



# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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*Dipankar Talukder, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of CHT Affairs in Moanoghar (see next page)*

## Farewell given to SSC Candidates

On 29 January 2012 a farewell reception was accorded to the SSC candidates for this year. With Mr. Khokan Bikash Barua, Assistant Head Teacher of Moanoghar Residential High School, in the chair, the function was attended by Ven. Buddha Datta Bhikkhu, Joint Secretary, Moanoghar Executive Council; Adv. Chanchu Chakma, Executive Director of Moanoghar

This year 109 (57 boys and 52 girls) regular and 35 'irregular' (18 boys and 17 girls) students were allowed to sit for the SSC examination. Among the regular candidates, 30 students belong to the Science group, while 21 and 58 students are respectively from Humanities and Commerce groups. Among the 'irregular' students, 10, 3 and 22 students were respectively registered under the Science, Humanities and Commerce groups.

## New Academic Year (2012) Starts in Moanoghar

The admission test for the academic session of 2012 was held on 7 January at Moanoghar Residential High School. A large number of students from different ethnic groups across the CHT had submitted applications for admission.

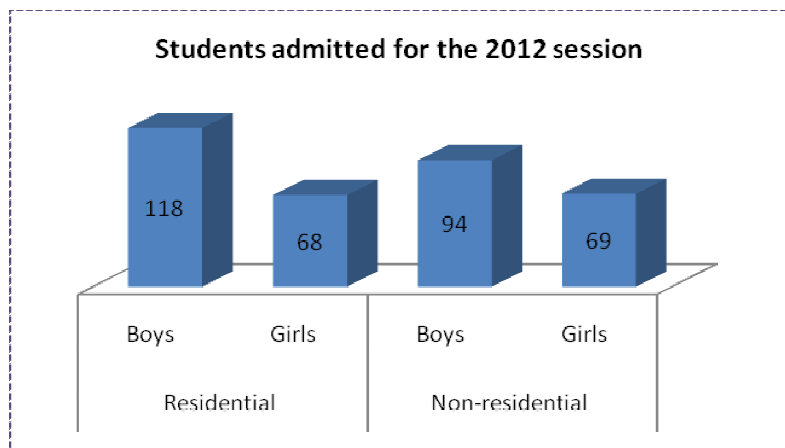


Figure 1: Students got admitted into Moanoghar for 2012

Through the written and oral tests, 349 students - of them 186 residential and 163 non-residential - were finally allowed to take admission into Moanoghar Residential school (see the figure 1). Of the total number of students, girls were 137 (39.25%).

### **AJHA Team from France visits Moanoghar**

A delegation of 22 members including the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of Ajha from France paid a visit to Moanoghar on 17 February. During the visit, the delegation met with the members of Executive Committee (EC) and also the management team.

At the meeting both parties - Moanoghar and Ajha discussed the progress of the children's sponsorship program. Also discussed about strengthening of mutual cooperation and increasing of the number of sponsored children in the next five year. Ajha agreed to increase the number of students for sponsorship program and asked Moanoghar to submit a proposal for the next five years. Besides, Ajha also expressed interest to additional funding for maintenance of hostels and ambulance, and afforestation program on Moanoghar campus.



*The delegation from AJHA, France at Moanoghar*



*Dr. Graham Arthurs at Moanoghar*

### **Honorable State Minister, MoCHTA, visits Moanoghar**

In his capacity as President of Rotary Club of Lake City Rangamati Mr. Dipankar Talukder, made a visit to Moanoghar on 25 March. The Club currently provides stipends to 2 students of Moanoghar. On the occasion of his visit, a stipend giving ceremony was organized with Ven. Shradha Lankar Mahathero in the chair. The honourable minister spoke to the children and expressed his personal commitment to further support for the education of the Moanoghar children.

### **Other events**

- On 15 January the Khilkshet Library of Dhaka distributed 350 blankets among the children of Moanoghar. The donation was organized by Afsid Yamin, Champion of 'Campus Hero' (Channel-I Reality Show) with the overall facilitation of Jyoti Jiban Khisha, another contestant in the event and who also previously organized support to Moanoghar.
- The Department of International Development (DFID) donated the used computers and accessories to Moanoghar. Ven. Buddha Datta Bhikkhu, Joint Secretary of Moanoghar Executive Council, received them on 22 January in Dhaka.
- The annual general meeting (AGM) of Moanoghar was held on 3 February. Kirti Nishan Chakma replaced Priyatar Chakma as General Secretary who resigned on grounds of ill health.
- The students of class X from Moanoghar Residential High School had been to Cox's Bazaar on a study tour on 8 - 9 February.
- The annual sports of Moanoghar Residential High School was held on 19 February.
- The new Annual General Meeting of the alumae association, 'The Moanogharians' was held in January. A new Executive Committee with Biplab Chakma as President and Nanada Kishore Chakma as General Secretary was constituted upon expiry of the term of the previous executive Committee

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