

## CITY SPORT

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WGM Mary Ann Gomes (left), GM Surya Sekhar Ganguly (centre) and GM Neelotpal Das address the media at the Gorky Sadan on Saturday

### Project launched to give Bengal 20 GMs by 2020

The Alkehin Chess Club on Saturday launched an ambitious project to gift Bengal 20 Grandmasters by 2020. Bengal's highest-ranked Grandmaster Surya Sekhar Ganguly will be the chief coach of the project and will be assisted by Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Neelotpal Das and Durga Prasad Mahapatra from Odisha. The basic scouting will be done mainly by International Master Raktim Bandhopadhyay. Fourteen students in the age-group 6-13 have already been selected for this project. The trainees will be groomed by Dronacharya awardee athletics coach Kuntal Roy and sports psychologist Mrinal Chakraborty too. Bengal currently boast six Grandmasters — Dibyendu Barua, SS Ganguly, Deep Sengupta, Neelotpal Das, Saptarshi Roy Chowdhury and Sandipan Chanda.