

1st March 2021

When you consider that most of the young people who live at shuktara have been with us from around the year 2000 and that we started the girls home in 2007, my maths (which is not that good) tells me that most of the boys are about 30 and the girls are in their 20s.

This hit me the other day when Pappu, the chairman of shuktara in Kolkata received a call from a Child Welfare Agency asking if we could take an older boy. Raju Biswas is Deaf and autistic, living with his mother in a room in a village three hours outside of Kolkata in rural Bengal. Her fear of what will happen to Raju when she dies led her to ask around for help.

Pappu met both Raju and his mother last week and on Sunday 28th February he and some of the boys from shuktara went to pick up Raju, see his mother and sign all the legal paperwork. Raju's mother has no TV or mobile phone but her neighbour has said that she can video call from her phone to Pappu to keep in touch with her son.



We are all happy to welcome one more Raju to shuktara and let's try to remember that even though, through habit, we talk about the girls home and the boys home, these are mostly young men and women who because of their disability have lost, left or been abandoned by their families.

Shuktara is their home now, it's not an orphanage, it's not a children's home, it is their home and for most of them it will be their home forever.

Welcome Raju!

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