

Moanoghar Niroda Bala Memorial Scholarship



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About the Scholarship

The Scholarship was created by Dr. Indu Bikash Chakma and his family in the name of his late mother Mrs. Niroda Bala Chakma (popularly known as 'Kadamba Ma' across CHT) with an endowment vested to Moanoghar for its management. The endowment is kept in a 'fixed deposit' account and only its interest will be disbursed for the scholarship.

The scholarship is created for Tertiary Level Education for meritorious students belong to indigenous communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region. Students in the discipline of science, medicine or engineering subjects will be given preference. However, students from other disciplines will also be eligible to apply.

A maximum monthly amount of 6,500 taka (six thousand five hundred) taka will be awarded for the scholarship.

Administration of the Scholarship

The scholarship will be administered as part of Moanoghar 'Higher Education Loan Programme' (HELP) and the overall terms and conditions of the HELP will be applicable to the recipient of the scholarship. Consequently, the recipient of the scholarship will have obligation to refund to Moanoghar the amount s/he has received once s/he enters into income generating employment after the studies. The recovered amount will be used for disbursing further loans to future candidates. Secondly; the selection of the candidate will be carried out through a competitive process as laid down in Moanoghar's HELP Policy (*Attached as Annex*). Finally; as per the wish of the endower of the scholarship, students of medical science and other subjects in science discipline will be given preference, although this will not exclude other candidates of tertiary level studies.

About Mrs. Niroda Bala Chakma, Indu Bikash Chakma and his family

Mrs. Niroda Bala Chakma is remembered with high esteem and affection across Chittagong Hill Tracts by the People. Born in 1904, she died in 1988 at the mature age of 84. With the prevailing customs of the era, she



Niroda Bala Chakma (Kadamba Ma)

was married off at a young age. But to her misfortune, she very soon found herself as a widow with 5 young children – 3 sons and 2 daughters - and without much else to rely on. Undaunted, despite struggles, with her hard work, strong ethics and singular vision about the importance of education, she ensured that all her children receive good education. Her second daughter, Bakul Bala Chakma (now deceased) is one of the first women from CHT to complete graduation. Eldest son, Charu Bikash Chakma remains a legend in the CHT, and is one of the first political personalities to raise the demand for the region's autonomy after the independence of Bangladesh. Second son, Amalendu Bikash Chakma is the first graduate engineer from CHT from Dhaka Ahsanullah Engineering College (now BUET), pursued a government career and retired as Additional Chief Engineer of Roads and Highway Division.



Indu Bikash Chakma with his wife

The youngest son and endower of the present scholarship, Indu Bikash Chakma, passed MBBs from Dhaka Medical College in 1963 and went for further studies in the UK in 1965. There, he obtained MRCS and LRCP (London) and pursued a career as medical practitioner. He retired as GP Principal and currently lives in the UK with his family. He has 3 children and 4 grand children.