



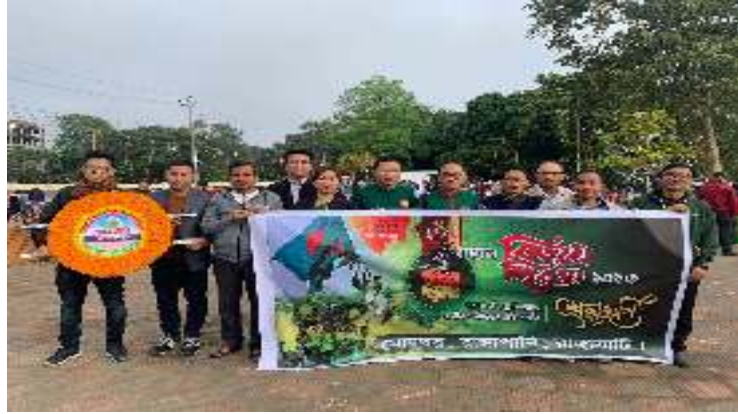
# Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Moanoghar Offering Floral Wreath on the Victory Day (16 December)

## School Annual Examinations 2023 and Admission of Children for New Academic Year 2024

The annual examinations of the Moanoghar Residential School were held in late November to early December 2023. The results have since been published and overall, are excellent.

In the last week of December, as is done every year, Moanoghar started admission of new children. In total, 209 children were admitted (*see the table below*). Yet, there are still many awaiting admissions in the residential hostels who needs sponsors to pay for their education. We **STRONGLY APPEAL** to your generosity for supporting us with **SPONSORSHIP**.

| Class        | New intake for 2024 |           |                 |           | Total      | Old students |            |                 |            | Total      | Grand total |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|              | Residential         |           | Non-residential |           |            | Residential  |            | Non-residential |            |            |             |
|              | Boys                | Girls     | Boys            | Girls     |            | Boys         | Girls      | Boys            | Girls      |            |             |
| Class 1      | 1                   | 0         | 5               | 0         | 6          | 1            | 1          | 0               | 0          | 2          | 8           |
| Class 2      | 1                   | 1         | 1               | 3         | 6          | 0            | 0          | 2               | 0          | 2          | 8           |
| Class 3      | 4                   | 1         | 2               | 0         | 7          | 1            | 1          | 2               | 0          | 4          | 11          |
| Class 4      | 4                   | 1         | 0               | 0         | 5          | 4            | 2          | 0               | 2          | 8          | 13          |
| Class 5      | 6                   | 2         | 0               | 1         | 9          | 20           | 8          | 10              | 4          | 42         | 51          |
| Class 6      | 45                  | 27        | 24              | 17        | 113        | 17           | 12         | 2               | 5          | 36         | 149         |
| Class 7      | 12                  | 3         | 5               | 1         | 21         | 59           | 72         | 20              | 17         | 168        | 189         |
| Class 8      | 9                   | 5         | 3               | 4         | 21         | 65           | 55         | 25              | 20         | 165        | 186         |
| Class 9      | 12                  | 4         | 3               | 2         | 21         | 61           | 51         | 34              | 43         | 189        | 210         |
| Class 10     | 0                   | 0         | 0               | 0         | 0          | 63           | 61         | 53              | 44         | 221        | 221         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>94</b>           | <b>44</b> | <b>43</b>       | <b>28</b> | <b>209</b> | <b>291</b>   | <b>263</b> | <b>148</b>      | <b>135</b> | <b>837</b> | <b>1046</b> |

## News of Moanoghar Residential School (MRS)

- **New Principal at Moanoghar Residential School**

In June 2023, the incumbent school principal Shishir Kanti Chakma went into retirement after a three decades long teaching in the school. Subsequently, Jatil Bihari Chakma took responsibility as acting Principal of the school. A ceremony was organized by the Moanoghar and School authority on 22 June to bid farewell to Mr. Shishir Kanti Chakma and as well as to welcome Mr. Jatil Bihari Chakma as new principal.

