



Rinku babu Mondal

Date of birth 24. 09. 93  
Date of entry 24.01.01  
Passed class – XII Examination, secured  
First Division.  
Soon will get admission in B.Com.

A thoughtful, intelligent and sensitive boy, has experienced more hardship in his short life than most people do in a lifetime. His father worked as a night watchman at a fishery whilst Rinku stayed at home with his younger brother, sister and mother. They led poor but a happy life, until one night at the fishery, hooligans murdered Rinku’ s father.

Rinku’ s mother, a housewife, was forced to become the provider for her two sons and one daughter, sewing readymade blouses day and night for paltry returns. She developed stomach ulcer and her youngest son, appendicitis.

It now fell on the seven-year-old Rinku to support his ailing mother and brother. He was put to work as a day wage labour. His income was at the mercy of his employer. The suffering of the Mondal family provided the perfect opportunity for exploitation at its worst. Little Rinku had to work 10 - 12 hours each day. He was sowing seeds, harvesting crops, carrying food for co-workers and rearing cows.

A CCD activist found him and brought him to Muktaneer on 24.01.01. CCD arranged medical treatment for Rinku’ s mother and brother Kutubuddin. Rinku started his education from CCD. During his 10 years of stay at CCD he completed twelve classes. This year he appeared for final school leaving examination and become successful securing First Division. Soon he will be admitted in B.Com. Under Calcutta University. His younger brother Kutubuddin also stays in Muktaneer. In 2005 Rinku wrote the screenplay, which was made into a short live film “Aamra - We Are” . Aamra received the first prize at the Kids for Kids International Film Festival, held in Naples, Italy in 2005. In 2006 he wrote another script, which was made into a short live film ‘The Inner Eye’ . The second film was selected at the Kids for Kids International Film Festival, held in Nicosia, Cyprus in 2006. He has done camera work in the film “WE SEE” which got several awards from many International Children Film Festivals in 2007 and 2008. He hopes to write more scripts in the future. Rinku is learning English. He is a keen sportsman. His ambition was to become a

medical doctor and serve poor people but he couldn' t do good result in his examination so couldn' t go for science stream.