



UP Government Boosts Police & Forensic Capacity

Why in News?

On [Constitution Day \(26th November\)](#), Chief Minister of UP highlighted the state's commitment to transparent police recruitment and establishing [forensic labs](#) at the **zonal level** during the **National Conference on Forensic Science and Cybersecurity**.

- These initiatives are part of broader efforts to enhance law and order, ensuring timely justice for victims and maintaining [good governance](#).

Key Points

▪ Highlights of the Conference:

◦ New Criminal Laws:

- India has recently implemented **three new criminal laws**: [Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023](#), [Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023](#), and [Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023](#).
- These laws, effective from 1st July 2024, aim to protect citizens by ensuring that no one is declared guilty without proper evidence.

◦ Challenges and Reforms in Law and Order:

- Before 2017, Uttar Pradesh faced significant challenges in maintaining **law and order**, with a high prevalence of hooliganism (vandalism/violence).
- The Uttar Pradesh Government has observed that over half of the positions within the Uttar Pradesh Police were unfilled during previous government. Addressing this situation has become a key focus for the current government.

◦ Transparent Recruitment and Forensic Labs:

- The state government has recruited over **154,000 police personnel** transparently and recently initiated the recruitment of an additional **7,200 policemen**.
- Earlier, **forensic labs** were limited to four locations. Now, high-quality forensic labs have been established at the **zonal level**, with plans to expand them to the **range level**.
- These labs are crucial for gathering evidence in criminal cases and ensuring justice.

◦ Cybersecurity and Forensic Science Initiatives:

- Today, **1,775 police stations** in Uttar Pradesh are equipped with **cyber helplines**, enhancing the state's ability to tackle [cybercrime](#).
- Additionally, the **Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences** has been established to further support **forensic investigations** and improve the **quality of evidence** presented in court.

Constitution Day

- The **Constitution Day**, also known as **National Law Day** or **Samvidhan Diwas**, is celebrated in India on **26th November** every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.
 - On **29th August, 1947**, the **Constituent Assembly** set up a **Drafting Committee** under the **Chairmanship of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** to prepare a **Draft Constitution for India**.
 - On **26th November 1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on **26th January 1950**.

- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** on **19th November, 2015**, notified the decision of the **Government of India** to celebrate **26 November** as '**Constitution Day**'.
- The day is observed to spread the importance of the constitution and the thoughts and ideas of [B. R. Ambedkar](#), the chief architect of the constitution.

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