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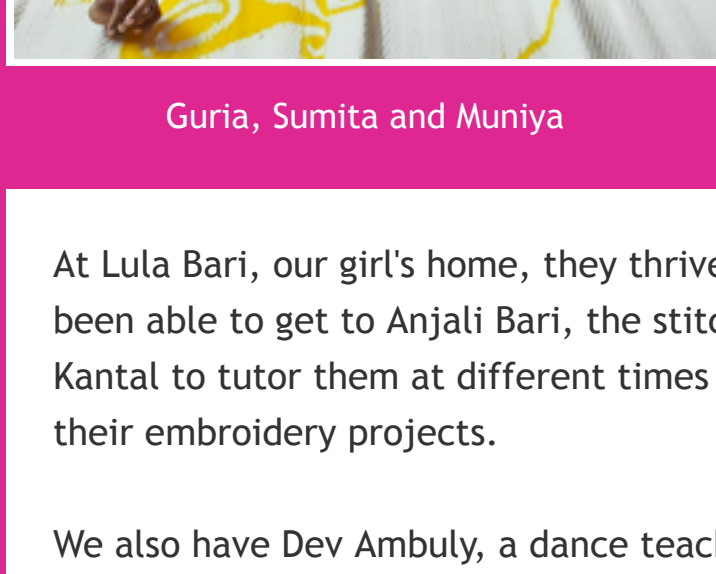
As the holiday season comes to an end (such as it is with restrictions) in the West, in Kolkata we are gearing up for the Puja Season which starts with Vishwakarma Puja in mid September and ends with Kali Puja at the beginning of November.

I thought it was time to update you on some of the many things that you may or may not know about and that have been happening at shuktara.

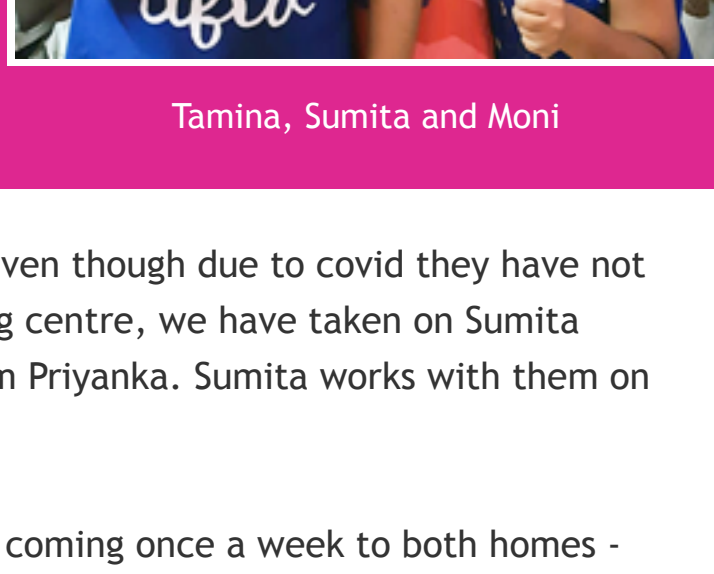
Firstly everyone is well. Pappu has had 12 of the young men and women vaccinated and the staff have all independently been able to receive their first shots. Out of everyone that lives at shuktara, Pappu chose the ones who go in and out of the homes the most regularly to get vaccinated first.

As you know during two lockdowns, severe covid waves and a cyclone, not only was Pappu able to support the homes with enough food, but procured extra staple items to make parcels which he delivered in different areas to families who had lost everything and who had no income.

Many of you supported this as it happened, so thank you.



