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1. Introduction

The Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha (GASS) works in two Santal villages, viz. Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, situated about 10 km away from the town Bolpur and the University of Santiniketan. Bishnubati founded the registered society Bishnubati Adibasi Marshal Sangha (BAMS) in 1998. 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 Santal day school, situated between Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati. From these three centres the work has spread into other Santal villages.

The aim of the Sanghas and of the school is the all-round development of the tribal population in these two villages and in many neighbouring villages. Its main thrust, however, has been education. The last page presents an overview of the results GASS has achieved in the last 28 years. Other areas of work have been: medical aid, family health and hygiene, fishery, vocational training, maintaining a Museum of Santal Culture, bio-farming and, last but not least, the maintenance and dissemination of Santal culture.

GASS 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. 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 needy, poor, destitute, downtrodden 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 financially.

2. Managing Committees

The Managing Committee of **Ghosaldanga** has been constituted on 12th June 2008. Given below are the names, designation and profession of its members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Profession</u>
1. Mohan Hembrom	President	Farmer
2. Dudu Murmu	Vice-President	Farmer

3. Sona Murmu	Secretary	Social Worker
4. Nilu Murmu	Assistant Secretary	Farmer
5. Lakshmiram Tudu	Treasurer	Social Worker
6. Bijoy Tudu	Member	Farmer
7. Dhona Hansda	Member	Farmer
8. Dasarath Murmu	Member	Teacher
9. Balui Murmu	Member	Tailor

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

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

Name	Designation	Profession
1. Boro Baski	President	Teacher
2. Dhona Soren	Vice-President	Farmer
3. Ramjit Mardi	Secretary	Govt. Employee
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 and Teacher

3. The Sangha Council

The Managing Committees are supported by the Sangha Council which meets once a month and discusses 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.
- > Boro Baski, Bishnubati, President BAMS and In-charge of RSV and of correspondence.
- > Gokul Hansda, Dhanyasara, Co-founder of RSV and in charge of Santal cultural programmes and excursions; he is employed as a teacher in a government school.
- > Monotosh Das, Bolpur, full-time worker of the RSV Bio-Orchard and marketing.
- > Snehadri Sekhar Chakravarti, Asst. Engineer, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; in charge of construction and repair work as well as of the financial management of GASS, BAMS and RSV.
- > Sanyasi Lohar, Bishnubati, artist and art teacher, social worker.
- > Bimol Baski, Bishnubati, kindergarten teacher, Treasurer of BAMS and guide of Santal Cultural Museum, Bishnubati.
- > Pintu Ghosh, Bishnubati, teacher of the Secondary Coaching Centre at RSV.
- > LakhiramTudu, treasurer of GASS and teacher of the evening school (Primary section).
- > Ramjit Mardi, Secretary of BAMS; he is employed by the West-Bengal government with posting in Bolpur.
- > Parbati Murmu, health worker in Ghosaldanga.

- > Martin Kämpchen, Santiniketan, advisor to GASS, BAMS and RSV; link-person to the "Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati" (Germany). He is a scholar, writer and translator.

4. Education

Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati each run a Primary Coaching Centre (for students of class I to IV) and a Secondary Coaching Centre (for students of class V to X) in their respective villages. Before the government-run early education centres Anganwadi Centres and Sishu Siksha Kendra (SSK) were established in these two villages GASS and BAMS have been operating a Noon-Meal Feeding Centre since more than two decades. Now, the programmes of both the villages have merged with the Anganwadi Centres. To overcome problems with the medium of instruction in these Centres, the Sanghas have placed two Santal teachers to support the government teachers who do not speak Santali, the native language of the children. Since the last three years at Ghosaldanga a special nutritious food programme is provided for the most malnourished children and pregnant mothers by Dr. Monika Golembiewski thrice a week in the afternoon. The Coaching Centres work in the early mornings and in the evenings. Lunch was given to the children in all the centres for six days a week.

From 2013, three more Evening Coaching Centres for primary school students have been opened in three Santal villages. The new Centres are at Bautijol, Panchabanpur and Bandlodanga.