- **Remembering Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman, Father of the Nation and the Glorious Freedom Struggle:**

A discussion was held on 28 May at the school to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bangabandhu receiving Julio Curie Peace Award in 1973. A video documentary was also shown during the event. On 6 June, the school invited Mr. Priti Kanti Tripura to share his reminiscences as freedom fighter with the students. Moanoghar and school authority also solemnly observed National Mourning Day on 15 August and the National Victory Day on 16 December with due ceremony. A floral wreath was offered on 16 December at the National Victory Monument in Rangamati.

- Moanoghar and School, like every year, organized **special coaching to the students during the Ramadan and Summer vacation.** Moanoghar students studying the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) came to stay at Moanoghar to impart coaching to the students. Along side, Moanoghar hostel caretakers and house tutors also joined them.

- **Moanoghar School solemnly observed the International Mother Language Day** on 21 February. The students raised early morning and with a rally offered floral wreaths at the precinct of the new Shaheed Minar of the Moanoghar campus. On this occasion, the school also organized a day-long program of drawing competition, creative writing by the students and poetry recitation.

- Moanoghar School team won as '**champion**' of the **Hill Districts' debate competition.** The team received its award on 31 January.

- The election of Moanoghar School **Student Cabinet** was held on 30 January, 2023 with the participation of all the students. The cabinet will serve for the entire academic year.

- Moanoghar and School celebrate the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Julio Curie Peace Award** by the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Raman. A documentary was showed to the students on this occasion on 23 May 2023, followed by a discussion by the teachers.

- **Science and Math fair** was held by Moanoghar School on 4 June 2023, attended by Md. Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati as chief guest. He also opened the school magazine Pratyasha that contain poems, essays and articles by the students, teacher and Moanoghar staffs. The fair included 14 projects on science and 12 projects on mathematics. The best projects received special prizes.

- A drawing competition among the students was held at Moanoghar School on 6 June 2023 to **observe the International Environment Day.** The students were invited to make drawings on the theme "impacts of climate change on Bangladesh, and resilience and adaptation of the vulnerable communities".

- **Meetings with the guardians:** Moanoghar and the School management organized 2 meetings with the guardians on 10 July and 9 September respectively. These meetings are held regularly: 2 or 3 times a year for mutual exchanges between the parents and guardians and Moanoghar management about the academic progress and overall care and well-being of the children. The academic plan of the school along with the children's care and Moanoghar's Child Protection Policy was shared with the parents and their opinion was invited. The next parents/guardians meeting is expected to be held at the end of the first quarter of 2024.



*Parents/guardians meeting (9 September 2023)*

*Science and Math Fair with the honourable DC, Rangamati (4 June 2023)*







*Celebration of the Julio Curie Peace Award by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman (23 May 2023)*

