



G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Class: 8th

Subject: Social Science

Topic: “ Role Of Police And Courts”

Unit 2

Aspect :Home assignment

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Learning Objective:

- Appreciate the need for the processes followed.
- Understand what an FIR is and how to file one.

Themes:

Difference between the roles of the police and that of the courts. Role of the Public Prosecutor. On an FIR: filing one, on the illegality of the police not accepting an FIR and the Supreme Court's directive on this.

Understanding Our Criminal Judicial System

According to Article 22 of the Constitution, every person has a Fundamental Right to be defended by a lawyer. Article 39A of the Constitution places a duty upon the State to provide a lawyer to any citizen who is unable to engage one due to poverty or other disability.

4 key players in the criminal justice system are **the police**, the **Public Prosecutor**, the **defense lawyer** and the **judge**.

Role of the Police in Investigating a Crime

An important function of the police is to investigate any complaint about the commission of a crime. The investigation includes recording statements of witnesses and collecting different kinds of evidence. On the basis of the investigation, the police are required to form an opinion. If the police think that the evidence points to the guilt of the accused person, then they file a charge sheet in the court. It is not the job of the police to decide whether a person is guilty or innocent, the judge has to decide this.

Meanwhile, the rule of law means that everyone including the police is subject to the law of the land. Police investigations have to be conducted in accordance with the law and with full respect for human rights. The Supreme Court has laid down guidelines that the police must follow at the time of arrest, detention and interrogation. The police are not allowed to torture or beat or shoot anyone during the investigation. They cannot inflict any form of punishment on a person even for petty offences.