

## **MY VISIT TO SARIAKANDI, BOGRA IN NOV. 2009**



As a member of Bangladesch Jugendförderung e. V. I have the opportunity to support the students of my locality Saiakandi, Bogra. The activity started from June'09. In October'09 I have been to Bangladesh and had the opportunity to visit Sariakandi. The objectives of my visit were to be introduced with the supported students personally, monitor their progress as well as to verify their eligibility for the scholarship. As almost all of the families living in Sariakandi have lost their properties due to the destruction of the river Jamuna, to me they are the right candidates to choose for the scholarship based on our requirements.

Currently we are supporting six students selected from three different schools and one college. With the help of the local co-ordinator (Mr. Ibrahim Ali) I managed to visit the schools and talk with the respective teachers also to get some update on the academic performance of the selected students. According to them selection of the students are very much appropriate. I have talked with them about the progress of the students and their mid term results and also the expectation for future academic performance (SSC, HSC). The teachers are satisfied with the students current progress and they are very confident that the students will achieve good results in their SSC & HSC exam. I have also discussed with the local co-ordinators about the way we are currently working, how to manage the local activities (payment, necessary document collection and sending them to Germany) in a better way.

The local co-ordinator informed the students earlier about our visit and we all gathered together in the headmaster's office of Nijamuddin Highschool. There I have met the students and talked to them personally. I have informed them about the motivation of Bangladesch Jugendförderung e. V., our expectation from them. I have also encouraged them to make best use of our support to get the ultimate benefit out of it in pursuance of their studies. I have also requested the respective teachers to provide proper guidance to the students so that they can make the best utilization of our support to achieve better academic performance.



On that occasion we have also handed over the money for the month October'09 to the students. During the gathering head Sir of Nijamuddin Highschool raised the question whether our organisation can also provide support to the schools as well (e.g. provide financial support to employ new teachers and for other developments). I have outlined that we also have some future plan to provide support for the quality improvement of the teachers for example, conduct training to the English teacher as mentioned on the Organisation's webpage.

Overall I want to mention that I'm glad to be able to visit Sariakandi to learn more about the students and getting the impression that our effort is going to be fruitful. On the other hand my visit was also appreciated by the students and teachers. Finally, I hope that we all responsible members will be able to manage and utilize such opportunity to visit our locality, meet the students and supervise the actual progress/activity by ourself to make the dream of our organisation true.

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