



Moanoghar News Bulletin

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Mr. Emil Wolter and Ms. Anne Patoiseau with the Children at Moanoghar

Academic Planning for Moanoghar School for 2019

The academic planning of Moanoghar Residential along with the overall management plan of Moanoghar was accepted for the year 2019. This was decided in a joint meeting between the Moanoghar School Management Committee, Moanoghar Executive Committee and the Moanogharians Executive Committee. The key highlights of the plan are:

- The school will run on morning shifts with classes from 8.30 am to 2 pm every day
- The afternoon will include extra-curricular activities including sports and as well as leisure times allowing the children to spend the time as they please
- The school to set up 'study circles' by the students allowing the students to read books facilitated by the teachers and hostel caretakers. The students will prepare written assignments based on comprehension of their readings and the marks obtained from the teachers will be counted in the results of the school examinations.
- The programme of 'guest lecture' will start by the end of the second half of the academic year. It'll first include the teachers, hostel caretakers and Moanoghar general staff and will be expanded to the students gradually.
- All the students will clean the Moanoghar campus, particularly plastics, every 15 days. The school routine will include this 'campus cleaning day'.
- There will be regular coordination meeting between the school managing committee, teachers' council and the hostel caretakers every two months. The meeting will review the progress of the students in the classes.
- From April onward, the school will introduce special coaching classes for the students who are not good in classes and usually have difficulty with Bengali, the medium of instruction in the class but a second language for all of them. There will be equally similar coaching classes for the students of class V, Class VIII and Class X.

Other News of Moanoghar Residential School

- The Primary School Completion (PSC) results for class V came out in last December 2018. In total, 51 students took part from Moanoghar School: 33 boys and 18 girls. 97 percent of them passed the examination.
- The Junior School Completion (JSC) results for class VIII were published at the end of December 2018. In total 262 students appeared in the examination: 91 boys and 101 girls. 192 passed the examination, a percentage of 73%.
- Admission of new children at Moanoghar was completed on 5 January. In total. 258 new children have been given admission at present, there are 1081 students in the school: 592 boys and 489 girls. There are also an additional 35 students who study in Rangamati college.
- The final examinations of Moanoghar Pali College under, Bangladesh Sanskrit and Pali Education Board, took place on 7 January 2019 at Moanoghar. In total 169 students took part in the examinations.
- The distribution of new books among the students of the school for the new academic year took place on 1 January. It was inaugurated by Ven. Shradhalankar Mahathero, President of the School Managing Committee.



Students with new books



Admission test for the new students

The Anniversary of the Founding Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman Observed

The 99th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman, founding father of Bangladesh, which is also observed as National Children's Day, was duly observed at Moanoghar and Moanoghar Residential School on 17 March 2019.

The day-long programme included drawing and essay writing competition among the students. The essay writing competition was focused on the theme "Bangabandhu: His Life and Contributions".

A special discussion was also organized attended by the teachers, members of School Managing Committee, parents and guardians and the students.

Visit of Ms. Anne Patoiseau and Mr. Emil Wolter and Observance of Annual Prize Giving Ceremony to the Students at Moanoghar

The annual prize giving ceremony of Moanoghar School, together with welcoming the new children at Moanoghar was held on 7 January 2019. Mr. Brishaketu Chakma, honourable Chairman, Rangamati Hill District Council, attended the ceremony as Chief Guest.

The ceremony coincided with the visit of Ms. Anne Patoiseau, Fondation Luciole; and Mr. Emil Wolter, Comgest; at Moanoghar. They both attended the function as Guest of Honour.

The children performed a cultural function at the end of the ceremony.



Ven. Shraddhalankar Mahathero handing over crest to Mr. S S Chakma and his wife, Ms. Priti Chakma

Moanoghar Honours Mr. Sharadindu Shekhar Chakma

Moanoghar organized a reception to Mr. Sharadindu Shekhar Chakma, in recognition of his outstanding public service to the development and welfare of the CHT peoples on 22 February 2019. Mr. Chakma is the only civil service officer from the greater Chittagong Hill Tracts during the erstwhile Pakistan period; the first Additional Secretary and first Ambassador from the minority communities in the Government of Bangladesh. The reception also awarded his wife Ms. Priti Chakma for accompanying him all through his long journey for public service.

The event was presided over by Mr. Sukumar Dewan, President, Moanoghar Executive Committee. It was attended by Mr. AKM Maksud Ahmed, reputed journalist and Editor, Daily Giri Darpan; Mr. Bijoy Ketan Chakma, President of MN Larma Foundation and Ms. Latika Talukdar, former Principala of Moanoghar Residential School, as Guests of Honours.

The children of Moanoghar performed a lively cultural function at the end of the ceremony.



Inauguration of the Annual Award Giving Ceremony



Observance of the International Mother Language Day (21 February 2019)

Training for Teachers and Hostel Caretaker Organized

A follow-up one-day long training on the topic “Pedagogy and Learning of the Students” was organized in March at Moanoghar. The session was attended by the school teachers and the hostel caretakers with a total of 30 participants.

The training was a follow-up based on the original training provided by Mr. Bryan West, Managing Director, Fortress Learning, from Australia in last April 2018. It is to be noted the Mr. West agreed to deliver the training pro bono including his travel expenses, considering the voluntary activities of Moanoghar, in particular in imparting education to the poor children from the marginalized communities in CHT.

“Concert for Education” Held at Rangamati

A charity concert and dinner was held at the Shabarang Restaurant, Rangamati on last 28 February 2019 to raise fund for Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). Reputed musicians, singers and other performing artists from Rangamati and elsewhere in the CHT, performed in the evening without any fees.

An amount of approximately 100,000 taka was raised from the event for HELP which will cover the education of 4 students for a year at tertiary level. Currently, Moanoghar provides support to 115 students under HELP.



Moanoghar Annual General Meeting



Concert for Education for HELP

Miscellaneous News

- The Annual General Assembly (AGM) of Moanoghar was held on 11 January 2019. The AGM approved Moanoghar’s annual budget, audit report, financial report and activities of the past years and as well as programmes and activities of the next year.
- A meeting of the Managing Committee of the Moanoghar Technical School was held on 11 January with the attendance of all the members of the Committee. It was decided that the technical school will open from July 2019. The meeting also passed a resolution to thank specially the Ministry of CHT Affairs and Rangamati Hill District Council for their support to provide fund for the school building.
- The Annual Sports Competition of Moanoghar School was held on 31 January 2019. The prize giving ceremony to the winners will be held at a later date.
- The International Mother Language Day was solemnly observed on 21 February with various events at Moanoghar and Moanoghar School.
- The Students’ Cabinet of Moanoghar School was elected for the calendar year on last 14 March 2019.

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