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1. Introduction

The Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha (GASS), founded in 1987, began work in two Santal villages, viz. Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, both situated about 10 km away from the town of Bolpur and the University of Santiniketan. In 1997, Bishnubati founded the registered society Bishnubati Adibasi Marshal Sangha (BAMS). Hence, the activities at Bishnubati assume their separate identity. However, the two villages continue to cooperate closely. The funding continues to be routed through GASS.

In 1996, the Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV) was founded, a non-formal tribal day-school, situated between Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

The aim of the Sanghas is the all-round development of the tribal population in these two villages. Its main thrust, however, has been education. The last chapter presents an overview of the results GASS, BAMS and RSV have achieved in the last 25 years. Other areas of work have been: medical aid, family health and hygiene, fishery, vocational train-

ing, the Museum of Santal Culture at Bishnubati, bio-farming and, last but not least, the maintenance and dissemination of Santal culture.

The Sangha has been enlisted under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act. 1961, by which anybody donating an amount to the organisation, can receive exemption from income tax in India.

In 2002, the Ghosaldanga Bishnubati Adibasi Trust (GBAT) has been founded at Kolkata as an umbrella organization. The primary intention of the Trust is to provide continuity to the work and security to the employees of GASS and BAMS, and also to give occasional assistance to various Non-Governmental Organizations working with the poor people primarily of rural India (for details see Deed of the Trust). The Trust members are the senior members of GASS and BAMS and some prominent and like-minded personalities from Kolkata. The Trust continues to support these two tribal organizations ideally and financially.

2. Managing Committees

The Managing Committee of **Ghosaldanga** has been newly constituted on 12th June 2008.

Given below are the names, designations and professions of its members:

Name	Designation	Profession
Mohan Hembrom	President	Farmer
Dudu Murmu	Vice-President	Farmer
Sona Murmu	Secretary	Social Worker
Nilu Murmu	Assistant Secretary	Farmer
Lakshmiram Tudu	Treasurer	Social Worker
Bijoy Tudu	Member	Farmer
Dhona Hansda	Member	Farmer
Dasarath Murmu	Member	Teacher
Balui Murmu	Member	Tailor

The Managing Committee meets whenever the need to take decisions arises.

The Managing Committee of **Bishnubati** is given below with the names, designations and professions of its members:

Name	Designation	Profession
1. Boro Baski	President	Farmer
2. Dhona Soren	Vice-President	Artist
3. Ramjit Mardi	Secretary	Teacher
4. Gobinda Baski	Assistant Secretary	Student
5. Bimol Baski	Treasurer	Social Worker
6. Suno Mardi	Member	Farmer
7. Mongla Mardi	Member	Farmer
8. Jithu Baski	Member	Farmer
9. Sanyasi Lohar	Member	Artist

3. The Sangha Council and the Finance Committee

The Managing Committees are supported by the Sangha Council which aims at meeting once a month to discuss all vital development problems and future projects of GASS, BAMS and RSV. It consists of the educated members of the Sangha who assume leadership in the process of decision-making and the execution of these decisions.

- > Sona Murmu, Ghosaldanga, Secretary GASS, in charge of all activities at Ghosaldanga, overall in charge of the RSV Bio-Orchard; in charge of RSV Hostel.
- > Boro Baski, Bishnubati, President BAMS; founder and teacher of RSV; at present teacher-in-charge; responsible for all correspondence.
- > Gokul Hansda, Dhanyasara, founder and teacher of RSV; teacher-in-charge of RSV until June 2011, now working in a government school; he continues to be in charge of Santal cultural programmes.
- > Monotosh Das, Bolpur, full-time worker of the RSV Bio-Orchard and marketing.
- > Snehadri Sekhar Chakravarti, Assistant Engineer, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; in charge of construction and repair work as well as of the overall financial management of GASS, BAMS and RSV.
- > Sanyasi Lohar, Bishnubati, artist and art teacher, social worker.

