PROTIGGYA PARISHAD
A School for Life
BANGLADESH

- 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
Yoga and Meditation
To

Give them the first introduction to the letters and numbers

Female adult literacy class
Male adult literacy class
To

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

Block printing class
Sewing and embroidery class
Electric 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
Drama class
Drama class
To bring back the enjoyment of learning, we use a participatory method of teaching.
To

Make them socially responsible future citizen

Working as volunteers on National Polio Vaccination Programme
On a cycle rally to raise people’s awareness
Standing-up against poverty
Staging drama for social advocacy
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