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## From the Desk of the Editor

THE WELL-TIMED ARRIVAL OF THE MONSOONS IN KOLKATA BROUGHT MUCH-needed relief from the heat for Kolkatans. However, the Traffic Department of Kolkata Police felt the heat of slow-moving traffic during the rains and had to work almost round-the-clock to get vehicles moving faster. The two new Traffic Guards at Tollygunge and Beliaghata (EM Bypass) opened by Dr Asim Kumar Dasgupta, Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Finance and Excise Department, Government of West Bengal on 2 June will certainly help the Traffic Department provide better services on Kolkata's roads (*photograph on back page*).

The rains added excitement to the inter-unit Rugby tournament where rugged Traffic Department players scrummed with the Armed Police team on the rain-soaked grounds of Bodyguard Lines to win the tournament.

The week-long anti-drug programme organized by the Detective Department with help of NGOs ended on 26 June, the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The week saw inter-school debates, essay and poster competitions, and awareness campaigns on bicycles, at kiosks and detoxification camps to increase awareness among students and the public against the abuse of drugs and its illicit trafficking.

The Commandos (SF) of Kolkata Police brought glory to the department by being selected as the 'best team' among the teams of various Central and State police organizations. Congratulations, commandos for the honour.

The Kolkata Police Kabbadi team added to the celebrations by winning the inter-district kabbadi tournament.

In another people-friendly gesture, Kolkata Police tied up with Dignity Foundation, an NGO, to launch a special security programme for the senior citizens of Kolkata.

We once again invite our readers to send their valuable suggestions for the improvement of this publication.

## WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUGS



**A WEEK-LONG ANTI-NARCOTIC AND DRUGS PROGRAMME WAS UNDERTAKEN BY DD KOLKATA POLICE. IT ENDED ON 26 JUNE, INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUGS DAY, AT RABINDRA SADAN.**

An awareness campaign on bicycles was inaugurated by Addl. CP (I), Mr S N Sarkar, at Lal-bazar on 18 June. Six cyclists carried anti-drug messages throughout the city, specially in affected areas.

Forty kiosks with loudspeakers, leaflets, and materials for public interaction were set up throughout Kolkata. Police officers, social workers, school children and NGOs participated in this massive campaign.

Interschool debates were organized on the theme, 'Society is responsible for problem of

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# KOLKATA



The office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Division



The Calcutta Police Museum building

## UNIT OF THE MONTH: North & North Suburban Division

**IT WAS UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL NO. 2757 DATED 2 MAY 1872 THAT THE CITY OF CALCUTTA WAS DIVIDED INTO 3 POLICE DIVISIONS EACH UNDER THE CHARGE OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.**

The North Division was one of these three newly-created Police Divisions. The boundary of the North Division then extended from the north boundary of Calcutta to Mechuabazar Street in the south. The order also said that the North Division would comprise Sections A to F.

Inspector Lamb was appointed in 1872 as the Superintendent of Police of North Division. His salary: Rs350 with Rs50 as horse allowance, rising to a maximum of Rs450.

At present the North Division comprises eight Police Stations with a total area of 21 sq. km and a population of about 2.625 million. A Deputy Commissioner of Police supervises the Police administration of North Division. There are 3 Assis-

tant Commissioners heading the 3 Sub-Divisions of North Division. The police stations are headed by Officers-in-Charge. The eight police stations of North Division are Shyampukur, Jorabagan, Burtolla, Amherst Street, Cossipore, Sinthi, Chitpore and Talla.

Cossipore Udayanbati at 90, Cossipore Road, Kolkata 700002 is a famous pilgrimage spot in North Division. It's a great milestone in the cultural history of India where Sri Ramakrishna Paramhanshadev was shifted from his Shyampukur residence to recuperate. Cossipore Udayanbati celebrates 1 January every year as 'Kalpataru Divas'. On this day more than 100,000 devotees assemble at Udayanbati to pay homage to Ramakrishna Paramhanshadev. Special police arrangements are made to ensure that the gathering is properly managed.

The oldest red-light area known Sonagachi is situated under Burtolla Police Station. Policing at Sonagachi presents multiple professional challenges.

The most important part of policing at Sonagachi is to prevent (a) trafficking of women and (b) under age-girls into prostitution. The local police works closely with the Detective Department to fight this menace. The job of the police is to rescue victims and arrest agents. Raids are sometimes conducted beyond the boundaries of the city and state.

The local police extends a helping hand to the different NGOs like Durbar Mahila Samity, Sankalpa, and International Justice Mission who provide medical treatment, rehabilitation, spread awareness of AIDS, and educate the children of sex workers.

North Division has some important 'heritage' educational institutions like Science College, Rabindra Bharati University, Vidyasagar College, Bethune School and College, and Scottish Church School and College.

The buildings of Burtolla and Shyampukur Police Stations are wonderful examples of old colonial buildings and have been declared as heritage buildings by KMC.

**On 28 June 2008, Md. Nashim (38), a resident of Topsia was prevented from committing suicide in front of Writers Buildings. While he was trying to immolate himself, the Radio Flying Squad (RFS) personnel of Kolkata Police, who were on duty nearby, stopped him and saved his life.**



Cossipore's 'Udayanbati' where Sri Ramakrishna Paramhanshadev stayed

## NEWS: Events, Fighting Crime & Achievements

☞ Two cell phone snatchers were caught by men of an RFS van on 8 June 2008. The arrests came after Prasad Chatterjee complained that his cell phone was stolen. The officer and men of the RFS van, who were on duty at Park Circus' 7-point crossing, quickly moved and arrested the two snatchers – Sabir alias Bahera and Sk. Qurban from Suhrawardi Avenue. They found three cell phones on the two.

