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#### Dear Friends,

Greetings,

I have often heard about the myth of Bonobibi and wondered what is it like to worship a deity living amid the natural surroundings. Banabibi is a guardian deity of the forests worshipped by both Hindus and Muslims in the Sunderbans (spread across West Bengal and Bangladesh). She is worshipped mostly by the honey-collectors and the woodcutters before entering the forest for protection against the attacks from the tigers. It is believed that the demon king, Dakkhin Rai (the lord of the south), an archenemy of Banbibi, actually appears in the disguise of a tiger and attacks and mauls humans.

Banbibi is worshipped by her Hindu followers as Bandurga, Bandevi or even as Banbibi, and her predominantly Hindu images are found as wearing a crown and garland, carrying a club and trishul and her vahana (vehicle) is a tiger. She is venerated by her Muslim followers as Banbibi and she is known as a pirani. Her predominantly Muslim images are found with braided hair, wearing a cap with a tikli. She wears ghagra and pyjama (instead of a sari) and a pair of shoes. Both Hindu and Muslim images have a boy in her lap, believed as Dukhe by her worshippers. Her vahana (mount) is a tiger or a hen.

I think Durga Puja is the biggest festival of unity and harmony, celebrating the rise of Good over Evil. And integral part of this puja are the police force. They work together to help the people come together and enjoy without any problem. Their steadfast attitude towards the right, helps us have a blockade free Puja. I wish our men in uniform a bright puja and salute their sacrifice in making it happy for us.

Happy reading and compliments of the season.

Satya Swaroop



#### Dear Readers,

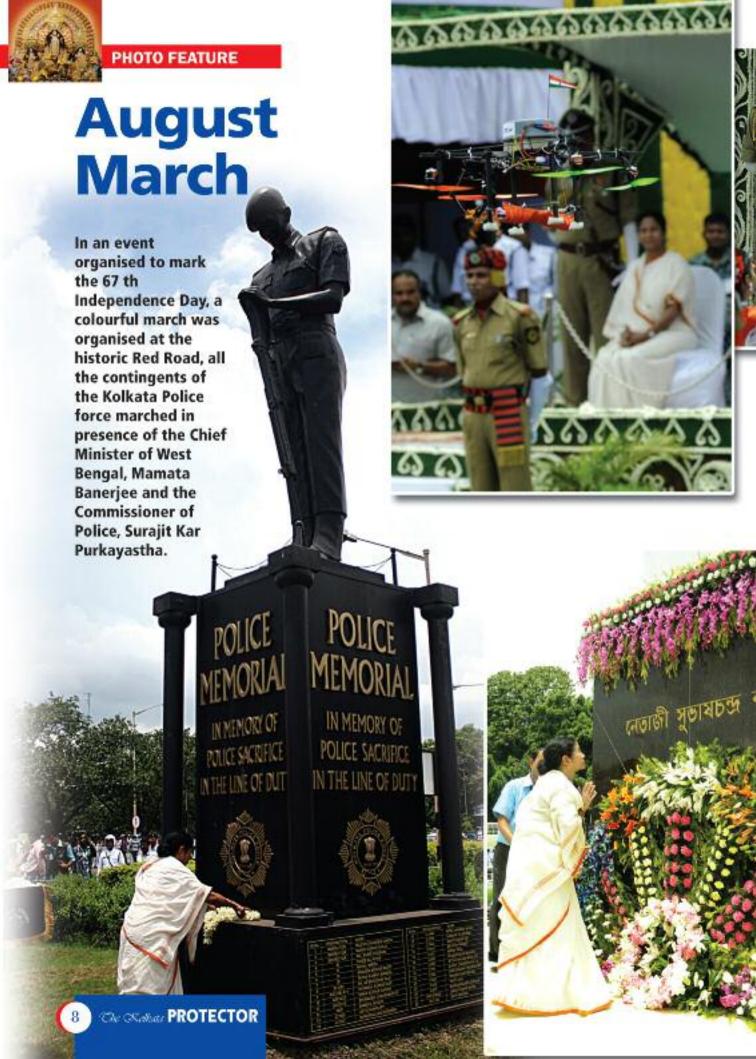
At present, we are on the eve of the festival month, especially with Durga Puja preparations in full swing and also Bakr-Id round the corner. The city of Kolkata becomes a centre stage during the festival days along with the rest of Bengal and the coming few days will see millions of people streaming the city streets trying to get glimpses of the festive colours. The responsibilities of Kolkata Police during this time increase manifold and it becomes incumbent upon each and every member of the force to put in their best, work day and night so that the people in general have a safe, secure and happy festive season.

One of the major challenges of this time is ensuring free flow of traffic and a comfortable crowd circulation plan so that people can move around with minimum hindrance. Like previous years, we make every effort to improve on the past performances and present better policing and services to the people of Kolkata and the visitors.

On the eve of this happy occasion starting with Durga Puja, I wish each and every Kolkatan a happy and pleasant festive season with assurance from Kolkata Police of our best services. I also appeal to the people to abide by the general rules and civic requirements, be considerate towards fellow citizens and would also like to add that if you have any suggestion or information to share with us, it will be highly appreciated and will be received by police officers and men at every level.

( Surajit Kar Purkayastha )

Commissioner of Police Kolkata.







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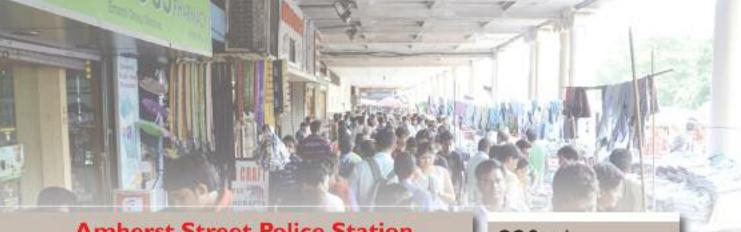












#### Amherst Street Police Station

"We give a break of a half or full day to our newly married officers."

Crowd-pullers: College Square, Chaltabagan Lohapatti, Lebutala. There is a total of 38 Durga Pujas organized in the area under the Amherst Street the biggest crowd puller, College Square.

College Square still manages to pull the largest crowd. People flock to it because it remains one of the most traditional Pujas and also because of the effects created by light at nighttime. It has maximum police mobilization

Police Station.

Area: The entire area from Sealdah station is cordoned to make it easier for people coming in by train to see the various Pujas.

#### Challenges & Solutions:

The biggest challenge in this area is the maintaining a regularizing the flow of people. Sealdah works as the base and the entire area is cordoned off to maintain a regular flow. The crowd is directed from Lebutala, to Santosh Mitra Square, then to Md. Ali Park and it finally head to in the entire area. The greatest challenge is to make sure that the number of people entering the premises equals to the number of people exiting the premises.

An exit from the premises is on Rishi Bankim street. A major problem in this area till last year was that hawkers would ply their trade in this region. However, hawkers were moved away from that exit last year to make sure

#### OC Speaks-

#### Debabrata Sarkar

"We try to make it as much as possible a pleasurable experience for the people. We understand that this is the only time in the year that many people get a break from their daily lives. We also try to give our newly married officers a half or one day break so that they can enjoy the festival with their families. There were three officers last year, this year the number has increased to four. We too enjoy being a part of it and making those few days a lot more enjoyable for people."

that the exit is not clogged by people munching on snacks.

Apart from the personnel, the organizers and clubs in the vicinity provide valunteers who are given jerseys and money for helping out the police during these five days. A fresh batch of



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volunteers are brought in 12 midnight so that they don't get tired.

Close circuit cameras are installed and four watch towers are created in College Square to prevent any sort of untoward incident which includes theft of mobile phones and cases of molestation. Lady officers are posted to help women out.

Soundless generators provided by the CESC are also kept at College Square to provide support during power cuts. An ambulance is also stationed in front of Coffee House, a move that was started last year, which also paid off as a woman was saved after she suffered a massive heart attack.

The Puja organized at

Chaltabagan Lohapatti poses a serious challenge and that is the movement of traffic. For at that time of the year the flow is reversed. Also as the pandal is on one side of the road, it is difficult to prevent people from clogging the roads. However, the flow of people is channelized via Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road and Ghosh Lane to avoid this.

#### **Gariahat Police Station**

"If someone tells me that I can get a leave of five days, I won't take it."

Crowd-pullers: Ekdalia Evergreen, Singhi Park and Hindustan Park

#### Challenges & solutions

The biggest challenge for the police is crowd control after 4 o'clock. That is the time when the flow starts. Barricades are used to cordon off the places near the pandals to make sure that a regulated number of people are to be allowed inside.

Watchtowers and close circuit cameras are used to keep a

watch over the area.

Due to the demographic location of the puja organized at Ekdalia, it is the most difficult to manage. However, use of green police and local volunteers have helped the curb the problems and cases of snatching.

The flow of traffic on Rashbehari Avenue also becomes difficult at times when the flow of people increases.



#### OC Speaks-

#### Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay

"I'm so used to spending my Pujas on duty that now if someone tells me that I can get a leave of five days, I won't take it. I have had some great experiences during the Pujas. I remember two men from my days at Amherst Street station who had circled the Lebutala pandal five times for an entire evening. The organizers become our families for these five days."

#### **Behala Police Station**

"Durga Puja is like a final examination for us."

Crowd Pullers: There are 101 pujas including Sreesangha, Notun Dal.

Barricades and drop gates are used to regulate the flow of traffic.

The greatest challenge is the placement of the various pujas. Some clog narrow bylanes while some are huge in scale and size.

Two manned watchtowers will be erected: one near 14 no. bus stand and the other near Sreesangha.

All the important puja committees have been requested to put up close circuit cameras with a memory capacity of seven days so that if there is any mishap we will get the footage from the cameras.

Organisers have been requested to leave space for fire brigade and ambulances can pass through. They have also been requested to have adequate

OC Speaks-



#### Ramesh Roy Choudhury

lighting everywhere to ensure

the safety of women. The plans

are coordinated with PWD, Fire

Brigade, CESC and such agencies

Patrolling is increased in different

involved in the pujas. Liason is

maintained with traffic too.

places.

"Durga Puja is the final examination of Kolkata Police and we prepare throughout the year for this. We take different measures to make sure that they are able to see all the pujas safely and smoothly."

#### Kalighat Police Station

Crowd Pullers: A total of thirty seven including Badamtala Ashar Sangha, 66 Pally, Udayan Sangha, Sanghasree, Milan Samiti.

#### Challenges & Solutions

The biggest challenge is possibly crowd management. To ensure smooth flow of pedestrians, the plans are put into action from Panchami. The focus is on Rashbehari crossing as people coming from the north of the city come in by the metro. The crowd is channelized on the footpath and the western side of Rashbehari Avenue is used. This



#### OC Speaks-

#### Mahadeb Chakraborty

"Maintaining the safety of the people who come from outside the city as well as from within it is our first priority. Making the Pujas a safe and happy experience is what we aim to do."





#### **COVER STORY**

leads to Sadananda Road and finally into Nepal Bhattacarjee Street from where the crowd moves on to Badamtala Ashar Sangha. The channel then leads to all the major crowd pullers. Meetings are organized on various levels with the organizers to ensure sensitization. The problems are put forward and the solutions are brought out. There are policemen posted in

corners which are not well

lighted. Policemen are also posted in metro stations to help people out. Signages are used to help people with directions.

During the Pujas a lot of children go missing or are lost. For that reason a missing person's squad comes in from Lalbazar to every police station and some of the big Pujas. Identification badges are also used for children. NGOs work with the Kolkata Police to return these lost children.

The Kalighat temple which is

visited throughout the year with devotees sees a jump in the number too. A group of fady police officers are posted day and night to ensure the safety of the devotees. Rowdies and eveteasers are taken care of by a group of officers in civil clothes. Lady officers are posted everywhere. Cycles are being kept this year to make movement easier so that in case of emergency the police station can be reached easier.

#### South East Traffic Guard

"Ensuring people's safety is our first priority."

#### Areas Under Control

The market zone of Gariahat, Dhakuriya which has Dakshinapan, Golpark and Triangular Park.

99 pujas including Ekdalia Evergreen, Phalguni Sangha, Singhi Park, Tridhara Sammilani, Deshapriya Park, Ballygunge Cultural, Samajsebi, Babubagan, Jodhpur Park, Maddox Square and Hindustan Park are under the jurisdiction of the South East Traffic Guard.

