



Bureau of Police Research and Development Foundation Day

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Recently, the [Bureau of Police Research and Development \(BPR&D\)](#) celebrated its **54th Foundation Day** in New Delhi, highlighting significant developments in criminal law and police modernization.

- [New criminal laws](#) were highlighted at the event. These laws are victim-centric and aim to deliver justice rather than mere punishment.
- The event honoured the recipients of the [President's Medal for Distinguished Service \(PSM\) and the President's Medal for Meritorious Service \(MSM\) for 2023 and 2024](#).
- The BPR&D was established on 28th August 1970 under the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the mission to provide a new direction to the then-existing **Police Research and Advisory Council, founded in 1966**.
 - It aims to **address police issues, promote systematic studies**, and integrate science and technology into policing methods.
 - Initially, it comprised two divisions: **Research, Statistics, and Publication, and Development**. **In 1973, the Training Division** was added to enhance police competencies, followed by the establishment of the **Directorate of Forensic Sciences in 1983** and the inclusion of **Correctional Administration in 1995**.
 - The bureau is headed by an **Indian Police Service officer of the rank of Director General**, who is assisted by the Additional Director General.
- The **Special Projects Division of the BPR&D** addresses critical areas focusing on emerging issues such as **anti-human trafficking, gender concerns, and matters related to minority and SC/ST communities**.
- **BPR&D Publications:** Indian Police Journal, [Data on Police Organisations](#) and Sajag Bharat & Vigilant India Magazine.

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