

*Improve the possibilities...*



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Responsibility towards society is a profound obligation that we all share. Every living being is born with an instinctive sense of responsibility, and as the most advanced species, humans naturally contribute to society, even if we don't always do it in a formal way. Many of us fulfill social duties in small, unnoticed ways, often without even realizing it.

Our journey began with a sincere desire to do something positive for the underprivileged people and we set our mind in, "we need to do something for our country and society." Driven by this mindset, we started with small, sporadic acts of social service—scholarships for underprivileged students, aid for the poor, medical help, helping poor fathers to marry off their daughters, winter clothes distribution, and arranging community meals which is known as Kangali Bhoj.

At one stage, it was felt that it is necessary to move forward institutionally by setting goals instead of doing things sporadically. From that thought, Chairman of the group Eng. Sardar Md. Shaheen founded the SIMEC Foundation with the help of the SIMEC Group. His initiative aims to empower underprivileged individuals, equipping them with the skills and resources needed to survive in the battle of life with the changing society.

To contribute to societal and national development, the SIMEC Foundation has been providing a range of rural services for many years, overseen and managed by its dedicated staff. All initiatives are funded entirely by the founder of the SIMEC Foundation. Since its inception, the foundation has been committed to driving socio-economic development and pursuing innovative projects, consistently working towards a positive impact on the community.

The primary goal of the SIMEC Foundation is to develop human resources by offering social education and awareness programs. It aims to empower marginalized groups, turning them into a key driving force for the country's development, ensuring they have equal access to social, economic, technical, and administrative services across all aspects of life.

One of the community development methods of SIMEC Foundation is to educate people in social education. The foundation believes that a person cannot be responsible towards family, society and the state without becoming a 'social man'. Even, may not contribute to any welfare of the society.

The ideal place for receiving 'social education' is within educational institutions, where everyone is taught the same values, curriculum, and life practices. As a philosophy rooted in individual initiative, SIMEC strives to empower communities within specific townships to achieve socio-economic development. This empowerment can be replicated across the state, benefiting any township. Moreover, the integration and importance of social education in the current curriculum play a crucial role in shaping responsible, socially conscious individuals, which in turn benefits the state by fostering a more engaged and cohesive society.

## Ongoing Activities-

- **Education and Research**
- **Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship**
- **Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center**
- **Maulana Ibrahim Senior Religious Education Center**
- **Afsana Khanom Sewing Training Center**
- **Shonim Shaheen Community Clinic**
- **Nagendra Chondo Library**
- **SIMEC Polli Sporting Club**
- **Public Awareness Programs**





## Education and Research

One of the key objectives of the SIMEC Foundation is to conduct grassroots research on social education and share the findings with society and the state through pilot projects. For over two decades, the foundation has also been providing scholarships to underprivileged yet talented students, promoting education within marginalized communities. The SIMEC Foundation's "Vocational Institute" and "Institute of Technology" offer educational programs, with the latter's "Research Center" collaborating on science and social science research both locally and internationally. SIMEC Foundation believes that the innovations emerging from this research center will cultivate strategic partnerships with educational institutions and government agencies, paving the way for transformative improvements in the education sector.

## Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship

The 'Sahiya-Majid Scholarship' is named after the late Abdul Majid Sardar and mother late Sahiya Begum, Chairman of SIMEC Group, eminent philanthropist and established businessman Engr. Sardar Md. Shaheen. It is a completely non-profit, non-political service-learning project.

Engr. Sardar Md. Shaheen has been personally conducting the Sahiya Majeed Education Scholarship Program since 1998 to promote the education of the poor and talented. SIMEC Foundation was established in the beginning of 2000. At the same time of the year, SIMEC in Corporation was established. Since the inception of the SIMEC Foundation, SIMEC in Corporation has provided overall financial support to institutionalize all its activities as a timely and very important service project. Later, SIMEC Foundation was established as a subsidiary organization of Simec Group. Since then "Sahiya-Majid Education Scholarship" came to be known as a project of SIMEC Foundation.

