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It is wonderful from where I am sitting today (having not been back to India since the end of covid restrictions) to watch Pappu really step up and turn shuktara into something that is his dream. Continuing and fulfilling my dreams and wishes for everything that I hoped for during the 20 odd years that I was in Kolkata. And actually so much more!

I remember being confined at home for two months during the Indian lockdown. Pappu had thought something would happen and therefore put many things in motion to ensure that everybody at shuktara had enough to eat and enough medical supplies to last.

I know many of you were touched when he decided to share the food that we had gathered with those in our community who had nothing and who had no way of getting anything.

You may also be aware that in the last months Pappu has been told about villages many hours' drive outside of Kolkata on the border of Bihar. These villages are so far off the beaten track that few people visit them, let alone health care professionals or doctors. After his first visit to this area he met many families who are looking after and caring for their disabled children. He has now put into place a group of people including Shuktara's physiotherapist, as well as two young Deaf women who will be able to oversee this outreach for him.

On a personal level I feel a great pride watching Pappu grow - and his wish to share more of what the young people at Shuktara have with families that in comparison have nothing.

Thank You for your support
David Earp - founder Shuktara

From David's first days above the beauty parlour on Southern Avenue with Anna and Sunil to our two homes in Kolkata today, Shuktara has always helped those who had nowhere else to turn. Over the past year Pappu's amazing **Shuktara Outreach** programme has built on this legacy to help families coping with disability in some of the poorest parts of remote, rural West Bengal. The programme is *already* having a profoundly life-changing impact for these families.

We're incredibly excited to announce that a donor has just agreed to **double any donation** given to Shuktara up to the total £30,000 cost to run the Outreach programme for 3 years.

If you remember to add Gift Aid, these matching funds mean that for every £10 you donate, Shuktara will actually receive £25!

As always, a huge thank you from all the Shuktara family for your amazing generosity over the past year and best wishes for a brilliant holiday-break with friends and family.

Adam Thompson - Chairman Shuktara Trust UK



Thank you very much
for supporting shuktara

Chairman of shuktara in India Nagendra Kumar Mishra (Pappu)
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