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# DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY POLICING AND EXPLAIN THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN PAKISTAN.

## HOW CAN THESE CHALLENGES BE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED?

### INTRODUCTION:

Community policing describes strong partnership between the police and public. It can be based on collaborative as well as command model of community policing. Community policy shows some potential benefits in Pakistan such as public security, enhancing trust and cooperation, problem solving and use of collective effort to combat crime. Community policing not only benefits in curbing crime but also in eradicating root causes. However, it may also have significant challenges involving resources restraint, resistance to change and rampant corruption.

However, in Pakistan, these challenges can be effectively addressed by taking pragmatic measures including focusing on training and capacity building, provision of sufficient resources, and eradicating corruption and ensuring transparency.

## CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY POLICING

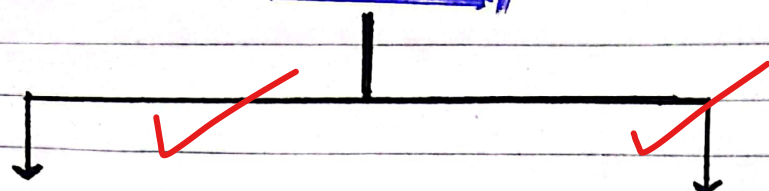
According to US Department of Justice, community policing is defined as:

"Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime."

The vision behind this community policing is to reduce crime rates by eradicating the root causes with the help of police agencies. It ensures law and order situation by collective efforts.

# MODELS OF COMMUNITY

## POLICING

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- **COLLABORATIVE MODEL**
    - Officers from law enforcement agencies along with community members, cooperative and collaborate to deal with matters of policing.
  - **COMMAND MODEL**
    - The community is in-charge of administering police operations via representative policing.

## POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY POLICING

### ENSURING PUBLIC SECURITY

Community policing ensures and enhance public security. It reduced physical violence as well as societal violence. Conflicts are resolved quickly due to collaboration of public and law enforcement agencies. Community members and police officers not only deal with underlying causes of crime but also make efforts to mitigate those issues. For instance, community policing

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in Karachi aims at preventing crimes by neighbourhood watch programs.

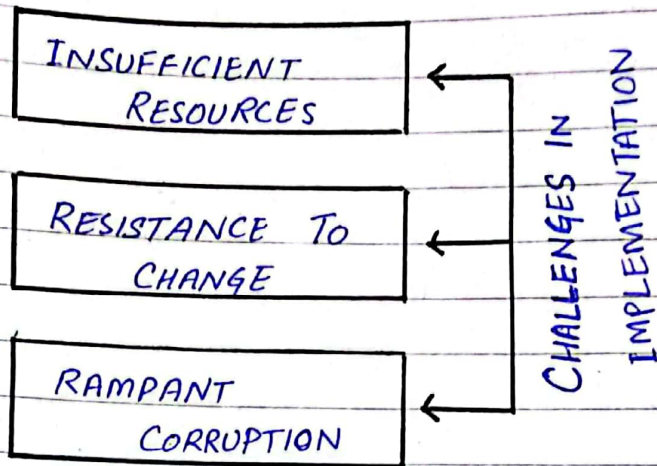
## FOSTERING TRUST AND COOPERATION

community policing not only ensures public security, but it also enhances trust of public on law enforcement officers for addressing grievances of people rapidly. Moreover, these initiatives also empower the police to work for the welfare of the public and the state, strengthening the sense of responsibility among them.

## ENHANCING PROBLEM-SOLVING

Community policing, through the cooperation of police and public and enhanced trust helps in eradication of crime. It encourages business community, along with other agencies to participate in resolving crime issues. It results in identification, analysis, response and evaluation of the issues faced by the people. For example, in case of Islamabad, community policing helps in addressing issues like substance abuse through awareness and education.

# CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY POLICING IN ✓ PAKISTAN



## RESOURCES RESTRAINT

One of the main challenges is insufficient resources, resulting into lack of facilities and inadequate funding for community-based initiatives. ✓  
Moreover, training programs are frequently deemed inadequate and ineffective, limiting the police's ability to respond to the community concerns effectively.

## RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Another challenge is that police departments ✓

are unwilling to transform their structures, cultures and operational tactics, which are essential for community policing. These traditional policing models make the transformation troublesome.

## RAMPANT CORRUPTION:

Due to lack of funding and adequate facilities, police officers are forced to work in terrible conditions. Due to this, they often resort to corruption. According to a survey by Transparency International, police is one of the most corrupt departments in the country, and lack of accountability, the greed of influential people as well as depressed wages are the prime reasons for corruption.

## ADDRESSING CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTATION

### FOCUS ON TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

To deal with the challenges in implementation

of community policing in Pakistan, there is a need to focus on police training and capacity building. This will surely help in fostering better relationship among police personnel and community to address the raised concerns.

## ALLOCATION OF SUFFICIENT RESOURCES

Sufficient resources allocation such as proper funding, staff and advanced technology are required for the better implementation of community policing in Pakistan.

## CORRUPTION ERADICATION

In order to eradicate corruption from policing, there is need to take effective measures through policy making and ensuring transparency. It will ensure enhancing trust between police and public as well as credibility enhancement.

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## CONCLUSION:

In a nutshell, community policing helps in eradicating crimes by addressing root causes. However, it has significant potential benefits as well as challenges in Pakistan. To address these challenges, there is need to take effective measures.

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