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Participants in the Sponsor Forum Meeting

Moanoghar Sponsors' Forum Meeting Held

Moanoghar Sponsors' Forum Meeting was held on 8 May in the ASHIKA Conference Hall. Ms. Arati Chakma, President of Moanoghar Executive Committee presided over the meeting. Renowned civil society members of the CHT were present in the meeting. The meeting was divided into three sessions. First session was conducted by Mr. Tony Hopkins and Adv. Chanchu Chakma which included presentations on Moanoghar's current activities and future plans. The second session comprised of open discussion with Ms. Nirupa Dewan and Mr. Sunil Kanti Dey as moderators.. In the final session a 7 member Sponsors' Forum was formed with Mr. Goutam Dewan as Convenor. It will have as objectives. fund raising and mobilizing new sponsors for Moanoghar. The members are; Ms. Nirupa Dewan, Ms. Anjulika Khisa, Mr. Sunil Kanti Dey, Mr. Amlan Chakma, Mr. Shishir Kanti Chakma and Mr. Kallol Chakma.

The meeting was attended by prominent member of CHT civil society. Among those present were; Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan, former Deputy Minister of MoCHTA, Mr. Goutam Dewan, former chairman of R-HDC, Mr. Chinkywe Roaza, former Chairman of RHDC, Mr. Manik Lal Dewan, former chairman of R-HDC and Mr. Chandra Kumar Chakma, former District Fishery Officer .

Guardians' Network Meeting Held

Meeting of Moanoghar children's network was held on 17 & 19 May'10 at Moanoghar Conference Hall. Guardians of the children, Moanoghar Executive Committee members, senior management officials and Moanoghar Residential School teachers were present in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero. Closer support of the guardians to Moanoghar was emphasized and the academic performance of the children was shared with them. It was decided that similar meetings with the guardians will be held at regular intervals, at least twice a year.



Publication ceremony of 'Awozar Moanobi'

Publication Ceremony of 'Awjor Monobi' Held

Publication Ceremony of the school magazine - **Awjor Monobi** - was held on 11 April at Moanoghar Conference Hall. Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriyo Larma , honourable Chairman of CHT Regional Council was present as the chief guest in the ceremony. The magazine was entirely conceived and prepared by the students of Moanoghar Residential School on the eve of the Biju festival. Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero chaired the function. Others who were present in the ceremony were; Mr. Mangal Kumar Chakma, Mr. Jhimit Jhimit Chakma, Mr. Sunil Kanti Dey, Mrs. Latika Talukder, Mrs. Nirupa Dewan and Mr. Chanchu Chakma.

The chief guest in his speech noted the achievements of Moanoghar students, particularly Moanoghar's contribution in spreading quality education among the CHT ethnic minorities and committed his support to their future well-being.

Training events

- A **Fish cultivation training** was held at Moanoghar on 8 May. The training was organized with the support of Manusher Jonno Foundation. 25 Moanoghar residential students participated in the training. Sadar Thana senior fishery officer Md. Abul Kalam Azad facilitated event.
- **Training on Bio-briquette** making held on 15 May at Moanoghar Conference cum Training Center. The training was jointly organised by Moanoghar and ASHIKA. The aim of the training was to produce bio-briquettes (environment friendly bio-fuel) by using huge amount of charcoals produced in Moanoghar kitchen.
- An **Organizational Assessment Workshop** was held on 25 May with the support of local NGO Taungya. Senior teacher of Moanoghar Residential School and Moanoghar Management attended the workshop. The main objectives of the workshop were to assess the weaknesses, strengths and opportunities of Moanoghar as an organization.
- The **3rd Honey Production Training** was held from 17-20 June with the support of Manusher Jonno Foundation.
- A 8 day **meditation course** was held at Won Myong Meditation Center from 28 May- 4 June with 30 participants.

Upcoming events

- 2nd Terminal Exam at the School (end-July)
- Moanoghar Annual General Meetig (mid-August)
- 4th Honey Production Training in August
- Guardian Forum Meeting August/September
- Training on reproductive health in September

Miscellaneous News of Moanoghar

- **Honorary Consul General of Japan Md. Nurul Islam** Visited Moanoghar on 16 April. He was briefed about the Moanoghar's past background and as well as present activities.
- **Ms. Yasmine Siddiqui**, an official from Asian Development Bank, Manila, visited Moanoghar on 5 May 2010. She was taken around the Moanoghar campus and given a brief overview of Moanoghar's current activities and as well as its future plans.
- **SSC Result** of Moanoghar Residential School came out in May. The results were even with national average (68%) but not considered satisfactory. Moanoghar authority has already arranged special coaching for the SSC candidates in the next year and confident of better results of the students in future.
- **Moanoghar Staff Coordination Meeting** was held on 13 May. Various organizational coordination issues were discussed and detailed execution plan for the next semester were elaborated.
- **Farewell Ceremony** for Ms. Estelle Visagie – a VSO volunteer - was held at Moanoghar 15 April. She left Moanoghar after her one year stay was completed.
- **Mr. Jhimit Jhimit Chakma** was appointed as the new **Head Teacher of Moanoghar Residential School** from end-June. We all welcome him in his new position and commit our support for his success.
- **Moanoghar's Students won Prizes in Book Reading Competition, organized by the Rangamati Shish Academy.** Moanoghar students obtained the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes from 3 different groups in the competition.