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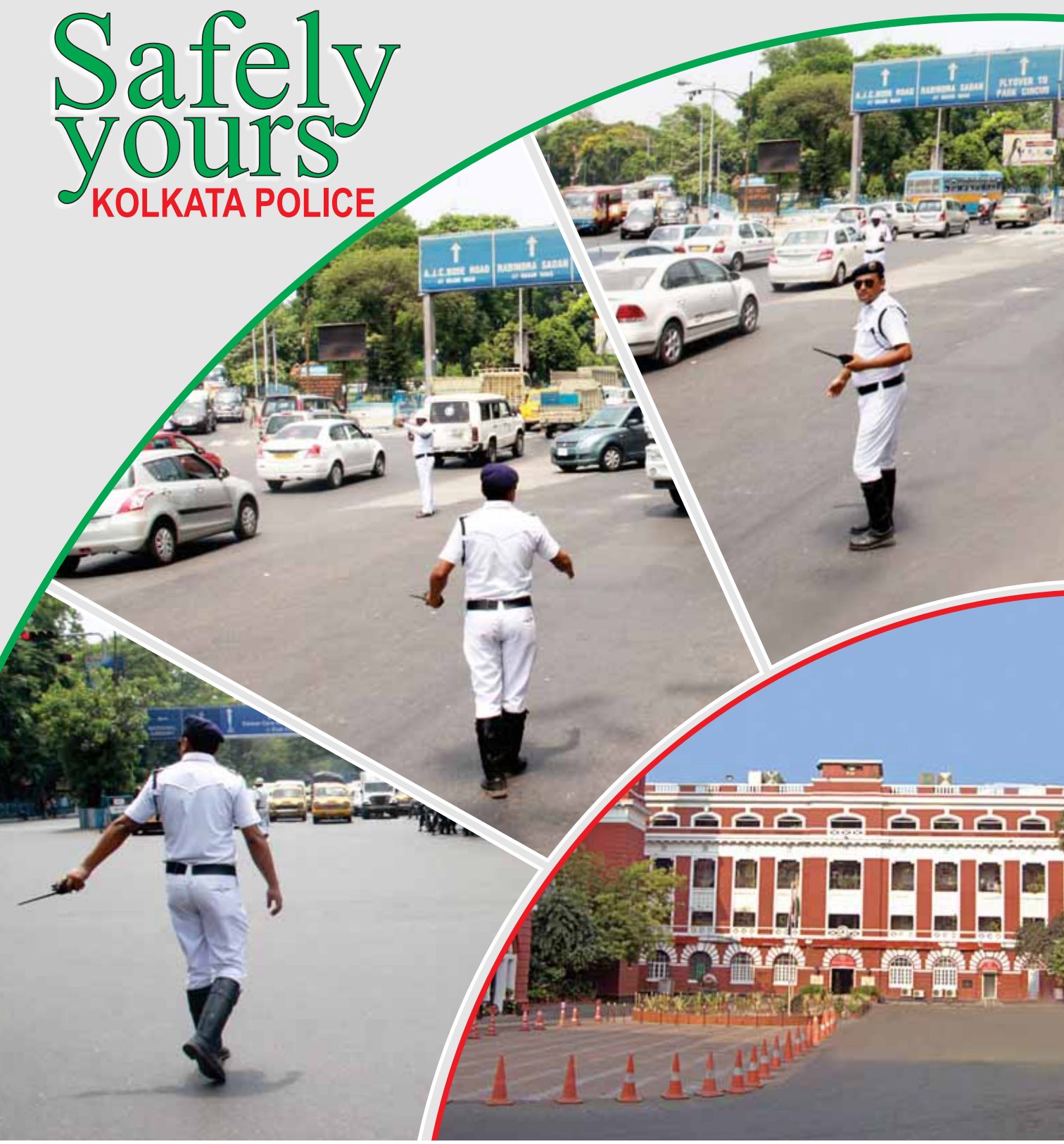
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*Dear Readers,*

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**Dear Readers,**

Commitment to serve the people with dignity and honour is the cornerstone of all police forces across the globe. Kolkata Police is no exception. We always keep striving to deliver the best to the citizens of this beloved city of ours. We are thankful to New Media Communication Pvt Ltd, the publisher of 'Kolkata Protector', which has been playing a stellar role over the past few years in highlighting our efforts. At the behest of the publisher of this magazine, a new section- 'Commissioner's Column' is being introduced from this issue where the undersigned would share his thoughts with the esteemed readers.

The much-awaited monsoon has finally arrived, bringing about a well-deserved respite following the sweltering summer months. The rainy season, however, poses quite a tough challenge for the Kolkata Traffic Police as it braves the downpour and puts its best foot forward to keep the city moving. This issue of Protector lends its focus mainly on the Traffic department. A Cover Story apart, this issue carries an exclusive interview of Additional CP (1) who heads the city traffic police. From reining in the late-night speed-bikers to launching a sustained drive against drunken driving and enforcing road discipline, the issue underscores the efforts of the Traffic Department to make life 'faster, safer and friendlier' for the citizens. Articles on the Mounted police and the Cyberlab lend variety to this issue, not to mention an interesting write-up on 'Sukannya', a community-policing initiative.

Hope this issue makes for interesting reading. Observations and suggestions are most welcome. Needless to add, the unflinching support of the citizens is our source of sustenance. Please help us to serve you better.

Warm Regards

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# Committed to retain respect of the Global Community



The motive behind penning this column has no reason other than invigorating the force of Kolkata Police. While describing the role of police and its relation with the masses, the British Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel once commented, "The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public, who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." The police have a pivotal role in the society across the globe and it is the police, who are primarily instrumental for the good governance in every country. Being watchdog of the society the police is primarily put in action after any incident and it is not desolation but actually pride for them across the globe. Kolkata Police is no exception and 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'. Kolkata Police has been trying to get over many a hurdle despite its manifold task. It always comes forward with a helping hand to render their best services towards the citizens, be it a child

or an elderly one.

The police cannot work in isolation. Police work is a team work and naturally the success or failure in this field depends not on individual but collectively on the team. Keeping this basic tenet in mind every member of Kolkata Police has always tried to serve with a coordinated effort. There has always been a feeling in Kolkata Police that we are public servant and meant for the benefit of the society. The members of the force believe in their capacity that they can do the good job with a collective effort and induce new entrants with this thought. As a team, the men and officers in Kolkata Police do believe that they are also an inseparable part of the society and this belief drives them to create a better ambiance for Kolkata citizens. Kolkata Police has widened the horizon of policing. With its participatory role in the process of development it is even reaching out to the vulnerable sections of the society for their transformation to become a normal citizen. There has been

no confusion in the force about their duties and responsibilities. It is only to remind them that it is our priority to ensure safety and security of the people of Kolkata as well as those, who visit the city. At the same time we have to retain the respect from the global community that Kolkata, the City of Joy, is better harbour of the citizens as well as the tourists. We have to keep eyes on the vital installations in the city for the sake of ensuring full proof security. The expectations of the citizens in respect of safety and security make Kolkata Police to consider this as joy to sacrifice their personal benefit and comfort for the call of duty resulting in enhancement of peace, prosperity and happiness of the City of Joy. Though it is a huge task and key responsibility for Kolkata Police, still I believe that our men and officers will remain ever vigilant and continue to discharge their duties and responsibilities with a renewed effort and rise to the occasion.

I wish them all success. Jay Hind! ■



# Collection of much fine amount is not our target

*Immediate after taking charge of Additional Commissioner of Police (1) Vineet Goyal unveiled his roadmap relating to traffic management of the city before the Protector. In an exclusive interview he shared his thoughts with our Assistant Editor Abhijit Chatterjee.*



**Your association with this city has been for a long time and earlier to this assignment you had worked as the Jt. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) in this prestigious force. What are the significant changes you have noticed in the traffic scenario in recent times?**

Yes. I had served as Jt CP (Traffic) Kolkata about five years ago. There have been several changes since then. New areas have been added (Kolkata Police's area of responsibility has more than doubled since then), traffic volumes have gone

up at an annual growth rate of 4%, population has increased and more significantly people's expectations have gone up for ensuring better traffic management. Therefore, we need to provide better travel experience for all road users including pedestrians by improving road safety and reduction in journey time.

This was a serious challenge as the city's road space remains static, limited at about 7% of the area (as compared to 25% in Delhi and 20% in other metro cities) whereas the vehicle density is rising significantly apart from increase in per capita trip length due to expansion of

the city, increased number of trips and steadily growing number of private ownership of vehicles following rising prosperity of the individuals.

Major challenging situation has emerged during the peak traffic hours when people head for their offices, schools and colleges. Many schools do not have their own buses and most of those students use personal cars to reach school and due to non-availability of sufficient parking space huge traffic congestion developed around those schools during the opening and closing hours. This practice compromises the student's safety and cause



inconveniences to other road users in the vicinity and leads to higher emission of CO2. Such a situation poses a real challenge to convince the schools, children and their parents (without compromising children safety and comfort) to use buses and car pools, which will create a win-win situation for all concerned. We hope to propose modern technology solutions to convince them all.

**Kolkata is a sprawling metropolis and its traffic population is increasing day by day. Traffic management is becoming**

**an ever challenging task. In this connection, do you have any modernization plan for Traffic department to ensure smooth flow of traffic in the city?**

I have already mentioned about the challenges ahead for us. Our goal is to provide all road users best travel experience like all other metropolitan cities in India by the end of this year. To achieve this goal we will have to work on mass education campaigns to educate these road users and improve enforcement, road engineering, and traffic

signal management apart from making public interactions more transparent. We plan to use technology in a big way to bring new innovative ideas and are now working on the design of a year-long sustainable program to educate drivers, pedestrians and school children on road safety and driving etiquettes to improve compliance with traffic rules. We plan to use the modern technology extensively to scale up and monitor the progress of such programmes. Similarly plans are underway to simplify enforcement and make it more transparent and efficient. We are in the process of reviewing

every signal to optimize its performance based on the traffic flow at different times. Converting standalone signals to connected signals and creating green corridors to provide better travel experience without compromising safety. Similarly we have started a pilot project with the concept of body worn cameras for traffic officers to enhance transparency during their public interactions. We also plan to install more CCTV cameras for monitoring traffic congestion, RLVD system to detect stop line violations and improve our presence on social media for public feedback. We have already started Whatsapp number for reporting traffic related complaints. There are

many more such initiatives which are being planned, where modern technology will be used intensively.

**The city has been facing regular traffic snarl particularly in the southern and partly in the eastern fringe of the city due to construction of Metro Railway. These are posing greater challenges for traffic management in the city. Do you have any special plan to sort out such problem?**

It is true, the city has been facing traffic snarl on the Diamond Harbour Road from Taratala

crossing to Diamond Park, E M Bypass, Phool Bagan crossing, Sealdah areas are also affected. The road capacity for the smooth traffic flow has been reduced due to construction work of Metro Rail and road widening for other utility services. We are trying to divert traffic through alternate roads, regulating goods vehicles, reviewing traffic signals to optimize signal timings, putting extra manpower for management and working with other agencies to improve road conditions to provide best possible travel experience.

**Kolkata Police observes Road Safety Week in every year. Has it really been**





### reflected in the accident statistics?

Yes, it does help. We involve students of many schools in the city for observing Road Safety Week. They acquire knowledge about the road safety and become the catalyst for us to convey the message we want to convey to the people. Children use their power of persuasion and motivate people to follow the road safety rules. Safety is extremely important in management of traffic. It is equally important for pedestrians and drivers. Most of the people have no intention to violate road safety rules but there has been a lack of knowledge among the people. A large number of pedestrians do not know what zebra crossing is meant for and do not follow

signal when they are supposed to cross the roads. A section of people do not wear seat belt while driving. But these are very common safety rules which should be obeyed by all. However, the reach of weeklong safety campaign is limited. That is why we want to scale it up and launch it as sustained yearlong mass campaign and are working out modalities on that.

### Do Kolkatans really obey the traffic rules while walking or still they have a casual approach?

We should not generalize that Kolkatans have a casual approach and they do not obey the traffic rules while using roads. Some of the people may have habit of flouting rules but most of the people obey rules.

However, many of road users including pedestrians lack necessary knowledge. The drivers must also learn proper driving etiquette. They must maintain lane discipline, obey traffic signals, stop before the Stop Line and use indicator while overtaking other vehicles. A driver has to keep in his mind that there are other vehicles and pedestrians on the roads and his mistakes can cost someone else's life.

**Traffic Constable and Sergeants become often victims of road accidents while discharging duties on road. What steps have been taken for safeguarding their lives and what are the legal provisions there to stop the**

### **menace of rash driving and driving in drunken state?**

Traffic police themselves often become victims of road accidents. Despite this our men passionately work for the safety of the people. We are concerned about the safety of the traffic police and have introduced mediclaim policy for our men in all ranks to cover the risks. Entire medical expenses of the accident victims (police personnel) are covered by the mediclaim policy. As an organization we do provide all possible support to our men for safeguarding their lives.

