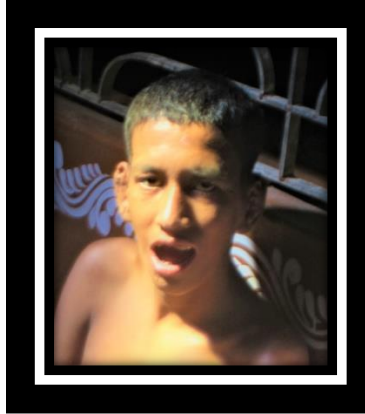


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**UNEXPECTED DEATH OF RAJU THIS 22**

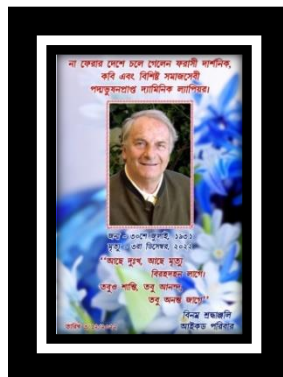


**Orphan and deeply dement, he was with us since 12 years. He was around 20 years old.**



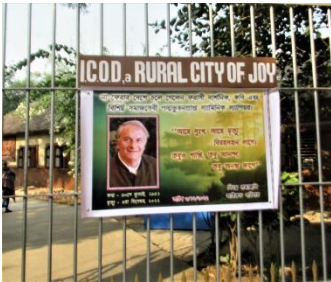
People often thought he was mad, but he kept 10% reasoning to laugh, joke, dupe and take revenge! To the minutest touch, he got angry and started to bite, claw, and beat as much he could. Then he doubled up with laughter! With me, his play was to attract me with a nice smile and suddenly tried to claw me at the face or if not, the hand. I still have plenty scars in many places. But he did love me a lot, and then caressed me! When our Archbishop came, he pulled out his pectoral cross! He was loved by everyone. When punished, he used to howl like a jackal, and all asked the in-charges to let him out of the bars! When out, he tried to hammer one or the other, and laughed endlessly! In Heavens, he shall get a privileged place, for he did know how to love! Hope sincerely he will learn how to fight less!

**DEMISE OF DOMINIQUE LAPIERRE THIS 2d DECEMBER**



**HOMMAGE OF ICOD TO OUR BELOVED ELDER BROTHER1 DONATOR**

I have met him first early 1980 at Pilkhana (Howrah slum where I was living) where he wanted my help to start his future book "THE CITY OF JOY". I have first refused because "I do not trust foreigner's reporters to write about the Indians 'poor without blaming them!'" But eventually I relented and gave him some of my own reports and papers. From 1985 to 2017, his Foundation helped scores of NGO, to carry on, to be born or to survive. After his terrible cerebral accident, his marvelous spouse continues to help despite the funds drastically diminishing. Ten days before his death, he could not speak any more, but seemed to express his understanding that ICOD and Gopa was listening. At 91, his age and his ailment have compounded to silence his beautiful and enthusiastic voice. No one shall ever forget him, for up to-day in India, nobody has forgotten him! This month's chronicle has shown with emotion, extensive details about his whole story with us from the very beginning. And our God of love is now rewarding him in quite better ways than medals and decorations, for his generosity and compassion towards his Indian brothers and sisters.



Entrance gate



Interreligious prayer at our Temple



24/24 in my oratory



In our Hall, some pictures and souvenirs from our "Dada"...transported permanently into our " Gandhi Home".



Padma-Bhushan medal given by our Indian President in 2008 in New Delhi.

Second picture : HIS BELOVED SPOUSE 'DOMINIQUE DIDI' , at the funerals, with our ICOD representative, Victor Lacoïn from Paris.

## GRAND MARIAGE OF A BRAHMIN NURSE



ANTARA is a niece of our Secretary. I know her from her birth and am delighted that she is a nurse. In fact, their united family comprises four nurses or hospital management ladies. I am certainly quite happy about the outcome of the small SSS Pilkhana dispensary that started in their home in 1980, because after their marriages, they could be of great help for their neighbors or villages if they get a social worker mind!



The three seniors are sharing the place of honor.



