OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI.

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To

The Editor-in-chief,
Indian Express,
New Delhi

Subject:- Rejoinder in connection with regarding news item " His Police Story" published in Indian Express dated 19.01.2020.

Sir,

1. This is with reference to the above-captioned byline news item wherein the profile of CP/ Delhi has appeared in your esteemed newspaper today. It is found to be grossly biased highlighting only a few recent incidents with a negative mindset, mostly based on a subjective assessment after talking to an interested group of unnamed senior officers. Use of phrases like "connections", "part of circle", "not standing up for his force", "leaderless", "losing grip" etc. are highly objectionable and are downright refuted. It appears the reporters who have been generally in the know of things by virtue of covering the Crime Beat over a substantial period of time, purposely ignored the several initiatives taken by Delhi Police as regards police-public interface, crime control, upgradation of technology and digitisation for effective policing, as also several community policing and police welfare schemes in the last 3 years. These initiatives are in the public domain and have earned appreciation across the police forces in the country, and their mention certainly merited coverage in the write-up for a more holistic picture.

2. The reporters have selectively drawn inferences and have mostly ignored the various measures taken by Delhi Police leadership over the last three years. For crime control, for instance, Delhi Police has taken concerted measures which has resulted in a healthy decline in heinous crimes. Total heinous crime, as a percentage of total IPC crime, came down from 3.93 % in 2016 to 2.79 % in 2017 and 2.27% in 2018, and It has continued to decline to 1.72 % in 2019. In 2019,

dacoities declined by 40.00 %, attempt to murder by 7.94%, robberies by 19.97 % and kidnappings for ransom by 21.05%. Incidents of snatching and burglaries have also come down.

3. Further, the reporters have also ignored all the innovative community outreach measures initiated in the last 3 years like Prahari, Police Mitra and YUVA. The article has completely ignored the steps towards modernisation taken by the police such as digitization of Malkhana and Daily Diary and launching of CyPAD. The reporters have also chosen not to mention the scores of agitations/ rallies, including the major protest of farmers from neighbouring States, which were handled professionally and successfully. Further, in the past three years, Delhi Police leadership has initiated a number of welfare measures for its personnel like Subsidiary Police Canteens and Mega Job Fairs besides ensuring timely promotions and compassionate appointments, and providing world-class training and scholarships to potential sportsmen among wards of police personnel. Had these facts been also mentioned of, the write-up would significantly have been holistic and in the right perspective .

In view of the above, it is requested that the above facts may kindly be published as prominently as the news in question to put the matter in the right perspective for your esteemed readers.

Yours faithfully

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