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4 police officers get home minister's medal for probe in riot, murder cases

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New Delhi: Four Delhi Police officers, including a deputy commissioner of police, have been selected for this year's Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation.

DCP Sanjay Sain, inspector Pramod Joshi and assistant sub-inspector Gajraj Singh were involved in the investigation of 2020 northeast Delhi riots cases. Inspector Tanvir Ashraf got the award for his investigation in a kidnapping and murder case of Khyala in the year 2013.



DCP Sain had introduced a four-tier system, which included the formation of riot cells at police stations, restructuring & strengthening of district riot cells, district review cells, and pairvi cells. These efforts resulted in qualitative improvement in investigation and led to a series of convictions in riot cases. "The focus was on reorganising the riot cell and to concentrate on trials. The award goes to my entire team," DCP Sain, who is currently heading the central district, said.

Joshi and Singh were involved in an extensive investigation. One of the major challenges in front of them was Covid-19, as movements were limited and several eyewitnesses had left the city. Despite all this, both these cops were able to gather evidence and took the riots cases to logical conclusion.

Ashraf, who is currently posted with the special branch of Delhi Police, had not only solved the murder case of an 8-year-old girl in Khyala, but also ensured the conviction of the accused. The inspector said that he took up the investigation of the case personally and later arrested the accused. "During interrogation, the accused sexually assaulted the girl and burned the child's face. Her body was recovered later," he recalled.

Ashraf was also heading the legal cell of the northeast district when the riots happened. "The investigation of the riots was challenging, but I have to make sure that we were legally strong," he said. Ashraf was awarded Asadharan Karya Puraskar. He was also conferred with an award named after head constable Rattan Lal, who was killed by rioters.

Meanwhile, 60 CBI officers were given the Police Medal for Meritorious Service by R Venkataramani, Attorney General of India at an investiture ceremony at the agency headquarters on Saturday. Among those who received the award are SP Ranjan Kumar Sethy, DSPs Mukesh Kumar, Rabi Narayan Tripathi and Indumohan Negi.

DCP SAIN SAYS

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Among recipients of Home Minister's medal, 4 cops who probed Northeast Delhi riots

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DCP (Central) Sanjay Kumar Sain; (right) Inspector Tanvir Ashraf are among the recipients

OF THE 140 police officers conferred the Union Home Minister's medal for Excellence in Investigation Saturday are four from the Delhi Police.

Among them is DCP (Central) Sanjay Kumar Sain. In 2021, he took over as DCP (Northeast) and oversaw investigation and evidence gathering of the 2020 riots cases.

"As investigation into cases was going haywire and courts were being critical of our functioning, we introduced a four-tier system. Under this, four cells were created — a thana riot cell; a riot cell at the district level; a review cell, headed by a retired ACP; and a pairvi cell to inspect court orders and ensure compliance. This ensured cross-checking and corroboration of evidence," said Sain.

He led a team to probe riots cases that included Inspector Pramod Joshi, then SHO of Gokalpuri police station, among the severely affected areas; Assistant Sub-Inspector Gajraj Singh and Inspector Tanvir Ashraf, then posted with Northeast district's legal cell. All three are recipients of the award.

Inspector Joshi, now posted with EOW, told *The Indian Express*, "Ensuring on ground deployment at spots prone to communal violence was key in handling the situation..."

ASI Singh was the investigating officer in one of the first riots cases that secured a conviction before court. "Apart from controlling a riot and arresting all the accused persons, securing justice is also an integral part of the criminal process," he said.

Inspector Ashraf said a part of his role during the riots included analysing the data bank of over 10,000 distress calls. The officer had also received the Ratan Lal Insignia Award, named after Head Constable Rattan Lal who was killed during the riots.

Further, a 2013 rape-cum-murder of an eight-year-old girl in West Delhi that he cracked when he was area SHO and secured a conviction was among the reasons for his being awarded the medal. Said Ashraf, "It was a blind case... Through CCTV footage and technical intelligence, we managed to arrest the accused on the same day and recovered the girl's body at his instance."

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गृह मंत्री पदक के लिए चुने गए 140 पुलिसकर्मी

नई दिल्ली, 12 अगस्त (एजेंसी): जांच में उत्कृष्टता के लिए केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री पदक के वास्ते 140 पुलिस अधिकारियों का चयन किया गया है, जिनमें केंद्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो (सीबीआई) के 15, राष्ट्रीय अन्वेषण अभिकरण (एनआईए) के 12 और उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस के 10 अधिकारी शामिल हैं। केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। एक सरकारी बयान के मुताबिक पदक से सम्मानित होने वालों में 22 महिला अधिकारी हैं। यह पदक 2018 में शुरू किया गया था। इसका उद्देश्य अपराध की जांच के उच्च पेशेवर मानकों को बढ़ावा देना और जांच में उत्कृष्टता को मान्यता देना है। इसकी घोषणा हर साल 12 अगस्त को की जाती है।

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