

Becoming the UP Member: Nahida's Dream Comes True

Nahida is 32 years of age and lives in **Tiakhali Union of Kalapara**, Patuakhali. She is a woman with physical disability. She used to confine herself in her home because of her disability and she was able to complete only her higher secondary education. Nahida was married off to an unemployed person because of her disability. After her marriage, she had to endure misbehavior in her in-laws since she came from a poor family. Her husband was indifferent to her and did not take on any responsibility.

In **2016**, Nahida became a member of **Payra Port Youth Self-Help** Group formed under **PHRPBD project**. After joining in the SHG, her talents started to flourish. She became very proactive in community awareness and a spokesperson for the rights of persons with disabilities. As a recognition of her dedication to the SHG, she has been made a member of an **Apex Body**.

Responding to the demand from her community-people, on December 26, 2021, Nahida contested in the **Union Parishod election** as a **UP Member** (in the reserved seat) and she had a land-sliding victory in the election.