- > Bimol Baski, Bishnubati, treasurer of BAMS and in charge of Vocational Training Centre (VTC), Bishnubati.
- > Pintu Ghosh, Bishnubati, teacher of the Secondary Coaching Centre and co-ordinator, BAMS.
- > Lakhiram Tudu, treasurer of GASS and teacher of the evening school (Primary section) at Ghosaldanga.
- > Ramjit Mardi, Secretary of BAMS and teacher of Secondary Coaching Centre on the RSV Campus.
- > Satyaban Ray, a homoeopath residing at Santiniketan, is in charge of the medical care in Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati and RSV.
- > Parboti Murmu, a kindergarten teacher and health worker at Ghosaldanga.
- > Martin Kämpchen, Santiniketan, advisor to GASS and BAMS; link to the "Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati" (Germany).

The **Finance Committee** meets whenever the needs arises to finalise financial matters, especially the annual budgets of GASS, BAMS and RSV. Members are Snehadri Chakraborty, Sina Murmu, Boro Baski, Gokul Hansda and Martin Kämpchen.

4. Education

Ghosaldanga runs a Kindergarten (with lunch), with Parbati Murmu as kindergarten teacher. Bishnubati's children join the government Anganwadi kindergarten in the village; Bimal Baski joins the Anganwadi centre as a teacher, but he is paid by BAMS.

Further, a Primary Coaching Centre (for students of class I to IV) in their respective villages and a Secondary Coaching Centre (for students of class V to X) on the RSV Campus. The Kindergartens operate in the mornings, the Coaching Centres work in the early mornings and in the evenings. The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV), a non-formal Santal day school is in session from early morning until noon.

Participation:	Ghosaldanga	Bishnubati
Kindergarten	18 (male 10, female 8)	24 (male 12, female 12)
Primary Coaching		

Centre	17 (male 11, female 06)	30 (male 18, female 12)
Secondary Coaching		
Centre	17 (male 11, female 6)	22 (male 6, female 16)

NB. Lunch was given to all kindergarten children for six days a week.

Senior students of Class X and above

Villages	Class-X (Appeared)	Class-XI	Class- XII	B.A	M.A	B.Ed
Ghosaldanga	05	1	3	3	0	1
Bishnubati	12	3	6	4	0	0
Total	17	4	9	6	0	1

NB. The above students' number is of the current year. The students who have passed class X and above and have left studies or are absorbed in various jobs have not been included here. Their figure has been given at the end of the report in *The Overview*.

Teachers of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati at a glance

Kinder- garten	Primary Coaching Centre (Evening) at Ghosal- danga & Bishnubati	RSV school (Class- kg – IV)	Coaching Centres (Class- V – VIII) at Gho- saldanga & Bishnubati	Coaching Centre (Class- IX- X) at RSV	Hostel at RSV (Class- V–X)
Parboti Baski Bimol Baski	Lakhiram Tudu, Na- rayan Murmu Suno Mardi	Boro Baski, Mono Murmu, Ran- jit Khan, Konika Khan, Sumoti Mardi	Dasarath Murmu, Mongal Tudu Pintu Ghosh (evening), Bimol Patra, Ramjit Mardi	Deep Das (Mathemat- ics), Sa- hanewaj Mollah (English), Samir Das	Pintu Ghosh (morning), Gobinda Baski
2	3	5	5	2	2

NB. Most of the teachers are part-timers. The full-time teachers perform other administrative duties besides teaching. For example, Pintu Ghosh, who teaches at Bishnubati in the morning, also teaches at the hostel in the evening. Bimol Baski, Ramjit Mardi and Lakhiram Tudu too perform other official duties besides teaching.

5. Educational, Recreational and Cultural Programmes

(a) VILLAGE EVENTS

* On 9th December, Martin Kämpchen's birthday was celebrated at Bishnubati with joy and enthusiasm. Students and teachers from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati performed a cultural programme. The speciality of the programme was the Women Groups' drama which was written, directed and performed by the village women themselves. The programme was highly appreciated by the villagers.

On 28th January, the American artist and mask-maker Suzanne Benton visited RSV for a workshop with the students. Suzanne had been with us for the first time two decades ago. She engaged the students with her stories and her art work for a full morning.

* From 8th to 12th February 2011, a four-member team of 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati in Germany' (FGBG) – Marianne Pal Chowdhury, Manfred Watzke, Hedwig Oser and Dr. Ulrich Oser – came to visit the organisation. They studied the activities of the RSV school, of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati. A number of meetings were organised with the teachers, village leaders and students. A special interaction session also had been organised between the FGBG members and the junior leaders of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati at Park Guest-House, Santiniketan. The German group also joined the students' picnic which was held at the bank of the Ajoy River. About 200 students, teachers and guests attended the annual picnic.

