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*Inauguration of Moanoghar Technical School*

## **New Building for Moanoghar Technical School Inaugurated**

The new building of Moanoghar Technical School is inaugurated on last 19 February 2021, by Mr. Dipankar Talukder, honourable Member of Parliament (MP) from Rangamati. Mr. Aung Sui Prue Chowdhury, honourable Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council was present as Special Guest, along with other dignitaries. The event was presided over by Ven. Shradhalankar Mahathero, President of Moanoghar Executive Committee.

The new building will allow Moanoghar Technical School to shift the classes in the new campus with better facilities. Since its founding three years ago, the technical school has been functioning in a temporary location in a section of Moanoghar School within the main campus.

The building is being constructed with the funding support from the Rangamati Hill District Council, through a grant from the Ministry of CHT Affairs. The new building will have three storeys. As of now the ground floor is complete. In his speech, the honourable MP assured Moanoghar for the necessary funding to complete the remaining parts of the building. The honourable MP also committed to support for the repairing of the drainage and sanitation system of the Moanoghar campus.

Moanoghar, at present has, about 1250 students in the school. The technical school is specially launched to provide the students who would not go for tertiary level education, a platform to learn vocational trade with which they can earn a decent livelihood. Currently, the technical school provides courses on 4 different trades. Moanoghar has applied to the Technical Education Board for teaching of additional 4 trades by the technical school.

## **Admission of children at Moanoghar and Moanoghar Residential School Survival in the Midst of Covid 19 Pandemic**

Moanoghar has completed admission in the school and residential hostels for the academic year: January – December 2021. 237 new students are given admission in the school and at present, the total students in the school stand at 1,254, out of which 661 are boys and 593 are girls. 671 students are residential staying in the hostels and the remaining 583 are non-residentials, coming from the neighbouring villages.

Given the prevailing Covid-19 situation, no admission test was held for the students.



Farewell ceremony to the departing Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati Hill District

### **School Sub-Committees formed on Sexual Abuse, Harassment and Violence against Women; and to Stop Child Marriage**

Moanoghar School Management Committee has set up in last March 2 sub-committees to raise awareness among the students, guardians and nearby villagers on : (1) To stop sexual abuse and harassment and violence against women; and (2) To stop child marriage.

The sub-committee on sexual abuse, harassment and violence against women will regularly meet with the adolescent children, parents and guardians to raise their awareness. It is composed of members from the school teachers and hostel caretakers.

The same sub-committee will also work on stopping child marriage. For this, neighbourhood watch committees in the villages with the parents and guardians have already been set up and when the Covid 19 situation improves, regular meetings will be held with the watch committee members.



*Publication ceremony of From Kapas Mahal to Peace Accord: History of State Policy on Chittagong Tracts”*

**Publication Ceremony of “From Kapas Mahal to Peace Accord: History of State Policy on Chittagong Tracts”, Held**

The publication ceremony of the above-titled book was held in Moanoghar, written by Dr. Ananda Bikash Chakma, Associate Professor, Chittagong University. The event, held on 18 March 2020, was attended by Raja Devasish Roy, Chakma Circle Chief, as chief guest and principal discussant. Other discussants included: Mr. Goutan Dewan, Convenor, CHT Citizens’ Committee, former Cultural Officer, District Shilpakala Academy, Mr. Mojibul Huq Bulbul, noted educationist, Ms. Nirupa Dewan, and Professor Mong Sanu Chowdhury. The event was chaired by Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero, President of Moanoghar Executive Committee.

Dr. Chakma currently teaches in the Department of History, Chittagong University. During the event, he declared to donate 30 percent of the book’s price for Moanoghar’s Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP).

*New cashew nut plantation in Moanoghar*





*Delegation of CHT Regional Council visiting Moanoghar*

#### **Miscellaneous News**

- Moanoghar bade farewell to the departing Deputy Commissioner Mr. AKM Mamunur Rashid on 5 February through a special ceremony in his honour.
- A delegation of CHT Regional Council, Mr. Sathoi Prue Marma and Mr. Soukhin Chakma, visited Moanoghar on 10 February.
- A delegation of Department of Agricultural Extension, Mr. Mahfuz Hossain Mirza (Additional Director, Field Crops) and Ms. Zakia Begum (Additional Director, Horticulture), accompanied by Mr. Paban Kumar Chakma, visited the cashew nut plantations of Moanoghar.
- Moanoghar deeply mourns the death of Mr. Arabinda Chakma. He set up a scholarship under HELP at Moanoghar. Already 2 students have completed B.Sc. in engineering with support from the scholarship.



*The delegation of the Department of Agriculture visiting Moanoghar cashew nut plantations.*

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