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Welcome initiative for senior citizens of Kolkata



Inauguration of the office building of Pranam

On 27 June 2009, Kolkata Police with The Bengal and Dignity Foundation launched project Pranam to reach out to senior citizens of Kolkata and address their concerns on their safety and security, health, legal issues, etc. Veteran actress Madhabi Mukherjee inaugurated the permanent office building of Pranam within Ballygunge PS premises. Legendary actor Shri Soumitra Chatterjee, popular Bengali litterateur Shri Sunil Gangopadhyay, Addl. Chief Secretary Home Shri Ardhendu Sen, IAS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Shri G M Chakrabarti, IPS, eminent sports personalities like Shri Gurbux

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From the Desk of the Editor

One of the ways to get a glimpse of what Kolkata Police has done during the preceding quarter and also what they have in mind for providing still better service to the citizens is to go through the pages of Kolkata Police Newsletter.

One such activity was the inauguration of Pranam – a project for the welfare of our senior citizens. The Bengal and Dignity Foundation – two NGOs – had come forward to help Kolkata Police make this noble idea a success.

Aila – the recent cyclone – has caused a lot of distress to a large number of people of this State. Kolkata Police, with their limited capacity, extended a helping hand to these people by way of sending drinking water and also helping the district administration of South and North 24 Parganas to procure relief materials and send them to the affected areas quickly. Kolkata Police, jointly with KMC, Civil Defence, WB Fire Service and others, cleared the roads of the city by removing the uprooted trees immediately after the cyclone. A sum of Rs 5, 56,265 was also contributed to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

We gratefully acknowledge the letters of appreciation received from the citizens of Kolkata for rendering round-the-clock service to the people.

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Rising to the occasion



Commissioner of Police, Kolkata accompanied by Addl. CP – I, II, III and AO, KPD is seen handing over a cheque of Rs5,56,265 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal as a donation to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund by Kolkata Police for the Aila-hit distressed people

Though the Aila cyclone did not hit the city in the full sense of the term, the

peripheral spiralling winds of Aila lashed the city. Winds howling at 120 km per hour uprooted more than 1,500 trees across the city, crippled the public transport system, and left city life paralysed. The cyclone led to the death of 10 people in Kolkata and 25 in other districts. Over 200,000 people were affected in Kolkata, North and South 24-Parganas and Purba Medinipur. Personnel worked tirelessly with the police and civic authorities to

remove uprooted trees from the roads with electric saws. In the aftermath of the disaster when people of the affected areas ran out of drinking water, this young brigade with the help of city police personnel and others organized 10,000 litres of drinking water everyday (totalling 89,000 litres) and life-saving drugs and relief material and sent them to the Sonakhali PHE for the affected people.



Kolkata Police sends drinking water to Aila-affected remote villages of South 24 PGs district



Dry food being packed for the Aila-affected villages of North and South 24 Parganas district



Kolkata Police personnel remove uprooted trees which fell down during the cyclone

Appreciation from Kolkata's citizens

We at Kolkata Police always try our best to redress the grievances of citizens. Be it natural calamities like flood, cyclone or any other problem that affect the common people, Kolkata Police is always with them – 24 hours a day. We gratefully acknowledge the following letters of appreciation sent to us in recognition of our efforts.

সবিনয় নিবেদন,

আপনার স্বপ্নের কলকাতা পুলিশ জনগণের আপনজন হবে - কথাটা পুরোপুরি না হলেও অনেকটাই যে সত্যি হয়েছে সে কথা এই মুহুর্তে আমি মানতে বাধ্য হচ্ছি। কারণ, আমার একটি মোবাইল ফোন গত ২৪ ডিসেম্বর বাসের মধ্যে পকেটমার তুলে নিয়েছিল। আমি সঙ্গে সঙ্গে লালবাজারে ছিনতাই বিভাগে গিয়ে ফোনটির সাংকেতিক সংখ্যাসহ একটি অনুরোধপত্র জমা দিয়ে আসি। সেদিন আমার সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ হয়েছিল ঐ বিভাগের তুহিন সরকারের সঙ্গে। তিনি আশ্বাস দিয়েছিলেন ফোনটি ফেরৎ পাওয়া যেতে পারে বলে।