#### Challenges & Solutions

The market zone of Kolkata falls under the jurisdiction of the South East Traffic Guard. The crowd pressure increases just before the Pujas. Not only do people come to shop but the schools and offices are on as usual. To counter this challenge, guard rails are used. The crossings are blocked by using drop gates and people are allowed to cross only after a certain interval. More personnel are posted after the schools

get over. The entire planning is made at least three months in advance.

The Hawkers are removed from Panchami and parking rules are also imposed. The autos are asked to stop plying too. The bus routes are also diverted so that people can walk safely on the roads. Personnel are posted day and night and towing vans are also kept to prevent illegally parked vehicles from cramping up spaces.

Meetings are held with KMC, KMDA and CESC to form plans to ensure a safer Puja.

The two other major challenges that have to be met are during the openings of various Pujas where VIPs come for inauguration and during idol immersion.

#### **OC Speaks-**



#### Alok Kumar Sanyal

"On the few days of the Pujas we work from 12 noon to 5 a.m. next morning to make sure that the Pujas are safe for people. For the rest of the time we are home sleeping for the 2-3 hours that we get. Our family members have also reconciled with the fact that it is impossible for us to take them out during the Pujas. Ensuring people's safety is our first priority."

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#### **Tollygunge Traffic Guard**

"We cannot think of ourselves during the Pujas." Areas under control

Rashbehari More, Tollygunge Phari, Tollygunge Circular Road, opened Lake Mall. To counter these problems a plan is drafted at least four months before the Pujas about pedestrian movement, parking and points

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Deshapran Shashmal Road, New Alipore Island, Chetla Central Road.

Includes big budget Pujas like New Alipore Suruchi Sangha, Chetla Agrani, Badamtala Ashar Sangha, 66 Pally, Shibmandir, Mudiali and many more. The Kalighat temple is also a major attraction during this time,

#### **Problems and Solutions**

The main problem of this area is the fact that a lot of cars use these roads. The pressure of vehicular traffic increases during the Pujas. Besides, a lot of people have been coming to the newly

where people will be allowed to cross the roads.

The Kalighat temple also attracts a lot of devotees at this point of time.

The Puja committees are consulted and asked to keep designated parking spaces close to their pandals so that cars are not parked in odd places and pedestrians can walk comfortably.

The important crossings are barricaded so that people don't spill onto the roads. Vehicles are allowed to ply only either from east to west or from north to south. Pedestrians are allowed to cross parallel to that. The entire process is closely watched to avoid accidents.

The new age devotee is out during daytime too. Therefore the police have to be prepared to handle crowd pressure during daytime too. To deal with that there is police posting throughout the day.



#### OC Speaks-

#### Tapan De

"We are for the public; we have taken our jobs up to help people. We cannot think of ourselves during the Pujas. We are mentally prepared for it. Our family members are also used to it, they go out by themselves. However, we try to release the newly married officers a little early instead someone else puts in a little more effort. This is how we spend our Pujas."





#### Jorabagan Traffic Guard

"The pleasure that one gets from being praised by the people can't match up to anything else."

#### Areas under control

Mahatma Gandhi Road, College Street crossing, Kumartuli, pujas like Ahiritola and Beniatola. that Traffic snarls are avoided.
Lessons learnt from previous
years are used to formulate plans
about which points require more
personnel deployment.

People cannot be allowed to cross the roads wherever they want. Therefore drop gates using ropes are created to ensure the regulation of flow of people.



#### **Problems and Solutions**

MG Road is a connector between Howrah and Sealdah. People who come in by train flow in from these areas. The College Street crossing is important as it is very close to the College Square puja. Besides the Kumartuli region has crowd-pulling pujas including Kumartuli Park.

Steps are taken a month before the Pujas to make sure During the Pujas, many VIPs come to pujas like Kumartuli, College Square and Ahiritola. Keeping the flow of traffic regular becomes a challenge. Barricades are created to prevent people from spilling on to the road.

Volunteers are used to regulate traffic. After the Pujas, the idols are immersed and that becomes another challenge for the traffic police.

#### OC Speaks-

#### Subodh Kumar Saha

"During the festival season we seem to get added strength from somewhere. Even though we work all year round without any lapse on our part yet we give our best to ensure that the Pujas safe for people. The pleasure that one gets from being praised by the people can't match up to anything else."









#### Diamond Harbour Road, Traffic Guard

"Managing a festival of this level is not possible without public co-operation"

#### Area Under Control-

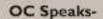
The entire stretch of the D.H. road.

#### Problems and Solutions-

The biggest challenge which the D.H. road traffic guard face during the festive season is breadth of the entire D.H. road becomes the centre of attraction for these shoppers. This year the respective traffic guard is laden with additional pressure, as the work of the Metro extension is in progress apart from that entire D.H. road is badly hampered by the 900 meter water pipe installation.

To handle the mammoth inflow

major junctions which are situated at the heart of the Behala market. One will be at Tramdepot and another at Roy Bahadur Road. Usual barricades will be constructed during the Durga Puja to control the inflow of the pandal hoppers.



#### Swapan Kumar Chakraborty-

" I believe our job is not restricted to law and order control and traffic management. We also mingle with the pandal hoppers and



enliven the Baroari Puja spirit. We get butterflies in our stomach like the puja organizers, during those five days of festivities. We work hand in hand with all the volunteers to manage the crowd."



handling the crowd and the immense inflow of the traffic, which pour in from the suburbs of South 24 Parganas. The mushrooming market which is spread across the length and

of the pre-puja traffic, the D.H. traffic guard has already arranged for additional deployment of the force on the road. They have planned to install two temporary pickets which will control two







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## Kolkata Police an integral part of Puja

#### By Our Correspondent

he world sets down upon Kolkata during
Durga Puja making it much, much, bigger than
just a religious affair. It's a social meet, a
cultural pot boiler and a platform for the world
audience. But it would be utter chaos without a
system and that is brought together by Kolkata
police and the organisers put together.

"Every year the Puja becomes a success story only with the cooperation of the police and the puja organizers. We want this team spirit to be there. We hope everybody has a happy pre-puja and

post-puja. Policemen of Kolkata Police are all citizens of this city and that's why we all hope that the Pujas are safe in Kolkata."

This is what the Commissioner of Police of the city, Surajit Kar Purakayastha had to say to the members of various puja organizers of the city present at the meeting organized at Kala Mandir. The meeting was organized to make sure that the various problems and issues of the Puja committees reach the right people. The Commissioner, the Joint Commissioner, Additional Police Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and several Officers-in-Charge were present at the event. Officers of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, CESC, Fire Services, Pollution Control Board, State Legal Service and the Election Commission were also





present at the meeting. Also present were various puja organizing committee members of the North, Central, South, East Suburban, Port, South East, South Suburban and South West divisions of Kolkata Police.

All the members of the organizing committees of various pujas present at the meeting acknowledged the help that they get from the police. They highlighted the various problems

present listened to them and promised to help them. The organizers were requested to follow rules.

The Protector Awards have been started on behalf of the Kolkata Police. The highest prize money is Rs. 50,000. The award is given to those who maintain safety in various aspects. The puja organizers have been requested to allow senior citizens holding the 'Pronam' card under the Kolkata Police programme of the

same name to be allowed via the VIP gate into the pandal. The Kolkata Police hoped that like other years communal harmony will be maintained at this year's Puja too.

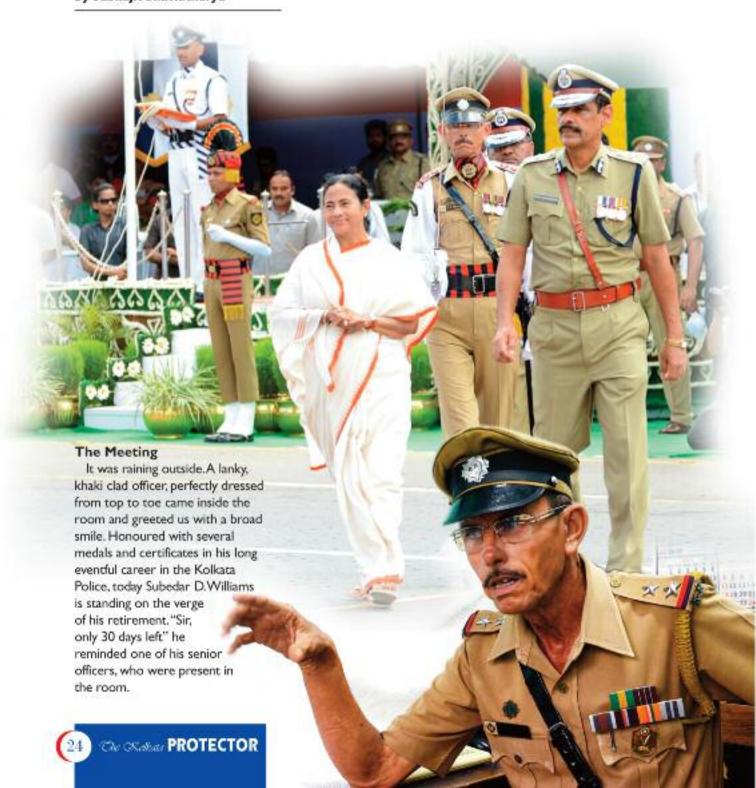


## A WELL WISHER



# The chronicle of a spirited Cop

By Subhajit Bhattacharya



#### The Journey of a cop

Williams, during the dawning days of his career, earned his living by working as a photographer in Kolkata with miniscule monthly earnings of sixty rupees. In the year 1971 his elder brother joined the Kolkata Police force as a home guard with a salary little more than hundred. Williams followed the gait of his elder brother and with an urge to earn some more money he joined the men in the white brigade as a home guard."I am not a highly educated person, but from my budding days I always petted the desire to do something worthy of life and this

inspired me to join the force," explains Subedar Williams, With his excellent performance, he soon grabbed the attention of his seniors. During his heydays he leads different armed police contingents in several parades organised during the Republic day celebration or during the celebration of the Independence Day, "I still get goose bumps, when I parade as a contingent commander during any ceremony," excerpts Subedar D. Williams. He has led the different contingents of Kolkata Police as a parade commander, in different ceremonial parades and offered gun salutes to different eminent

personalities of West Bengal. The list includes Mother Teresa, late Chief minister of West Bengal, Jyoti Basu and internationally acclaimed filmmaker Rituporno Ghosh. In 2002 he got promoted as a Subedar and during his post promotion he worked in Rapid Action Force (RAF) and in the Commando regiment of Kolkata Police.

A student's mentor's mind

demise of both of his progenitors, for years the lanky cop led a sojourn and aimless life. After joining the men in the white brigade he gained confidence and self esteem. "The Kolkata Police force is an institution, which helped me to evolve in life and made me what I am today," narrates Williams.

Though he could not complete his schooling, but he continued his self education even after the joining the Kolkata Police force. "I read varied newspapers and magazines to update my knowledge bank, I will be retiring soon from the force but I still have the thirst to learn more". believes Williams.

Today, Williams is one of the most acclaimed instructors of Kolkata police. For years he has been training several new recruits before they join their ground duties. While posing for our photographer William says, "I have trained several students and I always tried my level best to incorporate true values and the sense of duty and respect towards their uniform through the training process." By adding up to his previous statement he says, "The responsibility of a teacher in the society is very important and significant in building a better society, because more than sixty percent of the population of India is populated with youth. Whether he is in police or an M.B.A. graduate, all must play their own part in building a better nation," explains the officer.



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#### The family front

All the uniformed jobs are very demanding and often the demand of the job takes heavy toll on the personal lives of the police personnel. But for Williams his first priority has always been the Kolkata Police. "I am lucky that I got a very supportive wife beside me, who has always been there for me." says Williams. Presently he is the only cop who comes from a Catholic background. He has three sons and one adopted daughter." I adopted one of my recruits as my daughter, she hails from a poor family but I liked her and asked will you be my daughter. Initially she was little apprehensive and she replied what should I call you, 'Sir' or 'Papa', I told her to call me papa," recounts the catholic cop. Today his adopted daughter Srimati Batari, is an integral part of his family. "She visits my home every Saturday and Sunday," affirms the foster father.