Drivers who are found driving in drunken state beyond

permissible limit are prosecuted u/s 185 of MV Act. The section has strict penalty of imprisonment for 6 months and fine of Rs 2,000. This may go up to imprisonment for 3 years and fine of Rs 3000. There are 25 Traffic Guards in the Kolkata Police jurisdiction and their teams scrutinize drunken driving with breathe analyzer and other medical examination.

### **Unfortunately in recent times Kolkata has been experiencing some Hit and Run Cases. How tough you are against such offenders?**

We deal with them as per the law. The FSTP section of KTP specializes in investigation of

road accident cases and they take up investigation. We have large committed force in the traffic department and the men of this department who perform duty on the roads are the most visible part of the force. Our men are ever vigilant and they enforce traffic rules and take steps against them who violate rules. Large numbers of the road users have poor knowledge about traffic rules and road safety. We also educate people on road safety. Kolkata Police Traffic Training School (KPTTS) holds training classes for frequent violators and the department has plan to scale up mass campaign to reach out to large number of people. ■



# Reducing road accident *With* focused effort

By Our Correspondent

The smooth flow of traffic in a city is the manifestation of mobility which otherwise become standstill. Mobility is very essential to keep things moving forward.

Smooth traffic flow is the basic parameter of a lively city, which moves along with development. The city which does not have smooth traffic flow faces stagnation and remains far from the forward march for ensuring economic prosperity.

The process of rapid urbanization and offshoots of

other developmental programmes led to different issues including the traffic mobility. However, the process for development has to go on uninterrupted to ensure that the state move ahead towards prosperity. Accordingly it became a major challenge for Kolkata traffic police to carry out a balancing task to ensure uninterrupted traffic movement in this growing city. It is not that an easy job to tackle the growing number of vehicles in this metropolitan city particularly because of the available road

space, which is quite less compared to other major cities in the country. Kolkata Police as the most integral and indivisible part of the city as well as state administration has always been alive to such challenging situation and accorded topmost priority for the safety of the road users by coining a new slogan 'Safely yours' by involving stakeholders.

The traffic department of Kolkata Police has also been successful in bringing down the number of death cases on the road despite the cacophony



between growth of vehicle and crunch of road space. Kolkata Traffic Police was able to reduce the number of loss of lives in road accident last year to 422 –which was 28 less than 450 in 2014.

Loss of 437 lives In road accidents in Kolkata in 2013 made the top brass of the city traffic police worried and they did not think twice to take special efforts focusing the safety measures. The department's effort paid salutary effect which had brought down the casualty figure in the road accident even though quantum of traffic increased to a great extent.

Deputy Commissioner (Traffic) V. Solomon Nesakumar said that the department had

commissioned a specialised professional research group to find out possible ways to minimize problems on the road to ensure safety for all stakeholders. He said the Hyderabad-based agency had identified ten spots at nearly 14 major roads/crossings as accident prone zones. He said maps of the accident prone spots have been drawn with the help of Global Positioning System (GPS), which had been corroborated with Google. The most accident-prone of the city area included: E.M. Bypass, Basanti Highway, Belehata Main Road, Diamond Harbour Road, James Long Sarani, Garden Reach Road, Strand Road, Rabindra Sarani, B. T. Road, A P C Road and A J C Bose Road.

He said the department had undertaken certain engineering and enforcement measures following survey group's recommendation. He said the department had introduced several measures including Median divider at E M Bypass which had restricted cross over from Paroma Island. Speed breakers at Basanti Highway and Rabindra Sarani and Reflected Stugs, Reflected Permanent Magnetisation were installed. Road Marking Section was directed to put signage and draw Stop Line, Zebra crossing at strategic points.

Kolkata Police took up the issue of illumination on busy roads with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation for High Mast Lights at Strand Road, Duffrin Road and Khidirpore Road.



Besides, those engineering measures, Kolkata Police also started enforcing of traffic rules in stricter manner. Cases were initiated against the offenders for rash driving, over speeding, drunken driving and over loading.

Traffic Police had recorded 77454 cases for rash driving in 2014 but the number such cases went up as much as 108753 in the last year. Cases recorded against drunken driving in 2014 were 318 which had gone up by more than five times to 1892 in 2015. Special drives were also launched against 'triple' riding on motorcycles and such cases against the offenders went up almost double in 2015 compared to 28442 such cases in 2014. Special drives were launched by 25 Traffic Guards in the night as to check helmetless driving and 138435 cases were registered against the offenders in 2015.

During the raid police scrutinize over speeding with speed radar gun and the motorcyclists had been asked to produce document failing which the vehicles were seized according to Sec 207 of M V Act. Traffic

Police had seized 4372 motorcycles in 2015 which created good impact on the motorcyclists. DC (Traffic) V. Solomon Nesakumar said, the department had initiated an effort for the awareness and education of the people.

He said a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kolkata Police and Coal India Limited under which s CIL provided support for imparting traffic education, awareness programmes for the students and other stake holders under the Corporate Social Responsibility. He said they had approached the authorities of 500 schools for imparting education on road safety rules and traffic awareness. He said 120 schools had responded to their proposal and nearly 22,000 students participated in those awareness programmes organized at Traffic Training School.

The DC (Traffic) said Workshops on safe driving and first aid training were also held at the same venue for auto, taxi and bus drivers which yielded a very good result in reducing the

number of road accident and loss of lives. He also informed, "Kolkata Police has also made it mandatory for the city based cinema halls and multiplexes to screen real life accident films which were made out of video footage recorded with CCTV camera installed at different crossings." Kolkata Police also shoulders responsibility of Emergency management and takes accident victims to nearby hospitals for medical intervention and treatment.

The department has already 35 ambulances under Kolkata Accident Rescue and Medical Assistance (KARMA) scheme. Recently 14 new ambulances have been inducted. However some old ambulances will be phased out, said DC (Traffic). He also said 2548 calls were received of which 2236 were taken to hospitals and rest others were discharged after first aid during 2015. 'Our efforts have been appreciated by different quarters and we are receiving good feedbacks through Whatsapp, Blogs,' added Deputy Commissioner (Traffic).

# Drive to make city roads safer

By Our Correspondent



Like previous years Kolkata Police has observed Road Safety Week this year too in its entire jurisdictional area.

While Road Safety Week was observed in the country from 11

January to 17 January, it was observed in Kolkata from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February because of several important programmes in the city like the Kolkata International Book Fair, school

examinations, IPL schedule and many other events, informed Deputy Commissioner (Traffic) V. Solomon Nesakumar.

He said, Kolkata Police imparts road safety education throughout the year with the slogan 'Catch them Young! This is the mantra of Kolkata Police while imparting education on road safety and traffic sense. School students have been chosen for injecting traffic senses among the people. Traffic Training School holds awareness classes at regular intervals for the school students as they easily grasp the nitty-gritty of the traffic rules and road safety. Since the students are the future citizens and have the power of persuasion they



can transmit the message to the masses. He said the school students in fact play a role of catalyst in creating traffic awareness and road safety. The Traffic Training School also organizes such classes for the members of clubs and NGOs, volunteers and NCC cadets.

Traffic Training School offers a gamut of training courses for drivers on defensive driving skills. It offers a plethora of training courses to offending drivers and conducts regular sensitization camps for bus, taxi and auto rickshaw drivers and drivers of other commercial vehicles. The training programmes include members of societies and clubs, ambulance drivers and drivers attached to corporate houses driving for the medical fraternity.

The opening ceremony of Road Safety Week was inaugurated by Commissioner of Police and was attended by celebrities like Saurav Ganguly, Dev, Abir Chattopadhyay, Sayantika, Koyel Mollick and many others, who have a special influence among younger generation. Specially designed Kiosks have been set up at different crossings and students from some renowned schools participated in the event. The students volunteer them in managing



traffic, prevent pedestrians to cross over from hither and thither and also pursue them to use zebra crossings. Jaywalking is a cause of concern for traffic police and jaywalkers were cautioned by the student volunteers during the Road

Safety Week. Kolkata Police has made some accident films with the video footage caught through CCTV cameras.

Kolkata Police with concurrence from Information and Cultural Affairs (I& CA) department



asked have directed the theatre owners for compulsory screening these films to make people informed about the fact that how jaywalking and violation of traffic rules lead to fatal accidents and loss of lives. These films were screened at the city's underground Metro Railway Station through INCODA TV and Cable TV channels. These were also made available in Whatsapp and uploaded in FaceBook also, informed DC (Traffic). These video films were also played on large LED screen at Quest, Acropolis and South City Mall.

The DC (Traffic) said this year too while observing Road Safety Week workshops were held for the auto drivers in an intensive manner. Workshops with auto

and taxi drivers on accident prevention, use of seatbelt were sponsored by Red FM and the workshop on prohibition of drunken driving was sponsored by Uber. Three auto drivers were awarded for providing first aid to the passengers. Officer in charge of three Traffic Guards were awarded by the Commissioner of Police.

Two tableaux with a few celebrities moved around the city and visited 50 schools. Pamphlets regarding traffic norms and road safety were distributed among the students. An essay competition on Road Safety was also organized in 25 Traffic Guard areas in which hundreds of students participated. The students were asked to express their views on

how to prevent road accidents and how to improve road safety around the localities of their schools. One hundred essays were primarily screened for the final level of competition. The best essays from the 25 Traffic Guards were selected and those 25 participants visited Lalbazar, interacted with Additional Commissioner of Police (1) and Jt. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and learned many things about traffic related issues. They also visited Traffic Control Room--the nerve centre of entire traffic management operation. These 25 student participants enjoyed the experience to act as the Officer in Charge of the respective Traffic Guard for a day. ■

# Kolkata Police developed App for road discipline

By Our Correspondent



Kolkata Police has developed a mobile App for its traffic department in order to ensure discipline in the road. This App can be utilised by the men of the traffic department in an android phone, who need ready information about an offending vehicle. No public can have access to this App as it is essentially meant for internal use and circulation. At present all Traffic Sergeants have android phones and they can easily check the history of an offending vehicle for the last five years.

This information will help traffic police to realize the degree of the offence committed by any driver. Deputy Commissioner (Traffic) V. Solomon Nesakumar said, "A database has already

been compiled by the Traffic Computer Centre (TCC) which will be available from 25 Traffic Guards in the city. Sometimes it becomes difficult for a Sergeant to understand whether the person committed offense for the first time or is a habitual offender."

He also said that the men of the Traffic department can have the access of this App after authentication of the Users ID and Password. This will help the Sergeants to decide the fine amount, which is governed by the Motor Vehicles Act. The fine amount actually varies according to the level of offense."

Kolkata Police organised workshops for the bus, taxi and auto rickshaw drivers and

showed them the accident footages to bring awareness among them to ensure that the number of road accidents could be brought down appreciably. According to Jiban Mukherjee, Officer in Charge, Traffic Training School, "most of the drivers cried when they had seen the accident footage because they realized how their reckless driving take lives of many."

He said, the drivers and conductors of the buses have been advised only to stop at the bus bay and schedule stops. They have also been counseled to be "careful and well behaved" with the passengers. He pointed out that the people are critical about the refusal and highhandedness of the taxi

drivers and misconducts of the auto rickshaw drivers, who actually tarnish image of the city. He said Taxi refusal is now almost controlled as the traffic police take stern action in the event of refusal but they have been pursued to rectify themselves for the common good.

The OC, Traffic Training School said that the Auto drivers have also been warned and advised to behave properly with the passengers. He said that the Auto drivers had pointed out their constraint to give change to every passenger while collecting a paltry amount as fare. However the auto drivers have been told to behave properly as misbehaviour with the passengers is not a solution.

Pollution is another important issue for the enforcement of discipline on roads. Anti Pollution Cell of Kolkata Police is ever vigilant to keep eyes on air pollution and use of air horn. The team of this cell examines pollution certificate and checks smoke emitted by motorcycles and other vehicles. The officials impose fine at the spot or seize vehicles for prosecution in case of flouting pollution rules. Officer in Charge of Anti-Pollution Cell Dulal Mukherjee, said that 56422 vehicles had been prosecuted under the specific section of MV Act and



Rules and the total fine was imposed amounting to Rs 1,40,53,000 during 2015. He said that the goods vehicles were mostly responsible for increasing the level of air pollution and since those vehicles were allowed only in the night to enter into the main city, the pollution in the night is higher than the day time.

