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Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

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Title of the Thesis : **Police Reforms to Safeguard Human Rights in India: A Critical Analysis**

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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru
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ABSTRACT

The thesis titled *Police Reforms to Safeguard Human Rights - A Critical Analysis* delves into the critical role of police in upholding the principles of the rule of law, emphasising the challenges posed by accusations of human rights violations against the police in India. The research aims to examine the functional and structural deficiencies within the Indian police system, thereby assessing the impact of existing police reforms, and exploring how international policing models could provide a structure for safeguarding human rights and enhancing accountability. This research underscores the need to balance public safety with the protection of individual rights, highlighting the dichotomy between the Due Process Model and the Crime Control Model of policing. It critically evaluates India's colonial policing structure, and the shortcomings in reform implementation following the recommendations of the commissions including the National Police Commission and the Prakash Singh judgment.

The sixth chapter of the thesis studies the policing approaches in civil law and common law countries, aiming to identify global best practices that could be adapted to the Indian context. The findings emphasise the need for comprehensive reforms, including the enhancement of accountability, eradication of illegitimate political control, and improvements in recruitment, training, and working conditions. The research proposes actionable solutions for reforming India's police system to better align with democratic values and the protection of human rights.

The thesis concludes that bureaucratic and political interference remains a significant barrier to police independence, often leading to human rights violations. It advocates for a shift toward a more human rights-oriented policing model, essential for fostering public trust and ensuring justice in India.

Keywords: Police Reforms in India; Policing; Police Accountability; Human Rights & Policing

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