In addition, the Sanghas run a day school, i.e. a non-formal Santal school called the Rolf SchoembsVidyashram (RSV).

Type of School	Ghosaldanga	Bishnubati
Noon-Meal Feeding Centre/SSK	18 (M-10, F-08)	45 (M-15, F-30)
Primary coaching centre	21 (M-9, F-12)	45 (M-17, F-28)
Secondary coaching centre	18 (M-8, F-10)	31 (M-15, F-16)

Students of Class XI-XII and B.A

Villages	Class-XI-XII	B.A/B.Sc
Ghosaldanga	8 (M-2, F-6)	2(M-1,F-1)
Bishnubati	16 (M-8, F-8)	12(M-6,F-6)
Total	24	14

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

Employees of Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and RSV at a glance

Sl. No	Department	No. of employee	Name of employees
1	Noon-Meal Feeding Centre/Kindergarten	2	Bimol Baski, Parboti Murmu (also health worker)
2	Primary Coaching Centres	3	LakhiramTudu, Narayan Murmu, Suno Mardi, Saraswati Mardi

3	RSV (KG – class IV)	6	Boro Baski, Mono Murmu, Ranjit Khan (also Warden of the Boys' Hostel), Konika Khan, Pada Murmu (also Warden of the Girls' Hostel), Uttom Baski
4	Secondary Coaching Centre (Class V – VIII)	5	Dasarath Murmu, Mongal Tudu, Bimol Patra, Gobinda Baski, Ramjit Mardi, Swapan Ghosh
5	Coaching Centre (Class- V – VIII) at RSV	2	Kausik Karmakar (Mathematics), Samir Kr. Das (English),
6	Hostel(RSV) Class V–X	2	Pintu Ghosh
7	Health Workers	3	Satyanarayan Roy, Rani Baski, Parbati Murmu (also cooks nutritious food at Ghosaldanga)
7	Cooks	2	Dhona Hansda, Shusila Hansda
8	Garden/Bio-orchard	2	Monotosh Das, Mongal Tudu
9	Night Guards	2	Rupai Hembrom, Nobin Baski
10	Administrator	1	Sona Murmu

* Most of the teachers are part-timers. The full-time teachers perform administrative duties besides teaching. For example, Bimol Baski, who teaches at the SSK in the morning, also looks after the accounts of BAMS at Bishnubati in the evening. Ramjit Mardi, Lakhiram Tudu, Ranjit Khan, Pada Murmu and Boro Baski too, perform other duties besides teaching.

5. Educational, Recreational and Cultural Programmes

(a) VILLAGE EVENTS

* On 4th April 2014, like every year the annual children fair was organized at Bishnubati. The school children of Bishnubati and RSV hostel organised various games and put up food stalls for the villagers. The women of the Self Help Group sold food items like ghogni, chop, puffed rice, cucumber, brinjal fry, and lemon juice. At the end the students and the members of the Self Help Groups put up a cultural programme with dances, music, and sketches that continued till 11 pm.

* On 26th May, the annual evaluation meeting of the work of the employees was held at RSV school. All the members presented their performance report in front of all the members. Besides discussing various issues related to the work the major subject that was discussed and all agreed was the reshuffling of the employees within the centres that have similar kind of duties. A five member committee was formed headed by Pintu Ghosh and was asked to implement the decision as soon as possible. In the first phase the duties of 9 employees were redistributed.

* On 8th & 9th June, teachers' training workshop was conducted at RSV for the primary teachers of five evening schools and RSV. Hiralal Khan and Gokul Hansda, former teachers of RSV and presently the teachers of Government schools, conducted the workshop.

* On 26th June, Uttom Baski, one of the teachers of RSV got married with the girl from Ckakraharpur of Birbhum district. On 29th reception was held in which all the employees of

the organization and hundreds of villagers from Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and guests participated.

