

Change over from 17 years of Addiction to a life of Sobriety & Dignity

Shankar Kumar Dey, youngest in the family of four siblings was a young talented man very much interested in sports. He himself was very good in football and played as a center forward in his school team football matches. No defender could stop him as he dribbles with the ball, alas! **Until ALCOHOL STOPPED HIM AT BAY.** He could have gone far with his football skill, alas!

.....SO NEAR, YET SO FAR !



It was one of those uncertain gloomy evening, in 1990 at the age of only 22, while he shifted from Ranchi to Dumka to work as an incharge at a Bajaj dealer workshop, he started his first drink with his few mechanic friends. First he started as a social drinker, as time passed he changed to chronic user. He was married to a beautiful girl, but then because of his addiction and death of his parents he was in deep financial crisis He lost his job, then joined another but his drinking habit could not keep one intact for long. Meanwhile his wife abandoned him and he became lonely once again. His addiction took to the worse and his health deteriorated but he still kept drinking heavily. His neighbours informed his brother who stayed in another place. His brother came and somehow found out the address of The Calcutta Samaritans, admitted him for the treatment on 31st July, 2006. After completing one month treatment, he went home but after 3 days he could not stay sober. Again he was brought to the center and admitted. Like this 3 times the same was repeated. At last his brother arranged a job for him at SBI ATM. On 21st Nov. 2007, he was in a hotel drunk and unable to bear anymore; he called at the center and asked for help. Immediately staffs went to the hotel and picked him up and admitted him at the center. Since then still now he is staying in the

center. This time he made up his mind not to go out of the center but stay at the center to help himself and more important help his fellow addicted brothers at the center to come out of the bondages of addiction.

According to him, he has been saved and is very grateful to The Calcutta Samaritans, and he is very determined to spend rest of whatever life left in him for the welfare of humankind.