

Moanoghar Chitta Ranjan Karbari Memorial Scholarship



Artist's portrait of Mr. Chitta Ranjan Karbari



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About the Scholarship

The Scholarship was set up by Dr. Sudhin Kumar Chakma and his family in memory of his late father Mr. Chitta Ranjan Karbari through an endowment fund specifically created for this purpose. The management of the fund is vested to Moanoghar and kept in a fixed deposit account. The interest accrued from the account will be disbursed for the scholarship to one or more students from CHT indigenous minority communities.

The scholarship will be awarded to meritorious students for tertiary level education.

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*).

About Mr. Chitta Ranjan Karbari and his family

Mr. Chitta Ranjan Karbari was born on 12 September 1924 in Maischari, Mahal Chari Upazilla of the present-day Khagrachari Hill District. He was the youngest of seven siblings and the only one to survive among the brothers as all the other siblings died young. He attended the local primary and junior schools and studied up to class VII. However, the studies were abruptly interrupted as the school was far away.



(wife of Chitta Ranjan Karbari)

Since his young age, Mr. Karbari has been active in social work. He inherited the position of the village head 'karbari' from his father and after his death, to remember his memory the villagers named the after him.

Mr. Karbari was also politically active and was an active member of Awami League. During the Liberation War in 1971, he was the Secretary of the MahalcharithanaSangram (liberation) Committee and because of his political activism, he was brutally killed by the Pakistan Army on 13 May 1971.

Ms. (late) Birongana Chakma

Mr. Karbari was married to Ms. Birongana Chakma had had 2 sons and 2 daughters. The eldest son, Dr. Niru Kumar Chakma is a well-known personality in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. After a long and successful academic career in the Department of Philosophy in Dhaka University, he recently served as member in the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh.

The second son Dr. Sudhin Kumar Chakma and the endower of the scholarship, is an equally well-known academic personality and civil society activist in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. He passed Secondary School Certificate (SSC) from Rangamati Government High School in 1963, Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) from Dhaka College in 1965. Subsequently, he obtained B.A (Hons) and M.A from University of Dhaka and subsequently PhD. from the University of Poona, India in 1986. The subject of his dissertation Social Change of Chakma Society in the CHTs.

After his MA, he joined the government education service as lecturer in 1978 at Khagrachari Govt. College. He retired in 2003 as Principal of the same College.



Mr. and Mrs. Sudhin Kumer Chakma

He married Ms. Birangana Chakma and together, they have three daughters. The eldest, Ms. Urmee Chakma currently lives in Australia and has 2 daughters. His second daughter, Sinora Chakma has one daughter and the youngest daughter, Troyee Chakma has one son and 1 daughter. They live in Dhaka.

Dr. Chakma currently lives in Khagrachari with his wife.