

Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Inauguration of the D A Campbell Academic Building of Moanoghar School by Ven. Mujin Sunim

Moanoghar LED project inaugurated

The Moanoghar LED project was inaugurated on 5 December 2015. It was inaugurated by Mr. Emil Wolter, representative of the group of individuals who donated the money.

The money collected by Emil Wolter and his colleagues with Comgest, Paris and Dusseldorf, was subsequently sent to Moanoghar by AJHA, France and Kinderlachen, Germany. Moanoghar expresses its deep gratitude to both organizations for their kind support and facilitation.

The project was conceived to install LED light bulbs in all the campus area and buildings of Moanoghar. It'll reduce electricity consumption and thus, a reduced electricity bill too but more importantly, it will give better lighting inside the dormitories which will provide an improved learning conditions to the children.

Douglas A. Campbell Academic Building of Moanoghar School Inaugurated

The Douglas A. Campbell academic building of Moanoghar Residential School was inaugurated on last 5 December 2015. The building was constructed with a grant support from Douglas A. Campbell Foundation, USA. Ven. Mujin Sunim, President, Douglas A. Campbell Foundation inaugurated the ceremony.

The event was attended by Mr. Abu Sahed Chowdhury, Additional District Magistrate and representative, Deputy Commissioner, Rangamati Hill District and Mr. Arun Kanti Chakma, Chairman, Rangmati Upazilla, respectively as chief guest and special guest. The day-long function was also attended by Ms. Samapti Borgne and Dipti Marchand, representatives of AJHA, France.

The inauguration ceremony was followed with a lively cultural performance by the children in the evening. It was attended by Brigadier General Sanaul Huq, Regional Commander, Rangamati zone; Chakma Circle Chief, Raja Devasish Roy and Ms. Banchita Chakma, ex-Principal, Rangamati Government College.

The new academic building will accommodate 550 students and will very much solve the current congested conditions in the classrooms of the school, giving a better learning environment to the children.

Moanoghar receives donation from TESCO and BRAC

TESCO, a retailer in the UK, distributed school uniforms to the children of Class I to V of Moanoghar Residential School. The uniforms are a donation under its corporate social responsibility programme.

BRAC, the largest NGO in Bangladesh, helped in organizing a workshop at Moanoghar as part of its 'English Language Teaching Campaign' on 14-16 November'15. 20 children from Moanoghar participated in the programme. In addition, several other schools from Rangamati district also took part in the workshop.



Moanoghar children (cultural troupe) in excursion



Cultural Performances by the Moanoghar Children During the Scholarship Launching Ceremony

Moanoghar children participate in boat ride excursion in Kaptai lake

About 80 children of Moanoghar, members of the cultural troupe, took a boat ride excursion on 6 December 2015. It was organized following the cultural performance on the occasion of the inauguration of the new academic building of the Moanoghar Residential School.

Moanoghar Pre-cadet School and Moanoghar Girls Guide Group win 1st and 2nd prize in district level competition

The Moanoghar Pre-cadet School team and the Girls Guide won, respectively, the 1st and 2nd prize in the acrobatic display competition organized by the Rangamati district authority on the occasion of the 16 December, the National Victory Day.

Miscellaneous News

- The German Deputy Ambassador, His Excellency Dr. Ferdinand von Weyhe, visited Moanoghar on 8 December 2015. The honourable Deputy Ambassador visited the Moanoghar campus and appraised of himself of the activities of Moanoghar.
- The annual examination of Moanoghar Residential School started from 21 November 2015. The results will be published in early January 2016.
- The Moanoghar Support Groups in Khagrachari and Rangamati met several times during the period (October December'15) to mobilize further support to Moanoghar and its activities.

Upcoming events

- The admission for new children at Moanoghar will take place in the first week of January'2016.
- A REUNION of the Moanogharians (former students) will be held on next 11-12 March 2016. All the Moanogharians are invited to attend the 2-day event.
- The Moanoghar Support Group, Rangamati and Khagrachari decided to start a 'LOTTERY' to raise funds for Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). We are requesting all to contact Nanda Kishore Chakma (nanda.k.chakma@gmail.com) for detailed information on the initiative.

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