



## March 2022

It is a good time to tell you wonderful news about someone who has moved into Lula Bari.

**Puja Basak** lived with her parents in a tenement building in North Kolkata. Puja's mother put her through studies and she passed her 10th Grade. After her mother's death in 2018 she lived there with her father.

When her father died at the beginning of 2021 the neighbours in the building made sure that Puja had food, but recently the landlord decided to rent out her room. With nowhere for Puja to go, the local people heard about shuktara and managed to get in touch with Pappu.

On the 28th February Pappu went to meet Puja - and some of her neighbours came with her to see Lula Bari.

She didn't go back with them and she is really happy as you can see from the photos.



Puja Basak



Puja Basak, Lali and Prity (Puja Bagh behind)

We celebrated Holi on Friday, 18th March, which is always looked forward to and enjoyed by everyone.

Our Dance Tutor Dev Ambuly (see our header photo) came over especially to visit the two homes and as you can see, our new Puja is thoroughly enjoying herself in her new surroundings at Lula Bari.

The initial group of shuktara residents who received their first vaccine have now received their second and everyone who lives and works at shuktara continues to be well.

You may remember that Pappu chose the group who spend more time outside the homes to be vaccinated, in the hope it would protect them, their families and the more vulnerable ones that are in Lula Bari and Anna Bari. This seems to have worked and as i said - everyone is and has always stayed well.



Puja Basak and Lali in colours of Holi



Shuktara celebrates Holi at Anna Bari

Our hopes and dreams of the **Shuktara Cakes Café** are happening slowly, with teams here and in Kolkata working to make sure everything is done properly,



Kolkata. They will prepare a thoroughly costed business plan and budget so the Shuktara Trust UK trustees can ensure the cafe can operate cost effectively both in the short and long term.

I really appreciate all the support you have shown since 1999 and now that things are safer the UK trustees and I will be able to get together soon to discuss fundraising strategies to continue supporting the homes, ensuring that they have more than sufficient funds for shuktara's annual running costs and get the Shuktara Cakes Cafe off the ground.

Of course, any of you that wish to run marathons or help us in any way - please get in touch!!!!!!!!!!

My very best wishes

David Earp



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

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