#### Redefining Policing

In Kolkata Police the armed police contingent plays a very significant role. Starting from the seasoning of the new recruits to crisis control all are enlisted in the daily job list of this particular regiment of Kolkata Police. As Subedar Williams has been closely associated with the armed police regiment of Kolkata Police as a teacher and

officer of Kolkata Police earned several medals and certificates in his almost life long journey with the force. "After retiring I will carry forward the teachings which I have learnt from the force. I always loved to march and I always loved my uniform. The Kolkata Police force taught me to be disciplined and to be honest and to respect the nation," pledges Williams



as a trainer he explains the significance of the Combat, RAF, or any other regiment. "Today the policing have evolved to a great extent, in modern policing I believe the role of the armed police regiment is very important. To combat the changing trend of the crimes, policing has to be smart and edgy, and I believe the role of armed police is unparalleled," believes Williams.

#### The learning to carry forward

In his long stint with the Kolkata Police force Subedar D.Williams has earned his due respect and conveyed his learning to the cadets he trained as a teacher. This young at heart standing on the verge of his retirement. He thinks that more and more people of the catholic community should come and join these uniformed jobs. He adds, "Today's youth needs proper motivation and an objective in life".

After his retirement he plans to continue with his hobbies. Being a trained boxer he has managed the Bengal boxing team and accompanied them in different competitions. He also loves to listen to music and watch cricket and believes that after Sachin Tendulkar, Sikhar Dhawan will be the next big thing of Indian cricket. "I can't sit idle, I will do some kind of work after my retirement." says Williams.

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## Speed demons curbed



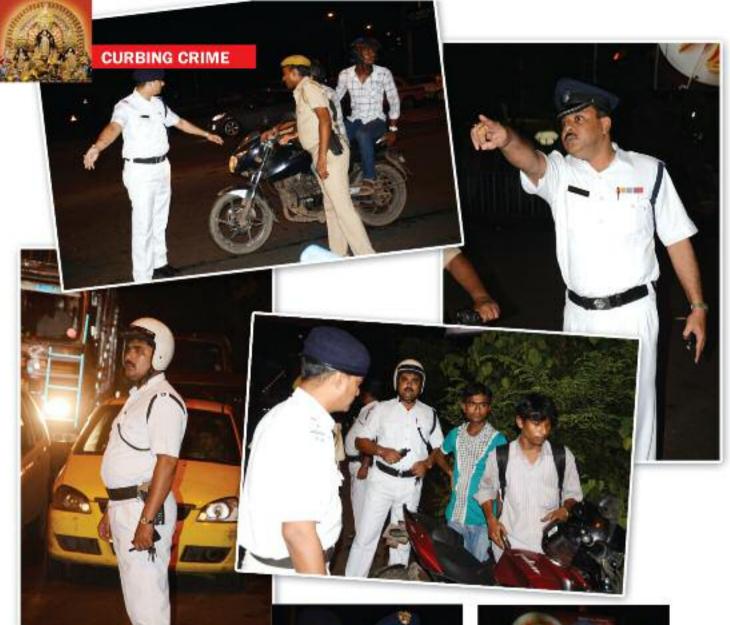
DC South Murli Dhar

olkata can never sit back while the world is zooming through. But problem crops up when the means get diluted blurring the boundaries between right and wrong. Kolkata recently saw the advent of biker gangs speeding down the empty roads in the death of the night. The biggest menace it posed was safety of the people returning home at night. There were also rampant complains of eve-teasing and molesting.

Kolkata Police swung into action and after a few bold positive steps the speed demons, who were aged between 18 and 25, have been leashed. Police identified a few areas in the city from where most complains came and increased night patrolling in these areas. J L Nehru Road, APC Road, AJC Bose Road, Park Circus crossing, Lenin Sarani, Ekbalpur were among some of the places where unbridled biking prevailed at night. With increased vigilance the gangs have been chained down.

DC South Murall Dhar said: "In July-August month we noticed that these bikers were creating a





menace on the roads at night. We identified a few clusters and started cluster policing. We posted watch vehicles at the entry points to those roads and started arresting bikers at random. This brought down the menace."

Some 3000 bikers have been booked for breaking speed laws in South Kolkata during the last two months. But only arresting and booking will not stop the problem, police have started educating and sensitizing youth in these areas to control the problem.



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## Charge of the Armed Battalion

rom its inception during the colonial era, the Armed Police division of Kolkata Police has proven its capability by handling different censuring situations. Whether it's a pulsating match between India and Pakistan at Eden Gardens or a political rally the Armed Police battalion has always served the role of a true protector and shielded the true spirit of the city of Kolkata.

The entire Armed Police regiment has evolved with time and perfected itself into an edgy force. The department cushions the entire Kolkata Police force in different occasions. The regiment plays a key role in training the new recruits and it also handles different crisis calls in time of need. Today the Armed Police Contingent of Kolkata Police runs its day to day operations

with more 7200 highly trained men. The entire contingent is further divided into special task teams, such as, SAF (Special Action Force), QRT (Quick Response Teams), Combat Battalion and Commandos.

Protector toured inside the base of the Armed Police, at the Body Guard Lines and got a tinge of the grit and glory of these men in Khaki-

#### Asit Pal

#### Senior Deputy Commissioner (AP)

believe the role of the Armed Police regiment in Kolkata Police is momentous. The entire regiment dedicated to motto of the force. Every individual of the Armed Police contingent acts as an important catalyst in safeguarding the undying joyous spirit of the city of Kolkata. Today the entire regiment has reformed itself and is a part



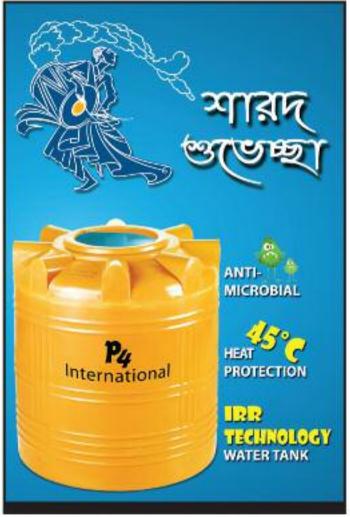
of the modern policing. We have some of the best trained men in the team who are equipped

to handle any modern threat. Our Commando regiment received its training from the NSG's (National Security Guards). We also have SAF team and the QRT's. They are highly trained pro's assigned to specific duties. As the pattern of crime changed with time the entire Armed Police has also metamorphosed into a better developed and disciplined contingent, which always functions as a backbone of the entire Kolkata Police team.

Armed Police is also a part of the day to day duties of the Kolkata Police. As they have to execute discrete duties, which starts from guarding the vital installations within the city and maintaining peace and harmony at any public gathering. They act as an auxiliary force and support the main stream policing. In this year's 15th August parade our entire contingent marched on the historic Red road.

In the presence of the Chief Minister of the state, Mamata Banerjee and the Commissioner of Police, Surajit Kar Purkayastha and other honourable dignitaries of the state. It was really a moment of pride for me and for the all the boys.









#### Pradyut Bhattacharjee Assistant Commissioner (AP)

The Armed Police regiment of Kolkata Police is the backbone of the entire force. We are a part of the training process of the new recruits and

we participate in the day to day duties of the force. The training process has evolved with time and by keeping pace with the changing crime trend. Today, the new recruits are exposed to new crime patterns such as the cyber crime during their training stint. The robust training procedure of Kolkata Police helps the trainees to be strong mentally and physically.

The 15th August parade not only helps us to exhibit the grit and glory of the entire force, it helps the force in connecting with the community. As several schools from different parts of West Bengal participate in the parade and it helps them to understand the spirit and the motto of Kolkata Police. It also inspires them to become one of us in the coming future.



#### Sunil Hazra

#### Assistant Commissioner, Brigade

In any uniformed job, every single day comes loaded with new challenges. Every individual in

Kolkata Police is trained to face any challenge when they are on duty. Today the role and the responsibilities of modern policing have taken a paradigm shift. Modern policing runs with a standard objective and that is creating a bridge with the community. Today every society wants people friendly police and rather than an enforcer of law.

The Armed Police regiment of Kolkata Police is a mini Bengal as we have our boys from different parts of Bengal, We train the recruits in such a way that they become friendly with the people and work with them to mange any crisis situation.

Any ceremonial parade not only showcase the power and strength of the force it also sends a strong message within the youth of the society. Our training

turn a boy or a true gentle man and his duties and responsibilities turns him into a better officer in the future.

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## Kiran a time for change

imes seem to have changed for the Intekhabs, Khalishas, Shamims, Nishats, Kaushiks and Sunnys. None of them are disappointed with their lives any longer instead they see a ray of hope now. But who are they?

They are all students of the computer education project, Kiran, of the Kolkata Police Community Policing Wing, From a number of Kiran centres that are located at various places in Kolkata students are not only learning computer operations but also being placed with jobs in various companies. Kiran is not only providing jobs but also acting as a bridge between the police and the people.

Kiran started way back in 2008, keeping students from impoverished backgrounds and minority communities in mind. Beniapukur was the first station to start this project. Now there are 18 such projects in Kolkata. Beniapukur, Gadernreach, Kareya, Jorasanko, Ultadanga, Entally, Tangra, Taltala, Topsia, Ekbalpore, Cossipore, West Port,
Narkeldanga, Phoolbagan,
Bhawanipore, Ballygunge and
Watgunge all have units of Kiran.
The course includes three
months of basic training, six
months of hardware networking
training. Tally is also being taught
at the institutes.

Intekhab Alam [20], a student of the Kiran centre at Narkeldanga says, "After completing my course from Kiran, I'm no longer sitting at home. I have started applying to various companies. I've cleared the second round of interview in

an organisation. I'm hoping to get the job. I've more confidence in my abilities now and I would like to give the entire credit to the Kolkata Police for that."

Just like Intekhab, Khaleasha Parveen [18], who has learnt Tally from the Kiran centre, has also the second round of interview in a company. "After learning computers from Kiran not only am I getting interview calls, but it has also changed my perception of the police. Now I know that they aren't all about guns and bullets. There is a different side to them too. I couldn't have learnt



about that if I wasn't a part of Kiran," says Khaleasha, Till date Kiran has trained nearly 3500 girls in computers. Some of them have joined Kiran as teachers and some of them have been placed with NGOs and other organisations.

Sunny Jaiswal [20], a student of the Kankurgachhi centre accepts, "I had already appeared for some interviews but was not being able to crack them. That depressed me a little. Due to my financial conditions I wasn't even being able to pay for a computer course. But now I have a job thanks to Kiran."

Ashish Swarnakar, a teacher with the lorasanko and Cossipore centres of Kiran, says, "The job market now requires people to have 'employable skills' to land a job. These students who come from impoverished backgrounds often find it difficult to fund a computer course. Kiran is providing them with that opportunity, Many underprivileged students come here and most of them have been successful."

Saptarshi Ganguly, director of Trans Achiever, the organisation that partners Kolkata Police in this project, says, "Lots of students come to Kiran nowadays, Each centre has two batches of 80 students each.

Kiran is not only about learning skills, it is also about making these students self sufficient by placing them with various organisations. We also give them tips to crack interviews."

The Kolkata Police believe that Kiran is an exceptionally successful venture and they are trying to increase the number of centres. Plans are being made to include mobile phone repairing,





beautician and spoken English courses too. Soven Banerjee, Officer-in-Charge, Community Policing Wing, informs, "We believe we are 100 per cent successful with Kiran. We have been able to create a bridge between people and the police with this project which is not educating the students but also giving them jobs." Adding that the number of centres and variety of courses being offered at Kiran will be increased.



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## A PS that is like a little India

#### By Subhajit Bhattacharva

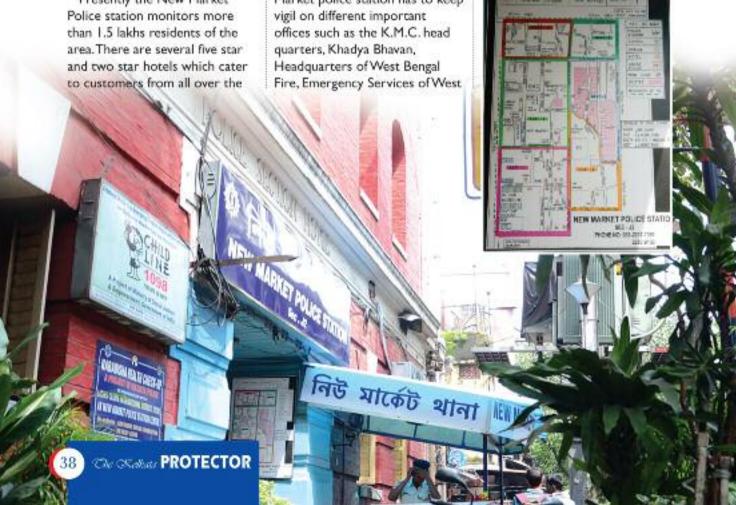
he New Market Police Station was bifurcated from Taltala police station in the year 2002. To handle the added pressure of the emerging law and order situation of the area the decision was taken. With a stable manpower the police station started monitoring one of the busiest market centres of Kolkata. Previously known as Hogg Market, New Market is the centre of attraction and the point of pride for most of the Bengalis. The market offers a gamut of products to the buyers at an affordable price. The market has more than 2000 shops and the entire area is populated by a mixed population which is contrived of Hindus, Muslims and Catholics.

