

Laizu's dream comes true

Laizu 15; a member of girls club "Shopno Chura" from 9 no Ward, Lalmohon; reads in class 10 in commerce in Abdur Rob High School. When she was only 2 her right hand was curved by gas cylinder burn. She became individual from others. She has a confident to fulfill her dreams



by other hand. She has got stipend tk 15000 from UNICEF's Child Protection Fund as

she is confident to her dream. She has got a sewing machine with this money. Now she is seeing her dreams with the sewing machine.

Laizu said, she had lived with her family when she was only 2. She was burnt and injured her right hand & some part of her face. Her father tried hard & soul for her cure but she was not enough fortunate. There was not enough money to modern treatment as her family was not financially capable. Finally her father left the hope to return her previous condition. After that her family left the Dhaka City to Lalmohon, Bhola. There are two elder brothers and three younger sisters in her family.

Now her elder brothers live in Dhaka and don't taking care about the family, so here her father is the only earning man in the family. She has been supporting the family by her income. Now she has been sewing in Lalmohon Bazar. The family runs by herself & her father's little income and as a house wife her mother keeps safe of their three sisters.

Laizu informed that she felt unwell at the very beginning of her starting but she didn't make herself burdened by the problems of her father. So she started doing all the work with the left hand. Now she writes & draws with her

left hand. She also informed that she had become the member of girls club Shopno Chura in 2017 by her friend Asia and got tk 15000 as "Child Protection Scholarship". With this money she bought a sewing machine. She has got training on sewing. She has been starting a tailor since 2017. The money earned from this store is cost of her reading excluding family expenses. Laizu wants to become a Govt. employee. She wants to prove that girls are not burdened of a family. She wants to lead the society to free from child marriage. She makes consciousness about child marriage among the under 18 girls and informs them about harmful & destructive of child marriage. She believes that child marriage is an obstacle to implement a girls dream.

Laizu & her parents are thankful to the IECM, COAST Trust for selecting her as a steepened. Her parent said "Laizu is our eldest sibling. Because of her burning in child age, we were very worried about her future". She has been running the education cost as well as co-helper of the family. Her parents want her bright future. Fahima Begum, the AETMO, IECM informed that she was happy standing beside a struggling girl like Laizu. Being a role model for adolescent girl Laizu makes conscious the girls club members about child protection.

School based educative session

School debate is an intellectual one. Argument is not just for the logic. It is not a quarrel. We should take the extract of argument. Because, logic conveys a person to the temple of salvation. Among the three type of person in the world, only the successful person lives at the temple of salvation, who agree with the argument and lead their lives according to it.

In such a local area like Char Fasion, students have no idea about it. In September, 2018 IECM



as organized 17 school debates in different



schools in the Char Fasion. Here 102 rivals have participated & more than 3000 pupils have enjoyed the competition. It

would be informed before to the school what would be the subject of debate. There had more than 15 topics as debate subjects. Most of the schools had selected their topics “only education can reduce child marriage”. Debaters had agreed about the topics though they could not deny the fact issues like social security, eve teasing, poverty, handsome bridegroom & so on. All students have idea about the child marriage fact it is really a successful one for IECM.

Child protection stipend has been distributed among the vulnerable child

Child protection stipend (BDT 15000) has been Distributed among the handicaps and vulnerable girls who lives at the child marriage risk. This is an outstanding work for COAST Trust & UNICEF.

There are 100 recipients in Bhola Sadar, Lalmohon



& Charfassion. In Bhola Sadar the program was organized at DC Office auditorium where chief guest was DC Bhola. It was known from

the program that the recipients will use the money to make them self-reliant. They have the personal plan with this money. Some of them want to buy sewing machine with this money & want to support their family income & specially support their study expenditure. Remaining of them want to rear keeping chickens, goat & cow and in this regard their plan is to same.

Sports & cultural competitions for adolescent

In September '18, IECM project has organized 19 games competition at different schools & open field in Char Fasion.

The participants of the



competition are boys/girls from different IECM's clubs & students from local school/madrasha. There are 9 events in every competition. There have 1750 rivals & more than 4000 bystanders.

In the past, these outdoor games were much neglected. The guardians did not encourage them. They wrongly thought that these games would divert the minds of young learners from their studies. They also feared that the young boys might fall into bad company and get spoiled. However, there has been a change in attitude towards outdoor games. Parents and guardians have fully realized that boys lose their physical and mental health without outdoor games.

The activities of the month of September 2018:

Name of Activities	Target	Achievement
sports, annual cultural and sport competitions for adolescents	7	7
Courtyard Meeting	127	127
IPT Show	18	18
CBCPC Meeting	122	122
WASH facilities renovation	3	3
Distribution of 100 adolescent stipends	100	100
ToT (Creating connection)	1	1
Monthly Meeting	1	1

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