গত ২৪ মার্চ তুহিন সরকার জানান ফোনটি উদ্ধার করা হয়েছে এবং আমাকে অনুরোধ করেন লালবাজারে গিয়ে আমার ফোনটি সনাক্ত করে নিয়ে আসবার জন্য। আমি ২৫ তারিখ ফোনটি ঐ বিভাগ থেকে শ্রী জামালের কাছ থেকে নিয়ে এসেছি। তাঁর ব্যবহার আমার সত্যিই ভালো লেগেছে।

আমার ভাবতে ভালো লাগছে কলকাতা পুলিশ এমনিভাবে আমাদের পাশে এসে দাঁড়িয়েছে বলে। সেই সঙ্গে ভালো লাগছে এই জনা যে আপনার স্বপ্ন সার্থক হচ্ছে।

আমার আন্তরিক কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাচ্ছি আপনাদের।

নিবেদন ইতি

শুভেচ্ছান্তে,

দেবাশিস গৌতম

This is to inform you regarding my lost mobile vide GDE No. 2948 dated 28.01.09. I was totally upset after losing my N-72 series mobile and was also mentally depressed. It took me a long time to forget the incident, but all of a sudden I got a ring from Lalbazar Police HQ regarding the recovery of my lost mobile and I got it back on 27th May, 2009. I personally thank the police department for the purpose and will be ever grateful.

Hope Kolkata police will come forward to help all the citizen of Kolkata in this manner. Once again I appreciate the Detective Department and Kolkata Police.

Yours sincerely,

Swarup Dutta

Ph. No. 9831160869

I consider it my duty to report this to you that your detective department has made recovery of my Mobile phone which was lost on 15.08.2008. I lodged a diary with Alipore Police Station on the same date and the mobile phone was recovered and handed over to me on 16.06.2009.

The consistent and untiring effort of your officers Mr. S. K. Dhar, Inspector, Detective Department along with his other colleagues led to the recovery.

In these days of indifference, this effort of efficient police officers demands praise and recognition.

I am grateful to the officers of Kolkata Police and consider it my duty to extend my heartiest thanks specially to the officers without whose untiring effort the recovery of mobile phone would not have been possible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Subhankar Bhattacharya

Member (Judicial), Railway Claims Tribunal,
Kolkata Bench

Heartiest Congrats. People are appreciative of the active and timely help being provided by Kolkata Police.

Sanjay Budhia (via SMS)

Hats off to Kolkata Police for managing the city so well during yesterday's cyclone.

Monica Bhargava

Home Guards' Passing-out parade



Shri R K Pachnanda, IPS, Addl. CP-I takes the salute from newly-inducted Lady Home Guards

On 23 April 2009, the passing-out parade of newly inducted Home Guard personnel was held at Bodyguard Lines where 405 Home Guard personnel took part in the parade. The salute of the Home Guard trainees was taken by Addl. C.P. (I) Shri R. K. Pachnanda, IPS. They were imparted training in different fields like Drill, Arms Drill, P.T., Wireless operation, Traffic, Fire Fighting and UCA training including firing with muskets and PRC, and law

like IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act, Arms Act, Calcutta Police Act, etc. were taught. The trainees exhibited their best quality both in indoor and outdoor examinations.

Smt Arpita Shasmal, Smt. Ruchita Das and Smt. Lila Roy who stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the overall examinations were awarded medals and cash awards of Rs1,000, Rs750 and Rs500 respectively in recognition of their performance.



Shri G M Chakrabarti, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata inspects a contingent during the Passing-out Parade of newly-recruited constables



The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata inaugurates the Traffic Computer Cell at Lalbazar

Traffic Computer Cell of Lalbazar inaugurated

The Traffic Computer Centre was shifted to a new facility on the third floor of the Traffic Building at Lalbazar and was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police on 24 June 2009. The Traffic Computer Centre was earlier on the first floor of the North Building. The programme was attended by all senior officers of Kolkata Police. The shifting of the Centre to the Traffic Building will definitely improve the efficiency and facilitate effective supervision and provide better working ambience for the personnel.

