



Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Mr. Dipankar Talukder, Honourable M,P serving food to the Moanoghar children on 15 August, commemorating the martyrdom of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman

Children Returns to Hostels and Moanoghar School Opens!

The government of Bangladesh has recently allowed opening of the educational establishments in the country from 12 September. Consequently, Moanoghar School is open too now and following the government instructions. Two sessions per week from each class is allowed as per the government's circular. However, additional classes are taken for the classes 5, 8 and SSC to prepare the students for the national level examinations. Further, Moanoghar also organized special evening coaching classes for all the students to recover the lost months due to Covid-19 induced lockdowns.

The hostels at Moanoghar opened 1 week before the opening of the school. For reminder, all the children left, except about 150 who do not have family or their family live too far away in remote regions of the CHT and who stayed at Moanoghar, for their homes. With the opening of the school all returned.

However, 38 children did not return which include 12 girls. In fact, out of these 38 children, 20 did not return to Moanoghar since they went home in end-March 2020 when the first lockdown was announced. All the children come from remote areas and poor families. With the lockdown induced livelihood crisis, all joined their family to work. For most it is in the Jhum farming.

This is a sad reminder the impact of the pandemic. Due to family hardships, the children dropped out of school. Moanoghar is in contact with the parents and trying to bring them back next year, at least in the vocational trade school where they can learn a trade.

Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar Held

The Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar was held on last 27 August. The meeting was postponed since December 2020, due to the Covid-19 induced lockdown and restrictions to face to face meeting by the government. Due to the continued lockdowns, the meeting was held with online participants and also personal attendance by those who live in or around the Moanoghar campus.

The AGM discussed on the organizational activities and financial status of Moanoghar and approved the related transactions. It also approved the budget and activity plan of the ongoing year and as well as the audit report of the past year.

Moanoghar Annual General Meeting



Moanoghar Mobile Clinic Programme Re-launched

With the outbreak of Covid-19 in Bangladesh in March 2020 the Mobile Clinic activities of Moanoghar were postponed indefinitely. With the government's authorization, the mobile clinics have been resumed since last 25 September 2021. The medical team of Moanoghar visit 4 nodes: Lemuchari, Sapchhari, Bhollya and Mono Adam, and provide free medical prescriptions and medicines to the communities – four times a week. The programme is implemented with support from and in coordination with the Civil Surgeon office, Rangamati and with financial assistance from DA Campbell Foundation.



Handwashing by students before attending classes



Mr. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati giving awards to winners of the science fair

Science Fair and Math Olympiad Organized at Moanoghar School

Moanoghar School organized a science fair and math Olympiad of the students on 16-18 November 2021. The tagline of the event was “Let’s Overcome Fear of Math and Science, and Dream Together of a Better Future”. The annual event was organized to instill among the students rational thinking with the spirit of inquisitiveness, discovery and innovation.

The winning teams received awards in recognition of their innovative projects in an event organized on 23 November. The Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Mr. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman attended the event as Chief Guest. He toured the Moanoghar campus, interacted with the children and declared a grant of 50,000 taka for purchase of sports materials for the students.

Science Fair at Moanoghar School



District Champion Football Team (Boys) of Moanoghar School



District Champion Handball Team (Girls) of Moanoghar

“Concert for Education” Organized for HELP and other Related News

A concert titled “concert for education” was held on 27 November 2021 in Rangamati by Moanoghar Support Group, Rangamati to raise fund for Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Renowned musicians, singers and performers from the CHT region performed in the concert *pro bono* to raise funds to support Moanoghar’s HELP related activities. Subsequently, with Moanoghar Support Group, Khagrachari, meetings to raise funds for HELP were held in Dighinala and Khagrachari on 29 and 30 November 2021.

Currently, 103 students are supported under HELP for tertiary level studies in different public universities, including in medical and engineering colleges. 38 students are women. Since its re-launching 46 students have completed students under HELP and all of them, in turn, are currently contributing to support HELP activities of Moanoghar.

In a related event, a check hand-over ceremony for HELP Memorial Scholarships was organized on 15 October 2021 at Moanoghar. Relatives and family members who set up the scholarships in memory of their parents attended the event. This included:

- Mr. Dipak Khisha for Dr. Bhagadatta Khisha Memorial Scholarship (Nephew of late Dr. Khisha)
- Ms. Jharna Roy for Kumar Nandit Roy Memorial Scholarship (Spouse of late Kumar Roy)
- Mr. Dipayan Khisha for Puranjoy and Chitrangada Khisha Memorial Scholarship (Son)
- Ms. Shipra Chakma for Khagendra Lal and Pakriti Chakma Memorial Scholarship (Daughter)
- Tenjing Chakma for Buddhendu Bikash Chakma Memorial Scholarship (Son)
- Mr. Triratan Chakma for Kamala Debi Memorial Scholarship (Son)

Mr. Nikhil Kumar Chakma, honourable Chairman of the CHT Development Board attended the event as Chief Guest. The recently retired teachers of the Moanoghar School were also given formal farewell in the same event.



Ms. Dolly Prue Marma performing in the “Concert for Education”



Mr. Nikhil Kumar Chakma, honourable Chairman, CHT Development Board at Moanoghar

Mr. Dipayan Khisha handing over check to Moanoghar for the scholarship in memory of his parents



Moanoghar Mobile Clinic at Lemuchari



Miscellaneous News

- A harvesting ceremony was held at Moanoghar on 3 December 2021 to celebrate the harvesting of new rice from the Moanoghar rice fields. Guests from Rangamati participated in the dinner with the children of Moanoghar.
- Moanoghar nursery at present has more than 5000 bamboo and other fruit saplings. These will be used to start the Moanoghar afforestation project during the next monsoon.
- Moanoghar students were **champion of the district football (boys) and handball (girls) tournament** organized to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman, Father of the Nation.

Moanoghar Nursery



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