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## **Annual Report**

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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 about a dozen 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 31 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 of Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Profession</b>
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 Adibasi Marshal Sangha

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Profession</b>
1. Boro Baski	President	Social worker
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 approximately once a month and 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.
- > Boro Baski, Bishnubati, President BAMS and In-charge of correspondence; he is employed at the Department of Panchayet and Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal.
- > 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 in charge of RSV school.
- > 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 and in charge of the Bio-technology project funded by Bose Institute, Kolkata.
- > 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 for 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 a Santal teacher at Bishnubati to support the government teachers who do not speak Santali, the native language of the children. In Ghosaldanga the amalgamation of teachers has stopped since last three years due to some technical problems. However, since the last four 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 the three Santal villages 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	---	56 (M-24, F-32)
Primary coaching centre	26( M-14, F-12 )	40 (M-12, F-28)
Secondary coaching centre	16 (M-7, F-9)	34 (M-14, F-20)

#### Students of Class XI-XII and B.A-M.A

Villages	Class-XI-XII	B.A & B.Sc –M.A
Ghosaldanga	5 ( M-3, F-2 )	9(M-5,F-4)
Bishnubati	21 ( M-6, F-15 )	8(M-5,F-3)
<b>Total</b>		

\* 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 this 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
2	Primary Coaching Centres	4	LakhiramTudu, Saraswati Mardi Narayan Murmu, Parboti Murmu (also health worker)
3	RSV (KG – class IV)	5	Sanyasi Lohar (since August 2015), Dasarath Murmu, Gobinda Baski, Padma Murmu (also Warden of the Girls' Hostel), Ranjit Khan (also Warden of the Boys' Hostel)

4	Secondary Coaching Centre (Class V – VIII)	5	Mono Murmu, Somnath Murmu, Bimol Patra, Uttam Baski, Ramjit Mardi, Swapan Ghosh
5	Coaching Centre (Class- V – VIII) at RSV	2	Dip Das (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, Suno Mardi
8	Garden/Bio-orchard	2	Monotosh Das, Mongal Tudu, Gupin Kisku (Bio-tech project)
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 Parboti Murmu too, perform other duties besides teaching.

## 5. Educational, Recreational and Cultural Programmes

### (a) VILLAGE EVENTS

\* On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, like every year the Annual Children Fair was organized at Bishnubati. The children and the villagers of Bishnubati, Ghosaldanga and the students of RSV hostel participated. The women of the Self Help Group sold food items like ghogni, chops, puffed rice, cucumber, brinjal fry, and patra pitha (chapatti made in Sal leaf).

\* On 27<sup>th</sup> April, the students from Social Work department had organized a seminar on the income generation activities for the village youth at the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) at Bishnubati. Several NGOs like Amar Kuthir Society, Ballavpu;, Manab Jamin, Bolpur and Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha participated and presented their activities like fishery, vermicompost, mashroom, food processing etc in front of the villagers. About 150 villagers were present.

\* On 15<sup>th</sup> June, Seakom Skill University, Bolpur had organised a meeting to discuss about the vocational training programmes applicable for the Women Self-Help Group members at Bishnubati. The teachers of the university discussed various schemes to the participants. About 40 women took part.

\* On 15<sup>th</sup> August, Independence Day of India was celebrated in Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and RSV. After hoisting of the national flag in all the places the students, teachers and the villagers later cleaned the village streets, tube well platforms and drains. Around 10 o' clock everybody went to RSV to celebrate the foundation day of the RSV school.

\* On 5<sup>th</sup> September, like every year Teacher's Day was celebrated at Ghosaldanga. Students from Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati, RSV and of the three Evening Coaching Centres presented their cultural programmes. At the end all the teachers and senior students had dinner together. Dr. Monika Golembiewski was the special guest of the programme.

