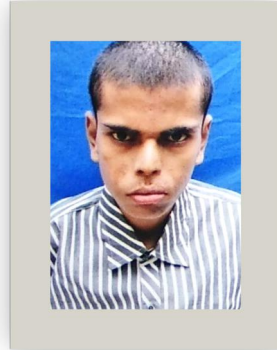


## BENGALI CHRONICLE 258, JANUARY 2022

### SUDDEN DEATH OF BALARAM, 20 YEARS OLD.



Found in Sealdah station some eight years ago. Deeply asocial and emotionally disturbed, he could not speak but was not deaf and dumb, but has brain deficiency. He was continually quarrelling with others, and often beaten up. But he himself was frequently biting others. He died suddenly during the night of 20th January.



His main foe was Raju, a profound dement (without mask and last picture) I liked him very much because he could show his distress and answered with tenderness to our attention, although very shortly.



His 16 companions, all distressed, orphan or abandoned, deaf and dumb with four dement or mad. Our Purohit came for officiating before the cremation.



Since Balaram was orphan, an elder boy represented his family. He was cremated at Gohalopota village.

### THE FIRST JANUARY PRAYER



Reading with commentaries of the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita and the Quran. Our girls made the songs. Early morning, the public was restrained.

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR TWO RETIRING WORKERS



JOLODAR, 15 years with us as agriculturist, and KALPANA, 8 years.

### Then PICNIC FOR ALL MEMBERS, INMATES AND WORKERS.



This year, the river's border was unreachable, and we made it on the girls' campus, shifting the various groups. I was the only absent, being quite tired.



## **REPAIRS AND PAINTING OF THE “TEMPLE OF DIVINE MERCY”**



It took one week for several professionals to repairs the broken windows, the roof and some other damages caused by the two last cyclones. But we were obliged to stop because of the semi-quarantine ordered by the Government. There were 10 years without serious repairs.



When Binay came back, he realized that much painting was wrong! All of us were quite disappointing. The work shall be completed on February.

### **Varions minor maintenance works**



False ceiling in dormat.



Our younger Bihari co-operator working with smile



Every morning, our Secretary is checking the food storeroom to prepare the meals for some 120 persons.



The only place not flooded or damaged by cyclone and heavy rains: five kinds of basic vegetables.



We do hope to be able to till the remaining land for other crops in February... Really very late !

### EXCEPTIONNAL FISHING

Our pond was very low in January and fearing less of Oxygen, we threw the nets to get some fishes. The size of the two kinds of carps was huge, after only one year fishlings deposit! Happily, few days after, the Damodar sent us full water!



Between 1.5 and 2.5 kilos of every carp!

### SOME NEW DUCKS...



Aftzr seven months, happiness to bath... especially in making rounds...



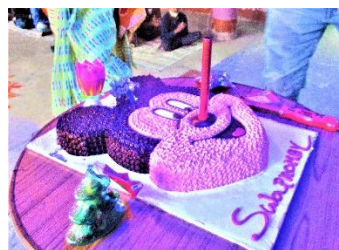


Within two days, the whole 5000 meters square pond belong to them, and their main refuge is around Jesus-Christ statue.

### **CELEBRATION of the 5 Years of GOPADI'S GRANDCHILD**



Shopnomoy is master of the balloon blowing up machine (a first here)



The inescapable birthday cake !



With his younger girlfriend...



With his older grandfather



on my bed



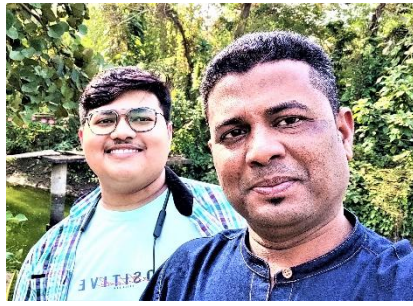
At Vellore Hospital, after his kidney operation.



“Now I am an ‘operated boy’, carry me on your Electric wheelchair!”







**Rana/Devdut leaving for his Behala School on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, to come back one day after since the Education Ministry closed all educational Institutions in between! 3000 INR lost! But here, he has seven e-classes daily and...is precious for us for his computer mastery!**

**2nd VACCINATION for all our older inmates and Booster for me ...**



**A line of 150 patients. But the police considered me as VIP due to my age and I am quickly taken.**



**Admission of a young mentally sick girl disturbing the neighbourhood, through a Shyampur Club**



**This lady, Maloti Das, has worked with us since 1986 in the Sundarbans, and since then, worked with SHIS created by my friend Wohab. But her Centre is now closed. She is living now in great misery, very close to Sajnakhali Tigers 'Project Sanctuary. What to do for her?**

## OUR OLD MEN WHEN IT WAS 10 DEGREES!



There are never enough blankets, but they never complained! Last picture, an autistic man who never speak...but he is satisfied!

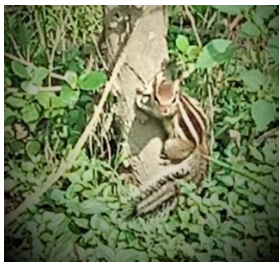
## A BEAUTIFUL GIFT FROM THE NATURE FOR NEW YEAR 2022



I have sent you this first mauve orchid in December, and it has been replaced by Another one with a little babe in her lap!



The statue of Mother Teresa in the fog with her royal red flowers escort. Note the rare violet dragonfly on last picture...



Common squirrel and common kingfisher, both looking at me while reading on the first sunny day of January!



Indian Robin that frequently enters my room.





**A large monitor female Lizard (her belly full of eggs she will delivered 2 days later) is bathing under the sun in front of the stairs of our large Hall, undisturbed by group of girls laughing very close to her. But girls are OK, but not the old man...and she straight away disappeared into her hole!**



**A splendid orchid freshly bloomed from yesterday 30th!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**