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Students under Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) at Moanoghar for coaching to the Moanoghar School students during Ramadan vacation

SSC Results of Moanoghar Residential School

The results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) of Moanoghar Residential School came out on last 11 May 2016. This year, in total 267 students sat in the SSC examinations. Out of this, 218 students passed; 119 boys and 99 girls. This translates into a pass rate of 82.11% and effectively a higher success rate than the national average of Chittagong Secondary School Education Board under which Moanoghar School is registered.

This is an improved performance from the previous years. However, this also throws Moanoghar in a difficult condition about providing future support to their further education. More than half of those who passed, qualify for admission in college while the other opting for vocational trade courses. Moanoghar is striving the best it can to ensure their future education but with our limited resources, this is simply proving impossible (See also side box).

HELP Students Provide Coaching to Moanoghar School Students during Ramadan Vacation and other HELP News

Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) currently support 72 students who are studying in various public universities, medical & engineering colleges and polytechnic and nursing institutes. Every year, they come to Moanoghar during long holidays to provide tuition to the Moanoghar children.

This year, 24 students came to Moanoghar during the Ramadan holidays from 1 July to 16 July. While the school was 'formally' closed, they organized coaching classes for all the students in groups/batches.

The initiative undoubtedly benefits the Moanoghar students but it is also an occasion to the HELP students to maintain contact with Moanoghar.

A special cultural performance by the Moanoghar children was held at the end of coaching programme which was attended by all the HELP students and the children.

Moanoghar celebrates the Bizu-Sangrai-Boisuk festival

Bizu is the biggest festival of the CHT's indigenous minorities, celebrated over three days on 12, 13 and 14 April coinciding with the Bengali New Year.

This year, most of the children went to visit their families and relatives to celebrate the occasion. However, those who stayed at Moanoghar or could not travel to join their families, observed the festivities with much fanfares. Moanoghar organized special programmes inside the campus and children were also invited by the villagers and the families of the Moanogharians who live in Rangamati.



Special coaching class by the HELP students



Rotary Club Baridhara handing over donation cheque to Moanoghar

Moanoghar Support Group, Rangamati Committee Re-organized

The committee of the Moanoghar Support Group, Rangamati was re-organized on 6 May through a general meeting of the members. Dr. Parash Khisha remains the Convenor and Mr. Protul Dewan assumes the responsibility of Member Secretary.

In addition, an Advisory Committee was also formed in that meeting with the following members; (1) Prof. Mong Sanu Chowdhury, (2) Brigadier General Tushar Kanti Chakma, (3) Prof. Banchita Chakma and (4) Mr. Arunendu Tripura.

Miscellaneous News

- Moanoghar gratefully acknowledges to Dr. Sudhin Kumar Chakma and Mrs. Kanika Chakma for setting up an endowment fund in memory of his father Mr. Chitta Ranjan Karbari. The memorial scholarship will be managed under the Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme and provide scholarship to a meritorious student for tertiary level of studies.
- Moanoghar gratefully acknowledges the kind support by AJHA, France for purchase of beds and desks for the residential children of Moanoghar. The new furniture will greatly improve the living and study conditions for the children in their residential dormitories.
- Moanoghar received a donation for the construction of a dormitory – Shanti Bhavan (House of Peace) – from Buddhist Global Relief, USA. The new dormitory will provide residential space for about 90 students and will replace the current structures on bamboo and wooden poles.
- Moanoghar received a donation from Rotary Club Baridhara in support of the children's education. We express our deep gratitude to all the members of the Club and in particular to Ms. Shaila Rahman and Philip Chowdhury.
- Moanoghar also expresses its gratitude to Emil Wolter and Comgest for supporting the construction of an extension dormitory building for the girl children. The new building will allow Moanoghar to receive more girls as residential students. At present, 46% of the children at Moanoghar are girls. We aim to raise it at least to 50% in the next year. The new dormitory will help us to achieve that target.

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