



**GOVERNANCE  
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**EXCELLENT  
CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

*Shri Amit Lodha, IPS*

(DIG, BSF SHQ, Jaisalmar (North))

**For outstanding police service**

*A* 1998-batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre, Shri Amit Lodha has achieved tremendous successes under challenging circumstances, bearing illustrious testimony of his dedication and commitment to the service of the nation. As a young IPS officer in 2001 when Nalanda was infested with crime and extremism and was shrouded in unemployment, poverty and communal tension with general public antipathy towards the police, his unflinching determination to transform the social environment of the district improved the state of affairs immensely due to the initiation of a series of coordinated community policing programmes.

He launched SAMBHAV- an organization under the aegis of the Nalanda district police to tap the power of the youth towards community development. The organization successfully engaged the youth in tackling important social issues such as drug and tobacco abuse, illiteracy, dowry, public sanitation, and carried out entrepreneurship and skill enhancement activities, cultural, literary and sports programmes to provide healthy and gainful avenues to the people. The initiative gained massive response and public support. The achievements of this initiative were widely appreciated. Besides getting special mention in the official journal of the Bihar Police, it was highlighted in the Bureau of Police Research and Development of India in its National Interaction Programme for Juvenile Justice and as model of community policing by senior police officers of India, US and the UK.

Showcasing exemplary leadership, Shri Lodha played an instrumental role in a number of successful police operations, including the arrest of dreaded gangsters, neutralizing and controlling naxalite activities and rescue of kidnap victims. He significantly revamped intelligence networks in trouble-torn regions and engineered seamless integration of information technology in the system, vastly enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of the force.

In recognition of his remarkable contributions, Shri Lodha has been the recipient of various awards and commendations, including the acclaimed President's Police Medal of Gallantry and the Internal Security Medal.



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