* On 18th August, Jakob Dörr's birthday was celebrated in the morning at RSV. Jakob returned to us for several weeks. Last year he spent five months with Sanyasi Lohar's family as a volunteer. Hannah Beckmann and Judith Drexler who returned to us for the second time, and Joschka Härdtner were also present. On the next evening the group was invited to Boro Baski's family at Bishnubati for dinner where Martin Kämpchen (Martin-da), Sona Murmu and other senior students joined. Judith, Hannah and Jakob left for Germany on 29th of August after spending a day at Bandel. Mono Murmu, Uttom Baski, Joschka and Boro Baski went to Kolkata airport to see them off.

* On 7th September, a day-night knockout Football Tournament was organized at Ghosaldanga football ground by the youth of the village. 24 teams from different Santal villages took part in the Tournament. The prizes for the winner and the runner-up prize were a pig each. The football team of the RSV boys hostel got 11 jerseys as the consolation prize for achieving 6th position in the tournament.

* On 2nd November, a Silvia and Nico Golembiewski were given a marriage reception at Bishnubati. A cultural programmes was organised in their honour. At the end of the programme many of the villagers presented them traditional gifts like Santal dress, a handmade broom, mat, doll etc.

* On 9th December, Martin-da's birthday was celebrated at RSV school. The students of RSV, Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and the villagers presented their cultural programmes.

* On 2nd March 2015, the *Twenty-Sixth Annual Adibasi Baha Parab* (Santal Spring Festival) was celebrated in Ghosaldanga. Hundreds of people from different parts of Birbhum District participated. 18 Santal folk groups with their traditional dress and musical instruments took part. The festival started at noon and continued until early next morning. Four Santali drama groups performed their plays. This year, the 'Baha Parab Award' was conferred on the well-known Santal poetess Buri Murmu of Bonkatipur village, district Burdwan. Mrs Murmu also performed a one hour musical narration of Santal mythology with her group. Dr. Dhoneswar Manjhi, Head, Department of Santali, Visva-Bharati University was the chief guest of the programme. Santali Folk Group 'Sange Bariyet' of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati performed some of the popular songs of their upcoming video and audio albums in the beginning of the drama.

(b) EXCURSIONS – EVENTS – TRAINING outside the villages

* On 25th & 26th May, Gokul Hansda and Boro Baski went to attend the Santali literary seminar at Srinanda School, Bolpur, organized by Gota Bharat Santal Literary and Cultural Society. Hundreds of delegates came from Jharkhad, Assam, West Bengal and even from Bangladesh to attend the two-day-seminar.

* On 5th September, Sona Murmu and Boro Baski went to Kolkata to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bose Institute to implement the Scheduled Tribe-Specific-Rural Bio-Technology programme of the institute.

* On 16th November, 'Onol Rant' a seminar on Santali short stories was held at Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC) at Dumka. Gobinda Baski, Uttam Baski and Boro

Baski went to attend the programme. Many Santali writers, scholars and professors were present at the seminar. Dr. Dhoneshwer Manjhi, the Head of the Department of Santali, Visva-Bharati, gave the keynote address. The seminar was jointly organized by the 'Hul Baise' and the HRDC, Dumka.

* On 22nd November, Boro and Asha Baski went to Marianne and Debu Pal Chowdhury's house at Salt Lake, Kolkata. This year they were unable to visit the village. Boro Baski reported the recent development of the village work to them. Snehadri Chakraborty also visited them on a later date for discussion.

*On 30th November, a lecture demonstration on the theme "The Seasons in the Santal Celebration of Life" was performed by RSV School Team at 'Udayan' of Rabindra Bhavan, Santiniketan. 'Udayan' is one of the five houses located in the 'Uttarayan' complex in which Rabindranath used to live. The inaugural speech was delivered by Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Director, Rabindra Bhavan. She emphasized that it was the first time in the history of Rabindra Bhavan that Santal dances and songs were performed in Uttarayan which is normally reserved for Tagorean events. She, however, mentioned that Tagore had an admiration for Santal culture and the Santal way-of-life. The introduction was given by Dr. Martin Kämpchen.

