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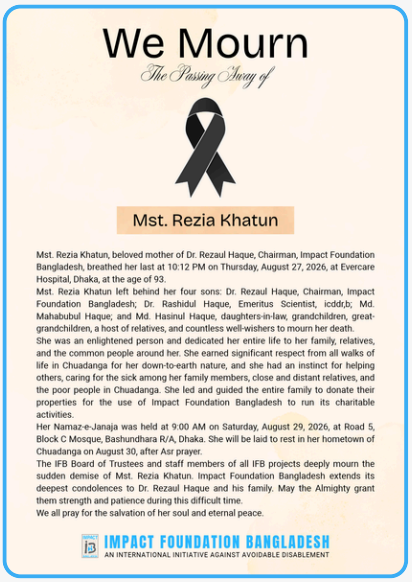


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The Sad Demise of Mst. Rezia Khatun

On 27th August, 2026, Mst. Rezia Khatun, mother of IFB's Chairman and Founder Trustee, Rezaul Haque, passed away at the age of 93. She played a significant role in the early days of IFB's Chuadanga programme, donating her home to Impact Foundation Bangladesh in 2002. This was a significant milestone in establishing the Impact Masudul Haque Community Health Centre. With the establishment of the Masudul Haque Community Health Centre, IFB began providing hospital-based services to the local people.

IFB paid tribute to the late Mrs. Rezia Khatun. Her family has decided to sponsor free cataract surgery for 15 poor women every year at the Chuadanga programme in her memory.


We Mourn

The Passing Away of

Mst. Rezia Khatun

Mst. Rezia Khatun, beloved mother of Dr. Rezaul Haque, Chairman, Impact Foundation Bangladesh, breathed her last at 10:12 PM on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Evercare Hospital, Dhaka, at the age of 93.

Mst. Rezia Khatun left behind her four sons: Dr. Rezaul Haque, Chairman, Impact Foundation Bangladesh; Dr. Rashidul Haque, Emeritus Scientist, icddr,b; Md. Mahabubul Haque; and Md. Hasinul Haque, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a host of relatives, and countless well-wishers to mourn her death.

She was an enlightened person and dedicated her entire life to her family, relatives, and the common people around her. She earned significant respect from all walks of life in Chuadanga for her down-to-earth nature, and she had an instinct for helping others, caring for the sick among her family members, close and distant relatives, and the poor people in Chuadanga. She led and guided the entire family to donate their properties for the use of Impact Foundation Bangladesh to run its charitable activities.

Her Namaz-e-Janaja was held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Road 5, Block C Mosque, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka. She will be laid to rest in her hometown of Chuadanga on August 30, after Asr prayer.

The IFB Board of Trustees and staff members of all IFB projects deeply mourn the sudden demise of Mst. Rezia Khatun. Impact Foundation Bangladesh extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Rezaul Haque and his family. May the Almighty grant them strength and patience during this difficult time.

We all pray for the salvation of her soul and eternal peace.

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AN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE AGAINST AVOIDABLE DISABLEMENT

Jibon Tari Floating Hospital

The Jibon Tari Floating Hospital moved to a new location on September 4, 2026. It is anchored in the Pouroghat area of Kanchan town in Rupganj sub-district of Narayanganj district, on the Shitolokkha River. Jibon Tari resumed activities at the new location in the first week of September. So far, IFB has seen a significant influx of patients at the hospital.



IFB welcomed Shakhawat Hossain as the new Administrator of the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital on 8th September, 2026, in a simple ceremony at the floating hospital. Mr. Shakhawat has over 17 years of professional experience in the field of project and public health programme management. He served in various roles and responsibilities at the iccdr,b from 2007. Mr. Shakhawat holds a post-graduate degree in Public Health.



The ex-Administrator, Mr. Shahidul Islam, left Jibon Tari to join an eye hospital in Dhaka. IFB acknowledges his contribution from 1st February 2025 to 15th September 2026.

With the financial support from BACHAO, Impact Foundation Bangladesh is going to launch a mobile medical van in January 2027, built on a new Toyota 32-Seater Coaster that will reach the underserved communities along the rivers, far away from the Jibon Tari Floating Hospital. The name and logos have been imprinted on the medical van, and necessary medical equipment has been installed.



Impact Chuadanga Programme

IFB procured a new Infra-Red Radiation (IRR) machine to treat physiotherapy patients at Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre (SJWADC). The new equipment will strengthen physiotherapy care for alleviating pains by improving local blood circulation, which will give comfort to the patient during rehabilitation. This will ensure patient-centred physiotherapy for improving mobility and quality of life.

The Chuadanga programme distributed poultry (chickens and geese) and established 6 home gardens for Mothers' Club (MC) members with support from Rosie Wiltshire, Trustee, IMPACT Foundation UK and her husband, Philip. The chickens and geese were distributed to needy and marginalised people. These initiatives empower rural women and support their families by improving food security, nutrition, and additional family income. IFB's Meherpur Programme also distributed Chickens and geese under the support.

Three teams from the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, Chuadanga, visited the Vision Eye Hospital and Bangladesh Specialised Hospital in Dhaka to observe and learn best practices in providing quality patient care. The trainees comprised hospital administrators, nurses, managers, receptionists, and counsellors – people responsible for the day-to-day running and patient care at the hospital.

IFB inaugurated an Agro-farm project on its own land at Porapara, Chuadanga. This initiates IFB's step towards generating income to support and sustain ongoing health care programmes. The farm will produce different types of fruits and vegetables, suitable for the local climate and as suggested by the government agriculture extension workers in the area. IFB will sell the produce in the local market for income generation. The Damurhuda Upazila (sub-district) office has been relocated to a new building on this farmland.







