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*Mr. Mohammad Abdullah, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division
visiting Moanoghar in company with Mr. Mohammad Mostofa Kamal,
Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati Hill District*

Visit of the Chittagong Divisional Commissioner to attend discussion on the State of Education in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

A discussion on 'the State of Development of Education in the Chittagong Hill Tracts' was held on 31 October 2013 at Moanoghar in presence of Mr. Mohammad Abdullah, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong, as chief guest. The meeting was presided over by Ven. Sraddha Lankar Mahathero, president of Moanoghar Residential School management committee and Vice president of Moanoghar Executive Committee. The Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati hill district, Mr. Mohammad Mostofa Kamal was present as Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest shared his experiences on the CHT region as his various capacity which also previously included as Deputy Commissioner in Khagrachari. At the end, the children performed a cultural function.

Admission of New Children in 2014 Held

Each year, admission of new children is held in December or early January. For this year, admission for 2014 was phased in end-December'13 – early January'14. The admission test for the classes from I to VI was held on 26 December 2013.

As usual, a large numbers of applications were received from across the CHT. In total, the number was more than 900. Finally 218 residential and 110 non-residential students were given admission out of which 135 were boys and 183 girls.

The occasion of admission of new children each year at Moanoghar is also a moment of deep reflection for us. The children with their guardians all come from the remote and inaccessible places where, very often, there, are no functioning schools. This also means that, often, when they do not get admission in institutions like Moanoghar, their future education remains in jeopardy. This is particularly most acute for the girl children.

This is the reason, at Moanoghar we decided to accept more girl students, a decision we shall follow in the coming years.

A Daily Routine of the Moanoghar Children

The day begins early for the children and residents of Moanoghar. They wake up around 6 a.m. After washing and cleaning, everyone gather in the corridor of their respective dormitories and sings the Moanoghar song. The first stanza is;

Ama jaga ama ghar
Ama begor Moanoghar
Suge duge Idu thei
Bekkun ami bhei bhei

(English translation: Our Land, our Home, Moanoghar is the home to all. We live here amidst hardships and happiness. We all are brothers & sisters in the community).

Study: The students study between 7.00 am to 9.00. In the evening, the hours are 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

School: The school classes are in between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm with a break in the middle for 40 minutes. The school starts with the National Anthem: Amar Sonar Bangla (Oh, my Golden Bengal).

Extra-curricular Activities: After the school, the children get some free time. Some play sports (football, volleyball, cricket, etc) while others go to music classes.

Lunch & Dinner: In general, the children take lunch at 9.15 am and the dinner at 5.30 pm. Before going to bed, they take snacks at 10.00 am.

Praying: Students attend prayer at 6.00 pm every evening under the supervision of the Buddhist monk.

Bed time: The children go to bed at 10.00 by which time, all the lights must be switched off.



Winners of General Knowledge Competition
Riya Chakma, Tushita Chakma and Wienu Marma.

Moanoghar Girl Students' Team is Champion in District General Knowledge Competition

A high school level general knowledge competition was organized in September-October'13. The final was held on 8 October'13 at the Khudra Nrigosti Sanskritic Institute Auditorium, Rangamati.

The competition was held around the topic ' Chittagong Hill Tracts: People, Diversity and History. Two teams participated in the competition. One of the teams won as champion. (Photo: on the right)

Guest Visits and Miscellaneous News

- Results of PSC and JSC Exams: All the 97 students passed in their PSC examination. Out of the total 270 students in JSC, 237 passed and 33 failed.
- A Japanese couple Mr. YAMADA Tatsuya and Ms. Junko YAMADA visited on 13 November.
- Ven. Mujin Sunim visited Moanoghar from 29 October to 11 November 2013.
- Mr. LEE SOK CHUL and Mr. KIM MYUNG HAK from Korea visited Moanoghar from 30 December'13 to 4 January'14.

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