He said use of air horn and unnecessary honking leads to noise pollution. Anti Pollution Cell imposes fine but this nuisance can be stopped only through awareness campaign adding that school students have been involved in "No Honking campaigns". The students with their power of persuasion request drivers to minimize the use of horns. ■



# Traffic Control Made Easy at busy Ruby crossing

By Our Correspondent

**Area Profile:** The area of this traffic guard is 20 sq.km and population is approximately 3 lakhs. A bigger housing complex -Urbana falls in this area where there are 1169 flats and 52 bungalows. There are many micro and small manufacturing units in Kasba Industrial zone. The existence of Passport Office, PVD, CSTC depot, Income Tax and Sales Tax offices in this area has a positive impact on the local economy. Besides, Delhi Public School (DPS) and its junior section there are Carmel Convent, Garden High School

and some other schools. There is one college-Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya. The newest destination for shoppers and youngsters is 24 storied shopping mall - Acropolis and Geetanjali Stadium are located here. Kasba is now one of the prime destinations of the food lovers for the presence of many famous restaurants like Kim Woh, Harvey's, S. Zafra Multicuisine Restaurant, Café Coffee Day, Azad Hind Dhaba, Punjab-e- Dhaba, KFC. Ruby General Hospital and Genesis Hospital are situated in the

jurisdiction of this traffic guard.

## **Boundary:**

**North:** Picnic Garden Road excluding southern portion of VIP Bazar to Bondel Road

**East:** Nazirabad, Hossain Sah Road, Anandapur High Road

**West:** Some portion of Dhakuria, Some portion of Gariahat Road (South)

**South:** Excluding Prince Anwar Sah connector, northern portion of Jadavpur Police Station to Abhisikta Housing Complex to VIP Bazar (EM Bypass)



**Challenges:** Our main challenge is to ensure smooth traffic movement despite ongoing construction work for the New Garia- DumDum Airport Metro Rail. During the peak hours in the morning huge number of Salt Lake and BBD Bag bound vehicles pass through this area and in the evening there has been a reverse flow of traffic. As there are many offices, hospitals, industrial zone and housing complex in this area a large number of floating populations come here besides resident populace. There are also some

renowned schools where roughly about 12,000 students come from different parts of the city. We pay more attention for facilitating students at the beginning and closing time of these schools. Managing crowd during Durga Puja is another challenge for us because of the 107 famous community pujas in the city several important puja pandals are located in this area.

**Policing:** There are 17 Light Signals which are all in automatic mode of operation but only 6 signals are put into

blinking mode. Each Sergeant has a motorcycle and they all move around and cover all beats in the area of this Traffic Guard. There has been no traffic snarl on E M Bypass and other roads because of constant monitoring of traffic movements. There has been some cut outs on E M Bypass and Guard rails have been provided. A channel has been made for the safety of pedestrians at Ruby crossing to prevent them from crossing over the road from here and there. Metro Rail has also provided some traffic volunteers who help

# Officer speaks



This area is fast expanding and there has been a tremendous pressure of population and traffic. Since Eastern Metropolitan Bypass is one of the important thoroughfares and thousands of vehicles pass through this road every day, it is our priority to ensure Ruby crossing completely congestion free. This crossing is very important for the connectivity with Eastern and Southern part of the city. Our personnel always make sure for a smooth ride for every vehicle and passenger. Our personnel are briefed well in advance for every event and they perform extremely well. We observe Road Safety Week every year but it would be better, if we can create awareness throughout the year.

**Sk. Manirul Islam**, Officer in Charge, Kasba Traffic Guard

traffic police for pedestrian cross over and crowd control. Hawkers' even encroached thoroughfare on Anandapur Main Road but encroachment from the thoroughfare was removed to make it free for smooth movement of the traffic.

**Beyond Policing:** Besides, observing centrally organized programme for Road Safety Week, this Traffic Guard organized special awareness programme for senior citizens, students and members of local

clubs. Focusing on traffic related issues and road safety Magic show and Quiz competition were organized for the students and kids. Pedestrians also participated in Quiz competition amidst huge enthusiasm and participants were awarded with token prize. Vijaya Sammilani – a Get Together with all Officers, Home Guards, Civic Volunteers and retired Police personnel was arranged at the premises of this Traffic Guard after Durga Puja.

**Achievements:** Amit Bhowal – a Civil Volunteer of this Traffic Guard received memento from CP and cash reward from DC (TP) for his commendable deed in saving life of a middle aged person. On his way to coming at the office he noticed a middle aged man was suffering with severe breathing problem in Topsia locality. He presumed that the person suffered from a symptom of heart attack. He immediately informed the reason for being late to the office of this Traffic Guard and as well as informed Control Room seeking for help. A Sub-Inspector immediately rushed to the spot and pumped the heart and saved the life of that person





from the gasping pain and took him to a nearby hospital.

The life of a motorcyclist was saved due to alertness and presence of mind of Samarjit Singh, a Sergeant of this Traffic Guard. On way back to his home on 16<sup>th</sup> April of this year at around 12-30 A.M, he found Naresh Sharma at Metropolitan crossing who sustained serious injury. The Sergeant immediately took him to nearby AMRI Hospital but they did not admit the injured person as they did not have ICU arrangement. Then he was taken to Colombia Asia Hospital immediately.

**Trivia:** S.M. Monirul Islam, the Officer in Charge of Kasba Traffic Guard joined Kolkata Police in 1990. Prior to joining Kasba Traffic Guard, he had successfully worked as a Sergeant at South West Traffic Guard for three years since 1992. Then he was transferred to South East Traffic Guard in 1995 and worked there till 1998. He was again transferred to Shyambazar Traffic Guard, Vidyasagar Traffic Guard. He also worked in Wireless Branch for one year. In 2011 he got promotion as the Inspector and joined as Addl OC in South Traffic Guard and a few months later he joined Regent Park Traffic Guard as Addl OC and in December 2011 he was again transferred to Park Circus Traffic Guard as Addl OC. Then in April 2012, he joined as Addl. OC in Jorabagan Traffic Guard and in May 2013, joined Thakurpukur Traffic Guard as OC and he took charge of Kasba Traffic Guard in September, 2015. He received Seva Padak in 2006 for his good performance. He has bagged more than 100 rewards so far from DC (TP).

A notorious criminal Sk. Vinod was caught

red handed from Dhakuria Bridge by Sk. Monirul Islam and his colleagues in 1998. Vinod tried to flee, but the sergeant chased and intercepted him. Islam had also been successful in preventing the hijack of a taxi and a private car in 1997 and 2004 respectively. In 2005, he caught another miscreant red handed from Kings Way while trying to flee after snatching a gold chain from a morning walker.

**Present Strength:** Inspector-2, Sergeant- 17, ASI-6, Constable-54, HG-58, Civic Volunteer-6, Police Driver-3 ■

# Tightening the noose on Drugs

By Our Correspondent



Narcotic Cell is one of the most important sections of Kolkata Police and its primary aim is to ensure public welfare and guard against danger to the public health.

The Narcotic Cell is functioning under the leadership of a Deputy Commissioner of Police, One Assistant Commissioner of Police, two Inspectors, Eight Sub Inspectors, Four Assistant Sub Inspectors, One Lady Assistant Sub Inspector, Five Constables, One Lady Constable, Two Police Drivers and Two Vehicles. The Cell was successful in unearthing 49 cases of drug smuggling during 2015 which was nearly 300 percent more than the previous year when they were able to catch hold of 21 alleged smugglers in connection with 18 cases. The Cell could seize 1.86 kgs of Heroin during the last year which showed almost a threefold increase over 2014. In terms of seizure of Charas, 4.090 kgs





could be seized during 2015 but the quantum of Charas seized during 2014 was to the tune of 6.196 kgs. However the seizure of Ganja was recorded at 223.75 kgs in 2015 compared to 11.100 kgs in 2014. The seizure of Poppy Straw was much less in 2015 compared to 2014 at 4.84 kgs.

Joy Biswas, Deputy Commissioner (DD- Spl) said “The Officers of Narcotic Cell are specially trained to combat the menace of Drugs and crimes

related to Narcotics. As huge profit is involved in such trade drug rackets and organised gangs are involved in creating addicts to keep their businesses going.” The Narcotic Cell takes initiative to educate the younger generation about the ill effects of Drugs. Moreover crimes like snatching, pick pocketing, soft lifting etc are done by addicts to meet their need for addiction. It is observed that crimes can be controlled to a great extent if addicts can be controlled.

Extremist groups who indulge in subversive activities also take resort to drug trade and they utilise drug addicts for fulfilling their target to weaken safety and security of the Nation.

Narcotic Cell tries to plug the supply chain of Drugs and Psychotropic substances and carry out campaigns and workshops in educational institutions and local clubs of the city. It also observes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.



Events like cycle rally, quiz, debate, essay and poster competitions are organised with the involvement of students and recovering drug addicts. The Detoxification Camps are opened in association with the NGO's where free medical treatment is provided to the poor and destitute addicts. Kiosks are opened at various important points in Kolkata for Anti-Drug awareness campaign. Celebrities and important personalities also participate in such campaigns against drugs.

"The Cell conducts extensive campaigns and workshops in various Schools and Colleges.

Drugs. Response to a great extent has also been received by Narcotic Cell, from the students, teachers and guardians." said an official. Special classes are also taken at schools by officers of Narcotic Cell wherein all the students are made aware of the evil implications of drugs and the penal provisions of Narcotic Act.

Narcotic Cell also observes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Various events like Foot rally, Quiz competition, Debate competition, Essay and Poster Competition are organised. Apart from these, Sit and Draw

Competition are also organised among the recovering addicts to bring them back to the mainstream of the society. Detoxification Camps are also opened in association with the NGOs where free medical treatments are being provided to the poor and destitute addicts. Kiosks are opened at various important points all around Kolkata from where anti drug messages are spread. Celebrities and important personalities from all spheres of life actively participate in these campaigns against drugs.

Narcotic Cell has done a remarkable job in bursting the biggest ever Rave Party and the Cocaine racket in India in the year 2013. A huge quantity of Cocaine and Charas were seized.

During the month of September 2012 sources were engaged and Officers of Narcotic Cell, DD were keeping a bird's eye in the different Night Clubs, Discos and Pubs in and around the city of Kolkata. Regular clandestine visits were being made to these places and utmost efforts were

made to generate the leads. An Officer from Narcotic Cell, DD succeeded in making a penetration and was able to earn the trust of the Cocaine Dealers. The information was that a team of six members will be bringing Cocaine from Mumbai and the same will be supplied in the different Rave parties. The members of this organised racket included Corporate Professionals, Businessmen, Airhostesses and even a student. Accordingly on 17th of January 2013, all the gang members were arrested from Beniapukur P.S. area and about 100 gms of Cocaine was recovered including a Honda City car. The value of the seized cocaine was about Five Crores in market value.

Similarly on 28/04/14, Jedrezez Jjerierski, a Polish national, was arrested on the basis of secret information from Burtalla P.S. area. The main job of this foreigner was to come to Kolkata on a Tourist Visa and collect Charas from Nepal and traded in India. About 1kg 954 gms of Charas were seized from him whose market value was about 2 Crores.

Worldwide ban of drugs had influenced the perpetrators from innovating several clandestine ways (including high end sophisticated communication through computers, mobile phones, satellite phones and coded messages) to supply the drugs and this has indeed become a

challenging task for this department.

Nevertheless the officers and staff of this Cell are committed to eradicating this menace from the society. Being continuously motivated by superior officers of Kolkata Police they work out day and night to arrest the drug lords and seize as much quantity of drugs as possible. "The motto of this Cell is to wipe out the entire business slowly but surely and refresh the youths and addicts with a drug free life, to let them walk on this land with their heads held high." added Joy Biswas, Deputy Commissioner (DD-Spl). ■

# Needs People's alertness to stop Human Trafficking

By Our Correspondent



Papia and Ratna (name changed) - two teenage girls never thought of that it could be happened with them. Papia was from Sodepur, Ghola and Ratna was from Kakdwip but their fate brought them closer. Both of them were duped by persons of trafficking racket. These minor girls were sold to a brothel in North Kolkata. It was rather too late when they understood what had happened to them.

They planned to flee from the 'hell' but that was not so easy. Somehow they managed to contact a person, who was associated with a NGO, which was very active in preventing immoral trafficking in that locality. Acting on a tip off, the police from the Immoral Traffic Prevention Section of Detective

Department raided at the brothel in the guise of a customer and arrested six persons in connection with trafficking of those two minor girls. Those victims were sent to

Mohima Home at Thakurpukur.

