

Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Annual sports Day of Moanoghar School

Annual Sports Day Celebrated

Moanoghar "Annual School Sports Day" was observed on 16 March 2009 at Moanoghar Residential High School Play Ground. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Khokan Bikash Barua, Head Teacher of Moanoghar School.

Observance of "Annual School Sport Day" is a key activity of Moanoghar School children. Every year it is observed with much pleasure and enthusiasm.

The Day included various competitions and as well as cultural performances. The best performers received prizes for their accomplishments. All the teachers and non-teaching staff of Moanoghar also took part in the events.

Notes from the Editorial Board

This is the first issue of 2009. For Moanoghar; a new year, a new beginning and renewed oath to serve the humanity.

As in the beginning of every year, in January, new children took admission. In total there are now more than 1100 children in the school, out of which about 630 are residential. The results of the annual examinations in the school for 2008 also came out with more than 90% promoted to senior classes. We consider it remarkable given the particularly difficult time we went through in 2008.

At Moanoghar, we shall strive continuously to reach out to the poorest and the most deprived, so that no child is 'left behind'.

As the Biju festivities (12-14 April) grips all over the CHT, we send Biju greetings to all our members, donors and well-wishers. Happy Biju. *Ju pat-turu-turu Biju.*

Annual Examination Results and Admission of New Children

The results of the annual examination were published in the first week of January. As mentioned above, 90% of the children passed which Moanoghar considers very satisfactory.

Subsequently in the 2nd and 3rd week of January '09, new children were admitted. The children hail from 12 ethnic groups and literally from all over the CHT. As of now, total number of children at Moanoghar is;

Class	Residential			Non-residential			Grand Total
	Boy	Girl	Total	Boy	Girl	Total	
SSC	42	17	59				59
X	40	21	61	22	21	43	104
IX	34	25	59	37	25	62	121
VIII	50	35	85	33	38	71	156
VII	47	34	81	49	27	76	157
VI	71	38	109	58	51	109	218
V	43	25	68	26	13	39	107
IV	22	20	42	13	15	28	70
III	25	15	40	15	17	32	72
II	15	10	25	15	15	30	55
Total	389	240	629	268	222	490	1119



Patients in the eye camp

Eye Camp organized at Moanoghar

An eye camp was organized from 19-22 February at Moanoghar in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dhaka, Kawran Bazar and with technical assistance from the Bangladesh National Society for the Blinds (BNSB). Several other Rotary Clubs also cooperated for organizing the events.

Mr. Dipankar Talukder, Honourable State Minister for Ministry of CHT Affairs and MP, Rangamati inaugurated the event as Chief Guest. Various dignitaries also attended the opening ceremony as Special Guests.

More than 800 patients registered for treatment, out of which 65 got cataract operation and over 225 patients received spectacles and medicines.

Annual Guardians Meeting Held

The annual Guardians' Meeting was held on the 9th January at Moanoghar. More than four hundred guardians of residential students attended the meeting. The meeting started at 09:00 am and continued till 01:00 pm.

In the conference, the guardians were informed about the annual plan and budget of Moanoghar. They were also informed about the school results and study performances of the children. Following this initial briefs, a 'question & answer' session followed where many guardians participated. Chanchu Chakma, Director of Moanoghar replied their questions.

The meeting was presided over by the President of Moanoghar Executive Committee Mss. Arati Chakma. The General Secretary of Moanoghar Executive Committee Adv. Ushamoy Khisa presented the annual plan and budget. Moanoghar staff and other members of the Executive Committee were also present in the meeting.



Lord Avebury and members of International CHT Commission with the Moanoghar children

Agreement for Installation of Deep Tube-well Signed

An Agreement was signed between Moanoghar and Rotary Club, Chittagong Midtown on 20th February 2009. Adv. **Chanchu Chakma** and **Prof. Bikiran Prasad Barua** signed the agreement on behalf of respective organizations.

The installation of the deep tube well is expected to be complete by next June'09. It will provide much needed relief to the problems of water shortages of the Moanoghar residents.

Further more, 6 energy-saving ovens were set-up at Moanoghar kitchen in December'08-January'09, with technical assistance from Rotary Club of Dhaka Kawran Bazar.

The International CHT Commission, led by **Lord Eric Avebury** visited Moanoghar on 21 February while touring the CHT. The team also included fellow Commission members **Dr. Shapan Adnan** and **Dr. Hideaki Uemura** and the Commission's Coordinator in Bangladesh **Advocate Shirin Lira**.

Staff Orientation Workshop Held

A two day staff orientation workshop was held on 22-23 January 2009. It was facilitated by Ashok Kumar Chakma.

The workshop was held to orient the staff on the recently adopted policies, rules and regulations of Moanoghar. All the staff participated and shared their opinions in the workshop.