* On 14th & 15th February 2015, a group of 19 students and teachers from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati went to perform dances with narration on the Santal seasonal festivals at 'Jagwar', the second Santali Literary Meet at Dumka. The group went to visit a friend Dr. Shushil Hembrom, who later took them to see the Hinzla Hill three km from Dumka. The seminar was organized by Prof. Ivy Hansda of Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi in collaboration with HRDC, Dumka.

6. The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV)

The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (phone: 03463-235 258) is a non-formal Santal School situated half a kilometre from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati. The school was founded by Boro Baski and Gokul Hansda in 1996. Gokul Hansda was its full-time teacher until June 2010, Boro Baski remains its Principal to date. The three part-time teachers Mono Murmu, Uttom Baski and Konika Khan were in the school until February 2015. They were shifted to Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga respectively in the policy of reshuffling the teachers within the different educational sections of the organization. Gobinda Baski and Dasarath Murmu, two full-time teachers of Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga respectively have joined RSV in place of Mono Murmu and Uttom Baski, whereas Konika Khan's place has been replaced by Sanyasi Lohar who had been taking only art classes for two days a week has now started taking subject classes too. Ranjit Khan and Pada Murmu (from April 2013), are the Wardens of the Boys' and Girls' Hostels respectively. Sanyasi Lohar, an ex-student of Kala Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, and resident of Bishnubati (Ashadullapur), is the art teacher. The music teacher is Sabyasachi Mukherjee. Sushila Hansda who had been cooking for the school and hostel from its inception along with Dhona Hansda has been shifted to evening school at Panchabanpur. And Suno Murmu, the teacher of the evening school of Bishnubati has joined as a full-time cook at RSV.

The school organises several regular programmes every 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 which is also the Foundation Day of RSV (on

15th August). Other programmes are organised occasionally. This year RSV had 77 students (M-41, F-36).

In July 2010, a special Coaching Centre for classes IX to X has been started at the RSV campus. The idea behind this Centre is to provide quality teaching and guidance to the students who prepare themselves for their final examination (class X). Another reason is to reduce the pressure of the teachers in the village centres at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati who already suffer from the shortage of experienced teachers. This year there were 19 (M-8, F-11) students and three teachers in the Coaching Centre. From 2013 RSV also has started three more evening schools in the neighbouring villages as the RSV education extension programme.

Some of the activities of the RSV were:

* On 6th June, the former chief minister of Jharkhand and presently the member of Legislative Assembly of Jharkhand, Babulal Marandi, visited RSV. He spent about an hour on the campus interacting with the students and teachers. Rathin Kisku, the Santali Baul singer of Gopalnagar and close associate of our Sangha, accompanied the minister.

* On 25th July, Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, the Director of Rabindra-Bhavan, Visva-Bharati University, came to see and hear the progress work of the Evening Coaching Centres (ECC) that the university is funding. A programme was organised at RSV where the progress reports of the ECC has been read by Mono Murmu, the supervisor of the evening school.

* On 15th August, the Indian Independence Day and the Foundation Day of RSV, was celebrated. Besides flag-hoisting and a cultural programme the special attractions of the day were a swimming competition of the students and a football match between RSV students and students from neighbouring villages. At the end, a meal was served to everybody.

* On 26th August, Soumitra Bhattacharya, the former teacher of Loreto Day School Sealdah, Kolkata, came to visit RSV to interact with us about the improvement of RSV.

* On 30th August, the Folk Group of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati 'Sange Bariet' presented their musical programme on 'Hul Utsav' at Balipara, Santiniketan.

* On 23rd January, 2015, an Art and science exhibition was organized at RSV school. Sanyasi Lohar, the art teacher of RSV, displayed some of the selected paintings of the children. Sanyasi also unveiled his new art book on Santal murals that he has depicted on the walls of Bishnubati with the village boys. The murals can be viewed on the internet under www.tinpahar.com. Prof. Sanchayan Ghosh of Kala-Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, and his wife were the Chief Guests.