Impact Meherpur Programme

Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) has launched the Caregiver Training Programme for Elderly Persons, a project of the newly established *Impact Skill Development Centre (ISDC)* in Meherpur. The three-month, hands-on training programme aims to equip aspiring caregivers with the practical knowledge and skills required to pursue a career in home care for elderly persons. With approval from the Government of Bangladesh's National Skills Development Authority (NSDA), ISDC has commenced training for its first batch of 15 students, marking an important step towards developing skilled caregivers and strengthening elderly care services in Bangladesh.



Impact Nursing Institute

Twenty-seven INI students from the 9th batch received their licenses after qualifying the comprehensive examination conducted by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC). At present, INI conducts classes for 146 students in a residential facility at the Jibon Mela Academy. 170 INI graduates are providing nursing care at public and private hospitals across Bangladesh.



Proshanti Programme

Ms. Anubha Rawat, Projects Director at the DAK International Network (DIN), visited Bangladesh to observe IFB's Proshanti programme in September. During her visit, she met with some of the IFB-trained Gynaecologists working under the PROSHANTI programme. The Proshanti programme has been working in 16 districts across Bangladesh with financial and technical support from DAK international Network/ PFE Australia. She also had a meeting with IFB's Chairman, Dr. Rezaul Haque, during the visit.



Leprosy Project

Impact Foundation Bangladesh attended the Annual Partners' Meeting in Kuakata this August, where partners working with financial support from The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMI, B) shared their achievements, challenges faced and the way forward to better project outcomes in the upcoming year. IFB has identified and registered 36 leprosy patients in Chuadanga district this year.



The Story of Hussain

Nine-year-old Hussain from Jibannagar Upazila (sub-district), Chuadanga District, was born to Rimi Khatun and Abed Ali. Little Hussain goes to school regularly and enjoys extracurricular activities.



Hussain was living a happy and merry life until one day his mother noticed some white patches on his skin. Though he did not pay much attention at the beginning, Hussain's attention was grabbed as the patches grew in size and number.

A tense Hussain talked to his parents about seeking medical help. His mother took him to the Jibannagar Upazila Health Complex (UHC), where little Hussain was prescribed medicines for a common skin disease and was advised to use them regularly. He followed the prescription but observed no improvement. This made him anxious. Stating Hussain, "I felt helpless, and thought my condition would never improve. Though there were no other associated physical changes, the patches were spreading. I did not know any answer to my condition, and thought I had to live the rest of my life with the spots."



It was when Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB)'s Field Organiser (FO) visited Hussain as part of regular patient screening that his patches caught the eye of the Field Organiser. After a careful examination, Hussain was provided a date for a screening of his patches by a Medical doctor.

On the day of the screening, Hussain arrived on time with his mother. After the examination, he was diagnosed as a leprosy patient. Hussain was also prescribed a Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT).

Following the prescription, Hussain began his treatment course. Today, Hussain is happy. He has completed the treatment course. He shared, "I am lucky that I met with IFB's FO. I had no idea that I had been suffering from leprosy. If I had delayed further to seek treatment, I would have suffered more. Today, my patches have vanished. The six-month treatment regimen has cured my condition.

The Story of an Ambitious Boy: Sifat Khan

Sifat Khan, 25, was born to parents AKM Kamruzzaman and Yasmin Ara Khanom. The family of five hails from Jhenaidah district, located in southwestern Bangladesh within the Khulna Division. Sifat is the youngest member of the family. His only sister is married and lives with the in-laws, while Sifat, his elder brother and his parents live together. Sifat's mother looks after the family, while his father and elder brother provide for the family.







Sifat is a postgraduate student whose life turned upside down in a motorbike accident. Sifat, along with his cousin, was riding the bike when it collided with a microbus headed from the opposite direction. Within a span of a minute, his right leg was severely injured. Lying in a pool of blood, Sifat could not recall much at that very moment. His cousin, who was accompanying him on the ride, somehow got saved by that accident. Sifat was later carried to a Government hospital before being transferred to the National Institute of Traumatology & Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR), which is a specialised orthopaedic hospital in the capital city, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Following an orthopaedic surgery, Sifat was again referred to Samorita Hospital in Panthopath, Dhaka, following the development of sepsis in the leg.

Upon his arrival at Samorita Hospital, Sifat underwent another surgery that removed a portion of his right leg below the knee. Sifat was released from the hospital fifteen days later. After returning home, Sifat was heartbroken. But he never lost hope. Besides continuing his studies, Sifat's broken heart led him to search for tailored legs to support his movement. While searching for options, Sifat learned about IFB' s Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre (SJWADC) in Chuadanga, where, after a physical examination, measurements were taken for a tailor-made prosthetic leg.

Just a week later, Sifat received the below-knee prosthetic from SJWADC. The smile on his face while collecting the prosthetic leg was a manifestation of the enduring happiness that Sifat experienced at the moment. He said, "I searched a lot of places, contacted many, but no one could provide any information. Such specialised services were present near my district, but I did not know about them until I contacted ALTSO, USA. I am extremely grateful to them for connecting me with the Impact Foundation Bangladesh and receiving the prosthetic leg. I will always remember their support."

Sifat expressed his ambition to study hard and ultimately join the Bangladesh Government Cadre Service in the near future. He stated, "I want to set an example for many young students to remain hopeful and persistent in the face of adversity. If they try and keep searching for opportunities to accomplish their dream, destiny will lead them to the right path."

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