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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 33 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

Name	Designation	Profession
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

Name	Designation	Profession
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. Saraswati Mardi	Member	Health worker
7. Khukumuni Hansda	Member	Leader of the women dance group
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 was employed at the Department of Panchayet and Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal until February 2020.
- > 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.
- > Anil Hembrom, B.Ed student. Responsible for the guests and in-charge of ‘Kick for Help’ programme.
- > Padma Murmu, Teacher of RSV and Warden of Girls’ Hostel.
- > Ranjit Khan, Teacher of RSV and Warden of Boys’ Hostel.

- > 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 run by the Government. 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 children are taught by the Bengali teachers. Since six years, at Ghosaldanga a special nutritious food programme is provided for the most malnourished children and pregnant mothers by Dr. Monika Golembiewski three days a week. This year there were 12 malnourished children and mothers. 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	---	48 (M-22, F-26)
Primary coaching centre	28 (M-12, F-16)	45 (M-22, F-23)
Secondary coaching centre	15 (M-5, F-10)	38 (M-16, F-22)

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

Villages	Class-XI-XII	B.A & B.Sc –M.A
Ghosaldanga	6 (M-4, F-2)	4(M-1,F-3)
Bishnubati	8 (M-1, F-7)	1(M-0,F-1)
Total	14(M-5, F-9)	5 (M-1, F-4)

* 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/Sishu Sikha Kendra	2	Bimol Baski, Parboti Murmu
2	Primary Coaching	10	LakhiramTudu and Saraswati Mardi

	Centres		(Bishnubati); Narayan Murmu, Parboti Murmu, also health worker (Ghosaldanga); Somenath Murmu and Mistri Kisku (Panchabanpur); Kalicharan Murmu and Parboti Kisku (Bautijol); Gopal Mardi and Rina Hansda (Bandlodanga).
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, Uttam Baski, Ramjit Mardi, Swapan Ghosh
5	Coaching Centre (Class- VIII to X) 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, Somenath Murmu from April, 2019.
8	Garden/Bio-orchard	2	Monotosh Das, Mongal Tudu, Gupin Kisku until 31 st March 2019
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, Padma Murmu and Parboti Murmu too, performs other duties besides teaching.

5. Educational, Recreational and Cultural Programmes

(a) VILLAGE EVENTS

* On 9th April 2019, like every year, the Annual Children's Fair was organized at Bishnubati. The children and the villagers of Bishnubati, Ghosaldanga and the students of RSV hostel participated. A small cultural programme also was organized in which school children performed their music and dances. The women of the Self Help Group sold food items like ghoogni, chops, puffed rice, cucumber and brinjal fry. Due to heavy rain in the evening the programme started late.

* On 5th May, the inventor of Santali script 'Ol-chiki' Pandit Raghunath Murmu's birthday was celebrated at Ghosaldanga. A discussion was organised by the village women group on

the life and work Mr. Murmu and women empowerment followed by a cultural programme. The pradhan and Secretary of Sattore Gram Panchayet attended the programme.

*From 3rd to 6th June, Ten members from the Action Northeast Trust (ANT), Assam, came to our organization to get the exposure about our activities. They work with the Bodo and Santal tribes in Assam in the field of education, health care, sports and tribal empowerment. The interaction with them was very fruitful.

*On 9th August, Biswa Adiwasi Dibas (World indigenous people's day) was celebrated at Ghosaldanga. A peace and harmony rally was organized covering the neighbouring villages of Srichandapur, Sattore, Bishnubati Hindu para. The placards bearing the writing of tribal rights, importance of tree plantation, health and hygiene and world peace were held by the participants, the students of Ghosaldanga-Bishnubati and senior village members. The civic volunteers and police from local police station Panuri were very supportive throughout the rally.

* On 5th 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.

