



## **OUR MISSION**

**To act as a voice  
for the  
Country's children.**



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

**Meghalaya State Commission  
for Protection of Child Rights**

**Lower Lachumiere, Shillong, Meghalaya,**

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# Acknowledgement

On behalf of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, I wish to extend my heartiest thanks to the Government of Meghalaya for all the support extended to the Commission in upholding the Rights of children in our State from time to time.

I also wish to thank the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, all the DCPO's of the 11(Eleven) Districts without whose support, the Commission would not have achieved its mission in spreading awareness across the State.

I take this opportunity to thank the Meghalaya Police Department, the Education Department, the Labour Department for the overwhelming co-operation received from them and also not forgetting the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Civil Society members for their dedication and commitment towards protecting the Rights of the children in the State.

Lastly I would like to extend my gratefulness to the Members of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Member Secretary and all the staffs of the Commission who all stood by as strong pillars towards achieving the goals set by the Commission in the year 2018-2019.

**Smti. M. Kharkongor**  
*Chairperson, SCPCR  
Lower Lachumiere, Shillong  
Meghalaya*

# Forward



From the desk of the Chairperson.

*"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."*---

**Nelson Mandela.**

The Bill for establishing the Commissions exclusively for protecting rights of children was first introduced in Parliament in 2003. Thereafter, it was referred to the Department- related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resources Development. The Committee submitted its 165th Report in 2005 on the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Bill, 2005. The Bill was debated in Parliament and passed in 2005. It received the President's assent on 20th January, 2006.

The Commission of Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 (CPCR Act) provides for the constitution of a National Commission and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights. IT also provides for the establishment of Children's Court for providing speedy trial of offences against children or of violation of Child Rights. The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was notified and established on 28th February, 2014.

The Mandate of the Commission is to "PROTECT, PROMOTE and MONITOR" Child Rights in any form. The Constitution of India stipulates Rights of Children and also imposes duties on the State towards Children. Article 15 (3) allows the State to make special provisions for Children, Article 21 A recognizes the Right to Free and Compulsory Education for children and Article 24 prohibits employment of children below the age of 14 years in factories, mines or any hazardous employment. Further the Constitution also imposes certain duties upon the State in the form of Directive Principles of State Policy, which are Articles 39 ( c ) and (f) and Article 45. It also imposes a fundamental duty under Article 51 (k) upon parents to provide opportunities for Education to their children.

The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights from its inception has been engaged in upholding the spirit of the Constitution by protecting and promoting the Rights of Children and many important steps have been taken up by the Commission for the Protection of rights of the children in the State to ensure that children have a protective Child- friendly environment.

## **VISION**

In keeping with the vision of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Mandate of the Meghalaya State Commission for protection of Child Rights, is to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group. The Commission visualizes a rights-based perspective and in order to touch every child, it seeks a deeper penetration to communities and households and expects that the ground experiences gathered at the field are taken into consideration by all the authorities at the higher level. Thus the Commission sees an indispensable role of the State, sound institution-building processes, respect for decentralization at the local bodies and community level and larger societal concern for children and their well-being.



## **BACKGROUND**

With the aim of effectively addressing the issue of protection of child rights in Meghalaya, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was set up. The Commission comprised of a Chairperson and six members including two women representatives.

The government of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department, vide Notification No.SW(S)112/2009/236 dated, Shillong the 28th February,2014 under section 4, sub-section(3) of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights act,2005(4th of 2006) the Governor of Meghalaya appointed Smti. Meena Kharkongor as Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights for a period of 3(three) years with immediate effect.

The Chairperson joined the Commission on 11th March,2014 and the office was opened on the 23rd may,2014 at Nongshiliang, Nongthymmai, Shillong with a staff strength consisting of only the Chairperson, one peon and a chowkidar. The Commission functioned from the above address till February, 2015 thereafter shifted it's office to Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

### **Members**

**Chairperson:** Smti. Meena Kharkongor

**Members:** Smti. Lungsimon Lyndoh  
Dr. (Mrs.) F.G. Dkhar  
Sri. Carmo De Britto Noronha  
Smti. Henritha R. Marak  
Smti. Lenitha M. Sangma

## **BACKGROUND**

After the first term of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rightd expired, Smti. Meena Kharkongor was reappointed as Chairperson vide Notification No. SW(S)112/2009/447 dated Shillong, the 26th July, 2017 for further period of 3 (Three) years wef. 01.03.2017

