

Bell boy first victim at Trident, his brother lucky

Dhanya Nair : Mumbai, Fri Nov 28 2008, 01:19 hrs



4 veggies to never eat:

Cut down a bit of stomach fat every day by never eating these 4 foods. biotrust.com

Ads by Google

Like 0 Tweet 0 G+ 0 SU 0 Reddit 0 Share 0

TOP STORIES

BJP calls Rahul's take on Land Bill a 'white lie', wants him to apologise

Presstitutes remark row: Modi says media ignoring V K Singh's good work in Yemen

This govt is for the poor: PM Modi to BJP MPs

51 arrested for setting Puri-Barbil Express train coach on fire

COAI roots for net neutrality, access to Internet for all

Ever smiling and hard working, that's how the staff of Oberoi Trident hotel remember bell boy Sanjay Surve, 42, who became the first victim of terror attack at Nariman Point.

Hotel employees say when the first group of terrorists attacked the lobby, Surve who was at his regular position became the unfortunate victim. "Surve worked for the front office department as a bell boy, when the first group of attackers entered the lobby he had just finished one round of duties and had come to his regular position, to welcome the guests. Unfortunately, the terrorists reached first and he became their first victim from the hotel," says Jageeo Pawar from the food and beverage department.

Staffers say Surve was one of their senior workers who had completed more than 15 years of service at the hotel. "He was one of our most dedicated workers, despite his age and the long working period, the enthusiasm he displayed everyday at work was childlike. Never the one to complain about tough guests he did his job with his trademark smile," says Pawar.

"Despite the odd working hours he would take time out to indulge in sport. We used to share the same locker room and had developed a natural bonding."

Surve's own brother, 37-year-old Sameer Surve too works in the hotel in the accounts department. "I am here today because luckily I was in the general shift on Wednesday. My brother was in the second shift and was about to leave when the attackers entered the building. I don't know what exactly ensued but other members say three bullets from an AK 47 rifle hit him on the chest and he died on the spot," says Sameer with an unusual calm.

"He was a simple family man. He rarely ventured out. Most days it was work and home. He wanted to spend as much time with his kids as possible," says Sameer.

[Recommend](#) Sign Up to see what your friends recommend.

PROMOTED STORIES

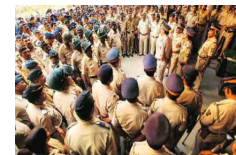
EDITORS' PICK



One of the changes we hope for is more proactive communication from the leader: **Jairam Ramesh**



GoMs back, in 'informal' avatar



OPINION | Across the Aisle: The bugle has been sounded



Players watch videos to find mistakes, I watch to enjoy my boundaries: **Virender Sehwag**



The Sunday Story: **Meow-Meow and Baby**