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Ministry of Home Affairs moves Joint commissioner of police to CRPF, battle for post kicks off

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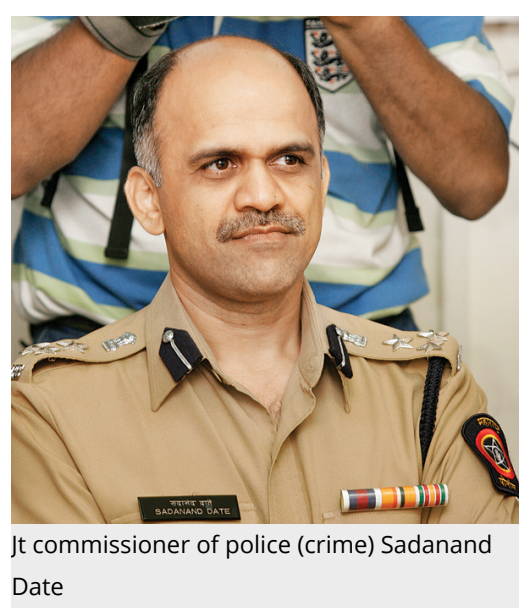







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With Date joining the CRPF, the battle for the plum post of Jt CP (crime) has begun.

Date, a 1990-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer who was injured in the 26/11 attacks while combating terrorists, is known to be upright and tolerates no nonsense. He headed the elite

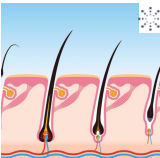
counterterrorism agency of the state, Force One, that was formed on the lines of the [National Security](#) Guards.

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Date has worked in Mumbai at different ranks, including as chief of the [Economic Offences Wing](#) of the city police. He was also deputed with the Central Bureau of

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Investigation, and has worked on foreign deputation. The ministry's order states that Date should join his new posting with immediate effect. Now the director general of police (DGP) Sanjeev Dayal and [Mumbai police](#) commissioner [Rakesh Maria](#) will take a call on when to relieve Date from his current post.

But with this news, the race for the crime branch chief's chair has hotted up. Those in the reckoning are joint commissioner (law and order) Dhananjay Kamlakar, special inspector general (with DGP office) Deven Bharti, inspector general of police (Konkan range) Amitabh Gupta, and joint commissioner of police (Thane) VV Laxminarayan.

While Kamlakar has earlier worked as deputy commissioner with the Mumbai crime branch, Bharti held the post as the branch's deputy commissioner and was later promoted to additional commissioner.

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