



# Shuktara Trust (UK)



Local support group visits Anna Bari with all our boys and girls together

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Greetings from shuktara in Kolkata. It is full on monsoon time and very damp, with heavy rains most days. Everyone in both our homes is well and thriving. We are getting many more local visitors, organisations and groups who are inspired by the work that Pappu is doing and want to help in small ways.

Often Pappu will receive donations of food, clothes and basic necessities like adult nappies - as we have four doubly incontinent residents, two in each home.





SUBHASH



PUJA BAGH

The puja season is about to start and there is a tangible excitement. Pappu and the staff will go out over two days taking the young people with them to look at statues of the Goddess Durga that are erected temporarily around the city in hand made, beautifully ornate structures called pandals that are taken down after the event. Durga Puja is something that everyone in West Bengal looks forward to.

As the commitment from our local supporters grows and with your generous support from abroad, the stability of life continues for shuktara residents. Shuktara has been a place of safety and security for over 26 years now and our homes will remain so as long as our young people are alive and living in them.

With this deep sense of security that has been established within our homes, it was Pappu's wish to extend outwards to those disabled people in the interior areas of West Bengal who don't have as much access to help as we do in Kolkata. As the majority of the young people at shuktara were abandoned, due to poverty or their parent's inability to care for them, there are equally (if not more) families who do not want to abandon their children and wish to care for them as best they can. These are the people that Pappu has chosen to support in any and every way he can.





PHATIK AT HOME WITH HIS FATHER



PHATIK WITH PAPPU AND HIS MOTHER IN HOSPITAL AFTER A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Over the last three years we have been able to help 35 families and in the coming months Pappu will be heading back to Purulia District where he has been alerted to another five families who really need our help and support.

Phatik Mohato is one of the young people we have been supporting for the last three years in Purulia District of West Bengal, he is autistic and was born with an imperforate anus and he has had his first successful operation!

Pappu is working with doctors and the hospital to get the second part of the operation done as soon as possible. He drove 10 hours overnight from Kolkata to Ranchi to be with Phatik and his family. The treatment has taken place at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Science and **shuktara** is financially supporting the family during this time.

On a personal note, my lovely Mum, Audrey, died on 25th August. My brother Mike, his wife Hooma and I were with her when she died peacefully at Croydon University Hospital.

I wonder how many of you reading this will have been told about shuktara by her.

In her memory

David Earp



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