This program is playing a small but significant role in providing modern education to the Bangladeshi underprivileged people. One of the main objectives of this project is to create a modern country with educated rural people.





## Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center

"Digital Bangladesh" is now a national pride, transforming lives across cities and villages. To unlock its full potential, a skilled, computer-literate workforce is essential.

SIMEC Foundation has taken steps to provide computer education to deprived communities. The "Kalam Mandal Computer Training Center," named after the late Kalam Mandal, offers free short- and long-term training to underprivileged yet motivated students, along with employment opportunities. The program is overseen by a dedicated volunteer with a Master's in Computer Engineering. Through this initiative, students gain valuable digital skills that open up new avenues for education and employment, helping to break the cycle of poverty. By empowering the youth with technology, SIMEC Foundation is playing a vital role in creating a more inclusive and prosperous future for all.

## Maulana Ibrahim Senior Religious Education Center

Religious education is vital for every Muslim, fostering a deeper, unconditional faith in Islam. Recognizing its importance, the SIMEC Foundation established the "Maulana Ibrahim Senior Religious Education Center" to provide Islamic education to senior citizens, especially in rural areas where many missed this opportunity earlier in life due to busy schedules.

At the center, trained Maulanas teach Surahs, Qur'anic lessons, and Hadith to the elderly, helping them gain valuable knowledge. Beyond education, the center offers a space for seniors to engage positively, reducing feelings of boredom, loneliness, and gossip. Through this initiative, the elderly can contribute to social development and play a role in building an enlightened, morally guided community.





## 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.

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.

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 tie souls together." SIMEC Foundation, dedicated to human service, has launched a voluntary blood donation program to help save critically ill patients, as one bag of blood can be life-saving without posing any risk to the donor.

Studies show that regular blood donation lowers the risk of heart disease, heart attacks, cancer, and other illnesses while boosting immunity. Community clinic workers aim to support the needy by raising awareness nationwide and building a voluntary blood donor list.





## Nagendra Chondo 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 Chondo Library was established.

Nagendra Chondo 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.

Reading books at a library can improve human morals and mindset. SIMEC Foundation has set an example by establishing the Nagendra Chondo Library, which aims to enhance knowledge and provide social education for the youth. Libraries not only fulfill our need for learning but also nourish the mind and offer comfort to the lonely, enriching the 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

Social knowledge is vital for living harmoniously with a healthy body and mind. While understanding our own rights, we must also respect others' rights to create a balanced, respectful, and well-educated society.

SIMEC Foundation has initiated several impactful programs. One of these initiatives includes the regular, complementary distribution of the organization's own publication, "Weekly SIMEC," to individuals from all walks of life

We are driving this social movement forward through a range of impactful activities, including National Day celebrations, rallies, discussion forums, seminars, training sessions, counseling, public awareness campaigns, and cleanliness drives in educational institutions- all involving participants from diverse backgrounds.

## SIMEC Polli for Women Empowerment

Empowering women requires socio-economic initiatives that recognize their vital roles in family and society. Through the Sahiya Majeed Scholarship Project, SIMEC Foundation supports poor and talented girls with scholarships to prevent school dropouts and raise awareness against child marriage. Additionally, the "Shonim Shaheen Community Clinic" focuses on women's health, especially menstrual and reproductive care, and plans to offer midwifery and caregiving training for enhanced wellbeing.

The "SIMEC Polli for Women Empowerment" project aims to assess the skills and needs of women, engaging them in sustainable economic activities. By forming self-help groups (SHGs), the project provides training in tourism-related fields, enabling women to gain financial independence and cultural empowerment.

The initiative also focuses on preserving local traditions and crafts, creating opportunities for women to showcase their skills to a broader audience. By promoting inclusive growth, SIMEC Polli for Women Empowerment envisions a supportive community where women can thrive as leaders and entrepreneurs.





## Weekly SIMEC

"Weekly SIMEC" plays a key role in raising public awareness, publishing news of progress and development, and offering free monthly issues. Unlike mainstream papers filled with negative news, "Weekly SIMEC" features positive stories and successes, inspiring readers to find joy and motivation for productive actions.

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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