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**EXCELLENT
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Roopa Divakar Moudgil, IPS

(Inspector General of Police, Bengaluru, Additional Commandant General, Home Guards, and ex-officio Additional Director, Civil Defence, Bengaluru)

For outstanding police service with courage to take on the mighty and powerful

A 2000-batch IPS officer of the Karnataka cadre, Ms Roopa Divakar Moudgil is the first woman to become an Indian Police Service (IPS) official in Karnataka and is arguably one of the most courageous woman officers in India. A graduate from Kuvempu University, Karnataka, with a gold medal, and a post-graduate in psychology from Bangalore University, she has served as SP of Dharwad, Gadag, Bidar and Yadgir districts, before Bengaluru.

As the Deputy Inspector General (Prisons) of Karnataka, she submitted a report exposing corruption in the prison system in Bengaluru. She had red-flagged alleged irregularities and corruption in providing special treatment to high-profile jail inmates and AIADMK chief VK Sasikala. Among other things, she had revealed that Sasikala had been given five cells for her private use in addition to a 150-foot corridor to be used as her private space, and a special room to meet visitors that was not under CCTV coverage unlike the official visitors' room provided by the authorities. She also alleged that a bribe of Rs 2 crore had been paid to officials, including the DGP, Prisons, in exchange of the favours extended to Sasikala.

Her track record also includes the arrest of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Uma Bharti in 2004, removal of orderlies and escort vehicles used by former Karnataka CM B S Yeddyurappa and taking on local politicians or even her own superiors. With 41 transfers in her 18-year career, she has been hailed as a tough police officer for her quick actions and bold decisions and stands tall in this male-dominated workforce. She has been awarded the President's Police Medal twice, in 2016 and 2017, for her exemplary work.



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