\* On 9 December **Museum's Day** was celebrated as in previous years. The main attraction of the celebration was the presentation of the traditional and presently rarely sung songs of the Santals Bahu-Jawai eger sereng (bride and bride groom reception songs), Balaya sereng and Gai jagao sereng (Cow worshipping song). Other traditional songs and dances like Dom don, dasai, karam also created a very good impression among the audience. The heavy rain though disrupted the programme in the beginning but we could finally complete the programme. Prof. Tone Bleie, Dept. of Sociology, University of Tromso and Head, The Scandinavian Santal Heritage Initiative (SSInherit), Norway, was the Chief Guest of the celebration. The other personalities and institutions who made us proud by their presence were Dr. Dhaneswar Manjhi Head, Dept. of Santali, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, his colleagues and research students who accompanied him; Dr. Maroona Murmu, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University; Prof. Ranjit Kr. Bhattacharya, Santiniketan; Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya; Visva-Bharati; Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, former Vice-chancellor, Visva-Bharati; Mr. U.N. Manjhi, IRS (Rt), Orissa; Mr. Innocent Soren, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata; Mr. Saheb Ram Tudu, artist, Purulia; Mr. Surjin Robert, ESAF, Dumka; Mr. Subhas Baskey and Nisha Marandi from Johar, HRD Centre, Dumka and their team; Mr. Soleman Marandi, Secretary Hul Baisi and Ms. Imami Murmu and their team, Dumka.

\* On 27-28 January, 2018, a poem and story writing workshop was conducted at RSV. The students and teachers from RSV, Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati participated and produced good pieces of writings. Many of the writings were published in the school magazine this year.

\* On 11<sup>th</sup> February, a Girls' football tournament was organized at Ghosaldanga football ground. Four teams from Bishnubati, Bandlodanga, Suchana school and RSV school participated. The RSV team became the champion and other team also got prizes. Rishikesh Thapa and Sanyasi Lohar were main organizers of the tournament.

\* On 26 February the Twenty-ninth Annual **Adibasi Baha Parab** (Santal Spring Festival) was celebrated at Ghosaldanga. Hundreds of people from different parts of Birbhum District participated. 42 Santal folk groups with their traditional dress and musical instruments took part. The festival started at noon and continued until 6 am next day.

This year, the 'Baha Parab Award' was conferred on a well-known Santali play writer and social activist Mr. Sibua Saren of Nildanga village, District Birbhum. He has written 16 Santali plays and staged them in more 40 different venues of West Bengal state. Mr. Saren is the editor of the Santali magazine 'Bakjulu'. He is also felicitated with number of district and state level awards conferred by various social organizations and government departments.

#### **(b) EXCURSIONS – EVENTS – TRAINING outside the villages**

\* On 24-25 June 2017, a Two- day workshop was conducted on the theme 'Motivation' by the 19 teachers of Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and RSV at Shantineer, the Dattagupta residence, Santiniketan. The workshop was felicitated by the life and leadership coach Dr. Sharmishta Dattagupta. The participants enjoyed time together, sharing meals and reflecting upon their life and work and learning new concepts.

\* On 12 January 2018, the Annual Picnic of the organization was held at the bank of the river Bakreshwar near Hataikora. Everybody who participated in the picnic contributed 250 grams of rice and rupees 20. About 300 hundreds students and teachers from five villages where the educational activities of the organization continue attended the picnic. Besides having good feast together there were various sports and musical activities in the picnic.

\* On 24 January, a One day seminar on the evaluation of village development work of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati was organized at the Amar Kuthir Society Guest house at Ballavpur forest. The participants were the employees of Ghosaldanga Bishnubati Adibasi Trust and the friends of the organization who support our work through voluntary services like Rishikesh Thapa, Pankaj Mukherjee, Snehadri Sekhar Chakraborty and Martin Kaempchen.

## **6. The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram (RSV)**

The Rolf Schoembs Vidyashram 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, Thereafter, Boro Baski remained its teacher-in-charge till July, 2015. Sanyasi Lohar is the teacher in-charge of the school since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015. He is an ex-student of Kala Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, and is a resident of Bishnubati (Ashadullapur). Sanyasi has been the art teacher of RSV since many years. Other teachers are Ranjit Khan, Pada Murmu who are also the Wardens of the Boys' and Girls' Hostels respectively. Gobinda Baski and Dasarath Murmu teach in the morning and in the evening they also teach the High School students in their own village, Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga respectively. The music teacher is Sabyasachi Mukherjee. Dhona Hansda and Suno Mardi are the cooks of the school children.

