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Opening Ceremony of the REUNION of the Moanogharians

Admission of New Children in Moanoghar and Other Events

Admission for new children in 2016 was held on 6 and 16 January. Currently, there are 1386 children in Moanoghar School; 743 boys and 643 girls. 809 are residential i.e. stay in the dormitories whereas 596 attend the school from the neighbouring communities. The residential children also include college students.

Separately, on last 24 January, a function was held to bid farewell to the SSC candidates. This year, in total 267 students appeared in SSC examination from the Moanoghar School.

The Annual Sports competition of Moanoghar School was held on last 28 January. The prize giving ceremony was held on 2 February. Mr. Mostafa Zaman, Additional Deputy Commissioner attended the ceremony as Chief Guest.

Reunion of the Moanogharians Held

The reunion of the Moanogharians (alumnae association) was held over 2 days on the last 11-12 March 2016 at Moanoghar. Some 200 Moanogharians across the CHT and other parts of Bangladesh attended the event.

The event was inaugurated by Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero, Vice President, Moanoghar Executive Council and one of the founders of Moanoghar; Ms. Goirika Chakma, Senior Teacher, Moanoghar School; and Prof. Bodhisatta Dewan, President, Moanoghar Support Group, Khagrachari were present as guests of honour at the opening ceremony chaired by Biplab Chakma, President, the Moanogharians.

The event also included Lifetime Achievement Award given by Moanoghar and the Moanogharians to outstanding individuals from the CHT in recognition of their contribution to various fields. This year, the award was given to Prof. Mong Sanu Chowdhury for Education and Mr. Manoj Bahadur Gurkha for Arts and Creative Writing. Separately, the Moanogharians also gave special award to Mr. Nikhil Chakma, a Moanogharian who has recently obtained PhD. from Dhaka University; and Mr. Jyoti Chakma and Mr. Bivuti Chakma (a Moanogharian) for their work on developing the Chakma fonts for Microsoft Windows and Google Android.

Mr. Mani Swapan Dewan, former Deputy Minister, Ministry of CHT Affairs and Dr. Sudhin Kumar Chakma, retired Professor, Khagrachari Government College, attended respectively as chief guest and special guest to the event.

Foundation Stone for Tarabunia Junior High Schools Laid Down

Tarabunia Junior High School, supported by French association AJHA through Moanoghar, received a grant from the Khagrachari Hill District Council (K-HDC) recently for the construction of 2 class rooms in the school.

A ceremony for this purpose was held on last 25 March to lay the foundation stone of the school building. Due to sickness, the Honourable Chairman Mr. Kongjari Chowdhury could not attend the ceremony and in his place, Ms. Shatarupa Chakma, member, K-HDC, officiated the ceremony as his representative.



Ceremony of laying foundation stone at Tarabunia School



Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene

Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene and Making of Sanitary Pads Held

A workshop on the above subject was held at Moanoghar on last 20 March at Moanoghar. It was facilitated by Ms. Kabita Chakma from Australia, Ms. Muktasree Chakma, Ms. Susmita Chakma and Ms. Bithika Chakma. Ms. Kabita Chakma also taught the participants about how to make low-cost sanitary pads to be used by the girls at Moanoghar.

Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar Held

The Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar was held on last 29 January 2016. It approved the annual budget for 2016, activity plan and as well as the activity and audit reports of 2015. In addition, the AGM approved the 'Ashramik Acharan Bidhi (Guidelines for Conduct)' of the Moanoghar children and the revised 'Child Protection Policy' of Moanoghar.

Miscellaneous News

- Moanoghar School recruited 5 new teachers and 5 teaching assistants in January 2016. The new teachers will be teaching the following subjects; mathematics, science; social sciences, information technology and finance and banking.
- From January, Moanoghar started residential coaching programmes for all the students with both morning and evening shifts. The children are grouped according to age, class and academic performance wise and closely tutored by the recently recruited teaching assistants, hostel caretakers and school teachers.
- Moanoghar School has won the 1st prize in 'display and 2nd prize in 'march past' in the Independence Day competition on 26 March, organized by the district administration. In the same event, the Moanoghar Pre-Cadet School won the 1st prize in both competitions in the primary school category.
- The Moanoghar School Students elected a 'student cabinet' for 2016. The cabinet is composed of 8 members and was elected through secret ballot by the school students.
- Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) awarded stipends to 21 new students in 2016 in addition to the students who are already supported under the programme. In total, 93 students are now supported by Moanoghar under HELP. Out of the 21 new students, 8 are girls and 13 are boys.

Acknowledgement

- We gratefully acknowledge to Ms. Kabita Chakma and Mr. Glen Hill for setting up the endowment fund for the Monika Chakma and Rabindra Lal Chakma Memorial Scholarship under the HELP of Moanoghar.
- The construction of Suhrid Bhavan is about to be complete soon. It is constructed with the support of Buddhist Global Relief and Inti Raymi Fund.
- We gratefully acknowledge the support from Peoples des Collines for installation of a new deep tube-well and repairing of the Moanoghar water supply system.



Annual School Award Giving Ceremony



Suhrid Bhavan construction

An Appeal

Moanoghar is making an URGENT APPEAL for sponsorship support for 6 students. 4 are girls and 2 boys. All are parentless or too poor to support in any way their education. Moanoghar has admitted all of them but without sponsorship or support from any generous individual/organization, their future education will be in grave risk. Please help us for their education.



Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award



Cultural performance by the Moanoghar Children



Moanogharis in the Reunion



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