

# Moanoghar Karuna Dewan Memorial Scholarship



## **MOANOGHAR**

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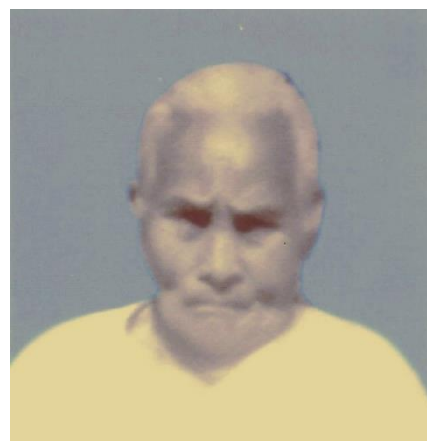
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### **About the Scholarship**

The Scholarship was created by Dr. Manik Lal Dewan and his wife Dipika Dewan in memory of Dr. Dewan's late mother Karuna Dewan. They made a donation which is deposited in a fixed deposit account to create an endowment out of which only the interest will be disbursed for the scholarship.

The scholarship will be managed as per the following conditions, which reflect the wishes of the endower;

- Only students who studied in Moanoghar will be eligible
- The scholarship will be awarded only to the following subjects;
  - Veterinary science
  - Agriculture
  - Animal Husbandry
  - Agriculture Engineering
  - Agriculture Economics, and
  - Fishery



*Karuna Dewan (Mozangi)*

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

### **About Karuna Dewan, Dr. Manik Lal Dewan, Dipika Dewan and his family**



*Dr. Manik Lal Dewan and Dipika Dewan*

Karuna Dewan (*known with her nickname 'Mozangi' to her family and relatives*) was born in Tole Adam, Manikchari, currently at the outskirts of the Rangamati town. Following the customs of that era, no one recorded her exact date of birth. She was married off at a young age, as was customs at that time, to Priya Mohan Dewan, the headman of 109, Sapchari mouza, Rangamati. She died on 15 January 1979, approximately at the age of 73.

She had three daughters and a son. Although, she herself was not able to read and write, she was very much diligent about the education of her children. Her only son Dr. Manik Lal Dewan is one of the first individuals to pursue Ph.D. from the indigenous communities in the CHT. He had a long and successful career as academic in Bangladesh and abroad, and retired as Dean, Veterinary Faculty, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensing. Subsequently, he assumed the responsibility of the Chairman, Rangamati Hill District Council. He currently lives retired life. In his autobiography (Ami O Amar Prithibi - "My World", Rangamati 2012), he respectfully notes his indebtedness to his late mother for his education.

His wife, Dipika Dewan is one of the few woman Headmen in the CHT. Throughout their conjugal life, she has been the strongest support to Dr. Dewan, raising the family and all the while to discharge the duties of the Headman.

Dr. Dewan and Mrs. Dipika Dewan have 2 sons and 2 daughters and 4 grand-children. Currently, they live in Rangamati.