☞ Indrajit Chatterjee and his wife Rashika Chatterjee had defrauded several nationalized banks of approximately Rs10 crore. Finally, the Bank Fraud Section of the Detective Department was successful in arresting the two. The couple had evaded arrest from the Detective

Department as well as the CBI for the past one year.

☞ Three gun-carrying criminals robbed a woman (owner of a Haldiram Bhuijawala shop) on CIT Road on the evening of 1 January 2004. The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad, DD, arrested the three and submitted charge sheet against them. After the trial, the 3rd Fast Track Court sentenced all of them to 8 years of rigorous imprisonment.

☞ On 24 June 2008, Chandrakala Lambhoria of Burdwan Road was robbed of gold and diamond jewellery worth Rs10 lakh at gunpoint. Officers of the Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad, DD arrested six persons from different parts of Bihar and

Jharkhand and found a major portion of the loot along with guns.

☞ Vigitha Shetty, a proclaimed offender, was arrested by the Bank Fraud Section, DD, from Mumbai after a pursuit lasting over six years since a case was registered against her. She had deceived Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. by re-routing foreign calls through satellites, causing a loss of revenue worth Rs2 crore.

☞ On 15 May 2008, Rs4 lakh was robbed from the office of Everglow Investments Pvt. Ltd. on Hazra Road. The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad, DD, arrested four criminals and recovered more than half of the stolen amount.

☞ A man snatched Babulal Agarwal's leather folio bag on 24 June 2008 on M.G. Road near Pagaya Patti. The bag contained Rs1,35,000 in cash, a cheque book, and other papers. The Watch Section of DD identified the criminal and arrested him. The stolen money and the papers were recovered later.



### COMMANDO

**TRAINING:** Recently, a team of 20 sepoy from the Specialized Force of Kolkata Police success-

fully completed the 12-week-long Police Commando Instructor Course-31 at NSG Training Centre, Manesar, Haryana, with several Central and State police organizations. Kolkata Police's team was declared the 'best team'. Of the 186 selected from the various police organizations, S/-AF-9855 Binod Pradhan and S/-AF-9851 Sushanta Mondol of Kolkata police won the 'Best in Field' and the 'Second Best in Field' awards, respectively.

**KP SPORTS:** The Inter-unit Rugby tournament final, held on 14 June at Bodyguard Lines, saw the Traffic Police team emerge champions after it defeated the combined team of 2nd Battalion and 8th Battalion of KAP.

Twenty units of Kolkata Police participated in the Inter-unit Table Tennis Tournament at Bodyguard Lines on 3 June. Sgt. Krish-



nendu Majumder of TP became the singles champion. Mr V Goyal, D.C. HQ, won the first place in a table-tennis competition of superior officers of Kolkata Police.



# COMMUNITY POLICING

## WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME



The inauguration of Anti-drugs Day  
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drug abuse'. An interschool essay and poster competition was also organized on the theme, 'Drugs: A Threat to Mankind'. Two detoxification camps for drug addicts, one each in North and South Kolkata, were set up with a capacity of 50 beds each.

On 26 June, Commissioner of Police, Mr Goutam Mohan Chakrabarti with other distinguished guests gave a special reception to the campaigners on cycles at Rabindra Sadan where they ended their journey. Vice Chancellor of Kolkata University, Prof. Suranjan Das, and the noted actor, Sabyasachi Chakraborty were present. Participating students were awarded prizes on the occasion.

## CHILDREN AGAINST DRUGS

200 NABADISHA CHILDREN AND TEACHERS participated in the Anti-drugs Programme from 24 to 26 June. On 24 and 25 June, they were stationed at fifteen important intersections across the city where they distributed leaflets wearing T-shirts and caps carrying anti-drugs messages. On 26 June they participated in the Anti-drugs Day programme at Rabindra Sadan.

**Workshop on drama:** The Community Policing Wing organized a workshop on drama in the auditorium of Bodyguard Lines. Nabadisha children from various centres of Kolkata participated in the workshop. Mr Subrata Majumdar and Dr Arumoy Banerjee of Doordarshan, Kolkata taught various aspects of drama to the children.

**Probaho,** the weekly blood donation camp of Kolkata Police, was conducted at the Lake, Posta and Karaya Police Stations. Two hundred and sixty-five police personnel and civilians donated blood.

**Pulse Polio:** Pulse polio drops were administered to 3,384 children at 47 police stations of Kolkata Police on 'Pulse Polio Day' on 8 June 2008. This programme was held in association with UNICEF.

**Dial-100:** Four episodes of Dial-100 were telecast by Doordarshan (Bangla) in June. The episodes were on 'Passport's, 'Narcotics and drugs', 'River Traffic Police' and 'Security with dignity'. The programmes deal with Kolkata Police, its functioning,

its units and issues that concern citizens. They are telecast every Saturday from 9.05 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on the DD Bangla channel.

## KPFWC NEWS

Kolkata Police Family Welfare Centre (KPFWC) donated Rs75,00,000 to the Kolkata Police Benevolent Fund towards Mediclaim Insurance of Kolkata Police employees.

KPFWC has started a free computer training scheme for the wards of members of Kolkata Police Force (up to the rank of Inspector), Kolkata Police Directorate (up to HA) and Home Guards. The training will be held at Youth Computer Training Centres of West Bengal run by the Youth Department, Government of West Bengal.

KPFWC has sanctioned a grant of Rs10,000 to three bereaved families of Home Guard personnel.



(Left) Dr Asim Kumar Dasgupta, West Bengal Minister, opens the Beliahghata Traffic Guard Centre, with the Commissioner of Police

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