

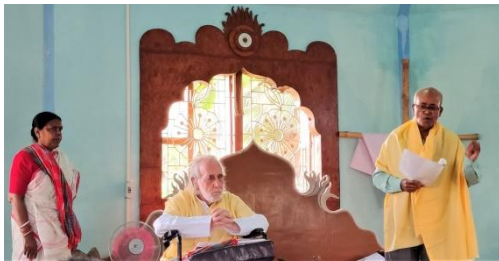
BENGALI CHRONICLE 249, APRIL 2021

EASTER FESTIVAL

We have made only Para-liturgies on Good Friday and Easter morning.



Our friend JUSTIN, a Parish' pillar of Andhul, came to help us..



Slowly reading of the entire Passion of the Lord Jesus, commented by Justin, Gopa and Markus. Then Worshipping of the Cross for those who wanted.

Then, WASHING OF THE FEET OF TWELVE DISABLED INMATES,

By Dadu for the men, and Gopa for the women.



It was very moving moment. Some people were crying. Other wanted also to wash the feet or to be washed...In one word, a beautiful religious Indian chaos, where everyone felt him/herself brother or sister of the others! We project something even better for next years.



Then, the WORSHIPPING OF THE CROSS

But no kissing, because of the COVID, and only veneration for the Muslims. A three-hours of intense devotion. Then, we all went in procesion to put the dead body of Jesus **in a makeshift tomb** in the Vivekananda Hall. In fact, we were not here to follow rituals, but celebrate in honor of the Christians, the Lord Jesus loved by everyone.

ON 15TH OF APRIL CELEBRATION OF « POILA BASHAK 1228», THE BENGALI NEW YEAR.

Inauguration of a MANDAP OF SRI RAMAKRISHNA & SRI SARADA DEVI



**Planned and realised by Binay, it was a beautiful offering to our
“COMPASSIONATE HOLY HINDU PROTECTORS OF BENGAL”
to pray them with great supplications, for the best result of the current elections.
They have heard us, to bless our poor!**



The venerable Belari MAHARAJ OF THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION (RKM), made the inauguration with two postulants. Around me stood nine of our worst mentally sick characterial (or even mad) boys, but during the whole ceremony, they did not utter a noise, when generally, they give troubles to all! A real miracle!



Our sannyasi opened the covers to venerate the two great « Sages ». Thenafter, I offered each of them a garland of flowers in sign of my respect and love.

Followed a nice "Aroti", made also by our Secretary.



Then we went to the sacred brasilian « COUROUPITA », given to me some 12 years ago by the famous late 92 years old Maharaj of Belari. It is not always that Hindu Ashram donate this bountiful tree to a non Hindu/ non-Christiab NGO, like ours. But we are interreligious!

Our peace-embrace is meaning, in our troubles times of fanaticisme, hate and violence, the respect each one of us has to show towards other religions, castes or ideologies!



Binay, at the end and Secretary & Founder symbolizing the loving acceptance of our Interreligious NGO. Truly, we thought ourselves to be transported at Ramjoybati!

After the departure of the monk, one hour of ceremony in our “Temple of the Divine Mercy” To hear of the emotional lives of both “Thakur”.



The three readers: Mampi, Binay’s wife, Suporna, teacher, and Josna, adivassi schoolgirl!

BY EVENING, MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL were OFFERED FREELY BY A FRIENDLY Dance group.



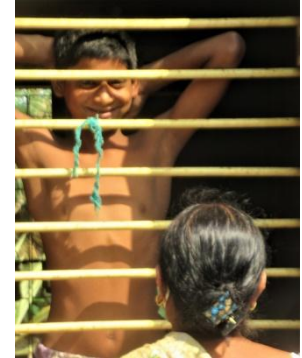
Our children were full of joy after 12 months of strict QUARANTINE!



Our main guest: our Muslim Committee’s treasurer who came to show us for the first time her first-born girl!