At present there are three members who joined the Commiission vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/448 dated 27th July, 2017 and Notification No. SW(S)112/2009/468 dated August, 2017, namely:-

### **Members**

#### **Members:**

Smti. Badondorlin Hoojon  
Dr. (Mrs) Vanessa Kharmawphlang  
Smti. Sume. B. Sangma

# **FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION**

## **Functions of the Commission**

Section 13 (1) of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 lays down the functions of the Commission as follows:-

- a. Examine and review the safeguards provided by or under any law for the time being in force for the protection of child rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation.
- b. Present to the State Government, annually and at such other intervals, as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards.
- c. Inquire into violation of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases.
- d. Examine all factors that inhibits the enjoyment of rights of children affected by terrorism, communal violence, riots, natural disasters, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, trafficking, maltreatment, torture and exploitation, pornography and prostitution and recommend appropriate remedial measures.
- e. Look into the matters relating to children in need of special care and protection including children in distress, marginalized and disadvantaged children, children in conflict with law, juveniles, children without family and children of prisoners and recommend appropriate remedial measures.
- f. Study treaties and other international instruments and undertake periodical review of existing policies, programmes and other activities on child rights and make recommendations for their effective implementation in the best interest of children.
- g. Undertake and promote research in the field of child rights.

- h. Spread child rights literacy among various sections of the society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means.
  - i. Inspect or cause to be inspected any juvenile custodial home, or any other places of residence or institution meant for children, under the control of the Central Government or any State Government or any other authority, including any institution run by a social organization; where children are detained or lodged for the purpose of treatment, reformation or protection and take up with these authorities for remedial action, if found necessary.
- j. Inquire into complaints and take suo-motu notice of matters relating to:-
  - i. Deprived and violation of Child rights.
  - ii. Non- implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children.
  - iii. Non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to and ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children, or take up the issues arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities.
- k. Such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of child rights and any other matter incidental to the above functions.

## **Powers relating to Inquiries**

As per Section 14(1) of the CPCR Act, 2015

- a. The Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter referred to in clause (j) of sub-section (1) of section 13 have all the powers of a civil court trying suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and, in particular, in respect of the following matters namely:
  - i. Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath.
  - ii. Discovery and production of any document.
  - iii. Receiving evidence on affidavits
  - iv. Requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or officer.
  - v. Issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

## **Steps after Inquiry**

As per section 15 of the CPCR Act, 2005. The Commission may take any of the following steps upon the completion of any inquiry held under this Act, namely:-

1. Where the inquiry discloses, the Commission of violation of child rights of a serious nature or contravention of provisions of any law for the time being in force, it may recommend to the concerned Government or authority the initiation of proceedings for prosecution or such other action as the Commission may deem fit against the concerned person or persons.

2. Approach the Supreme Court or the High Court concerned for such directions, orders or writs as the Court may deem necessary.
3. Recommend to the concerned Government or authority for the grant of such interim relief to the victim or the members of his family as the Commission may consider necessary.  
Specific Mandate of the Commission as per some important Acts:-
  - a. The Right of Children to free and Compulsory Education Act,2009.
    - i. Examine and review the safeguards for rights provided by or under this Act and recommend measures for their effective implementation.
    - ii. Inquire into complaints relating to child's right to free and compulsory education;
    - iii. Take necessary steps as provided under section 15 and 24 of the Commission for Protection Rights Act.
  - b. The Commission shall while inquiring into any matters relating to child's right to free and compulsory education under clause (C) of sub-section(1) have the same powers as assigned under section 14 and 24 of the Commissions for Protectionof Child Rights.
  - c. Under section 32(3) of the RTE Act, any person aggrieved by the decision of the local authority may prefer an appeal to the Commissions for protection of Child Rights.

- d. The Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- e. As per section 109(1) of the JJ Act 2015, the Commission for protection of Child Rights shall in addition to the function assigned to it under the CPCR Act 2005, shall also monitor the implementation of the provisions of the JJ Act in such manner as may be prescribed.  
The Commission shall while inquiring into any matter relating to any offence under this Act, shall have the same power as are vested in the Commissioner under the CPCR Act, 2005.  
As per section 109(3) the Commission shall also include its activities under the section in its Annual Report.
- f. The protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012.

## **Section 44-Monitoring of implementation of the POCSO Act.**

As per section 44(1) of the POCSO Act, the Commission shall in addition to the functions assigned under the CPCR Act, also monitor the implementation of the provisions of the POCSO Act in such manner as may be prescribed.