The school organises several regular programmes throughout the year. They include the celebration of Teachers' Day (on 5 September), of Rabindranath Tagore's Birthday (in the beginning of May), and of Independence Day which is also the Foundation Day of RSV (on 15 August). Other programmes are organised whenever an occasion arises. This year RSV had 103 students (M-51, F-52).

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 examinations (class X). Another reason is to reduce the pressure of the teachers in the village Evening Coaching Centres at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati who already suffer from a shortage of experienced teachers. This year there were 54 (M-22, F-32) students (including the hostel students) and four teachers in the Coaching Centre. Mr. Supriyo Sadhu, the headmaster of Bolpur High School, came to teach twice a week. From 2013, RSV has started three more Evening Coaching Centres in the neighbouring villages (Panchabanpur, Bautijol, Bandlodanga) as the RSV Education Extension programme.

Some of the activities of RSV were:

\* From 24 – 30 May 2017, RSV hostel students had a workshop on how to use existing resources to develop Vermicompost pit designs. In the workshop they made some vermicompost pits in groups with locally available materials like straw, bamboo sticks, palm leaves, clay etc. This increased their sense of self-reliance and self confidence and the realization of the value of existing resources. They also learnt how to work in mixed groups and to be creative about designing something using their handcrafting skills and knowledge which can be a potential source of income for them in future.

\* On 15 August, the Independence Day of India and the Foundation Day of RSV was celebrated with various cultural programmes. Students and parents of RSV, Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and neighbouring villages took part.

\* On 6<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Upoma Ghosh, the senior most teacher passed away. She died in Kolkata due to head injury she had received during a holiday trip in Purulia district. We conducted a moving Memorial Service in the presence of her son. She worked especially to develop our mushroom cultivation as a healthy food supplement. She taught in the RSV school, helped and guided wherever she could and inspired us with her positive thinking and zeal.

\* From 15 November, Karate coaching was introduced for the RSV hostel boys and girls. Mr. Himadri Kr. Ray Sarkar from Bolpur comes to teach the students once a week.

\* From January 2018, RSV has introduced a new subject 'study of Santal culture and heritage' and to get practical experience the students are taken to the 'Museum of Santal culture' at Bishnubati once a week. Until now only the junior section of the students are going to the museum. Bimol Baski in the museum is giving practical introduction of the items to the students.

\* On 14 February, Sharmishtha Dattagupta and Yuval Leibovich of Israel organized a discussion on the idea of Parma culture. Senior members of the organization who were present were highly benefited by this idea of cultivation. They have also expressed their opinion and suggestion on the project that Sharmishtha has recently started in her plot of land beside RSV school.

\* On February, Dr. Monika Golembiewski conducted a special health awareness programme for the adolescent girls at RSV. There is no mechanism in the Santal family and community to discuss the problems adolescent girls face during adolescent period. The girls raised various issues related to their body and psychological changes that take place during this period to Dr. Monika, who with utmost care and sensitivity cleared their queries. 15 girls participated in the programme.

\* Rishikesh Thapa, an ex-student of Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan has been staying in our Boys' Hostel since several months in this year and taking part actively in the life of RSV; he teaches English and organizes the sports activities of the school. He along with his friends also made a beautiful film on RSV school supported by 'Yes Bank'.

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

Education Extension Programme was started in 2013 in 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 monitored 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. Uttam Baski (Bishnubati) is the Supervisor of the Centres since June 2015.

Earlier Mono Murmu was supervising the schools. The three new Centres are Panchabanpur, Bautijal and Bandhlodanga. Some statistics of the Centres is given below.