*From 28th September to 3rd October 2019, Dr. Arun Kiro and Dr. Soma Kiro, the former and present Assistant Curators of the 'Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya' (IGRMS), Bhopal, came to visit our school and the museum. They also bought two banams from our museum collection that we produced during our banam making workshop last year. Boro Baski guided Mr. & Mrs. Kiro to collect the museum artifacts from the Santal, Kora and Mahale tribes in the neighboring villages of Santinketan for their museum in Bhopal.

*On 6th November, Paresh Soren, a senior student of Bishnubati went for a cycle tour to Mama Bhagne Pahar at Dubrajpur. He went alone to gain the experience to organize the cycle tour for the village youth. Later on 24th December he organized the cycle tour with four senior students from Bishnubati to Phullora, a Hindu pilgrimage place.

*From 2nd to 8th December, a Theatre workshop was conducted at RSV. Senior students from Bishnubati, Ghosaldanga and RSV Hostel participated in this seven days workshop. A Santali play was produced to be staged on 9th December at Bishnubati. The workshop was conducted by the Urotaar Theatre Group, Kolkata.

*On 3rd January 2020, Mr. Ronen Sen, the former Indian Ambassador to Russia and United States of America came to RSV school. Having interacted with the students and seen a short cultural programme he went to see the Museum at Bishnubati.

*From 4th to 7th January, Mr. Norbert Neuser, a German member of European Union Parliament who has been supporting the Football Coaching Camp, 'Kick for Help' had been for a weeklong visit to our organization. During his stay in Santiniketan and Ghosaldanga he visited RSV, museum and the football match of the Boys and girls. He also visited Raipukur Santal village to see the nutrition programme run by Sanyasi Lohar. Mr. Neuser also visited Kendradanga, a Muslim village near Bishnubati and saw the batik and kantha- stitch work done by the women. He was treated with tea in a family.

Since 15th December 2018, the Football Coaching Camp 'Kick for Help' for the girls and boys has been continuing in the organization. During these 19 months the teams have played several tournaments with the local and out stationed football teams in Ghosaldanga,

Santiniketan, Bolpur town and Kopai. The girls' team were the champion of the tournament organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra, Suri at Nowadanga in Kasba Panchayet. Some individual players also successfully completed the selection trials in Suri and Kolkata. Among them Budinath Tudu played in the ZEE Bangla league under-19 in Kolkata. Till now 40 boys and 40 girls are enlisted in the training camp. All players are given football kits like jersey, pants, boots and bib. After every training days healthy snacks are given to the players. The main trainer of the coaching camp is Rubai Hansda, the former senior division player of Kolkata Kalighat and senior team member of Visva-Bharati University. He has done master in physical education keeping football as specialization. The assistant trainer is Jitendra Singh, the former senior team player of Visva-Bharati University and has completed masters degree in physical education, football being core subject. Other supporting staff are Anil Hemberom and Gobinda Baski.

*From 12th to 19th February, the members of Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati in Germany visited us. They attended various programmes and discussed with the persons concerned individually as well as in groups about the personal development and also the development of the organization. Besides visiting RSV school, museum at Bishnubati and the health centre at Ghosaldanga the group also went to see nutrition feeding centres run by Sanyasi in the villages of Raipukur and Tantbuni.

*On 5th March, a discussion on "Manjhi Pargana Bebesta" was organized at the cultural centre at Ghosaldanga football ground. About 40 representatives from neighbouring Santal villages took part in the discussion. Lunch was provided to all the participants. In the second part of the day a workshop on creating reading habits among the students was conducted at RSV in collaboration with 'Ayash, an Effort' and 'Pustak Bondhu' of Mitra & Ghosh book publishing company, Kolkata. Dr. Angana Chatterjee and her team from Ayash played an instrumental role in the workshop.

