



# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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*Inauguration ceremony of the Mobile Health Clinic  
(on the right is Dr. Md. Abdullah, Civil Surgeon of Rangamati)*

## **Moanoghar Mobile Health Clinic Inaugurated**

Moanoghar Mobile Health Clinic was inaugurated on 28 October 2009 at Moanoghar Conference Hall. It was inaugurated by the Rangamati District Civil Surgeon Dr. Md. Abdullah and he also attended the ceremony as Chief Guest with the Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Uday Shankar Dewan as Special Guest. Dr. Md. Abdullah thanked the Moanoghar Authority for their noble initiative. He hoped that the poor community will be benefited with this humanitarian endeavor. He ensured all his assistance for smoothly running the program. He requested Moanoghar Authority to contact with him without any hesitation for any help. Reputed journalist Mr. Hari Kishore Chakma, Moanoghar Residential School's Head Teacher Mr. Khokan Bikash Barua were present in the function which was presided over by Ven. Shraddha Lankar Mahathero, the vice-president of Moanoghar Executive Committee.

A medical team consists of 1 medical officer (MBBS), 1 medical assistant and 4 volunteers of Moanoghar Mini Hospital will provide treatment and medicine free of cost to the poor and needy community people. Preliminarily these services will be available in four sub-centers at Sapchari, Vedvedi, Rangapani and Kheppopara located at the vicinity of Rangamati municipality.

## **Annual Examination and Final Examination of Class V Held**

Annual Examination of Moanoghar Residential School was held from 14 November to 2 December 2009. The results will be published in January 2010 (*they have already published by the time of drafting this news bulletin*).

The results were very good, particularly in comparison to the previous years.

In December, the Final (samapani) examination of class V students under the Education Board was also held. 86% of the students passed in the examination, with 10 students who obtained Grade A.

### **NCTF Rangamati District Committee Formed on December**

11 member National Children Task Force (NCTF) Rangamati District Committee was formed on 20 December 2009. This is an initiative of Save the Children (Australia) in Bangladesh to promote the rights of the children.

Moanoghar will be acting as the district 'focal institution', with Rangamati Development Association (RDA and Global Village as associate organization. The Bangladesh Children Academy, Rangamati district office will also provide all relevant facilitation and support from the government side.



*The NCTF Meeting at Moanoghar*

### **Pali Examinations Held at Moanoghar Pali College**

The final examinations in 3 different levels under the Bangladesh Pali and Sanskrit Education Board were held at Moanoghar Pali College from 22-24 December 2009. The levels of Examinations were respectively – the **Adya**, the **Madhya** and the **Upadhi**. This year, a total of 93 students sat at the **Pali Examinations**, among them 53 were of the **Adya**, 22 were of the **Madhya** and the rest 23 were of the **Upadhi** examinees.

The results of examinations are expected to be published in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

### **Guest Visits**

- Rotary District Governor, **Mr. AKM Shamsul Huda** with his fellow colleagues visited Moanoghar on 11 Nov. He spent the day with the children and made a donation of 36 electrical fans for the girls hostel (Bishakha Bhavan).
- Moanoghar is also very proud to receive ILO Director in Bangladesh **Ms. Panuddha Boonpala**, together with a delegation from Thai Embassy in Dhaka on 30 October and **Ms. Nandini Khan** from Canada on 7 & 9 December.
- ILO South Asia Project Coordinator on Promotion of ILO Policy on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, **Ms. Sarah Webster**, visited Moanoghar on 19 November. She was visiting Bangladesh on ILO project related activities.
- Japanese Parliament member **Mr. Naoto Sakaguchi** visited Moanoghar on 20 December. He was visiting CHT to familiarize himself on the situation of the region at the aftermath of the CHT Peace Accord.
- **Dr. Graham Arthur** together with colleagues from Rotary Club of Wrexham-Riddig, UK and **Mr. Ahmed Farooque** of Rotary Club of Dhaka Kawran Bazar visited Moanoghar from 31 Oct-1 Nov 2009. The visit was to update themselves on their ongoing support to 50 children at Moanoghar.

### **Training and other events events**

- **Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB)** conducted a focus group discussion with the partners of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) in CHT at Moanoghar Conference Hall on 13 December 2009. Representatives from all CHT partner NGOs of MJF attended the meeting. Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta, Executive Director of RIB conducted the discussion
- **Moanoghar Staff Orientation** on M&E Cycle was held on 17 December. It was facilitated by Ms. Estelle Visagie, the VSO volunteer and Management Adviser of Moanoghar.
- **Guardians Forum** Meeting was held on 18 December at Moanoghar. Parents/guardians of the children attended the meeting.
- A **Training workshop on Bee-keeping and Honey Production** for Moanoghar residential children was held on 23-27 December.
- **Annul Activiting Planning** of Moanoghar was on 24 December. All the staff, Executive Committee members and school teachers took part in this day-long workshop.