

In Pakistan creation of police force is colonial legacy. In which circumstances independent police force was established in Pre-independence era?

What major changes have occurred in Police department of Pakistan?

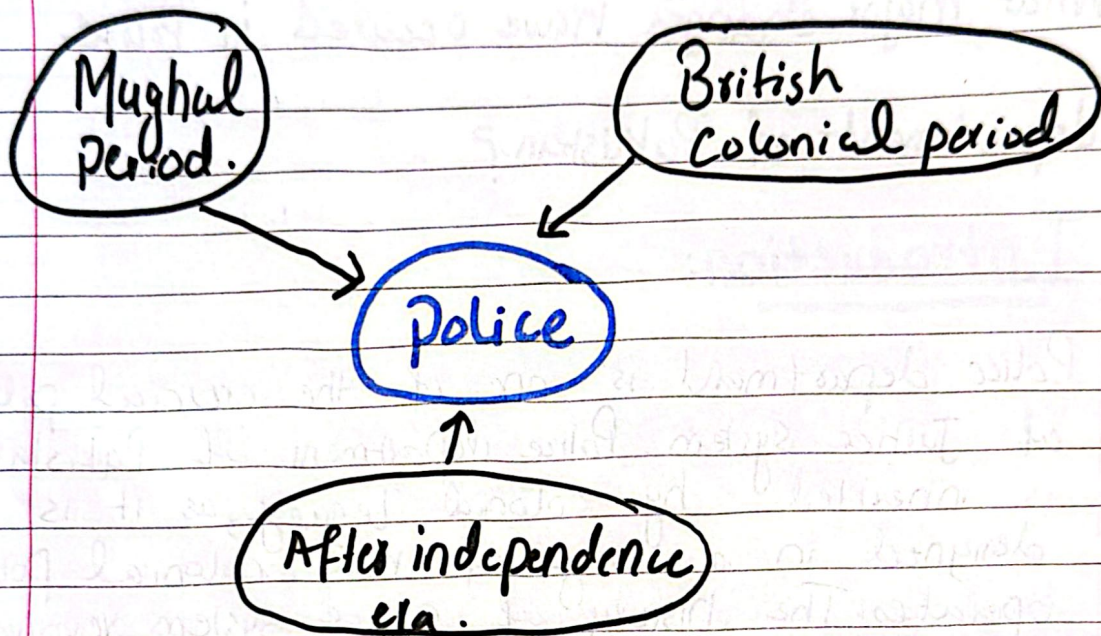
Introduction:

Police department is one of the crucial pillars of Justice system. Police department of Pakistan is inherited by colonial legacy, as it is designed in a way of how colonial police operates. The history of police system revolves around Mughal period, British period, and after independence of Pakistan. These periods tell us how police operates in these times and how it was established in pre-independence era of Pakistan. However, the creation of police force in Pakistan is based on colonial times, but there are major changes that have taken place to ameliorate the police department of Pakistan.

"From enforcing colonial authority to maintaining democratic order, the police institution of Pakistan has undergone significant transformation".

History of establishment of Police :

The History of establishment police revolves around Mughal, British and after independence era.



Policing in Mughal period:

Policing in Mughal period is supervised by kotwal. kotwal is responsible of maintaining law and order, crime prevention, public safety, and municipal administration. The kotwal is defined by following words by Dr. Saran:

"The kotwal was solely incharge of town administration and has more comprehensive functions than modern Municipal bodies".

Policing in British colonial rule:

The east India company took control after the decline of Mughal period. Initially, the duties of police were performed by Army in British times. Nevertheless, after some time people embroiled revolts against army, as they tried to loot people and treat them unfairly. British realized the need of other force creation and created separate police force and result in Police Act (1861).

Police After independence of Pakistan:

The Police department of Pakistan roots from colonial legacy and follow their rules. Multiple reform commissions were formed between 1948-1998. Nevertheless, the most were not even implemented and ignored. The real structure of police force of Pakistan was implemented in Police order 2002, to design police in a way of professionalism, not controlling the people, like in colonial times.

Structure of Pakistan Police:

The structure of Pakistan was inherited by colonial period. The goals of colonial

Police are the following:

"Colonial police designed to rule people, not serve".

The imperative goal is to rule people, and ignore their rights. Even today the police of Pakistan is somehow following this culture.

Major changes occurred in Police of Pakistan:

The reform are taking place from the independence of Pakistan, but they were not implemented and ignored. Nevertheless, in era of General Pervez Musharraf introduced Police Act 2002:

The foremost goal of police Act 2002 is to make police professional and independent from colonial legacy. The ensuing are the objectives of police Act 2002.

i) Separation of investigation from watch and ward

Earlier, the police officer who patrols handles the investigation as well, but the police order act 2002 separates the officer, as

Poor investigation and political pressure.

ii) Abolition of District Magistrates control:

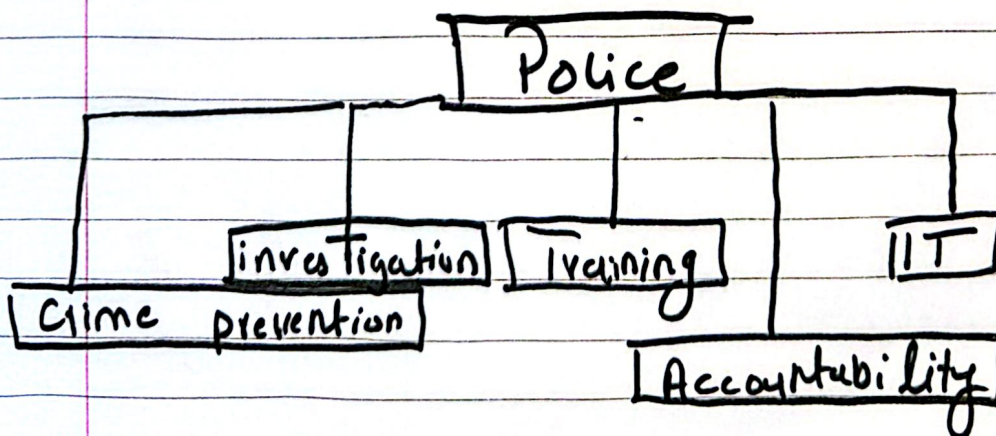
The other crucial step taken by police act 2002 is to oust the authority of Deputy commissioner from police and to make police more independent and professional.

iii) Establishment of oversight bodies:

The foremost objective of police is to provide public safety. If the police violates the public safety, what citizens are supposed to do. To overcome this issue police complaint authorities were formed and build the trust of public.

iv) Functional specialization:

Police is divided into specialized units.



Conclusion:

Police department plays a crucial role in public safety. Police are the foremost people who jeopardize themselves, while controlling law and order in the city. However, the police department of Pakistan has gone through major changes, which leads them toward colonial to professionalism in the field. Police act 2002 plays vital role to make this implementation of law in the society. The significant amount ^{of positivity} has been noticed in police of Pakistan in terms of professionalism.

"The police are the public and the public are the police".

~ [Sir Robert Peel].