

# ***DAMINI***

## ***An Initiative of Community Policing Wing, Kolkata Police***

Kolkata Police recently launched a project namely “Damini for women empowerment. It may be mentioned that Kolkata Police runs a highly acclaimed project “Nabadisha” in 42 Police Stations since 1997. It is an educational and healthcare programme targeted to the vulnerable children on the streets of Kolkata. In addition to studies, these children are encouraged to take up vocational training programmes in handicrafts, theatre, drama, music, art and various sports activities.

Among these vulnerable children, girls with age group 10 – 16 years will be identified and be subjected to football coaching with a view to empower them to develop their confidence, social awareness and at the same time to identify the football talents.

It has been found that girls specially belonging to lesser privileged section of the society often fall prey to various social evils like child marriage, human trafficking, domestic violence, cruelty and various other forms of offences against women.

This project “Damini” is aimed mainly to make girls aware of the curse of the above social evils so that they can cope-up with such offences of their own.

The following are the expected outcome of the project.

- Community of empowered young girls
- Accomplishment of shared values
- Healthy lifestyle at the base of the pyramid
- Talented girl footballers

Kolkata Police has the plan to spread the project throughout Kolkata in four centres in the north, south, east and western part.

The project was launched at Park Circus Maidan on 10.02.2018 at 15:30 hrs. The coaching will be held thrice a week for two hours duration on each day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Venue was started at the office of the DC, North Division on 05.05.2018 at 06.30 am

More girls will be brought under this project so that Women Football Team may be raised.

## **KOLKATA POLICE FRIENDSHIP CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Kolkata is a thriving city with booming economy, nevertheless its society is riddled with many problems, and it is still carrying the burden of colonial legacy. Thus to sweep away traditional mistrust and prejudice, it was very obvious for us to select the universal language as a medium to communicate with city people, and what else it could be other than football. Thus the concept of Friendship Cup Football Tournament has been conceived. In India Football is played and followed with a lot of passion, zeal and enthusiasm. City Police wanted to put forward something new for a larger section of underprivileged youth and FRIENDSHIP CUP made it possible to reach out to them.

Among the many projects, Friendship Cup Football Tournament which is popularly known as Para Football has been one of the most successful and talked about initiatives in building community relationships. This is a replicable model that can be adapted anywhere in the world. In apprehension of its immense popularity, corporate sectors have associated themselves with this tournament, thereby dovetailing with corporate social responsibilities. As a furtherance of this, School-Footers, an Inter School Football Tournament and College Footers, an Inter College Tournament comprising Schools and Colleges have been added to the sporting calendar of Kolkata Police and serve as a major means towards improvement of the police-community relationship. This project was started in the year 1997 with the participation of a very few number of teams. Participation of Local clubs in this tournament has been increased in incredible numbers from the time of its inception and it has attained immense popularity. This tournament has found a place in Limca Book of Records in the year 2007 with the participation of 518 teams and 7770 players in a single tournament. Such creative and productive initiative was whole-heartedly welcomed by everybody especially the younger generation, the future of the nation. It is our motto to channelise their energies and vigor for the larger good of the society.

The winners of this tournament over the years have received prizes galore ranging from a trip to England, Germany & Singapore to Motorcycles as individual prizes. Chosen players are given free vocational training so that they can establish themselves in their life. Best players of the tournament were taken for a trip to Germany and had the opportunity to train with FC Bayern Munchen in Germany.

Every year new summits are scaled. In the year 2015, 755 local teams, 52 Schools and 24 Colleges participated in the in this tournament which involved 15100 local youth between age group of 16 to 25 years and 1520 students. This tournament is the largest tournament of the World so far numbers of participation is concerned.

826 nos of clubs have participated involving 16520 players in the Friendship Cup Tournament last year (2016) as per available records.

**This year 638 nos. of club have participated involving 12,760 players in the Friendship Cup Tournament. Mike Powell Former Olympian (World Record Holder in Long Jump) inaugurated the opening ceremony on 14.12.2017 at Body Guard Lines Ground.**

The services of the Friendship Cup Football players are availed of to strengthen the hands of the Police by making them provide information about local anti-socials, unwarranted persons and similar activities. Inputs from them help us prepare more people friendly policies & serve as important feedback mechanism. Their assistance is taken to help critical patients during emergencies, to help police during crisis management such as fire, water logging and similar situations.