Scintillating concert by Kolkata Police Band

The first Kolkata Police Band concert was held at Kala Mandir Kolkata on the evening of 4 April 2009. The audience cheered the concert presented by musicians from the Kolkata Police Band. Maj. N Hussain, Subedar Mohan Kr. Thapa and ASI Gobind Singh Majhi conducted the band programme with admirable competence. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) Shri Ardhendu Sen, Commissioner of Police Shri G.M. Chakrabarti, Retd. Commissioner of Police Shri Ranjit Gupta, eminent cultural personality Shri Bikram Ghosh, senior officials of Kolkata Police along with distinguished guests from different spheres of the society were present on the occasion. The Commissioner of Police thanked the members of the Kolkata Police Band. He described the Kolkata Police Band as not only the best in the State but also in the country. He assured that modern musical equipment would be provided to the Kolkata Police Band very shortly. He also expressed his deep gratitude to the Addl. Chief Secretary (Home)



Shri G M Chakrabarti, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata congratulates Major N. Hussain at the Band Concert

for his august presence at the programme.

The entire programme of the evening was very well compered by Smt Madhumanti Moitra.

The band conducted by Maj. N. Hussain concluded the programme with a few patriotic songs.

A month-long awareness campaign ended in a colourful programme on 26 June 2009 at Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata. Shri G. M. Chakrabarti, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata presided over the programme. Shri Sourav Ganguly, former Captain of Indian Cricket Team, Smt Rinchen Tempo, IAS, Principal Secretary, Deptt. Of Social Welfare and Shri S.K. Sen, IAS (retd) graced the occasion with their presence. The dignitaries delivered prizes to the students who ranked in various competitions. Shri Sourav Ganguly appealed to the audience to render assistance to Kolkata Police to eradicate the menace. Smt Tempo also said that if the police, NGOs, students, social activists and a cross-section of the society worked together for the cause then the dream of a drug-free nation could be achieved. The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata rightly said in his speech "Together we can make a difference and one day together we shall make the DIFFERENCE"

The programme ended with a colourful dance-drama performed by Chhayanot which was appreciated by all.



26 June 2009 was observed as International Day against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking

News on Crime in the City



Narcotic drug recovered

On 22 April 2009, at about 10:45 a.m., a raid was conducted by officers and men of Narcotic Cell, D.D. in Bowbazar P.S. area. During the raid a drug peddler, Palash Das (24) of Vill- Gholdah, P.S., Lalgola, Dist. Murshidabad was arrested in front of an IBP petrol pump at 1, C.R. Avenue, for having in his possession 265 grams of Brown coloured powder said to be heroine, for which he could not give any satisfactory explanation.

On 30 May 2009, a raid was conducted by officers and men of Narcotic Cell, D.D. During the raid a heroine supplier Ganesh Kr. Chowdhury @ Pandit (38) of Samastipur, Bihar was arrested from the footpath near 60B, Surya Sen Street, P.S. Muchipara for having in his possession 531 pcs. multi-coloured paper purias containing heroin weighing about 20 grams (Total 105 grams + 20 grams = 125 grams) and cash of Rs 3,120 from sales.

Criminals punished

On 26 September 2009, at about 11:50 a.m., three unknown accused persons with firearms assaulted Shyamal Agarwal near Orient Row-Darga Road crossing and robbed him of Rs 2,03,300 in cash.

The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad,

D.D. during investigation arrested two persons, Abdul Rashid (48) and Md. Osman (54) and submitted a charge sheet after investigations. After the trial Ld. Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Sealdah convicted them and sentenced them to R.I. of 5 years.

On 2 December 2005 at about 1:30 p.m., a man called Bapi and some others entered the house of Smt. Mira Banerjee (75) at 47/C, Iswar Ganguly Street, Kolkata 700 026 assaulted her and robbed Rs 15,000 in cash, and gold and silver jewellery valued at Rs 2,00,000

The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad D.D. in course of investigations arrested Md. Golam Safui @ Bapi (28) and Md. Golam Mustafa Sardar @ Kalo (25) and submitted a charge sheet after investigations.

After a trial Ld. Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, 3rd Court Alipore convicted them and sentenced them to R.I. of three years and a half.

Robbers arrested with booty

On 8 April 2009 at about 12:20 a.m., four unknown people boarded a taxi with registration No. WB-04-A-4881 on E.M. Bypass near Pannchana Gram and asked the driver to drive to Jan Bazar. On the way they asked the driver to go via Ananda Palit Road, Entally with the plea that the two of them would get down there.

