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Session on  
Community Based Policing With Members of the Toronto Police Board  
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On the 25th of February, Aspen Institute India and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) organized a session with two members of the Toronto Police Board on the concept of community based policing in India. Moderated by Mr. Jayadev Ranade, Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Air Power Studies, Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Chairman of the Toronto Police Board and Chief of Police, William Blair outlined how Toronto, a large multi ethnic city as been able to increase safety and security through community based policing. Dr. Mukherjee gave a general overview of the situation in Toronto, drawing a description of laws and legislatures in action that help the Toronto police achieve goals of safety. Mr. William Blair further explained the workings of community based policing, showing how it has helped in achieving safety and security in a city which boasts more ethnicities than any other in the world. Community based policing can help in achieving an understanding in cities of multi-ethnic backgrounds like Toronto. All three agreed that governance and sound domestic policies are needed to achieve community based policing not only in understanding the problem in cities as large as Delhi or Mumbai, but in achieving a function system of community based policing.