This unique model which involves common people to work with Police has the potential of evolving as a replicable model in community policing anywhere in the World. The idea of Kolkata Police Friendship Cup Football Tournament can be shared and exchanged with London Metropolitan Police so that they can also replicate this unique model of community participation in policing. In turn it is obvious that some new ideas that are implemented by them may also be replicated by us. Selected players from this tournament are to be taken to London to witness and familiarize with their activities/initiatives in this field. At the same time we may also invite them in our city to showcase our projects before them.

### **Present Status**

Closing Ceremony & Final Match of the Friendship Cup held on 27.07.2018 at Bodyguard lines ground. Shri Sandeep Singh, Former Captain Indian Hockey Team grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Vivekananda College under Thakurpukur PS have won the Friendship Cup Tournament 2018 by defeating Vidhyasagar Smriti Sangha of Ultandanga PS.

Sk. Rintu and Loknath Mondal were selected players of the tournament i.e. Friendship Cup 2017 and sent to visit for an exposure trip of 7 (Seven) days to the World famous Football Club F.C Einchart in Germany.

## **“PRONAM”**

JOINT PROJECT OF KOLKATA POLICE FOR REACHING OUT TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF KOLKATA AND ADDRESSING THEIR CONCERNS PERTAINING TO THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY, HEALTH, LEGAL MATTERS AND WELLBEING ETC.

### **INTRODUCTION:-**

Pronam was launched on 27.06.2009 and started to function from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009. It is one of the most successful Project of Kolkata Police in association with The Bengal. Total registered members of Pronam members as on **31.07.2022**, are **17,913**.

### **HEALTH CHECK UP:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020-Total **-10,997** beneficiaries

### **SAFETY & SECURITY:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020- Total – **3308** Beneficiaries.

There are fixed team of Liaisons Team comprising of one SI/Sergeant, 2 ASI, 4 Constables and 6 Home Guard or Civic Volunteers in every Police Station of Kolkata Police. This Liaison Team visit the homes of our members frequently to conduct a security audit as well as to ascertain and solve other problems, if any, faced by our members relating to their health or any other important issues and also keep Pronam office informed about every matter. Uniform Police Officers visit the residence of Pronam members to protect them from the easy attack of criminal and hooligans.

It is to be mentioned due to this kind of enormous effort, till now there is no report of any kind of victimization of the Pronam members.

### **LEGAL HELP: July 2009 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020-161**

Pronam is also providing legal help/advice free of cost whether it is criminal or civil through an eminent lawyer.

### **TO MAINTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING:**

### **CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

### **From January 2017 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020- Total Programme - 504**

Other than these, Pronam has arranged various entertaining programmes for the members for their psychological wellbeing such as Picnic, Cultural programme, sports, walk for any noble cause etc, Puja Darshan, Vijaya Sammeloni, Annual Cultural programme for felicitating Liaison officers or other Police Officers. Quarterly magazine “Pronam Troimasik Sahitya Patrika” published by the writings of Pronam members.

We have received overwhelming response from our Senior Citizens. Pronam have changed the mindset of its members and brought positive attitude to lead a peaceful secure life. They have participated in more than 425 different types of programmes of Pronam and enjoyed a lot.

Kolkata Police has launched Bulk SMS facility for these Pronam members to communicate the members in smooth and easy manner. Through which any important message as well as birthday, marriage ceremony etc wishes we used to convey on behalf of Kolkata Police. A separate app dedicated for Pronam members will be launched shortly through which they can get health & security support more easily whenever required at the finger tip. In this app the total medical history of the member will be stored which will facilitate treatment in case of any medical emergency. Online registration system has been initiated for becoming Pronam member.

### **The Following are the details of Annual cultural Function**

Due to increase of Pronam members in a substantive number, policy has been taken by the Kolkata Police authority to organize division wise annual cultural programme separately for every year instead of organizing a cultural programme centrally.

In spite of multifarious activities we could have achieved to conduct annual get together programme of SD, CD, PD, SED on the following dates 29/05/2017, 11/11/2017, and 29/12/2017 respectively. In these programmes mementoes and certificates were given to the best Pronam liaison officers of the PS level from concerned divisions of Kolkata police due to their distinguished service.

### **Quarterly Magazine**

The last edition of Pronam Troimashik was published on 10.09.2017. 8000 copies of magazine were distributed among the Pronam members.

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME:**

Every year 28TH July on World Hepatitis day we organize a rally for the pronam members in association with "NO HEP" an NGO of the city. Eminent Gastroenterologist Dr. Abhijit Chowdhury and many other distinguish persons used to take participate in the rally. After rally an interactive session also conduct at Rotary Sadan.