Presently the New Market Police station monitors more than 1.5 lakhs residents of the area. There are several five star world. The New Market Police station comes under the iurisdiction of the Central division. This is probably the only police station within Kolkata Police jurisdiction which has to manage the pressure of political rallies and political agitations and demonstrations throughout the year. The specific areas such as Dorina Crossing, Metro Channel are the two most important places which always stay on the top of the list of different political parties for organizing their respective demonstrations.

The New Market, Lindsay Street, Marques Street, Sudder Street area is some of the throbbing business centres which are crowded with a plethora of government offices. The New Market police station has to keep vigil on different important offices such as the K.M.C. head guarters, Khadya Bhavan, Headquarters of West Bengal Fire, Emergency Services of West

Bengal, Indian Museum, HUDCO building at Lindsay Street and head office of GSI (Geological Survey of India).

Every year several tourists from different parts of the world pour in this crowded locality present at the very heart of the city, Sudder Street, Marques Street is brimming with economy hotels and restaurants which are popular for their authentic Bengali cuisine and affordable room rates. So these areas easily become the cynosure of the tourists who visits the city. To keep its backyard safe the New Market Police station keeps a close guard on all these mushrooming hotels located along these areas. Special teams



from the police station visit crime prone areas. To combat crimes like credit card cloning and drug trafficking the entire team of the local police station stays alert 24x7.

#### Safeguarding the spirit of the festivities-

The New Market police station has to take up some added task during the festive season which starts with Eid and it extends till



the end of the year in the month of December. Though this area is considered as the shopper's paradise and shoppers from all over the world beeline in this area, but during the festivals the crowd soars and it becomes the nesting ground for the offenders. In the garb of the crowd they commit crimes. To combat such situations the New Market police station chalk special plans. As different notorious gangs from different parts of India crawl in the city of Kollcata to snatch their booty, the Kolkata Police teams increase their vigil to catch them

red handed. Several specialized teams keep a close watch on these notorious gangs, which comes from Haryana, some parts of Southern India and Uttar Pradesh, Iharkhand and Bihar, Plain clothed teams and uniform police personnel are posted at the strategic points such as Humayun Place and J.L. Nehru Crossing, near the K.M.C. head quarters and a temporary police assistance booth is established at

> the Humayun Place, which is equipped with all modern arrangements such as CCTV's and it turns into a temporary control room. The temporary booth helps the shoppers to report any

crime. Apart from this, two watch towers are erected, one close to the old K.M.C. building and one on the Bertram Street which helps Kolkata Police to get a panoramic view of the entire New Market area. More than 13 CCTV cameras monitor important junctions, such as Bertram Street and Lindsay Street. To keep the Shopaholics aware and vigilant, the New Market Police station arranges for a special announcement.

#### Beyond Policing -

Under the jurisdiction of the

New Market Police station, a NABADISHA school is running which provides basic education to the underprivileged children of the area. Currently there are more than 80 students who are studying in this school, Apart from this community policing initiative the local police station initiates beat meetings every month along with the localities. These meetings cement the bonding of the cops with the community and help them to curb the crime rate of the area.

#### Officer Speak-

The present Officer-in-Charge of the New Market Police station is Tapan Kumar Pramanik. After



finishing his training at Barrackpore police training school he joined the force in the year 1986. As a new recruit he served in the Detective Department located at Lalbazar,

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the headquarters of Kolkata Police for nine years. This stint in DD helped him to understand the nitty-gritty of his job in a better way.

#### The Jurisdiction-

North- From the north-east corner of the junction of Sidhu-Kanu Dahar (old Esplanade Row),

Current Strength of New Market Police Station-

Inspector- 2
Sub-Inspector- 12
A.S.I.- 19
Sergeant- I
Constable-54
Lady Police Inspector-I
Lady Constable-2
Police Driver-4
Home Guard- 14
Green Police- 25

Jawaharlal Nehru Road (old Chowringhee Road) and Lenin Sarani (old Dharmatala Street), thence east ward along the northern limit of Lenin Sarani to Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road (old Wellesly Street), Thence crossing Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road east ward up to the northeast corner of the junction of Lenin Sarani (old Dharmatala Street), Nirmal Chandra Street (old Wellington) Street) and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, East- From the north-east corner of the junction of Lenin Sarani (Old Dharmatala Street), Nirmal Chandra Street (Old Wellington Street), and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road (old Wellesly Street) thence south ward along the eastern limit of Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road up to the north-east corner of the junction of Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Mustague Ahmed Lane (old Marquis Street) and Alimuddin Street. South- From the northeast corner of the junction of

Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road (old Wellesly Street), Mustaque Ahmed Lane (old Marquis Street) and Alimuddin Street, thence crossing Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road westward, by the northern limit of Mustaque Ahmed Lane to Mirza Galib Street (old Free School Street) thence crossing Mirza Galib Street westward to the north-west corner of the junction of Mirza Galib Street (old Free School Street) and



Mustaque Ahmed Lane, thence southward along the Western limit of Mirza Galib Street to Dr. Md. Ishaque Road (old Kyd Street) up to the north west corner of the junction of Dr. Md. Ishaque Road and Mirza Galib Street, thence westward along the northern limit of Dr. Md. Ishaque Road to Jawaharlal Nehru Road (old Chowringhee Road) up to the north east corner of the junction of Dr. Md.

Ishaque Road and Jawaharlal Nehru Road thence crossing Jawaharlal Nehru Road up to the northwest corner of the junction of Dr. Md. Ishaque Road (old Kyd Street), Jawaharlal Nehru Road and Guru Nanak Sarani (old Mayo Road).
West- From the north-west
corner of the junction of Dr. Md.
Ishaque Road (old Kyd Street),
Jawaharlal Nehru Road and Guru
Nanak Sarani (old Mayo Road),
thence north-ward along the
western limit of Jawaharlal Nehru
Road up to the south-west
corner of the junction of
Surendra Nath Banerjee Road,
Jawaharlal Nehru Road and
Dufferin Road, thence crossing

Jawaharlal
Nehru Road
eastward up to
the south-east
corner of the
junction of
Surendra Nath
Banerjee Road
and Jawaharlal
Nehru Road,
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Surendra Nath Banerjee Road northward up to the north-east corner of the junction of Surendra Nath Banerjee Road and Jawaharlal Nehru Road, thence along the eastern limit of Jawaharlal Nehru Road to Lenin Sarani (old Dharmatala Street)up to the north-east corner of the junction of Lenin Sarani, Jawaharlal Nehru Road and Sidhu-Kanu Dahar (old Esplanade Row).







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**Kolkata Police** extended a helping hand towards various small-scale industries and selfhelp groups in a bid to strengthen the bond between people and the police. A new project called "Ek Kadam: Towards a better future" was started in association with CESC and Kalighat Society for Development Facilitation [KSDF].

# EK KADAM... TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE

nitially, Kolkata Police Port
Division will work with people
employed in embroidery and
tailoring industries in Metiabruz,
Garden Reach and Nadial. The
project was inaugurated by V.
Solomon Nesakumar, Deputy
Commisioner, Kolkata Police Port
Division. Also present were
Neepa Saha Sharma, CSR Head
of CESC, Sudipta Laha, CESC
Officer and Gitanjali Satpathi,
Secretary KSDF. Three Assistant
Commissioners of Police: Alok

Kumar Ghosh, Uma Shankar Ojha, Kader Shah and Officers-in-Charge of Garden Reach, Nadial and Metiabruz police stations were also present.

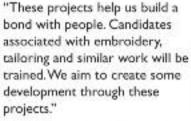
Many people from these areas are employed in embroidery and tailoring industry. However, there is lack of training and as most of them don't know the proper marketing techniques, they often don't make much profit after selling their work. This project aims to train these people to improve their quality of work. It also aims to make sure that these people can reach straight to the buyers so that they can get the proper value of their work. Experienced fashion designers are holding workshops in the areas under this project. Classes are held each day for four to five hours in these workshops where training is provided to the artisans. The workshops are being held for twenty-five days in some places.



These artisans are unable to avail many government facilities because of lack of proper identity proof. This project aims to bridge this gap. Therefore soon they will be able to get the cost of treatment, education of children

and other such facilities from the government.

V. Soloman Nesakumar, Deputy Commissioner, Kolkata Police Port Division, said,



















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#### By Atanu Banerjee, OC, Homicide department

hen Sergeant Samarendra Nath Saha Mondal left the house for duty on a fateful evening in May '2005, he hardly had any idea that it was the last time he was seeing his family. He was manning the Ramtanu Lahiri Sarani and Diamond Harbour Road crossing when he intercepted a goods wagon for violating the 'No Entry' rule. He asked the driver. identified as Mahadi hassain Bhandari, to produce the papers.

Initially he did not want to, but later on the plea of getting

it from the cabin; he got into the driver's chamber. As Samarendra went and took his position near a petrol pump near which he had stationed the lorry, he saw the vehicle speeding towards him. He waved at the driver asking him to stop, but to no help. The left front and rear wheels crushed him as the lorry sped away towards Behala.

The Sergeant sustained severe injuries and immediately taken to CMRI Hospital where he was admitted and within a short while succumbed to his injuries. The offending vehicle along with the driver



was intercepted near Kaper Math at Behala about two km away from the place of occurrence and the driver arrested. This refers to New Alipore P.S. Case No. 56 dated 14.06.2005 u/s 302 IPC, which was registered on the basis of the recorded and signed statement of the traffic constable Sukanta Mondal. Upon inquest and post-mortem examination the autopsy surgeon opined - "death was due to effects of injuries as noted, ante-mortem in nature".

The investigation of the case was subsequently taken over by Homicide Squad, D.D. under orders.

The accused was placed in T.I. Parade and the witnesses identified him. Further opinion was obtained from the Professor and Head, Dept. of Forensic and State Medicine, Medical College, Kolkata as to the cause and nature of death of the victim on the basis of Post-mortem report and alamats of the case wherein he opined that death of the victim was due to the effects of injuries ante mortem in nature and the distribution of the injuries on the body and findings on the clothes indicate that the injuries were homicidal in nature... On completion of investigation, charge sheet was submitted U/S 302 IPC, 115/194 M.V.Act against the accused.

During trial 32 prosecution witness were examined and Ld. defence counsel had tried to prove this case as a case of simple accident but considering the facts and circumstances, and depending upon the oral testimony of eye witnesses and relying upon the available records including medical reports on 25.02.2009 Sri N. K. Sarkar Ld. 12th A.D.J. Alipore was pleased to find the accused Mahadi Hassain Bhandari guilty U/s 302 IPC,194 M.V.ACT. and on the next day he sentenced him to suffer R.I. for Life along with fine Rs. 1000/-i.d. Simple imprisonment for one month.

#### FACT FILE:

Date: 4.06.05

Name: Sergeant Samarendra

Nath Saha Mondal

of South West Traffic Guard Place: Crossing of Ramtanu Lahiri Sarani and Diamond Harbour Road in front of Bhagabandas Petrol Pump.

Driver: Mahadi Hassain Bhandari @ Mehadi Hassain

Bhandari @ Mohadi Hossain Bhandari (50 yrs.) S/o Lt.

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People often talk a lot about police reforms. The men in white have often come under fire from various sections of the society. But mostly all of that has been rather vague or there has been a visisble disconnect between the people and the police. Team Protector Soham Ghosh, tries to bridge the gap.

#### Student, BBA, St. Xavier's College

If I look at it from the social point of view, I'd say bringing down the level of corruption should be the top priority. However, that can be avoided if their salary is increased. Atleast for the policemen below the rank of sub-inspectors. At times they take the bribe to possibly give their families a better lifestyle. So maybe if their salary is increased, they will stop taking bribes. There is no use saying that corruption should be brought down. Before saying that their payscale should be looked into. See I don't see any fault, corruption exists because they don't get enough salary. If corruption gets lowered, then the way the police work will change. The investment for upgradation should be done through payscale. If you pay more obviously the people will work better.