* Sharmishtha Dattagupta and Holger Bartels, two guests from Germany staying at the boys hostel of RSV for six weeks, conducted a workshop with the hostel students on the life cycle of animals and plants. On 23rd January, the students of RSV presented a theatre sketch on the theme of the workshop. Sharmishtha brought a microscope and a projector to the school in order to show the various kinds of insects and plants that live in the water and the soil of the school campus. Many documentary films on plant and animal life were shown. On 4th February, Sharmishtha and Holger left RSV with an emotional farewell.

* On 24th January, the RSV annual picnic was held in the Amar Kuthir forest. It is a beautiful location situated between the river Kopai and the Ballabpur forest. There is also a handicraft

workshop at Amar Kuthir where local village women make leather goods and sell in their showroom. Before going to the picnic spot students visited ‘Prakriti Bhavana’ a museum of natural wood and stone craft situated near Ballabpur Santal village. About 290 students, teachers, villagers and guests participated in the picnic.

* On 28th January, 2015, Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya and Prof. Ranjit Bhattacharya sponsored a feast for the students and teachers of RSV school in honour of the marriage of their son Nikhilesh Bhattacharya with Anuradha Sharma. The students also sang songs for the newly wedded couple.

* On 11th March, a one-day-seminar was held at RSV on ‘Child Pedagogy’. The main speaker was Mechtild Jahn, a former teacher of a Rudolf Steiner school in Germany, who visited our schools for the third time after a gap of ten years. Martin-da translated her lecture from German into Bengali. The lecture was followed by a long discussion which was continued on 14th March. Altogether 35 teachers participated in the seminar.

7. RSV Education Extension Programme: Evening Coaching Centres (ECC)

Education Extension Programme was started in 2013 in the three neighbouring villages with the intention to support the students of RSV who live in those villages, in their studies. Further, the Centres are meant to create a linkage between the parents and the school to assess the problems students face in the school as well as in the families. In every village there are two teachers who live in the same village running the Evening Coaching Centre. The Centres begin at 6 pm and continue until 8 pm every day, except on Sundays. Apart from teaching, the teachers also advise the parents about the education of their wards. Regular attendance of the students is kept at the Centre. If a child discontinues the parents are informed immediately. There are also regular parents meetings and health checkups for the children and parents. Mono Murmu, the teacher of RSV is the supervisor of the Centres. The three new Centres are Panchabanpur, Boutijal and Bandhlodanga. Some statistics of the Centres is given below.

Short description of Evening Coaching Centres.

Village	Boys	Girls	Total student	Teacher
Panchabanpur Started 1 Jan.2013	18	10	28	Kalidasi Mardi & Somnath Murmu
Bautijal Started 21 March 2013	18	18	36	Parbati Kisku & Kalichoron Murmu
Bandhlodanga Started 1 March 2013	16	14	30	Mridula Tudu & Gopal Mardi

8. Hihiri Pipiri (Students' Home)

Hihiri Pipiri is the Students' Home situated inside the RSV campus. The home started as a Day Care Centre in 2006 and was transformed into a full-fledged home for the students in 2007. This year, 30 students (15 boys and 15 girls) were staying in the two hostel buildings. The students are mostly former RSV students and hail from an economically weak and/or disturbed family-backgrounds. Students of Class IV to X stay in the hostel; they study at various government High Schools within a ten km radius. Besides studying under the guidance of our teachers, they play, sing, paint, perform theatre sketches and work in the garden of the school. This year, too, the students performed a number of dances and a drama in different programmes in our villages and outside.

9. Junior Leaders

In the last two or three years, the second generation of leadership in Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati has organized itself and formed a group of young men who are College students or have meanwhile completed their studies and have either been absorbed in the work of the Sanghas as teachers and social workers or begun salaried work elsewhere. This group of six to ten persons is lead by Ramjit Mardi and has been guided for the last three years by Martin Kämpchen. He has regular meetings with them in Santiniketan. The Junior Leaders have begun to execute regular village programmes on their own (i.e. without the monitoring of the Seniors) as for example the Santal Spring Festival (Baha Parab). Since last financial year they receive a small sum of money from Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati e.V. (Frankfurt) which is mainly used to attend Spoken English classes.

With the support of the Seniors this group has made some progress and gained in confidence to take up work on their own and develop a vision for the future.

