



Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Meeting with the parents and guardians

Annual Examination Result of Moanoghar Residential School

Annual examination results of Moanoghar Residential School were published on 28 December 2010. The results show steady progress from the previous year with pass rate over 92%. This puts Moanoghar school among the first few best performing schools in Rangamati.

In total 121 students from Moanoghar appeared in the government's Junior School Certificate (JSC) examination in class VIII. This is a recent initiative of the government from 2010 to hold central examinations at class VIII through the education boards. Moanoghar School achieved 90% pass rate.

Moanoghar School students also took part in the government's 'Samapani' examination of Class V. In total 78 students took part; 37 boys and 32 girls, out of which 70 students passed.

By the time of drafting this News Bulletin, Moanoghar students are appearing in SSC examination. The detailed information will be provided in the next issue.

Guardians Meeting Held: 19 December 2010:

A parents-guardian meeting of Moanoghar students was held on 19 December 2010. Ven. Shraddha Lanker Mahathero, Vice President of Moanoghar Executive Committee presided over the meeting.

Around four hundred guardians attended the meeting. The parents/guardians were informed of the plans and activities of next year and as well the achievements, gaps and financial situation of the past year.

Among others, Mr Jhimit Jhimit Chakma, the head teacher of Moanoghar Residential School, Assistant Head Teacher Mr. Khokan Bikash Barua, Senior Joint Secretary of Moanoghar Executive Committee Ven. Buddhadatta Bhikkhu, Joint Secretary Mr. Sonadhan Chakma and the Director of Moanoghar Adv. Chanchu Chakma spoke in the meeting. Some guardian representatives also spoke in the meeting.

3 Year Plan of Moanoghar formulated

With the objective of continued improvement of its organizational practices, sustainability and well-being of the children, Moanoghar has recently developed a 3 year plan which will be implemented over the period 2011-2013.

The Plan was developed with the help of Tony Hopkins, a former volunteer from VSO. It was elaborated through a participatory process with all key stakeholders; parents, guardians, children, former students, staff, donors, etc. The plan has already been approved by the Executive Committee and its implementation has started from this year.

Softcopy of the Plan may be obtained upon request.



Mushroom culture centre and mushroom cultivation training

We gratefully acknowledge the donation/support from the following;

- French association AJHA for sponsorship of 30 children of Moanoghar and support for purchasing of beds for the residential children (see below).
- An anonymous Bangladeshi person for a monthly donation to support the children's education.
- A laptop with accessories by Tony Hopkins and his friend Megan.
- A 29' Phillips TV by Kapil Khisa for Moanoghar students in dedication of his late grandmother. Colonel Dibakar Khisa, his father, handed over the TV set to Moanoghar authority.
- Rotarian Ahmed Farooque for donation of 64 maps of the 64 districts of Bangladesh to Moanoghar library
- Guillaume Duhart and Peoples des Collines for donation of 400 beds for the children.

Miscellaneous events

- **A Training on Website Development and Management** was held on 27 December. The workshop was conducted by Trimita Chakma.
- **Moanoghar Sponsorship Committee** called on the Rangamati Hill District Council Chairman on 28 October. Goutam Dewan, Convenor of the Sponsorship Committee, led the team.
- The Moanoghar **Annual Picnic** was held on 25 November.
- A **farewell ceremony for Tony Hopkins** was held on 30 November. Tony served voluntarily for Moanoghar and was crucial for the elaboration of the 3 Year Plan.
- Moanoghar School has been included in the **British Council's Global Linkage Partnership Programme** from 2011. 2 teachers from the school have already participated in an orientation workshop under the programme.
- Moanoghar received the following **visitors** during the period; Dr. John Braithwaite and Dr. Bina D'Costa from the Australian National University; Jean Foerster and Tod Raagsdale of ADB consultants' team for CHTRDP II; and Dr. Shamim Imam, Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation.
- Moanoghar staff **Ms. Memory Chakma** participated in the Indigenous Artists and Artisans Fair, held in Dhaka in October'2010.

Upcoming event

- Admission Test of the new students: 8 January
- Dennis Wright Scholarship giving ceremony: 29 January
- Guardians Meeting: 5 February
- Opening of the Vocational Trade School: 12 February
- Eye Camp (free cataract operation): February
- Annual Sports and Prize Giving Ceremony: 16-17 February
- Bee Keeping Training: February and March
- Sponsorship Committee Meeting: February and March
- Visit of Dr. Graham Arthurs, representatives from BODHI, AJHA, Peoples des Collines and Jummanet

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