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**EXCELLENT
CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

Meeran Chadha Borwankar, IPS

For playing an instrumental role in wiping out the underworld from Mumbai and unearthing some of the most infamous scandals in the history of Maharashtra Police

A 1987-batch IPS officer, Meeran Chadha Borwankar has many firsts to her credit, being the first woman IPS officer of Maharashtra, the first woman IPS officer to lead the Mumbai Crime Branch, the first woman Superintendent of Police of Satara district, and so on. Born in Gurdaspur, Punjab, she did her graduation from DAV College and Master's in English Literature from Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar. Later, she also studied Policy Analysis in Law Enforcement at the University of Minnesota, USA.

Known as a woman super-cop, Borwankar has played a huge role in the extradition of Abu Salem, Monica Bedi, Iqbal Mirchi, Tariq Parveen and Sharmila Sitaram Naik alias Sharmila Shanbhag. She was awarded the President's Medal for meritorious service in 1997, apart from the police medal and the Director General's insignia for meritorious service and Hubert Humphrey Fellowship (2001-2) in more than three decades of her policing career.

Amongst others, she has served as DCP, Ports (Mumbai Port Trust), DCP, Zone 4 (a key posting in Mumbai), DSP, Aurangabad and Satara. She also handled important assignments with the Crime Branch, Mumbai, Economic Offences Wing of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Mumbai and was DIG of the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the CBI in New Delhi. Borwankar shot to fame when she unearthed the infamous Jalgaon sex scandal in 1994 after which she came to be known as an expert in unearthing such scandals. The Rani Mukherjee-starrer film Mardaani was influenced by the life of Borwankar who herself is an admirer of former IPS officer Kiran Bedi.

She is remembered for her role in putting a number of Mumbai mafia members behind bars, including Dawood Ibrahim and Chhota Rajan gang members as Mumbai's first woman Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), the job she took when the Mumbai police's reputation was in tatters.

She is at present Director General, Legal and Technical, Maharashtra Police.



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