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VADODARA POLICE COMMISSIONER SALUTES BRAVERY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT FROM BARODIANS ON POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

Police Commemoration Day, celebrated on October 21 every year is a solemn occasion as a mark of respect to remember the martyrs who make supreme sacrifice in the line of police duty. Commonly called 'Police Day', this day is commemorated in memory of the Hot Springs incident of 1959, where a group of policemen were attacked by Chinese troops at Hot Springs in North-eastern Ladakh. Ten policemen were killed and seven were captured in the incident. The captured policemen later on managed to escape from China. The bodies of the ten police martyrs were handed over on November 28, 1959, and were cremated with due honours. Subsequently, in January 1960, October 21 was officially designated as Police Commemoration Day.

Each year, this day is meant to honour the police force and their sacrifices that largely go unnoticed due to continued indifference on part of the polity society and other established institutions. This day also gives an insight into the multifarious dimensions of duties conducted by the police force in our country. It's impossible to imagine a society without law and order, and hence the police personnel deserve this kind of acknowledgement and honour. Celebrating such a day is of immense significance to the police officers as it also instils the same ethics among the new personnel who join the police force.

The police force is described as - the visible arm of the state, the first respondent of any crisis, the symbol of law and order, a friend who helps in the times of distress, one who protects us and the list goes on and on. Just as the khaki uniform gives them dignity, so does their work which commands respect. Police are one of us and this belief needs to be reinforced in the society.

More than 24 lakh people come under the Vadodra City Police jurisdiction of which around 7 lakhs belong to other states but live here as they work in various sectors and



ANUPAM SINGH GAHLAUT, IPS,
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industries in and around the city. In short, they have diversity in the culture as well as in every strata of the society.

With a new vision and a fresh insight, Vadodra Commissioner of Police Shri Anupam Singh Gahlaut, shares interesting facts about the work carried out by the police fraternity, laying emphasis on the upcoming challenges due to the rampant use of social media and related threats. Here is an excerpt of an interview with Shri Gahlaut.



Vadodra is considered as one of the safest cities of India. And this is one of the greatest achievements a police team can achieve. How does this feel like? What all has gone behind the identity of making it 'safest' city today?

The identity of the Vadodra 'safest' city makes us feel proud of the dedicated team of police force which has been doing their work so sincerely. With more than 24 lakhs people coming under the city jurisdiction, more than seven lakh people belong to the other states. They have been living in the city since a long time, enhancing the city with diversified culture in every strata of society. And keeping the cultural sensibilities of Gujarat alive, we have been considering the safety and security

of the citizens at its zenith. The force of about 4000 personnel have been working round the clock to overcome communal harmony which was one of our biggest challenges. All major festivals are now celebrated very peacefully, instilling peace in the city. We have exponentially improved efficiency and effectiveness with the help of reforms and re-engineering the face of policing. Our team has done a lot of ground work to make Vadodra one of the safest cities of India. Hence the credit for this achievement goes to the entire police team besides cooperation by public, without whom we wouldn't be able to achieve the tag of safest city.

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Though Keshyep came from a different city, he started his business here and gives due credit to the conducive and safe environment of Vadodra city for his success. Today on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, Premraj Keshyep - Founder and Managing Director of KYB Conmat extends his gratitude to the Vadodra police for their contributions.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF VADODRA HAS EVOLVED?

I hail from a different city but, have been living here for more than 25 years now. I have seen a remarkable change in the conduct of Vadodra police more particularly when it comes to cooperation with the common people and general administration. The Vadodra Police have created fear free environment in the city, and I am proud of the fact

that it is one of the safest cities of India. In my opinion Vadodra city police department is one of the best in the country.

ANY PARTICULAR INCIDENT WHERE VADODRA POLICE HAVE HELPED YOU?

Since we are operating in the Industrial Environment, I often need help from the police department, and on all such occasions they never let me down. The last incident I recall is a case of theft in our factory when the police was able to crack the case within very short period and the culprit was behind bars. The alertness, promptness & efficiency of Vadodra police is really commendable.

KINDLY GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON RECENTLY INTRODUCED VEHICLE SAFETY RULES?

Though there has been lot of buzz about the new traffic rules, I find them as basic driving norms which should be followed all over the country. This will put a check on reckless driving, and the city police are doing their duty in implementing them. Let all of us co-operate with city police for smooth running of traffic & human safety.

ANY MESSAGE FOR VADODRA POLICE AND THEIR SERVICE.

I would like to reiterate that Vadodra police is one of the best police force in India. My only suggestion to them is that more public awareness programmes on various aspects like traffic, home safety, women safety etc. should be organised for the benefit of public at large.

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