

Key challenges to police reforms

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In news- Recently, the Centre and states listed 13 key challenges before a department related parliamentary standing committee, responsible for slowing down police reforms in the country.

Key challenges-

- They have listed challenges from educational background to difficulty in progressive behavioural changes among policemen.
- The Center and states also blamed the **shift in crime profile from traditional crimes to economic and cyber frauds, frequent changes in law,** directions by the courts or commissions and top-down or bottom-up reforms policy among **the factors responsible for the delay in implementation of the long pending police reforms.**
- The panel also noted **issues being faced by law enforcement agencies in getting real-time information for forensic analysis** from overseas internet service providers and telecommunication, and limited human resource capacity at police stations.
- The panel said **women are abysmally underrepresented in the police force,** constituting only 10.30 percent of the police force.
- The Standing committee **recommended that the Ministry of Home Affairs may advise states and UTs to create a roadmap for making the representation of women police to 33 percent** of the total strength a reality.

Further reading:
<https://journalsofindia.com/umbrella-scheme-for-modernisation-of-police-force/>