

# Moanoghar Kiran Chandra Dewan and Anurupa Dewan Memorial Scholarship



## **MOANO GHAR**

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### **About the Scholarship**

The Scholarship was created by four brothers Mr. Deba Prasad Dewan, Bibhuti Prasad Dewan, Pragma Bangsha Dewan, Shyamal Prasad Dewan and Mrs. Minati Dewan (wife of Deb Prasad Dewan) in memory of their late father Mr. Kiran Chandra Dewan and mother Anurupa Dewan (Khisra). The endowment is kept in fixed deposit in a bank account and only the interest will be spent for the scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to two meritorious students at tertiary level belonging to any minority indigenous groups in the CHT region. There is a condition that they will be from the former students of Moanoghar.



### **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. The selection of the candidate will be carried out

*Kiran Chandra Dewan (1919 – 2000)*

through a competitive process as laid down in Moanoghar's HELP Policy (*Attached as Annex*).

### **About Kiran Chandra Dewan, Anurupa Dewan and their family:**

**Kiran Chandra Dewan** was born in 1<sup>st</sup> November 1919 at Betchari, Dighinala in the district of Chittagong Hill Tracts. He was the eldest son of his parents. CHTs in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century was a different world. The region was almost entirely inaccessible without any roads. There were no more than half a dozen schools in the entire region and hardly anyone was able to read and write.

Mr. Dewan's parents were among the farsighted few to appreciate the value of education and sent their son to school in Rangmati (*at that time, it took several days of journey to reach Rangamati from Dighinala*). He passed matriculation (*present day SSC*) in 1941 from Rangamati Government High School and Higher Secondary education (HSC) from Sir Ashutosh College, Kanungo Para, Chittagong in 1943 under Calcutta (Kolkata) University.

*Kiran Chandra Dewan*



*with his wife Anurupa Dewan*

Throughout his life Mr. Dewan had an extraordinary quest for knowledge and an inquisitive spirit to know his Buddhist roots. Consequently, in 1974 he obtained the title of Sutta Bisharad (*Master of Sutta Pitaka of Buddhism*) from Bangladesh Sanskrit and Pali Education Board.

After the completion of his education, he joined as the Head Teacher at Dighinala Middle English (M.E.) School in 1948 where he taught till 1954. When the Dighinala M.E. School was upgraded to high school in the same year, he continued to serve as Pali and Religious Teacher. He retired in 1987.

Mr. Dewan is one of the pioneers of introducing education in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. He married Ms. Anurupa Khisa (after married titled Dewan) in 1941(47)? and together, they had 8 children. Mr. Dewan died on 11 July 2000 in his ancestral home at Dighinala at the age of 81.

Ms. Anurupa Dewan was born in 1927 at Padannyama Chara, Langadu, Rangamati. Her father's name was Chandra Kumer Khisa(Mohajan) and mother Jogamaya Khisa. She obtained at primary level education. She was a religious and philanthropy women. Ms. Anurupa Dewan died on 29 May 2017 at the age of 91.



*Mr. Deba Prasad Dewan and Mrs. Minati Dewan handing over cheque for the Scholarship to Ven. Shradhdhankar Mahathero, Vice President, Moanoghar*

**Mr. Deba Prasad Dewan** was born on 11 November 1954 and is the third son of Kiran Chandra Dewan and Anurupa Dewan. He completed graduation (Bachelor of Arts) from Chittagong Government College in 1976 and subsequently obtained Bachelor of Education (B. Ed.) from Mymensing Teachers Training College. Following the footsteps of his father, he started his career as Assistant Head Teacher in the Dighinala Pilot High School (currently Dighinala Government High School) where he taught till 1981. Later, he joined government service as Sub Registrar in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh. He retired in 2011 as District Registrar. His wife Ms. Minati Dewan is a religious and good housewife. She graduated from Rangamati Govt. college in 2006.

Mr. Bibhuti Prasad Dewan eldest son of Kiran Chandra Dewan and Anurupa Dewan after completion of education he served in the medical health care. Now he is passing retirement life. Another two sons Mr. Pragya Bangsha Dewan and Mr. Shyamal Prasad Dewan are still in the Govt. service. Pragya Bangsha Dewan is a high school teacher and Shyamal Prasad Dewan is serving in the settlement department as an officer.