* On 6th March, the 31st Adibasi Baha Parab (Santal Spring Festival) was celebrated at Ghosaldanga football ground. Hundreds of people from different parts of Birbhum District participated. 25 Santal folk groups with their traditional dress and musical instruments took part. The festival started at noon and continued until 6 am of the next day. This year, the 'Baha Parab Award' was conferred on a well-known Santali Banam maker and player Mr. Som Murmu of Birbhum District. His banams are in exhibition in many personal collections and museums like in the Museum of Cultural History, Oslo, Norway. Mr. Murmu is also an expert in making wooden dolls and Chador Bador (Santal puppetry) an art that is in the verge of dying. The chief guest of the Baha Parab was a renowned Santal medical doctor and social worker Dr. Dhuni Soren, Dumka/Liverpool, UK. Other distinguished guests were Mr. Nogen Pauria, Bangladesh; Prof. Sudipto Mukherjee, Kolkata.

(b) EXCURSIONS – EVENTS – TRAINING outside the villages

*On 19th & 20th October, there were two day workshop on the on the Usage and effect of Android mobile phone on the students was organized at Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati in collaboration with 'Ayash, an Effort' Kolkata. On 19th evening the workshop was held at Bishnubati old campus. Dr. Angana Chatterjee and her team members of Ayash presented their discussion on the subject through slide shows and videos. The students and elders of the village participated in the programme. On the next day the workshop was held at the Prantik campus at Ghosaldanga. The high school students and few parents were the participants. After

lunch a discussion was held on the development of e-library at RSV school. Sona Murmu, Sanyasi Lohar and the teachers of RSV were the participants.

* From 17th to 21st January 2020, four members from the organization Gobinda Baski, Paresh Soren, Lakhiram Tudum and Pankaj Mukherjee had gone attend the Rock Climbing Training Course at Joychandi pahar in Purulia, West Bengal. The course was organized by the Kolkata Trekkers Youth. The course had been a new experience for the participants and was a great learning for them. Pankaj was the leader of the team.

*On 20th February, the Annual Picnic was held at Kankalitola near the Kali madir. The students, teachers and the villagers who participated in the picnic all contributed 250 grams of rice and rupees 20 each. The school students went by hired bus and the college students and the employees of the organization went by their personal cycle and bikes. About 250 people participated in the picnic. Besides having a good feast together there were various sports and musical activities at the picnic.

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 1st 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, Gobinda Baski, Maloti Murmu, Pada Murmu who are also the Wardens of the Boys' and Girls' Hostels respectively. Dasarath Murmu teach in the morning and in the evening he also teaches the High School students in his own village Ghosaldanga. The music teacher is Sabyasachi Mukherjee. Since last September 2018 a cultural class is conducted on every Saturdays. Dhona Hansda and Somenath Tudum from 1st April, 2019) 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. From this year the Museum of Santal Culture at Bishnubati has been included in the curriculum to be studied by the students. Every class is visiting the museum as per their routine and Bimol Baski the keeper of the museum explains to the students the items. This year RSV had 114 students (M-57, F-57).

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 50 (M-17, F-33) students (including the hostel students) and four teachers in the Coaching Centre. Dr. Supriyo Sadhu, the headmaster of Bolpur High School, came to teach twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday. 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:

* On 1st April 2019, Padma Murmu, the teacher of RSV school got married at Bishnubati. Besides many villagers of Bishnubati and Ghosaldanga, the students and teachers of RSV also were invited in the celebration and had dance and music in the evening.

*On 9th May, Rabindranath Tagore's birthday (Rabindra Jayanti) was celebrated. The students of Shishu Tirtha and RSV performed dance and music programme for the occasion in which the parents and senior students from the villages participated. Mr. Shankar Talukdar, the teacher in-charge of Shishu Tirtha school was the chief guest of the programme and Mr. Sushil Kr. Ghosh, former teacher of Bandhababagram High school was the special guest.

*On 3rd July, a special campaign on tree plantation was organised in six neighbouring villages Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati, Bandholodabga, Bautijol, Rindanga and Ashadullapur. The students and teachers rallied in those villages with placards, posters and chanted slogans on the importance of planting trees and interacted with the villagers.

