



# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Ven. Shraddhalanker Mahathero receiving cheque from Maj. Gen. Abu Belal Md. Shafiul Huq, Vice President, Trust Bank.

## **Moanoghar Receives Donation from Trust Bank**

Moanoghar gratefully acknowledges a donation of 200,000 taka from the Trust Bank Ltd. The donation was made as part of 'corporate social responsibility' of the Trust Bank. Ven. Shraddhalanker Mahathero received the cheque on behalf of Moanoghar.

The cheque was handed over in Dhaka by Maj. Gen. Abu Belal Md. Shafiul Huq, Vice President of Trust Bank in a small ceremony. Brig. Gen. Tushar Kanti Chakma, Mrs. Begum Rokeya Din, both Directors and Mr. Shah A. Sarwar, Managing Director & CEO were also present. Mr. Jhimit Jhimit Chakma, Head Teacher, Moanoghar School accompanied Ven. Mahathero on behalf of Moanoghar.

## **SSC results of Moanoghar School Published**

The results of Secondary School Certificates (SSC) were published in May 2011. In total 138 students took part from Moanoghar in the exams. Among them 107 students passed which amounts to a pass rate of 79%, higher than the national average and also, for Moanoghar School, from the previous years. 1 student obtained A- with 11 A and a further 20 received A-.

## **Moanoghar Website ([www.moanoghar](http://www.moanoghar)) Launched**

Moanoghar website was officially launched on 30 July 2011. Dr. Manik Lal Dewan, former Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council formally inaugurated the website in a small ceremony. Mr. Sneha Kumar Chakma, member, CHT Regional Council, also attended the ceremony.

The website was funded by the Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF); Tandra Chakma and Zahed Hasan represented the MJF during the ceremony.

**Moanoghar, MJF and Drishtipat Writers' Collective (DWC) jointly launch fund raising initiative**

Moanoghar, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and Drishtipat Writers' Collective (DWC) jointly launched a fund raising initiative for Moanoghar. As part of this a cheque was handed over to Moanoghar on 30 July 2011. The cheque was sale proceeds of the book "Chittagong Hill Tracts: Between Ashes and Hopes". Syed Ahmed, representative of DWC together with Tandra Chakma and Zahed Hasan, MJF, handed over the cheque.



*Syed Ahmed, representative of DWC, and Tandra Chakma and Zahed Hasan of MJF hands over a cheque to Chanchu Chakma, Director, Moanoghar*



*Rotary Club delegates with Moanoghar children*

**Moanoghar launches Indigenous Mother Tongue Learning Programme**

Moanoghar Residential School launched an initiative to teach the children their mother tongues. For a start, three indigenous languages – Chakma, Marma and Tripura – will be taught in the school. The programme will gradually include languages of other indigenous minority groups.

**Moanoghar receives support from Rangamati Hill District Council**

Moanoghar received a grant from the Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) to start a 1 year pilot vocational training programme. The grant was part of UNDP/CHTFD's institutional support to RHDC from its Economic Development Cluster.

An MoU has already been signed in this regard between Moanoghar and Rangamati Hill District Council. Chanchu Chakma, Executive Director of Moanoghar and Mr. Md. Irfan Sharif, Chief Executive Officer of RHDC signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations.

The trainings will start from July and in total courses on the following trades will be offered; (1) Automobile & driving, (2) Mobile phone repairing, and (3) Tailoring & dress making. A total 40 trainees will be offered training for the 3 courses and the RHDC will select the trainees and they all be provided the residential facilities and the training by Moanoghar. The courses are for 3 months each and started on a pilot basis.

- Moanoghar received a delegation of the Rotary Club Dhaka Kawran Bazar, led by Russel Shahrion and Ahmed Farooque. A Team of ILO also made a visit to Moanoghar during the period.
- Moanoghar solemnly observed the 150 birthday of the poet Rabindranath Tagore.
- Moanoghar children received the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in the 'general knowledge competition' organized by the Small Ethnic Groups Cultural Institution, Rangamati.

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