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Social Accountability is a matter of great responsibility. Every being on this planet is born with an innate sense of responsibility. We human beings may not always be able to carry out our social responsibilities as a group or an institution, but individually, we fulfill our social duties to some extent, be it consciously or subconsciously. Some take notes of these contributions; some do not.

Our journey began the same way. "Something must be done for the nation as well as the society"—we sporadically started some of our works with this mentality. We had a typical start. We organized initiatives such as sponsoring talented yet poverty-stricken students, assisting disadvantaged populations, aiding the poor, arranging medical services, helping economically weaker fathers marry off their daughters, distributing winter clothing, arranging feeding programs for distressed people, and many others.

At one stage, we felt that it was necessary to move forward institutionally by setting specific goals instead of doing things sporadically. With this notion in mind, the chairman of the group, Eng. Sardar Md. Shaheen, established the SIMEC Foundation, as part of the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) of SIMEC Group. His initiative is to make the underprivileged people fit to survive the changing society.

Since then, SIMEC Foundation has been regularly conducting various public welfare activities, including public awareness programs with various social and educational institutions, developmental organizations, and prominent individuals to contribute to the development of our nation.

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- **Abul Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center**
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Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship

The 'Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship' is named after the late Abdul Majid Sardar and the late Sahiya Begum, parents of the Chairman of SIMEC Group, eminent social worker and established businessman, Eng. Sardar Md Shaheen. It is a completely non-profit, non-political educational project. The main objective of this project is to contribute to the overall development of the education sector in Bangladesh.

Abdul Majid Sardar was a devoted social worker. He dedicated himself to various social service activities in his personal and professional life. Both of his parents were committed social workers.

Their dream was to facilitate the education of poor and talented students in the country. With the aim of realizing their dream, their youngest son Eng. Sardar Md Shaheen has been personally managing this program since 1998. SIMEC Foundation started its journey in the beginning of the year 2000. In that same year, SIMEC Incorporation was established. SIMEC Group was not yet established. SIMEC Incorporation has only started to take small steps as a software house. Since the inception of the SIMEC Foundation, SIMEC Incorporation has provided overall financial support to institutionally manage the timely and important philanthropic activities of the Foundation. Later, SIMEC Foundation was established as an organization of SIMEC Group. Since then, "Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship" became known as a project of SIMEC Foundation. This program has been striving to provide quality education to Bangladesh's rural communities. One of the primary objectives of this project is to create a modern Bangladesh with educated citizens by enlightening the underprivileged rural areas.





Abul Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center

We are all familiar with the phrase 'Digital Bangladesh,' which is quite an important phrase. This phrase is known to all in Bangladesh. In the early days, people laughed at this phrase, but not anymore. Now, 'Digital Bangladesh' is a source of great pride for us. In the beginning, people did not understand the magnitude of the word. It is now easy to estimate the impact this program will have in building a developed Bangladesh. People from cities to villages are now enjoying its benefits.

However, the full realization of this program requires a skilled workforce proficient in the use of computers. Computer education should now be compulsory for all, but it is not possible for all the people of Bangladesh to bear the cost of this expensive education.

SIMEC Foundation has endeavored to educate the rural population in computer education. With the aim of providing computer training to the poor but interested people, "Abul Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center," named after the late Abul Kalam Mandal, was established where students can receive free short and long-term training and employment opportunities. The program is conducted under the overall supervision of a highly educated volunteer with a Master's in Computer Engineering. It is our sincere hope that we can play a role in building a Smart Bangladesh.



Afsana Khanom Sewing Training Center

SIMEC Foundation's mission is to bring smiles to the faces of people in rural areas. Helping someone be self-reliant is nobler than giving them money. If one person in the family is self-sufficient, the whole family is self-sufficient; a country becomes self-reliant when all its regions are self-reliant. Hands-on training is the key to the socio-economic development of women. With that motivation, this training program has been created by the SIMEC Foundation.

SIMEC Foundation has been working steadily since 1998 to ensure the welfare of the country and society. The foundation believes that a country cannot be self-sufficient by leaving women behind. SIMEC Foundation will continue to work tirelessly for the development of women. The 'Afsana Khanom Sewing Training Center' will play an important role in bringing social change by creating employment for women. Skilled women will be able to reduce the poverty of their families to some extent.

Not only the poor, widows, landless, destitute, or freedom fighter family members are covered under this program; hand sewing training is being provided free of charge to women from all walks of life. We believe that all students will be able to arrange self-employment in this four-month training. As trained students can establish themselves in society through their skills and efforts, this program can be considered a necessary initiative in the context of our country. The efforts and success of the trainers and trainees will act as the main driving forces for the progress of "Afsana Khanom Sewing Training Center".





Shonim Shaheen Community Clinic

Shin-Shin Japan Hospital is one of the most notable organizations of the SIMEC Group. Expert doctors and engineers from Japan and Bangladesh have put great effort into establishing this hospital that maintains modern standards and has the latest technology. Japan-Bangladesh joint venture "Shin-Shin Japan Hospital" has been designed as a model hospital with the aim of providing world-class medical services in Bangladesh using Japanese technology and services.

