



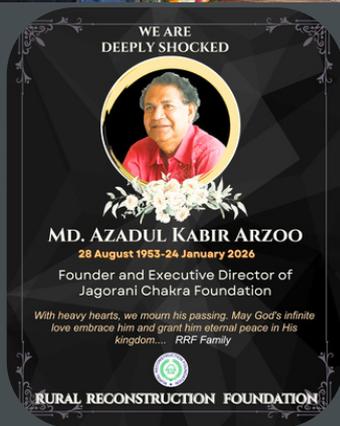
Celebrating Tradition: Students Bring the Flavor of Bengali Pitha to Life

On 29 January 2026, the campus of Barnamala Bidyppith Schhol came alive with the aroma, colors, and joy of Bengali tradition as students celebrated the Annual Pitha Festival. In a delightful display of culinary creativity, students prepared stalls showcasing a variety of pithas, the beloved traditional rice-based delicacies that have been an integral part of Bengali culture for generations. The festival was not just a feast for the senses—it was a celebration of heritage, teamwork, and innovation. Students competed in various pitha-making contests, demonstrating their skill, creativity, and respect for age-old recipes passed down through families.



Teachers, parents, and guests moved from stall to stall, tasting the delicate sweets and savory creations, praising the students' efforts and dedication. The event culminated in a prize distribution ceremony, recognizing the best presentations, unique flavors, and the spirit of participation among the young chefs.

A Life of Service Remembered: Farewell to Ajadul Kabir Arju Founder and Executive Director of Jagarani Chakra Foundation



The Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Ajadul Kabir Arju, Founder & Executive Director of Jagarani Chakra Foundation, on 24 January 2026. His remarkable contribution to social development and his lifelong dedication to empowering marginalized communities will always be remembered with profound respect.

On his final goodbye, RRF paid heartfelt tributes by placing flowers, honoring his legacy of compassion, leadership, and service to humanity. We extend our sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, and the entire Jagarani Chakra Foundation family. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his vision continue to inspire future generations.

VISITORS CORNER

PKSF SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER CONDUCTS FIELD VISIT AT PPEPP-EU PROJECT AREA IN KHULNA

On 26 & 27 January 2026, Mr. Khosru Moin Tanvir Ahmed, Senior Program Manager and Humaira Ferdousi, APC (Livelihood) of PKSF, Dhaka, conducted a field-level visit to review activities under the RRF PPEPP-EU Project at Sachiadah Union, Terokhada, Khulna. During the visit, he inspected PVC activities, IGA initiatives, bill and voucher documentation, and community clinics. He also held a discussion with RRF staff regarding current allocations and loan disbursement processes.



Additionally, Mr. Ahmed visited project members in the community and provided valuable guidance and recommendations to strengthen project implementation and service delivery.



PKSF RAISE PROJECT TEAM VISITS RRF SKILL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN JASHORE

Under the RAISE Project, a delegation from PKSF consisting of Ms. Shehreen Saba, Program Officer (RAISE) and Mr. Billal Hosen, Program Manager (RAISE) visited RRF's master craftsperson workshops, apprentices, and trained entrepreneurs in Jashore from 13-15 January 2026. The visit focused on reviewing the progress and impact of skill development and apprenticeship initiatives implemented by RRF.

During the visit, the PKSF team interacted with master craftspersons and apprentices currently working in different trades across various locations. They also met several entrepreneurs who, after successfully completing their training, have established their own businesses, contributing to sustainable livelihoods and local economic growth.

Mr. Arun Sarder, Focal Person of the RAISE Project at RRF, accompanied the team throughout the visit. In addition, an event was organized at the RRF Head Office, where trainees showcased their skills and performances. A videography session was also conducted to document success stories and highlight the achievements of the RAISE Project.



MICROFINANCE

Quarterly Planning & Budget Review Meeting at Magura Zone



A consultative meeting on quarterly planning and strategic issues related to budget implementation was held with staff members of different levels from the Sheikhpura Area under Magura Zone Office. The meeting focused on effective planning, proper utilization of budgets, and strategies to improve program implementation. Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director (Microfinance), was present at the meeting and provided valuable guidance and directions to enhance operational efficiency and achieve program targets through coordinated efforts among staff.

Annual Picnic Celebrated Across All RRF Microfinance Zones

The Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) joyfully celebrated its Annual Picnic across all Microfinance Zones, bringing together staff members in an atmosphere of unity, relaxation, and camaraderie. The events were organized simultaneously in different zones, ensuring the participation of officers, branch staff, and management representatives from across the organization. The picnics featured a variety of recreational activities, cultural programs, games, and shared meals, providing staff with a welcome break from their routine work.