*On 13th July, a dozen of trees were planted on the newly re-made road side of RSV.

* On 15th August, Independence Day of India was celebrated in Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati and RSV. After hoisting the national flag the students, teachers and the villagers cleaned the village streets, tube well platforms and drains. 15th August is also celebrated as RSV school's Foundation Day. A cultural programme was presented by the students and teachers of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

*On 2nd October, a shadow theatre on the life of Mahatma Gandhi was performed by the RSV students in the evening. Senior students, teachers and villagers were present to see the programme.

*On 9th January 2020, a 'Baithak' (meeting) was held on the educational ideals of Rabindranath Tagore. Dr. Subhas Mukherjee was the main speaker of the meeting. Students and teachers were the participants.

*On 27th January, Prof. Martin Naef from Switzerland came to RSV and interacted with the students. Mr. Vicky Biswakarma who is from Bodhgaya and assisted Prof. Naef in touring India also came with him.

*On 31st January, the students of RSV had gone to see the Mobile Science Module Exhibition at Bandhnabagram high school. And two teachers Gobinda Baski and Ranjit Khan had gone to Kolkata Book Fair to buy the books for RSV library.

Student strength at a glance at RSV

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
LKG	8	12	20
UKG	8	12	20
I	16	4	20
II	12	5	17
III	9	13	22
IV	4	11	15
I to IV	57	57	114

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.

Evening Coaching Centres at a glance.

Village	Boys	Girls	Total no. of students	Teachers
Panchabanpur Started 1 Jan.2013	8	7	15	Mistri Kisku & Somnath Murmu
Bautijal Started 21 March 2013	13	17	30	Parbati Kisku & Kalichoron Murmu
Bandhlodanga (A) Started 1 March 2013	28	12	40	Gopal Mardi , Rina Mardi
Total- 3 centers	49	36	85	6 teachers

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 male students in 2007. This year, 31 students (13 boys and 18 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. Museum of Santal Culture

Museum of Santal Culture was established in 2007 in Bishnubati with the financial support of the Indian Museum, Kolkata. Besides exhibiting the Santal cultural items in the museum we also talked and displayed the posters in various local fairs and rallies to disseminate the ideas of a community museum. The Museum also celebrates its annual Museum Day on 9th December and conducts seminars and workshops on Santal life and their cultural heritage. In 2015, the museum had been one of the indigenous partners of an International Symposium, the Bodding Symposium 2015 at Oslo, Norway. The symposium was organized by the

University of Tromso and the Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo. In this way we have gradually received local and international recognition for our community museum where the community itself maintains the museum. Some of the programmes of this year is given below-

*On 9th December, the Museum Day was celebrated at Bishnubati museum campus. The special programme of the day was to inaugurate the new exhibition room of our museum 'Hapram Dander' the exhibition of the photographs of hundred years old Santal life, stones and sculptures. There was also a seminar on the 'Museum of Santal Culture: Its future and the possibilities of attracting mainstream visitors'. The chief guest of the inaugural programme was Dr. Mita Chakraborty, former curator of the Indian Museum. Other special guests Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta; Prof. Sharmishtha Dattagupta; Dr. Debasis Mondal, Calcutta University; Prof. Sudipto Mukherjee, Kalyani University; Mr. Sunder Manoj Hembrom, Santali writer, Bandel.

The Cultural programme was organized by the students of Bishnubati, Ghosaldanga and RSV hostel in the evening with Santal dance, drama, gymnastic and music. Talina Brehm and her students presented a good gymnastic performance and the trainees of the Urotaar theatre workshop also presented an impressive play for the villagers.

10. Bio-orchard (on RSV Campus)

Biological farming (farming without pesticides and chemical fertilisers) 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. From 2003 to 2006 Srikanta Mondal (of Manab Jamin) had guided us to develop the orchard more systematically. Over a hundred fruit-trees grow on the RSV campus. Monotosh Das, a full-time employee, 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.

