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*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



In India the Corona situation is still difficult, more and more people are being affected by the virus, around 80 000 persons getting ill each day, the country's institutions are closed and it is not possible for the School for Blind Children in Cooch Behar to open up yet.

When the school administrators, during the pandemic, brought food to the students' homes, they themselves saw that many of the students and their families live in such poor conditions that they do not even have basic conveniences. That makes the school extra important for these students who furthermore are visually handicapped or blind.



The school usually celebrates various national and religious holidays but during the autumn the teaching staff has for the first time in the school's history had to celebrate the country's National Commemoration Day – the 73rd one – without the students being present. The chairman of the school board hoisted the flag, and after that there was a reading of the Bible and the national anthem.

Right before the virus outbreak in March, entrance examinations were arranged for the gymnasium/senior high school and before the autumn term the results were made known. The pupils of the School for Blind Children had done well. Other age groups have been able to come to school to do digital examinations.

Despite the risk of being contaminated, the Blind school's staff has continued to – apart from the pupils of the school – also help many others who are in need by distributing food and other necessities. Raj gives his warm thanks to everyone who has participated in helping financially. He and all the others value the support enormously. "We know", he says, "that the whole world is affected by the corona pandemic and still you wanted to help us. A big thank you for that", greets Raj from him and the School for Blind Children.

November greetings from the SB Foundation and all Board members, *Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger*

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