The case no. 07 dt. 07.01.16 was registered with Burtolla Police Station under section 120B/366A/370/ 372/ 373 IPC and 5, 6, 7 & 18 IT (P) Act. Police arrested Tina Roy alias Tina Mollah alias Tina Khatun (27) wife of Topick Ali Mollah of Canning Metekhali, P.O&P.S.-Canning, Dist.- 24Pgs(S) and of 20, Durga Charan Mitra Street , Kolkata- 700 006. The police also arrested Haridayal Roy (47), son of Ram Das Roy of Purba Jamshedpur, P.S- Gamari, Dist.- East Singbhum, Jharkhand, Avijit Deb alias Bubai (25), son of Goutam Deb of 44D, K.N.Sen Road, Kol- 42, P.S- Kasba and Garia, Panchpota, Saradapally,



P.S- Sonarpur, 24Pgs(S), Parveen Khatoon alias Sonali (18), daughter of Amzad Ali of 1, P. Naskar Lane, Kolkata- 39, 2nd floor, P.S- Kasba, Sahajat Alam (21), son of Lt. Md. Harun of Panchpara High Madrasha, P.S- Sakrail, Dist.- Howrah and Mehatab Alam (20), son of Waji Ali of P.S- Sakrail, Panchpara High Madrasha, P.S- Sakrail, Dist.- Howrah.

Till first week of May this year eight minor girls and women have been rescued by Immoral Trafficking Prevention Section of Kolkata Police. This section had rescued 14, 13 and 14 victims in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Protection of Women and Child Cell (PWC) Rina Sarkar said, "More than one girl or woman becomes victims of such adverse situation every month. The number of trafficking may not be too high within Kolkata jurisdiction but even a single case is detrimental for the society. Human traffickers are enemies of the people and human civilization as well. We need to fight against this menace and people's detestation can only stop this social evil."

The Immoral Traffic Prevention Section of Kolkata Police since 1970 is making relentless effort to check this social evil. The network of such racket is wide-spreading and cross border trafficking is being reported from Bangladesh and Nepal. The girls from those countries are pushed to flesh trade in India and Middle East. Innocent girls are being lured with the promise of jobs and a comfortable life and are being pushed into gloomy world of flesh trade and many of these girls are sourced from border areas of the state. Many married women also fall prey in this process in search of a decent livelihood when they believe in false promises of the touts.

The officers of Immoral Trafficking Prevention Section record and investigate the trafficking cases. They also rescue the victims and arrest accused persons. The plain clothed men and officers of this

section keep surveillance in the red light areas of Kolkata and at the transit points of the city like Bus terminus and railway station. They maintain close liaison with BSF, Anti Human Trafficking Unit of CID of West Bengal and other states for regular exchange of information and hold meetings over Anti Human Trafficking. The Immoral Trafficking Prevention Section maintains liaison with Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata and Women's Commission of West Bengal. It is also working jointly with different NGOs like Sanlaap, Durbar Mahila Samannaya Samity, International Justice Mission, Justice and Care, Jabala, Action Research Organization, Kolkata Socio Culture, Hope Foundation, Hive India and Women Interlink Foundation among others. As part of the sensitization program regular workshops are organized by this Section and workshops are attended by members of NGOs and police officials. The officers of this section visit different pockets of Kolkata for building awareness against Human Trafficking and lady officers are posted in every Police Station to look after Human Trafficking. ■

# Nabs criminals **recovers** theft vehicles

Abhijit Chatterjee



There have been many gangs who are involved in the crime like vehicle theft and in most cases criminals in the bordering areas have the support from their foreign counterparts.

Involved criminals quickly transform the motor cycle engines for making a boat or a van mechanized, which is popular in the bordering districts in the state after they are smuggled in a neighbouring country. That is why motorcycle and car theft particularly in bordering areas is very common.

But Anti Motor Theft Section

(AMTS) of Detective Department in Kolkata Police is the silver line for the victims. This section of the city police can easily verify the ownership details of any vehicle and track the criminals. National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has an app Vahan for fixing up the ownership of any vehicle. Anti Motor Theft Section consults this official website of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Such verification does not only facilitate to get ownership details of any vehicle registered anywhere in India but also useful for curbing motor theft.

Anti Motor Theft Section has got a major breakthrough just two months back. The sleuths of this section booked Abdul Barick from Nadia for his alleged involvement in motorcycle and car theft from India. After trial he was sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment under Foreigners Act. In motor theft cases there has been a provision of punishment under section 379 IPC. The section states that whoever commits theft shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both. Debasish Sarkar, Officer in Charge, AMTS said, 80 percent of theft motorcycles are smuggled in a neighbouring country. This section cultivates and maintains good network of sources and effectively utilizes them for detection of cases of vehicles thefts. For the purpose of quick assimilation of important information, a close liaison is maintained with BSF authorities posted along the Indo- Bangladesh borders of North 24 Paragana district. Following a discussion with the superior officers of BSF, a WhatsApp group has been formed comprising with BSF and AMTS personnel. The information about seizure of any

motorcycle is shared among the group which has been very helpful for detecting vehicle theft and tracking criminals. As soon as a case is detected Kolkata Police submits charge sheet within the stipulated time but delay in trial process leads to delay in conviction.

According to OC of Anti Motor Theft Section, Kolkata has one of the lowest figures for vehicular thefts in comparison to other metro cities in India. Nearly 30,000 theft cases are recorded every year in Delhi where as approximately 600 cases are registered in Kolkata. Kolkata Police recorded 499 two wheelers thefts of which 107 motorcycles were recovered and

51 of 90 theft four wheelers were recovered during 2015. The data of vehicular thefts are sent to National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) regularly through State Crime Record Bureau (SCRB).

Besides, detecting vehicle theft Anti Motor Theft Section also creates awareness among the people as the owners themselves have to be careful about the

safety security of their vehicles. The installation of Anti Theft Device like GPS, Engine Immobiliser, Car Locator, Door Locking can prevent car theft. The owners should not keep their vehicle on road instead of Garage and they should park their vehicles at specific parking lot where attendants can keep eyes on those. ■



# Social Media and Cyber Crimes

Swasti Bhusan Dev

Given the growth witnessed by exponential usage of smart phones and internet penetration, India is becoming a more integrated part of the global cyber village. The emergence of Social Media has become a key tool for committing various crimes. It would also not be surprising to mention that social media are a constant targets for spammers, identity thieves etc. Despite being largely used to connect and socialize with friends, the diverse and anonymous nature of social networking applications makes their users vulnerable to cyber crimes. Phishers, fraudsters, child predators, and other cyber criminals can register to these services with fake identities, hiding their malicious intentions behind innocent appearing profiles. Criminals often leverage social media applications to facilitate their offenses, to communicate with their peers, to recruit other criminals, to launder money, to spread malwares, to gather information on their victims and soon.

For instance, in 2014, scammers used Facebook to take advantage of the death of

Famous actor Robin Williams by sending a link to a video (thought as a goodbye video by the victims) to the victims and lured the victims to share the link on their friend's profiles before they could view it. Later it was established that for viewing the video, a malware camouflaged as a Facebook media plug-in had to be installed.

Likewise, the built in chatting features of many Social Media applications can be used by cyber criminals to commence conversations with their online friends, to connect with their contacts in real time and also to spread malwares.

The main purpose of this article is to bring into light some of the modus operandi adopted by scammers to utilize Social Media for their benefits i.e either using Social Media as a tool to commit crime or using Social Media users as a target. The instances mentioned in this article are real life incidents and are discussed so as to bring awareness in the society regarding such incidents.

## The Catphishing Scam:

Catphishing is when a scammer fabricates a fake identity and

tricks Social Media users into a phony emotional or romantic relationship, usually with the intent for financial gain. This scam has been instrumental in luring money from a number of residents of Kolkata and the victims are found to be divorced middle aged males/females. The following modus operandi are found to be adopted by scammers:

1. The scammers scavenge various Social Media Platforms looking around for innocent preys. They also send out random friend requests to huge numbers of people so as to find a willing victim.
2. Scammers may create fake Facebook profiles and request to be friends in order to gain more access to personal information that you restrict to "friends only".
3. Elaborate online profiles using photographs of models etc., in an attempt to hook the victims are also a part of the luring process. Once a friend request is accepted by a user, and depending upon the involvement of the victim in chatting and sharing personal information, the catfishers try to start a

relationship with the victim. The catfisher may also induce the victim to chat through Whatsapp, Skype etc. and tries to lure them for a romantic relationship.

4. Most of the Catfishers pretend to be someone who lives abroad. The catfisher will assure that he/she will come to India for marrying the victim along with precious gifts from abroad
5. The victim suddenly receives a phone call from a lady who discloses herself as a customs official and informs her that the disguised catfisher has been detained in the airport with some foreign materials. The lady also induces the victim to pay for the taxes in lieu of the detained catfisher and precious gift possessed by him.
6. The victim being induced by such false representation and assurance deposits the amount into a bank account.

#### Internet Banking Account Takeover Scams.

According to RBI, around 65% of the total fraud cases reported by banks were technology-related frauds (covering frauds committed through/at an internet banking channel, ATMs and other payment channels like credit/debit/prepaid cards).

Figure in picture illustrates a typical scenario where a malicious hacker is able to take over the internet banking credentials of the victim.

Another scenario might include SIM swapping scam. Any internet banking account is linked to a mobile number on



which the One Time Password (OTP) of a particular internet banking transaction is received. If a fraudster manages to swap such a SIM, he can carry out numerous fraudulent transactions using the mobile number of the victim. SIM swap means replacing the old SIM with a new one, when the old gets lost or damaged, or when one needs a differently sized SIM card. SIM swapping fraud involves cancelling the SIM card linked to a victim's number and activating a new one on a phone in their control. As a result all text messages and calls will get routed to the scammer's phone.

There have been a lot of incidents where scammers cancel and reactivate new SIM cards to get unauthorized access to internet banking accounts. The modus operandi is as follows:

1. Fraudster accesses your name and date of birth from Social Media profiles of the victims.

2. With these details, he visits Income Tax website and updates them to obtain the PAN card details.
3. Then he gets a duplicate PAN card made.
4. After that he lodges a mobile theft complaint in a police station.
5. With the duplicate PAN card and General Diary he gets another SIM card from the mobile company.
6. Through internet banking he is now ready to access your account.
7. He goes to the internet banking website and uses the forgot my password option and may bypass other options and gets the Internet banking pin on his SIM Card.

#### Counter measures:

- Avoid giving out personal details such as phone number, date of birth, maiden name etc.- on social media. This

means scammers can't impersonate you easily.

- DON'T post any information that can lead scammers to passwords for online banking or other accounts. For example, common questions for those who have forgotten their passwords for financial or other sites include "What's your mother's maiden name?" or "What's your favorite pet?". Criminals may be able to find those answers easily on social networking sites.
- Be vigilant about your cell's mobile network connectivity. In case of suspicious activity such as not receiving any calls/sms's, check with your

mobile operator.

- Register for email and sms alerts so that for any activity on your banking account, you will receive an alert.
- Always check your bank statements and online banking transaction history regularly to help identify any issues or irregularities.
- DON'T click on links that may appear to be unusual or suspicious, even if they look like they are sent by friends.

To equip the Law Enforcement Agencies with necessary capacities to deal with Cyber Security and investigations of cybercrimes, Data Security Council of India (DSCI), in

association with Kolkata Police established the eight Cyber Lab - Kolkata Cyber Lab. The Lab is housed at Kolkata Police Headquarters and is also boosted by the support of the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and IT. Its main objective is to equip the Police or Prosecution or Judiciary with necessary capacities to deal with Cyber Security and Cyber Crime Issues and Investigations by imparting training to effectively deal with cybercrimes, standardize the methods of investigation, and promote cyber forensics by developing SOPs and standardized training material. ■



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# *Republic Day Parade at Red Road*

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1. Governor Keshari Nath Tripathy, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Speaker of West Bengal Legislative Assembly Biman Banerjee at Republic Day Parade
2. Kolkata Police contingents saluting Governor Keshari Nath Tripathy on Republic Day
3. Kolkata Mounted Police at Red Road parade
4. Kolkata Armed Police in Republic Day parade
5. Rapid Action Force in Republic Day parade
6. Spectacular show of Kolkata Traffic Police



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## Book Fair



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1 & 2. Commissioner of Police Rajeev Kumar at inauguration of Book Fair  
3. CP and other superior officers receiving memento from Book Fair organizers

4. CP applauding at a felicitation programme in Kolkata Book Fair  
5 & 6. C P visiting stalls of Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police at Kolkata Book Fair



