



KOLKATA POLICE NEWS

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From the Desk of the Editor

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2008, TWO VERY SIGNIFICANT initiatives were launched by Kolkata Police. 'Kiran', a project on computer literacy for the under-privileged section of society was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. The 12-week training programme is a pilot project in computer applications.

The second initiative was the inauguration of the 'Green Police' – a joint programme of Kolkata Police and Kolkata Municipal Corporation – by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. This voluntary force will assist the municipality and the police in day-to-day civic and policing/traffic duties.

Prabaho completed 10 years. A special blood donation programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Health Minister of West Bengal at the Town Hall to celebrate the occasion. 375 police personnel and civilians donated blood on that day.

To increase the security consciousness of the citizens of the city, several steps were taken by us. Meetings were held with the public and other stakeholders, leaflets were distributed and awareness campaigns were organised. Kolkata Police is setting up a Special Task Force to fight terrorism.

We have got favourable responses on the newsletter from various quarters. Those who are closely involved in the making of the newsletter have to take time out from a gruelling schedule to piece together the various parts that make up the publication. Some readers have suggested a quarterly instead of a monthly issue. It makes sense because a quarterly could grow into a meatier publication. Your suggestions are invited.



The 'Green' initiative and Kiran

THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL, SHRI BUDHADEB BHATTACHARJEE, INAUGURATED TWO PROJECTS OF KOLKATA POLICE – 'KIRAN' AND THE CIVIC POLICING VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME KNOWN AS THE 'GREEN POLICE' AT ITS BENIAPUKUR WORKSHOP ON 2 AUGUST.

In the photograph from left are also MIC, Information Technology Dr Debes Das, the Mayor of Kolkata, Kolkata Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Addl. Chief Secretary and Home Secretary, Shri Ashok Mohan Chakrabarti, and Commissioner of Police. Many other dignitaries and officers of the force were present.

Kiran is a free computer literacy programme for the underprivileged section of society, specially women. Twenty boys and 20 girls are undergoing 12 weeks of training in computer applications. They will be awarded certificates from Brainware and Kolkata Police. Brainware will also provide its faculty. Rotary Club of Calcutta donated computers and accessories for the project. The Beniapukur programme is a pilot project which will gradually be expanded to cover all police divisions.

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KOLKATA



The house of Swami Vivekananda on Bidhan Sarani

The importance of being Central Division

BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF the city, many landmark institutions and buildings of immense historical importance are located within the Central Division. Among them are the house of Rabindra Nath Tagore that now houses Rabinbdra Bharati University, pioneer educational institutions like Presidency College and Calcutta University, the legendary Nakhoda Mosque founded by the Gujarati fishermen community, the Tipu Sultan Mosque founded by Tipu Sultan, the Marble Palace of Raja Subodh Mullick, Medical College Hospital, the house of Swami Vivekananda, Mahajati Sadan, West Bengal Assembly House, Writers' Building, GPO, Lalbazar Police Headquarters, Raj Bhawan and the Indian Museum. Their protection has been one of most important duties of the police in Central Division. Besides, the police remain busy every day trying to regulate processions, public meetings and demonstrations, most of which take place on Rani Rashmoni Avenue or on J L Nehru Road opposite Metro Cinema Hall. The officers and men of Central Division know that they oversee law and order in the most congested and politically volatile part of the city, so their commitment to the job can never flag.

UNIT OF THE MONTH: Central Division

THE CENTRAL DIVISION WAS THE ORIGINAL SEAT OF KOLKATA POLICE. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED AND NEW DIVISIONS WERE FORMED. IN A STATUTE PASSED IN 1778 THE STRENGTH OF CALCUTTA POLICE WAS RAISED TO 700 PAIKS, HEADED BY 31 THANEDARS AND 34 NAIBS UNDER ONE SUPERINTENDENT. BY 1794, CALCUTTA HAD 25 POLICE STATIONS, WITH MOST LOCATED WITHIN THE PRESENT AREA OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

By 1856 the whole city of Calcutta was modelled along the London Metropolitan Police structure – three sections, namely, Northern Section, Middle Section and Southern Section. Each section consisted of six thanas. In the 20th Century, Calcutta Police was further reorganized and divisions were created and police stations relocated.

