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BDI (Bangladesh Development Initiative) Solemanpur/Kotchandpur Fund: 2019 Activities at Boys & Girls High Schools

This year's scholarship award-giving ceremonies of Kotchandpur Boy's and Girl's High Schools both were held on Sunday March 10, 2019 in two separate events. Sharafat Hossain (*Younger Brother of Dr. Ashraf Ali and Ex-Commissioner of the area*), Shahjahan Kabir (*eldest brother of Dr. Ashraf Ali*), Mrs. Hosne Ara (*Teacher of Kotchandpur Boy's High School and sister-in-law of Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny*) and Jesmin Sultana Lazi (*Daughter of Shahjahan Kabir & Niece of Dr. Ashraf Ali*) were the principal guests in this year's ceremonies in the boy's and girl's high schools.

Activities at Boys School

The Solemanpur/Kotchandpur Boy's High School Scholarship Fund was established by BDI (Bangladesh Development Initiative: www.bdiusa.org) on January 1st 2012. Kotchandpur Upozila (sub-division) is within Jhinaidah Zilla (district) of Bangladesh. The scholarship funds, named after the donor of the original fund, are:

(1) Shayla Sheikh Ali Fund	(2) Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Fund
(3) Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund-1	(4) Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund-2
(5) Sheikh Salimullah Choudhury Fund	(6) Deyanat Ullah Mondol Fund
(7) Romjan Ali Daroga Fund	

The Sonchoy Potro details of all the Kotchandpur boy's high school funds, as they stood in March 2019, are summarized in the table below:

Number	Sonchoy Potro	Registration Number	Purchase Date	Proceeds Per 3-month Coupon (Taka)
1	10 Lakh Taka (5 lakh Taka belongs to Girls High School)	9250/18	Feb 8, 2018	26220 (13110 Taka belongs to Girls High School)
2	1 Lakh Taka	4298/17	Jan 29, 2017	2622
3	3 Lakh Taka (2 lakh Taka belongs to Girls High School)	12402/18	Sept 20, 2018	2622 x 3 = 7866 (5244 Taka belongs to Girls High School)

Note that a consolidated ten-lakh taka Sonchoy Potro (Registration Number 9250/18) was bought for convenience, but only five lakh belongs to the boy's high school and the other five lakh belongs to the girl's high school. The same way a consolidated three-lakh taka Sonchoy Potro (Registration Number 12402/18) was bought for convenience, but only one lakh belongs to the boy's high school and the other two lakhs belong to the girl's high school.



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Pictures of Dr. Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi: Donors of Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund-1 and Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Fund-2. Dr. Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi, beloved friend of Dr. Ashraf Ali since 1983, passed away this year 2019. He had a child-like heart, full of compassion and generosity for fellow human beings.



Picture of Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny:
Donor of Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny
Fund.



Picture of Shayla Sheikh Ali: Donors of Shayla
Sheikh Ali Fund and Sheikh Salimullah
Choudhury Fund.



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Picture of Deyanat Ullah Mondol: Grandfather of Dr. Nazmul Alam. Dr. Nazmul Alam is the donor of Deyanat Ullah Mondol Fund.



Picture of Romjan Ali Daroga: Father of Dr. Ashraf Ali. Dr. Ashraf Ali is the donor of Romjan Ali Daroga Fund. Romjan Ali Daroga graduated from Kotchandpur High School around the year 1915 (exact year not known).

The following Sonchoy Potro coupons were distributed to the students of the boy's high school this year (2019):

Sonchoy Potro 1	4 Coupons	13110 taka each coupon	52440 Taka
Sonchoy Potro 2	4 Coupons	2622 taka each coupon	10488 Taka
Sonchoy Potro 3	1 Coupon	2622 taka each coupon	2622 Taka
Total Money for Distribution			65550 Taka

A total of sixty-five poor and meritorious boy's high school students, selected by the boy's high school committee, were given a scholarship award of 1000 (one thousand) taka each. On the left picture (from left), Sharafat Hossain, Shahjahan Kabir, Mofizur Rahman (Kotchandpur High School Headmaster) and Jesmin Sultana Lazi are seen seated at the table and some of the scholarship recipient students are seen standing around. On the right picture, Sharafat Hossain is seen giving scholarship money to one of the students.