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## World Anti Drug Day



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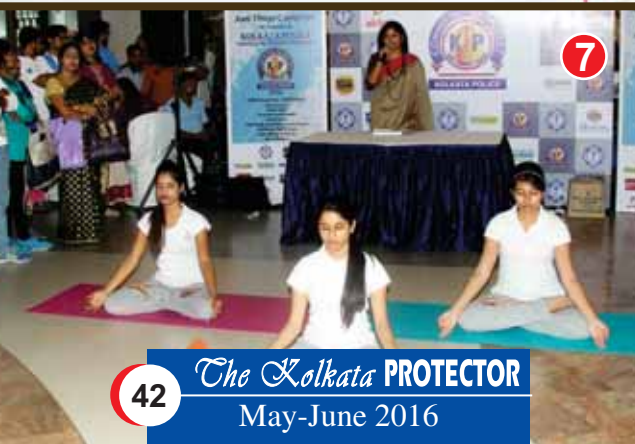
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1. Awareness through cultural programme at Acropolis
2. Students of Ashok Hall participating in the awareness campaign
3. Bike rally from Lalbazar
4. Debate competition at Police Training School
5. Inauguration of Detoxication Camp DC (DD-Spl)
6. Flagging of bicycle rally by Spl CP Jayanta Kr Basu
7. Awareness through yoga at Mani Square



## World Anti Drug Day

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8. Rehabilitated addicts participating in Sit and Draw competition at PTS
9. Awareness campaign against Drug at Quest Mall
10. Observing International Day against Drug abuse
11. Awareness campaign at South City Mall



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## Passing out Parade

1. Cadets at the Passing out Parade
2. CP inspecting the Guard of Honour
3. Women cadets saluting CP at the Passing out Parade
4. Cadets taking the pledge



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1. Spl. CP Jayanta Kumar Basu inaugurating a Blood Donation Camp at Alipore PS
- 2 & 3. Donor Cards and flowers being offered to cops
- 4 & 5. Policemen donating blood at Alipore PS
6. A staff donating blood at Kolkata Police Hospital on Doctor's Day

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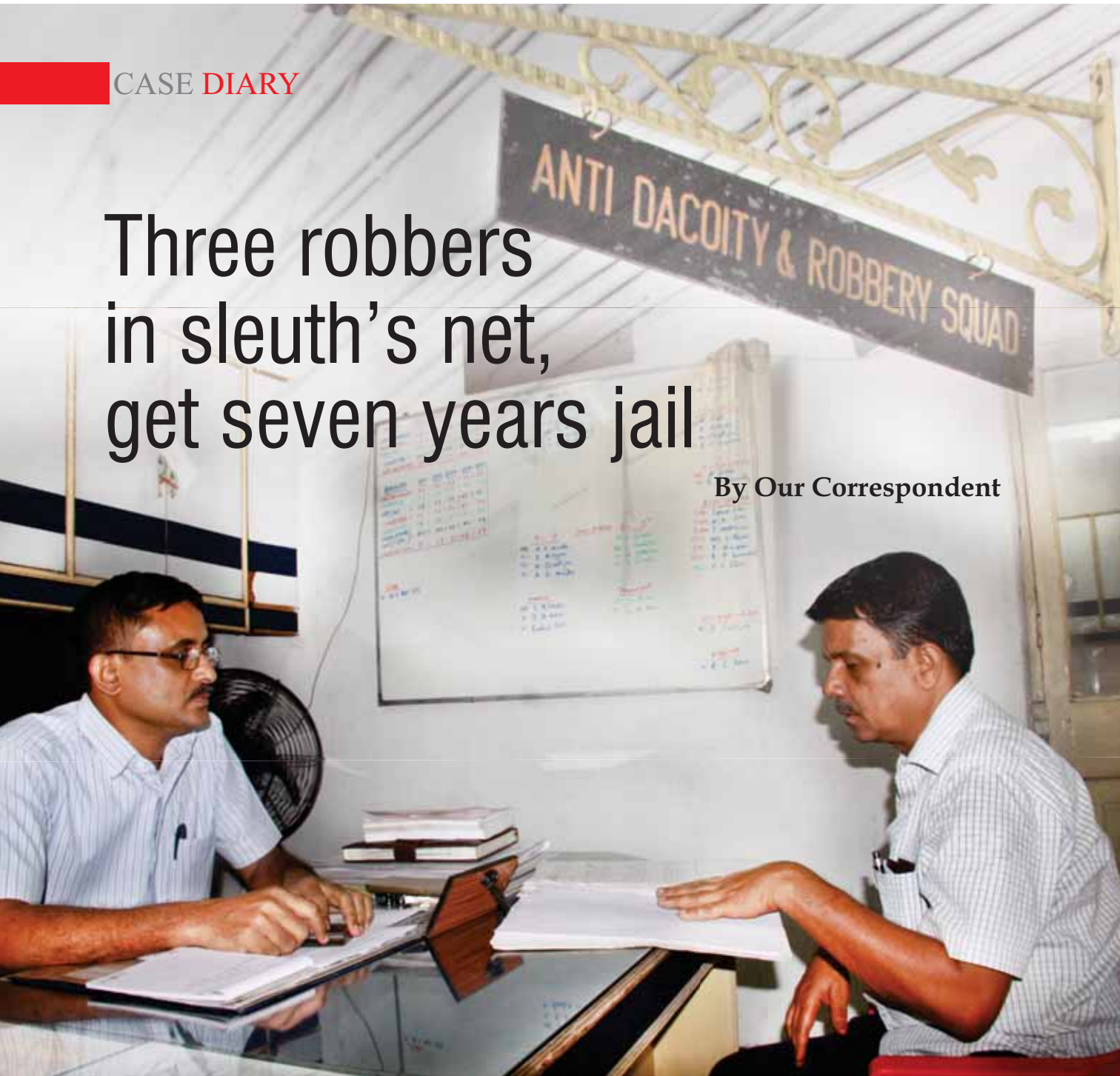
## Road Safety Week



1. Tableau for Road Safety and awareness was flagged off by Commissioner of Police Rajeev Kumar
2. Tableau for Road Safety Week is ready to move around the city.
3. V Solomon giving mementos to traffic sergeants
4. Balloons being released to mark the start of the Week
5. The dias on the occasion
6. Sourav Ganguly gracing at the Road Safety Week program
7. Sourav Ganguly presenting a memento to a police officer

# Three robbers in sleuth's net, get seven years jail

By Our Correspondent



A series of robbery and dacoity incidents within a short span of time was at times cause for concern for Kolkata Police. Nearly five years back such incidents happened at southern fringe of the city. Surprisingly morning walkers were the target of the miscreants. Morning walkers who were normally elderly citizens were looted by the armed miscreants. Although local police stations started investigating into these cases

but finally these case were taken up by the Anti Dacoity and Robbery Squad of Detective Department, Lalbazar.

**Ref:** Survey Park P.S Case No. 75 dt.30.10.2011 under sections 394/ 397 IPC

**Ref:** Jadavpur P.S. Case No. 633 dt.11.11.2011 under sections 392/397 IPC

**Brief Facts:** Narayan Maity, a resident of Modern Park while went out for a morning walk on

3rd road, Modern Park at around 5-30, was robbed and assaulted with a chopper by some unknown persons. The miscreants snatched away his gold chain and rings. The victim sustained with severe injury. A case was registered with Survey Park Police Station in this respect.

Meanwhile in another incident Madhusudan Chakraborty of Bapuji Nagar was robbed in the same manner within a few days

under Jadavpur Police Station. Chakraborty was walking for Yoga at Layalka near Regent Estate Govt. Quarter around 5-25 in the morning on November 11, 2011. He was then accompanied by his sister-in-law Jayanti Dutta. They were suddenly attacked by four miscreants near the Bapuji Nagar crossing with a chopper and managed to escape after snatching away a locket with precious stones in his silver chain and wallet. The victim Madhusudan Chakraborty lodged a complaint with Jadavpur Police Station

**Modus Operandi:** Miscreants were more than four in number in both the incidents and they were targeting morning walkers. They preferred to carry sharp weapon like chopper.

**Investigation:** The sleuths of Lalbazar who had taken up both the cases, were of the opinion that both the incidents had been committed by the miscreants from the adjacent places. They were sure with the tip off from their sources. Acting on a tip off from their sources police raided

at various places in Sonarpur and Baruipur areas and arrested Jahangir Laskar alias Khokon (30) in connection with those cases. During interrogation he confessed that along with two other accomplices they robbed morning walkers at Survey Park and Jadavpur. He also divulged the names of his accomplices as Md. Raju Sk (24) and Sahajahan Sk. (30), who were subsequently arrested.

**Chargesheet and Trial:** The case registered with Survey Park Police Station and was tried in the Court of Ld. 2nd Fast Track Court Alipore vide ST No. 2(8) 12. After trial, Ld. Judge Gour Sundar Banerjee observed that the three accused-- Md. Raju Sk, Jahangir Laskar alias Khokon and Sahajahan Sk were guilty under section 394/ 397 IPC and the Ld judge convicted them on 29.01.2016, and sentenced them for seven year's rigorous imprisonment and pay fine of Rs 2,000 each and in default simple imprisonment for another two months.

Meanwhile in the other case which was registered with

Jadavpur Police Station came before the court of Ld. 8th Addl. Dist Judge, Alipore. The trial was completed on 28. 03. 2016 and Ld. Judge Sri Siddhatha Kanjilal found the same three accused persons guilty under section 392/ 397 IPC. The Ld. judge convicted Md. Raju Sk (24) son of Pradip Sk of Makaltala P.S. Jibontala PO- Basra(S) 24 Pgs and Jahangir Laskar alias Khokon(30) son of Razzak Laskar of vill Begampur, P.O & P.S-Baruipur, 24Pgs(S) to suffer rigorous imprisonment for four years and six months and fine of Rs 1,000 each in default simple imprisonment for one month.

The court also convicted Sahajahan Sk. (30) son of Lt. Yusuf Sk.of Hokal Danga, P.O- Neula, P.S- Mathurapur 24Pgs(S) to suffer rigorous imprisonment for five years and pay fine of Rs 1,000, or in default simple imprisonment for one month.

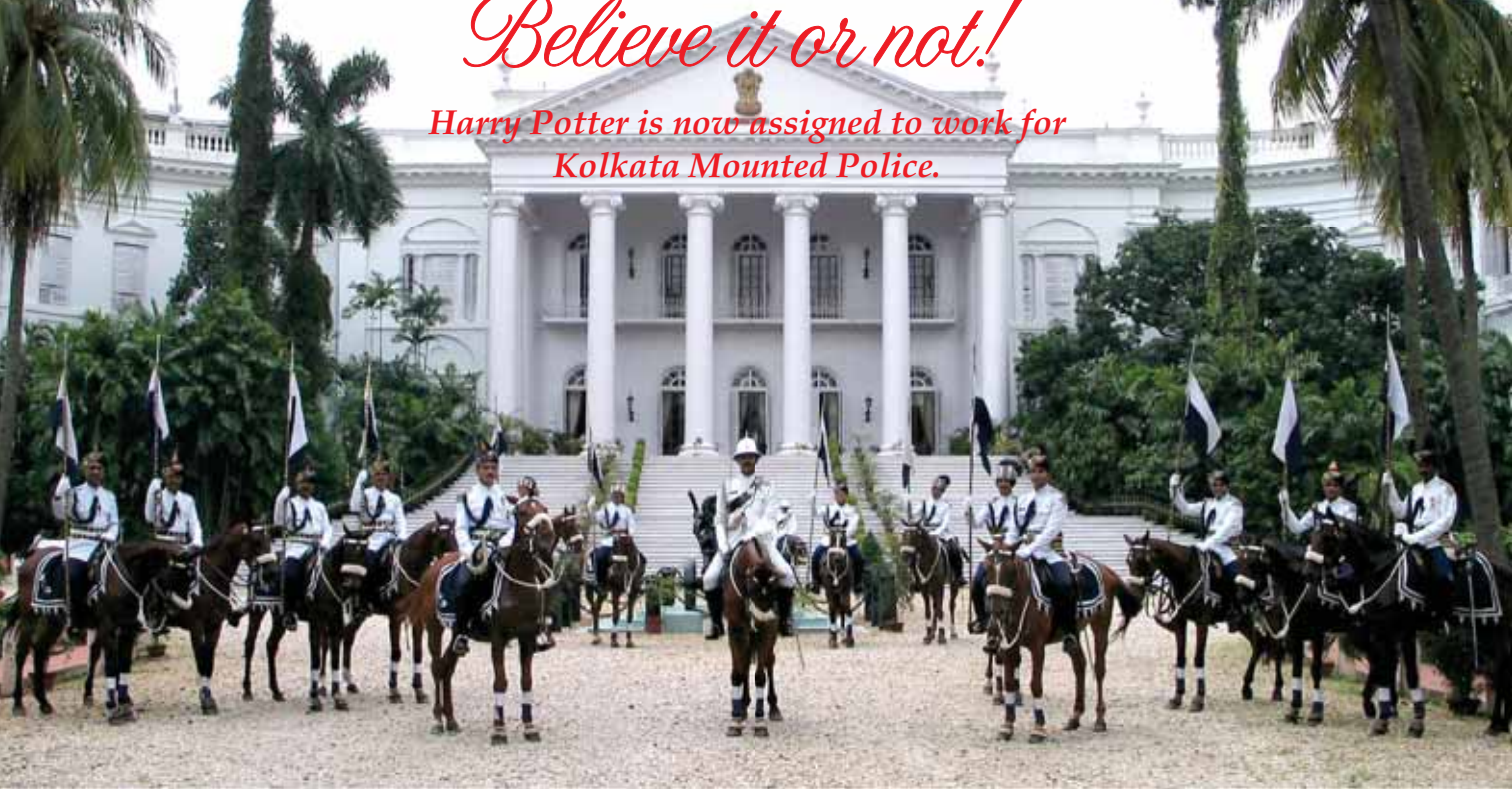
Sri Swapan Pathak was the Ld. PP in Charge and Sub Inspector Sunil Kumar Sarkar was the Investigating Officer of the case. ■

# Invigorating force *With* Horsepower

Abhijit Chatterjee

*Believe it or not!*

*Harry Potter is now assigned to work for  
Kolkata Mounted Police.*



You are definitely wondered but this will not lead you to real astonishment. The real astonishment is to know that Harry Potter is a horse and stays at the stable of Kolkata Mounted Police with its Valentine and other mates.