#### Short description of Evening Coaching Centres.

Village	Boys	Girls	Total no. of students	Teachers
Panchabanpur Started 1 Jan.2013	5	5	10	Kalidasi Mardi & Somnath Murmu
Bautijal Started 21 March 2013	15	11	26	Parbati Kisku & Kalichoron Murmu
Bandhlodanga Started 1 March 2013	20	18	38	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 hostel 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 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 three to four 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 few 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). This year they also conducted the educational tour to Bangladesh on their own. Since 2015 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 good 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 since about a decade German visitors have come as student volunteers who stay in order to teach and interact with the young pupils of our schools. They engage in teaching English, music, sports, art 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 we had only one student volunteer, Frederic Parat from Germany. He stayed with us for four months (September to December 2017). During her stay he taught English and games to the students of Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and RSV school. He stayed at Prantik house in the village.

### **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. Monotosh Das, a full-time worker, looks after 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.

The Bose Institute, Kolkata has been a great support this year in extending our income generation programmes to the neighbouring villages. In 2014, after taking training from the Institute we began with only four programmes like mushroom cultivation, duck rearing, pig rearing and rain water harvesting. This year we are working in 1 villages on six skills like bee keeping, vermicomposting, fishery, chicken rearing, goat and sheep rearing. 14 persons are involved in the project among them many have received training on these trades from Falta, the Training Centre of the Bose Institute. Pintu Ghosh, a teacher of our organisation, is in charge of the programmes in all villages.

\* In January-February 2017, Rolf Bucher and Anne Bucher, organic farmers from Stuttgart (Germany), visited us for the sixth time with the 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 Bucher left, Nilu Murmu from Ghosaldanga follows up the Moringa project. Nilu has planted over hundred Moringa saplings in RSV campus and in Ghosaldanga. He also bakes nutritious cakes and Moringa biscuits once a week for our Feeding Centres. He is also active in establishing kitchen gardens in over 12 villages providing seeds, know-how and some control.

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. Uttam Baski is the teacher-in-charge of the VTC from February, 2015.

### **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 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 three health workers: Parboti Murmu of Ghosaldanga, Rani Baski of 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 Mokhrampur, Bolpur and to the hospitals of Bolpur.

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

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

The 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati' obtained German government registration in Frankfurt in 2007. The organisation has an 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. It takes the lead in collecting donations for the day-to-day expenses of our Sanghas and of RSV and for capital expenditures to maintain and improve the educational institutions.

Furthermore, in 2009 the organization also started a sponsorship to support the education of the girls and boys in the hostels. The sponsors give the money for all the expenses.

We are very grateful to them! Only with their help, we can continue to function.

They also receive substantial help from the Kindermissionswerk (The Pontifical Mission of Holy Childhood) / "Sternsinger", Aachen (Germany). The Kindermissionswerk at present adds 20 % to the sum collected by the 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati'. We are grateful for this long-lasting cooperation!

The annual meeting of the registered society took place in May 2016 and was attended by Martin Kämpchen who reported on the progress of the work in the villages and on the plans for the future.

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 volunteers with us and wish to continue to support our work within the framework of the 'Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati'. Tim Weinert has been elected by the Junior Leaders as their spokesperson.

The internet website of the society is [www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de](http://www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de). Some of the text is translated in English.

#### **15. Sponsorship**

Since many years, Dr. Monika Golembiewski supports 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.

Families of the malnourished children have received support from Dr. Monika Golembiewski. The hostel students of RSV are sponsored by the Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, Germany. The sponsorship of the hostel students covers all the expenses like food, accommodation, tuition fee etc. As a policy, any one of the family members of a sponsored child should give one day of work per week 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

- The Kindermissionswerk in Aachen (Germany) has continued its cooperation with us. As mentioned in no. 14, it has added 20% to the sum collected by the ‘Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati e.V.’ in donations.
- The Meditation Centre Sonnenhaus in Beuron (Germany) donates a substantial amount every year towards our regular expenses.
- “Shining Eyes e.V.” (Germany) continued their services in the fields of health, nutrition and sanitation.
- The 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 2017.