Now, we have FOUR WOMEN IN OUR Governing Body of seven!

WORK OF ICOD THIS MONTH



« TCHOTO », lost Bihari brought by the police. He is very happy, as we can see his radiant face with Gopama!

COMPLETION OF OUR 70 METRES LONG WALL FOR THE BOYS.

(40 +30 on each side of the fourth boys 'bungalow)



SUPERVISING: from right to left:

Binay, responsible, Novin, supervisor of the work, Sunit, vice-president, and Palash, accountant/cum coordinator.



From the forest up to the fourth bungalow of the boys: 30 m.



Second part above the little pond. It makes the junction with the old Girls-wall.

COMPLETION OF THE ROOFING AFTER 5 MONTHS OF INTENSE LABOUR
 (Most of the roofs were gravely damaged during the Amphan cyclone)



Here, one can see the damage part of the roof above my room, on end of March.
 On right, picture of the same Gandhi Bhavan this 28th April.

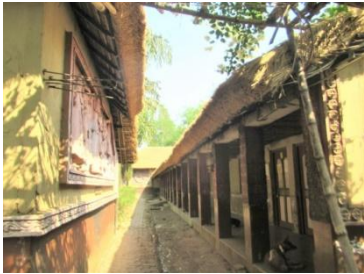


Two girls' pavilions.

Arrear wall behind the "sick and old men"



Panorama of refectory, training Center and old age Home.



Entrance of Training Center, then medium courtyard, end with our Indian ÔM



Renovated roofs during the night... Tent of the professionals...

VEGETABLE : ESENTIALLY LADIES-FINGERS



We have sold hundreds of kg, and continue to sell them in May.

MORE THAN 4000 EGRETS & HERONS roosting SINCE ONE MONTH...



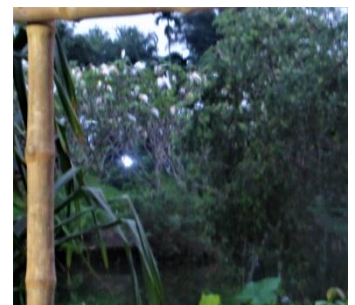
The blessings of Jesus of the Divine Mercy to the newly arrived migrators : they are roosting on the four faces of the large island, making even some place for the new arrivals, during storm for example.



By night, the spectacle is absolutely enchanting, especially when late...



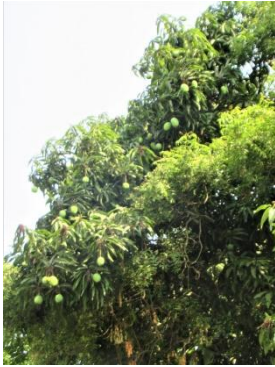
They are dancing by elliptical designs....



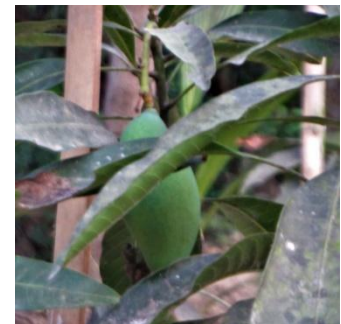
View from our garden...

COLLECTION OF FALLEN MANGOES

Early morning, I join a group which is responsible to gather hundreds of small unripe fallen mangoes. In the kitchen, our girls are making delicious brines or pickles.



End of April, when our neighbors have started to pilfer our trees, we pick the large unripe mangoes so that they will ripen in all security in our terrace. Some are already larger than the hand.



Surprise! We have found the first mangoes on those trees we have planted last year!



Fruits are superabundant this year, especially mangoes, litchis & Jamrul. But too often, eaten up by the “flying-foxes”



Last year, this « Cillies-fruit-tree » has been uprooted.. Nobody believed me, but I requested our workers to replant it! And what beautiful result!



Far from the new lock-down of Howrah, and the new “Quarantine” from ICOD!