



# KOLKATA POLICE NEWS

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## From the Desk of the Commissioner of Police

IT GIVES ME IMMENSE PLEASURE TO announce the publication of the first edition of the Kolkata Police newsletter.

In the electronic age, the Internet and websites are increasingly taking over as the most preferred interactive mode of communication. However, in-house journals still retain an aesthetics and handiness which lend them an instant appeal to a patron of knowledge. It was a long-standing need of Kolkata Police to possess an in-house journal which would not only fulfill departmental obligations but also act as a medium for disseminating information to the citizens of Kolkata.

This in-house journal has thus been brought out to serve two basic purposes. One, to highlight various news and features of Kolkata Police to its members and second, to inform Kolkata's citizens about our organization in a brief yet pertinent manner.

Every month, one unit of Kolkata Police will find a special place here as the 'Unit of the Month'. This feature will carry information on the organizational structure of the unit, its mode of functioning, some significant achievements, past events and some important forthcoming events.

The newsletter will also carry news, events, features and achievements related to Kolkata Police. More notably, this publication will underscore the welfare measures undertaken by our organization and also provide details relevant to the public such as important telephone numbers, helpline details, information on Kolkata Police's website and forthcoming events involving public participation.

This is a humble beginning. A small step taken. However as the journal ages and matures, I am sure that with the help of suggestions and criticism from our readers we would endeavor to make it more interesting, informative and relevant to the requirement.

## THE HUMAN SIDE OF OUR MEN

THE HUMANITARIAN SIDE OF THE MEMBERS of Kolkata Police becomes evident from two incidents that took place in the city in the last month. On 2 April 2008, a septuagenarian, Sunil Adhikary suffered a heart attack while he was travelling in a minibus near Brabourne Road and Jackson Lane Crossing. A traffic sergeant and two traffic constables who were on duty at the spot quickly took the sick man to Kolkata Medical College and Hospital.

On 29 April 2008, Narayan Halder, a middle-aged man, fainted because of the hot afternoon sun and injured his head at Rashbehari Crossing. Gadadhar Mondal, a sergeant of Tollygunge Traffic Guard, came to his rescue and immediately moved him to SSKM Hospital.

## POILA BSAIKH

Visitors to police stations on Poila Baisakh day were pleasantly surprised when Kolkata Police personnel greeted them with flowers and sweets. The police stations wore a festive look. Going by initial reactions, it was a gesture that struck the right chord among the public.

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## TRAFFIC STATS

**PARKING OFFENCES:** In April 886 vehicles were towed away from 'No Parking' zones against 659 vehicles in the same month last year. Motorcycle-borne officers compounded 55,513 offences in April *vis a vis* 50,059 cases in the same month last year.

**DANGEROUS DRIVING:** 2,528 cases were instituted against 1,928 cases in April 2007.

**LANE AND LINE VIOLATIONS:** 5,167 prosecutions in April 2008 against 2,452 in April last year.

**HELMET VIOLATIONS:** 2,342 cases were instituted against 1,739 in the month of March this year.

**ROAD ACCIDENT FATALITIES:** Road accident fatalities were 35 in number in April this year compared to 38 in April 2007. The driving licences of 17 drivers were suspended for various periods and those of three revoked.

**TRAFFIC TRAINING SCHOOL:** The Traffic Training School trained school children of 15 schools and held two 5-day indoor training programmes for 44 drivers who were involved in road accidents. Safe driving, Road Rules, Signs, Signals and Markings were the topics covered.

**ANOTHER TOLL-FREE NUMBER:** A toll-free number facility, 'Dial-800' for Vodafone subscribers, was installed. The BSNL toll free Traffic Helpline '1073' is now over a year old.

## UNIT OF THE MONTH: TRAFFIC

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF KOLKATA IS A COMPLEX ISSUE SINCE THE CITY AS RUDYARD KIPLING SAID WAS "CHANCE-DIRECTED AND CHANCE-ERECTED, LAID AND BUILT ON THE SILT".**

However, several urban planners and traffic engineers say that our city has a good road grid and we have to wisely use this scarce resource. The Kolkata Police jurisdiction extends to about 104.5 sq. km with a road length of approximately 792 km and a road density of 7.56 km per sq. km with a resident population of 32 lakh (2001) and a floating population of about 30 to 40 lakh. People travel from as far as Kharagpur, Burdwan and Krishnanagar as their life is intertwined with the fortunes of the city.

The Kolkata Traffic Police every day takes in its stride processions, road blockades and demonstrations with quiet efficiency. Its main thrust is the drive against parking offences. Dangerous driving is also sternly dealt with and lane and line violations strictly penalized. The department is also working hard to get motorcycle riders comply with the standards set on the quality of safety helmets.

**Area Traffic Controls (ATCs)** will soon be set up at 95 major intersections in the city, for which survey work is on. A signal synchronized voice alert system has been installed at Park Street junction for the use of pedestrians. Road safety propaganda is also being conducted at five intersections in the city.

Simputers are getting popular with traffic officers though the top brass would love to see paperless prosecution soon.

This year's harsh summer has not deterred Kolkata Traffic Police personnel from discharging their onerous duties in traffic management.