Gopadi is the responsible of the religious ceremonies.



Several hundred of of friends keen to take pictures, as some of those so nice nieces.



Our four ICOD's young girls with their Dadu are also beautiful, although their jewels are not in gold!



The wife of Binay , Mampi... and her mother-in-law

## COLLECTIVE VISIT TO THE GREAT TEMPLE OF RAMAKRISHNA AT DAKHINESHWAR



XIXth century Kali Temple where Ramakrishna and his wife stayed



'Mandap' at ICOD for the two great interreligious Symbols



Huge crowd this day!



View from the Ghât to the railways bridge.



**Interior Esplanade of the Temple (1850)**, where I found myself isolated in my wheelchair in the midst of five impressive queues spread like sun's rays of thousands of devotees coming orderly and silently for their offerings to the deity. One of the most beautiful religious spectacle in my life!

(photos Internet)

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE "SAMADHI" OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



Already 25 years that « the Mother of the poor” has left us!



**At last alone with my own Father “ABBA”!** Let us pray for **Bharat my beloved country**, for its so sad interreligious disharmony, for our ICOD inmates, for the poor Ukrainians victims of their so foolish war, for the disunited Western Countries without any more social & political compass, and also, so that my poor presence could increase a little bit compassion, tolerance and love among all of us.

**On right, dear Mother Teresa poor and simple room.**



**View of 2/3 of the coconut-trees orchard cleared out recently up to the garage.**



**Dragon-tree branch in front of my room.**



**Cereus aeneacanthus : Dragon-fruit from Mexico (PITAYA) cultivate in South-India.**



**Vegetable garden in front of our Dispensary (broccolis, cabbage, cauliflower, salad etc.) Three months of draught have ruined our largest land!**

### **SOME WINTER'S FLOWERS**

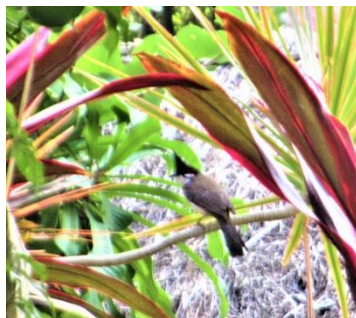




Three savage hybrids...



Pure vegetal art !



Artistic biotope of a Orphaeus Bulbul in front of my window, on a branch of Dragon-tree, in the middle of three exotic trees'branches!

## THE VARIOUS FESTIVITIES OF CHRISTMAS 2022

### 1. The crib and the children



Several families are bringing their own crib's offerings. Here Puja, Pilkhana orphan with her husband Ashok and their little son Soham.



...Distribution of cakes and oranges to the villagers' children...





## 2. MIDNIGHT PRAYER DROWNED IN A BOOMING ORCHESTRA!



We are grateful for the remarkable Orchestra which freely came from Calcutta. But for me, it was really too much modern! Anyway, this night was beautiful, up to 2PM!



## 3. TWO DAYS OF INTERVILLAGES FREE SPORTS ORGANIZED BY:



- a) Youth and Sport Ministry
- b) Youth Club of ICOD (Nehru etc.)
- c) In honor of the 50 YEARS IN INDIA of the Founderv ofr ICOD
- d) And organized by ICOD Administrative Office (Palash +Binay)

**NOTE : Sports and concert totally free of cost. Our gratitude!**

**TWO DAYS OF SPORTS'DAYS**



Two first local teams...



Flag salute ! First speech by our Founder.



100 m., puis 200 m. races



Skipping rope for girls



Différents sauts in various jumping competitions



Four football teams competitors, including our Modhovpur. Belari was the winner!



The « Musical Chairs » are always a great success.



Superbs Prices and Trophiesdistributions : Palash speaking.



Speaking, : the ex-Prodhan, a faithful ICOD's friend !



**(NOTE: 90% of the above pictures are from the official site of the Sport's Dpt.**

**TEN OF OUR YOUNG HAVE RECEIVED 12 TROPHIES!**



Mousumi & Jotsna in one side and in the other , Debjit(2 prices), Adito et Rahul. Mollika prefers to share her joy with her cat!

