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Quick thinking, brave acts: Cops contain fire incidents

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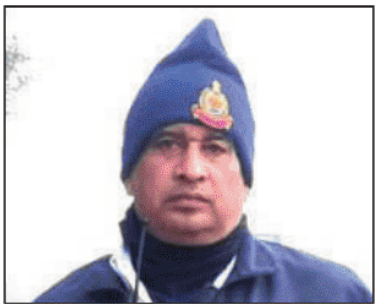



TIMELY ACTION: ASI Pradeep (L) and constable Anil

New Delhi: Delhi Police personnel prevented potential tragedies in two separate fire incidents in the city over the weekend.

In the first incident, a police constable responded to a call about a suspected cylinder blast at a four-storey residential building in west Delhi's Mohan Garden around 9.39 pm on Friday. After the station house officer was alerted, a police team and a fire tender were rushed to the spot. Beat officer constable Anil also reached the building and entered a third-floor flat, where he found an LPG cylinder engulfed in flames inside the kitchen.

Constable Anil told **TOI** that he had to act quickly and cautiously, analysing the situation. "There were around 16 families in the building, including children and senior citizens. With limited space in the kitchen and flammable plywood décor inside, I had to drag the burning cylinder out into the corridor and later douse the flames using a cloth," the constable said.

A video of the incident shows the constable pulling the flaming cylinder through thick smoke as panicked residents watch from a distance. Police said constable Anil acted swiftly, first evacuating the family from the house before dragging the burning cylinder out of the narrow kitchen to minimise the risk.

In a separate incident on Sunday evening, a traffic police assistant sub-inspector rescued a driver trapped inside a burning car at Timarpur circle in north Delhi. ASI Pradeep was regulating traffic, near the Wazirabad flyover, when he noticed a compact hatchback engulfed in flames around 5.50 pm, with the driver unable to escape.

In visuals of the incident, the car is seen completely ablaze on the road, sending thick black smoke into the air as vehicles continue to pass nearby. ASI Pradeep, along with other officers, pulled the driver out to safety and retrieved some belongings from the vehicle. An MCD water tanker was later arranged to extinguish the fire.