

Site Visit of Pranabananda Boy's Hostel
Done between January 31 and February 5th 2013
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Earlier this year, I had visited Pranabananda Boy's hostel several times. Asha-SV has been supporting this project for several years and the progress of this project has been very encouraging. The students who just a few short years ago could hardly speak the Bengali language, are now going to local high schools, performing cultural functions in the hostel campus, joining in annual sports, playing drum and overall looking quite healthy.

I went to the hostel by crossing a river, although a bridge now connects the two sides of Malda town quite easily. Every time I took the trip, I was inspired to see the energy of the students and the dedication of the teachers and overall liveliness of the hostel.



My interactions with the students were very informal. Students seemed to open up to me with ease. They readily posed for pictures. When I asked them whether they liked to stay at the hostel rather than going home to work in the farms or some other jobs, they were unequivocal in their answers that they liked staying in the hostel. The students were not any different from any other kids of their ages. They knew Hindi songs (some even sang some for me, although I was a little out-of-touch with the hit songs), and they all had dreams of becoming engineers, doctors and teachers.



During early January 2013, during a very popular religious celebration on campus (Saraswati Puja), the students performed cultural function. Although the celebration did not take place during the time I was there, the description and photos were very encouraging. The women teachers of the on-site primary school trained and even acted in some of the roles. Once again, following photos emphasize that these students are getting some of the benefits, albeit in a smaller scale, that our so called “privileged” class children get. To me, this was encouraging and gratifying.



BHARAT SEVASHRAM SANGHA
SAHAPUR, MALDA
LIST OF HOSTEL STUDENT'S
ACADEMIC YEAR - 2013

CLASS-I

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Buddhadeb Poddar	Ganesh Podder	Driver	SC	BPL
2	Dhananjoy Mondal	Satyan Mondal	Agri Laborer	Gen	BPL
3	Sufol Tudu	Gopin Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
4	Khages Murmu	Arshin Murmu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
5	Ashim Roy	Pranishna Roy	Carpenter	SC	BPL
6	Surya Choudhury	Dilip Choudhury	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL

CLASS-II

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Rafik Tudu	Gandhi Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
2	Abinash Murmu	Sunil Murmu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
3	Bishal Singha	Sanjit Singha	Mason	SC	BPL
4	Prasenjit Hansda	Laitin Hansda	Lab	ST	BPL
5	Sunil Sarkar	Mangal Sarkar	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
6	Debashis Choudhury	Ratan Choudhury	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
7	Swapna Rajbangshi	Sundar Rajbangshi	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
8	Bai Chung Soren	Loban Soren	Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-VII

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Juwei Hembram	Barhu Hembram	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
2	Tapas Mandal	Matul Mandal	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
3	Gobinda Soren	Jackar Soren	Casual Laborer	ST	BPL
4	Pradip Rajbansi	Madan Rajbansi	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
5	France Mardi	Lakshidar Mardi	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-VIII

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Manab Mandal	Matul Mandal	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
2	Pradip Mardi	Marang Mardi	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-III

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Nani Sarkar	Gonesh Sorkar	Laborer	SC	BPL
2	Koushik Paramanik	Dulal Ch. Paramanick	Barbar	OBC	BPL
3	Shyam Kr Hembram	Fuga Hembram	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
4	Debananda Tudu	Bimal Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
5	Manash Sarkar	Madan Sarkar	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
6	Lakhiram Soren	Sabash Soren	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
7	Shyamal Soren	Sujit Lal Soren	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
8	Habil Kisku	Naren Kisku	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
9	Nirmal Tudu	Budhu Tudu	Carpenter	ST	BPL
10	Srijal Hembram	Hari Hembram	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
11	Soumen Kisku	Mangal Kisku	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
12	Sourav Soren	Dinesh Soren	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
13	Chandra Nath Das	Bhola Nath Das	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
14	Debnath Tudu	Bimal Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-IV