Time and again we used to conduct Awareness camp to sensitize Pronam members regarding the Bank Fraud activities and techniques and method of fraudsters.

### **CONDOLENCE:-**

We also send our condolence by offering wreath to the deceased person whenever any of our members expires.

## **SAMPARK**

SAMPARK, an initiative of Kolkata Police supported by FACES, to promote awareness among the youths of today about the system of law and order prevalent in their city. This project was conceived by several conscientious citizens of Kolkata as an attempt to familiarize students with the workings of a public service body.

This is an endeavour, among many other social responsibility initiatives, to promote a healthy relationship between young citizens and the Kolkata Police as well as to dispel the many misconceptions that people have about the guardians of the law. Students would generally hesitate to approach a police station for help in case they require it.

These excursions is being organized to educate youngsters through an interactive session on the nuances of how to lodge an FIR or make a General Diary or file a Charge Sheet, to visit and view the interiors of the police station including the lock-up. They are briefed about the various ranks and caps of the police as well as the history of Kolkata Police. This endeavour also serve as an exercise in character building by allowing them to be aware of the way law and order is maintained. On an average 100 students from 02 (two) schools used to invite from one division every month to visit a local police station in batches of 20 to 60 from classes V to VIII escorted by 4 to 5 teachers followed by a visit to different units of Kolkata Police at Lalbazar e.g. Traffic Control Room, O.C control, Cyber P.S etc & to the Police Museum at Manicktala. They are shown a 7-minute video film here on the various activities of Kolkata Police followed by an interactive session with Sr. Officers of Kolkata Police.

The first Sampark was organized on 06.08.2009 with 60 (Sixty) students from St. Stephen's School at Bowbazar P.S. Till date 23 (twenty three) no. of Sampark programme have been organized. The date wise details of Sampark programme are attached here with in Annexure-I. Due to heavy law & order commitments regarding Assembly Election 2016 followed by Durga Puja no Sampark programme has been staged till date in 2016. The last Sampark was organized on 27.03.2017 at Taltala PS with 5 schools from Central Division. The Next Sampark programme will be staged in November 2017 in South Suburban Division.

As advised by the Ld. CP of Kolkata henceforth the Sampark programme will be organized involving only Govt. Schools.

## **Future Plan**

1. It may be conducted twice in a month.
2. Awareness classes may be conducted at the schools frequently.

## **UTSARGA**

Blood is Priceless because blood neither can be produced in the factory nor can be procured from any other resource. Human source is the only resource that can provide blood. Thus it is needless to mention the importance and necessity of this price less thing. Keeping it in mind the extreme necessity of blood, Kolkata Police, with a view to serve the community decide to organize regular Blood donation camp and committed itself to continue this benevolent initiative. Since this noble project has become a continuous flow of service to the human being it has been named as “UTSARGA”.

In the year 1998 on 11<sup>th</sup> of February Kolkata police launched its 1<sup>st</sup> blood donation camp at Lalbazar in collaboration with Institute of Blood Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology. Since then at all police establishments, across the city, one such blood donation camp is held every week on Saturday where policemen as well as local residents donate blood voluntarily. Statistics shows that an average of 60 units of blood is collected from the camp organized by Kolkata Police. Till date Kolkata Police has organized 1032 camps at the various units involving approx 64,000 active blood donors. 90% of donors' card obtained from the Institute of Blood Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology are kept at the local Police Station / unit organized the camp and rest cards sent to Lalbazar Control Room. People of the locality in need of blood can collect donor's card from the respective Police Stations/unit or from Lalbazar Control Room as well. As advised by Addl. CP (IV), now the details of the donors, e.g. Name, Address, Mobile no. and Blood group etc are kept in the data bank of Community Policing Wing office. Previously these were maintained by Blog cell, KP.

### **AIM :-**

1. To inspire more police personnel for donating their blood.
2. Maintain data in more systematic way.
3. Widening the service area.
4. To conduct more such camps specially in summer period to meet up the crisis.

## **KOLKATA POLICE FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

Kolkata Police has started a new venture in association with FOOTBALL NEXT FOUNDATION to build a “Centre of excellence” football coaching centre for boys of 10 years – 12 years of age.

Young talented budding footballers (28) across the state have been spotted and scouted by German coach. 20 (Twenty) of them are academy hostel resident at Body Guard Lines.

European coaches are coming to impart football lessons intermittently. Regular coaching is being provided by renowned football coaches of the city.

All necessities of the trainees are being provided by Kolkata Police including boarding, lodging, health care, and education facilities etc.