As per section 44(2) the Commission shall while inquiring into the matter relating to any offence under this act shall have the same powers as are vested in it under the CPCR Act, 2005.

As per section 44(3) the Commission shall also include its activities under this section in its Annual Report.

## **NOTIFICATIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson was appointed as one of the Member of the New Task Force on the Meghalaya State Policy on Education vide EDN.49/2015/323 dated the 18th June 2018. She had also suggested some recommendations for Primary & Secondary Institutions to be adapted in the State Education Policy.

### **Recommendations from the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya for Primary & Secondary Institutions to be adapted in the State Education Policy.**

1. Safe and secure environment.
2. Infrastructures to include separate toilets/playground to be child-friendly and accessible to PWD's (Person with Disability) also.
3. Inspections of Government schools/Aided Government school and Unaided Government school to be mandatory once in 6 (Six) months. Penalties to be imposed for non-implementation.
4. Child Protection Policy to be implemented in all schools.

5. Complaint Box & information of Childline-1098 to be placed at a prominent place at every school.
6. Corporal punishment must have zero tolerance.
7. Each school must engage Counselors.
8. Promote the incorporation of Child Rights into the school curriculum, teacher's training and training of personnel dealing with children.

# Statement of Cases

## CASES RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION DURING 2018-2019.

Sl. No	Date of Complaint	Subject	Remark
1.	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Corporal Punishment	FIR was filed. Meanwhile Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills has taken up the matter for counseling and proceeding had been drawn up by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights & Child Welfare Committee, submitted to the Education Department for necessary action.
2.	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Assistance for temporary shelter for minor childrens.	Forwarded to the Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills for doing the needful.
3.	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Missing Child	Pending.
4.	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	Sexual Assault	Disposed off.
5.	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Attempted to sexual assault	Case taken up by the child Welfare committee for necessary referral and counseling.
6.	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	Matters relating to institution system.	Awaiting final decision from the Director, DSEL.
7.	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	Accident case	For Police intervention .Case disposed off.
8.	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018	Sexual Abuse	Case closed after police inquiry found not to be true.
9.	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Sexual Assault	Forwarded to Child Welfare Committee and under final investigation by police. Case disposed off.
10.	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Physical Assault	On inquiry it was found that the child has been forwarded to Juvenile Justice Board, Jowai for necessary action. Case closed.
11.	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Physical Assault	Sent to Child Welfare Committee for necessary action.

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12.	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Corporal Punishment	Managing Committee was drawn-up by the school and apology tendered by the teacher. General warning has been issued to the school.
13.	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Child Custody case	Matter has been resolved where both parents had joint custody. Case settled on mutual understanding.
14.	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Suicide case	Under Police Investigation.
15.	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Sexual Assault	Child has been recommended for counseling. Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills to do the needful. FIR filed.
16.	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	Violation of Child Rights in the Boarding.	Report sent to the Government for follow-up.
17.	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Physical Assault.	Case Charge-sheeted and filed in the Court. The case may be treated as close.
18.	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Sexual Assault	Inquiry conducted by the Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills and general warnings issued to all P.O's for sensitive handling of POCSO victims.
19.	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Child Custody	Forwarded to District Social Welfare Officer, East Khasi Hills since D.V is involved.
20.	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Sexual Assault	Child has been forwarded for Psychiatrist Counseling to NEIGRIMS.
21.	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Complaint on rude behavior at the Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills District.	Meeting convened with Child Welfare Committee & suggestion were given for a better rapport building with clients-Case disposed.
22.	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Custody of an infant in marriage discord.	Case transfer to Meghalaya State Commission for Women for maintenance as requested. Disposed off
23.	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Violation of Child Rights in school	Show-cause issued to the school. Case disposed off with warning issued to the school.

# **Statement of Cases**

## **CASES RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION DURING 2018-2019.**

24.	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Murdered case	Fresh investigation has been ordered. Meanwhile victim compensation has been taken up by the District Child Protection Unit, Jowai to the mother as aid.
25.	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Sexual Assault	Inspection conducted. The Juvenile's case has been taken up by the Juvenile Justice Board and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has written to the District Child Protection Unit, for the home to shift from the present premises into the new building of the presbytery. Matter is with the Juvenile Justice Board , West Khasi Hills.

