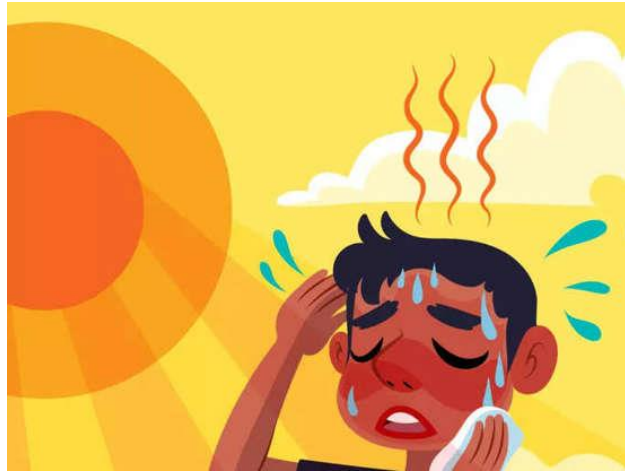


## BENGALI CHRONICLE 274, MAI 2023



The HEATWAVE has been practically permanent this month, whatever the meteorology says !

Never have we experienced so much heat, despite the barometer turning around 36 to 40°. I can say that I have never felt so hot up to midnight reaching unbearable heat never seen in Bengal. The only solution for me was to remain bounded in my own room because of my great age, except briefly around 6 pm to visit the conditions of our inmates. But in their straw bungalows, they were bearing better than the old men in their 'pucca' quarters. I have tried in the text to explain what the "REAL FEEL TEMPERATURE" is meaning.

THE FIRST PART OF THE NEW BUILDING IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

Integrally SPONSORED BY OUR 'OFI' BANGALORE FRIENDS



On fourth May, a small Puja was done after the completion of the roof and the annexed infrastructures.



**Entrance of the « MOTHER TERESA HOME” for psychiatric and abandoned women.**



**Three interior sides are completed and the lateral room for night guard.**



**Outside wall on the right side and nocturnal sighting**

**LAPTOP DONATION FOR THE SUPERIOR STUDIES OF ONE OF OUR EX-ADIVASSI INMATE.**



**ADIMONI remained more than 13 years at ICOD, her mother being widow and living in a dilapidated hut, without any other familial link. She is now undertaking Teacher MA studies. Here we are donated to her husband and her a proper laptop. They are living in Jungle Mahal, Midnapur.**



From right: Gopadi, Adimoni, her husband, her lady friend, her father-in-law, and behind, her mother-in law.

**EVENTUALLY, THREE GIRLS OF MORE THAN 18 ARE ACCEPTED AT ICOD TO COMPLETE THEIR H.S. STUDIES.**



One Muslim, and two Adivassis of Sanatana Dharma (Hindu) and Sarna Dharma (Animist), really destitute.

**MARIAGE DE DEPENDU**



I could not go to his marriage since I was sick in April. But both of them came to ICOD one week after, to thank us for all the years Dipendu has passed at BELARI with us 27 years ago (sic), when he came with his brother, both handicapped and orphan, aged 5 and 6 1/2! In between, he has found a job and a wife! Alone in the world! What courage! And what a joy for us!

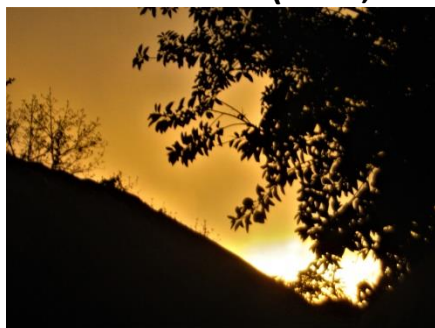
### GIRIJAT AT LAST ESCORTED TO MANIPUR AFTER 16 MONTHS AT ICOD!



Found by the police on the road and having forgotten his address, he needed months to reconstruct slowly his state and family memories. But Manipur, close to the Myanmar border was in a kind of civil war, and it was not easy to convince his family to take it back! Whatever may be, our Accountant Sri Palash Dolui who escorted him was warmly received and praised by the local police and administration!

### HUGE STORM AT ICOD ON 15th MAY

The whole of ICOD was recovered by fallen branches and destroyed small trees preventing all traffic, even by feet. More than one lakh rupees lost by destruction of electronic and electric material (CCTV, Cables, projectors, etc...)

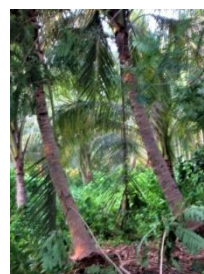


At 7PM, we have understood that a severe storm was coming due to the color of the sky. 33 minutes after, huge clouds blackout the sky and an exceptional “boishaki” erupted during several hours.

Early morning, I tried to take some pictures as much Binay went along before me so that my electric chair could pass! But I could not go up to the river!

