Quick response by cop prevents fire tragedy

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New Delhi: Timely intervention by a constable averted a major fire tragedy in Mayur Vihar early Thursday morning.

Deepak Kumar of Pandav Nagar police station was patrolling near Mayur Vihar Phase 1 metro station when he received a call at 2.11am about a blaze at a six-storey building in Anand Lok society.

"Within minutes, I reached the spot and found that a flat on the fifth floor of the building was on fire. I called the control room, after which the fire department was informed," he said.

DCP (east) Priyanka Kashyap said the constable helped a woman and her child who came out of their burning flat. The focus, police said, was to stop the fire from spreading to the other floors. Deepak also lent a helping hand to firefighters in dousing the blaze, she said, adding that the constable had earlier been part of a police team that recovered 155 kg of ganja a month ago.

Meanwhile, in another incident, cops from Jahangirpuri police station on Thursday saved a 40-year-old man who was trying to end his life at home with the help of a rope. Police said the debt-ridden man, who runs a general store in Bhalswa Dairy, was depressed.

DCP (northwest) Usha Rangnani said the man's brother informed them that he was trying to hang himself at his residence in Jahangirpuri's D block, after which assistant sub-inspector Dinesh and head constable Vijay reached the spot.

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"The room was locked from the inside. They forced open the door and rescued the person. Vijay held the man's legs up and Dinesh opened the knot of the piece of cloth," Rangnani said. Vijay also gave CPR to the man and rushed him to the hospital for treatment. His condition is stable now. Both the cops will be rewarded for their timely response, Rangnani said.