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Moanoghar Technical School Launched

The Moanoghar Technical School was re-launched with courses on new vocational trades in February. It was inaugurated by the Vice President of Moanoghar Executive Committee Ven. Shraddhalanker Mahathero.

Three new courses are included in curriculum; Mobile Phone repairing, Basic Electronics and Home Electric repairing and maintenance. These are besides the courses on Carpentry, Weaving and Sewing.

Mr. Basana Bikash Chakma has been appointed as Director of the school. 60 students have enrolled in the school in various courses.



Moanoghar students in Study/Excursion in Chittagong

Admission of New Children at Moanoghar School

Moanoghar and Moanoghar School gave admission to new children in March. In total 173 residential children took admission. The total number of children at present stands;

Class	Residential			Non-residential			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Class I	4	5	9	6	4	10	19
Class II	9	4	13	4	5	9	22
Class III	16	11	27	11	7	18	45
Class IV	34	9	43	15	7	22	65
Class V	33	16	49	12	14	26	75
Class VI	53	35	88	56	54	110	198
Class VII	35	43	78	68	38	106	184
Class VIII	46	31	77	50	45	95	172
Class IX	22	25	47	55	36	91	138
Class X	33	23	56	20	33	53	109
HSC	7		7				7
Total	292	202	494	297	243	540	1034

The children come from across the three Hill Districts of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Currently, they are appearing in the 1st Terminal examinations which started from 30th March. The results will be published in early May.

Dennis Wright Memorial Scholarships Launched

The “Denis Wright Memorial Scholarship” giving ceremony was held on 29 January. The recently elected Mayor of Rangamati, Mr. Saiful Islam Bhutto attended the ceremony as Chief Guest. Ms. Kabita Chakma, Community Development Adviser of BODHI - an Australia based organization which is sponsoring the awards - was also present.

The scholarships are given in memory of Dennis Wright, an Australian philanthropist.

The scholarships are given to two girl students, for best academic excellence and most improved academic performance. Runi Chakma from Class IX and Riya Chakma from Class VIII were the recipients. Sova Rani Chakma from class IX also received a special award.



Kabita Chakma, Community Development Advisor of BODHI with Riya Chakma and Runi Chakma

The Rashed Chowdhury, Saif and Bilquis Trust Merit Scholarships Launched

“The Rashed Choudhury Saif and Bilquis Trust Merit Scholarship” Award Giving Ceremony was held on 5 March at Moanoghar. A prominent industrialist and philanthropist, Mr. Rashed Choudhury declared the **Scholarship** during his visit at Moanoghar on 26 February. The Award will be limited in class seven, eight, nine and ten. The students, who stand 1st in class VII, VIII, IX and X will receive respectively 5,000 taka, 6,000 taka, 7,000 taka and 8,000 taka a year.

Rinika Chakma (VII), Sukel Chakma (VIII), Runi Chakma (IX) and Anupam Chakma (X) received the scholarship. They received the awards from Philips Crabtree an honorary part time teacher at Moanoghar Residential School who also taught Mr. Rashed Chowdhury in school.



Children performing at the Award Giving Ceremony

• **Foundation Course and Coaching in Moanoghar Residential School Initiated**

Foundation Course for the students of Moanoghar Residential School was initiated from February 2011. The basic objective of the Foundation Course and special coaching is to improve the capacity of students in Science, English and Mathematics. Moanoghar School teachers and Moanoghar staffs take the classes after the school hours. Students are grouped in batches of 30-35 according to class.

• **Study Tour of Moanoghar Residential School Held**

Students of Class X were taken to an Excursion Tour on 24 February in Chittagong. A total numbers of 109 students participated in the tour. They visited the Chittagong Zoo, Children Park and Patenga beach and other tourist places in Chittagong.

- Moanoghar gratefully **acknowledges receipt** of the following; 46 pcs. of blankets from MJF, 60 mosquito nets from WCNSB, 1000 ballpoint pen from Mr. Guillaume Duhart and various items of sports materials from Afzalunnessa Foundation, Peoples des Collines and AJHA.

Moanoghar Computer Education Section launched

Moanoghar has recently received a grant from Douglas A. Campbell Foundation for its Computer/IT Education Centre. 10 new computers and other equipments have been procured with this grant. This will allow Moanoghar to provide IT/computer education to the children in a better environment as the older computers became very much obsolete.

In this regard we gratefully acknowledge the support of Mujin Sunim.



New children in the refresher's welcome ceremony

Refreshers' Welcome and Guardians Meeting

A Refreshers' reception and Guardians Meeting was held on 5 February 2011. The whole program was arranged in two parts; in the first session the 172 newly admitted children were given reception. In the afternoon session, there was a sharing meeting with the guardians. Around 500 guardians attended the meeting.

The **International Mother Language Day** was celebrated at Moanoghar with due honor on 21 February. An essay competition was held where the children were asked to compose a written piece in their own mother tongues. The former Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council Dr. Manik Lal Dewan attended as Chief Guest.

Miscellaneous News

- A **Thalassaemia Screening Camp** was organized at Moanoghar on 23 February. The Camp was jointly organized by Rotary Club of Rangamati Lake City and Rotary Club of Chittagong.
- The students of Moanoghar School won 3 prizes in the **National Independence Day** Parade of Rangamati district. They stood 1st respectively in boy scout, girls guide and group display.
- The **International Human Rights Day** was observed in Moanoghar. A discussion on the topics 'Upholding basic human rights for citizens' was held on the occasion.
- A group of students supported by **Afzalunnesa Foundation** came to Moanoghar on a Study Tour on 28 January. The study tour was led by Professor Kali Prasanna Das the Prangon Director of Afzalunnesa Foundation. The group planted a tree each in the Moanoghar compound and participated in a joint cultural programme.
- A **farewell ceremony** was arranged by Moanoghar on 12 March in honor of Mr. Philips Crabtree. He came from the UK to voluntary teach at the school 3 months earlier. During his stay some of his former students came to visit him and Moanoghar is very glad to receive them. The team included Rashed Chowdhury, Lt. General Jahirul Alam, Dr. Aslam H. Anis and Mr. Tasbir-ul Islam (*Please on page 2 also*)
- Moanoghar received the following **guests** during the period;
 - Dr. Graham Arthurs, Rotary Club International
 - Tom Eskildsen, Jummanet Japan
 - Suniti J. Chakma, Frederique Le Du-Chakma and Nathalie Ripoche from AJHA (a French organization)
 - AKM Shamsul Huda and his wife, Ex-District Governor, Rotary International
 - Ms. Tandra Chakma, MJF and Mr. Zahid Hosen, Fair Price International
 - Guillaume Duhart, Marie-Claude Rubin and François Rubin, Peoples des Collines.

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