* On 15th February, a programme was organised to felicitate Gert Golembiewski from Germany, the husband of Dr. Monika Golembiewski who is connected with village activities since last 16 years. This has been his first visit to Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga.

Self – Help Women Group gifted him a Santal traditional dress. Dr. Monika, Silvia Man-hatter and Nico Golembiewski, too, were present on the occasion.

* On 16th February, the ‘Adibasi Baha Parab’ (Santal Spring Festival) was celebrated in Ghosaldanga with great enthusiasm. Hundreds of people from different parts of Birbhum District participated with their traditional folk groups and musical instruments. The programme started at noon and continued till late evening. This year’s ‘Baha Parab Award’ was conferred on the well-known social worker Fr. Sebastian Thekkel, SDB of Don Bosco School, Joypur, Birbhum. This was the 22nd year we celebrated the festival on the Ghosaldanga playground.

* On 31st March, Birla High Girls School donated ‘Multi-Purpose Solar-lights’ to 163 families of Bautijol, Panchabanpur and Rahamatpur at RSV campus. Sona Murmu played a crucial role in motivating and organizing the villagers. On this occasion more than two dozen pupils and their teachers arrived from Kolkata to distribute the lights. Prof. Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya, who acted as a liaison between the Birla School and our school, was present at the function. About two hundred villagers gathered for the occasion.

* This year five training programmes were organised for the farmers at Ghosaldanga in collaboration with the Department of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan. The department also provided special courses to 10 farmers on fishery, goat-farming and piggery. Seven farmers were financially supported to cultivate sugarcane from KVK.

(b) EXCURSIONS – EVENTS – TRAINING outside the villages

* On 1st September 2010, the annual meeting of the Ghosaldanga Bishnubati Trust was held at Mary Ann Dasgupta’s residence at Kolkata. The seven Trust members – Gokul Hansda, Sona Murmu, Boro Baski, Jaykrishna Kayal, Sunil Das, Mary Ann Dasgupta and Snehadri Shekhar Chakraborty – were present. Martin Kämpchen attended the meeting as an invited guest.

* On 9th February 2011, annual picnic of RSV was held at the bank of the River Ajoy. About 200 children enjoyed the day thoroughly. Many had never seen such a big river or any trains before. The German friends, Marianne Pal Chowdhury, Manfred Watzke and Ulrich and Hedwig Oser, joined the picnic.

* On 11th February, the St. Mary Child and Mother Health Care Centre was inaugurated at Makrampur, near Bolpur, by Dr. Monika Golembiewski and the Sisters of the Carmelite Teresian Convent. Students of the RSV Hostel performed a Santal drama based on the Santal Creation Myth. Rathin Kisku performed a Santal song, Boro Baski gave a short speech. Many men and women of the two villages and of our support group at Santiniketan were present.

6. The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV)

The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (phone: 03463-235 258), a non-formal Santal School situated between Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, was founded by Boro Baski and Gokul Hansda in 1996. Boro remains its full-time teacher. Gokul Hansda has joined a government school in June 2010, but he continues to be a member of all our committees. One of the three part-time teachers, Hiralal Khan, left for a government school in June 2010. Ranjit Khan and Mona Murmu continue as part-time teachers. Baidyanath Murmu, a Santal artist and ex-student of Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan, paints, draws and models with the children.

The school organises several regular programmes throughout the year. They include the celebration of Teachers' Day (on 5th September), of Rabindranath Tagore's Birthday (in the beginning of May), and of Independence Day (on 15th August) which is also the Foundation Day of RSV. Other programmes are organised whenever an occasion arises.

The Secondary Coaching Centre functions on the premises of RSV every morning and evening. It teaches students of class VIII to X. The students come from Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga. Of the 15 students from class X who attended, 12 students passed the Madhyamaik (class X) Examination. The teachers are Deep Das; Sahanewaj Mollah and Samir Das.