*Launching of the School Magazine*



## News of Moanoghar and Moanoghar Residential School (MRS)

- **Moanoghar and School launch “Teach at Moanoghar” (TEAM) Fellows Program:** Moanoghar launched in June 2023 the TEAM fellows program to improve the academic standard of the students and Moanoghar School. The TEAM fellows will provide special coaching on select subjects (Science, Math and English in particular) to the students outside the school classes and also support the school management in properly implementing the academic calendar of the school.
- **Moanoghar Support Group, Dhaka** set up on last 4 August through a meeting with Major (retired) Tapan Bikash Chakma as Convenor. The Team includes 21 members, all reputable representatives of CHT diaspora in Dhaka. The Team will mobilize other diaspora members in Dhaka and beyond, to support Moanoghar activities, in particular, the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). It should be noted that at present 116 students are studying at tertiary levels in various public educational institutions in Bangladesh, all with support from Moanoghar under HELP.
- A three-day special **workshop on Bakery products** held at Moanoghar on 11-13 September 2023, with the support of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Foundation under the Ministry of Commerce of the Government of Bangladesh. In total 28 participants attended the course and all were provided hands-on training on making various bakery products such as, cupcake, bread, chocolate cake, cookies, etc.
- Moanoghar carried out a **“mosquito elimination” drive** in July-August 2023 in its campus and surrounding areas in the face of endemic spread of dengue in Rangamati. Over the last decades dengue has been mostly confined in the large urban areas, such as Dhaka, Chittagong etc. This year, however, saw the disease spreading all over Bangladesh. Moanoghar will continue the drive every year during the monsoon when the risk of dengue is highest.
- **Moanoghar School set up “English and Bengali Language Club”** in August 2023 with the objectives of imparting speaking and writing skills in both languages to the students. Students from class VII onward have been grouped in several teams under the supervision of a teacher for this purpose.
- **Orientations to the Moanoghar children on “primary healthcare and reproductive health”** was organized over 3 days on 11-13 September 2023. All the children participated in the orientation categorized on age-group basis. This workshops were organized with the support of Douglas A. Campbell Foundation and led by Dr. Jibak Chakma, resident medical officer of Moanoghar.
- **Moanogharians in support of Moanoghar:** Two Moanogharians – Jitendra Chakma and Ripa Chakma who both currently live in China – came to visit Moanoghar and donated their savings for the education of Moanoghar children. After their higher studies in China, both are now pursuing their professional career there and they each sponsor a child at Moanoghar as well by paying all related expenses. In this regard, Moanoghar also express its deep gratitude to **Raphael Chakma, son of Moanogharian Nigira Dhan Chakma**. Raphael donated to educational materials to Moanoghar children from the savings he generated from providing tuition to junior students after his A-level examinations.
- Moanoghar offers **deep condolences and homage to Ven. Tilokananda Mahathero** who passed away on 2 November 2023. Ven. Mahathero has been the Sanganyaka of the Parbattya Bhikkhu Sangha and a long time benefactor of Moanoghar. He founded the Kassalong Shishu Sadan in Marishya, Rangamati to impart education to poor and disadvantaged families from the CHT indigenous ethnic minority communities.



*Moanoghar and School offering homage to the Father of the Nation on 15 August*

### **Moanoghar to Celebrate 50 Year of its Founding**

Moanoghar was founded in 1974 with the ideals of imparting education to the poor and orphan children from the indigenous ethnic minority communities in the greater Chittagong Hill Tracts. Moanoghar will celebrate these august moments with due solemnity over two days on next 20-21 December 2024. The decision was formally taken in a joint meeting of the Moanoghar executive committee and the Moanogharians on 29 September 2023. A special documentary will be prepared for this occasion as well as publication of a commemorative volume. The volume will contain memoirs and reminiscences of the founders, Moanogharians and former staffs and teachers, along with articles and research essays on education, child development and care, cultural traditions and society of the CT communities.

*Orientation session on reproductive health with the girl children*





## Annual General Meeting of the Moanogharians

The annual general meeting (AGM) of the Moanogharians was held on 27 September 2023. It opened with the national anthem and proceeded with the planned agenda. Shyamal Mitra Chakma, President, chaired the businesses. The decisions were adopted unanimously and called all the Moanogharians to mobilize for successful celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Moanoghar. Task groups were formed to achieve the objectives and all batches as per SSC examinations year will be mobilized to raise support for organizing the anniversary ceremony.

*Annual General Meeting of the Moanogharians*



## Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar

The annual general meeting (AGM) of Moanoghar was held on 10 February 2024, presided over by Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero, President of the Executive Committee. After the national anthem and Moanoghar song (Ama Jaga Ama Ghar), the proceedings were led by Kirti Nishan Chakma as per the meeting agenda and upon his request, Ashok Kumar Chakma, presented the activity and financial report along with the annual audit of the organization for the year 2023. Subsequently, activity report and budget for the ongoing year 2024 were adopted unanimously as well as the auditor for the two following years: 2024 and 2025.