#### Akash Raha

#### Student, First Year, Economics Honours, Ashutosh College

Apart from the corruption level I don't think there is much that is to be done. They do as much as they can. Specially during the Durga Puja we see ample personnel being posted. At night, I think there needs to be more patrolling by the police. They also need to speed up their response to an emergency. They also need to get better equipments for that will speed up the investigations that they do.



#### Accounting Manager

Firstly, I'd like to say that they need to be quicker in their reaction to an emergency. I'd also like to say that they should increase the vigilance at night because that is the time when most of the crimes are being committed nowadays. They need to be more active after 12 o'clock. Otherwise the city will become more and more unsafe for the ladies. More police personnel should be recruited. For this if they want more salary from the government, that should be given because the are the guardians of safety and security.

#### Manvi Pathak

#### Consultant Psychologist

As such I've never had a problem with the police but I think they need to be more responsive and prompt in their response when security issues arise. They may include women's security issues, or even cases of taxi refusal. Even though Kolkata has never faced a terror attack, the Kolkata Police should be ready to face a crisis which is that much in scale. They need to be trained to be more prompt and even the selection process of the police needs to be more rigourous and robust. We can have much more efficient people in the force that way.

#### Soumi Pal Chowdhury

#### Student, English Honours, Third year, Charu Chandra College

As we can see more and more crime against women being reported I think more lady officers should be posted at the Traffic Police booths. The number of lady officers should be increased at the police station level. There should be more special police stations which should deal with crime against women. For this more personnel should be recruited for this purpose, especially more women.

#### Chandralekha Das

#### Student, English Honours, Third year, Charu Chandra College

For the past two days I've been going through the newspapers and I saw that there were so many cases of rape taking place in the country. I think the police should take prominent steps for the prevention of crime against women. I think there should be police outposts close to places like schools and colleges or to places which are known to be crime prone areas. There should be more recruitment. There is so much unemployment around us and we have eligible candidates for the positions. Policemen from other beats should be chanellised to prevent crime against women from occurring.









# Bidhannagar police ready to serve with discipline and a smile



#### By Arun Koley

he most important festival of Kolkata is knocking at the doors of the city. In a little more than a month the city will deck itself up in its festive finery for the arrival of the Mother Goddess. It would mean eating out, dressing up and night long festivities for nearly everyone. Keeping the Pujas safe for all such people is all that matters to the Bidhannagar City Police.



Bidhannagar has always matched up with Kolkata when it comes to the fanfare. Places like Lake Town, Baguiati, Salt Lake, Sreebhumi and New Town have always had some very important and big budget pujas. A lot of people come down to these places to get a chance to see these pujas, Besides, the various housing estates have recently been attracting a fairly large crowd too.

There are nearly 416 pujas held in the area under the jurisdiction of the Bidhannagar City Police. The police have already met the organisers of the various pujas to ensure that the five days of the festival are crime-free. To make things easier for the organisers, a one-window system has been launched where applications to can be made to the police, CESC, WBSEDCL, the municipal corporation and the fire brigade at the same time. This saves a lot of time for the organisers.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police [head quarters] Subrata Bandopadhyay, says, "We have set a few rules down for the puja committees to follow so a people are able to have a safe and secure puja. We are granting permission to only those who agree to follow the guidelines. We have maintained that no pandal should block a road, if two pandals are close to each other then the entry has to be broad enough. The installation of CC cameras has also been made mandatory." He also adds, "The organisers have been advised to make different entrances and exits depending on the pressure of



crowd to avoid any untoward incident."

As more and more shopping malls are coming up, Saltlake has become the preferred shopping destination for many. Therefore their safety has become a prime concern of the Bidhannagar City





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Police. The police have become more vigilant about crimes like snatching and theft. Personnel are being posted at the various malls to tighten security. Deputy Commissioner of Police [DD] Arnab Ghosh says, "There will be ample police posting on the days of the festival. There are certain pandals which have areas where there isn't enough light. We'll make sure that such areas are manned. Watch towers are also being erected for the pujas."

Various helplines are being provided to the people which they can call. The strength of the control room is being improved so that distress calls can be attended to. To prevent burglary patrolling is being increased because during the pujas, people are often out during the nights which leave their homes prone to being attacked.

Bidhannagar City Police are also trying to ensure that the movement of traffic at various crossings like Airport, Baguiati and VIP Road is smooth. The important crossings would have more than one person manning them. As people come in from various districts there the police will set up booths to help them in case of any problem.

The Bidhannagar City Police also organise a "Puja Parikrama" with senior citizens of the area who are the "Sanjhbati" programme of the commissionerate. They hand out awards to the different pujas. The police have also planned a similar programme with kids from various homes.

On behalf of Bidhannagar City Police and all the organisers I wish everyone a very happy Durga Puja. We hope our efforts combined with cooperation from people will make this Puja a safe and happy one.



Rajeev Kumar Commissioner, Bidhannagar City Police











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As we all know that festivals are connected with the hearts of the Indians. Whether it's Durga Puja in Kolkata or Dahi Handi in Maharashtra, they are festivals of love and emotion. To keep these moments of ecstasy intact, we created some of the tailor made policies which will safeguard the spirit of the festivities unscathed.

#### Name few of such event related insurance policies which are there. Explain the importance of those policies during festivals-

These policies are known as the Special Contingency Plans. These are tailor made policies which are conceived by understanding the demands and the needs of the policy buyer. It jackets the physical property and it covers the liabilities to the private policy holder.

In case of Duraga Puja, the puja organizers can insure the pandals and can also shield the lives of the visitors from any unprecedented incident. We provide such policies for any festivals. In Maharashtra we have policies to safeguard the lives of the participants who participate in the Dahi-Handi event.

#### How the Puja organizers can buy the Special Contingency Plans?

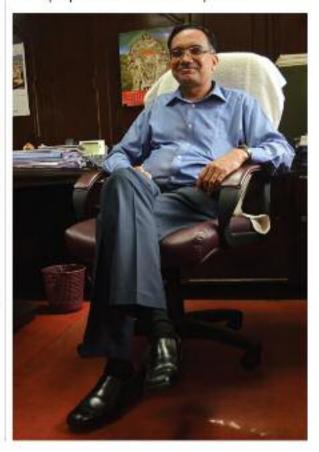
If they want to buy an SCP (Special Contingency Plan) then they have visited our nearest branch and they have to fill up one questionnaire. After the studying the filled questionnaire our officers will recommend a policy to the Puja organizer. As these policies are for short term, so the insured amount also varies from the regular policies. The purchaser of the policy can insure the visitors and the pandal by paying a considerable sum. The insurance amount also depends on the footfall in a particular pandal.

### How the victim's kin can claim the insured money after a disaster-

The family of the victim has to observe the normal claim procedure. They have to visit the nearest NIC branch and collect a claim form which they have to fill up and must submit the same. The purpose of the proposers (the Puja organizers) is very important in such scenario.

#### How National Insurance Company is planning to sensitize the Puja organizers about the SCP's-

Before any mammoth event such as Durga Puja in eastern India or the Govinda or Dahi Handi or Janmastami celebrations in western parts of India, our regional offices contact the organizers of such events and sensitize them about these plans. As millions of people participate in these sorts of events, the risk factor is also very high. We organise exhibitions and events before the outset of the festive season, to aware people about our insurance policies.

















I wish all the people a very Happy Durga Puja on behalf of Howrah City Police. We are committed to make people enjoy the festival without any harassment. Let the festive days be secured and peaceful.

Ajey Mukund Ranade Commissioner Howrah City Police

## Howrah police gears up to promote festivities

#### By Our Correspondent

engal's most celebrated festival, Durgotsav, is coming with the massive arrangement of traditional solemnity, cultural and creative exposition accompanied by splendid food. The entire state will be enjoying in the festival. Speaking about the festival, Kolkata's name comes first.

But Howrah in way takes a backseat. It is just beside Kolkata. Theme and traditional pujas attract thousands of people in this 500 year old city.

People from far off come to see the traditional pujas of Bantra, Kadamtala, Salkia, Shibpur,

Bally, Ramrajatala, Mandirtala.

Santragachi,

Dasnagar and Belur Math, So, to ensure the people's safety in the festive days Howrah City Police is fully committed. They are taking many initiatives to ensure people a happy and safe Puja.

In view of the coming festival, securities have been tightened up in the Howrah's shopping malls and markets. Extra police personnel have been deployed. Asia's one of the largest garment market Mangla Haat is in Howrah. Many people come here for Puja shopping Assistant Commissioner (Head Quarters) of Howrah City Police Amar Nath Ganguly said, "Before festival Mangla Haat's security would be raised. Several police

personnel in decay will be deployed. Securities have been tightened up in the all the shopping malls of Howrah. During puja many people come to Howrah station to see the pulas. CCTV has been set up there, Besides these, security control is carried out combined with the railway authority. CC camera has also been set up in the second Hooghly bridge area. Everything is monitored from our control room."

He also added, "CC cameras will also be fitted in the large Puja pandals. Those will be also checked by the bomb disposal squad and dog squad. The control room will always be in touch with the Radio flying squad and quick response team."

There are almost 672 community pages and 263 private Pujas under Howrah City Police. A meeting has been held with the Puja committees on behalf of the Howrah City Police to complete the festival peacefully. To help the Puja organizers, a single window system has been introduced to give the permissions. Permissions from police, corporation, CESC, WBSEDCL, the fire brigade are







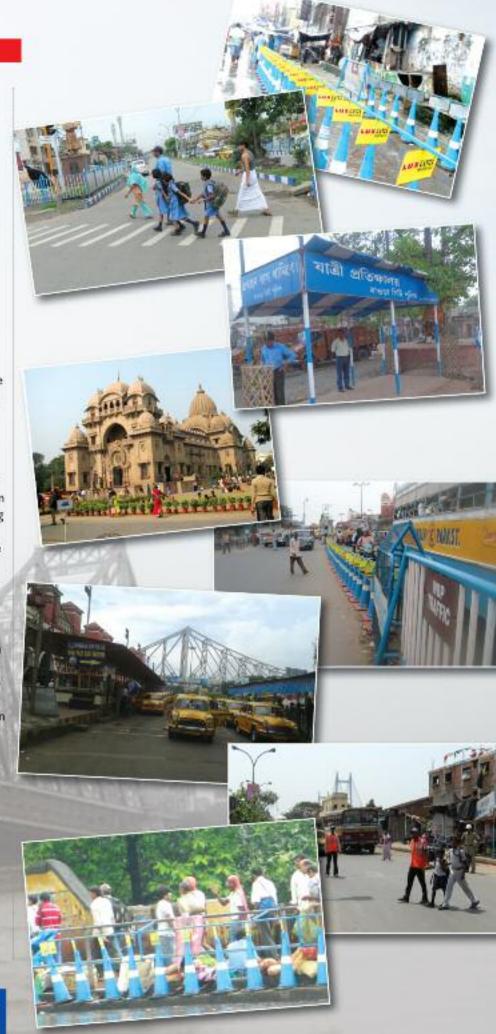
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available under one roof. Police are strictly committed to preventing any violation for taking donations, blocking of roads to make pounds and keep the peace all over.

A large number of people come out on roads during Puja. Due to this, traffic snarls occur. Keeping in mind this, Howrah City Police is taking many steps to keep the traffic system smooth and normal. Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic) Dipankar Bhattacharyya said: "Many police personnel will be deployed in Puja. Bad roads will be repaired. The barricade will be given in many places. Bus bay has been introduced. Besides this traffic lining has been done on important places. Signal systems have been developed. The crossing has been introduced for pedestrians. To keep traffic system smooth and normal we are taking all the steps that are required," He also added, "Bus shelters have been done in many places on behalf of the Howrah city police. Besides this, drinking water has made available in many places".

To help general people, page guide map has been published on behalf of city police. During Puja many police booths will be there to help general people. A special badge has been made for children in which their names and addresses will be written.

Many of the deities of Howrah immersed in the river Ganga. In view of this, efficient light arrangements have been done in all the Ghats. During the immersion process Civil Emergency team will patrol the river in a speed boat. To prevent any kind of disturbance in the immersion possessions a large number of police will be deployed.





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# Get Social in Durga Puja

magine you are in a live event like a wedding, cricket match at a stadium or in a puja pandal and there is no one clicking pictures. Wouldn't you feel there is something terribly wrong because in this era of networking and sharing lives through social media, we hardly come across situations when people do not want to record the joys of their experience in their cameras or mobile phones.