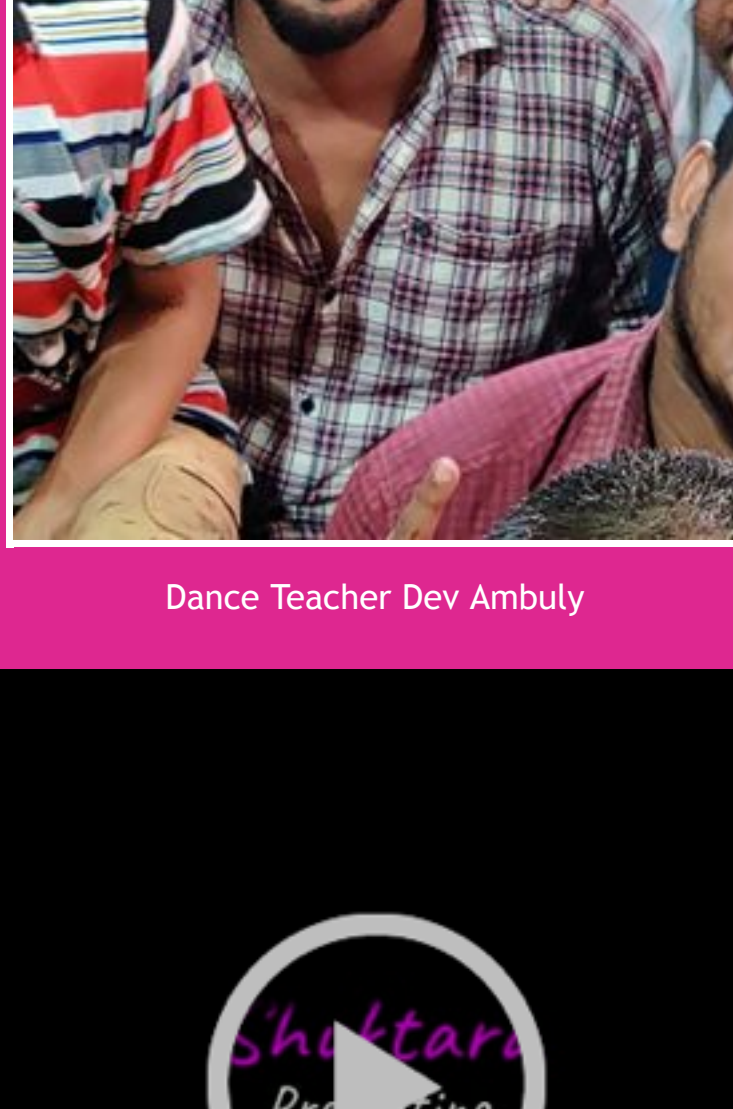
Guria, Sumita and Muniya



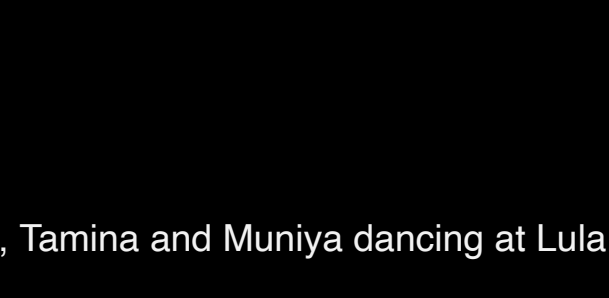
Tamina, Sumita and Moni

At Lula Bari, our girl's home, they thrive - even though due to covid they have not been able to get to Anjali Bari, the stitching centre, we have taken on Sumita Kantal to tutor them at different times from Priyanka. Sumita works with them on their embroidery projects.

We also have Dev Ambuly, a dance teacher, coming once a week to both homes - which they all love.



Dance Teacher Dev Ambuly



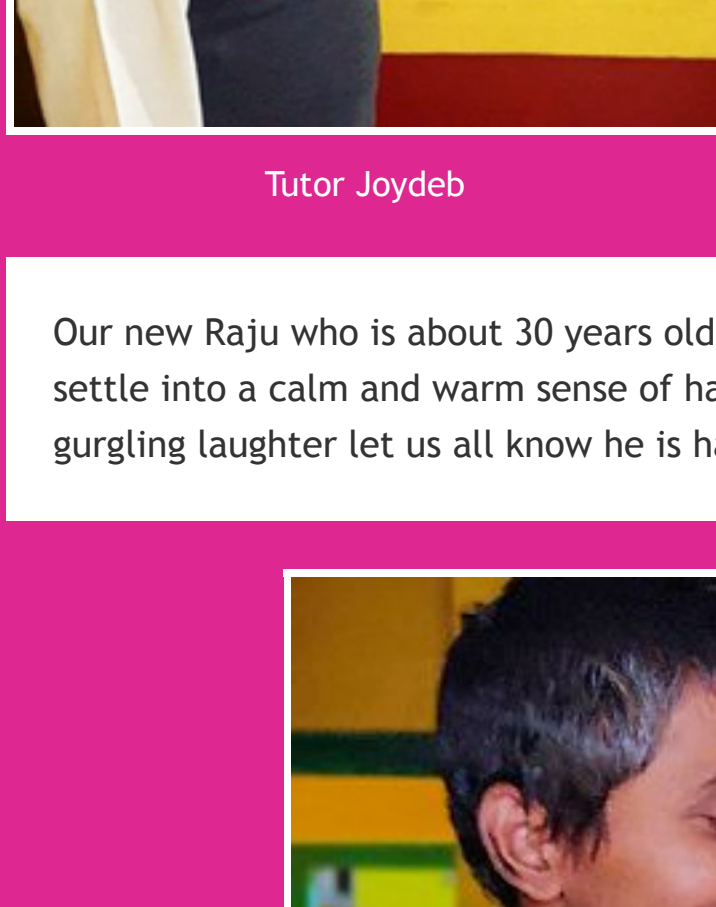
Lali, Tamina and Muniya dancing at Lula Bari