One-Day Training & Capacity Building Workshop Held at Dohar Area, Dhaka Zone

A one-day training and capacity building workshop was held for the staff of the Dohar Area under RRF Dhaka Zone. The program was attended by Mr. Nazmul Islam, Assistant Director, Mr. A. Rakib, Regional Manager of Dhaka Zone, Mr. Nazmul Huda, Area Manager of Dohar, and Mr. Mahmud Abbas, MIS Officer, along with all staff members of the Dohar Area. The workshop focused on enhancing professional skills, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening teamwork to ensure effective program implementation.



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PKSF TRAINING: TRAINING OF TRAINERS

An AI-based Training of Trainers (ToT) program was attended by Bipul Chandrh, Assistant Trainer of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), held at PKSF Bhaban, Dhaka, from 11–15 January 2026. The intensive training focused on strengthening participants' knowledge and practical skills in applying artificial intelligence in training and capacity-building initiatives.

Through this program, RRF aims to enhance institutional capacity and promote innovative, technology-driven approaches in its development interventions.

PKSF TRAINING : HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A Human Resource Management training program was attended by Dhiraj Mohon Roy, Assistant HR Officer of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), at PKSF Bhaban, Dhaka, from 25–29 January 2026. The training focused on modern HR practices, personnel management, organizational policies, and effective workforce development. Participation in this program will contribute to strengthening RRF's human resource systems and enhancing professional capacity for improved organizational performance.



INTERNAL TRAINING: RRF

In the month of January 2026, the RRF Training Unit successfully organized a total of Four Training Courses, for Credit officers, 145 participants attended the sessions 15 female participants. To enhance the quality of the sessions, the Department Heads of HO and AD Jashore, along with the Regional Manager of Churamankathi, were invited as facilitators to share their valuable field experiences and practical insights with the participants. In the Cumilla Zone training DD- Division-2, AD-Cumilla, AD-Madaripur, Reginal Managers and Branch Managers facilitated the training session.



EVENTS OF THE MONTH

RRF Extends Heartfelt Gratitude on the Golden Jubilee of Jagaroni Chakra Foundation

The Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) extended heartfelt congratulations to Jagaroni Chakra Foundation on the celebration of its 50 years of service. On this occasion, flower bouquets were presented to Mr. Azadul Kabir Arju, Executive Director, and Ms. Merina Akter, Deputy Executive Director, as a token of respect and appreciation.

Representing RRF, Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director (Microfinance) and Mr. Shamim Uddin Khan, Director (Monitoring & Evaluation) attended the program and conveyed warm wishes with flowers. RRF wishes Jagaroni Chakra Foundation continued success and many more years of impactful service to the nation.



206th Executive Committee Meeting Held at RRF HO

The 206th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) was held on 26 January 2026 at the RRF Head Office, marking the first Executive Committee meeting of the year. The Honourable Chairman and respected EC Members were warmly welcomed with flowers, presented by the Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Antony Biswas. Alongside the Chairman and EC Members, the meeting was also attended by the Executive Director (ED) Sir and Deputy Executive Director (DED) Madam.

The meeting provided an important platform for discussion on organizational progress, strategic directions, and key priorities for the upcoming year, reflecting RRF's continued commitment to effective governance and development initiatives.



Life Skill Development Training Held Under RAISE Project

Under the RAISE Project, RRF organized a Life Skill Development Training at its Head Office, involving 100 participants across four batches. The training focused on strengthening communication, confidence, teamwork, and decision-making skills, aiming to enhance participants' personal development and improve their readiness for employment and entrepreneurship.





PIMC Meetings Held in Chougacha and Jhikorgacha Under BD-17 Project

Two Project Implementation Management Committee (PIMC) meetings under the BD-17 Project were held on 21 January 2026 at Chougacha UNO Office and 28 January 2026 at Jhikorgacha UNO Office, Jashore.

The Chougacha meeting brought together 21 participants, including the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) as president, RRF Project Coordinator Mir Md Abdul Mannan, and officials from agriculture, cooperative, social services, and women’s affairs, along with representatives from 5 cooperatives. The UNO highlighted cooperative performance, emphasizing women’s rights, empowerment, and collaborative efforts for positive community change.

At Jhikorgacha, UNO Ms. Roni Khatun, officials, and 12 management committee members of Golap & Jerbera cooperatives attended. She appreciated the program and RRF’s support in empowering women beneficiaries through project activities.