For our younger generation not posting pictures on their facebook or twitter accounts is like not attending the event at all.

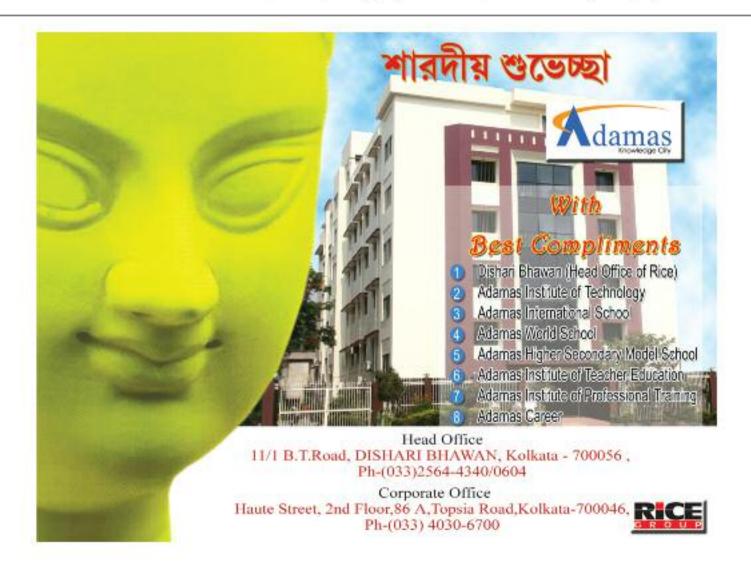
One of the biggest festival of India, Durga Puja is approaching. Those of us who are frequent users of social media would realize that people are using this platform not to just share feelings or pictures during but also before and after the event. Recently, a college student clicked a picture of the pandal that is being constructed near her home and shared it on facebook with the tag – 'Exciting... Can't Wait'. Soon there were numerous likes for that incomplete piece of structure which otherwise is an eyesore until it gets fully constructed into a puja pandal. Her friends started sending comments to that post reminiscing previous year's puja

experience or planning what they would like to do this time. Hence a mood for puja is getting created and plans are being made while one is travelling, watching TV, or about to sleep, all through the help of social media. Says, Rohit, a sixteen-year-old student of Calcutta Boys School, "By seeing others' posts and pictures related to puja, I get motivated to enjoy these four-five days to the fullest."

Photography has suddenly emerged a passion for many because of the platform that has got created where one can instantly share what one has clicked. Every one needs appreciation and where else will the amateurs get it if not on the platform provided by the internet. We were never into the habit of saying,'I like it' to each and every thing that we saw and felt good about but we have formed the habit of clicking on the 'like' icon as soon as we see something interesting on facebook. Why then will people not share more while communicating through social media than while they are communicating in face to face conversations. Everyone is getting as creative as they can in thirst of more and more appreciation. Some lovers of photography have started taken rounds of Kumartuli to capture the process of idol making and have started uploading insightful pictures on the web. Not only their friends in Kolkata are getting motivated to build up their puja spirits but also

friends everywhere else are planning to be a part of the extravaganza if not this year than may be sometime in near future. Not to mention how much good the amateur photographers have done to the tourism and travelling industry by creating an interest about the grandeur of Bengal's – Durga Puja to the prospective tourists.

However, when there is inflow of more crowd in our already overcrowded Kolkata, is pandal hopping fun in its swelled up streets. For most of the younger crowds, it is a big NO. But then how do the younger crowds who are used to visiting malls keep pace with the rest of Kolkata. Its, ofcourse through social media. God is same everywhere, only





#### PERSPECTIVE

the design of the idol is different. hence why not stay glued to their social media accounts and get to see different pandals and idols across the length and breadth of Kolkata just by the click of a few buttons, Isn't it a smarter strategy to save time and utilizing it in something more constructive than move in queues at a snail's pace. Of course our hip youngsters don't miss the Anjali or the evening Arati in a nearby pandal but yes the mobile phones are busy performing their most important duties and that is to click pictures. The number of likes they earn is more than the number of minutes spent in pandal hopping. Says, 16 year old Rahul, student of DPS Newtown, "Its nice that we get to see pictures of the different pandals. In a way it's helpful, because we are able to decide, which are the one's which is worth visiting."

Zeeshan, 20, student of Heritage School of Technology says, "Somehow, I have not formed a habit of logging into my facebook account as often as my friends do, so visiting puja pandals have still remained a ritual but that's not the case for all the people of my generation." Since the social media gives an avenue to a much wider terrain than the immediate environment of its users, there can be a conflict in the significance that youngsters attach to the Durga Puja. The sense of HERE and NOW, gets lost when one is in contact with the entire world. Despite being in an environment where everything comes to a halt during the pujas, the frequent users of the social media, specially the one's belonging to a younger population, are getting exposed

to not only the immediate environment but also emotions, ideas and feelings that are not part of the festival environment in which they are staying. This can be a deterrent to an interest in pandal hopping.

Some people value displaying extravagant behaviour, In the puja pandals every one is jostling for space so there is hardly any room for flaunting the dresses that have been brought for the five auspicious days but there is certainly one place where the images of special hairstyle or the crispy new dresses can be stored till posterity and that is one's social media account. This applies mainly to the female populace. One can go again and again through those pictures and reminisce a special occasion.

The strong effect of social media is not just confined to the people in general but of late has been started being used purpose of promotion. Since the past couple of years, there has been a spurt of pages on facebook created by different puja committees. Though there are hardly any puja pandals that is bereft of visitors, the people organizing pujas have become net-savvy and they understand the changing characteristics of the niche visitors. So, in an attempt to attract more visitors they have started reaching out to people through social media. If you are a geek, you don't need to strain your ears to get the timings of the pushpanjali that is being announced over loudspeakers. You simply need to check the facebook page of your nearby pandal and get the itinerary of the full event. Oh Yes! Dunga Puja has become an event. It is so huge an event that advertisers and sponsors can cash upon by reaching

to the masses. Hence all the paths are being utilized to make their promotional initiatives a great success. Social media is a powerful path to reach the target audiences.

So go click-click all this puia. there are benefits for everyone in this era of technological advancement. The trend is just catching up but is going to be of burgeoning significance in the near future. A picture is worth a thousand words and whether they are friends of puja lovers, prospective visitors for the puja organisers or the target audience of puja sponsors all can be wooed and motivated through social media. Our hip youngsters and tired professionals who love to spend time in malls just want to chill on puja days instead of going pandal hopping. So an intriguing domain like social media that is taking away interests of people from traditional festivities is at the same time proving to be a good platform to lure them back.



By Amrita Priya



# Greens, water and wisdom for happy pujas!

#### By Arindam Basu

ast year like any other puja Maha Ashtami saw teeming millions take to the street. Its past 10 in the night and Bhawanipore 75 Palli clocked about a lakh people. Somdatta was one of the pandal hoppers with Ruma and Prachi. Suddenly she felt trouble breathing and then slumped on the ground, sweating profusely. 75 Palli luckily had a medical camp in place. She was rushed there and they found it was a gas attack due to indigestion.

However, this can easily be avoided. Dr Debasis Datta. Senior Consultant Gastroenterologist Fortis Hospitals, said: "It is very difficult to follow a strict diet during the five days of festivity. However one can have 'more' fun and stay well if certain food habits are followed. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration specially during pandal hopping. Ensure you are carrying water with you and drink clean water."

He also advices the people to eat lots of vegetables, fruits and whole grains and avoid excessive red meat. He also advices us to get at least 3-5 servings of fruits and vegetables every day.

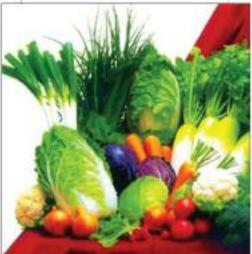
Dr Day gives three easy tips for achieving this goal include:

- Make fruits and vegetables part of meal. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables.
  - . Have a bowl of fruit out all

the time for kids to take snacks from.

 Consume at least half of all grains as whole grains (like whole wheat bread, brown rice, whole grain cereal), replacing refined grains (like white bread, white rice, refined or sweetened cereals).

When Somdatta regained senses, she said she had lamb salami sandwich and kababs for dinner. This is a strict 'no-no' as far as Dr Datta goes. He says:



"Cut down on unhealthy fats (trans fats and saturated fats) and consume healthy fats (polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fat). Choose chicken, fish, and beans instead of red meat and cheese. Cook with oils that contain polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats, like olive and peanut oil. And when eating at fast food restaurants, choose vegetable and salad items too in addition to the food you

like"

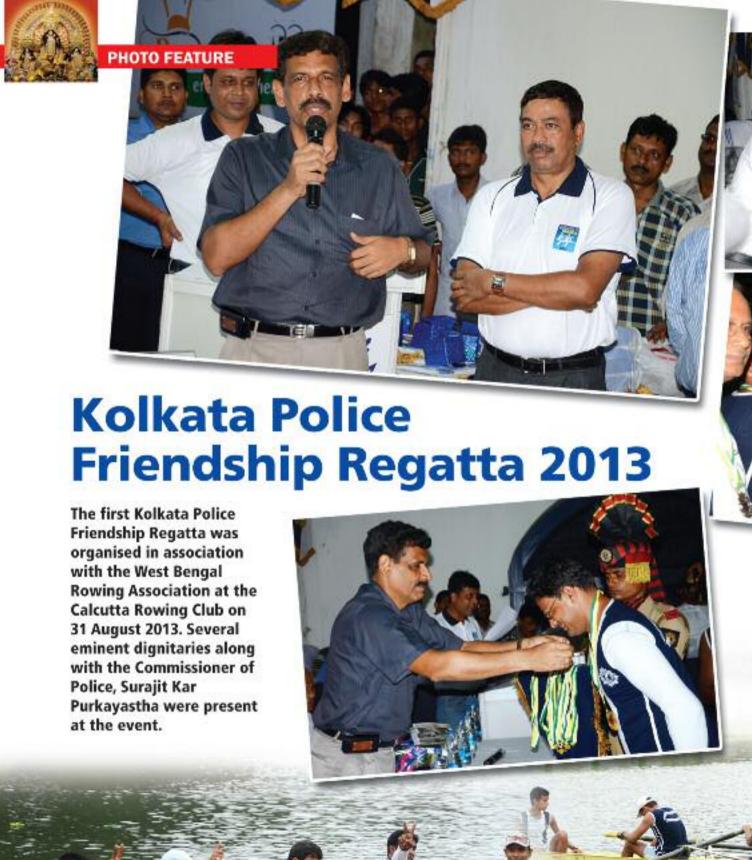
To make matters worse she had gulped down two glasses of a brown cola to ease the dinner down the throat. All of these plus the heat, humidity and giant crowd made her sick, very sick. "Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages and excessive alcohol intake. Choose non-sweetened and non-alcoholic beverages, like water, at meals and parties and try to avoid occasions centered around alcohol," are the words of

wisdom from Dr Datta.

In addition Dr Datta feels that sweating takes out a huge amount of nutrients making us weak. So he says: "Drink a lot of water so that dehydration does not lead to cramps. At the same time avoid taking too much salty food or salt in your food. Low sodium intake is associated with decreased risk of cardiovascular events."

A dose of exercise is also advised by Dr Datta. Walking is strenuous and the body needs to be toned up for this. Also one needs to sleep enough to de-tox and let the wear and tears during the pandal expeditions heal. We asked Somdatta if she was ready for this puja. She said she was and equipped with the experts' advice.

So what are you waiting for! Go out enjoy! But the healthy way!





## When ragging is no more a bonding affair!

#### By Debojyoti Bhattacharya

n the Three idiots we saw Ranchordas Shyamaldas Chanchar creating ingenious methods of ragging and it actually brought the students together. The main objective of ragging is to 'break the ice' between the senior students and the new entrants. By means of an interaction, they get close and know each other. But in practice, it is noting but a kind of torture. Ragging is any disorderly conduct whether spoken or written or by an act which causes annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or raises fear or shame in a student, It is generally committed by 'senior' students, upon the first year students.

So let's take a legal trip on ragging:

#### I. What is Ragging?

According to The West Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions Act, 2000 (W.B.Act XIII of 2000) "Ragging" means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause any physical, psychological or physiological harm of apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student. and includes-

(a) teasing or abusing of playing Practical joke on, or causing hurt to any student, or

(b) asking any student to do any act, or perform any thing, which he/she would not, in the ordinary course, be willing to do or perform.