From February 2010 until May 2011, a series of political incidents, some of them violent, occurred in the area. The incidents also affected the peace and normal routine of the school. On one occasion, the school had to suspend its normal classes for one month. This had happened as a backdrop to the political power change that happened in the state after 34 years of Communist rule in the state.

7. Hihiri Pipiri (Hostel)

Hihiri Pipiri is a students' home situated next to the RSV school. The home started as a Day Care Centre in 2006 and transformed into a full-fledged Hostel for the students in 2007. Presently, 24 students (15 boys and 9 girls) are staying in the hostel. Most of the boarders are former RSV students and come from difficult and deprived family-backgrounds. After passing out from RSV at the end of class IV, they enter the hostel. From the hostel they study at the government school from class V. Ranjit Khan is their warden and teacher who stays with them during the day and at night. Besides studying, they play, sing, paint and work in the garden of the school.

8. Bio-orchard (on the RSV Campus)

Biological farming (farming without pesticides and chemical fertiliser) is greatly needed in our country. To set an example to the farmers in our area and to have a source of income in harmony with nature and village life, this orchard was started four years ago under the guidance of Srikanta Mondal. Hundreds of fruit trees grow up on the RSV campus. Srikanta Mondal has meanwhile transferred his responsibilities to Monotosh Das, a full-time worker. Monotosh tends the orchard and regularly sells fruits, vegetables at local markets in Bolpur and Santiniketan. The bio-orchard is still growing and developing. So far it has not given us sufficient profit in return for our investment.

Since last year, the parents of the sponsored children (.i.e. the children who get financial support for their education) work in the bio-orchard once a week in return for the support they receive for their wards.

9. Vocational Training Centre (VTC)

The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) was started in 2001 at Bishnubati with the financial support of Agape, Heidelberg, a German NGO working for the education of children and women in India, Bangladesh and Nepal. The Centre organises various kinds of training programmes, seminars and workshops related to income generation activities. At present, ten Women-Self-Help Groups are actively associated with the Centre, which provides them technical and practical support in their initiatives. All the members of these groups have started rearing domestic animals like goats, ducks, pigs in the traditional way in order to bring an extra income to their families.

The Museum of Santal Culture is situated at VTC building and continues to receive visitors. Some of the activities of VTC are given below.

* Ramjit Mardi and Uttom Baski completed a two-month course on ‘Entrepreneurship / Skill Development programme on Mobile Repairing and Servicing’. The training course had been conducted by the Government of India.

* On 4th February, 2011, Boro Baski, Ramjit Mardi and Gobinda Baski went to Kolkata to attend a meeting organised by Mrs. Christine Weitmann of Agape, Germany.

* On 21st February, the Programme Officer of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) came to the village to discuss various Government schemes for child and mother care. He gave emphasis on the programmes of a Feeding Centre in the villages supported from his office. The programme was organised by the students of the Social Work Department, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan.

* On 22nd February, about 70 women organised in Self-Help Groups visited the new Hospital at Makrampur. Dr. Monika Golembiewski explained the services provided by the hospital. Later, the group went to see Konkalitola, a Hindu temple.

10. Health, Nutrition and Sanitation

Satyaban Ray, a trained homeopath and health worker, keeps direct and regular contact with the patients of our villages. He is guided by Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Germany, a

child specialists who treats the patients of our villages regularly. They are supported by two health workers, Parboti Murmu at Ghosaldanga and Sumoti Mardi (since October 2010) at RSV school. Putul Hansda had been looking after the health services at Bishnubati before she joined a Government health-centre last year. After her, Rani Baski has accepted this responsibility on a temporary basis.

From 1st April 2009, Dr. Sitaram Banerjee, a general physician of the Government Primary Health Centre, Sattore, has attended our health centre once a week to treat village patients. This year 1344 patients have been treated from the villages of Bautijol, Rindanga, Bandlodanga, Uttarchandiur, Srichandapur, Kendradangal, Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga. Dr. Banerjee has treated the patients and helped them to get admission into the hospital; he also guides Satyaban Ray in serious medical cases.

A training programme was organised for Social Mobilizers supported by the Community Development Unit, Kolkata. 24 youths, especially women, took part. Other activities were the hernia operation of Nabin Baski, and the follow-up of the treatment of TB patients.