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

Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, former Vice-chancellor, Visva-Bharati; Prof. Sharmishtha Dattagupta, Göttingen, Germany; Prof. Samir Sikdar and Suban Roy Chowdhury, Bose Institute, Kolkata; Dr. Dhoneswar Majhi, Head, Dept. of Santali, Visva-Bharati and his colleagues and students. Dr. Tone Bleie, University of Tromso, Dr. Maroona Murmu, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University; Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Germany; Huren Murmu, Dinajpur, Bangladesh; Fredric Parat, a volunteer from Germany, Dr. Satarupa Datta Majumdar, Craft Council of West Bengal, Kolkata, Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya, Santiniketan; Ms. Sabine Mariss, Germany; Ms. Hannah Beckmann, Germany; Mr. Yuval Leibovich, Israel.

## 17. Births and Deaths

### Births: Bishnubati & Ashadullapur

Sl. No	Child's name	M/F	Parent's name	Date of Birth
	<b>Bishnubati</b>			
1	Ankita Murmu	F	Churka and Didimoni Murmu	13/4/2017
2	Krishna Mumru	M	Bablu and Badoli Murmu	05/9/2017
	<b>Ashadullapur</b>			
3	Sumoti Hembrom	F	Mongal and Joba Hembrom	21/6/2017
4	Suhagi Kisku	F	Bablu and Shusila Kisku	13/3/2018
5	Nibedita Baski	F	Budan and Manasi Baski	02/4/2018
6	Subhajit Hansda	M	Rupai and Minoti Hansda	12/12/2017

**Deaths: Bishnubati & Ashadullapur**

Sl.No	Deceased person's name Bishnubati	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name
1	Tulusi Hembrom	F	28/11/2017	Charan Hembrom (son)
2	Basanti Hembrom	F	07/02/2018	Taro Hembrom (husband)
	<b>Ashadullapur</b>			
3	Sundari Tudu	F	30/7/2017	Mongala Tudu (son)
4	Mistri Baski	M	05/01/2018	Rubi Baski (son)
5	Gopal Baski	M	12/01/2018	Churki Soren (daughter)
6	Ganesh Mardi	M	27/01/2018	Khela Mardi ( brother)

**Births: Ghosaldanga**

Sl.No	Child's name	M/F	Father's name	Date of Birth
1	Ritika Tudu	F	Budi Tudu	27/05/2017
2	Rakhi Tudu	F	Tapan Tudu	07/08/2017
3	Mari Hembrom	F	Babulal Hembrom	13/10/2017

**Deaths: Ghosaldanga**

Sl.No	Deceased person's name	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name
1	Putul Murmu	F	27/05/2017	Robi Mumru (Son)
2	Fulmuni Tudu	F	26/08/2017	Ganesh Murmu (son)

**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 30 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 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 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 in 2007 and 2009 respectively at the RSV campus.

The following statistics represent the combined total of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

Total population: 845 persons.

Ghosaldanga: male 176, female 142 = 318 persons

Bishnubati and Ashadullapur: male 271, female 256 = 527 persons

Nutrition Feeding/Kindergarten: male 24, female 32 = 56 pupils

Coaching Centres:

Primary Level (I to Class-IV): male 66, female 74 = 140 pupils

Secondary Level (Class-V-IO): male 21, female 29 = 50 pupils

Higher Secondary (Class-XI-XII): male 9, female 17 = 26 pupils

Higher Education (College, University) male-10, female 7 = 17 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 (after class 10) 64

Higher Secondary (after class 12) 43

Higher education (After College, University) 12

### **Rolf SchoembsVidyashram:**

Primary School (Class KG to IV): male 51, female 52 = 103 pupils

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

Special coaching centre (IX and X): male 7, female 17 = 24 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 and from Germany.

Our advisory and funding agency is: Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati e.V., Frankfurt (Germany).

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. \_\_\_\_\_ (SoantalMuktadharaprobesh)
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

**For further information about the organization and recent publications please log on to our website: [www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de](http://www.dorfentwicklung-indien.de) (in German; some of the texts are translated into English)**