

Daya Nayak, six other cops shifted from Mumbai, Thane

Transfers seen as 'punishment postings' as some of them had worked with ex-Mumbai police chief Param Bir Singh

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Seven police officers, including 'encounter specialist' Daya Nayak, were transferred from the city and Thane to distant places in the state earlier this week in a move that is being seen as 'punishment postings' for them. The officials, some of whom are known to have excellent investigation skills, were transferred to the remote Gondia, Jalna, Gadchiroli, Daund, Nandurbar, Jalgaon and Aurangabad districts.

Inspector Nayak was removed from the Anti-Terrorism Squad and transferred to Gondia district. He was part of the ATS investigation team that probed the Antilia bomb scare case.

The state government transferred senior inspector Nitin Thakare, who was posted in Thane Crime Branch, to



(From left) Daya Nayak, Sudhir Dalvi, Nitin Thakare, Sachin Kadam, Rajkumar Kothmire and Nandkumar Gopale

Nandurbar. Rajkumar Kothmire, who was posted as a senior inspector with the Anti-Extortion Cell, a posting in much demand, was shifted to Gadchiroli. Inspector Sudhir Dalvi, who was posted with Goregaon police station, was transferred to Daund. Inspector Sachin Kadam of Mumbai Crime Branch was transferred to Aurangabad and Kedari Pawar was transferred from Mumbai Crime Branch to Jalgaon. Inspector Nandkumar Gopale, who investigated an IPL betting case, was transferred to Jalna.

The officials at the state police headquarters maintained that the seven officers were transferred on administrative grounds and also because they had served in the city for long. Sources said that many of them had worked with former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh, who is at loggerheads with the state government.

"Some of these officials also worked with another senior state police officer who too is under the radar of the state government," said an official.

Recently, bookies Sonu Jalan and

Ketan Tann had made allegations of extortion against Kothmire, Singh and retired 'encounter specialist' Pradeep Sharma in an alleged fake betting case.

"The state government is already probing two cases against Singh after he made allegations of Rs 100-crore extortion on former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. The allegations are being investigated by the CBI. The state government appears to be sending a clear message that things won't be taken lightly," said an official.

The state government had to face

severe criticism after the former Mumbai top cop's allegations. A leaked internal report of senior IPS officer Rashmi Shukla that political influence and other types of lobbying were used in transfer of officials in the department also embarrassed the government.

The controversy erupted after assistant police inspector Sachin Waze name cropped up in planting of explosives in a vehicle that was found parked outside Antilia, the residence of industrialist Mukesh Ambani, on February 25. Later, the National Investigation Agency arrested Waze in the sensational case accusing him of planting the explosives and murder of Thane-based businessman Mansukh Hiren, the owner of the car. Hiren was found dead days after lodging a complaint that his car had been stolen. The state government suspended Waze and also transferred Mumbai Police chief Singh accusing him of negligence.



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The need of the hour currently is to stay safe—be it at your home or even your workplace. To achieve this, experts suggest ways in which you can keep viruses at bay. Here's what they had to say:

The safety manual for indoor spaces

Be it the home or office, here's what experts recommend you do to keep these spaces protected from potential viruses



Keeping it virus free

While most offices continue to remain closed, it is the workplaces of the essential services staff that must be sanitised correctly. And so, organisations have put into effect multiple measures to ensure safety at the workplace. Dikshu C Kukreja, architect and managing principal of an architecture firm, shares, "Each entrant should be subjected to temperature screening or even some form of UV disinfecting self-cleaning at the entrance. Sanitation booths or wall mounted and portable sanitation stands can be installed as well. The traditional waiting area can be replaced by 'waiting nooks' scattered around the building. Besides this, upgrade to contactless technology—automatic doors, hands-free light switches and sensory sanitary fixtures among other things."

On the surface of it

It is the surfaces in our homes and offices that are known to sustain viruses. Materials like copper, wood, fibres and cotton are deemed

to be safer than their counterparts. Shedding light on this, Rajesh Bhandari, director of a marble brand, explains, "Install antimicrobial flooring such as antimicrobial porcelain tiles. For your countertops and tabletops, consider non porous engineered quartz that is easy to disinfect." Besides these, invest in anti-bacterial materials like paints, laminates, plywood and fabrics to further protect these essential spaces.

A breath of fresh air

To increase air circulation, reorganise your furniture and layout for an unobstructed inflow of air and light. Kanhai Gandhi, partner at an architecture and interior design firm, concludes, "Go in for metals as they are easy to maintain and allergen-free fabrics that will prove to be beneficial over time. Most importantly, get rid of the excess junk in the house."

So, protecting one's space isn't all that tough. Simple modifications will go a long way in keeping them safe.