

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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P R E S S N O T E

**I. AWARD OF PRESIDENT POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON
THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY, 2016 TO SHRI PRAVEER RANJAN, IPS,
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, PUDUCHERRY**

Shri Praveer Ranjan, Inspector General of Police, Puducherry has put in 22 years of distinguished service, providing not only leadership of a high order, but has also shown initiative in treading into professional areas like law and order, crime investigation, vigilance and economic offences. He served in various capacities in Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh, CBI and now in Puducherry as IGP, Puducherry

He joined the service in 1993 and after completion of training he was posted as ACP, Seema Puri, North East District, Delhi in a highly communally and criminally sensitive area. He handled several communal incidences with tact and sensitivity which prevented any major communal riots in the area. On promotion, he was posted as Principal, Police Training School, Delhi Police, which due to his strenuous efforts, got elevated as Police Training College and was recognized for excellence in training to various police ranks. He also served as Addl. DCP, South District in Delhi and was responsible for successful supervision and detection of several sensational cases. The highlight was the apprehension of the famous 'Bunty Chor' which will led to recovery of several items worth several crores.

From 1998 to 2001, Shri Praver Ranjan, was posted as Superintendent of Police in Upper Siang and West Siang districts respectively in Arunachal Pradesh. During his tenure as SP, West Siang, a terrorist module belonging to Bengal Tiger Force (BTF) was

busted and the arms looted from the Assam Police were recovered which earned appreciation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Later from 2003 to 2006, he also served as DCP/North East and DCP/South in Delhi Police and during his tenure, a lot of emphasis was placed on the community policing and his contribution in this field was recognized by the then Commissioner of Police, Delhi. Several new initiatives were taken to safeguard and protect the senior citizens, women and children. The Community Liaisoning Groups (CLGs) were formed in each Police Station. He also supervised Parliamentary elections and elections to the State Assembly while holding the charge of DCP in Delhi. Elections were conducted to the Students Union of Jamia Millia University after a gap of 10 years in a peaceful and cordial manner which was also appreciated by the then Lt. Governor and Chief Minister.

During 2006 to 2013, Shri Praveer Ranjan, served in CBI as SP, ACB, Lucknow with additional charge of ACP, Dehradun and later as DIG, Special Unit and Anti-Corruption-I. He made valuable contribution in developing information on corruption at high places in the Central Government Ministries and also successful detection of many sensational cases. As DIG, Anti Corruption Unit, he also supervised cases related to Defence scam, Common Wealth Games and NRHM. **He was awarded the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service in the year 2009 while he was serving in CBI.**

In Puducherry, he joined as Inspector General of Police in 2014 and took charge of the Parliamentary elections 2014 which was successfully conducted without any major incidence. He tried to streamline the pending administrative issues by improving the promotional avenues for the policemen, undertook several welfare measures to improve the working conditions and living environment for the policemen. He implemented Selection Grade promotions to the police personnel according to their seniority by which 1000 police persons were promoted at a stretch which is continuing every year. Several new initiatives including the new website of Puducherry Police, implementation of CCTNS for networking of all police stations and crime stations, web based applications for security of women and

strengthening of traffic police were undertaken during his tenure. One of the highlights of his tenure was the introduction of e-recruitment system. Around 800 recruitments in Puducherry Police were conducted without any complaint or allegations of bias or favouritism.

II. AWARD OF PRESIDENT POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY, 2016 TO SHRI RAJASANKAR VELLAT, INSPECTOR OF POLICE, PUDUCHERRY

Thiru Rajasankar Vellat now working as Secretary to IGP at the office of the Inspector General of Police, Puducherry has put in more than 29 years of service and he has continuously exhibited his outstanding and exceptional skill in the performance of various Police duties.

His exemplary work on 26.12.2005, when the worst natural calamity 'Tsunami' hit the coastal villages of Kalapet and surrounding areas when he was the SHO of Kalapet PS. He immediately started rescue operations by searching the collapsed / submerged houses and evacuated the children who were trapped. He himself entered into the sea water and caught hold of the floating dead bodies and recovered 108 dead bodies which were buried under the sand and debris. He continuously stayed at the Tsunami affected area by giving moral support to the village people and removed the decomposed bodies without fearing inflectional diseases.

During his tenure as Circle Inspector, Mahe, he arrested a notorious criminal and recovered 157 sovereign of gold jewels concerned in three major theft cases. While working as Circle Inspector of Police, Karaikal, he was instrumental for detection of a blind and grave case of murder and it ended in life conviction within a short period.

As Inspector of Police, Traffic PS, South Region, a large number of traffic accident cases were worked out in time and Traffic System management an element of road safety culture was achieved.

III. Award of Lieutenant Governor's Police Medal for Extraordinary Service on the occasion of Republic Day 2016

The following police officials were awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Police Medal for Extraordinary Service on the occasion of Republic Day 2016: -

- (i) Shri S. Venkatasamy, Superintendent of Police (CID), Puducherry.
- (ii) Shri Chinta Kothandaraman, Inspector of Police, Grand Bazaar Circle.
- (iii) Shri L.V. Senthil Kumar, Inspector of Police, D' Nagar Circle.

IV. Award of Lieutenant Governor's Commendation Certificates on the occasion of Republic Day 2016

- (i) Shri V. Loganathan, Sub-Inspector of Police, Solai Nagar OP, Puducherry.
- (ii) Shri T. Thukkan, Sub-Inspector of Police, Special Branch, Puducherry.
- (iii) Shri S. Thambiran, Sub-Inspector of Police, Sigma-Intelligence, Puducherry.
- (iv) Shri C.V. Renil Kumar, Sub-Inspector of Police, Sigma Security, Puducherry.
- (v) Shri T. Karikalan, SGASI (HC 1319), FRRO, Puducherry.

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