The present day Central Division comprises nine police stations – Burrabazar, Posta, Jorasanko, Girish Park, Hare Street, Bowbazar, Muchipara, Taltalla and New Market.

The area of Central Division is abutted

and bounded by Ram Dulal Sarkar Street, Ramesh Dutta Street and KK Tagore Street in the North, part of Bidhan Sarani, College Street, APC Road and AJC Bose Road in the East, Strand Road, Strand Bank Road, and part of J L Nehru Road in the West and Alimuddin Street, Kyd Street, Marquis Street in the South.

The division has a population of approximately 3.5 million. About a million travel to the division through Howrah and Sealdah Railway Stations in search of work. Central Division policemen face the challenge of supervising the entry and exit of this large flow of people every day. The other big challenge is the protection of almost all the major government establishments of the State.

The largest wholesale markets of eastern India lie in the Central Division area. Some are more than 200 years old. The vicinity of Mirbahar Ghat which was famous for its cotton and cotton yarn trade during the East India Company days is still a vibrant market. Daily transactions run into several crores of rupees. Therefore dacoity and robbery are the other big challenges for the Central Division.

On 12 Sep 2008, two 10-year-old boys, Sanjoy Halder and Raja Mullick, were found crying near the Vivekananda Road-C R Avenue crossing. All they could tell policemen from Girish Park Police Station was that they were students of St. Paul's School. The police finally found that they were students of 33/1 Raja Ram Mohan Sarani branch. The boys, after a good meal, were taken to the school.



Raj Bhawan, the residence of the Governor of West Bengal

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The 'green' initiative and Kiran

From front page



The Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Kiran centre

The Green Police programme is a venture of Kolkata Police and Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Under this programme, a voluntary force has been raised from among members and players of clubs participating in the Friendship Cup (Para) Football tournament and weaker sections of society. After basic training, they are now on the road helping Kolkata Police and Kolkata Municipal Corporation in their various day-to-day duties.

The Green Police personnel will undergo one week of basic training before they assist KMC and KP in areas like social welfare, green plantation, prevention of woodcutting, pond filling, unauthorized construction, etc. They will also assist the Traffic police and the Detective Department.

☞ Sometime during the night of 15 February 2007, Ravinder Kaur Luthra (51) of Tripura Enclaves, 59, Ballygunge Circular Road, was strangled with a dog belt by her full-time domestic servant Nikku Yadav. He then broke open Luthra's bedroom almirah and robbed cash worth about Rs350,000, diamonds, jewellery set with rubies, costly wrist watches, etc., worth about Rs800,000 and 400 US dollars. Early that morning, he left a bag containing the money and jewellery with one of his friends in Alipore without telling him what it contained. Yadav then enacted a cleverly thought-out drama to cover his tracks: at about 7-35 a.m., he was found on the road complaining that he had been hit by a bicycle at Jadu Babur Bazar near Bhawanipur. He was taken to SNP Hospital.

The Homicide Squad of DD investigated the case and finally arrested Nikku Yadav of Banka district, Bihar. The entire loot was recovered from his friend's place. The dog belt that was used to kill Luthra was also seized.

The Homicide Squad submitted charge-sheet against Yadav. Ld. 3rd Addl. and Session Judge, Alipore, sentenced Nikku Yadav to death for murdering Mrs Ravinder Kaur Luthra.

☞ On 25 September 2002, some criminals with revolvers and *bhojalis* entered Samilton Chambers on 18/1, AJC Bose Road and robbed cash worth Rs200,000, a gold neck chain, a mobile phone, a wrist watch, a Walkman, and other costly items.

The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad of DD arrested four persons – Mongal Mallick, Durga Roy alias Lambu, Ram Swarup Mallick and Amar Mallick – and found the looted wrist watch and the Walkman from them. All of them were charge-sheeted. After the trial, Ld. 4th ADJ, Alipore, sentenced all four to rigorous imprisonment for 5 ½ years.

