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## **Moanoghar Students Participate and Win in the Bangladesh National Level Sports Tournament**

The final tournament of national level sports competition for the high school level students was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 at the Borishal divisional stadium ground. The honorable minister of education Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid was present as chief guest. The participants in the tournament were selected through a nation-wide selection process.

Three students of Moanoghar were qualified for the national game. Pranay Chakma (Class X) won two gold medals for Shortput and Discus and Rebata Chakma (Class IX) won silver in discus.

At Chittagong regional tournament, Neeti Chakma (Class X) won the first prize in discus.



*Moanoghar students participate in the Independence Day Parade on 26 March'14*

## **Annual Sports Day and Education Tour of Moanoghar School Held**

The annual sports day of Moanoghar Residential School was held on last 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Moanoghar play ground. All children in the school participated in the various events with much enthusiasm which included specific events both for the boys and the girls. These were organized around age group and class.

The day was inaugurated by Jhimit Jhimit Chakma, Head Teacher of Moanoghar School in presence of members from the neighbouring communities and Moanoghar authority.

The prize giving ceremony will be separately held in April 2014.

On a separate but related event, the students of class 10 of Moanoghar School went on an annual educational excursion tour on last 9 - 12 March'14. They went to Srimangal and Moulvibazar, Sylhet. The students visited the tea garden areas and the various nearby places. They also interacted there with various indigenous ethnic communities of the Garo, Manipuri and Khasi peoples and visited the Kamalganja Manipuri Literary Academy. The Academy authority held a special presentation for the students on their activities and about the life of the various indigenous communities in the vicinity.

They also interacted with the tea garden communities.

### **Runi Chakma and Shovarani Chakma A Promise for Future CHT and Bangladesh**

Runi Chakma and Shovarani Chakma, both currently are studying in HSC in University Women's Federation College in Dhaka. Runi studies in Commerce section while Shovarani opted for Science.

Their story is identical to the hundreds of children who are currently sheltered in Moanoghar. One may even raise this number if one were to take into account former children who have left Moanoghar after completion of studies.

Runi took admission in 2004 and Shovarani in 2006, in class II and IV. Runi's father is a fringe farmer/day labour from Langadu upazila and Shovarani's parents are jum cultivator from Rangamati upazila. Both excelled in their studies and in SSC examinations obtained GPA score of 5.

After SSC Rotary Club of Dhaka, Kawran Bazar offered them full tuition to study in Dhaka, with further complementary support by the Moanogharians, the alumnae association of the former students.

Runi aspires to pursue business studies after HSC and Shovarani's aim is to become a medical doctor.

#### **Moanoghar Students Grab all Three Prizes**

Moanoghar students won all three prizes on Essay writing competition organized by the Rangamati Public Library on the occasion of the National Independence Day. They all currently study in college. Titu Chakma won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize with Shikha Chakma and Jonaki Chakma respectively winning the 1<sup>st</sup> runners-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up prize in the competition.



*Runi Chakma and Shovarani Chakma*

#### **Moanoghar gratefully acknowledges extended support from the following:**

- Benevolent Organization for Development, Health and Insight (BODHI) for funding the community health project and assorted income generating activities.
- Les Amis des Jummas for sponsorship of 30 children in Moanoghar and complementary support construction of an extension in the girls' hostel.
- Peoples des Collines for funding the extension (2 rooms) of the girl's section.
- Buddhist Global Relief, USA for afforestation on Moanoghar Land and support for purchase of assorted equipments and PCs for IT education.
- D. A Campbell Foundation, USA for support to the Moanoghar Bakery and assorted logistics items.
- AJHA, France for sponsorship of 50 children in Moanoghar.

#### **Miscellaneous News**

- A farewell ceremony for the SSC students was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014. This year, 48 residential and 69 non-residential students took part in SSC examination from Moanoghar.
- The International Mother Language Day was solemnly observed on 21 February by Moanoghar. A series of events (e.g. drawing competition, essay writing, debates) were organized on the occasion.
- Ms. Rumi Arioshi, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy in Dhaka visited Moanoghar on last 27 March. On the same day a delegation consisting of Prof. Shimosawa Takashi, Ms. Takemori Kumiko, Ms Takenaka Natsuko and Ms Fukuda Mao visited Moanoghar. Moanoghar children performed a cultural show in honour of them.
- A group of Japanese students Ms. HORIUCHI Moeka, Ms. ISOGAI Minami, Ms. MIYAMURA Kanako, Ms. NOZUE Rika, Ms. OHTSU Yuka, Ms. SUZUKI Eri, Ms. TANAKA Shiho, Mr. YOSHINO Yuta and Mr. AIZAKI Makoto visited Moanoghar in March.
- Moanoghar children bid farewell to Ms. WATANABE Sayaka, a volunteer from Japan 12 March, She returned to Japan after staying 1 year in Moanoghar.

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