[Click here](#) for a video of dancing at Anna Bari

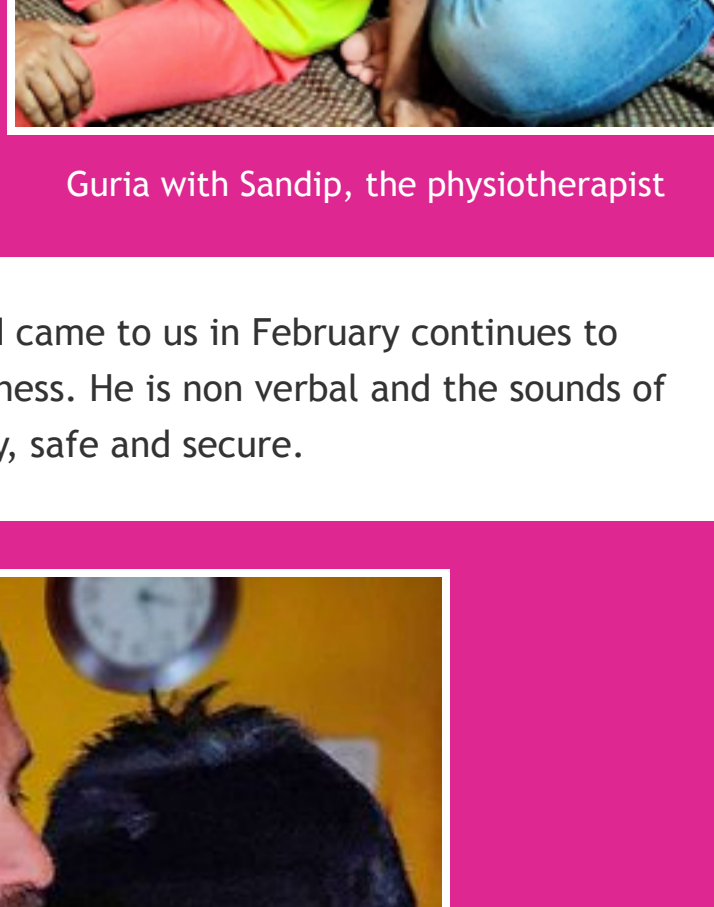
Joydeb our boy's house tutor continues regularly three evenings a week, working closely with Bappa, Aakash and Subhash. Bablu, Ramesh and Sumon also attend the class.

Sandip our physiotherapist comes twice a week to both homes, which Prity loves, but Bappa dreads!

Pappu has also taken on two security guards for Anna Bari. They help keep an eye (and a written record) on all the comings and goings especially as we now have Shuktara Cakes Bakery on the ground floor.

