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Moanoghar Higher Education Loan Programme Re-launched

Moanoghar re-launched its 'Higher Education Loan Programme' (HELP) in the last September 2011. It plans to provide interest free loan to students from the CHT communities for tertiary level education.

Currently, 10 students including 4 girls are provided the support. The programme is financed by contributions from the former students of Moanoghar. Currently, about 50 former students are contributing.

The programme targets to provide at least 100 students over the next 3 years. *In this regard, Moanoghar appeals to all generous individuals and organizations to come forward to support this initiative.*



Honourable Secretary of Ministry of CHT Affairs, Mr. Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura in Moanoghar

MoU signed between Moanoghar and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Moanoghar and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) on 2 August 2010 in Dhaka for extension of the ongoing project of MJF to support Moanoghar by 1 more year. The project, titled "Integrated Socioeconomic Development for Moanoghar Children (ISEDMC) is currently is in its Phase II.

The extension incorporates a number of additional activities; namely, (1) Fishery, (2) Equipments for computer education (3) Renovation of the Moanoghar Sales & Display centre (4) Repairing and maintenance of sanitation facilities and, (5) Teaching of mother tongues of the CHT indigenous communities. Three languages – Chakma, Marma and Mro – are being taught as part of the last component. Separate teachers have been recruited for this purpose and a curriculum also has been developed.

Higher Education Certificate (HSC) Results Published

The HSC Result were published on the last 28 July 2011. Out of the seven students from Moanoghar who took part in the examinations, six passed. It should be mentioned that Moanoghar students go to the nearby Rangamati College.

Honourable Secretary of Ministry of CHT Affairs Visits Moanoghar

Mr. Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura, the honourable Secretary of Ministry of CHT Affairs came to visit Moanoghar on 28 September 2011.

He was given a reception by the Moanoghar Children on arrival. Mr. Sukumar Dewan, Presidents Moanoghar Executive Committee and other personalities, including Dr. Manik Lal Dewan, former Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council were also present on the Occasion. He was accompanied by Md. Irfan Sharif, Chief Executive Officer of the R-HDC and other government officials during the visit (*Photo on the first page*).



Honorary Consul General of Japan in Bangladesh and the representative of Japanese Embassy in Dhaka, at Moanoghar

Upcoming events

- Examinations of SSC (selection of candidates), JSC and Somaponi: November-December
- Annual Examination in the School: November
- Sponsorship Committee Meetings: December
- Training on Child Caring for Hostel Superintendent and Senior Staff: December
- Annual Sports: December



Jyoti Jiban Khisa handing over his donation to Moanoghar.

TV Show Participant Donates Books and Equipments to Moanoghar

Jyoti Jiban Khisa, a student from CHT and currently studying in a private university in Dhaka, donated books and equipments for the Moanoghar Technical School on 23 September 2011. He is one of the last six contestants of the TV reality show 'Campus Hero' organized by Channel I. As part of the contest, he mobilized support for Moanoghar. A small ceremony was organized in Moanoghar on the occasion.

National Mourning Day (15 August) Observed

Moanoghar observed the National Mourning Day on 15 August by organizing a. Rengyoung Mro of class ten got 1^{st} prize, Hla Thwai Ching Marma of class X and Riya Chakma of class IX jointly received 2^{nd} prize while Dinot Chakma of class X got 3^{rd} prize.

Besides the debate, a discussion session with 'guest speaker' was also held on the occasion.

<u>Visits</u>

- Honorary Consul General of Japan in Bangladesh, Mr. Nurul Islam and Counselor, Development Cooperation and Economic Affairs, Embassy of Japan in Dhaka, Mr. Masayuki Taga visited Moanoghar on 16 August 2011.
- Mr. Nirupam Chakma, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Indian State of Mizoram, visited Moanoghar on 11 August. He was accompanied by his wife during his visit.

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