

# Police frowns on modern Sherlock Holmes

By A Staff Reporter

Practically nowhere in the world do the police and the private detectives get along well despite both being in the same profession of investigations. Police thinks that the private investigators are meddlars who interfere with their job while the detectives think the police is incompetent to tackle the job they are entrusted with.

Relations between the Delhi Police and some detective agencies in the Capital are no different and senior police officers refuse to consider that detective agencies can be of any use. A senior police officer says "Private investigators are good only for pre-marital investigations and other related works. As far as proper investigations are concerned they are worthless. The private detectives on their part say the police is jealous of them as they are more efficient in investigations than the police."

Technically the private investigators are licensed to carry out investigations as long as their private detections do not pose a hindrance to the investigations of the police. An investigator of a leading detective agency says, police works in a strange bureaucratic style and takes very long to nab culprits. The

police has also been accused of being unqualified to tackle intricate investigations as a bulk of the police force is not well educated. Investigators also say that police in an effort to show quick results often overlooks obvious clues and ends up convicting the wrong man.

Cops on their part consider private investigators little more than people who nose out some dark secrets of an individual's private life and even resort to blackmailing in some cases. This is an aspect which has been proved in the past about some investigators. Senior police officers feel that sometimes their investigations are hampered by a private investigator who gains access to some useful clues and scares off the suspect. Police officers ridicule the idea that they catch the wrong person to close a case.

The managing director of Goliath Detectives Private Ltd, Mr Ramesh Madan who was recently honoured with an international investigator of the year award in Canada refutes the police accusations that private detectives are good only for pre-marital screenings. Mr Madan has been credited with saving the lives of 26 persons from death sentences by proving

their innocence in the courts. Recently in Saharapur, hectic investigations were done by Mr Madan to prove the innocence of six persons who had been charged with murder.

Police officials however insist that since the private investigators are paid by their clients to carry out some specific investigations the means they use to reach their ends are not always legal or honourable. "They earn money to prove that a person is guilty or innocent and it would not be surprising if they convict or get a wrong person released", says a senior policeman.

Detectives insist that their sleuthing is so secret that it is usually difficult for the police to know they are operating. "However if we are told by the police to stop investigating something it means that our undercover has been unearthed and we stop at once" says a private detective.

Although Delhi Police is justified in stopping private investigators from interfering in their work the utility of a private detective cannot be denied. Some personal and industrial investigations, where the clients can afford to spend some money and where the police cannot



International Investigator of the year award winner Ramesh Madan with Jack Barrow, President, Council of International Investigators

use its jurisdiction are happy hunting grounds for the private detectives.

Private detectives have still not been accepted in India as they are abroad although their number is ever increasing. As one senior police officer said as long as they keep their activities clean and legal and non-interfering with the police their existence is not objected to even by the law enforcers.

## East Delhi Nehru centenary celebration

By A Staff Reporter

The Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Celebration (Delhi-East) has decided to hold a cultural function to pay homage to the first Indian prime minister. The function will be held on September 15 at FICCI auditorium at 5.30 p.m.

According to Mr R.R. Jindal, president of the Centenary,



Aftab Hussain

## Outstanding stopper back

## Elaborate arrangement for National's media coverage

By A Staff Reporter

Extensive arrangements have been made for media coverage of the forthcoming National Games in Punjab. The National Games Organising Committee said that it would have five major media centres in the five main cities of Punjab where the games in 26 disciplines are scheduled to take place.

The Secretary of the NGOC said in a Press conference on Saturday that each media centre will be connected via computer network. In each media centre there will be facilities of telex, STD telephone hotlines and FAX services available for newsmen covering the event. There is to be a double check on every computer network to ensure that the system is foolproof.