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Moanoghar Vegetable Gardens

Seasons' Greetings and Saying Goodbye to 2020: Survival in the Midst of Covid 19 Pandemic

The disruptions of Covid 19 continues in Bangladesh, as is in most part of the world. In the case of CHTs and Moanoghar, the havoc on the lives of the peoples and communities are simply devastating. The prolonged fallout from the pandemic-induced restricted mobility, shrunken economic activity and market disruptions to sell the agricultural produces mean that people continue to remain mired in severe economic distress. Most families in the CHT region struggle at present to provide regular daily meals to the family members.

The impacts on the Moanoghar children and the parents/guardians is particularly severe. The poverty-stricken families are barely able to afford the basic essentials to the household members. Following the government's decision of closing all educational establishments, all the children returned home with their families (except those who do not have and stayed back in Moanoghar).

Moanoghar did all it could so that children can pursue a minimum level of their class syllabus despite the adverse condition. It continued from early June online classes. For those in remote areas who could not attend the online classes, Moanoghar organized the children in group with a local tutor to help them. Finally, in the months of August – mid-December, as many as 200 children returned to Moanoghar for a better environment despite the school's continued closure.

The year 2020 was a testing for Moanoghar, as is also for many all around the world. It has been a year of survival but also a period of trial to ensure the education, welfare and wellbeing of the children amidst a catastrophic pandemic. May the new bring the promise of hope, peace, tranquility and prosperity to all. Happy festivities and Happy New Year 2021.

Admission at Moanoghar for 2021

The admission for the year 2021 started from 5 December 2020. Interested parents and guardians can collect the admission forms from Moanoghar or through its website (www.moanoghar.org) and Facebook page (Moanoghar) and equally submit electronically. The last date of submitting admission form is 31 December 2020.

Depending on government's permission and subject to the Covid 19 situation, the admission test will be held on 8 January 2021. However, if this is not possible, the school classes will start from 19 January 2021 subject to government's permission on the opening of educational institutions. However, Moanoghar will hold separate class tests for the new children at a later date to decide on their admission in the school class.



Children preparing a message board for Peuples des Collines

Offering Thanks and Gratitude to Marie-Claude Rubin and Peuples des Collines (and) Not-a-Goodbye

The association Peuples des Collines and its founder Mrs. Marie-Claude Rubin have been supporting Moanoghar since the last many years. Their support has allowed Moanoghar to ensure education for the children, repair and rebuild various facilities, and as well as support a range of extra-curricular activities for the children, including vocational trade education.

At the end of this year, 2020, the association has decided to close down. But before closing down, they extended their support to help Moanoghar overcome the Covid 19 pandemic. It is like support from theirs, that Moanoghar could go through the extremely challenging time of the pandemic and yet continue supporting the education of the children.

Moanoghar children prepared a message board on the occasion, expressing their feelings of gratitude and love for Marie-Claude Rubin and other members of the Association.



Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain, Director, NGO Affairs Bureau, planting a tree sapling during his visit

Miscellaneous News

- Moanoghar organized a drawing competition of the children with support from the “Diversity for Peace Project” of UNDP, Bangladesh. The event was organized online given the ongoing pandemic and the theme was “Colours of the Hills Arts Competition”.
- The Director of NGO Affairs Bureau, Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain visited Moanoghar on 28 October’20. He planted a tree sapling in the campus.
- Moanoghar organized a special event involving the schools in Rangamati with the support of WFP-Bangladesh and Department of Women Affairs, Government of Bangladesh as part of “16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”.



Ms. Fatema Tuzzohora Upoma, Upazilla Nirbahi Officer (UNO) at the prize giving ceremony of the drawing competition

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