Since 2014 the Bose Institute, Kolkata has been a great support to us in extending our income generation programmes to the neighbouring villages until 2018. After the end the Bose Institute's project we continue to run some selected trades with our own resource. This year we have worked on six trades in the RSV campus and they are- bee keeping, vermicomposting, fishery, duck rearing, kitchen garden and goose rearing. All these trades are looked after by the hostel students as their extra-curricular activities. Pintu Ghosh, the teacher of the hostel students is the in-charge of supervising these activities.

11. Vocational Training and Youth Empowerment

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. After the end of Agape project the building has been transformed into the Museum of Santal Culture in two phases in 2007 and 2019. The coaching class also has been shifted to a new house situated in the same campus.

The vocational training had been very irregular for several years until in 2017 Mr. Pankaj Mukherjee, an educated young man from Bolpur town took up the responsibility to reorganise the village youth and guide them to pursue the vocational courses according to

their talent and interest. The present status of the vocational training and Youth empowerment programme is given below.

Students' Progress Report from 2017 to 2020

Sl. No	Students' Name	Village	Status when enrolled	Vocational course	Durati on	Present status
1	Sukul Henrom	Bandlodan ga	Stopped studying	CNC Training	1 year	Continue
2	Robinath Henbrom	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Admin Survey and CNC	1 year	Continue
3	Dataram Tudu	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	F&B. Service	6 months	Placement
4	Sudip Murmu	Do	Steno student	Steno (general co)	2 years	Continue
5	Kadam Tudu	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Tailoring & Bag cutting	6 months	Self employed
6	Sumitra Hembrom	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Tailoring & Bag cutting	Do	Self employed
7	Parboti Tudu	Bishnubati	Batik worker	Leather training	Do	Need more training
8	Monika Hembrom	Ghosaldan ga	Stopped studying after H.S	GDA Nursing	Do	Continue
9	Sumitra Hembrom	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	GDA Nursing	Do	Continue
10	Manoda Hembrom	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	GDA Nursing	Do	Continue
11	Ram Baski	Bishnubati	Stopped studying after H.S	F&B Service	Do	Marketing job
12	Ram Tudu	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Electrician	3 months	Electrical job
13	Mistri Kisku	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Electrician	3 months	Electrical job
14	Debika Hansda	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Beauty Parlour	1 month	Completed
15	Nirmal Mardi	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	Machine Operation	1 year	Continue

16	Raju Murmu	Ghosaldan ga	Class-X passed	Fitter	2 years	Continue
17	Tulsi Hansda	Bishnubati	Regular student	Computer Basic	6 month s	Waiting for class-X result
18	Rupchand Hansda	Do	Stopped studying after H.S	MLT Medical course	1 year	Continue
19	Pretam Hembrom	Ghosaldan ga	Stopped studying	Madhyamik Exam	1 year	Discontinued

12. Junior Leaders

In the last five 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) , Teachers' Day programme, supporting student volunteers and youth activities. With the support of the seniors this group has made good progress and gained in confidence to take up work of their own and develop a vision for the future.

13. Volunteers

Since 2003, students from Europe, especially from Germany, have been coming to us regularly. Earlier, the visitors were mostly individual friends of Martin-da who came to visit India and on their way back home stayed for some days to experience village life. But since about a decade German visitors have been coming 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 both new and old volunteers visited us. Here are the followings-

*From 8th October 2019 to 6th February 2020, Talina Sophia Brahm, the student volunteer from Germany stayed in the organization for four months. During her stay she taught handicrafts, sports, games and eurythmie to the primary children and English, music and partner acrobatics to the senior students of our hostel and Bishnubati village. Talina also visited other development activities of our partner organizations in the neighboring areas, the Nutrition feeding program in Rindanga, families with the health worker in Bishnubati and helped in Health Check-ups with the doctors in Ghosaldanga and in St. Mary's Mother and Child Care Centre at Makrampur run by Dr. Monika Golembiewski. In three occasions she staged with the hostel students partner acrobatics in the village and school program for which she received great appreciation.