**A TIMES OF INDIA PHOTOGRAPH OF A TRAFFIC CONSTABLE HELPING A BLIND MAN TO CROSS A BUSY STRETCH OF AJC BOSE ROAD**



## NEWS: Crime in the City, Events & Achievements



Passing-out parade at PTS on 9 April



The Commissioner of Police meets a Commonwealth parliamentary delegation led by Dr Swaraj Paul



Shri J K Sinha, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, visits Lalbazar on 5 April

### BAYERN MUNICH & KAHN AT BODYGUARD LINES

The Bayern Munich Football Team will inaugurate the Kolkata Police Friendship Cup Tournament (para football) on 25 May at Bodyguard Lines, Alipore, Kolkata. The legendary Oliver Kahn and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge shall also be declared 'Friends of Kolkata Police' on that day. The Friendship Cup tournament has been included in the Limca Book of Records this year for being the largest tournament in the country.

A PETROL PUMP OWNER OF BELIAGHATA MAIN Road copied the secret code of ophthalmologist, Dr PK Chatterjee's credit card and used it to buy various things. When Dr Chatterjee complained to us that his card showed an excess expenditure of Rs 43,000, officers of the Cyber Crime Cell of DD investigated and arrested the petrol pump owner.

ON 23 MARCH 2008, eunuchs, women feigning to be mothers of newborn babies and some other women sneaked into the flat of Muratilal Saraogi and stole cash, jewellery and other valuables worth Rs 5,00,000. Officers and men of the Anti-Burglary Squad, DD arrested the gang and recovered the stolen items. All the accused are in custody.

TO FIGHT THE RISE IN PASSPORT forgeries and to check the entry of doubtful foreigners into the country, an Advanced Information System was introduced at Kolkata Airport Immigration to check the backgrounds of incoming passengers. On 14 April 2008, the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Shri G M Chakrabarti, introduced a new dress code for Immigration Officers.

RAJU YADAV ALIAS UMESH FROM a remote village under Dhanwar PS in Jharkhand, joined as a domestic help at Prabha Surekha's flat in Alipore Residency, Burdwan Road. On 3 April 2008, Surekha on returning home was shocked to discover her flat burgled and the domestic help Yadav missing. Officers of Alipore PS raided Yadav's home in Jharkhand and arrested him. The entire loot was recovered from him.

ON 9 APRIL 2008, ACTING ON A tip-off from Military Intelligence, officers and men of the Anti-Rowdy Squad, DD tracked down an arms carrier travelling to Kolkata from Munger, Bihar. Rafique Mistry was arrested with a big cache of arms comprising 9 pistols and 6 rounds of ammunition. Had he not been arrested he would have definitely supplied the arms and ammunition to the underworld.

SONALI BOSE ALIAS MANALI OF Middleton Row posed as a saree saleswoman and stole ornaments from another woman in New Alipore after drugging her in her flat. She was arrested and all the stolen items were found. Sonali was found guilty on 1 April 2008 and sentenced to 4 years of imprisonment and fined Rs 2000.



## KOLKATA POLICE FAMILY WELFARE CENTRE



The 'Smile on Wheels' mobile medical unit

THE KOLKATA POLICE FAMILY WELFARE Centre conducts various programmes that benefit the families of Kolkata Police personnel and Homeguards. In April, 904 dependents of Kolkata Police personnel were awarded stipends on the basis of merit so that they could enroll and complete various courses including medical and other professional courses for the academic year 2006-07. 102 physically challenged dependents of Kolkata Police personnel were also given financial aid. During the last month, the families of two deceased Homeguards were given ex-gratia financial assistance. A mobile medical unit, 'Smile on Wheels', is used to reach medical facilities at the doorstep of ailing family members of the force. This programme has got good response and has been widely appreciated by our policemen.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

**Nabadisha**, a programme to rehabilitate street children, was started in 1997. It has 34 centres at 31 police stations with over 2,200 children. During April, routine health camps were organized at all the centres. A cultural competition in song, dance and drama, 'RIDDHI' '08', was held at the Kolkata Police Auditorium in the last week of April. The winners were: Dance: Phool Bagan Centre; Singing: Taratala & Watgunge Centre; Drama: Chetla and Alipore Centre.

Shri SN Sarkar, Additional Commissioner of Police (I), was the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries present were Shri Kumar Shankar Bagchi (Guest of Honour), Smt. Haimanti Shukla, Smt. Thankumani Kutty, Shri Sanatan Dinda and Smt. Usha Ganguly.

**PROBAHO** is a blood donation programme organized by Kolkata Police, where police and others can donate blood. In April, camps were held at Burrabazar PS, Reserve Force, Enforce-

ment Branch, Gariahat PS and Topsia PS.

**Know Your Friend** is a series of workshops held in schools where children are made aware about the Cyber World. They are also educated about their rights and told where the police can be of help in day-to-day problems. In April a workshop was held at Carmel High School and Mahadevi Birla Girls Higher Secondary School.

**Dial 100** is a live phone-in programme on Kolkata Police aired on Doordarshan (Bangla) every Saturday at 9-05 p.m. In April, episodes on the Traffic Department, Passport and Piracy, and two other episodes where the Commissioner and the Addl. Commissioner of Police (I) interacted with a number of intellectuals, were telecast. The best letters written to the programme are given prizes. Shri Bimalesh Kumar Basu of Kolkata 700094 and Shri Anil Kumar Chowdhury of Kolkata 700009 were the winners in April.



(Left) A policeman donating blood at a Probaho camp; (right) children performing at RIDDHI '08

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Website:** www.kolkatapolice.org  
**Email:** grievance@kolkatapolice.org  
**Senior Citizen Helpline:** 98300 88884  
**Control Room, Lalbazar:** 2214 3024/ 32301090  
**Traffic Control Room:** 2214 3644/5096/

1070/1073  
**Grievance Cell:** 2250 5134  
**Traffic Cell:** 98308 11111/98300 10000  
**Women Crisis Response Centre:** 1091  
**Medical Helpline:** 98300 7999

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