There are 67 horses but 13 of them are not physically fit to assign for duties, informed Abhra Kishore Chatterjee, the Officer in Charge, Kolkata Mounted Police. He said

Kolkata Mounted Police has achieved a cult-like status among the total contingents of Kolkata Police because of its royal nature and trained a number of horses within its command. Every sports loving person who had been to Maidan at least once in his lifetime must have noticed Mounted Police maintaining the queue of the spectators, who hanker for a ticket. Such scene is very common during the matches of the prestigious Premier League

Soccer or Cricket Tournament.

Mounted Police, a part of the tradition of Kolkata Police force, is tough, strong, courageous, disciplined and determined enough. Kolkatans are basically sports loving people and craze for a ticket is not very unusual here. This specialized unit has been utilized in every sporting and other event as an integral part for its excellent skill in crowd control. These horses have been trained in a manner



that they do not injure public although they get irritated in various manner and suffered injuries.

The horse is not just an animal used in Kolkata Police but it adds more power in policing. The horse symbolizes courage, force, speed and dynamism and actually denotes 'horse power' - the jargon which has been coined to measure the unit of power of a machine. Horsemanship has been inculcated among the cops in Mounted Police and horses are adored by their Sowars (Riders) for their royal presence and majestic look.

Standard height of a horse in the force is five feet from its mane. Sahis (Groomers) feed and groom them at regular basis. Each horse has a permanent Sowars and Sahis. Dr. Surajit Basu, the Veterinary Surgeon of Kolkata Mounted Police said, "The horses can recognize their Sahis and Sowars with their animal instinct. Sahis are caring enough who feed, groom and nurse their respective horses. Horses and Sahis both are reciprocative and affectionate to each other."

It is difficult to say when exactly Mounted Police came into being. However, the earliest record dates back to 1840. It stated that the Mounted Police was initialized with only two Sowars under a Dafadar or Head Officer. The Sowars used to work as the couriers of messages and inform the Harbour Master about the movement of any ship. In 1842 a special patrol was arranged by horsemen in Maidan area and the team consisted of one Jamadar, one Dafadar and 12 Troopers. Their uniform was dark green chupkan edged with scarlet, white pyjamas, long boots, scarlet turban, a brace of pistol in holster and a belt pouch containing ten rounds of ball ammunition. By 1850, the strength was considerably increased to six Sowars, six Syces and seven horses. Of the seven horses, four were stabled at police office and the rest were distributed among the police stations. During 19th century the horsemen of Calcutta Mounted Police were assigned to discharge various duties like maintaining law and order, night patrolling, taking part in ceremonial procession and

offering guard of honour at special moments.

Mounted police had a close link with Calcutta Police Band which was then recognized as one of the finest band of the British Empire. By 1857, Calcutta Mounted Police was ranked as one of the three major mounted police forces of the world—London, Montreal and Calcutta under a Superintendent of Police. However, a regular duty schedule for Calcutta Mounted Police was outlined by Charles Tegart, Fredrick Halliday and John Eastwood in 1912 onward. Initially this force was filled by the Europeans and the Indians were not allowed except in some junior positions. But after independence the scenario has naturally been changed.

Till 1965 Calcutta Mounted Police used to buy horses from Australia and England but now they are being bought from Army Stud Farms at Babugarh, Saharanpur, Haryana, Pune and Delhi. However, it is not an easy task to buy a younger horse because there is every possibility to be duped in 'horse trade'. Experienced buyer can only



Kolkata Mounted Police buys horses of three to five years old with the height of 5 feet from mane wither to ground. Horses are available in four colours- Bay, Chestnut, Grey and Brown. Horses normally use to move on a pair and that is why Sergeants and Inspectors are provided with such a horse that can move alone. ■

understand the original age of a horse by examining its teeth (dentations). A male pony is called Colt while a female one is called Filly. The ponies reach at puberty at 2 years onward when a Colt becomes Stallion and Filly is called as Mare. One testicular horse is called Rig but some colts have been made Geld following castration. It is a difficult task to control a stallion during the duty because they become attracted to a mare. Kolkata Mounted Police used to undertake breeding programme in its stable which was held five years ago and four colts of Hena, two colts of Poonam and one colt of Sitara has been fathered by Astrajoy-a stallion. The life span of a horse is normally 20 -22 years. However, Hena - a mare of 28 years is now the oldest member in the stable of Kolkata Mounted Police.



# Sukanya

Widened coverage from  
school to college

**Soven Banerjee**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, CPW



Women safety has always been one of the top priorities of any law-enforcing agency. Be it within the confines of home or in the public sphere, offences against women have been observed, documented and were not addressed properly by societies across the globe. Law enforcement agencies all over the world are taking problem of offence against women very seriously as it is universal.

Kolkata Police with a view to eradicate and minimize the possibility of commencing offence against women has introduced a unique programme for the girl students styled as SUKANYA. It is an inspirational project, replicated

and adopted from the concept of Kanyashree, a dream project of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. It is a program for imparting self defence training for the girl students. The basic objective of this project is to build confidence amongst the girl students of the schools and colleges by means of imparting self defence training so that the girls are made capable of defending themselves and countering any sort of ordeal. The project was launched with its formal inauguration at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra on 24.02.2014. Reputed Martial Arts training agencies of the city imparted them with self defence training.

In the 1st and pilot phase of this program, 646 girls from 31 different schools located under different Police Stations of Kolkata Police across the city had undergone the self defense training and successfully completed the prescribed course. This project started with fewer schools in the 1st phase, but gradually this program was introduced in many colleges of the city.

In the 2nd phase, 1440 students from 35 different schools and colleges across the city successfully completed the training program. Currently nearly 3500 students from 70 different schools/ colleges across the city are enrolled for undergoing training.

Kolkata Police believes that this initiative definitely helps the girls to be more confident and physically capable of tackling any sort of possible harassment. SUKANYA is a true example of 'Women Empowerment' and can be rightly termed as one of the noblest initiative among the many community policing initiatives of Kolkata Police. At the same time, it also gives a message in a positive direction in the society and carries a message to the offenders that the girls are now capable of defending themselves. ■



### **Shri Montu Das**

General Secretary,  
Kick Boxing Association of West Bengal

Sukanya was a much needed program in colleges considering the present scenario that most of the girls face most often. The girls are now more confident and physically efficient to counter any attack to defend them as well as protect others in challenging situations.

Some of them were selected in State and National level Kick Boxing Championships. It's amazing that a few among them secured podium positions including winning Gold medals. I am hopeful that our Sukanyas will meet the changing social scenarios and make them comfortable in the society. I feel myself very proud and privileged to serve and contribute for the society as one of the association of Kolkata Police.



### **Shri Partha S. Sarkar**

Mixed Martial Arts

We have worked in many institutions over the past year; and received immense support and patronage of heads and faculty of schools and colleges from across Kolkata. I hope the project would get support from more institutions.

We hope that with successful expansion and popularity of the "Sukanya" of the Kolkata Police; we will reach out and find new horizons to explore the possibilities of taking this project to every girl student / woman in the country, who are willing to participate.



### **Smt. Supriya Samanta**

360 Degree Sports

Kolkata Police's "Sukanya" is meant to ensure that every woman gets the confidence and knowledge to handle herself in a 'Crisis Situation'. A notable change is visible and its salutary effect makes the participants feel comfortable about themselves in all walks of life.

The project has helped imbibe more confidence and pride among the family members of the participants - since this training provides self-reliability in an individual in any given situation of life.



### **Smt. Debjani Dutta Roy**

Headmistress  
Surah Kanya Girls High School

It is good that Kolkata Police has introduced such a project like Sukanya for the girl students for imparting self defense training. The training has made them more confident and I think duration of three months is insufficient to train any person properly. The duration of the course should be increased. Also more students should be allowed to be enrolled for the program instead of 60. I request Kolkata Police to consider my proposal for increasing the duration of training period and to allow more students to take part in the program.

## **Dr. Anita Chattopadhyay Gupta**

Principal, Deshbandhu College for Girls

The first time I came to know about Sukanya the whole idea excited me. It was a good initiative taken by the Kolkata Police. Now a days, women safety is a serious issue. It's great that the Police has come forward to address this issue by means of introducing self defense training program for the girls of schools and colleges of the City.

I discuss with all my colleagues about this proposal and everyone agreed to enroll in the program. Kolkata Police has brought forward a very nice opportunity for the students to learn the art of self-defense.

When they started classes initially, they used to be shy and nervous. After attending a few classes they were found to become more confident in their body language. The way they are throwing their kicks and punches really show that they are no more helpless and ready to pay back in the face of any untoward incident. I sincerely thank Kolkata Police for such great initiative.



## **Smt. Arpita Mondal**

Headmistress

Indrani Memorial Girls' High school (New)

Sishu Mahal Girls High School

Sukanya is a wonderful program introduced by Kolkata Police for the girl students. It is a matter of great pride for me that eight students of my school won 19 medals including Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in the State Championship. I thank Kolkata Police for such initiative for the girls. However, our students couldn't be sent to the National Level competitions, because of shortage of fund and I appeal to Kolkata Police to make some provisions of funds so that the deserving students could be sent to the National Championships.



## **Dr. Nibedita Chakrabarti**

Principal

Victoria Institution (College)

I thank Kolkata Police for taking up the 'Sukanya' project. This is a great gesture on the part of the Police Community to take over this type of social project.

Sukanya of Kolkata Police will help the female students to remain physically fit and would be able to protect themselves in difficult socio-cultural situations. It will make the students strong and confident, which is needed in the society. It will also support them to build their character. Kolkata Police's effort to train the female student would be a great social work. I would like to congratulate the Kolkata Police for this worthy step for helping the girl students to express their voice in society and establish themselves.



# Beware! Fraudsters on the prowl



Kolkata Police has constituted a separate section under its umbrella called as the Anti Bank Fraud Section in an attempt to check bank fraud cases. A dedicated helpline has been created for the bank account holders for the purpose.

Any person who suspects he or she has been victimized of bank fraud can immediately call up the dedicated 24x7 helpline number – 8585063104 and register their complaints. Anti Bank Fraud Section deals with thousands of such cases on a regular basis, informed Soumya Banerjee, the Officer in Charge. The growing trend of e-wallet usage has led the users susceptible to various fraudulent activities by the miscreants. Earlier, the issue

was with ATM transactions. The notorious Gaya gang had duped many people with their well thought out method. But with increased security during transactions (such as OTP), the banks have been able to check them after being informed by the police.

Recently, newer methods are being invented to loot people's money via wallets such as Paytm, MobiKwik, etc. Intel says fraudsters are operating from Jamtara and Karmatar (now Vidyasagar) in Jharkhand and calling the account holders pretending to be representatives of the banks. They earn confidence of the people and then trick them of disclosing their debit/credit card details including the CVV (Card

Verification Value) number. The loot amount is then siphoned off into account of the fraudster. The cops have urged the banks to look into this matter and requested them to take adequate measures to block the payment gateway immediately of that particular customer, if such cases come to light. Two nationalized banks UCO and UBI have revamped their processes accordingly. Kolkata Police also conducts seminars in association with banks from time to time to generate awareness in this regard. Apart from this, there are many who forget to logout from the wallet and e-commerce apps after doing a transaction, leaving their account and card details vulnerable for stolen or lost. ■

# Blood Donation on Doctors Day

By Our Correspondent



A blood donation camp was organised at Kolkata Police Hospital on National Doctors Day. National Doctors Day is celebrated throughout out the country on 1ST July which is Birth & Death Anniversary of legendary doctor and former Chief Minister of West Bengal Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.