*From 8th October 2019 to 17th March 2020, Annalena Wagner and Jahannes Ritz stayed with us for five months. Both of them have studied organic farming and thus most of their activities were centred in the bio-firm of the RSV campus. They have experimented with the innovative way of cultivating vegetables on the dry land of RSV with mulching method.

During their stay they produced a dozen types of vegetables like beet, beans, spinach, onion, tomato, red leafy vegetable etc. Annalena and Johannes have inspired our teachers and students to grow vegetables in their respective plot of land in the campus with the support of Monotosh Das and Pintu Ghosh. They also invited the local farmers to show their gardens and to discuss with them to get their opinion on their work and to develop their method of cultivation and the possibilities of improving the vegetable cultivation in land such as RSV.

*From 10th to 15th January 2020, Hannah Beckmann and Maike, the former student volunteers from Germany spent a week in the village. Both of them are the students of medicine and had come for an exchange programme in Bangalore. In their week long holiday from the college they preferred to spend the days with the villagers they had spent several years ago. During their stay they visited the families of their students and joined in dancing and singing with the villagers in Santals' harvest festival Sorhai.

*From 13th February to 23rd March 2020, Sarah Jeuken from Stuttgart came to us for three months but due to Corona pandemic she had to leave India within one and half month. However, within those days she could quickly adjust herself with the village environment and the students. She taught spoken English to the junior and hostel students of RSV and to the senior students of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati. Sarah also twice a week played soccer with the girls' team of 'Kick for Help' at Ghosaldanga football ground. She had also several plans to work with the hostel students but that did not materialize due to her early departure.

14. Health, Nutrition and Sanitation

As in previous years, Dr. Monika Golembiewski treated patients of Ghosaldanga, Bishnubati, RSV and the neighbouring villages. After establishing the 'St. Mary's Child & Mother Health Care Centre' (SMCMHCC) at Mokrapur, Bolpur (10 km away from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati), she gives more time treating patients there. Satyaban Ray, Santiniketan, a trained homoeopath and a health-worker for GASS, BAMS and RSV is the in-charge of the hospital when Dr. Monika is out of India. The hospital has been useful for the villagers to get good health care services. Emergency and serious medical cases are referred to the Government Sub-divisional hospitals at Bolpur and to the Hope Hospital, Kolkata. This year 15 serious patients from Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati were treated by SMCMHCC and the age group of the patients varied from 2 months old baby to 65 years old mother.

Three health workers: Parboti Murmu of Ghosaldanga, Rani Baski of Bishnubati and Padma Murmu at RSV are responsible of the health care activities of the organization. The health workers works under the direct supervision of Satyaban Roy. 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.

15. "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 16 June 2019 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 in India and thereafter 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. Some of the text is translated in English.

16. Sponsorship

Helping the sick and physically weak children and mothers of the villages is one of the core programmes of our organization. In the beginning the support had been mostly to the sick or needy persons. Since the last six years, with the support of Friends of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati, Germany the sponsorship programme has been broadened and the support has been extended to needy students who aspire to take vocational training and coaching for special courses. After selecting the students and receiving their personal data, Marianne Pal Chowdhury collected a number of like-minded persons who are willing to help these students.

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.

The sponsors of 2019-20 were - Mrs. Roshwita and Mr. Mandaresh Mitra, Mrs. and Mr. Amanatidis; Theresa Aksoy (Meck) and Prof. Klaus Jork.

17. 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.