Silvia Mangatter and Nico Golembiewski, two students from Germany, helped to start the Nutrition Programme at Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga in collaboration with “Manab Jamin”, Bolpur and “Indienhilfe”, Herrsching (Germany). It began in 2007 for malnourished children and pregnant women. After one year, Rindanga Korapara was included. The children and women were selected through special health check-up camps. Satisfied with their health improvement, the nutrition programme at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati was closed in 2009. The programme at Rindanga Korapara was also closed last year. Now, the programme is continues in two newly included villages, Panchabanpur and Bautijol.

Since February, many patients of our villages can be treated at the newly opened St. Mary Child and Mother Health Care Centre, Makrampur, which means an important improvement in our health services.

11. Hospitality and Partnerships

We welcomed to our villages, among others, the following guests: Gert Golembiewski, Nico Golembiewski and Silvia Mangatter, Germany; Marianne Pal Chowdhury, Dr. Ul-

rich Oser and Hedwig Oser, Frankfurt, Germany; Suzanne Benton, artist and mask-maker, USA. Syamoli Khastgir, artist, Santiniketan; Samiran Nandy, photographer, Santiniketan; Barka Soren, Sriniketan; Fr. Sebastian Thekkel, SDB, Joypur; Soumen Chakraborty and his team of Hem Sheela Model School, Durgapur; Ludwig Pesch, musician, Amsterdam (Netherlands); Theophil Hembrom, Monoranjan Murmu and Joseph Hembrom, Bandel, Hooghly; Frank Gotthardt of Merck Company, Darmstadt (Germany) with his colleague from Merck India (Bombay).

12. “Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati”, Germany

In 2007, the “Freundeskreis Ghosaldanga und Bishnubati e. V.” (‘Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati’) obtained German government registration in Frankfurt. In the past, the group functioned informally, headed by Dr.-Ing. Mandaresh Mitra and his wife, Dipl.-Päd. Roswitha Mitra. Presently, the organisation has a new executive body under the leadership of Marianne Pal Chowdhury. The organisation disseminates information about our work and awareness about the Indian village situation in Germany. They also take the lead in collecting donations for our Sanghas. We are very grateful to them! Only with their help, we can continue to function.

The “Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati” are in regular contact with us in India. Marianne Pal Chowdhury takes the overall lead in organising funds and maintaining the procedures of a registered society. Manfred Watzke, the treasurer, is in constant contact with Snehadri Chakraborty who is in charge of our financial matters. The two junior members of the core group of the “Friends” are Kathrin Klein and Tim Weinert who both visited the villages for extended periods earlier.

The Annual Meeting takes place in Frankfurt in June every year and is attended by Martin Kämpchen as the representative of our villages. Above thirty members of the “Friends” attended the meeting last year.

Homepage. During this financial year, the “Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati” have started a homepage. It is being developed to describe the development work in our villages, but also to give an all-round portrayal of Santal villages. The address of the homepage is: www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de. At the moment it is written in German;

later an English text will be added. The homepage is richly illustrated. The Annual Reports of the last few years can be read in English. It also contains a monthly update on village news, supplied by Martin Kämpchen. Kathrin Klein, assisted by Ulrich Oser, is responsible for the website.

Cooperation with other organizations. We continue to work closely with the Kindermissionswerk (The Pontifical Mission of Holy Childhood) / “Sternsinger” Aachen (Germany), and receive help from them. The Meditation Centre Sonnenhaus in Beuron (Germany) donates a substantial amount every year towards our regular expenses. Further, Agape e. V., Heidelberg (Germany), headed by Christine Weitmann, has continued to support the VTC at Bishnubati.

13. Sponsorship

For the last several years, some of the sick and physically weak children and mothers of our villages are supported by us. Added to this, we have started the sponsorship programme for needy students. After selecting the students and receiving their personal data, Dr. Monika Golembiewski and Marianne Pal Chowdhury collected a number of like-minded persons who are willing to help these students. This year we have 22 sponsored students who are being supported in various ways. As a policy, any one of the family members of the sponsored child should give one day of work per week in the campus of the RSV school. The work includes tilling the soil in the Bio-orchard, cleaning the garden or repairing thatched roofs etc.

