

Moanoghar Shanti Dewan Memorial Scholarship



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About the Scholarship

The Scholarship is established in memory of late Ms. Shanti Dewan by her family including eldest daughter Ms. Ratna Dewan Ahmed. It'll be called Moanoghar Shanti Dewan Memorial Scholarship and the initial endowment vested to Moanoghar for the scholarship, will be kept in the fixed deposit account in a scheduled bank in Bangladesh. Only, the interests will be disbursed for a poor and meritorious student from the CHT indigenous communities for tertiary level studies.

Administration of the Scholarship

The scholarship will be managed under the current 'Higher Education Loan Programme' (HELP) of Moanoghar and the overall terms and conditions of the HELP will be applicable to the recipient of the scholarship. As per the conditions, the recipient of the scholarship will be obliged to refund to Moanoghar the amount s/he receive after entering into income generating employment upon completion of his/her studies. The refunded amount will be used for future candidates for their tertiary level studies. The selection of the candidate will be carried out through a competitive process as laid down in Moanoghar's HELP Policy (available at www.moanoghar.org).

About Shanti Dewan and family

Born in 1914, **Ms. Shanti Dewan** is among first educated women from the greater CHT region. She is the eldest among the siblings and had other brothers. She was very close to the Chakma Raj family, particularly Raja Bhuvan Mohan Roy and his son and successor Raja Nalinaksha Roy. She was a close confidante of Rani Benita Roy with whom she was friend till the latter's death.



She was married with Bana Bihari Dewan who was headman of Rengkarjya mouza in the present Dighinala Upazilla. Ms. Dewan passed away on 29 April 2014 in Rangamati in the home his nephew, Nikhilesh Dewan after prolonged old-age related illness. She spent the last several years of her life in the home of Ms. Ratna Dewan Ahmed, her daughter and the endower of this scholarship.

Ms. Ratna Dewan Ahmed is the only daughter of her parents and currently lives in Dhaka.

About Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP)

Moanoghar launched a Higher Education Programme in mid-1980s to provide students with stipends/scholarships to pursue tertiary level studies in universities or technical institutes. The initiative was a success with an estimated 400 students having completed their education under the scheme. All of these recipients are now professionally established both at home and abroad and currently lead the alumnae association “The Moanogharians”.

The initiative was stopped in late 1990s when Moanoghar passed through a critical period with severe financial crisis. It was resumed from 2011, albeit with a revised name: HELP. The programme is run with contributions from the Moanogharians, various well-wishers from the CHT diaspora. But, the most important is a number of scholarships, set up by endowments from generous individuals such this scholarship, that pay for the education of a meritorious student.

The HELP, so far, has proved to be a very effective initiative. Currently, 120 students are studying with HELP’s support and more than 80 have completed their studies and are engaged various professional career. All of them are members of the Moanogharians and contribute to HELP and other Moanoghar activities.

Further details on HELP are provided on the Moanoghar HELP Policy.