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; Dr. Dhoneswar Majhi, Head, Dept. of Santali, Visva-

Bharati and his colleagues and students. Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Germany; Hannah Beckmann and Maïke, Germany; Prof. Debasis K. Mondal, Dept. of Anthropology, Calcutta University; Annalena Wagner and Johannes Ritz, Germany; Talina Berhm, Germany; Sarah Jeuken, Germany; Prof. Martin Naef, Switzerland; Vicky Biswakarma, Bodhgaya; Mr. Ronen Sen, former Indian Ambassador to Russia and United States of America; Mr. Norbert Neuser, a German member of European union parliament; Hedwig and Dr. Ulrich Oser, Marianne and Debu Pal Chowdhury and Stefan Kastner, Frankfurt, Germany.

18. Births and Deaths

Births: Bishnubati & Ashadullapur

Sl. No	Child's name	M/F	Parent's name	Date of Birth
	Bishnubati			
1	Sohan Baski	M	Khakan & Kalpana Baski	10/07/2019
2	Aditya Hembrom	M	Sunil & Surmila Baski	20/09/2019
3	Subhadip Baski	M	Subhas & Swapna Baski	10/01/2020
	Ashadullapur			
4	Anu Baski	F	Sunil & Kusum Baski	05/09/2019
5	Meghna Hembrom	F	Mongol & Sumitra Hembrom	26/12/2019

Deaths: Bishnubati & Ashadullapur

Sl.No	Deceased person's name	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name
	Bishnubati			
1	Mongal Murmu	M-38	16/10/2019	Brother of Kadan Murmu
2	Taro Hembrom	M-65	19/12/2019	Uncle of Sanat Hembrom
	Ashadullapur			
1	Churki Hembrom	F-70	28/08/2019	Somenath's grandmother and Samu's mother.
2	Sukol Hembrom	M-50	21/10/2019	Bhadeth's father
3	Sibu Hasnda	M-62	17/10/2019	Uncle of Rupchand Hansda

Births: Ghosaldanga

Sl.No	Child's name	M/F	Father's name	Date of Birth
1	Kunami Murmu	F	Sanjoy and Sukurmoni Murmu	28/04/2019
2	Mampi Hembrom	F	Chotan and Sonali Hembrom	17/05/2019

3	Sumonta Murmu	M	Motilal and Kumkum Murmu	15/04/2019
4	Gitika Murmu	F	Rupai and Joba Mumru	02/06/2019
5	Sornodip Mumru	M	Sonatan and Rekha Murmu	22/06/2019
6	Samiran Tudu	M	Tapan and Surojmuni Tudu	14/09/2020
7	Rudra Tudu	M	Debilal and Swapna Tudu	30/10/2019
8	Rohan Hembrom	M	Sunil and Lakhmi Hembrom	30/10/2019
9	Suporna Tudu	F	Tara and Sarala Tudu	25/11/2019

Deaths: Ghosaldanga

Sl.No	Deceased person's name	M/F	Date of Death	Close Kin's name and relation
1	Tulusi Murmu	F-70	16/11/2019	Dasarath murmu's mother.

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 32 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: 856 persons.

Ghosaldanga: male 183, female 145 = 328 persons

Bishnubati and Ashadullapur: male 268, female 260 = 528 persons

Nutrition Feeding/SSK: male 22, female 26 = 48 pupils

Coaching Centres:

Primary Level (I to Class-IV): male 83, female 75 = 158 pupils

Secondary Level (Class-V-10): male 11, female 32 = 43 pupils

Higher Secondary (Class-XI-XII): male 5, female 9 = 14 pupils

Higher Education (College, University) male-1, female 4 = 5 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) 72

Higher Secondary (after class 12) 43

Higher education (After College, University) 12

Rolf SchoembsVidyashram:

Primary School (Class KG to IV): male 57, female 57 = 114 pupils

Hihiri Pipiri Adibasi Hostel (Class V to X): male 13, female 18 = 31 pupils

Special coaching centre (IX and X): male - 4, female -15 = 18 pupils

The Ghosaldanga Adibasi Seva Sangha and Bishnuabti Adibasi Marshal Sangha have 13 full-time teachers and 20 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. _____ (SoantalMuktadharairobesh)
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

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