☞ On 25 July 2008, around 1-20 p.m., some criminals armed with firearms and *bhojalis* broke into the ground floor office of a jewellery manufacturing unit at 52/A, Bidhan Sarani and took away three mobile phones, some credit cards and a wrist watch. They then walked up to the first floor and tried to loot gold ornaments. When the owner of the unit and his employees raised the alarm, the robbers fled. The Anti-Dacoity and Robbery Squad of DD arrested nine people in August and recovered two of the looted mobile phones, five improvised revolvers and 23 live cartridges. It was discovered that the gang was also involved in three other recent robbery cases in Entally, Burrabazar and Amherst Street police station areas.

☞ Late into the night of 7 February 2008, burglars broke into the study of Mustafizer Rahaman of 29, Dilkhusa Street and robbed a Sony Handycam, a Samsung digital camera, a DVD player and speakers. On a tip-off, the Anti-Burglary Squad arrested a notorious burglar, Sk. Lal, on 5 August 2008 who named two accomplices – Nepal Sardar and Shyamal Bhandari. They were arrested and the stolen Handycam and digital camera recovered.



KOLKATA POLICE SPORTS

August 2008 was studded with sporting events and teams from Kolkata Police performed remarkably in many events.

👍 In the 58th Sr. State Athletic Championship 2008 at SAI from 1 to 4 August, our team finished with 13 golds, 5 silvers, 6 bronzes and the Team Championship Trophy. Sepoy Rahamatulla Molla of 8th Bn won the 100 mts and 200 mts and Sepoy R Bhomage of 7th Bn the decathlon. Both hold the State records of 10.4 seconds and 21.6 seconds and 5,371 points, respectively.

👍 L/C Sampa Guha of DD got the gold – 90 kg weight category – in the 26th Sr. National Power Lifting Championships held in Chhattisgarh from 5 to 10 August.

👍 In the 22nd National Kick Boxing Championship 2008 held at SAI from 6 to 10 August, two of our players, Sepoy H Maradi of 5th Bn and Sepoy Firoz Khan of RAF won silvers.

👍 Sepoy Subhash Debnath of BHQ was unbeaten in bantamweight at the 55th Sr. State Boxing Championship 2008 at the Bodyguard Lines Boxing Ring on 22 and 23 August. They will represent the State in the Sr. Nationals at Bhatinda (Punjab) from 6 to 13 September 2008.

👍 Our rugby team were declared champions in the 7-a-side Rugby Tournament at CCFC Ground on 31 August.

👍 The basketball team finished runners-up in the 1st Division league and the 1st division knock-out Basketball Tournament of WBBA. Matches were played at the WBBA Ground during July and August.

COMMUNITY POLICING



The Hon'ble Health Minister inaugurates the 10th anniversary celebrations of Prabaho

Prabaho: Prabaho, the weekly blood donation camp of Kolkata Police was conducted at Charu Market, Girish Park, Chitpur, Jorasanko and the Town Hall. 732 people donated blood.

On the 10th anniversary of 'Prabaho', a programme was organized at the Town Hall. Shri Surjya Kanta Misra, Hon'ble Health Minister of West Bengal inaugurated the function. A virtual blood bank in the form of a book and a CD, whose cover was designed by celebrated artist Shri Ramananda Bandyopadhyay, were released on the occasion. Sri Nirendranath Chakraborty and Dr Ketki Kusari Dyson contributed two poems to mark the occasion. The Mayor of Kolkata, Shri DC Vajpai, IPS (retired), the man behind Prabaho, the Commissioner of Police, a number of renowned physicians and other dignitaries were present at the programme. Three hundred and seventy five policemen and civilians donated blood including the Mayor.

Pulse Polio: Pulse polio drops were administered to 3,299 children in 47 police stations in the city on 'Pulse Polio Day', 3 August. The programme was conducted in association with UNICEF.

KPFWC News

For KP Hospital: Kolkata Police Family Welfare Centre donated a Philips Shadowless Operation Theatre Light – Phililux M-70 lamp which was installed at the operation theatre of Kolkata Police Hospital on 29 May.

Independence Day 2008: Teachers and students of CAP Primary School, Bodyguard Lines, celebrated Independence Day on the school compound. Dr Tripti Chakraborty, KPFWC President, hoisted the national flag at 10.06 a.m. The other members who visited the school during the occasion distributed sweets and gifts among the students of the school.

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