Dear Readers,

Just when I was about to pen down this editorial, the news about Rahul Raj’s encounter surfaced across television channels. It got me thinking. The savours of public – the police have a lot on their shoulders when it comes to protecting the lives of a million citizens living in this city. Before leaving from home, they not only wear that khaki uniform but also don a huge responsibility that will make or mar the state of affairs in the city.

We often crave for power, position and status. We fancy bigger offices, fatter pay cheques, and a commanding authority. But while we enjoy that endowed status by all means, do we even give a second thought to how much responsibility we might have to handle in return?

There’s no dearth of power hungry people in this world. They have been found across parliaments, institutions, business enterprises, even in the confines of our own homes. CEOs of global investment banks and fortune 500 companies were entrusted with billions of dollars by countless investors in the hope that their hard earned fortunes were in safe hands! Senators were appointed Presidents in lieu of the thousand odd promises they had made to bring about revolutionary changes for their citizens. But has anyone lived up to their expectations?

As I account for these instances, I realise the magnitude of responsibilities I uphold as an editor for a tabloid. No matter how high a stature I’m granted with, if I don’t have my fundamentals and definitions right, I cannot handle that position for long, even under the most favourable conditions.

As a journalist, I have the power as well as the supreme responsibility to influence minds of people through my writings. And if I don’t do it right, so help me God! For I realise that with great powers come great responsibilities. And while Stan Lee might have made Spiderman acknowledge this principle, I secretly wish everyone in this world does it too.

So while this may be the first attempt to give you’ll the best of my work, in support of the 12 members in my team, I would duly apologise for any errors that might have been made. I’d ask for your forgiveness as we as society would not want any more examples like Rahul Raj which stifle the very word - RESPONSIBILITY!

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