#### 2. Prohibition of Ragging

The West Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions

2000 (W.B. Act XIII of 2000) states that:

- (a) Ragging within an educational institution is hereby prohibited.
- (b) No person shall participate in, abet, or propagate, ragging in any educational institution.

#### 3. Penalty for Ragging

According to The West Act. Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions Act, 2000 (W.B.Act XIII of 2000): (a) Expulsion from the

educational institution, if found guilty on enquiry by the institution against a complaint lodged by any other student.

- (b) Imprisonment of either description upto two years or fine upto five thousand rupees or both.
- (c) Any student convicted under 3 (b) shall be dismissed from the educational institution in which he/she has been prosecuting his/her studies for the time being, and shall not be re-admitted to that educational institution.

#### 4. Anti-Ragging Affidavit

It has been made mandatory by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), notified vide F.No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2009 dated 01 July 2009 and by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that each student is to provide an affidavit on a Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.10/- duly attested by oath commissioner (in the notary in their own home town) to the effect that he would not indulge in any ragging activities (Format 1). It has also been made mandatory for the parents to give a similar affidavit on a Nonjudicial stamp Paper of Rs.10/- duly attested by Oath Commissioner saying that their wards would not indulge in any such ragging activities (Format 2). Separate formats have been designed for both the students and parents.

#### 5. Actions to be taken against

students for indulging and abetting ragging in technical institutions Universities including Deemed to be University imparting technical education under AICTE regulation:-

- I. The punishment to be meted out to the persons indulged in ragging has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
- Every single incident of ragging a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities.
  - 3. The Anti-Ragging Committee





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of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging.

- 4. a) Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following:-
  - (i) Cancellation of admission
- (ii) Suspension from attending classes
- (iii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- (iv) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
  - (v) Withholding results
- (vi) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- (vii) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- (viii) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- (ix) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- (x) Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.
- b) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,

i. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of the University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

ii. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.

iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.

5. The institutional authorities shall intimate the incidents of ragging occurred in their premises along with actions taken to the Council form time to time.

6. Action to be taken against

the technical Institution.

specific instances of ragging and take appropriate action.

2. The technical Institution, University including Deemed to

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2. The technical Institution,
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submit an affidavit along with its
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AICTE annually with details of
measures taken for prevention of
ragging in technical institutions.
The Compliance Report should
also contain the details of the
instances of ragging and action
taken against students, and others
for indulging and abetting ragging.

3.All Letters of Approval



technical education to verify



issued by AICTE such as extension of approval letters, letters issued for additional courses/increase in intake and letters issued for new technical institutions, release of grants, letters of approval issued to integrated campus, second shift etc. shall contain a specific clause of prevention of ragging.

4. The AICTE shall, in respect of any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably, take one of more of the following measures, namely;

i. No admission/Withdrawal of approval granted under section 10(k) of AICTE Act.

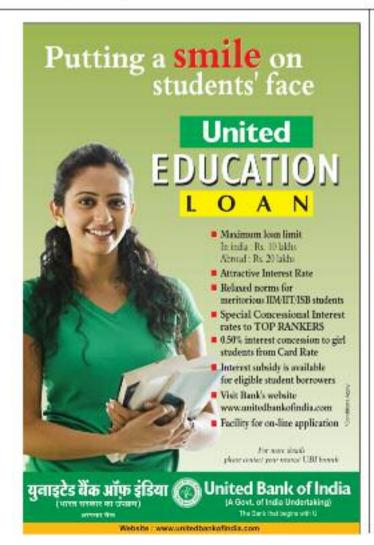
 Withholding any grant allocated.

iii. Declaring the institution ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programmes of the AICTE.

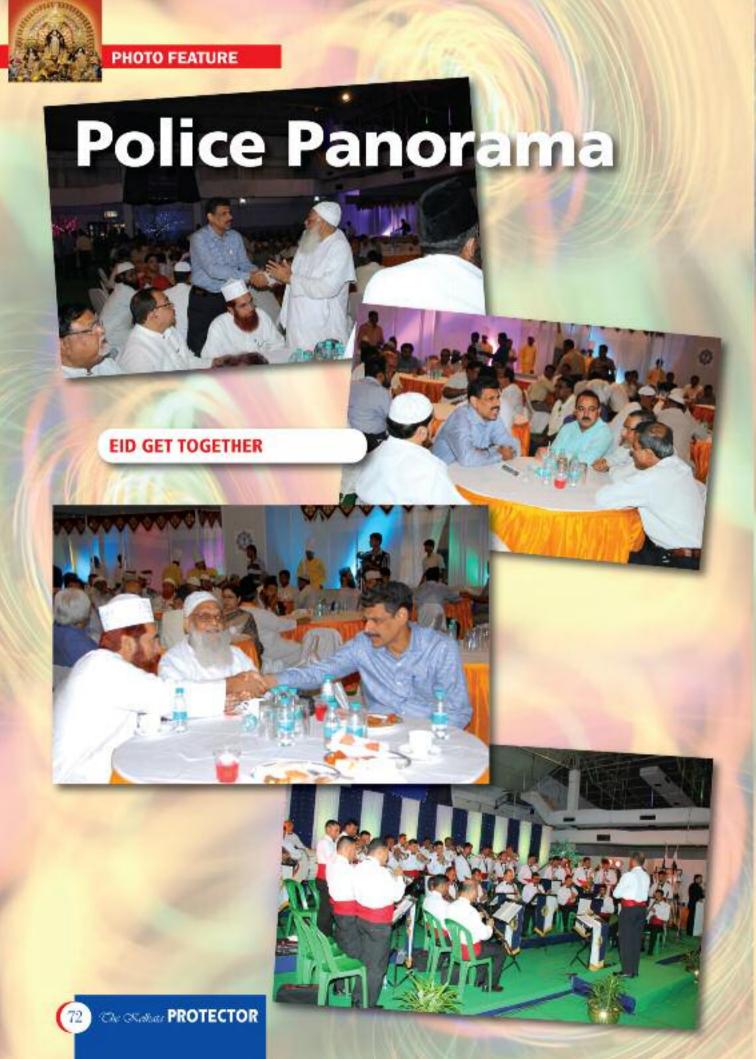
iv. Informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the AICTE, declaring that the institution does not possess the minimum academic standards.

v. Taking such other action within its powers as it may deem fit and impose such other penalties as may be provided in the Act for such duration of time as the institution complies with the provisions of these Regulations.

5. As regards the Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education the actions proposed to be taken such as stopping release of grants, withdrawal of approval/recognition will be sent to University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India and the concerned State Govt/UT, The UGC, MHRD Govt. of India, and the State Govt/UT concerned shall initiate immediate action on the recommendations of the Council.









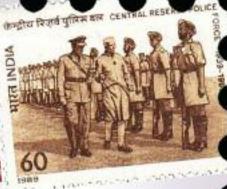












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The people or "freemen" under each thane became concerned that the thane mighty abuse or even exceed his power, and banded together in a "tything" which consisted of 10 families. This group would meet regularly to discuss common concerns and mutual protection. But more importantly, the tything served as a "surety", or guarantee, that criminals within the family units would be delivered to the thane for disposition.

They served as a guarantee that those who committed criminal acts would be brought forth. In addition, the tything often set in place neighborhood-watch type of patrols in which they kept an eye on each others' properties as a method to guarantee that no damages would occur. The head of this group was referred to as a "tythingman".

As the concept spread, the process evolved to the point that 100 tythingmen set up an organization known as the "hundred". The hundred met once a year and elected one tythingman who was called a "reeve". The reeve was responsible for the organization

of a court which handled complaints from within the shire and handled civil matters or disagreements between two or more people.

Later the reeve of the shire became known as a sheriff. Under this system, there was a very close bond established between the "laws of the land" and the local people. This whole notion of "grassroots" justice would continue throughout the evolutionary process of English law.

This system worked up until the late 1700s, but as the population grew, cities began to expand, and crime increased, it became apparent that changes were needed. The constables became corrupt, and fewer and fewer took the job seriously. Often, the job of constable fell to drunken derelicts who often abused their powers. To make matters worse, justices of the peace often took bribes to either lay or to drop charges. The salary of the judges was based on the number of cases they heard. Entrepreneurial justices

became eager to create

possibly could. Many charges were often "trumped-up" and "fictional".

Indian Police Service - took time to acquire the designation -1890s and later - known as the Imperial branch of the Colonial Police Service - officers of the Imperial service wore shoulder badges of their Provinces: e.g., "P.P." for Punjab Police, "B.P" for Bengal Police.

The Indian Police (Superior) Service in its earlier days included many European officers of the Indian Army, Before 1893 appointments to all senior grades (i.e. Assistant District Superintendent and above) were made locally in India. From 1893 most new entrants to the top échelon were appointed by examination or selection in the UK. In the lower branch, the Subordinate Services were mainly constituted of Indians with some Europeans and Eurasians in the higher ranks. The Indian Police structure was again changed in





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1905 when the rank of Deputy Superintendent with four grades was created within the subordinate services. The term 'Provincial Service' was used to refer to these four grades.

The Indian Police Services belong to the Special Civil Service of India, India Act 13 of 1856 reformed the municipal police administration in the three Presidency capitals (Calcutta, Madras, Bombay). They were each placed under a Commissioner who was responsible directly to the Governor of the Province. India Act 5 of 1861 established a uniform system of police administration throughout British India with an Inspector General at the head of the police in each province.

They started a private police force designed to patrol and guarantee the safety and security of the waterfront. By 1800, this force was so successful in the "clean-up" of the crime-infested waterfront that the City took it over in 1800. This, coupled with the rapidly expanding industrial revolution and the growth in the "middle-class" which demanded an end to thieves, beggars and prostitutes paved the way for the modern police force and the work of Sir Robert Peel.

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After India independence first Union Home Minister has organised well-educated, welldisciplined, well-paid and independent civil service to carry out its will and to advise it on how to give its policies concrete and practical shape - saw the importance of organising the civil services on all-India basis - Central Government - say in their recruitment, training and career counter-balance to emergent centrifugal forces - threat to unity and integrity of India.

### Interpol

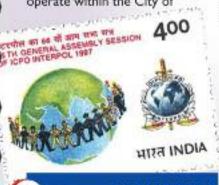
The International Criminal Police Organization, is an intergovernmental organization facilitating international police cooperation. It was established as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC) in 1923 and adopted its telegraphic address as its common name in 1956.

In order to maintain as politically neutral a role as possible, Interpol's constitution forbids it, at least in theory, to undertake any interventions or activities of a political, military, religious, or racial nature. Its work focuses primarily on public safety, terrorism, organized crime, crimes against humanity, environmental crime, genocide, war crimes, piracy, illicit traffic in works of art, illicit drug production, drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, human trafficking, money laundering, child pornography, white-collar crime, computer crime, intellectual property crime and corruption.

### **Mountain Police**

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Delhi Mounted Police was established during the 1930's and has grown in use and stature ever since despite all round mechanization of the force. Police





horses have been extensively used in Police training institutions for training officers, for controlling huge crowds during rallies, processions, festivals etc. They are also used during ceremonial function and in high visibility patrolling in rural outlying areas of Delhi.

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### Dog Squad

A number of government departments have set up working dog units to assist their staff in performing various duties such as quarantine inspection, narcotics interdiction, investigation and patrol, contributing greatly to the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of public safety.

Dog handlers are operational police officers and as such they carry out intelligence led high profile patrols in order to deter and catch criminals and to reassure the public. The dog handlers are a Force resource and can be tasked to a specific area or police operation where their specialist knowledge can be of assistance. The work of the section falls into two categories general purpose police dogs are

German Shepherds.

As their name suggests, general purpose police dogs can be used for a wide variety of roles. This includes searching for missing people, searching for evidence and crowd control at events such as football matches. They can also track-down criminals by following the scent they have left when fleeing a crime scene. The handlers are also called upon to contain dangerous dogs.

### Police Uniform

In most European countries the traditional uniform color is blue; recently Germany and Bulgaria also switched over to (a shade of) blue. With respect to the appearance of its uniform every country seeks to strike a balance between accessibility and authority, for example by opting for a sporty baseball cap or a



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stern hat, and between modernity and tradition, which especially appears from the frequent use of heraldic coats of arms. In addition, recognisability, safety and a comfortable fit play an important role in the design of the uniform. Kolkata Police wear a White Uniform because two type of police are in West Bengal, one is Kolkata Police and other is West Bengal Police and Bengal police wears a khaki uniforms.

