

BDI (Bangladesh Development Initiative) Solemanpur/Kotchandpur Fund:

On January 1st 2012, this fund established five scholarships to be given to five poor meritorious Kotchandpur high school students listed below (Kotchandpur Upozila (sub-division) is within Jhinaidah Zilla (district) of Bangladesh). Individual scholarship is named after the donor of the original fund. Each scholarship recipient of the fund was awarded with 5000 (five thousand) Bangladeshi taka upfront on January 1st 2012 in a formal ceremony. A five-lakh (500000) taka Sonchoy Potro, whose proceeds can be cashed every three months, was bought from Bangladesh National Savings Bureau to make this award permanent. The proceeds earned from this Sonchoy Potro will be used to give 10000 (ten thousand) taka annually to each of these students till they complete Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination. The scholarship recipients must maintain results above certain levels, to be determined by the Kotchandpur high school committee, for continued eligibility as scholarship recipients. When current scholarship recipients successfully complete SSC examination, a batch of new students from class 6 and/or seven will be selected as the next scholarship recipients. Below are the current scholarship recipients and the names of the funds:

1. Ayon Shaha. Father: Biswajit Shaha. Mother: Shushoma Shaha. Student of class 7. Recipient of BDI Shayla Sheikh Ali Fund.



In the picture above, Shayla S. Ali (on the right) is seen to give out 5000 taka as the initial installment of the BDI Shayla S. Ali Fund to the scholarship recipient Ayon Shaha (left of Shayla S. Ali). Kotchandpur high school headmaster Shah Sultan (left of Ayon Shaha) and Upozila Nirbahi Officer (leftmost) are seen to look on as Shayla S Ali gives out the scholarship.

2. Mahamudur Rahman. Father: Kuddus-ur Rahman. Mother: Bulbuli Begum. Student of class 7. Recipient of BDI Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund.



In the picture above (on the left), Sharafat Hossain (in the middle) is seen to give out 5000 taka, on behalf of Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi of Kuwait, the initial installment of the BDI Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund to the scholarship recipient Mahamudur Rahman (right of Sharafat Hossain). Kotchandpur high school headmaster Shah Sultan (left) is seen to look on as Sharafat Hossain gives out the scholarship. Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi is seen above (right) in traditional Kuwaiti dress.

3. Abul Bashar. Father: Azizul Hoque. Mother: Parul Begum. Student of class 6. Recipient of BDI Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund.



In the picture above, Shahjahan Kabir (on the right standing front) is seen to give out 5000 taka as the initial installment of the BDI Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund to the scholarship recipient Abul

Bashar (left of Shahjahan Kabir – front). Kotchandpur high school headmaster Shah Sultan (left) is seen to look on as Shahjahan Kabir gives out the scholarship. The picture of Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi is seen on the right.

4. Nirob Shaha. Father: Narhu Shaha. Mother: Nipa Shaha. Student of class 6. Recipient of BDI Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Fund.



In the picture above, Hosne Ara (on the left) is seen to give out 5000 taka as the initial installment of the BDI Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Fund to the scholarship recipient Nirob Shaha (right). Hosne Ara is a teacher of Kotchandpur high school and the wife of Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny's younger brother Sheikh Aslam Parvez.

5. Tajul Islam. Father: Ashadul Islam. Mother: Taramon Khatun. Student of class 6. Recipient of Sheikh Salimullah Khan Fund.



In the picture above, Shayla S. Ali (on the right standing front) is seen to give out 5000 taka as the initial installment of the BDI Sheikh Salimullah Choudhury Fund to the scholarship recipient Ashadul Islam (left of Shayla S. Ali – front). Kotchandpur high school headmaster Shah Sultan (left) is seen to look on as Shayla S. Ali gives out the scholarship. Late Sheikh Salimullah Choudhury is Shayla S. Ali's father.

Below are some highlights of the BDI Kotchandpur scholarship award ceremony and associated pictures:



BDI Treasurer Dr. Ashraf Ali, the administrator of BDI Kotchandpur scholarship Fund and a former student of Kotchandpur high school, is explaining the objective as well as the source of the fund to the high school officials. The Upozila Nirbahi Officer, headmaster of Kotchandpur high school Shah Sultan, Shayla S. Ali (wife of Dr. Ashraf Ali and a senior engineer of The Boeing Company of USA), Sharafat Hossain (youngest brother of Dr. Ashraf Ali) and other high school officials were present at the scholarship award ceremony.





The BDI Kotchandpur scholarship Fund administrator Dr. Ashraf Ali is congratulating scholarship recipients and explaining the importance of paying attention to the current lessons they are learning now.



All the scholarship recipients, headmaster Shah Sultan and Shayla S. Ali are seen in these pictures with the fund administrator Dr. Ashraf Ali.