



PROTIGGYA PARISHAD
A School for Life

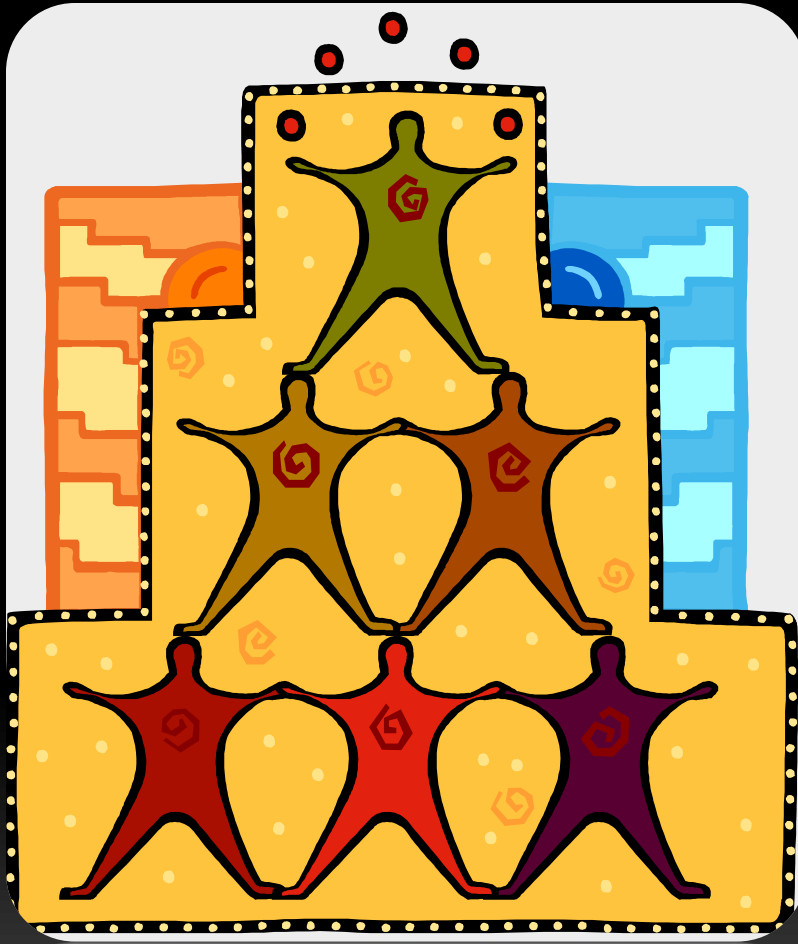
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- > densely populated country
- > millions are living below the poverty line
- > where democracy is non-existent in the name of democracy
- > where corruption has gone beyond imaginable proportion
- > where education has been always top-down
- > where every institution is politicalized
- > Where extra-judicial killings have become normal
- > predominantly a Muslim country



Hierarchical
Society

People in Power are
isolated from the
general people;
**Weak civil
society**





Highest gap between rich and poor;
health, education, living condition, all are
segregated



Seven completely different types of education system; classified with classes
A student's monthly tuition > One family's yearly income

In 1988, some responsible citizens of Comilla Sadar South Upazila established a school named

PROTIGGYA PARISHAD

to create positive changes in rural Bangladesh

With a commitment and vision to build a democratic civil society in Bijoypur Union of Comilla

The school have targeted a specific group of people –

Underprivileged youths and women of the marginalized farmers families living in poverty



To

Make their body and mind free from mental poverty



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Yoga



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Yoga
and
Meditation



To

Give them the first introduction to the letters and numbers



Female adult literacy class

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Male
adult literacy
class



To

Make them skill-full so that they can come out of economic poverty



Block printing
class

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Sewing and embroidery class





To

Make them aware on social issues, their rights and obligation to the state and the world



General
classes

To

Make them sing and dance and make dramas



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Drama class

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Drama class

To

Bring back the enjoyment of learning



We use
participatory
method of
teaching

To

Make them socially responsible future citizen



Working as
volunteers on
National Polio
Vaccination
Programme

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On a cycle rally to raise people's awareness

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Standing-up against poverty

Staging drama for social advocacy



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Staging drama

To

Build their aptitude on 'searching together'



Students are out on field trip

To

Make them courageous
to be able to choose for
themselves

First girl to ride
bicycle in the area



We

Provide agricultural support to our members



Vaccination of cows and poultry

We

Provide free plants to our students to make them active on environment



Then

We build five COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (CLDCs) at the remote areas of Bijoypur Union



At CLDC

We have pre-primaries-



At CLDC

We have classes for children of 8-12 years called *Khelaghar* (Play Station)



At CLDC

We have dialogue program for adolescents of 12-18 years called *Shanglap* (Dialogue) ...



Gonokendras

We have helped to build 25 self-help women groups -



At CLDC

we have regular meetings with village elites-



*The highest **education** is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.*

- Tagore



THANK YOU