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Dear Friends and Supporters,

India's new Hindu laws complicate life for both Muslims and Christians. Even the School for Blind Children in Cooch Behar, supported by the SB Foundation, in West Bengali, is impacted. The school is based on Christian values but accepts children of all denominations. Even Muslims often select this school for their children.



Pictured here are three of the students who, thanks to scholarships from World Prayer Day (50%) and the SB Foundation (50%), have been able to begin their midwifery training in Bangalore. To embark on their three-year long education in this metropolis, the girls had to take a 2500 km train ride from their home in West Bengal. The young women on the left are sisters.

The temperature in Delhi and Kolkata in India has reached record levels, exceeding 45°C. In other places the monsoon rains have caused major flooding. People have been moved from lower-lying areas, where rivers have overflown, and have been housed in school buildings on higher ground. Not far from Cooch Behar, the State of Assam and the neighboring country of Bangladesh have been heavily affected. People have had to be evacuated



also in Cooch Behar. Thankfully, the School for Blind Children is located at a somewhat higher level. The weather in May and June has been very unusual, according to Raj.



Nisha (in a yellow dress in the image). After her medical education, supported by World Prayer Day and the SB Foundation, Nisha continued her education and has now completed a master's degree in pediatrics. "All set. Now begins a new chapter," she writes on her Facebook page. We congratulate her warmly and hope to continue to follow her so we can learn what her new chapter entails.

Thank you for your support of the Blind School and of professional education! Greetings from the SB Foundation and the board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Ivar, Lena, Roger*

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