10. Volunteers

Since 2003, students from Europe, especially from Germany, have started coming to us regularly. Earlier, the visitors were mostly individual friends of Martin-da who used to come to visit India and on their way back home had been staying for some days to experience village life. But in the last few years German visitors have come as student volunteers whose stayed in order to teach and interact with the young pupils of our schools. They engage in teaching English, music, sports, arts and crafts. They also learn from us, like Santali and Bengali music, dance and most importantly by staying with us they experience our way of life.

This year number of young men and women from Germany visited us: *Joschka Hårdtner* (Frankfurt) who stayed for two months. *Jakob Dörr* (Frankfurt), *Hannah Beckmann* and *Judith Drexler* (both Hamburg) returned to us for a second time and took up some of their old activities with the hostel students. *Sharmistha Dattagupta* and *Holger Bartels* (Göttingen, Germany), too, returned to us, this time for six weeks, and conducted workshops for the students on the life cycle of plants and animals. *Magdalena Fochler*, Bernau am Chiemsee (Bavaria, Germany) came to us in January 2015 and stayed with us for two months. She too was busy with various creative activities like music, sports, art and travelled to Dumka with the students. *Mechtild Jahn* (Frankfurt), a retired school teacher and active member of 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati', returned to us for one month. She and Magdalena played the (European) violin for us on several occasions. Mechtild worked with the kindergarten children of Ghosaldanga and taught the teachers of RSV and the evening schools on educational methods.

11. Bio-orchard (on RSV Campus)

Biological farming (farming without pesticides and chemical fertiliser) is a great need 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 in 2001 under the guidance of Srikanta Mondal (of Manab Jamin). Hundreds of fruit trees grow on the RSV campus now. Monotosh Das, a full-time worker, tends the entire orchard and sells its produce regularly: fruits, vegetables and by-products like jam and jelly at local markets in Bolpur and Santiniketan. The bio-orchard is still growing and developing. So far it has not yet given us sufficient profit in return for our investment.

After Monotosh Das received training at the Bose Institute, Falta, he began Beekeeping, Vermin Composting and Mushroom Cultivation, guided by the Bose Institute which kept regular contact with him.

* From 18th June to 21st July 2014, Rolf Bucher and Anne Bucher, organic farmers from Stuttgart (Germany), visited us the fourth time to proceed with their aim to plant Moringa trees and reap their leaves which have especially rich nutrient value. They pulverised the leaves and prepared “Moringa-biscuits” for the consumption in the hostels, in our RSV midday-meals and in the Nutrition Centres in the neighbouring villages supported by Dr. Monika Golembiewski.

After Rolf and Anne left, Nilu Murmu from Ghosaldanga follows up the Moringa project. Nilu has planted hundreds of Moringa saplings in and around the RSV campus. He also bakes nutritious cakes and Moringa biscuits once a week for the Feeding Centres.

Since several years, 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 children.

12. Vocational Training Centre (VTC)

The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) was started at Bishnubati in 2001 with the financial support of the German NGO Agape, Heidelberg. On the ground-floor the coaching classes for standard V to XII are being conducted every morning and evening. And one room is reserved for Computer training. The Museum of Santal Culture is situated on the first floor of the building. The students maintain the garden and the pond. Gobinda Baski is the teacher-in-charge of the VTC.

13. Health, Nutrition and Sanitation

As in previous years, Dr. Monika Golembiewski treated patients of Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati, RSV and the neighbouring villages. After establishing the ‘Mother and Child Care Centre’ at Mokrapur, Bolpur (10 km away from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati), four years ago, she gives more time treating patients there. The hospital has not only been useful for the villagers to get good health care services..

Satyaban Ray, Santiniketan, a trained homoeopath and a health-worker for GASS, BAMS and RSV, keeps direct and regular contact with the patients in the villages and the hospital. He is supported by two health-workers: Parboti Murmu at Ghosaldanga, Rani Baski at Bishnubati and Pada Murmu at RSV. Dr. Sitaram Banerjee, a general physician of the Government Primary Health Centre, Sattore, has attended our Ghosaldanga Health Centre to treat village patients once a week. Emergency and serious medical cases are referred to the ‘Mother and Child Care Centre’ at Mokrapur, Bolpur and the hospitals of Bolpur.