RRF Organizes Workshop on Nano-Fertilizers and Crop Health

On 20 January 2026, RRF under the BD-17 ProjectThe program highlighted the importance of technical skill development in creating employment opportunities and promoting sustainable livelihoods among trained participants.Facilitated by Mir Md Abdul Mannan, Project Coordinator, and supported by cooperative members Sukdeb and Ranojit, the session featured Dr. Muhammad Javed Hossain Khan, Professor of Chemical Engineering, as chief guest. He distributed nano-fertilizers, vitamins, and pesticides, explaining their benefits for intensive crop production, environmental safety, and improved livelihoods. The program strengthened collaboration between RRF and Jashore University to support local farmers.



RRF Conducts Training on Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) in Jashore



RRF organized 12 batches of training on Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) across Jashore district, with 298 beneficiaries from various villages, unions, and cooperatives participating. The training included members from Gerbera, Golap, Satota, Alorsandhan, Provati, Shapnokuri, and Akota Nari Kallayan Samobay Samittees.The program focused on modern agricultural methods, including soil management, balanced fertilizer and pesticide use, bio-pesticides, line sowing, IPM methods, post-harvest management, and marketing. It also aimed to strengthen collaboration between farmers and multiple stakeholders, fostering knowledge sharing and sustainable agricultural practices.

SMART Project Highlights

• ENVIRONMENT CLUB MEETINGS CONTINUE UNDER SMART PROJECT

Under the SMART Project, Environment Club meetings were continued across five upazilas—Jhenaidah Sadar, Kotchandpur, Kaliganj, Maheshpur, and Jhikargachha—covering two districts, Jhenaidah and Jashore. A total of 149 participants, including 80 males and 69 females, took part in these meetings from different areas.

The meetings provided a platform for community members to discuss environmental issues, climate-related risks, and collective actions to address climatic hazards. Through active participation and shared learning, the Environment Club meetings helped strengthen community awareness and foster closer cooperation.



• TRAINING ON CLIMATE VULNERABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, AND POST-HARVEST PRACTICES CONDUCTED UNDER SMART PROJECT



Under the SMART Project, training on Climate Vulnerability, Environmental Management, and Post-Harvest Practices (Grading, Sorting, Packaging, and Decoration) was held at Ganna, Bhairoba, and Jhikargasa-1 branches, attended by 121 microenterprise participants across five batches.

The sessions were led by Md. Tipu Sultana, Md. Nurul Islam, college lecturers in Geography and Environment, and Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director (Program), RRF. Participants gained knowledge on smart agriculture techniques and climate-resilient practices, supporting sustainable growth and effective post-harvest management.

RHL-Project Highlights



Training on Goat Farming Using Loft Method under RHL

On 13 January 2026, RRF organized a day-long training on goat farming using the loft method for 23 beneficiaries (17 male, 6 female) under the RHL Project. Dr. Md. Abu Hanif, Upazila Livestock Officer, led the session with assistance from Mr. Mofizul Islam.

The training covered improved breeds, housing, feeding, disease management, and sales practices. Following the session, 21 participants received loft-style goat houses to enhance productivity and improve livelihoods.



• Sack-Based Ginger Farming Brings Success in Morrelganj under RHL Project

Under the RHL Project, farmers in Morrelganj Upazila successfully cultivated ginger using an innovative sack-based method introduced in March 2025. Over 200 beneficiaries from 11 CCAGs of Jiudhara and Nishanbariya unions received inputs, including BARI Ginger-2 seeds, vermicompost, fertilizers, and sacks, along with practical training.

After 8–9 months, each sack produced about 1 kg of ginger, allowing households to sell 20–25 kg at BDT 135–140 per kg, boosting income and interest in ginger farming. RRF's technical support and guidance from local agriculture officials ensured proper crop management, marking the initiative as a major achievement in promoting sustainable, climate-resilient farming.



06 Batches of Training Conducted in January 2026

In January 2026, a total of 06 training batches were conducted across different organizations, reaching 301 participants from 05 organizations. The trainings aimed to enhance skills and knowledge in various sectors, contributing to capacity building and community development.

ENRICH HIGHLIGHTS

- Subject-Based Basic Training for Samridhhi Teachers Held under Enrich Program



Under the Samridhhi Programme of RRF, a subject-based basic training for Samridhhi teachers was organized on 20–21 January 2026 at Darajhat, Bagharpara, Jashore. The training was arranged as part of the education support activities of the Samridhhi Programme. The program aimed to enhance teachers' subject-wise knowledge and teaching skills to improve the quality of education for learners under the Samridhhi initiative. Through interactive sessions and practical discussions, the training strengthened teachers' capacity and reinforced RRF's commitment to promoting effective and inclusive education at the community level.

