations or offending community members.

Evidence Based Policing guides the way for Proactive Policing that may target the Hot Spots and Hot Times based on knowledge gleaned from crime analysts which will certainly be proved to be an effective crime reduction strategy. Hot Spots policing strategies focus on small geographic areas usually in urban settings, where crime is concentrated. This will also effect overall crime in that small area.

Evidence-based policing (EBP) educates Police personnel in well-researched and verified strategies. Agencies that use EBP are able to make rational, evidence-based decisions while patrolling, carrying out

investigations, and creating policies.

Police chiefs have to take the initiatives to implement the EBP. Tremendous resources exist today that can help them craft smart policing strategies. Using these resources, they can point to the evidence about what works to help explain to communities why, for example, they are shifting resources and directing officers to focus on problem places, increasing the number of civilian crime scene technicians, using surveillance cameras, employing foot patrols.

Police departments can increase their institutional knowledge about the science of crime control by forming partnerships with local universities or colleges to use the services of professors, graduate students or interns. They can also hire their own in-house criminologists or researchers to translate existing research findings, help craft new evidence-based strategies and evaluate existing ones.

Implementing evidence-based policing requires reframing how policymakers, practitioners, researchers and citizens-at-large think about public safety outcomes and the process of crafting and evaluating strategies intended to make our communities safer.

The New Criminal Laws since 1st July, 2024 as Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) promise to bring about a rebirth by replacing these outdated and erstwhile statutes with new legal frameworks that are specifically designed for the needs of 21st century India. These laws will strengthen the existing law enforcement agencies and cater justice for all swiftly.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To make the participants aware about the Evidence-based Policing as the need of the hour with introduction of the new criminal laws in India.
2. To apprise the trainee officers about scientific ways of investigating criminal cases.
3. To expose the participants to the use of Information Technology in Evidence Based Policing
4. To familiarize about the importance of Crime Mapping in Evidence Policing
5. To familiarize them about the behavioral forensics' tools and techniques.