The hospital is run under the supervision of experienced and expert doctors. Apart from general patients, special ultrasonography of expectant mothers, maternal and child health services, adolescence-related health issues of girls, and various treatments for pre-marital and post-marital issues are provided here for underprivileged patients in rural areas free of charge. SIMEC Foundation always strives to provide free essential weekly treatment and counseling under 'Shonim Shaheen Community Clinic'.

Blood Donation Program

May one's blood save another's life, and may blood tie souls. SIMEC Foundation, an organization committed to human service, has taken the initiative to save the lives of severely sick patients through a voluntary blood donation program. A bag of blood from a voluntary blood donor can save the life of a dying patient, and the donor faces no risk. The employees of the foundation are working to encourage healthy people aged 18 to 60 years to donate blood and create awareness. Studies have proven that regular blood donation reduces the risk of heart disease, heart attack, cancer, and other complex diseases. It can increase immunity as well. Therefore, the community clinic project workers are determined to stand by the destitute people by creating awareness among people across the country and creating a list of voluntary blood donors.





Maulana Ibrahim Center for Religious Learning for the Elderly

Every Muslim must receive religious teachings to acquire an unconditional faith in Islam. It is the duty of every Muslim to receive religious education and put faith in some of the spiritual aspects of Islam. Thus, realizing its importance, the SIMEC Foundation established the "Maulana Ibrahim Center for Religious Learning for the Elders" to spread religious education in society. Many elderly people in rural areas could not receive religious education due to the lack of time or busyness. One of the objectives of the "Maulana Ibrahim Center for Religious Learning for the Elders" is to provide them with religious or Islamic education. The elderly people are taught Surahs, Qur'anic lessons, Hadith lessons, etc., by trained Maulanas. Through the Maulana Ibrahim Religious Education Center, the elderly in rural areas can play a significant role in social development by receiving Ilam education or religious education. The elderly will be free of boredom, worries, and loneliness by spending time in this educational center. This religious education center will be able to prevent people from being associated with various negative aspects of society, such as gossiping. Overall, Maulana Ibrahim Center for Religious Learning for the Elders will play a leading role in building an enlightened society by teaching the morals of Islam to the elderly. Like all the other initiatives of SIMEC Foundation, this religious education center for the elderly will be completely free and run for the development of society.





Nagendra Chandra Library

One of the many public welfare programs of SIMEC Foundation is the establishment of libraries to disseminate knowledge to the general public. For this purpose, Nagendra Chandra Library was established.

Nagendra Chandra Library has books of different genres and languages for people of all ages, from children to young adults to the elderly. The development of our human resources is essential to achieve the overall betterment of our nation. Libraries nurture a nation's intellect and preserve its history, heritage, and culture.

By reading books at a library, human morals and mentality can be improved. SIMEC Foundation has presented a unique example to society by establishing a library. Knowledge is enhanced through libraries. The role of the library in building an enlightened society by freeing it from darkness and superstition is undeniable. The youth of our society can gain social education by reading books. Books and libraries fulfill our needs for learning, seeking knowledge, and gaining knowledge while providing food for the mind and accompanying lonesome people. SIMEC Foundation's Nagendra Chandra Library will enrich the minds of our future generation.

SIMEC Polli Sporting Club

The SIMEC Polli Sporting Club commenced with the motto of upholding unity, discipline, humanity, and peace. Bangladesh is advancing at a rapid pace with the spirit of our vibrant youth. SIMEC Polli Sporting Club is going to start its journey to accompany this progress. The club was established under the patronage of the SIMEC Foundation in order to prepare youths for the struggles of life. SIMEC Polli Sporting Club will play a vital role in engaging the young generation with social work through various competitive activities, including sports.





Public Awareness Program

We have been an unfortunate nation since the start. As a nation, we are disadvantaged and economically backward. The biggest reason for this is that social education has not been promoted in our country. The quality of academic education has been or is being modernized in a satisfactory manner, but the establishment of social education is still a matter of time.

Acquiring social knowledge is very important. In order to be socialized and live in harmony with a healthy body and a healthy mind, it is necessary to be educated in social education. Everyone should be aware of their human rights, as well as be careful not to violate the rights of others.

The National Curriculum of Bangladesh does not cover social education. As a result, the nation is always deprived of acquiring social knowledge. Therefore, as a part of the social movement, SIMEC Foundation has undertaken various programs of public awareness programs to provide social education to people. As a part of the program, the organization's own publication, "Weekly SIMEC," is being distributed regularly free of cost to people from all walks of life.

We are accelerating this social movement by involving all sorts of people in organizing regular National Day celebrations, rallies, discussions, meetings, seminars, training programs, counseling, public motivation programs, and cleanliness campaigns in educational institutions.