- Satellite Clinic Organized Under Samridhhi Health & Nutrition Program



Under the Samridhhi Programme of RRF, a Satellite Clinic was organized on 8 and 19 January 2026 at Darajhat, Bagharpara, Jashore as part of the Health and Nutrition activities of the program. The clinic provided essential health and nutrition services to community members, with a focus on improving awareness, early health care access, and nutritional practices. This initiative reflects RRF's continued commitment to strengthening community health and ensuring better well-being for program beneficiaries.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Barnamala Bidyapith Students Achieve Success in Private Scholarship Examination

Students of Barnamala Bidyapith from BBP Jashore, BBP Girls School, BBP Kamarpara School, and BBP Ulashi School participated in a private scholarship examination. Results have been published for all participating schools except BBP Ulashi School, whose results are yet to be announced.

From the published results, a total of 28 students achieved scholarship success across the schools—5 students received Talent Pool Scholarships and 23 students secured General Scholarships.



Barnamala Bidyapith Schools Celebrate Hatekhori and New Student Reception



Barnamala Bidyapith Schools celebrated the "Hatekhori and New Student Reception" program on 14 January across all campuses. The event warmly welcomed newly admitted students who are beginning a new chapter in their academic journey. The program was marked by joyful activities, blessings from teachers, and encouragement for young learners, creating a positive and inspiring start to their school life.

Barnamala Bidyapith School Holds Annual Sports & Prize Giving Ceremony



Barnamala Bidyapith School successfully organized its Annual Sports & Prize Giving Ceremony on 20 January 2026. Throughout the month, students enthusiastically participated in various sports events, and those who secured top positions were honored with prizes on this special day.



Joyful Picnic Day at Barnamala Bidyapith Schools

In the month of January 2026, all schools organized picnics and study tours for their students, creating joyful and memorable experiences for everyone involved. Teachers, students, and parents actively participated and enjoyed the programs together in a friendly and festive atmosphere.



RRF COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE: SATELLITE HEALTH CAMP PROVIDES AFFORDABLE MEDICAL SERVICES

On 08 January 2026, under the Community Health Care Program of RRF, a Satellite Health Camp was organized for the residents of Kalagachhi village. The camp offered affordable medical services provided by an MBBS doctor, ensuring access to basic healthcare for the community.

The initiative aimed to improve health awareness and provide timely medical attention to villagers, reflecting RRF's commitment to enhancing community health and well-being in underserved areas.



JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN : RRF PRE-SCHOOLS

In January 2026 all RRF-directed Pre-Schools successfully completed their final examinations for the month. Alongside the exams, monthly parents' meetings were conducted to discuss children's progress and learning outcomes. The schools continued admissions for new students

and carried out home visits to ensure engagement with families and community awareness. At the end of the month, the Annual Exam Results were published, celebrating the achievements of the young learners. These activities reflect RRF's ongoing commitment to quality early childhood education and holistic child development.

SENIOR CITIZEN WELFARE CLUBS PROVIDE WALKING STICK AMONG DIPTO CLUB MEMBERS

In January 2026, the Senior Citizen Welfare Clubs distributed 24 walking sticks among members of the Dipto Club in Shimulia, Jhikargacha, Jashore. The initiative was aimed at supporting elderly members in maintaining their mobility, independence, and overall well-being. This activity is part of RRF's broader efforts to promote elderly welfare and social engagement.

The program also provided an opportunity for the club members to interact, share experiences, and strengthen community bonds. By facilitating such support, the Welfare Clubs continue to demonstrate their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for senior citizens, ensuring they remain active, confident, and included in social activities. their daily comfort and freedom of movement.



SPECIAL FEATURE



Joyous Celebration of Cinderella Rajorshi Biswas' 4th Birthday at RRF

On 19 January 2026, the 4th birthday of Cinderella Rajorshi Biswas, granddaughter of Philip Biswas, Founder & Executive Director, and Pinku Rita Biswas, Founder Deputy Executive Director, as well as daughter of Assistant Executive Director Antony Biswas and Myanila Biswas, Director (Admin & HR), was celebrated with immense love and joy. The RRF Head Office was beautifully decorated to mark this special occasion, radiating warmth and happiness. Cinderella was joined by her family, and a small celebration program was arranged in the office premises to surprise her, bringing smiles and laughter to all.



Beyond the Head Office, all RRF branch offices also joined in the celebrations, sharing heartfelt wishes and love across the organization.



“We wish Cinderella Rajorshi Biswas a long, healthy, and prosperous life filled with joy, learning, and endless happiness. May her journey ahead be as bright, inspiring, and magical as her 4th birthday celebration, surrounded always by love, care, and cherished moments.”

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