### **Objective :-**

- Establish a “Centre of excellence” for grooming footballers on regular basis and help them to pursue professional career in the world of football.

## **SUKANYA**

### **a project of Kolkata Police for the School & College Girls**

Women safety has always been one of the top priorities of any law-enforcing agency. Law enforcement agencies all over the world are taking problem of offence against women very seriously as offence against women is universal. Be it within the confines of home or in the public sphere, offence against women has been observed, documented and tolerated by societies all across the globe.

Kolkata Police with a view to eradicate and minimize the possibility of commencing offence against women has introduced a unique programme for the young girls' students styled as SUKANYA. It is an inspirational project, replicated and adopted from the concept of Kanyashree, a dream project of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. It is a concept for imparting self defence training for the girls' students. The basic objective of this project is to build confidence amongst the girl students of the Schools by means of imparting self defence training so that the girls are made capable of defending themselves and counter any sort of ordeal. The project was launched in the year 2014 with its formal inauguration at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra on 24.02.2014. Reputed Martial Arts training agencies of the city are engaged to impart them with self-defence training.

The first Certification Ceremony for the girls' students of different Schools who had undergone and successfully completed self-defence training course under SUKANYA project of Kolkata Police was held on 15.05.2015 at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra. Dr. Sashi Panja, Hon'ble MOS, Child Development & Women and Social Welfare Departments, Govt. of West Bengal was present as the chief guest. Total 646 numbers of Students from 31 Schools got their certificates from Hon'ble MOS and Ld. Commissioner of Police Kolkata.

Like the first certification ceremony, 2<sup>nd</sup> certification ceremony was held on 16.09.2016 at Nazrul Mancha. Dr. Sashi Panja, Hon'ble MOS, Child Development & Women and Social Welfare Departments, Govt. of West Bengal was present as the chief guest this time also. Total 2419 number of Students from 48 Schools and College got their certificates from Hon'ble MOS and Ld. Commissioner of Police Kolkata.

On 25.09.2018 3<sup>rd</sup> certification ceremony was held at Nazrul Mancha, Hon'ble Minister Shri Sadhan Pandey and Hon'ble MOS, Dr. Shashi Panja were present & handed over the certificate to 2280 successful girls

This initiative of Kolkata Police will definitely help the girls to be more confident and physically capable of tackling any sort of possible harassment. SUKANYA is a true example of 'Women Empowerment'. SUKANYA can be rightly termed as one of the noblest initiative among the many community policing initiatives of Kolkata Police.

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After the overwhelming response and beneficial impacts of "SUKANYA", it was observed that all walks of the women are not being covered by the "SUKANYA" project. Especially the working women and housewives even school dropouts are not covered through "SUKANYA" project. Hence, Kolkata Police has specially designed a crash course named as "TEJASWINI" for women of the city between the age of 12 -45 years in order to train them in rudimentary level of Un-Armed-Combat techniques to deal with any awkward situation effectively. The first version of "TEJASWINI" was held in the month of May, 2018. From the very positive impact of the first version of "TEJASWINI" we started to organize this beneficial programme for women at regular interval.

## KIRAN

### **a project of Kolkata Police for the Unemployed Youth**

**Kolkata Police** launched **KIRAN** Project in the year 2008 for imparting Computer training and other skill development programme to the under-privileged youths of the society. This project has yielded very positive and catalyst effect for better employability of the unemployed youths.

West Bengal Minority Development Corporation was associated with this noble project till December 2014 and cost of the project was borne by them. After that WBSCCL (West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Ltd.) came forward by means of financial assistance and we have been able to revive this project in 20 centers under 20 PSs of Kolkata Police jurisdiction in association with WBSCCL (West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Ltd.) with new concept and a revised S.O.P. We introduced some new vocational training courses apart from Basic Computer and arranged authentic national level certification. Out of 800 KIRAN students 700 KIRAN students have passed out successfully in 1st phase 2017. It is to be mentioned that we have imparted driving training 15 female candidates and out of 07(Seven) have passed successfully and got their Driving License.

It may be noted that certification ceremony for successful trainees of previous batch was held at Nazrul Mancha on 25.09.18, Hon'ble Minister Shri Sadhan Pandey and Hon'ble MOS, Dr. Shashi Panja were present & handed over the certificate to the successful candidate.

2nd phase of KIRAN project started on 25.09.2018 in other 20 (Twenty) Police Stations (Tala, Sinthee, Entally, Ultadanga, Beliaghata, Ballygunge, Alipore, New Alipore, Chetla, Charu Market, Haridevpur, Parnasree, Thakurpukur, Behala, Garfa, Patuli, WPPS, Purba Jadavpur, Survey Park & Anandapur) under Kolkata Police jurisdiction.