# Inspection made by SCPCR 2018-2019

## List of Homes Visit

01.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i> <b>Smti. B. Passah</b> <i>(Member Secretary SCPCR)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Children Home Boys West Garo Hills, Tura.
02.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i> <b>Smti. B. Passah</b> <i>(Member Secretary SCPCR)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Government Run Children Home Girls, Ringrey Gittim.
03.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i> <b>Smti. B. Passah</b> <i>(Member Secretary SCPCR)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	Observation Home Boys, West Garo Hills, Tura.
04.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Shelter Home Girls, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.
05.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Rev. S. Willington Children's Home Girls Nongpyndeng, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.
06.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Rev. S. Willington Children's Home Boys Nongpyndeng, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.
07.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Children's Home (Boy's) North Garo Hills, Resubelpara.
08.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Shelter Home Girls Medipathar, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara.
09.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	God will provide Children's Home Bangsiapal, Dinaduti, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara.
10.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Shelter Home Boys, Dabit Bibra, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.
11.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Children Home Girl's, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.
12.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Children Home Girl's Balrigittim, East Garo Hills, Williamanagar.

13.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Children Home Boy's, Nokil Awe, East Garo Hills, Williamanagar.
14.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Observation Home Boy's, West Garo Hills, Tura.
15.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Caps Social Welfare Society, Msonggre, West Garo Hills, Tura
16.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Children's Home Boy's, Matchakolgre, Petra A'Kong, West Garo Hills, Tura.
17.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> march 2019	Children's Home Girls, Ringrey Gittim, West Garo Hills, Tura.
18.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Shelter Home Girls, South West Garo Hills, Ampati
19.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Shelter Home Boys, South West Garo Hills, Ampati
20.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Integral Tribal Welfare Society, South West Garo Hills, Ampati
21.	<b>Smti. Meena Kharkongor</b> <i>(Chairperson SCPCR)</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Freedom Life Centre Orphanage Shikinath Galwang Sanchonggre, West Garo Hills, Tura.

**The Observations of the Inspections of  
the CCI's of all the Five Districts of Garo Hills:-**

1. Government Run Homes were not well-equipped as per the standard of living of children as per the JJ system. All the premises were rented with congested rooms and high rents.
2. It was observed that till date, no State Inspections were conducted.
3. The Management of Administrative works were found lacking.
4. Mis-appropriation of funds were noticed in the Observation Home (Boys) to which representation has been sent to the Govt. for causing inquiry and taking necessary action.
5. Recommendation was also made for State Inspections, regular training of the staffs and counselors etc, official vehicles for DCPUs and for filling up vacant posts in the Homes.

# **Inspection made by SCPCR 2018-2019**

## **Inspections of School**

Inspection was made in the “Pine Mount” school, Shillong by the Chairperson & one Member, Smti. (Dr) V. Kharmawphlang on the 1st October 2018. On the Inspection conducted in the entire premises, the team observed that the prestigious Government school had failed the students and borders in many counts accordingly after meeting the Principal, a Report was submitted to the Government and the Education Department to take measures in addressing all the pertaining issues with regard to the school and the administration upon receipt of the report, the Education Department submitted on Action-taken Report on all the issues which will be looked into at the earliest. The Commission is still following the case.



**Pine Mount School  
Shillong, Meghalaya  
East Khasi Hills**



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Pine Mount School  
Shillong, Meghalaya  
East Khasi Hills



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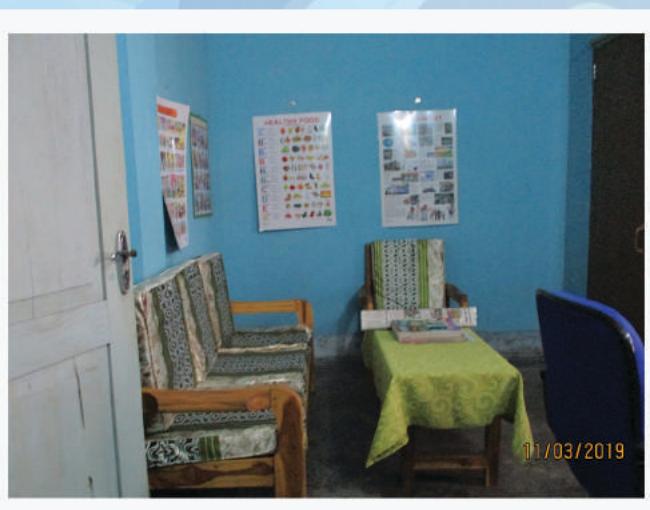
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**Children's Home (Boys)  
Resubelpara.  
North Garo Hills**

