

Kajoli Pre-school Model at a Glance

What is the Kajoli Model?

The **Kajoli Model** is a one-year pre-primary education system designed for children aged 4 to 5 years.

Main Objective

To keep children in a centre for one year and teach them to read and write in a joyful environment through play, thereby making them education-oriented and removing the fear of schooling from their minds.

Teaching Materials Used

Instead of conventional books and notebooks, the following materials are used:

- Pocket cards
- Pocket boards
- Blackboard
- Mathematical learning aids

Subjects Taught

- Bengali
- English
- Mathematics
- Rhymes and poems

Various drills and exercises help children learn to speak English.

Additional Activities

- Games and physical exercise
- Rest periods
- Meals (khichuri)
- Other co-curricular activities

Origin

The Kajoli Model was initiated in 2003 by **Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)**.

Operating Principle of Kajoli Centres

Kajoli centres are operated on a “**Low-Cost or No-Cost**” principle.

Kajoli Graduates

Over the past two decades, more than **150,000 children** have completed their early education through the Kajoli Model.

Role of the Community

The community contributes by:

- Arranging seating facilities for children
- Providing honoraria for teachers
- Supplying khichuri for the children
- Supervising and overseeing centre activities

Support Provided by RIB

- Technical assistance
- Teacher training
- Supply of educational materials
- Regular communication and monitoring of centres

Cost of Learning Materials

The cost of preparing and supplying educational materials per centre is approximately **BDT 8,000–10,000**.

Current Status

- Number of active centres: **65**
- Number of personnel working for the Kajoli programme: **5**

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