At about 12:50 a.m., when the taxi reached a lonely place on Ananda Palit Road, two of them got down and suddenly overpowered the driver, robbed him of Rs.1,600 in cash, mobile phone and shirt and forced him to sit at the back. One of the miscreants drove the taxi to Circus Avenue where they pushed the driver out of the cab and fled.

Then at about 1:40 a.m., when the miscre-

ants reached the 24 Bus Stand, they forced Raju Nath Dhugana (38) of South Laskar Para, Sonarpur into the taxi and robbed him of his wrist watch, mobile phone, gold finger ring, four silver finger rings, cash of Rs 700. They then forced him out of the taxi in a by-lane off Radha Nath Chowdhury Lane, P.S. Entally at about 2 a.m.

Again at about 2:10 a.m., the criminals posing as shuttle passengers picked up Mangal Karmakar (29) of 18, Canal South Road, P.S. Manicktolla from E.M. Bypass and overpowered him at gunpoint and robbed him of his gold neck chain weighing about 21 gms, mobile phone and wallet containing cash of Rs 50, a PAN Card, ATM Card, etc. and forced him out of the taxi on Narkeldanga Main Road near Phoolbagan at about 2:25 a.m.

Later the miscreants abandoned the taxi on Tiljala Road at the eastern slope of No 4 Bridge.

The investigation of the case was taken up by the Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad D.D. During the course of investigations, four miscreants were arrested, (i) Md. Kashif Sahim @ Mona (24) (ii) Md. Shah Nawaz @ Sannu (24) (iii) Md. Sahid (22) and (iv) Sk. Israil @ Bobby @ Birju (35). The taxi, and the mobile phone and shirt of the victim were recovered. A razor and an improvised six-chamber countrymade firearm was also seized.

Thieves arrested and stolen goods recovered

Sometime between 30 and 31 March 2009, a theft was committed and cash of Rs 7,80,000 went missing from the office drawer of Ram Ratan Mundra on the 3rd floor at 115, College Street, Kolkata 700 012.

The Anti Burglary Squad, D.D. took up investigations. After interrogation of the employees

of the office and other persons, an employee Binay Kr. Sharma (23) was arrested on 9 April 2009 and cash of Rs 5,60,000 was recovered from him.

Sometime between 15 and 16 April 2009, some people broke into the office of Jay Prakash Rai on the 8th floor of 2, Ganesh Ch. Avenue, Kolkata 700 013 and stole Rs 25,00,000.

Investigations by the Anti Burglary Squad, D.D, zeroed in on an employee of the office, Nanda Kahar (20). Kahar and his associates, (i) Bua Rajak (25), (ii) Palash Mondal (22), (iii) Sandip Das (23) and (iv) Bablu Adhikary (23) were arrested on 17 April 2009 and cash amounting to Rs 23,10,000 was recovered.

Acting on a tip-off, a notorious snatcher of Ekbalpur P.S. area, Md. Shabbaz (19) was arrested by a team of the Anti-Snatching Squad, D.D.. A gold neck-chain weighing about 15 gms which he had snatched from a woman in front of Fancy Market on C.G.R. Road, Watgunge was recovered from his residence on 23 April 2009.

Seizure by Enforcement Branch, Kolkata

On 20 April 2009, a raid was organized by the Vigilance Section, EB at Muchipara P.S. area. During the raid, a makeshift stall holder, Raju Lal (30) was arrested for selling pirated VCDs, DVDs, MP3 Players in front of 307, A.P.C. (near Shishir Market); 2,245 pirated DVDs, 2,149 VCDs, and 716 MP3 players were seized from him.

Raju Lal's statement led the police to Rajeswar Das (30) who was also arrested in front of premises 307, A.P.C Road, Stall No. 61/62, Kolkata; 2,918 pirated DVDs, 3,115 VCDs, 612 MP3 players and 215 obscene CDs were seized from him. The seized articles were approximately worth Rs 5,63,880.