The Nutrition Programme and Sanitation Programme continue at Rindanga, Pachabanpur and Ghosaldanga Hindu village under Dr. Monika Golembiewski's guidance. The programme of Rindanga is run by Sanyasi Lohar of Bishnubati. He has founded his own registered society which works closely with GASS and BAMS and with our donor agencies.

14. "Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati e.V.", Germany

In 2008, the 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati' obtained German government registration in Frankfurt. In the past, the group had functioned informally, headed by Dr.-Ing. Mandarsh 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 take the lead in collecting donations for the day-to-day expenses of our Sanghas and of RSV. We are very grateful to them! Only with their help, we can continue to function. They also receive help from the Kindermissionswerk (The Pontifical Mission of Holy Childhood) / "Sternsinger", Aachen (Germany).

The annual meeting of the registered society took place in June 2014 and was attended by Martin Kämpchen who reported on the progress of the work in the villages and on the plans for the future.

The internet website of the society is www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de. Some of the text is translated in English.

Parallel to the Junior Leaders in Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, the German 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati' have begun to organise a cell of Junior Leaders who have begun meeting in Germany. All the Juniors have been former volunteers with us and wish to continue to support our work within the frame work of the 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati'. Tim Weinert has been elected by the Junior Leaders to lead them.

15. Sponsorship

For the last several years, Dr. Monika Golembiewski has personally collected money in Germany to support some of the sick and physically weak children and mothers of our villages. Since the last five years, we have also 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.

Since last year we have 11 more new educational sponsorships from Merck in Darmstadt/ Germany, a pharmaceutical company. Arun Kapur, Vasant Valley School, New Delhi has sponsored our three high school students of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati for two years and the stopped. Altogether 33 sponsored students are being supported in various ways. As a policy, any one of the family members of a sponsored child should give one day of work in the campus of RSV. The work includes tilling the soil in the Bio-orchard, cleaning the garden or repairing thatched roofs etc.

16. Partnerships and Hospitality

- "Shining Eyes e.V." (Germany) continued their services in the fields of health, nutrition and sanitation.
- The Meditation Centre Sonnenhaus in Beuron (Germany) donates a substantial amount every year towards our regular expenses.

- The Merck pharmaceutical company in Darmstadt (Germany) whose executives visited us in 2011, continued to support us financially through its Mumbai office.
- Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, supports the Evening Coaching Classes since 2013.
- Bose Institute, Kolkata, continues its support towards income generation programmes through their Rural Bio-technology programme. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bose Institute in 2014.

Here is a list of some of the guests who we welcomed to our villages and RSV:

Sanchayan Ghosh, Kala-Bhavana, Santiniketan; Rolf Bucher and Anne Bucher, Organic farmers, Germany; Dr. Gopi Ghosh, Agronomist, Santiniketan; Prof. Susanta Dattagupta, Vice-chancellor, Visva-Bharati; Ranu Dattagupta, Santiniketan; Prof. Sharmistha Dattagupta and Holger Bartels, Göttingen, Germany; Prof. Albert Soren, Rajsahi, Bangladesh; Dilip Hembrom, Kolkata; Babulal Marandi, former chief minister of Jharkhand; Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Pro-Vice-chancellor, Visva-Bharati; Motilal Kisku, Deputy director, Department of Information and Culture, Government of West Bengal; Prof. Pyne, Institute of Management, Kolkata; Ravikanta Devadi, artist, New Delhi; Joy Tudu and Lues Gomes, Adivaani, Kolkata; Thilo Standhardt, Giessen, Germany. (The student volunteers who visited us have been mentioned elsewhere.)