SIMEC Polli for Women Empowerment

Women's empowerment is a long process that uses various socio-economic strategies to give dignity to women in every sphere of life, by acknowledging including their outstanding and effective roles in family and society. Through the Sahiya Majeed Scholarship Project, SIMEC Foundation provides scholarships to poor and meritorious girls to prevent them from dropping out so that they can become educated and aware of child marriage. 'Shonim Shaheen Community Clinic' has been established to develop proper awareness about their health, especially menstrual and reproductive health. Recently, necessary plans have been adopted to work on midwifery training and caregiving in this clinic, which will have a far-reaching role for women's wellbeing. The SIMEC Foundation launched a project named "SIMEC Polli for Women Empowerment" to understand the current skills and needs of women and involve them in sustainable economic activities. Under this project, SIMEC foundation will form a self-help group (SHG) to provide training to women in tourism-related activities so that they can become financially and culturally empowered.





Weekly SIMEC

As a public awareness program, "Weekly SIMEC" is playing an outstanding role. The weekly publishes news of our progress and development. Furthermore, this newspaper is provided to people every month for free. One of the special features of "Weekly SIMEC" is that every page is packed with positive news and success stories, unlike mainstream newspapers, which often report excessive amounts of negative incidents. The paper showcases the progress and success stories of our country, which can bring joy to people. They can shed their disappointment and be inspired to do something productive.

Moreover, in addition to national and international news, this newspaper has an editorial section that exhibits our meaningful incidents and realities. Maybe that's why regular readers of "Weekly SIMEC" are fond of this editorial.

SIMEC Foundation endeavors to change society through social education. Providing social education is the mission and vision of Weekly SIMEC.

Cleanliness Campaign

The Cleanliness Campaign is one of the most important awareness programs of the SIMEC Foundation. The primary goal of this campaign is to make the people of a particular town aware of cleanliness and to make them accustomed to participating in cleaning so that one day they themselves can keep their houses, yards, and town clean all the time and build a neat and clean community. Creating an awareness about cleanliness is of utmost importance. We often go to various educational institutions and embark on a day-long cleanliness drive to clean the premises of each educational institution. Therefore, let's all be clean together, keep the society clean, and build a neat and clean inhabitation.



Food Distribution Program

Due to natural disasters, epidemics, and various global economic problems, Bangladesh has been under severe economic pressure in recent years. Sometimes, the prices of daily necessities increase sharply, or there is a shortage of essential goods. In such situations, the middle class and low-income people are the worst affected. SIMEC Foundation aids the people who face problems during national crisis with cash, cooked food, and food ingredients.

Every year, the SIMEC Foundation organizes a food distribution program to help the poor and underprivileged people in society. By delivering food to the homes of middle-class and low-income people, the SIMEC Foundation has become a shining example of humanity. It establishes a sense of brotherhood among the people of the society, and the relationship between the rich and the poor in the society is strengthened. SIMEC Foundation has been working for a long time to develop a humanitarian spirit among the people of our nation by supporting the underprivileged people.



Winter Cloth Distribution Program

The lack of winter clothing for low-income people in winter is a national problem. In cities as well as in rural areas, many people suffer a lot due to the lack of winter clothes during winter days. Many people cannot afford to buy new winter clothes to protect them from the cold. As a result, it becomes difficult for people to survive in winter if the temperature decreases even a little. A lot of people suffer in such situations. SIMEC Foundation considered the perils of the poor and low-income people and took the initiative of distributing winter clothes to disadvantaged people. Through this program, the poor people of the society are benefiting.

This initiative of SIMEC Foundation is inspiring for people of the society. By taking lessons from this program, an educated society can help the destitute people.





“AFTERWORD”

I always cherish a belief in my mind that I was born in this world for once. Similarly, death will come only once. After death, I will never get this life back. There is no way to return to this beautiful world. Therefore, one must do good in his/her lifetime.

I was born in a rural area and spent my childhood and adolescence there. Like me, most of the people of Bangladesh have spent their lives in rural regions. We are all indebted to the soil and people of Bengal. People of this earth will go back to earth after death. In a small effort to repay that debt to the soil before taking refuge in it forever, this journey of "SIMEC Foundation" has been an effort to dedicate myself to the welfare of people of the village of my childhood and youth.

Our villages represent the Mother Bengal. If we want to develop Bangladesh, we have to strengthen rural Bengal. If Bangladesh is to be developed, Bengalis need to be educated in modern education. During my international travels, I realized that the people of my village are deprived of modern education and medical services. If all these people can be educated in social education, if they can be given modern medical services, one day they will enrich their own villages together.

I have been cherishing the dream of such a prosperous Bengal for many years. Wherever I am in this vast world, no matter how far I am from Bangladesh, I always dream of such a future. This could be just a dream, but this dream motivates me to serve the country all the time.

I don't know how much I can serve the country in one lifetime. I don't know if I will ever see that enriched village. However, this does not make me anxious as I have already begun the initiatives that will one day fulfill my vision.

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