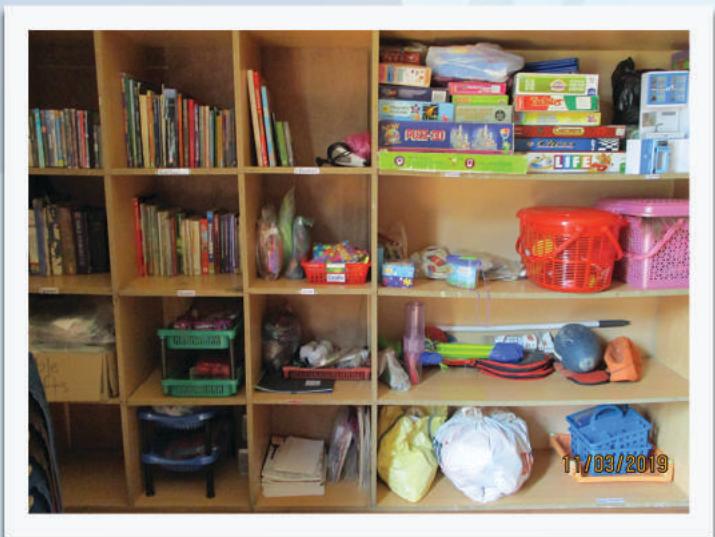


## **Children's Home (Boys) Resubelpara. North Garo Hills**





**Fountain of Life  
Evangelical Church  
Resubelpara. North Garo Hills**





**Children's Home (Boys)  
Dakopgre, New Tura  
West Garo Hills**



## **Children's Home (Boys) Dakopgre, New Tura, West Garo Hills**

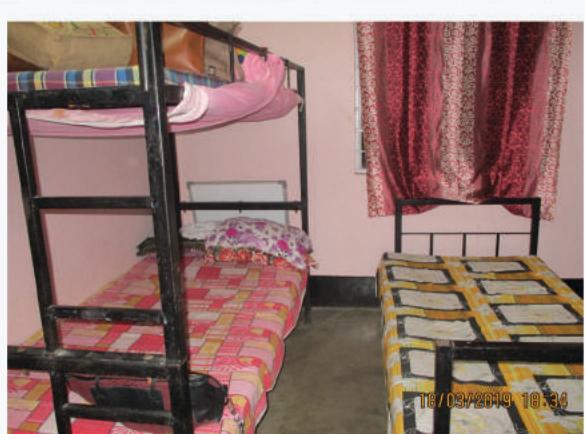


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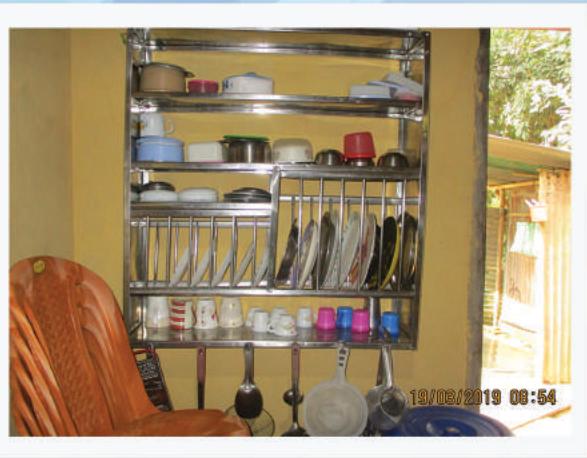
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**Children's Home (Girls)  
Tura.  
West Garo Hills**