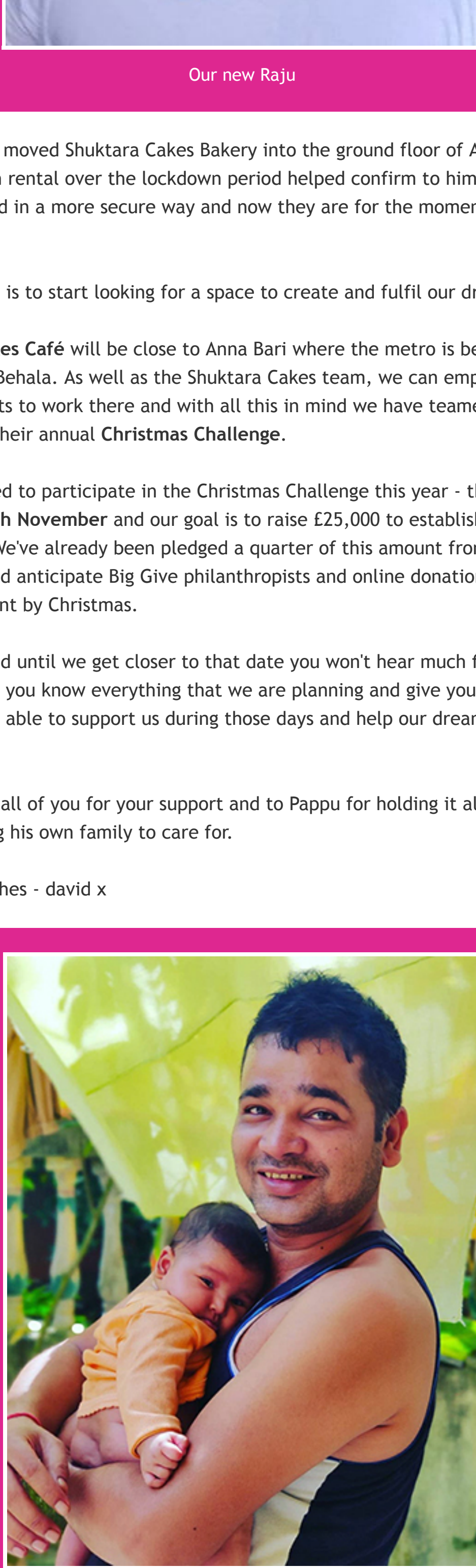


Tutor Joydeb



Guria with Sandip, the physiotherapist

Our new Raju who is about 30 years old and came to us in February continues to settle into a calm and warm sense of happiness. He is non verbal and the sounds of gurgling laughter let us all know he is happy, safe and secure.



Our new Raju

Finally Pappu moved Shuktara Cakes Bakery into the ground floor of Anna Bari. The situation with rental over the lockdown period helped confirm to him the need to get this sorted in a more secure way and now they are for the moment, free of landlords.

Our next step is to start looking for a space to create and fulfil our dream to have a café.

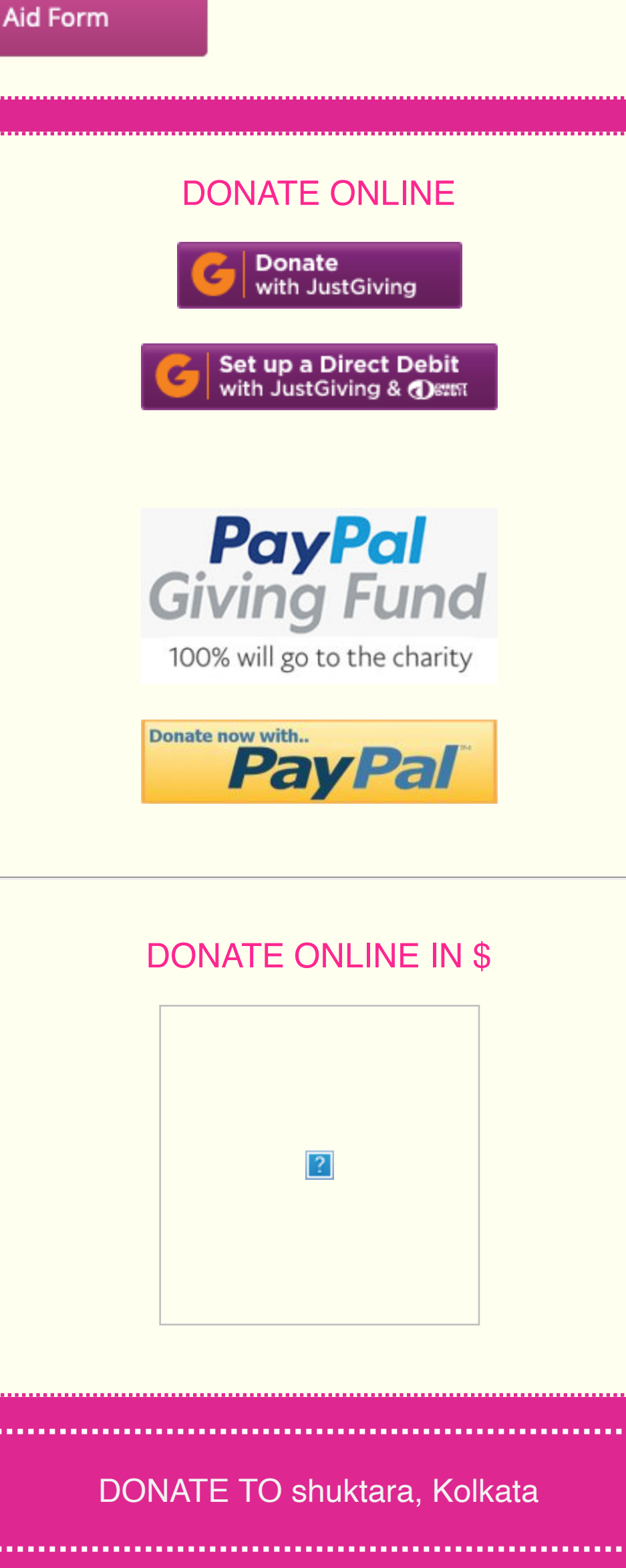
Shuktara Cakes Café will be close to Anna Bari where the metro is being built in a busy area of Behala. As well as the Shuktara Cakes team, we can employ more disabled adults to work there and with all this in mind we have teamed up with the **Big Give** for their annual **Christmas Challenge**.