Additional Commissioner of Police (1) Vineet Goyal chaired as the Chief Guest in the programme which was also attended by Jt. Commissioner of Police (Orgn) Champak Bhattacharya as Guest of Honour. The programme was presided over by Police Surgeon Dr. Kingshuk Biswas. Addl. CP

(1) and Jt. CP (Orgn), doctors and nursing staff of the hospital paid floral tribute to Dr. Roy. Speaking on the occasion Addl. CP (1) advised doctors and staff of the hospital to be a little more proactive for delivering the best possible health care to their colleagues. He said commitment to serve the society better was the motto of Dr. Roy and he felt that the doctors would follow his ideals to help the ailing people. The people of this state will continue to remember Dr. Roy's contribution towards the development of the state, he added. Dr Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Medical Officer while describing the importance of "Doctors Day" said, 'If we doctors could inculcate what Dr. B C Roy was, we could have done wonders for the Police Force and the public at large. Eighty hospital staff and policemen donated blood on the occasion. ■



# Workshop for Nabadisha kids

By Our Correspondent



A theatre workshop was organized by Kolkata Police in association with Theatre Traveler for the students of Nabadisha schools. The workshop was organized at the premises of Ultadanga and Tollygunge Police Stations.

Two musicians and performers from Germany participated in the workshop, which was held at Ultadanga Police Station in the last year. Samrat Bose, the

director of Theatre Traveler said, 'The objective of such workshop is to spread cultural ethos among the destitute and delinquent children and to bring them into the mainstream of the society. We are thankful to the authorities of Kolkata Police to provide us such an opportunity and we are ready to hold more such workshops in future.'

Nabadisha is one of the ambitious Community Policing

initiatives of the Kolkata Police which ensures elementary education to the children of slum areas. Those schools are run by some NGOs with active support from Kolkata Police and Theatre Traveler has come forward to hold theatre workshops and produce skits and poster drama for the cultural upliftment of the kids of Nabadisha schools. ■

# Controlling Crime through Hot & Cold policy

## Cossipore Police Station

Abhijit Chatterjee



Cossipore is known for Udyan Bati- one of the most sacred places for the Hindu devotees. Udyan Bati is famous because Ramkrishna Paramhanshdev who appeared as an Avatar used to reside here during his last part of life.

The holy man appeared as the saviour for the mankind following attainment of Moksho, who used to fulfill wishes of his disciples and devotees with his supernatural power. Kalpataru Utsav is named after Kalpataru Briksha - a banyan tree where Ramkrishna with his aura made his disciple's wishes true under the state of meditation.

### **Jurisdiction:**

**North:** BT Road

**East:** Sinthi Crossing, Baranagar Bazar

**West:** Chiriamore Crossing

**South:** Rustam Farsi Road, Ratan Babu Ghat

**Area Profile:** The population of this area is approximately three lakhs. Kolkata Municipal Corporation ward no. 1 is the only municipal ward situated in this area. Besides, Bengali, the Hindi and Urdu speaking people are living in the area peacefully. Communal harmony is prevailed in the locality. The co-habitation of rich, middle class, lower middle class and poor have strengthen their social bond among themselves. The literacy rate in the area has gone up appreciably but still some parts remain

backward. Some slum areas still exist in the jurisdiction of this police station. People are being motivated about the importance of education which has been reflected in their lifestyles. Distressed daily wagers are even sending their wards to schools. There are B T Road Government-sponsored School, Cossipore Girls High School, St. Ninans High School and North Calcutta Polytechnic. There is a government run hospital namely North Suburban State General Hospital. Besides, Udyan Bati there is a temple-Sarbamangala Mandir and few mosques. The offices and barracks of 2nd and 8th Battalion of Kolkata Police are located here. Besides Gun & Shell Factory, eight branches of



different nationalized banks and 11 ATM counters are functioning in this area.

**Challenges:** Cossipore was at times infamous for gang rivalry. Bombing and road blockade were regular phenomena. The notorious elements used to hurl bombs on the member of other groups, which often led to affect commoners and pedestrians. Earlier, there has been a power generating station of CESC within the jurisdiction of this police station, which is however not in operation now. Anti-social elements used to fight among themselves for their vested interest relating to trade of logistic and fly ash. Gang war led to extortion, killing and other law and order problem. But the scenario has now been changed following prompt action taken by the officers of this police station. The officials of the police station always keep eyes on maintaining communal peace, harmony and tranquility in public life.

**Policing:** Besides, Durga Puja and Eid, Kalpataru Utsav is one of the most important events take place on 1st January. Nearly ten lakh people gather at the famous Cossipore Udyan Bati on that day. All possible arrangements are made by the police for crowd control and safety – security of the people. Besides, a good number of personnel in uniform, plain clothed police are also deployed for preventing crimes like snatching and eve teasing. Apart from these special arrangements for occasional events, regular arrangements have been made for complete surveillance. Mobile patrolling has been in operation round the clock. Two officers with their respective team move around the area from dawn to dusk and a special ARO keeps vigilant during the night. Mobile patrolling also includes separate teams with two motor cycles and another with an auto rickshaw. Since the area is of mixed population from different communities, beat meetings have been arranged with the

local community leaders, local clubs at regular interval. This police station also holds meetings with them for the exchange of views before major events like Durga puja, Eid, Holi etc. The objective of holding such meetings is to open two way channel of communication. Quarrel and fight for sharing of tap water, fight among tenants and landlord are common feature in the slum areas but the police reach in those vulnerable spot even before any such local issue flares up.

**Beyond Policing:** A school is run under Nabadisha project at the premises of Aman School at Cossipore Road. Forty students of the said school are provided with books and educational instruments. The blood donation camp Prabaho is organized once a year. There are more than 100 members under the Pronam project and one ASI is delegated to receive their call and help them out according to their immediate medical need. The officer keeps regular contact with Pronam members. Yearly



## Officer Speak

We believe in Public Relations and counseling. It has helped us a lot in earning confidence of the locals. Actually we have made them understand that if they continue to engage themselves in anti- social activities or indulge such activities it will ultimately harm their wards. We have also made them realized that even if any outsider commits crime in the locality, it will demean their names. The criminals and notorious elements were pacified through such counseling. As a result this locality did not have to face post poll violence. Some parts in B T Road are accident prone zone but as my officers are good enough and effective they nicely handle the situation before it create any law and order problem. We have been able to check the crime here by taking prompt action in any matter whatever trivial it is.

**Saral Mitra**, Officer in Charge,  
Cossipore Police Station.

health check up camp is organized for them and they are taken to visit pandals during Durga Puja. Football tournaments for Friendship Cup are organized and all local clubs participate in this tournament. A cricket tournament and jujutsu competition was successfully organized in the ground of 2nd Battalion of Kolkata Police by this police station.

**Trivia:** Saral Mitra joined Kolkata Police as a Sub Inspector in 1990. After completion of training he was posted at Burglary section, Detective Department in Lalbazar and worked there for 7 years. He was transferred to Port Division in 1998 and worked in two Police stations- Garden Reach and Wattgunge for nearly three years each. In 2004 he was transferred to Karya Police Station but served there only five months. He was then transferred to Muchipara Police Station and working there nearly three years he was transferred to New Market Police Station. In 2010 he was posted at Special Task Force (STF) and in June, 2012 he got promotion in the rank of Inspector and became OC of SSPD. He became Additional I OC in Bowbazar Police Station in 2013 and working only a few months he was transferred to North Port Police Station as OC and worked there till December 2015. He took charge of OC of Cossipore Police Station on December 9, 2015.

### Present Strength:

Inspector- 2 , SI-8, LSI-1, ASI-26, Const-44, HG-5, Civic Volunteer- 10, Police Driver-4. ■

# Targeting at Bull's Eye

By Our Correspondent



Most of the people have an aim in life. However not many of them can hardly reach at their goal what they perhaps use to write as a paragraph in school days. But there are of course some people who set their goal and reach at their target by hook or crook and fulfill their cherished dream.

Paril Lepcha targets at Bull's eye. She is one of the spirited lady personnel of Kolkata Police who joined the force in 2013, has been in Archery since she was just 10.s She has an illuminated sports career and so far has bagged total 55 medals of which 25 are gold, 12 are silver and 18 are bronze.

Paril belongs to such a family in Kalimpong in Darjeeling district where each member is an archer. She is fascinated with this sport because she used to see her parents to hit the bull's eye since her girlhood. She had a great influence of her father Chujamg Lepcha, who was her first coach. Equipments of this sport are very costly but her father never gave second thought for money matters and purchased necessary archery equipments for her training in the sport from his GPF account.

She is now undergoing archery training from Ruma Roy at SAI complex. Hitting the target and securing a prize became obvious to her. Starting from National School Games, National Sub- Junior Archery Competition to National Games she ensured a prize in every meet. During National Games in 2011 and 2015 she bagged one silver and one bronze medal respectively. One gold and one silver medal had been bagged by her during 2nd All India Police Archery Championship, which was held in Delhi in 2013. In 2014 during 3rd All India Police Archery Championship in Guwahati she bagged five bronze medals. In her early career she ensured medals in every year during West Bengal State Archery Championship since 2003. During 31st West Bengal State Archery Championship in 2003 she bagged two silver and one bronze medals. In the next year during the same meet she bagged one silver and one bronze medals but in 2005 she had been able to bag one gold and silver medals. During West Bengal State Archery Championship in the next three consecutive years she secured gold medals. She bagged three, three and four gold medals in 2006, 2007 and 2008. ■



# Narcotics Redefined

**Amal Kumar Paul**

Special Public Prosecutor, Alipore Court

The dictionary meaning of the word narcotics is a substance which relieves pain, produces sleep and in large doses brings super coma and even death, as opium, hemlock, alcohol etc obviously thereof if chloral hydrate is hypnotic and sedative it would be narcotic.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 provides different punishment for various offences relating to illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Most of the offences invite uniform punishment of a minimum ten years rigorous imprisonment which may extend upto 20 years, while the act envisages severe punishment for drug trafficking. It envisaged reformatory approach towards addicts. In view of the general delay in trial it has been found that the addicts prefer not to invoke the provision of the act. The strict bail provisions under the acts add to their misery. The addicted and those who commit less serious offences are sentenced to less severe punishment. It is also proposed to restrict the application of strict bail provision to these

offenders who indulge in serious offences.

Addict means the person who has dependence on any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance like charas, ganja, cocaine, hashish, heroine. Manufactured drug means coca derivatives, opium derivatives, medicinal hemp and also narcotic substance which have been declared manufactured drug by the central government. Heroine falls under the definition of opium derivatives.

## **Sec 37- Proof beyond reasonable doubt**

In course of trial for offence under NDPS Act when the charges are serious and the punishment are serious and deterrent, the degree of proof must necessarily pass a high list of security and must exclude all other possibilities.

In a case prosecution came very close to establishing the case but it has proved beyond reasonable doubt that material on record justified either prosecution or preparation for sale in respect of the contraband which the prosecution ultimately failed conviction was thereof set aside and it is very important that

burden of proof lies on the prosecution to prove that seized articles is what type of contraband.

Compliance of prosecution of Sec 50 of the NDPS Act is mandatory. Non compliance thereof vitiates the trial and conviction must fail on this technical ground. The requirement of Sec 50 has been held to be mandatory and what is mandatory that cannot be avoided.

The provision of Sec 50 of NDPS Act in nutshell make it mandatory then while effecting the search under section 41, 42, 43 of the said Acts the officer thus authorized to take search as per section 42 should take such person without unnecessary delay so the nearest gazetted officer of any of the department mentioned in Sec 42 or to the nearest magistrate.

Discovery initiating to form a law is also one of the negative effects of an evolution of positive. Since a compound invented by research as a medicine gradually turned to means in the society warranting a law to prevent its misuse or abuse ancient proverb rules '

Fire and water are good servants but bad masters' so long as Narcotic substance were used as medicines it was blessing to the society, which turned to be a curse when it started to be abused to limitless extent and thus legislature made the law with decorum punishment not only to curb the crime but also to eradicate the rule of evilness from the society as Narcotics is a silent killer of a nation.

The amendment to NDPS Act has proved to be a blessing in disguise for drug offenders since it has diluted the provisions of NDPS Act 1985 and made the punishment stringent.

Thus the guilty should be

punished and be implicated but at the same time it is equally necessary to ensure that the innocent are not involved by taking undue advantage of the stringent provisions of the Act.

We all sincerely hope that someday the people himself would understand to free themselves from the clutches of this dreaded habit but continuous propagation and mass education is necessary to walk into a path of sterile life style without any education.

