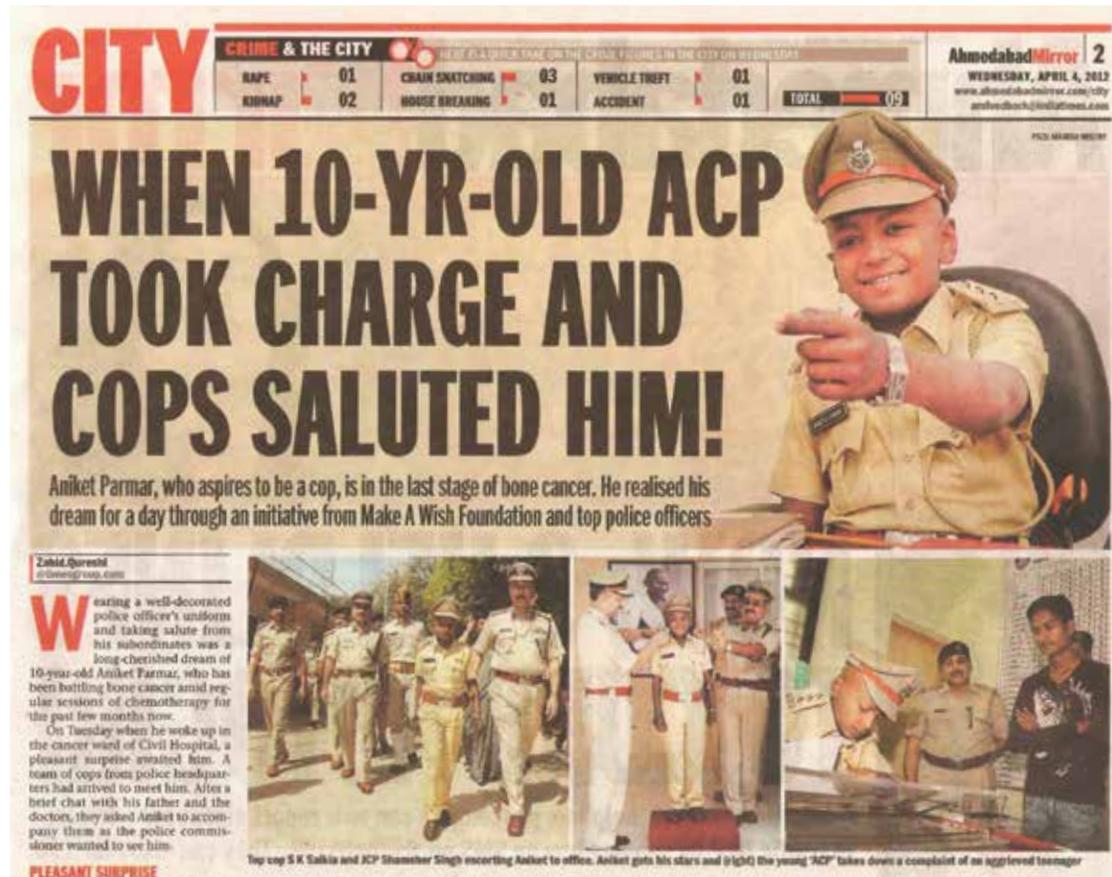


SAFETY IS HIS DESIRE

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surprisingly, very protective of her.

In 2012, Aniket was diagnosed with a life threatening illness and was admitted in the GCRI Hospital under Dr. Nitin Joshi. His parents were not ready to believe that their son was suffering from such a grave illness. Their initial shock and sorrow turned into a quiet determination to fight it out and this greatly helped Aniket.

The Make-A-Wish India volunteers of the Ahmedabad division, Kashmeera and Anita, met Aniket in the hospital and found him to be a very attentive and mature boy. Upon being asked about his wish, Aniket confidently said that he wanted to be a police officer. His eyes shone with excitement as he explained his dream of serving the country by making Ahmedabad safe for everyone.

To fulfil his wish, we contacted the Police Commissioner's office and



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explained our work and Aniket's wish to them. They spoke to the Assistant Commissioner who conveyed this to the Head Police Commissioner who arranged a meeting where we suggested making Aniket's dream come true, to which they happily replied, "Why not? We will be more than happy to make this dream come true!"

The first step in making Aniket a police officer was to arrange for his uniform. We found a tailor who gave us the outfit in two days and did not charge for it. All the badges and decorations were put up by the Commissioner's staff a day prior to the wish fulfilment.

On the set day, we picked up Aniket and his family from the hospital and went to the Commissioner's office. Aniket's family knew about the entire thing but Aniket was kept unaware of the surprise. We kept his eyes closed and he later opened them to behold his very own police uniform. Young Aniket's astonishment rendered him speechless for a few moments.

Aniket, who looked every inch a brave policeman in his uniform, was then taken to a local police ground where a red carpet welcome awaited him. In a grand ceremony, he was made

the Assistant Commissioner of Police temporarily by the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner in the presence of 500 policemen, media, our staff and volunteers!

During the day, he gave orders, shared his ideas and explained how he wanted the country to be a safer place. He was then driven in a police car to the Meghaninagar police station where he dutifully attended to a noise pollution complaint and gave orders to stop the noise immediately.

Later, Aniket interacted with the press by posing for pictures and interviews.



Aniket was so overwhelmed that he kept thanking the Make-A-Wish India team repeatedly. His parents watched ecstatically as their son's face shone with joy and life. They had not seen Aniket so lively since his diagnosis.

From there, he was directly taken to the hospital where he underwent chemotherapy and received congratulations on his day as a policeman. Finally, we met Ms. Pooja, the principal of Evergreen school where Aniket studies. "Before this experience, Aniket was very shy and his confidence levels were low. But, ever since having his wish, he is very studious and regular," she said.

Aniket has recovered now, but has to undergo tests every 3 months to monitor his health. He is very determined and brave; attends his school regularly and even plays football and cricket.

In just a matter of two months, the Make-A-Wish team, along with the help of the police staff, Assistant Commissioner, and the Commissioner, was able to make Aniket's dream come true in a way that his family could never have expected. Who knows, this wish granting may bless Aniket with the hope, strength and joy to someday become an actual Assistant Commissioner of Police!