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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025



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On a bright Friday morning, the Dishari Janakallan Foundation held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), bringing together its general members, donors, and community representatives to reflect on a year of meaningful service and plan for an even impactful future.

The atmosphere was one of warmth and purpose as attendees gathered over breakfast, eager to hear about the foundation’s progress and share their visions for what lies ahead.

## A MORNING OF REFLECTION AND RECOGNITION

The first session, led by Vice Chairman Mr. Hassan Reza Khan and Executive Director Mr. Masudur Rahman, highlighted the foundation’s key achievements over the past year. Central to the discussion was the success of Project Shohay, a micro-credit initiative designed to support those often left behind by traditional financial systems.

Through Shohay, the foundation has provided interest-free or low-interest microloans to over 500 street vendors and underprivileged women across Rajshahi. Many of these beneficiaries had been repeatedly turned away from conventional micro-credit institutions due to their extreme poverty or lack of collateral.

“We didn’t just give loans - we gave trust,” said Executive Director Masudur Rahman. “These are people with dreams, resilience, and determination. All they needed was a chance.”

## A LEGACY OF SERVICE, A FUTURE OF HOPE

The founders of Dishari—originally just four friends with a vision—were especially remembered during the proceedings. Although they are no longer directly involved, their spirit of service lives on through a new generation of leaders committed to the same mission.

Current Chairman Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz emotionally recounted the organization’s humble beginnings and praised the dedication of both longtime and new members.

“We are not owners of this foundation—we are its caretakers. Our duty is to nurture it and hand it over to the next capable hands, so the light of service never dims.”



EDITORIAL

## SHOHAY AND DURBAR: A NEW KIND OF IMPACT IN RAJSHAHI

Real change is happening in Rajshahi — not with noise, but with care.

Shohay is helping people stand tall again. A woman restarting her business. An elderly man finding support. A mother finally able to breathe. It’s not charity — it’s trust, dignity, and small acts that change lives.

And now comes Durbar — a name that means unstoppable. It begins with a soccer ball and a child who gets to be a child again. Children who used to work are now chasing joy, not survival. Today they’re teammates.

Someday, they’ll grow into trained volunteers — ready to serve their communities, just like Shohay has served them.

SHOHAY IS GROWING.

DURBAR IS JUST BEGINNING.

AND TOGETHER, THEY’RE CHANGING RAJSHAHI — ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

Reza Khan



### SHOHAY MILESTONES:

- MARCH WE LAUNCHED SHOHAY
- APRIL MICROLOANS FOR STREET VENDORS
- MAY LOANS HANDED OUT TO **590** SMALL BUSINESSES AND **BDT 100,000** FUNDS SHARED WITH SHOHAY BY DJF
- JUNE NEW ROOF FOR A STRUGGLING MOTHER’S TEA STALL
- JULY SUPPORTED **300** SMALL BUSINESSES.

## AFTERNOON SESSION: ENVISIONING TOMORROW

After a shared lunch, the second session opened the floor for suggestions and future planning. Members proposed several new initiatives, including:

Education Support Programs for children from low-income families  
Maternity & Childcare Centers in rural villages  
Nanny & Caregiver Training aligned with urban household needs  
Vocational Training in tailoring, embroidery, and mobile repairing

These proposals were warmly received and will be developed into formal project proposals in the coming months.

## CLOSING WITH COMMITMENT

The AGM concluded with an inspiring address from Chairman Mr. Md. Abdul Aziz, who reaffirmed the foundation's commitment to providing sustainable and compassionate service.

"We measure our success not in numbers, but in changed lives. Every vendor who earns with dignity, every woman who builds her small business—that is our real annual report."

### NEW INITIATIVE

## GIVING KIDS THEIR CHILDHOOD BACK

In the heart of Rajshahi, a movement is rising — Durbar, meaning unstoppable. Where childhood once meant labor and lost playtime, now comes the sound of a football thudding against the earth, echoing with laughter.

These children, once burdened with adult responsibilities, are reclaiming their joy through the beautiful game.

For now, it's a soccer team. But Shohay dreams bigger — a future Durbar squad of trained volunteers, ready to serve during crises, disasters, and community needs. From players to protectors, they will grow into a force for good — fierce, fearless, and forever unstoppable.



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