Campaign against drugs on bicycle

In an attempt to reach out to the masses and spread the message of the ill-effects of drugs, Kolkata Police organized a cycle rally which was flagged off by Shri Banibrata Basu, IPS, Addl. CP (II) from Lalbazar compound on 19 June 2009. All superior officers of Kolkata Police were present. Cyclists rode on lanes, by-lanes, etc. of Kolkata covering all 48 police stations of Kolkata Police from 19 to 26 June 2009. They distributed leaflets, pamphlets and posters containing anti-drug literature. Local NGOs like Medical Bank and The Genesis Foundation helped Kolkata Police to make it a grand success.

Inauguration of special kiosk at Sealdah

An awareness kiosk has been set up at Sealdah Station complex to spread the message against drugs to the common people. It was inaugurated by the ADRM, Sealdah at 4 p.m. The kiosk was open from 9 to 26 June 2009 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Songs, plays, folk songs, puppet shows, and speeches by eminent personalities were organized to spread the message. All major NGOs of Kolkata provided support to the kiosk. The kiosk was set up in association with the West Bengal State Aids Control and Prevention Society.

Kolkata Police in sports

All Bengal Volleyball Tournament 2009: held in Hooghly on 19 April 2009. The Kolkata Police Volleyball team was the winner.

Inter-Office Volleyball League 2009: held at the WBVA Ground in April 2009. The Kolkata Police Volleyball Team was the runner-up.

Inter-Office Hockey League 2009: held at the PAC Ground in April 2009. The Kolkata Police Team was the winner.

First Division State Basketball Knock-Out Tournament 2009: held at the WBBA Ground. The Kolkata Police team was the winner.

Welcome initiative for senior citizens of Kolkata

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Singh, Shri Akhtar Ali, Shri Chuni Goswami, Shri P K Banerjee, Smt Sova Sen, Smt Krishna Basu, Shri Akhtar Ali, Shri Gurubox Singh and retired Commissioner of Police Kolkata Shri Tusar Kanti Talukdar were among the eminent personalities who attended the programme.

This project will start functioning from 1 July 2009. Senior citizens of Kolkata may enroll their names to become a member of this project. The first two members who enrolled their names to become members of this project are the Hon'ble ex-Chief Minister of West Bengal Shri Joyti Basu and the legendary actress of Bengali films, Smt. Suchitra Sen.

There will be a 24-hour helpline (2419-0740) in the permanent office of Pranam. Details of this project can be obtained from the office of Pranam.

Childrens' day out

Students of Garden Reach Nabadisha centres enjoyed a day out with much fanfare when they were taken to Gorky Sadan and shown a film *Anokha Moti*. They were given toys and food on the birthday of film director Sri Tapan Sinha.

Community Policing and Events

Probaho

Probaho, the weekly blood donation camp of Kolkata Police was conducted at the Charu Market PS and Beniapukur PS. 101 police personnel and civilians donated blood at the camps.

Pulse Polio

Pulse Polio drops were administered to 2,835 Children in 47 police stations of Kolkata Police on the occasion of Pulse Polio Day on 24 May 2009. The programme was organized in association with UNICEF.

EVENTS

Sabuj Sathi

Students of Nabadisha centres observed 5 June as World Environment Day all over the city. Sit and draw competitions, poster designing, and street plays against pollution were organized. Students of Chetla, Charumarket, Ballygunge and Kalighat Nabadisha centres took part in a rally around Rabindra Sarobar complex in the morning.

Training for the community

By working together with the people, the police will be able to improve the quality of life in the community. The police will not only act as law enforcers but also as advisors, facilitators and supporters of the New Community Based Police Supervised Initiatives. For building the bridge of confidence, more than 300 Civic Police Volunteers were given special classes/training on Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Environmental Pollution and First Aid by renowned trainers, specialized agencies and NGOs. Gradually, the rest of the Civic Police Volunteers will be given specialized training.



Students of Nabadisha perform at Wriddhi'09

Nabadisha children compete at Wriddhi'09

NABADISHA IS 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. Under the scheme, a total of 35 schools are run within or around 32 police stations in Kolkata where 2,500 students receive free education, food and health check-up every month. Apart from imparting non-formal education these children are also trained in different activities. Wriddhi' is the festival where Nabadisha students were taught songs, dance and drama during the summer vacation and

finally attended a competition among all the centres in three phases. 'Banglar Mukh', a drama on child abuse staged by Shyampukur Nabadisha centre was the winner of the Wriddhi'09.

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