



27th OCTOBER 2024

Pappu and I were in Purulia in August. I had gone with him to see the work he is doing there to support families with disabled children.

The ShuktaraX25 event in London was already booked for 13th October and our friend Fern Britton had agreed to host the event at [Tsiakkos & Charcoal](#).

I suddenly came up with this crazy idea of Pappu coming to surprise everyone. We sat down there and then and applied for an online visa!!!!

No one knew except his wife Deepika and myself.

It was hard keeping a secret, but I knew if I told anyone it could potentially spoil the wonderful moment at Tsiakkos when I told our guests that I would try to find Pappu. I would get him on the phone and put him on loudspeaker as he wanted to wish us all a happy celebration.

You can see the reaction for yourselves in the short video below!
(click on image to play video)



Pappu's surprise arrival at ShuktaraX25



PAPPU IN LONDON

We had a couple of cancellations and a couple of additions to the guest list which brought our event to a total of 40 people, which I had estimated.

Xen and Elena at Tsiakkos have hosted us before and we were served delicious meze, as always.

They donated all the food and the charges for the event came to Shuktara Trust UK as donations. We appreciate them so much. Thank You!



FERN BRITTON, DAVID AND PAPPU



FERN AND DAVID

Fern Britton has done so much for shuktara and I know many of you will have seen her win TV game shows with shuktara as her chosen charity.

I was delighted when with no hesitation she said "YES" to hosting this event and interviewing me and then to her surprise Pappu too.

Her questions were thoughtful and she engaged everyone in the room. Pappu has such a natural way of talking about his passion for the young people who live at shuktara. It was just a joy to be there.

I am personally grateful for all your support and encouragement.

Shuktara Trust UK Chairman Adam Thompson was probably more shocked than most at Pappu's surprise entrance, as he was expecting to see him in Kolkata the following week! As I write this I can tell you that Adam along with Kate and their two children had a lovely couple of days visiting Anna Bari and Lula Bari. So Adam got a double dose of Pappu!



ADAM, CHAIRMAN OF SHUKTARA TRUST UK, VISITS ANNA BARI AND LULA BARI WITH HIS FAMILY

We were able to show some advance select scenes from the Shuktara Documentary Film which is in post-production. It was projected onto a white French linen sheet in Tsiakkos, so please enjoy this here in your own surroundings and on your own screen.



My thanks again to all of you for supporting me over the last 25 years and I am sure you would agree that the future of everyone at shuktara is safe in Pappu's hands.

Thank You
David Earp



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