15. Births and Deaths

Births: Bishnubati/Ashadullapur

Sl. No	Baby's name	M/F	Parents' name	Date of Birth
1	Poulina Soren	F	Sukumar Soren	03/04/2014
2	Bristi Hembrom	F	Sukol Hembrom	23/08/2014
3	Bishnu Murmu	M	Bablu Murmu	12/02/2015
4	Dipak Baski	M	Budi Baski	27/05/2014
5	Marsila Baski	F	Hopon Baski	07/06/2014

Deaths: Bishnubati

Sl.No	Deceased person's name	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name
1	Purnima Mardi	F	23/4/2014	Mongol Mardi (Father)
2	Renga Hansda	M	11/01/2015	Dataram Hansda (Son)
3	Sumi Baski	F	14/03/2014	Mansa Baski (Son)
4	Samu Hembrom	M	26/03/2014	Somenath (son)

Births: Ghosaldanga

Sl.No	Child's name	M/F	Parents' name	Date of Birth
1	Rahul Tudu	M	Budi and Putul Tudu	23/04/2014
2	Thomas Tudu	M	Tara and Sarala Tudu	02/05/2014
3	Sagen Murmu	M	Bului and Budin Murmu	03/06/2014
4	Mandira Murmu	F	Baburam and Duli Murmu	31/08/2014
5	Srijan Tudu	M	Somenath and Sahana Tudu	01/09/2014
6	Anjali Tudu	F	Anil and Surmila Tudu	02/09/2014
7	Pinki Murmu	F	Motilal and Kumkum Murmu	02/09/2014
8	Manoj Hembrom	M	Sona and Muni Hembrom	02/11/2014

Deaths: Ghosaldanga

Sl.No	Deceased person's name	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name
1	Sukurmoni Kisku	F	08/07/2014	Kisan Kisku (Father)

Educational Achievements at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati**An Overview**

The Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha and Bishnubati Adibasi Marshal Sangha, two registered organisations, work in the two Santal villages Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati for the last 28 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),
- * 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 SchoembsVidyashram (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 represent the combined total of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

Total population: 838 persons.

Ghosaldanga: male 170, female 141 = 311 persons

Bishnubati: male 273, female 254 = 527 persons

Nutrition Feeding/Kindergarten: male 25, female 38 = 63 pupils

Coaching Centres:

Primary Level: male 26, female 40 = 66 pupils

Secondary Level: male 23, female 26 = 49 pupils

Since the beginning of the Sangha's educational activities, the following number of students passed the following examinations and placed in various job and professions:

Madhyamik 10

Higher Secondary 9

B. A. 3

BP.Ed 1

B.S.W., M.S.W. 1

M.A. 1

Post-Diploma in Fine Arts 1

Rolf SchoembsVidyashram:

Primary School (Class KG to IV): male 41, female 36 = 77 pupils

Hihiri Pipiri Adibasi Hostel (Class V to X): male 15, female 15 = 30 pupils

Special coaching centre (IX and X): male 3, female 9 = 12 pupils

The Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha and Bishnuabti Adibasi Marshal Sangha have 12 full-time teachers and 18 part-time teachers. This excludes unpaid volunteers recruited from the senior students of both villages.

For further information about the organization and recent publications please log on to our website-

Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati e.V., Frankfurt (Germany)

<http://www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de>(in German; English version under preparation)

Links to recent publications

<http://www.dandc.eu/articles/220714/index.en.shtml>(English)

<http://www.dandc.eu/articles/220714/index.de.shtml>(German)

Publications

1. _____ (Santali Primer, Part-I)
2. _____ (Santali Primer, Part-II)
3. _____ (Santali Primer, Part-III)
4. _____ (Santali Primer, Part-IV)
5. _____ (Santali Drama)
6. _____ (Santali Songs)
7. _____ Celebrating Life: The Santal Experiment in Freedom
8. _____ (SoantalMuktadharaiprobesh)
9. _____ Our Village Ghosaldanga (Photo book)
10. _____ Our Village Bishnuabti (Photo book)
11. _____ Our School RSV (Photo book)
12. _____ A Journey of Ghosaldanga and BishnubatiSantal Village
13. _____ Activities and Achievements of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati
14. Photos and Cards on Santal lives