We are excited to participate in the Christmas Challenge this year - the campaign begins on **30th November** and our goal is to raise £25,000 to establish the Shuktara Cakes Café. We've already been pledged a quarter of this amount from shuktara supporters and anticipate Big Give philanthropists and online donations will secure the full amount by Christmas.

So for now and until we get closer to that date you won't hear much from me, but I wanted to let you know everything that we are planning and give you some time to see if you are able to support us during those days and help our dream become a reality.

Thank you to all of you for your support and to Pappu for holding it all together as well as having his own family to care for.

With best wishes - david x

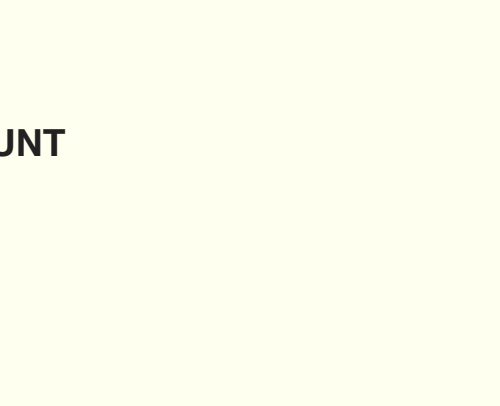


Pappu

Shuktara provides a home for life for children and young adults with disabilities in Kolkata, India, who have no family.

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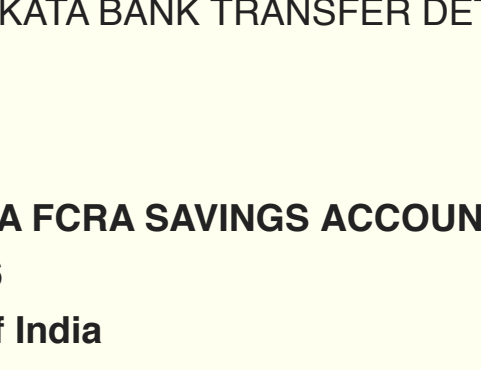
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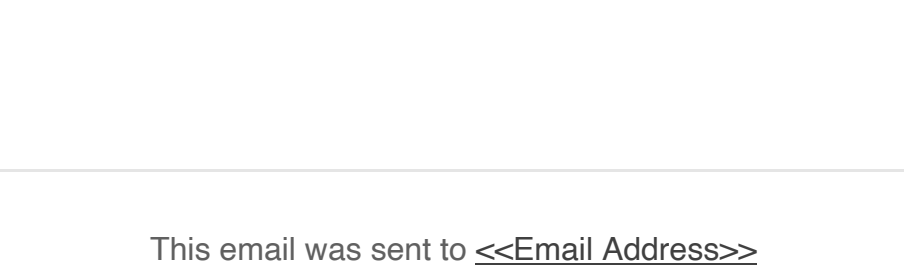


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