

MINI BENGALI CHRONICLE 247, FROM FEBRUARY 2021

SARASWATI PUJA



Gopadi is preparing herself all the material since she is Assistant-Purohit.

TOUTES LES FILLES SE SONT MISES SUR LEUR 31, CAR C'EST 'LEUR' POUJA.



Our younger girls are bearing their best clothes and showing me their hands' 'mehendi'



Two Muslims, three adivassi and all the other Hindus One is here with her younger brother.



DANCE and school of dance



AFTER 11 MONTHS, OUR STUDENTS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL AGAIN !



For 3 girls and 2 boys, classes IX and X, rigorous distances, masks, and temperature twice a day.



Toto to make their 6 km going and coming to Baganda school.



Devdut/Rana also leaves for his boarding school of Kolkata. Close to his adoptive mother Gopadi, he looks like a giant for his 16 years old!

VEGETABLE GARDEN



Very important and plentiful harvesting this year ...



We can sell weekly per quintals, except some early cauliflowers (left) that have suffered from winter heat...But we are 130 people to eat what remains !



Within 15 days, they shall become very huge !



Every morning a lot of eggplants: we sell them green!





Maize shall be ready only end of March.



Unhappily, the ladies-fingers have completely failed. We regret since they are important sources of vitamins against anemia and arterial sclerosis!

SECOND CROPS



As soon as one crop is off, we plough and sow immediately, despite the 36 degrees of the last days!



The second vegetable-garden is only for the « potol ». WE put them under straw to protect them against the sudden spring heat.

GENERAL REPAIRS

1. Cleaning all the jungle behind the girls 'plot and repair the walls.
2. Repairing of the fourth boys 'bungalow (the roof has collapsed)
3. To cut 45 bamboos along the river to repair roofs
4. Penetrating the real jungle rendered impenetrable by the collapsed bamboos.
5. Reaching and painting the sluice-gate at the river
6. Digging one foot the sluice-gate's canal up to our pond (60 m.)
7. Erecting a new wall (70 m/4m) to isolate our boys from the vicinal path, most of our barriers having been destroyed during the cyclone. (New funds have been received only for it)



1. Cleaning up Jungle behind the girls' corner which they have quickly transformed into a cycle-track.



2. Fourth bungalow of the boys : 45 bamboos cut down for roof-repairing...



3. At the level of the old bridge, collapsed bamboos and rusted sluice-gate.



4. View of the jungle behind the rusty sluice-gate that Binay is examining to repair



5. and 6: Excavation of the canal (60 m.) from the river to our pond.



7 Erection of a new wall of 70 m. /4 m.in front of a pond, to separate the boys from the vicinal path.

SINCE SOME MONTHS, POLICE HAS BROUGHT US FOUR MEN WITHOUT ANY KNOWN ADDRESS.





Image of despair: he has been beaten and robbed... Ignoring his phone number, it is his family who came from 24 Parganas



Since his family refused to take him back, he has declared that he is happy to remain with us and work against food...

UDOY, MY YOUNGER BROTHER...SUCH A SAD DEPARTURE !



I know Udo since 35 years. I have placed him in several institutions for handicapped. Practically day and night, he lives on his knees. He is orphan. But has a brother who has robbed his house and now his bank's savings. Since he has no papers with us, he prefers now to return not to be completely despoiled. Always smiling, even singing, it was a great friend for me. I regret him so much, leaving after 12 years, crying on his chariot. He has made several tentative of suicides, but was happy with us...How long will he endures?

WHEN A MOTHER ABANDONS HIS CHILDREN JUST AFTER THEIR BIRTH...



Five little rabbits dying on the cement...I have tried to feed them with cow-milk with an insulin syringe. Best will be breast-milk or goat-milk. But we have not. My grand-daughters have tried also thrice a day, in the palms of their hands. But one by one, within 5 days, they died. The girls were crying for them...

OUR FOUR GREATER BOYS SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA...



Head above: Raju :95% ; below Ram, 90% ; only head: Balaram,70%. The three last pics : BABLU, 100%. « They re making slow but great progress... The three next pictures are from BABLU, 100 % mad, with me since 24 years. It is the first time that he seems to recognizes me, with a significative sign. I am filled with joy! The fourth one holds his hands on his head and we hardly see: Balaram is better, but very dangerous, and the only one who is never happy...The three others are always joyful but howl like jackals. Their principal activities is to bite one another. Event with me, it happens time to time: a sign of love, like young wolgies. With six other mentally retarded, they are my own personal blood-brothers, epecially that I feel I will get myself Dementia one day...Why not?

GUESTS



The Wife of the boss of the brickfield children has brought with her family several crates of oranges. She confirmed us that nobody could enter their premises, not even herself who live in Kolkata. So sorry!

FATHER LAURENT BISSARA, SUCCESSOR OF F. LABORDE at HSP.



Father LAURENCE BOSSARA, MEP (Paris),

Has been appointed at the place of F. Laborde at HSP. He came to celebrate a marvellous Mass in our Temple. His measured, slow and impeccable Bengali, offers a beautiful difference with my own exuberant, and inexact language laughing off syntax and liturgical precisions! A real Holy man! He came to discuss the succession of F. Laborde (Testament, unhappily dated 2005 !)



« Orchid-tree » unhappily damaged because of the precocious heat



The only orchid blooming this month (other years, we had 10 or 15!)



PURPLE SUNBIRD Souïmanga : PHOTO FAILED, BUT WHAT A RESPLEDANT DYE !



Sad winter without water in the pond!



Across the aerial roots of the divine Banyan!