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Shakti and the she brigade



Birth of the deity

Yi devi sarabhootesu shakti roopena samshilita Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namah

When the gods, freed of the demon Mahishasura, thanked Durga, they sought a boon that she return as durgati-nashini...

into a lab at Caltech one day to tell two-time Nobel winner Linus Pauling that she wanted to work under him...

Rags to riches

Born in Calcutta to British parents who did not leave the city after 1947, Jillian Haslam's childhood was spent on the streets, under staircases and behind people's houses...

Illustration by Suman Choudhury

ficking of young girls and provide care to those suffering from HIV/AIDS. Urmi received the Balaji Lama's blessing as one of the Unsung Heroes of Compassion in 2009 and won the Global Citizen Award at the Global Music Festival in New York last year.

the detective department. The 1996-batch IPS officer took charge of the department as deputy commissioner in 2009. The cop who cracked the Park Street rape case has been described by colleagues as a tigress for standing up for the victim.

Flight of a fighter

She was a shy political science student on her way to becoming a professional dancer before she became a key player in the fight against trafficking in the state that records the highest number of missing women in the country...

Climb to the top

A 31-year-old woman from Howrah who sells dairy products for a living, Chhanda Gayen became the second civilian woman from Bengal to scale the Everest this May and reach the 'top of the world'.

Game-changer

A rickshaw-puller's daughter, Jhumpa (name changed) has lived with the stamp of being looked under the child trafficking act. She completed her Madhyamik and was chosen to travel to the US for workshops.



I'm very proud to be a part of this campaign. The definition of women's empowerment has changed over the years and it's great to see women take courageous stands...

NEHA SEN Face of Shaktiroopena sports the badge for the campaign

Vivek Deshpande, joint president, brand and strategy, Ambuja Cement, on Shaktiroopena. The Puja campaign by Ambuja, in association with Anandabazar Patrika and The Telegraph, is aimed at empowering today's women of Bengal to realise her inner strength...

Runaway bride

At 17, she chose a life of challenges over a touseau. Chanda Zaveri fled the security of her Kankurgachi home in 1984 and returned a millionaire three decades later.

Gritty granny

A homemaker whose life revolved around bringing up her two children discovered her inner mojo when she, on the advice of a family friend, floated a travel agency...

Traffick stopper

Ruchira Gupta started her career as a reporter with The Telegraph and went on to win an Emmy for her 1996 documentary, The Selling of Innocents...

Light of their lives

When her husband expressed displeasure about her work with women in distress, Urmi Basu walked out of the marriage and used her savings to start New Light, a Kolkata-based NGO...



Lopamudra Mitra records the bluesy Shaktiroopena anthem on Friday. The song that goes... 'Tomay pabo bole taal/ Aarna gaan geye jai/ Thakbe na ar kono bhoi/ Shaktiroopena amrai... is set to hit YouTube and ABP Ananda on September 27

Super cop Damayanti Sen broke the glass ceiling at Lalbazar to become the first woman to head

Ambuja Cement advertisement for Shaktiroopena. Features a silhouette of a woman, text 'Find the Strength within', and contact information.