

COMMUNITY POLICING IN UTTARAKHAND

OBJECTIVES:

Community Policing consists of two mutually dependent and complimentary components – a dynamic partnership between the police and the citizens and problem solving through participative policing. To meet these two aims, Uttarakhand Police has identified certain key areas which require police officers to reach out to the public and redirect efforts towards specific issues concerning different districts.

While the primary target for Dehradun is curbing drug abuse, the focus for Haridwar is on the pilgrims thronging the various ghats and temples. In Udham Singh Nagar, the community policing initiative revolves around migrant labourers whereas in Nainital, the effort has been to rope in various stakeholders in the tourism sector. For the hill districts of Pauri, Tehri, Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Champawat, Almora, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh, emphasis has been laid on disaster preparedness and disaster management.

KEY FEATURES:

Dehradun: Combating the growing drug menace

- Targeting the large student community
- Reaching out to the parents and teachers
- Garnering media support for generating awareness
- Working with NGOs for supporting and treating victims of substance abuse
- Sustained drive against drug trafficking

Haridwar: Facilitating the pilgrims

- Focus on women, children and elderly persons

- Close coordination with various religious groups, social organizations, private hotels and shop-owners
- Dissemination of information to pilgrims
- Effective crowd management
- Relief and rescue during emergencies

Udhamsingh Nagar: Reaching out to the migrant labour community

- Organization of Medical camps and sporting activities
- Generating awareness regarding labour laws and regulations
- Provision of legal assistance
- Registration and verification

Nainital: Working together with stakeholders in the tourism sector

- Coordination with hotel associations, taxi unions, schools and colleges
- Focus on tourist-friendly policing
- Traffic Management
- Cleanliness drives around the lakes in the district

Hill Districts: Capacity building for effective response to natural disasters

- Awareness campaigns in disaster prone areas
- Training for relief and rescue operations
- Mock drills in schools, market places and primary health centres