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## Re: Fwd: second instalment

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AM**

Reply-To: shirpurvishwa <shirpurvishwamandal@sancharnet.in>  
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Dear Shyam and Chidu

At last our great SBI, Shirpur, through the condescension of the foreign exchange clearing agency: SBI, Jalgaon, credited The Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram A/c with Rupees One Lakh, Forty-Seven Thousand, Four Huundred and Sixty-Two Only (Rs.1,47,462/-).

Thank you for the donation.

The Holi season brought our classes to a halt. It is a long celebration in which different days are allocated to different villages to have their version of the festivity. How everyone can afford so many days of celebration is a mystery - but in the dry season which besets us, when irrigation and even drinking water is scarce, a celebration of bibing some mohua daru, with a morsel of chicken curry, seems a good occupation. Then there's dancing to drums. Some costumes of jungle animals are donned and the role-actors collect a *fagwa* from the bystanders. There's also blocking of the roads to collect fagwas from vehicles.

Now the summer scorch is upon us - remember my last year's article? The children's attendance tends to dwindle and some of the schools will suspend their routines.

We are planning a 3 day training workshop for our 30 teachers plus the Nandurbar, Janseva institution's 30 teachers. The venue is St.Xavier's College, Mumbai. The dates, April 9-11.

Wish us well.

Thank our wellwishers in ASHA-ZURICH. I wonder what our friend Vinayak Bhalerao is doing with the flip charts and their translation into English which I forwarded to him to hold an exhibition in the States on our behalf. He too is in some wing of ASHA!!!!

Fr.Godfrey D'Lima

PS I am also moving into neighbouring Nandurbar to promote a similar learning programme in that area for adivasi hamlets. Would there be any other source of support for that venture as you have offered to our educational programme in Shirpur?

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