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		23rd Saraswati Puja	24th Rajshahi Day	1	2	3
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Tollymore Ramdhanu Social Welfare Society



Happy
New Year

2026



November – December 2025

December Newsletter



Dear Friends and Well-Wishers,

As the year draws to a close, November and December at Ramdhanu have been magical—filled with gratitude, celebration, learning, and empowerment. We are delighted to share these moments that made us proud and strengthened our mission of hope.



Grandmothers' Day – Gratitude in Action

Our children celebrated Grandmothers' Day by feeding their grandmothers with love and presenting them warm shawls as a token of gratitude. The Telegraph beautifully covered this heartwarming story.

Warmth and Care for All

- 145 children in Kolkata and our tribal village received warm clothes.
- Nutritious food and gift packets were distributed among street children of Ward 87, with our children taking the initiative.



Honoured Guests and Special Launches

- Ramdhanu Calendar, featuring drawings by our children, was launched by renowned writer Shirshendu Mukherjee.
- We were honoured by Tim Grandage, founder of Future Hope Foundation, visiting Ramdhanu.
- Honourable Councillor of Block 87 visited to distribute new clothes to our children.



New Initiatives: Protecting and Empowering

Dignity Door initiative launched to protect girl children living on the streets. Coupons distributed allow free access to public toilets, ensuring safety and dignity.



Festive Joy: Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market was a spectacular event! Every product was handmade by the girls of Kolkata and Murgaboni Ramdhanu, showcasing their creativity, talent, and entrepreneurship.



Achievements and Growth

- Participation in Anondomela, organised by Pathobhawan School—an honour for our children.
- Excellent results in annual exams, reflecting their hard work.
- New admissions to reputed schools, opening doors to brighter academic futures.



HOUR OF CELEBRATION ON GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandmothers who raise generations

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

ta: Sixty-three-year-old soni Mondal managed to steal hour from her workday to visit granddaughter's school. She earns g by picking up waste from the le and separating the recyclable she can sell.

lier this week, Rashmoni and other grandmothers — most n ragpickers from around 7th Avenue — were invited to dparents' Day celebration at a run by an NGO. They arrived one, some with their bags of ill tucked at their waists. Setting s aside, they washed their and settled in for some love and niment.

these women, moments like e almost unheard of. Most have their children single-handedly rattling financial hardship and stracisation. Now, some are ; their granddaughters the ray. ey live on the streets and have ed to raise their children — ters and sons — protecting them dversities and predators. Some n are now raising their grand- ters," said Mitrobinda Ghosh Tollygunge Ramdhanu Social e Society. "The sacrifice they ade is immense, and we wanted lden to sit by their side and hem some love and affection." ; society provides education aged 5 to 18 who live on the , training them in dance, music nting.

programmes like these cannot the harsh realities these grand- s face. While Grandparents' s become an annual event in private schools — where children n and grandparents arrive in nest clothes — such celebrations vury the women living by the cannot afford.



The Grandparents' Day celebration at a centre run by the Tollygunge Ramdhanu Social Welfare Society



"It's a struggle for existence for them, which does not allow them to take a complete day off from work. They came in between work, carrying with them the burden of the rags," said Ghosh.

Age has not granted them rest. Old and often frail, they must compete with younger ragpickers who can gather more waste and earn more. Poverty leaves no room for retirement.

One woman, well past 70, still wakes up at 6am to begin her day's work. Her daughter-in-law left soon after the birth of her granddaughter.

and her son takes no responsibility. "It is this old woman who is bringing up the girl, who is now 13," Ghosh said.

The grandmother had one plea for Ghosh: "Take care of my granddaughter when I am not there."

Ghosh said she has faced resistance in her efforts to include the most marginalised Calcuttans in education but has also found allies. "Whenever I have faced resistance in the neighbourhood, there has always been a woman who speaks up for the education of girl children and for these girls," she said.



Looking Ahead

These months have reminded us that empowerment is built on love, opportunity, and community support. Every achievement, smile, and step forward belongs to you—our supporters, volunteers, and well-wishers. Together, we continue to turn dreams into reality.

With gratitude and hope,

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