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*Personal Messages*

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Ajeet Kumar (Father) & Neelam Kumar (Mother), parents of our daughter MANOMAY AVANTIKA aged 7 yrs of A1/ 28.16, Dover Lane, kol-29, change her name from "Sarika" to "Manomay Avantika" by affidavit before Notary Public on 07.01.2016 and affirm that both names are of the same & identical person.

**Crowdfunded surgery gifts woman new life**

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**Rahim**, the administrator of a WhatsApp group of some 500 users, decided to post about Sakina's problem. In a matter of 72 hours, the group raised around Rs 70,000. The collection even included contributions of Rs 200, Rs 300 and Rs 500 volunteered by students.

**Kolkata:** A woman suffering from gangrene received a fresh lease of life from a group of Kolkatans who crowdsourced her treatment.

**Sakina Khatoun** (60), a resident of Khidderpore, suffered from diabetic foot and developed gangrene a few months ago. Her sister **Sufia**, who works as a housemaid in a posh Park Circus apartment, happened to mention the matter to **Abdul Rahim**, chartered accountant and resident of CR Avenue, last November. By then, Sakina had gone through three amputation stints in a government hospital, but the gangrene on her right foot wouldn't heal.

Living in a shanty in Khidderpore, Sakina could barely manage to pay for her daily dressing (each session cost about Rs 400), and local doctors warned that the gangrene was getting aggravated every day.

"We launched the crowdfunding campaign to raise money to help a needy person fight her battle against a deadly disease. The campaign has ensured that she survives," said **Anant Sevatia** of Rural Health Care Foundation. He played a key part in helping Sakina. Sakina was taken to CMRI and referred to surgeon **Anupam Golash**. The skin grafting surgery was done on Monday and Sakina was released on Thursday. "The patient is doing fine and her wounds have started healing," **Golash** told TOI on Thursday.

**4 cops hurt in clash with Jalpaiguri students:** Students of Rabinranath High School in Jalpaiguri's Raninagar confined their headmistress to the school for a day after a row broke out over cycle distribution under the state's Sabuj Sathi scheme. When cops tried to rescue **Mousumi Dutta**, students attacked them as well, injuring four who had to be hospitalized. Three students were later arrested. "Search is on to nab the other students who attacked our men," said Jalpaiguri SP **Akash Magharia**. The ruckus broke out when around 500 students turned up to find there were only 64 cycles to be distributed. —**Pinak Priya Bhattacharya**

**Army red-flags Mominpore Metro stn, Rlys may stall work**

**State Help Sought To Resolve Issue**

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**Kolkata:** The ministry of defence (MoD) has granted permission to the ministry of railways (MoR) to use defence land for the Joka-BBD Bag Metro, but has denied them permission to set up the over-ground Mominpore station on Command Hospital land.

This could be a major setback and the railways have proposed to stall the project as a huge number, including Army personnel, will be deprived of mobility via this mass-transit system. Mominpore alone had the projection of 20,000 peak hour direction.

**DIFFERENT VIEWS**

**Defence**  
> Command Hospital is already on a smaller area of land compared to other defence hospitals and the station might eat into the area  
> Security of the defence establishment will be compromised

**Metro**  
> Skipping of Mominpore station would make the gap between Majherhaat and Khidderpore 2.7km, while the standard gap is 1-1.5km  
> Safety of the defence establishment will be ensured with proper measures



tion had already been made smaller than other Metro station so that security of the Army hospital is not compromised. Neither did it involve demolition of property. The railways put the matter before the Prime Minister's portal seeking his intervention. "The sanctions have reached us. But removal of Mominpore station puts a big question mark on the entire project," said an officer.

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**Victim endured abuse since 2007**

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The 35-year-old victim, a mother of two, claims she has been enduring physical abuse since her marriage in 2007.

On August 16, she was allegedly chased by her husband in a fit of rage. She fled to the roof of their two-storeyed government quarters, and was pushed off.

This resulted in a head injury and multiple fractures. She was admitted to the Berhampore State Hospital.

While it is standard protocol that all head injury cases admitted to hospitals be reported to the nearest police station, for some reason this was not done.

Four days later, her brothers brought her to Kolkata and the nursing home reported the case to police.

According to the victim's affidavit, her husband visited her twice in the Kolkata nursing home — first to reportedly intimidate and threaten her (and her relatives) against lodging a police complaint and a second time to reportedly inform her that he would be fighting for divorce and subsequently remarriage.

The victim, however, isn't ready to give in. On January 1, she rode an ambulance to Berhampore to record her statement before police.

On Wednesday, she again travelled to Berhampore to record her statement before a judicial magistrate.

When she spotted her husband in the room during the hearing, she complained to the chief judicial magistrate that her in-camera statement was being compromised. The CJM intervened and recorded her statement on Thursday.

**FIGHTING BACK**

**'Indians must treat science creatively'**

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Ei-ichi Negishi

**Kolkata:** When it comes to theoretical knowledge and grip over the subject, there is no beating the Indian student, but when it comes to putting that theory into greater creative use, somehow they fail. Nobel laureate Ei-ichi Negishi, in an exclusive interview with TOI, said perhaps India needs to rework its education policy to instill scientific creativity in students right from the time when they are in school.

Invited here by Calcutta University, Negishi delivered a lecture on Transition Metal Catalysis for a Sustainable and Prosperous World.

Negishi won the Nobel in 2010 for his work on palladium catalyzed cross couplings in organic synthesis and his process has been christened Negishi Coupling, to honour the achievement that put an end to archaic processes of synthesizing organic materials. The research was completed in 1975-76, but Negishi and his teammates Richard Heck and Akira Suzuki were honoured in 2010. Today, Negishi Coupling is used for synthesizing unknown organic chemicals all over the world.

"In layman's terms, I can say that my 1975-76 work is like a lego game approach to problems where pieces with holes and sticks are synthesized and linked up," he said.

This is his third trip to India and the second to Kolkata. "The very word Kolkata stirs up the

image of Rabinranath Tagore, Mother Teresa and CV Raman — all three Nobel laureates who worked in Kolkata. This city has a lot of intellectual depth and a history that makes it unique. Between the last time and this, I have seen vignettes of the Howrah Bridge, Victoria Memorial, Indian Museum and St Paul's Cathedral — they transport you to another time and space..." Negishi added.

Throughout his academic career, Negishi has taught and researched with a large number of students from CU, IITs and IISc. "I am impressed with the knowledge base they come with, but I hope I get students who are more creative in their approach to science. They need to rise above their dependence on classroom teaching and aim for top-level creativity. They need to start asking questions early on and not merely learn theories. Only an original question can get an original solution," Negishi said.

"There is one goal that I have set for myself...to be able to synthesize unknown organic chemicals to treat cancer," he summed up.

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