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Activities at Girls High School

BDI (Bangladesh Development Initiative: www.bdiusa.org) Solemanpur/Kotchandpur Fund established five scholarships on December 27, 2014 to be awarded to the poor and meritorious students of Kotchandpur girls' high school. These scholarships are in addition to the scholarship funds established on January 1st 2012 to be awarded to the poor meritorious students of Kotchandpur boy's high school. More funds were donated in subsequent years. In 2019, there are eleven funds established for the scholarship program.

Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny is specially thanked for his generosity in donating five funds to the benefit of the girls' education of Kotchandpur area.

The scholarship funds, named after the donor of the original fund, are:

1. Shayla Sheikh Ali Girls' High School Fund	2. Professor Abdullateef M. Al-Khaleefi Girls' High School Fund
3. Hadeel Masaad Almasaad Girls' High School Fund (Donor = Dr. Al-Khaleefi)	4. Darbesh Ali Girls' High School Fund (Donor = Dr. Nazmul Alam)
5. Amelia Lillian Ryan Pupola Girls' High School Fund	6. Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Girls' High School Fund 1
7. Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Girls' High School Fund 2	8. Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Girls' High School Fund 3
9. Doctor Atiar Rahman Bonny Girls' High School Fund 4	10. Sreya Sophie Rahman Girls' High School Fund (Donor = Dr. Rahman Bonny)
11. Rafayna Naquib Girls' High School Fund (Donor = Dr. Ismat Naquib, brother of Shayla Sheikh Ali)	



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Picture of Amelia Lillian Ryan Pupola: Donor of Amelia Lillian Ryan Pupola Girls' High School Fund.



Picture of Darbesh Ali: Father of Dr. Nazmul Alam, who is the donor of Dabesh Ali Fund.

The details of the four Sonchoy Potro's for the eleven funds, as they stood in March 2019, are summarized in the following table:

Number	Sonchoy Potro	Registration Number	Purchase Date	Proceeds Per 3-month Coupon (Taka)
1	10 Lakh Taka (5 lakh Taka belongs to Girls High School)	9250/18	Feb 8, 2018	26220 (13110 Taka belongs to Girls High School)
2	2 Lakh Taka	662/16	March 9, 2016	5244
3	2 Lakh Taka	4131/17	January 8, 2017	5244
4	3 Lakh Taka (1 lakh Taka belongs to Boys High School)	12402/18	Sept 20, 2018	2622 x 3 = 7866 (2622 Taka belongs to Boys High School)

The proceeds earned from these eleven-lakh taka Sonchoy Potro's, which would amount to around 1 (One) lakh 15 (fifteen) thousand taka per year under current economic conditions, are planned to be given equally to the poor and meritorious students of Kotchandpur girls' high school. The girls' high school committee would determine the number of students to receive the scholarship awards each year. The specific students to receive the scholarship awards can change from year to year and would be determined by the girls' high school committee.



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The following Sonchoy Potro coupons were cashed from the four Sonchoy Potro's this year (2019):

Sonchoy Potro 1	4 Coupons	13110 Taka each coupon	52440 Taka
Sonchoy Potro 2	4 Coupons	5244 Taka each coupon	20976 Taka
Sonchoy Potro 3	4 Coupons	5244 Taka each coupon	20976 Taka
Sonchoy Potro 4	2 Coupons	5244 Taka each coupon	10488 Taka
Total Money for Distribution			104880 Taka

This year (2019) scholarship was not given to individual students. Instead, at the request of the girls' high school committee, the entire 1 (one) lakh 4 (four) thousand taka was utilized to buy rod, cement and sand for constructing the 2nd floor roof of one of the girls' high school buildings. Another 16/17 (sixteen/seventeen) lakh taka has so far been spent by the girls' high school authority towards the same building construction project.