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Pradip Barman	Ashok Barman	Laborer	SC	BPL
2	Kalu Charan Mardi	Lt. Vijay Mardi	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
3	Rathindra Nath Mondal	Suresh Mandal	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
4	Kalyan Roy	Rama Roy	Laborer	SC	BPL
5	Julius Tudu	Debilal Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
6	Anup Sarkar	Kartik Sorkar	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
7	Parmainas Soren	Sakla Soren	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
8	Pranab Rajbhar	Bireswar Rajbhar	Laborer	Gen	BPL
9	Parimal Hembram	Suniram Hembram	Laborer	ST	BPL

10	Sarkar Hembram	Ram Hembram	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
11	Cloudious Tudu	Gopin Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
12	Sujoy Paul	Samar Pal	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
13	Pradip Hansda	Manoranjan Hansda	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
14	Rakesh Mondal	Rabi Mondal	Agri Laborer	Gen	BPL
15	Subhas Tudu	Gopin Tudu	Laborer	ST	BPL
16	Subhajit Mahato	Raghu Mahato	Domestic Laborer	ST	BPL
17	Swapna Tudu	Surai Tudu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-V

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Shiba Murmu	Jogen Murmu	Laborer	ST	BPL

CLASS-VI

SL. NO	Student's Name	Guardian's Name	Guardian's Occupation	Community	Category
1	Rajib Tudu	Fagu Tudu	Laborer	ST	BPL
2	Britten Mardi	Lakshindar Mardi	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
3	Jaydev Murmu	Samu Murmu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
4	Dipak Kisku	Ratan Kisku	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL
5	Pabitra Roy	Amal Roy	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
6	Krisna Rajbansi	Jiban Rajbansi	Agri Laborer	SC	BPL
7	Indrajit Murmu	Som Murmu	Agri Laborer	ST	BPL

At this time the hostel has 65 students, although they have capacity to accommodate over 100. They just don't have funds to take any more. About a quarter of the students go to local high schools. I have certificates from all the high schools that these students are indeed enrolled in those schools.

Annual Sports Day, January 30th 2013

2012
Wk. 30-302-164
Sports meet of July * Friday 20
Pranavananda Vidyamandir, Sahapur, Haldia.
Sports meet is an annual occasion.
Students participate in such a meet with great enthusiasm.

The proverb goes 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'. It means that games and sports are absolutely necessary for everybody, even for those who would be scholars. In ancient Greece games and sports were part and parcel of education. In the countries which are advanced in all respects, they are a regular feature of the school and college curriculum. Notes

21 July * Saturday
Wk. 30-303-163
Students learn the virtue of discipline if they regularly participate in various games and sports. Some definite rules are to be followed in games and sports and captain and supervisors are appointed to see that these rules are not broken. Players are thus taught to play the game to take even defeat in a sportsman like spirit. Success in games teaches the players unselfish teamwork and cooperative spirit.
22 Sunday
Notes
JUNE 12 JULY 12 AUGUST 12
MTWTFSS MTWTFSS MTWTFSS





The school has 5 teachers right now, and four of them are pictured in here. All of the teachers are extremely dedicated and love their students.



This is one of the meals that I was able to participate in. A local resident in his deceased mother's memory hosted this particular lunch. Although this particular lunch was more elaborate than typical meals, the setting is somewhat similar. Students are supposed to bring in their own lunch plate and wash those afterwards.

CHHATSEVAM SANGHA
SAHAPUR, MALDHA, W.B., INDIA
 PRANABANANDA BOYS HOSTEL A/C (For 60 Boys)
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.07.2012 to 31.12.2012

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (In Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (In Rs.)
To Grant in Aid Received from ASHA for Education, Silicon Valley, California, U.S.A	(Nil)	By, Honorarium	2,46,000.00
		- Diet Charges	2,11,000.00
		- Fuel Charges	15,000.00
		- Cooking Charges	1,12,000.00
		- Cost of Clothing	26,000.00
		- Medical Expenses	3,000.00
		- Books & Stationery	14,000.00
		- Expenses for Generator	22,000.00
		- Electric Bill	15,000.00
		- Games & Sports	5,300.00
Total :-		Total :-	6,69,300.00

This is a copy of the audit report of the expenses. In general, they really maintain their books very well.