

## Shot at CST, alive at Byculla

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### 'If only my husband had a gun'

P N Giri, 52, RPF head constable at CST

P N Giri has survived, but just only. A bullet barrelled through his chest, passed between his ribs and plopped out of his back. Giri, who is lying with his wounded colleagues in the post-operative ward at the railway hospital at Byculla, says he first thought that he had been hit bit a stone. "Then I felt the bullet pierce me and saw the blood on my uniform," said the hawaladar who is posted at the parcel section of the historic terminus and has worked with the RPF for 30 years.

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A friend helped Giri to St George's Hospital next door. Some first-aid later, he was moved to Byculla. Meanwhile, his family in Mulund was glued to the television. Wife Jayashree, who has not moved from his bedside, said that she knew in her heart that nothing would happen to her husband. "I repeatedly called him but his phone wasn't with him. The other person would pick up and say hello and cut the line. I still didn't give up hope." She adds after a thought, "If only he had a gun and not a lathi."

### 'I wish my family was here now'

Rajiyawant Napit, 54, RPF Asst Sub Inspector

Transferred from the Mulund godown to CST six days before the attack, Napit was posted at the luggage-checking machine near the reservations counter. His family still doesn't know that he was hit by a bullet. "My family is in Madhya Pradesh and doesn't own a TV. They heard the news from friends and called. I told them that I had very simple injuries and changed the topic," said Napit, who lives at the RPF barracks in Mulund.

He continues, "I didn't see either of the gunmen as there was a crowd at the station. I didn't even see them enter. After I heard the first bullets, I kept telling people to leave the station. In the confusion, I was shot at. The bullet hit my right ankle and came out from the other side."

Napit pines for his family to be by his side, but says he can't afford to bring them here. "I have three small grand-children who need to be looked after. I don't want them to drop everything and rush to Mumbai," he said. He can't wait to get back on his feet. "I am not scared to go back. In fact, I can't wait to return to work," he said.

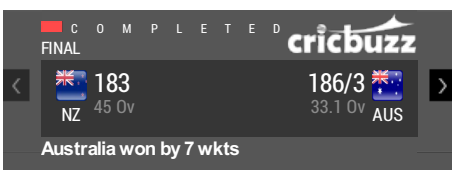
### 'I'm not scared, I want to go back to work'

Kishor Vinayak Kale, 43, parcel department employee

In charge of sealing parcels at CST, Kishor Kale has huge white bandage around his left foot. He had finished with the Hussein Sagar Express, and the train had just chugged out of the station, when the bullets began to fly. Kale had gone to the toilet. "I came out and was shot in the foot. I ran back in. I crouched there for more than 30 minutes till the ordeal ended. There were 12 other people hiding there, one woman had been shot in the calf. There was blood all around," he said.

Kale said the noise of the bullets and screams made him feel that the roof would come in and that

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Kale said the noise of the bullets and grenades made him feel that the roof would cave in and that they would never make it. A resident of Igatpuri, he travels to CST every day.

"My family saw the events on TV and was frantic as they know I was on duty at the station. When my children called, I told them not to tell their mother as she doesn't keep well and I didn't want her to worry." Kale said he somehow managed to walk to St George Hospital for first-aid. Later, he was sent to Byculla. "I've been here a week," he said. "I just want to get back to work. I am not scared. Accidents can happen anywhere, I have to do my duty."

#### 'Where is my husband?'

Razia Begum, 41, passenger at CST

Razia Begum lies on her hospital bed deep in thought. The mother of a 13-year-old boy, she took a bullet in her right hand and winces every time she moves. Her face has a blank, lost look. "I know my son is fine. He has been sent back home to Wardha. But I can't locate my husband. I keep asking my family about him but no one answers," she said, and slumped back into her own world.

Razia and family were in the city for a routine cancer check-up for her husband at the Tata Memorial Hospital. They were waiting at CST to board a train home when the firing started. "We were sitting in the waiting area. My back was faced towards the gunmen when they opened fire. I saw my husband after I was shot, he was just near me. But where he is now, I don't know," she says, her eyes tired and dull. "I can't sleep now. The scenes keep coming back in my head."

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