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INDIA – West Bengal The School for Blind Children

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the end of the Fall semester, the students at the School for Blind Children received their report cards; the school arranged a parents' conference to discuss the students' situation and to inform about the school rules and regulations. The pandemic has impacted the children both mentally and pedagogically. Most of them have, nevertheless, moved up a grade. But much can still be improved. The school's leadership hopes that 2023 will be productive for all students and that they will develop well in all respects.



from Calcutta, third National women's tournament. Together with other team members from Calcutta, Rupali Roy (to the left in the photo) and Mahek Lakra (to the right) traveled by train 2600 km (1625 miles) to the games in Bangalore. What an experience for the young girls! Even though the team lost, Mahek played so well that she was chosen to join the Bengal women's cricket team that represents the Indian state of West Bengal. The school hopes she will go far and maybe one day even play for the national team. – On January 26, the School for Blind Children organized a picnic day, but shortly thereafter several students came down with measles and had to be sent home, so they wouldn't infect others. "Pray for them", asks the school





On December 3, World Disability Day was celebrated both at the School for Blind Children and in the center of the town of Cooch Behar. Students from the School for Blind Children were invited to perform – Debika Oraon danced, Susanta Modak, sang, and Hrishita recited a poem.

Two of the school's visually impaired female students were selected to compete in the third National women's cricket tournament. Together with other team members



leadership, and thank God that our Principal Michel Chhetri, who was so sick last year, is now well again.

Greetings from both the School for Blind Children and SB Foundation via us on the Board, Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Ivar, Lena, Roger

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