



# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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*Opening of Moanoghar School "Science Fair" in presence of Ven. Mujin Sunim*

## Moanoghar to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Years Anniversary

Moanoghar was founded in 1974 by a group of Buddhist monks: Ven. Bimal Bhikkhu, Ven. Prajnananda Mahatheor and Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero, along with Sajjan Chakma. They were directly inspired by Ven. Jnanasree Mahathero, their preceptor and founder of Parbatya Chattal Bouddha Anath Ashram in Boalkhali, Dighinala, Khagrachari.

The start was, indeed, modest. The Rangapani Milan Vihara served as the foundation: children from the neighboring Rangapani village used to come to the temple with the monks giving them free tuition, spending the donations collected in the temple for the education of the children. This was the start of Moanoghar – five decades ago. It has grown since with generous public donations – from the government of Bangladesh and as well as the diaspora.

Moanoghar has planned to celebrate the occasion over two days: 20-21 December 2024 (Friday and Saturday). Detailed plan are currently being finalized; the participants will include alumnae (Moanogharians) from over its five decades of service, government officials and as well as donors and friends of Moanoghar both from Bangladesh and abroad.

The events will be jointly organized by Moanoghar and Moanogharians (The alumnae association), with Moanoghar on the lead. A Commemorative Volume will be published on the occasion encapsulating the history of Moanoghar, along with reminiscences of the Moanogharians and articles on subjects covering, CHTs and its peoples, culture, education, child care, etc.

Moanoghar invites all to join us in the celebration of this important moment of its history.



*Preparatory meeting for organizing Moanoghar's 50 years anniversary*

*Science and Math Fair in presence of Ven. Mujin Sunim*





*Scout Jamboree and Scouts' Oath-taking  
At Moanoghar School*



*Annual Prize Giving Ceremony at Moanoghar School  
(in presence of Mr. Mosharraf H. Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati)*



### **Meeting of the Moanogharians on Preparation of Moanoghar 50 Years Anniversary**

A meeting of the Moanogharians was held on 6 September to discuss over the preparation of the 50 Years anniversary of Moanoghar, to be held on 20-21 December 2024. Additional meetings were held on 5 August in Dighinala and 4 September in Marishya, Baghaichari, and as well on 6 September morning in Khagrachari.

The meeting discussed on the budget and collection of contributions from the Moanogharians for celebrating the events. It also prepared a draft program for the 2 days' celebrations and took decision on the potential invitee list that will include government officials/representatives, and as well donors and well-wishers of Moanoghar. All Moanogharians will be contacted to join in the celebrations with their family members.

The meeting also discussed on the publication of the Commemorative Volume, to be published on the occasion. A video documentary will also be prepared that will cover Moanoghar and its history but also Parbatya, Kassalong, Giriful and Banophool.

### **New Boy Scouts and Girl's Guides Inducted and Annual Sports Held at Moanoghar School**

Annual Sports prize giving ceremony of Moanoghar Residential School was held on 8 September in the school premises. The event also included inducting new boy scouts and girl's guides in the school from all the classes.

The event was attended by Mr. Mosharraf H. Khan, Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati district as Chief Guest. Others who attended are: Ms. Nasreen Sultana, Additional Deputy Commissioner Education & ICT) and Mr. Saiful Islam, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue). The induction ceremony of the new boy scouts and girl's guides was facilitated by Mr. Bijan Kumar Dey, General Secretary, Rangamati District Scouts and Guides Association.

Following the induction ceremony, honourable Chief Guest and other guest of honors handed over the awards to the winners of the annual sports competition to the students. Ms. Goirika Chakma, member Moanoghar School Managing Committee and Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero, President, Moanoghar Executive Committee and Moanoghar School Management Committee, were also present. Mr. Ashok Kumar Chakma, executive director, Moanoghar and Principia, Moanoghar Residential School, conducted the ceremony.





*Induction ceremony of the new boy scouts and girl's guides*

*Lantern Illumination (Thousand beacons) at Bishakha Bhavan, Moanoghar*





### Other Events during the Period

- Ven. Mujin Sumin, a long-time friend and well-wisher of Moanoghar, came to visit Moanoghar on 28 August – 4 September. During her stay she opened the “science fair” at Moanoghar School and the drawing competition among the students on 1 September 2024. The science is supported by Comgest Foundation from France.
- Orientation held for the new batches of students at Moanoghar Technical Vocational School: The orientation was held on 11 August in the school premise. Old students who completed their course were given farewell along their course certificate, and new students were welcomes. The Moanoghar Technical School provides courses on 6 (six) trades: sewing & dress making, plumbing & pipe-fitting, electrical & house waring, food & beverages preparation and carpentry.
- A workshop on ‘grafting’ was held at Moanoghar under its agriculture section. The event received technical support from district Horticulture Department of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE). Moanoghar staffs in the agriculture section and a number of educated unemployed youths participated in the workshop.
- Workshops on “professional development” and communication skills held at Moanoghar School: this is held at regular intervals to develop the skills of the school teachers and Moanoghar staffs. The session on professional development was led by Arupan Bikash Barua, while the session on communication skill was led by Batayan Chakma, both Senior Teachers at Moanoghar School.
- Quiz and debate competition held at Moanoghar School: the competition was held on 1-3 September 2024 with students from all classes in batches. The winners of the competition were given prizes on 3 September through a ceremony by Ven. Mujin Sumin that followed with a lively cultural function.
- Mr. Ashok Kumar Chakma assumed responsibility as Principal of Moanoghar Residential School and the proposed college on 1 August 2024. He was formally received by a team of school teachers and student on 11 August.
- Moanoghar expresses its deep gratitude to Douglus Polunin, a benevolent business person from the UK, to help painting of two residential hostel buildings of the girls section. The two buildings of the girls’ hostel were constructed respectively, in 1991 and in 2002. Since after construction of these building, no painting was done due to shortage of funds.
- Earth Caravan, Netherlands provided support to fix the water supply system and repair of a deep tubewell of the boys' hostel and the Moanoghar Residential School. We're deeply grateful to them.
- Moanoghar also expresses its deep appreciation and thankfulness to AJHA, France for their commitment to support the purchase of furniture and logistics of the proposed Moanoghar School and College.

*Ven. Mujin Sumin visiting School Science Fair*





*Newly painted buildings at Girls Section (Bishakha Bhavan)*

*Refurbished Water Supply System at Moanoghar*







*Cultural function in honor of Ven. Mujin Sunim*

*Debate competition in Moanoghar School*



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