### Police Patrol

The concept of organised Police activity in India is of recent origin although we do find some references to an incipient police technology operating in ancient India. The term Police is now used to denote a body of people organised to maintain civil order and to investigate breaches of the law. The police function is universal in society of modern times that full time officials are appointed with special police responsibility, regulated by law.

This was also a kind of police activity. The system of policing as we know in today was first brought into force in India by the East India Company after the uprising of 1857 when it was realised that the territories governed by the East India Company and thereafter by the Government in England, required an efficient system of jurisprudence and a machinery to enforce the law. In 1860 the House of Commerce in England passed the Indian Police Act, 1861 and at the same time enacted the Indian Penal Code. The Indian

Police system was established on the basis of the acts promulgated in India in the 1860s as mentioned above.

The police today are the primary civil agency in the welfare state to serve the people in protecting their life and property. Various state agencies have been set up to achieve these social objectives. The policeman guards the international borders as an aid to the Defense Forces, patrols the seas and the revers, and in the performance of its duties resort to such exotic devices as sending messages by using pigeons as couriers in the jungles of Orissa. Every year a large number of policemen lay down their lives in the course of their duties. Since 1947 more than 27,000 policemen have already made the supreme sacrifice to ensure social peace and stability.

Every year on the 21st of October, the Nations Police Force remembers its martyrs, who laid down their lives to secure the society from the depredation of criminals. It was on the 21st October, 1960 that a police party patrolling the Himalayan heights in Ladakh was ambushed by a Chinese Military group in which 26 policemen were killed. The police party was controlling territories well within the international border.

### Traffic Police

Traffic police are generally part of an internal division of a law enforcement agency. Their primary responsibility is to enforce state and municipal traffic laws, which is accomplished both by their mere presence on city streets and through the issuance of traffic citations. Traffic police officers are also usually the only division within a police or sheriff's department who use a motorcycle.

The main purpose of traffic police is to improve road safety by helping ensure that drivers obey traffic laws and speed limits, conducting traffic collision investigations, and directing traffic during emergencies.

Traffic officers are usually assigned to work in the department and receive all the same law enforcement training and instruction that other members of the force undertake. They also carry a firearm, baton and all other standard police supplies. In addition, they may receive specialized training in traffic safety, traffic homicide investigations and police motorcycle operations. Motorcycle officers also are required to obtain a license to operate a motorcycle.

Traffic Police are primarily responsible for the investigation of traffic collisions, traffic related crimes and the enforcement of state vehicle code regulations. They are first responders and thus will respond to all emergencies and requests for police assistance. Occasionally traffic police will be required to escort very important individuals, such as a renowned foreign dignitary or the President of the United States, to specified locations.









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### A Secured Bank Means Secured Future



n 1950s people had no concern for security. It was a common sight of children playing in street, doors kept open – unlocked even in night and there was no anxiety in our mind for any harm to our person or wealth. Things started changing from 1960s and the crime rates soared during 1990s and continued to increase further.

The nature and variety of crime have also undergone a massive transformation touching every aspect of life and human activities and banking is not exception to it. The main reason for crime against Banks is that the Banks are the softest target for the miscreants.

As Bankers we need to safeguard Bank's interest by reducing vulnerability and ensuring passive resistance which are the fundamental of Bank security. Banks play an important role in economic field as financial intermediary and therefore need to maintain a very high confidence level of general public. Banks have to adhere to certain basic principles of safety and security. Security in Banking

would mean prevention of loss due to theft, burglary, robbery, dacoity and frauds. If these can be prevented Banks will earn public confidence which will ultimately translate into higher business quantum and higher profit. In other words it can be stated that 'Prevent Loss to Make Profit'.

Banks are custodians of savings of society which largely belong to common public. The concept of security in Indian Banks is multidimensional. It is not just the security for the Bank branches where money transaction takes place and valuables stored. It also includes security of a large number of ATMs and moving of cash vans. Banks security within the premises and outside also has become great challenge for the Banks, RBI has issued comprehensive guidelines on bank security and there are quite a good number of security solution providers in the market. However, Banks need to follow the directives issued by RBI. Verification of antecedents of a security service provider, be it in electronic surveillance system or security personnel, is a must for

the Banks. Leaving aside the insurance policy, Banks need to formulate a very well laid policy to build confidence of the society that they can trust us as custodians of its savings.

Some of the measures that may be adopted for better enforcement of security guidelines are as under:-

- I. Installation of appropriate electronic gadgets like CCTV systems continuous monitoring of which can work as deterrent to the miscreants. This can work as psychological threat as well to the miscreants. This apart, this is an important tool for the police authority for post incident detection.
- Deployment of tailor- made security cash vans with drivers and armed guard and also fitted with GPS(Global positioning system) to ensure safe and secured movement of cash.
- Deployment of armed and unarmed guards at Bank's various branches and offices which may act as a psychological barrier to the miscreants.
- Installation of digital alarm system to all branches to guard against robbery/dacoity/burglary etc during the day time or night time.

With the advancement of technology there has been a lot of improvement in banking facilities. But technology related crimes are also on the rise. Cyber crime is a new phase of crime in India which is rapidly increasing with high penetration in internet banking. Deployment of technically sound / dedicated staff for regular monitoring the risk factor in the face of ever changing technology may reduce

the rate of cyber crime. The probable other means to curb the possibility of crime are as under:-

- Banks need to find some software which will accept only software known and permitted by the bank concerned.
- Frequent change of password may effectively minimize the risk of ATM crime
- Banks should avoid opening of ATMs in isolated area which can be convenient place for the

criminals to commit the crime

- While operating the ATM, user should ensure that he is not being followed by some unknown person.
- Old customers should preferably avoid operating alone & after sunset.
- In case of unsuccessful attempt of operation of ATM, customer should ensure that no foreign particles are put in the ATM operating Key Board by the miscreants with bad motive.

The issue of safety and security is of great importance in Banking industry in India now a days. With the increased rate of crime, Banks need to upgrade and equip themselves with the latest technology & put in place upgraded equipments without much delay. If the measures discussed above, are put into practice the risk of loss is expected to be minimised and the confidence of general public can also be maintained.

### Corporate social responsibility

The Reserve Bank of India has directed that every bank set apart one percent of its net profit for CSR activity. For UCO Bank CSR activity occupied a place of pride. With years of dedicated service to the Nation through active financial participation in all segments of the economy -Agriculture, Industry, Trade & Commerce, Service Sector, Infrastructure Sector etc., UCO Bank is keeping pace with the changing environment. With a countrywide network of more than 2600 service units which includes specialised and computerised branches in India and overseas, UCO Bank has marched into the 21st Century matched with dynamism and growth.

During the recent past UCO bank has taken several Socioeconomic Initiatives a few of which are as follows:-

 Adopted KAJIYANA AND KHALISPUR Villages in Raibareli District. The village adoption was inaugurated by Smt Sonia Gandhi, UPA Chairperson.

- The bank has adopted 10 villages so far under UCO Samagra Gramin Vikas Yojona.
- Bank has decided to develop road from Raghunathgunj to Bagha Village which adopted by UCO Bank on02.01.2010.
- 45 Branches have been designated for "SENIOR CITIZENS" across the country.
- Donated in Rajiv Gandhi
   Foundation for purchase of vehicles with disabled friendly attachments for the disabled.
- Donated Ramakrishna Mission Sister Nivediata Girls School for underprivileged girl children.
- Donated to CMs relief Fund,
   Sikkim for the victims of calamities of North Sikkim.
- Donated to Thalasemia
   Society, Kolkata for treatment of underprivileged thalasemic children under BPL category.
- In the very recent past bank has donated Rs I Crore towards

the relief fund for the Uttarakhand Flood victims.

 Latest initiative of the Bank is adoption of "ONE BRANCH ONE SCHOOL" to provide 10 nos of fans each to one school ,preferably girls' school under all the 1601 rural & semi urban branches within this year.

Apart from the above, the bank has also initiated certain Empowerment Schemes two of which are as under:-

- Launched "UCO Utthaan" scheme for raising standard of living of BPL families in selected villages. Pokatunga Village in Angul District of Orissa was identified and the Bank adopted all the 319 BPL families for upgradation over a period of 3 years under the Scheme.
- "UCO Bank on Wheels" has been a very successful endeavor towards Financial Inclusion.
   Presently, the Bank is having 26 such Mobile Vans taking banking at the door steps of the unreached.





### Some tips you can follow to become more vigilant and proactive:

 Take services of casual labourers like painters, carpenters, plumbers, electricians for AC, refrigerators/television, machines etc only after prior personal verification or on the recommendation of any known person.

- Give intimation to the local police station whenever alone in the house for a long period of time or out of town.
- Give immediate intimation to the police station or police control room if any unknown person is

loitering around the house or makes any attempt to commit trespass in the house.

- If any robber enters the house, first ensure personal safety by locking yourself inside a room and immediately inform the police control room and local police station about the clear address and location of your house.
- Maintain good neighbourly relations for spontaneous help.
- Keep telephone numbers of the local police, police help line, emergency services, neighbours, etc. so that in case of any mishap, immediately help could be sought.
  - Go for installation of an alarm system.
- If you notice abnormal behavior in the neighbourhood or at the workplace, such as an unfamiliar face or someone who seems to be hanging around without purpose, inform police.
- Consider any stranger you see everyday enroute to your office/ college as a suspect. Beware of alternative routes and also make a note of all the safe hubs on those routes such as a friend's house or a public place. Do not disclose your residence address, personal numbers or e-mail address to anybody you do not know well.

### PRIMARY SECURITY TIPS

Women can protect themselves in a number of ways by building their mental strength and confidence.

- Put up a verbal boundary: If someone is approaching you aggressively, please raise an alarm; shout and attract attention. Most aggressors would leave a woman alone, if they felt she was not afraid to fight back.
- Know your safety props: Always keep a can of pepper spray or even a cologne or deodorant handy or if you are at home, a mini extinguisher will do.
- Always try and walk in a group of two or more.
   Remember, safety lies in numbers. Busy and populated areas increase the chances of getting help and witnesses in case of a mishap.

- Look confident: Even if you feel insecure, walk and behave confidently. Criminals don't attack an individual who has an air of confidence. Even in unknown surroundings, always show that you are familiar with your whereabouts.
- If someone or something makes you uneasy, trust your instinct and leave.

### LIVING ALONE

A woman living alone is seen as a soft target by potential assaulters. Hence she should follow some basic precautions.

- If you live alone, don't advertise the fact.
- If you have multiple entry points to your house, make sure they are always locked. Try to use only the door that is nearest to the busiest spot (i.e. facing the main road rather than the back garden).
- When someone knocks at your door, don't open it unless you are well acquainted with the visitor.
- Do not entertain visitors you don't know. Always confirm the identity of the representative of any service provider by calling up the number on the ID-card provided before opening the door. Install a door chain or 'magic eye' on your front door.
  - Have a door viewer installed on the entry door.
- If someone comes to your door whom you do not trust or who you believe might be dangerous, call your local police station or neighbour immediately.
- Install a phone by your bed to call for help in case of an emergency of intrusion.
- Verify and register your domestic help, drivers, maids etc with the local police.
- In case of an attack, many domestic appliances can be used as weapons from a screwdriver to a fork, a pair of scissors or even a pen.
- Get to know your neighbours and your neighbourhood.
- Consider installing an alarm system but make sure it is one you know how to use.
- Never discus your programme in front of your domestic help or any stranger.





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### **≗**History

Having realized the imperative need to cater to a large populace suffering from Fortility related issues emongst it's patients, BNWCCC (Bhagirathi Neotia Woman & Child Care Centre) established the Department of Fertility Services in its premises under the name of "GENOMEs-The Fertility Clinic" in the year 2005. The name was however transformed to "GENOME. The Fertility centre" over the years in view of the division's expansion from a single clinic to multi-locational centres in Kolkata (Zicentres), Siliguri, Kalyani, Midnapore to begin with followed by Patha. Rajour Dhaka and Guwahari.

### **Performance**

having treated over 20,000 patients since its inception. CENOME has been one of the pioneers in Fortility Services in the recent years, with an overall successirate in pregnancies matching the best facilities internationally and in line with the ESHRE and ASRM benchmarks. GENOME has been abre to successfully live up to its reputation as the truest centre for providing HOPE OF PARENTHOOD.













### Services

- WF ICSI
- PLD
- Andrology
- Third Party Reproductive Services (Egg Donation / Semen Banking & Surrogacy)



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Embryologist

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