To cite an example I humbly recapitulate of an incident which I eventually prosecute a case whose trial was completed in the court of Ld. 12<sup>th</sup> Addl District

Judge at Alipore ST. No 1(9) 2013 State vs Luxmi Sardar and Swaraswati Dey Sarkar under section 21(C) / 29 of NDPS Act and surprisingly a mother including her daughter and the duo adopted as their avocation selling drugs to prospective consumers even in government institution and hospitals.

However the case ended in conviction of gregarious imprisonment from eight years with a fine of Rs 2 lakh each. This conviction however did not console me as the users for the customers of these two convicts could not be roped in. ■

# Acute Bronchitis: know the symptoms

**Dr Nandini Biswas**

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*Just when you thought you were finally over a cold, your chest starts to feel sore and you develop an irritating cough. Later, you might get the chills or a slight fever.*

If these symptoms sound familiar, you might have **acute bronchitis**, a condition that occurs when the inner walls that line the main air passageways of your lungs (bronchial tubes) become inflamed. Bronchitis often follows a respiratory infection such as cold. And as most people get occasional colds, virtually everyone has bronchitis at least once.

Most cases of acute bronchitis disappear within a few days without lasting effects, although coughs may linger three weeks or more. But if you have repeated bouts of bronchitis, you should see your doctor. You may have a more serious health problem, such as asthma,

chronic bronchitis or emphysema — a disease that causes progressive lung damage. You're much more likely to develop these conditions, if you smoke.

## Signs and symptoms

A cough that brings up yellowish-gray or green mucus (sputum) is one of the main signs of bronchitis. Mucus itself isn't abnormal - your airways produce at least an ounce of normal secretions every day. But these secretions usually don't accumulate because they're continuously cleared into your throat and swallowed with your saliva. When your bronchial tubes are inflamed, however, they often produce large

amounts of discoloured mucus that comes up when you cough. **Mucus that isn't white or clear usually means there's a secondary infection.**

However, these signs may not always be visible. You don't always produce sputum when you have bronchitis and children often swallow coughed-up material, so parents may not know it's infected.

## Other signs and symptoms of bronchitis may include:

- Soreness and a feeling of constriction or burning in your chest
- Breathlessness
- Wheezing
- Chills

- Overall malaise and slight fever

Sometimes **Chronic Sinusitis** - an ongoing infection in the lining of one or more of the cavities in the bone around your nose — can mimic bronchitis. That's because the signs and symptoms of chronic sinusitis include a thick, yellow or green discharge and a chronic cough that's triggered when you try to clear your throat of mucus draining from your sinuses.

### Causes

The same viruses that cause colds often cause acute bronchitis. But you can also develop non-infectious bronchitis from exposure to your own or someone else's cigarette smoke and even from pollutants such as household cleaners and smog.

Bronchitis can also occur when acids from your stomach consistently back up into your food pipe, a condition known as gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, or GERD.

Workers exposed to certain dusts or fumes may develop **Occupational Bronchitis**, an acute disease that generally clears up when exposure to the irritant stops.

### Chronic Bronchitis

Sometimes inflammation and thickening of the lining of your bronchial tubes become permanent — a condition known as chronic bronchitis. Signs and symptoms include shortness of breath and a continuous cough that produces large amounts of mucus. You're generally considered to have chronic bronchitis, if you cough most days for at least three

months a year in two consecutive years. Often, however, smokers with chronic bronchitis cough almost every day, even if it's just to "clear their throats" in the morning.

Unlike acute bronchitis, chronic bronchitis is an ongoing, serious disease. Smoking is the major cause, but air pollution and dust or toxic gases in the environment or workplace also can contribute to the condition.

### When to seek medical advice

Most cases of bronchitis clear on their own in a few days, especially if you rest, drink plenty of fluids, and keep the air in your home warm and moist. But if you have a fever higher than 101 F, you're breathless, or you cough up bloody or yellow or green mucus, see your doctor. **You may have pneumonia.**

**If you have a cough that lasts six weeks or more, be sure to seek medical care. The inflammation from a chronic infection can lead to asthma in some people.**

Also see your doctor, if you have chronic lung or heart problems, including asthma, emphysema or congestive heart failure, and think you may have developed a case of bronchitis. These conditions put you at greater risk of developing complications from bronchial infections.

If you have repeated bouts of bronchitis, tell your doctor. You may have chronic bronchitis, or you may live or work in an environment that continually irritates your airways. In some cases, you may have GERD or chronic sinusitis. If so, your

doctor may be able to pinpoint the cause of your problem and suggest further testing and lifestyle changes that can help.

### Screening and diagnosis

To diagnose bronchitis, your doctor will likely listen to your chest with a stethoscope. You may also be asked to have a chest X-ray and perhaps a sputum culture — a test that checks for the presence of bacteria in sputum produced when you cough.

In some cases your doctor may recommend additional tests to rule out other causes for your symptoms, including a pulmonary function test (PFT) that checks for signs of asthma or emphysema.

### Self-care

Following suggestions can help make you more comfortable, ensure speedy recovery and prevent complications of acute bronchitis:

- Get plenty of rest
- Drink lots of fluids
- Use a humidifier in your room. Warm, moist air helps relieve coughs and loosens mucus in your airways. But be sure to clean the humidifier according to the manufacturer's recommendations to avoid the growth of bacteria and fungi in the water container.
- Avoid irritants to your airways, such as tobacco smoke.
- Wear a mask when the air is polluted, or if you're exposed to irritants at work. ■



# Don't scare about Bypass Surgery

Dr. Ashok Bandyopadhyay

Stress in the modern lives has become a common phenomenon. In the lives of policemen it has always been difficult and stressful which more than normal as they have to face lot of hazards in any moment. They are always on their toes and cannot live a peaceful mode because their job demands 24X7. In the beginning of the career they hardly care about such stress but when they become older and cross 40 years they need to have health check up at regular interval. Kolkata Police however make arrangements of health check up for its men and officers. The hectic schedule, stress of job and junk food habit may make them susceptible to cardiac ailment. However, cardiac ailment can be cured through regular treatment and nobody should take anything for granted. In case of serious cardiac problem doctors may often suggest a bypass surgery and many people have misconception about that. There has some kind of myths about bypass surgery. People should not get scared about this. There are some frequently asked questions which have been replied by **Dr. Ashok Bandyopadhyay, MS, Mch, Clinical Director, Department**

**of Cardiac Surgery, Peerless Hospital.**

## What is heart bypass surgery?

Arteries carry blood from the heart to the rest of the body parts. But sometimes arteries become blocked. When this happens, surgeons create a new channel to bypass the blockage. Doctors call it bypass graft surgery. It uses a working blood vessel from another part of the body- the graft - to channel blood around the blocked area.

## When is bypass surgery needed?

The aorta is the main artery that carries blood from the heart. Two main blood vessels branch from the base of it: the right and left coronary arteries. Each of the coronary arteries has many branches.

When plaque buildup narrows an artery to about 70% of its normal size, the artery is essentially blocked. Less severe blockage can be relieved by angioplasty and stenting. That's when a tiny balloon is threaded into the blocked artery and slowly inflated. Then a tube called a stent is used to keep the artery open.

But severe blockage requires bypass surgery.

## What is multiple bypass surgery?

Sometimes several arteries are blocked, and several bypasses are needed. If, for example, there were blockages in all three coronary arteries and one branch, a person would get four bypasses. This is called quadruple bypass surgery.

It is not the number of bypasses that dictates a patient's risk. The risk is more dependent on the general condition of the patient, whether the patient has other conditions, such as kidney disease or diabetes, and the condition of the heart itself. So if the patient's condition is good, the number of bypasses may mean a longer surgery but not significantly greater risk.

## How is bypass surgery done?

Doctors take a substitute blood vessel from another part of the body. It is safe to do this because the body has other ways of getting blood to areas.

The surgeon then attaches one end of the graft to the aorta and the other end to the coronary artery below the blockage.

The traditional operation calls for a six to eight inch cut down the center of the breast bone so the surgeon can get directly at the heart. During the operation, the body is connected to a heart-lung bypass machine that keeps the blood flowing. The heart is stopped while the doctor operates. Then the surgeon uses special wires to close the chest.

Sometimes it is possible for the surgeon to use minimally invasive surgical techniques. In this case, the incision is much smaller. And in some cases, the heart does not even have to be stopped. However, these techniques can't be used for all bypass surgeries. Another alternative, though technically more demanding, is "off pump" or "beating heart" CABG. Here too, the surgery is performed without stopping the heart but unlike minimally invasive techniques, multiple bypass graftings can be done. There is lesser complication with lesser requirement of blood/blood products and the patient is mobilized and discharged

earlier than the traditional method of stopping the heart for bypass grafting (on pump).

### **How risky is bypass surgery?**

In a relatively young patient who has no underlying disease such as diabetes, the risk of bypass surgery is small.

In skilled hands, the surgery can be carried out with overall risk of 1% to 2% of anything untoward happening. This varies according to age, how badly damaged the heart is, whether the aorta itself has plaque build up a number of factors.

### **How long does it take to recover?**

Once the bypass surgery is completed, doctors start the heart again with electric shocks and turn off the heart-lung machine.

The patient will have wires to monitor the heart pace and a tube to drain fluids leading from

the chest. Sometimes a temporary pacemaker is attached to the wires and to the chest.

Recovery from bypass surgery can be surprisingly rapid.

### **Does repeat bypass surgery mean that the first surgery was unsuccessful?**

No. great care is taken while performing bypass surgeries and gives excellent results in skilled and experienced hands. However, CABG is not a curative surgery. It improves a patient's lifestyle, reduces the chance of a sudden heart attack but the risk factors which caused CAD have to be taken care of. Unless the patient has a good understanding of the nature of the disease and the need to control his risk factors such as diet, exercise, smoking, diabetes, hypertension, etc, the disease can recur leading to graft blockage and progression of disease. Some patients may need a second procedure in course of time. ■

# Citizens' Candid Talk

According to the **Global Road Safety Report 2015** published by WHO, India accounts for more than 1,80,000 deaths annually because of road accidents, which implies around 500 deaths occur daily. In an attempt to reduce these numbers, the Central Government is in the process of bringing out a stringent road safety measures and awareness bill. Protector correspondent **Anirban Saha** met a cross section of the society and sought their opinions and suggestions to curb the staggering number of road accidents.



Road accidents are causing serious concern for everybody. Nobody is immune from such unforeseen incidents, which happen suddenly. Stringent rules should be implemented to ensure road safety. We all have a thrill for speed, but that feeling cannot be compared to the anguish of the family of the victims. Many perish at the recklessness of others. As someone who had driven in western conditions, where strict laws are enforced I feel there must be special move to ensure safety of the motorists and pedestrians alike. Rules must be forcibly enforced especially for public transport vehicles and spot-fines for jaywalking to prevent many road accidents. I am hopeful that the new laws would be enacted soon to ensure road safety for everyone.

**Ayon Kr. Ghose**

*Joint Director, Spectrum IT Services*

Kolkata Police organize awareness campaign on traffic rules and safety periodically, which should be made effective. I think traffic rules must be implemented strictly and heavy fines should be imposed on those who violate rules on the road. Strict action should be taken against those who overtake in the crowded zones. No vehicle should cross the stop line at the red signal. Cooperation of people is also necessary to reduce the number of road accidents since at times utter callousness of some individuals creates problems for ensuring safety on the road. I would suggest that use of phones should be stopped while crossing roads or railway tracks.

**Aloke Kumar Kaviraj**

*Retd. Govt. Official*

Accidents are caused due to many factors. Don't care attitude of





a section of drivers often lead to road accidents. All drivers should be made responsible to follow rules on the road and nobody should be allowed to go scot free. Traffic rule violators should be punished. All roads should be repaired in time for ensuring smooth flow of traffic. Pedestrians should also follow the traffic rules. Proper road safety can be ensured only with the cooperation of all types of road users. Joint efforts are needed for accident-free roads.

**Anusmita Bhattacharjee,**  
*Trainee Reporter, IndiTV*

Strict driving test should be taken before awarding license to the new drivers. Untrained drivers should be kept at bay to prevent road accidents. There is a need for ensuring strict driving test before issuing licenses. It is often seen that many drivers are ignorant about the basic Motor Vehicles Rules. Heavy fines should be imposed on those who violate rules of the road. People's lives are at stake here. The traffic sergeants do their job well, imposing fines on the violators, but it is high time that the MV inspectors do their job efficiently as well.

**Lahibur Rehman,**  
*Site Engineer, REC Power Distribution Company Ltd.*



Speed thrills but also kills. Over speeding, careless driving, not following traffic rules and racing with other vehicles are some of the major causes behind accidental deaths. The only way to save lives is to implement traffic rules strictly and by levying hefty fines on violators. I believe that can restore discipline in the minds of the road users. This should have been done way before as Indian roads clearly indicate how serious the problem is! Stern action should be taken to ensure safety on the road, which would save many precious lives.

**Debraj Nandy**  
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