14. Births and Deaths

BIRTHS

At Bishnubarti/Ashadullapur:

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| * Rinki Soren- | D/o Gupin Soren (26/4/2010) |
| * Batasi Murmu- | D/o Kalo Murmu (17/6/2010) |
| * Niljona Baski- | D/o Sunil and Nil Baski (25/10/2010) |
| * Biju Hansda- | S/o Bajun and Monika Hansda (5/12/2010) |
| * Jharna Baski- | D/o Jiten and Rani Baski (31/10/2010) |

* Sukodi Mardi -	D/o Gopal Mardi & Nilmoni Mardi (14/1/2011)
* Budinath Soren-	S/o Som Soren & Chunki Soren (28/2/2011)
* Salma Soren-	D/o Dulal Soren Hasi Soren (9/3/2011)
* Bhabini Tudu-	D/o Rupan and Sonmoni Tudu (26/8/2010)
* Rahit Baski-	S/o Bajun and Mina Baski (27/10/2010)
* Sasti Tudu-	S/o Mongla and Sarasati Tudu (28/4/2010)
* Priti Baski	D/o Baloon and Sukurmoni Baski (4/4/2010)
* Hiramoni Mardi	D/o Bhagan and Sankali Mardi (30/3/2011)
* Chandni Kisku	D/o Satish Kisku & Nilmoni Soren (5/6/2010)
* Sanchita Hansda	D/o Rupai Hansda & Minoti Hansda (5/11/2010)

At Ghosaldanga:

* Kalyani Hembrom-	D/o Kalicharan and Basini Hembrom (18/6/2010)
* Priyanka Tudu-	D/o Gonesh and Lakhi Tudu (21/07/2010)
* Sangita Murmu-	D/o Sonot and Rani Murmu (9/6/2010)
* Sandip Soren-	S/o Sunil and Sumita Soren (15/12/2010)
* Suparna Tudu-	D/o Budi and Maloti Tudu (20/12/2010)
* Anjali Murmu-	D/o Budi (Jaja) Murmu

DEATHS

At Ghosaldanga

* Manjoy Tudu

Educational Achievements at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati

An Overview

The *Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha* and *Bishnubati Adibasi Marshal Sangha*, two registered organizations, work in the two Santal villages Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati for the last 25 years. From their inception the Sangha's main focus has been education. When they began, each village had only one single student who had passed the Madhyamik Examination. They were Sona Murmu in Ghosaldanga and Boro Baski in Bishnubati. No other student attended High School then. Since Sona and Boro began to organize the educational activities in their respective village, the picture gradually changed. Each of the two villages now operates

- * one kindergarten (with lunch) – at Bishnubati run by the government Anganwadi Centre
- * one coaching centre for Primary School pupils (evenings),
- * one coaching centre for Secondary School students (mornings and evenings).

Since 1996 the Sangha runs the *Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV)*, a non-formal Santal School situated between Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati. Children from these two villages attend classes during the day. The main aim of our school (RSV) is to develop an appropriate teaching method and syllabus suitable in a Santal village context. A hostel and a special coaching centre for class X and IX have been started since 2007 and 2009 respectively at RSV campus.

The following statistics represents the *combined total* of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

Total population: 798 persons.

Ghosaldanga: male 156, female 136 = 292 persons

Bishnubati : male 262, female 244 = 506 persons

Kindergarten: male 22, female 20 = 42 pupils

Coaching Centres:

Primary Level: male 29, female 18 = 47 pupils

Secondary Level: male 17, female 22 = 39 pupils

Since the beginning of the Sangha's educational activities, the following number of students passed the following examinations:

Madhyamik	20
Higher Secondary	7
B. A.	3
B. S. W., M. S. W.	1
M. A.	1
Post-Diploma in Fine Arts	1

NB. Each person is listed only once.

Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram:

Primary School	(Class KG to IV):	male 44, female 55 = 99 pupils
Hihiri Pipiri Adibasi Hostel	(Class V to X):	male 15, female 09 = 24 pupils
Special coaching centre	(IX and X):	male 11, female 12 = 23 pupils

The *Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha* and *Bishnuabti Adibasi Marshal Sangha* have 8 full-time teachers and 11 part-time teachers. This excludes unpaid volunteers recruited from the senior students of both villages.