## **NABADISHA**

### **A new Direction**

#### **Background**

Nabadisha is an initiative taken up by Kolkata Police for the care, protection and upliftment of the lesser privileged children of the city especially the pavement dwellers. Nabadisha was started in 1997 with 11 centres & has come a long way since then. Now there are 35 centres at different Police Stations with a total strength of over 1600 children approx.

Apart from imparting education, these children are trained in different extra-curricular activities ranging from sports, drama, singing, dance, vocational courses, etc.

Throughout the year, health camps are organised at all the Nabadisha centres in cooperation with other agencies where the children are administered free check-ups. They are also provided free medicines as per requirements.

This has been one of the most highly acclaimed endeavors of Kolkata Police in the field of Community Policing in recent times and has become a model project to be emulated by all other police forces in the country. The project has also been accredited with appreciation by international agencies like the UNICEF.

This is an educational and health care programme for the vulnerable children in the streets of Kolkata. It is a catalytic force that brings together the police, children, their parents, and other members of the community, local NGOs, volunteers, corporate sectors – to work together in the best interest of the city's street children.

#### **How it works**

The educational aspect of these children is looked after by renowned NGOs. In addition to studies, these children are encouraged to take up vocational training programme in Handicrafts, Theatre / Drama / Art, etc.

Health and Personal hygiene is the other important aspect of this project. Monthly health camps are organized for all these children to detect & treat their ailments. Sports and physical activities form an integral part of their curriculum. They are encouraged and trained to take part in various sporting activities.

Kolkata Police only provides infrastructural & logistics support for these centers e.g. light, fan, repair of rooms, supply of water & sanitation requirements. We also provide transportation facility for taking the children to health check-up camps as well as other important events with prior approval of competent authority.

#### **Outstanding Achievement:**

A group of Nabadisha children participated in a Drama Festival, organized by DISHARI, a Pune based Bengali Theatre Group in Pune. They performed a one act play titled "BANGLAR MUKH", which sought them fame to be adjudged as the best performance. Nabadisha children bagged best Jury award and a best actor award for their outstanding performance.

## **Present Status:**

Under this scheme, a total of 36 centres are run within or around 35 police stations in Kolkata where a total of 1600 approx students receive free education, food and health check-up every month. The children who come to these informal schools are apart from some regular students either illiterate or are dropouts. NGO's help these children to understand their class notes and lesson in better manner and to grow their interest of learning. This is a modern educational support and health care programme for the vulnerable in the streets of Kolkata Started in the year 1997 with only 11 centres. Recently we have distributed modified Health Card to maintain the records of all Nabadisha Children.

**Wriddhi – A competitive Cultural programme for Nabadisha children had been revived in August 2017 and in successive year i.e. 2018 in the month of July. In both the year response was overwhelming and children participated with utmost enthusiasm.**

## **Major Annual events:**

The following events were organized by Kolkata Police for Nabadisha Children.

1. Annual Sports
2. Wriddhi, a competition of Dance, Drama & Singing, to inculcate cultural activities amongst the Nabadisha children.

## **Future Plans:**

To introduce more centres in all the Police Station areas. Kolkata Police is planning to introduce job oriented Vocational Training courses for the children of Nabadisha for their better future.

## **KOLKATA GOALZ**

Kolkata GOALZ is an inspirational project using football to encourage young people from across Kolkata to aim for a more positive future and to engage young people from some of the most challenging and difficult neighbourhood in Kolkata as that of KICKZ, a project undertaken by London Metropolitan Police and English Premier League in London. Kolkata Goalz is inspired and named after by KICKZ of London. Objectives of Kolkata GOALZ also have the same view to continue to turn young people away from crime as that of KICKZ. It helps build positive relationships between young people in high deprivation areas and the local authorities through sport.

The vision of Kolkata Goalz is “to create safer, stronger and more respectful Communities through the development of young people’s potential” through sport.

The broad objectives of Kolkata Goalz are below;

- ❖ To engage young people aged 12-18 years in a range of constructive activities.
- ❖ To break down barriers between the police and young people.
- ❖ To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in targeted neighbourhoods.
- ❖ To increase the playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for participants.
- ❖ To create routes into education, training and employment.
- ❖ To encourage volunteering within projects and throughout the target neighbourhoods.
- ❖ To increase young people’s interest in and connections with the professional game.