

CDA's book donation to the under-resourced library of Kirtipur High School, Sadar Upazila, Naogaon

A book is always our best friend. Reading books gives people both knowledge and pleasure. Adolescence is the prime time to adopt the reading habit. But it is alarming that the tendency of reading books among adolescent students is now declining significantly. Lack of school library or inadequate number of books in the library is one of the greatest barriers towards the development of reading habit among adolescents.

Kirtipur High School, established in 1921 is one of the oldest and most renowned high schools in Naogaon Sadar Upazila. This school is 7 kilometers away from the Naogaon town. At present, there are about 1,000 students – both male and female in this school. The school has an old library for its students and teachers, and most of the books therein are worm-eaten and too old to use. In addition, there are no recently published popular books in the library. As a result, the students and the teachers of this school do not find essential books in the library, which ultimately puts them in helplessness and negatively impacts their reading habit.

Centre for Development Action (CDA) is a nonprofit organization that has started its journey with the vision of establishing *a society where everyone will enjoy an adequate standard of living*. Under its Education Development Program, CDA implemented its first project entitled “**Book donation to the under-resourced library of Kirtipur High School, Sadar Upazila, Naogaon**” with its own fund on 17 September - the Historic Education Day of Bangladesh. On this day, a CDA volunteer team handed over 27 popular books, including *Oshomapto Attojiboni*, *Karagarer Rojnamcha*, *Sonartori*, *Noukadubi*, *Ognibeena*, *Mrittukhudha*, *Pother Panchali* to the Headmaster of this school.



The Headmaster said, “Our library is old and it existed from the very beginning of this school. Now there is shortage of books in the library. Our students and teachers do not find books here as per their needs. I believe the books that you have donated to us will fill some of our needs.”