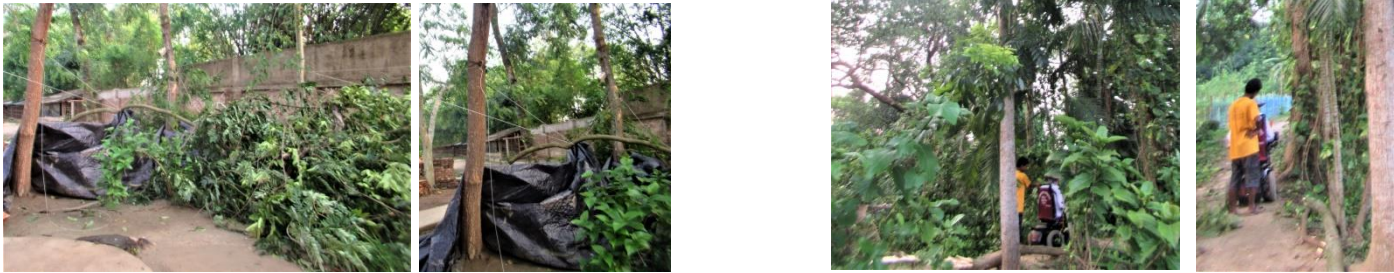


**Wounded heron just above my room. Very important damage in the big Vivekananda HALL**



**Hundred bamboos, a dozen broken trees, some half uprooted coconut-trees or others...**

And some baby coconuts....pull out of their mother-trees!



The tarpaulins of one Home destroyed...and my vehicle blocked by vegetation's and damaged road. We called for a boy for disengaged me!



Although Mahogany are very resistant, this one is broken!!



Two Supari arecas broken, grand Krishna Chuna with red flowers destroyed and our most beautiful Colored foliage tree struck down!



1. Destruction of a dwarf Krishna tree (4m.) behind my window and planted 22 years ago...
2. Four Krishna Chuna have been destroyed.
3. Three Radha Chouna have been affected.
4. Two Bauhinia trees (one red and one pink) also destroyed.
5. Death of our blue Jacaranda tree, planted in 2002, whose flowers have just started in 2021.



(Photo Internet)

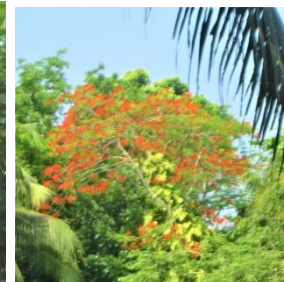
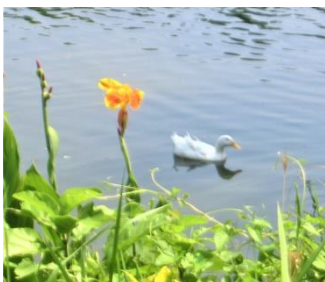


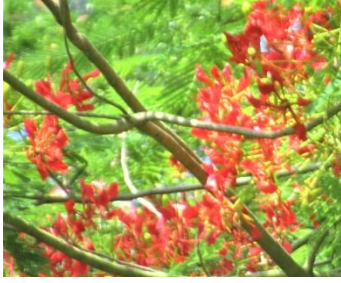
1. A generator was booked for some days before restoring the power lines.
2. Gopama checks the jackfruits before they reach 20 kg. , so that no one will take them before !
3. Thanks to the several SQUALLS, we could gather hundreds of fallen mangoes to make various jelly conseves.
4. Tania is cleaning up my wheelchair after having crossed our jungle...

### SUMMER LANDSCAPE BEFORE THE STORM



Red or yellow flowers falling on roads or pond...





**Wild lilies**

**This 31th MAI 2023, MEETING WITH OUR DEAR KOLKATA ARCHBISHOP THOMAS**



**He has graciously offered me this Bengali stole,  
“in thanksgiving for my 50 years of apostolic and devoted service for the distressed people”**





**He commended our co-founder Mamata (Gopa) Ghosh to continue after my departure in the same interreligious spirit of service for the most suffering people!**



**With 49°, 51° or even 53°degrees, the pond's water became boiling and the surface is recovered by microscopic green algae:**

**Not a leaf is moving.  
Not a breeze is breathing.  
Not a bird is singing.  
Not a frog is chirping.  
Not a cicada is pulsating.  
Not a ripple on the water  
Not a fish is muzzling the surface.  
For they hide deep in the mud.  
Not a dragonfly is flying.  
The landscape is petrified.  
Water is like coagulated.  
The painting is freezing, without shades.  
The world does not breathe any more.  
Lady Nature waits for the rains.  
And the sun on its zenith  
Is shining, shining, shining.  
Is burning, burning, burning.**



**And devotees are singing the Glory of the Almighty, who shall bring us rains, and joy, and love!**

**Et l'homme contemple en chantant les louanges du Très Haut qui nous enverra l'averse !**