Preface

Protection and security are a natural desire of all the living beings in this planet earth. As white blood corpuscles are the protector and preventor of our body from external attacks in forms of virus, bacteria and disease etc. This phenomenon is happening naturally, since we are in existence. All the living beings either animal or human beings have natural tendency to live together in groups due to psychological physiological, emotional and security needs.

As early as human beings started living in families, groups and tribes, they felt the need for a group of young men who would be charged with upholding the family or group norms and protect them from, warriors, thieves, dacoits etc. such body of men would evolve in the course of many centuries, into the modern police agencies. Ancient people believe that these persons should have some characteristics with in i.e. a group of persons who should be polite, obedient, efficient and energetic to achieve the objective to provide security and maintain order and peace in society, should be intelligent, courageous and loyal to the ruler or political heads in the society later on these persons were known as “Police”. Thus ‘Police’ means P- Polite, Politics, O – Obedient, objectiveness, L – Loyal, I – Intelligent, C- Competent, Courageous and E- Efficient, energetic.

All societies, big or small, advanced or primitive, evidently need some arrangements for preservation of order and stability. In small decentralized ancient societies, there were no codified laws. At a later stage of social evolution the functional sweep of the ‘police’ agencies would considerably expend to assume arrange of complex functions, concerned with criminal investigation, traffic regulation, order maintenance, record-keeping, surveillance, sectarian harmony etc. Many societies would also set-up specialized agencies for collection of political intelligence, counter espionage, secret surveillance, industrial security, border policing and scores of other such tasks of a para-police nature.

History is witness to many changes having been brought about by social legislation regarding several social practices and beliefs, Sati, Child
Marriage, Polygamy, untouchability etc., are some such practices about which legislation was brought about for their removal. Police as a premier law enforcing agency is called upon to implement the law. It thus plays an important part in bringing about the intended changes in the social beliefs and structures. Our constitution has provided provisions for internal security system called police administration and para military forces. Rises of fundamentalism, problems caused by hostile Pakistan in terms of cross borderer terrorism and terrorism with in the state has created problems for internal security, also rising naxalism is an another great problem in coming future, cyber crimes like cyber gambling, bank frauds, pornography and theft of intellectual properties etc. are new forms of cyber crimes a threat to policing in 21st century to a state.

Policing in modern state required to review and re-organization of the whole structure of criminal administration and police, with a view to serving the needs and expectations of the common people in a fast changing socio-economic and political scenario, recently in the state.

The police have to act as custodians, of democratic institutions, maintaining law and order and at the time allow democratic expression of opinion, peaceful, demonstrations, meetings and processing, provided, they do not cause violence or resort to illegal acts. In a democratic society, like ours the police have to be the guardians of law and order for the people as a whole. There are several instances to prove that once law and order completely breaks down, no amount of political maneuvering can save a state from chaos, due to rapid growth of population, rising frustration among the people adult franchise, rise in literacy level and growing economic development and political consciousness, law and order problems and becoming more complex day to day, according to which the role of the police is increasing accordingly and becoming very important to handle the situation in present scenario.

In the present study, main focus was to study the role of police in the development & welfare of society in 21st century.

First Chapter deals with introduction of police organisation and genesis of police forces in the world and in India. Defining socio-political and economic
growth of Himachal Pradesh after independence, educational, technological, development of state and importance of police in modern world.

Second Chapter deals with the organization structure of police administration in Himachal Pradesh, police strength in the state and role performance of police officials in the state in maintaining law and order situation in the state, also financial provisions by Govt. to the police force in the state.

Third Chapter deals with the role of police in the development of society and innovative schemes started by Himachal Police administration for the development & welfare of society like Community Policing Scheme, Smarth Yojana, Suvidha Yojana etc. These schemes has started changing the image of police in modern era and cordial police public relationships in present scenario in the state of Himachal Pradesh

Fourth Chapter deals with profile of crime and role of police administration in Himachal Pradesh, classification of crimes, ten years crime situation and data in Himachal Pradesh, showing Murder, Theft, Kidnapping, Abduction, Rioting, crime against women in the state during last ten years in the state. District wise crime statistics during last five years in the state shows the tendency to commit a particular type of crime in district wise and their causes to happen. Working of CID is evaluated in the state of Himachal Pradesh in present scenario.

Fifth Chapter deals with impact to socio-economic and political environment on police working in the state in 21st century. This chapter talks about affect of society, economic needs and political interference on the police working in the state in 21st century.

Sixth Chapter deals with evaluation of police working in Himachal Pradesh, technological advancement in police force i.e. modernization of police, working conditions of police, motivation and promotion scenario in the state. Concepts of recruitment, training and promotion scenario of police personnel in the state.

Seventh Chapter deals with conclusions, suggestions and policy implications for better policing in high-tech 21st century in the state of Himachal Pradesh in modern world.