



UP Economic Offences Wing Revamped

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh Economic Offences Wing (EOW)** has undergone significant restructuring to enhance its capabilities, taking inspiration from the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

- The new measures focus on adopting advanced technological tools, accelerating investigations, and **improving public accessibility** to report financial crimes.

Key Reforms and Measures

- **Enhanced Public Access: A major reform allows citizens easy access to report financial crimes.**
 - The state's emergency helpline, **112**, has been integrated with EOW to enable the public to report cases such as **Ponzi scheme fraud, Stamp fraud, Multi-marketing fraud**, etc.
- **Professional Expertise and Training: The EOW aims to become a robust and trusted institution for both enforcement and public outreach.**
 - To enhance the professionalism of its officers, a **day-long workshop** was organized with experts from agencies like the **CBI, Enforcement Directorate**, and other central agencies.
 - The focus of the **workshop was to educate** on various forms of financial crimes, address investigation nuances, and tackle emerging challenges in financial crime enforcement.
- **Public Awareness and Education: A core part of EOW's strategy is public awareness.**
 - The agency has created **eight animated booklets in both digital and print** formats to **educate citizens** about various financial crimes they may encounter and how to stay vigilant and protected.
 - A **short film** on financial crime prevention was also launched to engage the public, along with a **new EOW logo**.
- **Technological Upgrades: The EOW is now equipped with cutting-edge tools to streamline operations, including 24x7 Case Management Software (CMS) for real-time case monitoring and faster resolution.**

Economic Offences Wing (EOW)

- The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) was **created in 1970 within the CID** to address economic crimes, with an expanded focus in **1972** to include offenses related to 10 government departments.
 - In 1977, EOW was restructured as a separate, specialized investigation branch of the Uttar Pradesh Police.
- In 2006, the **EOW's jurisdiction was further broadened** to include the investigation and inquiry of economic offenses across all government departments.
- In 2018, the government established four police stations within EOW sectors in Lucknow, Varanasi, Meerut, and Kanpur.
- The **EOW is led by the D.G. EOW, with its headquarters in Lucknow**, is divided into five sectors, each managed by an **officer of SP rank**.

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