

## RESTORED TO FAMILY AFTER SIX YEARS

When Kishenlal saw her sister Lally (name changed) after a gap of six years, he could hardly believe his eyes. Tears were streaming down Lally's eyes after seeing her elder brother after so many years.



Lally (37 years), a resident of Sitapur, District Khairabad, in the distant Terai regions of Uttar Pradesh, was married at an early age, whose husband turned out to be an alcoholic and compulsive wife beater. About 7 years back, Lally could not take the torture anymore and left her husband, a grown up son and two young daughters and went back to her parents. Incidentally, the son is married now and lives separately. His two sisters stay with him. A few months later she went to see her children, lost her way and somehow landed up in Kolkata. She was found loitering by the Police personnel, who admitted her to Calcutta Pavlov Hospital on 3rd May 2010 nearly 4 years after leaving her home.

Lally, who was suffering from Schizophrenia, was brought to Paripurnata on 13th December 2010 to undergo psychosocial rehabilitation. After about two months, she was coherent enough to talk about her home address and family.

Persistent efforts by the staff of Paripurnata since February 2011 with Khairabad Police Station yielded result in June 2011, when one of her brothers contacted Paripurnata and assured that he would visit Kolkata at the earliest. Later another brother contacted Paripurnata and promised in the same manner. Whenever they were contacted, they kept on reassuring that they would come. In the beginning of May 2012 it was informed that her elder brother would come on 26th May, 2012. And on the fateful day Kishenlal did arrive!

He was awestruck to see the change in Lally's appearance and behaviour, in the last six years. Lally was gushing out to him about the things she had learnt at Paripurnata, In the evening Lally bid a tearful farewell to the staff and other Residents of Paripurnata to start a new phase of her life.