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Cop who led team into Taj on 26/11 to get gallantry award

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The officer Rajyavardhan Sinha reached the Taj hotel as soon as he heard of the attack, and along with his colleague Vishwas Nangre Patil and a small posse of policemen, engaged with the terrorists briefly.

NEW DELHI: A Mumbai Police officer, who had earlier refused gallantry award in connection with the 26/11 attacks, is among four people proposed to be given the award in the wake of the attack's fifth anniversary. The other three are constables who had accompanied this officer and his colleague to Taj Hotel on the night of the attacks and were the first to enter the hotel after terrorists took it over.

A proposal in this regard has reached the home ministry and an announcement would be made soon, sources said.

The officer, (then DCP) Rajyavardhan Sinha, was attached to the Intelligence Bureau and reached

the hotel as soon as he heard of the attack. His colleague, (then DCP) Vishwas Nangre Patil too reached the spot with a posse and the team engaged with the terrorists briefly. Patil was conferred the award in August.

In fact, Sinha was instrumental in saving Patil's life when he and his team were scanning CCTV footage in the hotel's CCTV room and Sinha learnt through IB intercepts of terrorists' conversations that they were going to bomb the CCTV room. Sinha quickly alerted Patil who escaped the room in the nick of time even as one of his men sustained serious injuries after terrorists bombed the room.

The officers, who are now DIGs, had been recommended for gallantry awards in 2009 as well but, curiously, while Sinha refused the honour, Patil did not find favour with the home ministry.

In 2009, when the recommendations were made, Sinha turned it down on the ground that whatever he did on the night was out of a sense of duty and it did not deserve any special award. Patil's recommendation was not considered then because of a controversy surrounding the operation where Patil was alleged to have shared some sensitive CCTV footage with the media.

Also, at that time, only officers of the level of DIG and above were given the award apart from those like constable Tukaram Omble who exhibited exemplary courage while nabbing Ajmal Kasab even as he sacrificed his own life.

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The country will suffer if sincerety in duty is not recognised and honoured. By honouring sincere officers, the nation will be benefited. The sincere will serve as source of inspiration for younger generation. The authorities will do well to ignore minor indiscretions and honour everyone who exhibited exemplary courage in the face of grave risk to life and reacted in time on 26/11. Better late than never. B.Ganga Raju 18-48 Peerjadiguda Hyderabad 500098

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Even to this day, Indian police is not equipped with automatic weapons to thwart another 26/11! The first responders are the most important to stop the carnage, once terrorist settle in, even NSG will have tough time. Imagine CST railway policemen equipped with AK47/ INSAS. There's no way those two twerps could have killed 56 people. But sadly, India never learns from mistakes. My advise, get out of India if you can....

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Bravery awards should be given immediately after the brave act Announcing the awards after 5 years are for brave act or celebrating the anniversary.Any way congrats to all those who receive.

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Nice article on 26/11 to be found at this blog Make sure you read it [greatgameindia\(.\)wordpress\(.\)com/2013/11/26/2611-what-happened-at-nariman-house-of-confusion/](http://greatgameindia(.)wordpress(.)com/2013/11/26/2611-what-happened-at-nariman-house-of-confusion/)

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India should strongly protest to UN & US for pending case of 26/11 to be handed over to India for hanging, Musharraf for waging Kargil war, missing head of soldier still not returned to India. All parties should take morcha to US, UN & Congress office soon without fail. Pak is doing nothing. We cannot sit idle and wait. Saeef Hafiz, Lakhvi, Dawood should be handed over to India at the earliest.

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Cops who briefly faced the militants and the ones who accompanied the HERO are getting Kudos and gallantry awards good and what about those who were their till the end what about those who are there doing this day in and day out as a routine ...INCOME TAX

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