A key important decision adopted by the AGM was to start college (HSC) level classes at Moanoghar School from the academic year 2025, coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Moanoghar. It was decided that the issue will be subsequently deliberated in the Moanoghar School Managing Committee and Moanoghar Executive Committee, and the institution will be known as **“Moanoghar School and College”**, to be managed by a common management authority.



*Moanoghar 50 year anniversary preparation meeting*

*Annual General Meeting of Moanoghar*







*Annual Sports Day of Moanoghar School*

*Education Tour of Class 10 students*







*Offering of floral wreath to the martyrs on International Mother Language Day*

*Observance of the 104 Birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman*





*In-house Teachers' Training at Moanoghar School*

*Book Festival at Moanoghar School*





## Miscellaneous News of Moanoghar and School

- **Moanoghar Support Group, Rangamati organized a concert and art exhibition** to raise fund for Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). The event was dedicated to the memory of Rupayan Dewan, a renowned singer who recently has passed away. The fund raised from the event will be used for running the HELP that currently support education of 116 students at tertiary level.
- The students of Moanoghar Residential School, **elected a 8-member Student Cabinet** on 25 January 2024. Mr. Dalim Chakma and Kao Yong Khumi from class 10 have been selected as President and General Secretary to lead the cabinet.
- Moanoghar School organized **Math Olympiad and Science Fair** on 29 March 2024. The event was opened by Mr. Mridul Kanti Talukdar and Mr. Touhid Talukdar from the Department of Higher Education, Rangamati district, and was organized annually with the funding support of Fondation Luciole and Comgest.
- Several **girl students of Moanoghar won awards at district level sports competition**, organized by Rangamati District Women Sports Association and held on 5 January 2024. Pranati Chakma and Aung Ma Zai Marma from class 10, respectively won 1<sup>st</sup> place on discuss throw and short put. They'll subsequently compete at national level in Dhaka. In addition, Shoronika Tripura of class 9 and Chandni Chakma, class 8, respectively won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize on javelin throw and long jump in the competition.
- **Students of class 10 went on an educational tour** on 15 February 2024, accompanied with the school teachers and hostel caretaker. They visited Chittagong University and also other places in Chittagong town.
- A **reception was given on 21 February to Mrittika Ranjan Chakma**, a former teacher of Moanoghar School on the occasion of him receiving National Ekushey Award, second highest civilian award of Bangladesh. He received the award for "creative literature and theatre".
- A team of Bangladesh Horticultural Center, Rangamati **visited the cashew nut cultivation project of Moanoghar** on 6 September 2023. They expressed their satisfaction and committed further support to Moanoghar on the project.
- **Dr. Mong Sanu Marma, a well-known scientist based in USA, visited Moanoghar** on 12 August 2023. He was received by the Moanoghar authority the children.
- **Ven. Mujin Sunim and a group of her friends visited Moanoghar** from 28 October to 7 November 2023. Ven. Mujin is a long-standing benefactor of Moanoghar and her visit was an occasion of much rejoice for the children. They also participated in the annual Kathina Civara Donational festival of Rangapani Milan Vihara, besides various activities of Moanoghar and with children.
- Moanoghar and school **observed the National Victory Day and Martyred Intellectuals Day** on 16 December and 14 December 2023, respectively. Floral wreaths by the Moanoghar and School management together with the students was offered on 16 December at the national monument, Rangamati. On 14 December, a discussion was organized with the students to remember the martyred intellectuals and their contribution to Bangladesh.
- A discussion, attended by Mr. Priti Kanti Tripura a well-known freedom fighter from CHTs, was organized at Moanoghar School on 6 June 2023. Mr. Tripura, shared his reminiscences over the war and his involvement and responded to questions from the students.
- The **Team fellows of Moanoghar School** continued all through the year and at present. They organized talks and seminar on various topics relevant to Moanoghar and School, such as: Understanding the Behavior of Child; Classroom Management Techniques; Leadership Development of the Children, etc.

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