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EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Sh. Abhayanand IPS

For contributing successful policing initiatives such as speedy trial and formation of Special Auxiliary Police from among retired army officers, thereby tremendously improving law and order in Bihar

A 1977-batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre, Sh. Abhayanand is also an eminent educationist of Super 30 fame, teaching poor students to crack the IIT JEE. He is the brain behind the speedy trial and conviction of criminals in Bihar. Credited for the shift in police focus to conviction, he believes the Arms Act is a very powerful instrument for the police to instil fear of the law in habitual lawbreakers. As policemen themselves can be witnesses in an Arms Act charge sheet, there is no chance of not getting witnesses or of witnesses turning hostile. There were a record number of convictions, including of very powerful bahubalis or musclemen, leading to a tremendous improvement in the law and order situation in Bihar. In 2010 alone, 14,311 persons were convicted in speedy trials with 37 being awarded capital punishment and 1,875 life imprisonment. As envisioned by Abhayanand, this succeeded in instilling fear of the law in lawbreakers and drew worldwide attention with the Princeton Review doing a detailed study on it.

Backed by political will in 2005, Sh. Abhayanand came up with the idea of recruiting retired soldiers, already trained in weaponry and combat, to meet the manpower shortage in the Bihar police force especially to carry out operations against Naxalites and criminal gangs. Thus the Bihar government quickly recruited 5,000 ex-army men in the police force. The concept was soon taken up by other states such as Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

Sh. Abhayanand is presently posted as Director General of Police of Bihar.



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