

About J.K. Tripathy, IPS (1985-TN Cadre)

J.K. Tripathy, born in Odisha, completed his M.Phil., from J.N.U., New Delhi. While doing his Ph.D., he got through IPS in 1985 and allotted to Tamil Nadu cadre. He served as Superintendent of Police in six Districts in Tamil Nadu, viz., Chengalpattu (East), Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Virudhunagar and Madurai Districts. On his promotion as DIG, he served as Commissioner of Police and DIG, Trichy, and then moved to Chennai as Joint Commissioner of Police, South Zone. On his elevation as IGP, he worked as IGP, Administration, Tamil Nadu, and then moved to Madurai as IGP South Zone, followed by IGP, Armed Police, IGP, Crime, IGP-Economic Offences Wing-I, IGP, Headquarters, IGP, Enforcement and, on his elevation, Addl. Director General of Police, Prisons, Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai (Twice), Addl. Director General of Police, Enforcement, Addl. Director General of Police, Law and Order, Tamil Nadu. On his elevation as DGP, he served as Director General of Police/Chairman, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board for about 21 months and since June 2019, he has been serving as the Director General of Police/Head of the Police Force, Tamil Nadu.

While working as Superintendent of Police in 6 sensitive districts, Commissioner of Police in Trichy, Joint Commissioner of Police, South Chennai and Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai (twice), he successfully handled issues of serious caste and communal conflicts and earned appreciation of all in maintaining law & order and controlling rowdyism and serious crimes. Rowdyism and organised gangs were dealt with iron hand, including police firing in self defence, in all the law and order assignments held by him. Police action against the notorious gangster Mulian @ Rajendran in Sirkali, Kosigyn, Petchimuthu and Korangu Senthil in Trichy; Mumbai don Sanjay Ghatia, notorious TNLA Militant Rajaram, Ayodhyakuppam Veeramani and the dreaded 5 north Indian bank dacoits in Velachery are noteworthy.

While working as Commissioner of Police, Trichy, he had introduced a number of community policing initiatives. Of these, **"Beat Officers' System"**, **"Slum Adoption System"** and **Complaint Box system"** are noteworthy. These initiatives aim at bridging the gap between police and public, making police people-friendly and transparency in police functioning. While heading the Prison Department, he had introduced many Prison reforms, including the establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Community Colleges in all major prisons throughout the State and vast array of rehabilitation measures.

As ADGP L&O, bandobust arrangements for Mahamaham in Kumbakonam earned appreciation from all quarters.

While serving as Director General of Police/Chairman, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, Tamil Nadu, first time in the history of TNUSRB, recruitments have been conducted in all categories, viz., Common Recruitment of Gr.II Police Constables, Gr.II Jail Warders and Firemen, Common State level Written Examination for Youth Brigade Members for absorption, S.I. Technical and S.I. Finger Print, for a single calendar year, with utmost integrity, fairness and transparency and a total of 6637 candidates were recruited.

While serving as the Director General of Police/Head of the Police Force, Tamil Nadu, there was no major law and order problem in the State and some noteworthy achievements are follows:

Unprecedented crowds thronged the Sri Varadarajaswamy temple during the Sri Athivaradhar Swamy Vaibhavam which was held for 48 days from 01.07.2019 to 17.08.2019 after 40 years. The number of devotees visiting the abode of Athi Varadhar was on an average three times bigger than Thirumala Tirupati, which witnessed the highest footfall in the country. More than 1 crore devotees visited the temple during the 48 day period. Despite the massive crowd and poor infrastructure, the officers and men of Tamilnadu police displayed immense resilience and endurance to pull off a stampede free security

arrangements under the command of Mr.Tripathy, which earned praise and appreciation from one and all.

Flawless and foolproof security arrangements made at the Indo-China informal summit between the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the President of the People's Republic of China held at Mamallapuram (Kancheepuram District) on 11.10.2019 and 12.10.2019 helped Tamil Nadu Police earn immense appreciation at an international level.

The various agitations organised by Muslim organizations and other political parties against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019, National Population Register (NPR) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) were prevented from turning violent by taking proactive measures.

In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the country braced itself to fight the virus by leaving no stone unturned. In Tamil Nadu, all major places of public gatherings including weekly shandies, malls, big shops, jewelleryes, hyper markets etc., were ordered to be closed from 20.3.2020 to prevent transmission of the disease. On 22.3.2020, the country observed a 14-hour voluntary public curfew (Janata curfew) in response to the call made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to facilitate community-based preventive measure against Covid-19 pandemic. The State got into a lockdown mode from 6 p.m. on 24.03.2020 by imposing prohibitory orders u/s 144 Cr.PC invoking the provisions of section II of the

epidemic disease Act 1897 to impose restrictions. Essential services such as milk, water, fuel, electricity, etc., were maintained. The Police did their best to keep the people out of roads, by advising them to remain indoors.

Awards/Honours and Special Achievements

- Recipient of the **President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service**, 2002.
- **President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service**, 2011.
- First Indian Police Service officer to receive the **Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration**, 2008.
- **First Indian Police Officer** to have received 2 prestigious **International Awards** :
 - i) **International Community Policing Award** by International Association of Chiefs of Police (**IACP**), Washington, **USA**, in a representation of over 110 countries, during their 108th Annual Conference at Toronto on 31st October, 2001.
 - ii) Innovations in Governance **GOLD MEDAL** decorated by the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (**CAPAM**) in a function held on September 11, 2002 at Glasgow, **Scotland, U.K.** In fact, he is

the **First Police Officer**, among Commonwealth Countries, to receive this award.

- His innovations in Community Policing have prompted the Government of India to compile his work in a documentary titled as: **Friendly Neighbourhood Cops**. This has been circulated all over the country for replication.
- **Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Special Award** for Community Policing, from the Government of India, for the year 2001.
- The innovations introduced by Mr. Tripathy, have received the **Innovation for India Awards** conferred by the Innovation for India Foundation for 2006. This distinction, **First** of its kind in the country, has been adjudged from out of 160 entries throughout the country.
- Mr. Tripathy, after taking over as the Director General of Police/ Head of the Police Force, the Tamil Nadu State was presented with **best performing and most improved big state award in law and order in the State** of the States Conclave, 2019, organised by India Today.

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