## **Shelter Home (Girls) Ampati, South West Garo Hills**



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South West Garo Hills**

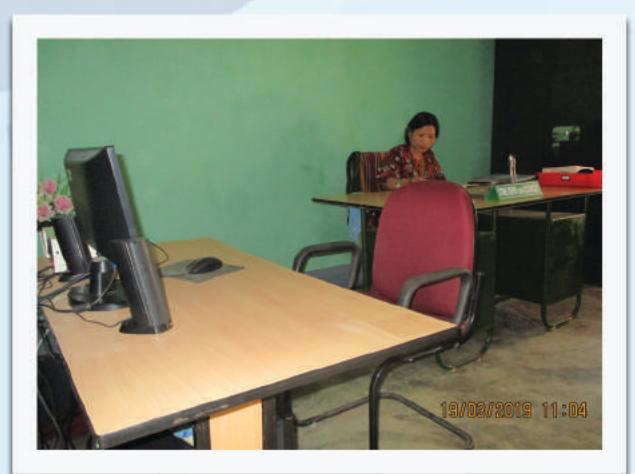
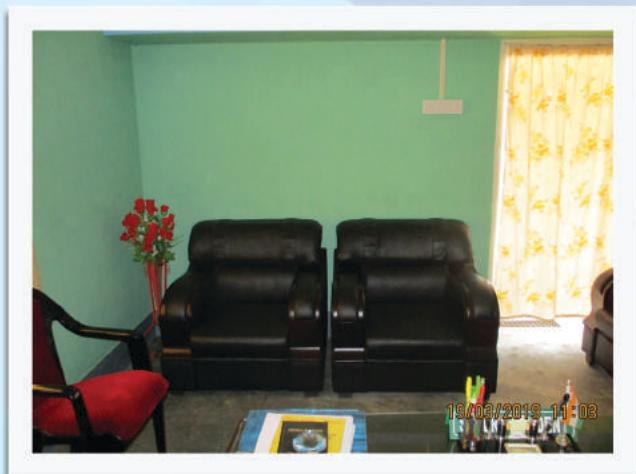
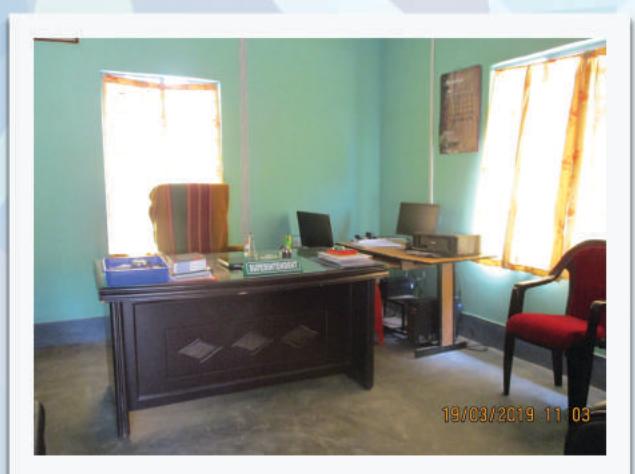


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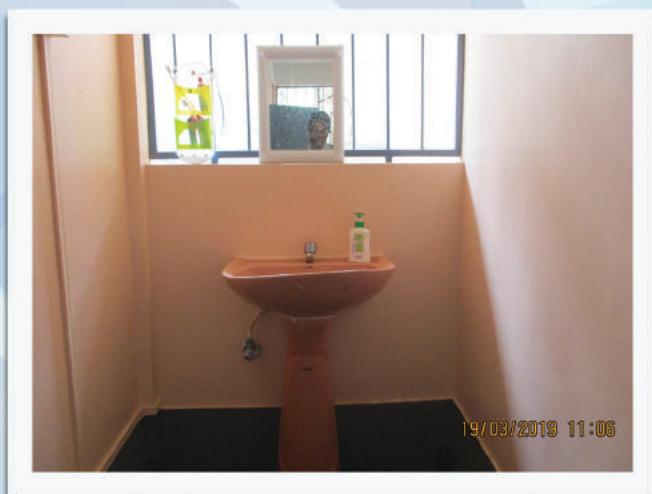
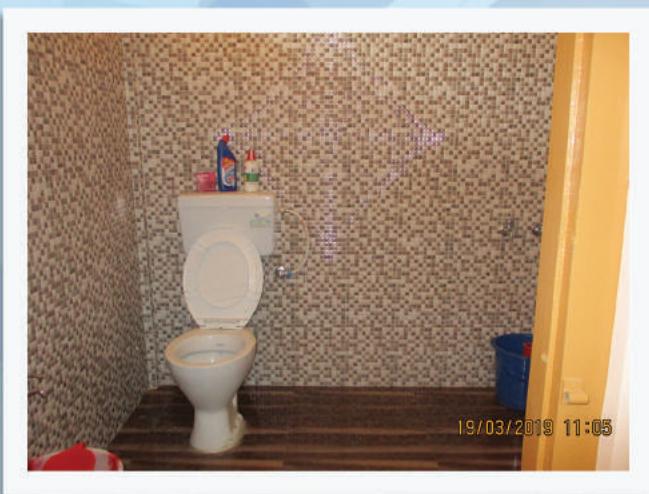
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**Shelter Home (Boys)  
Ampati,  
South West Garo Hills**



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**Integral Tribal Welfare Society  
St. Claret Mission, Ampati  
South West Garo Hills**



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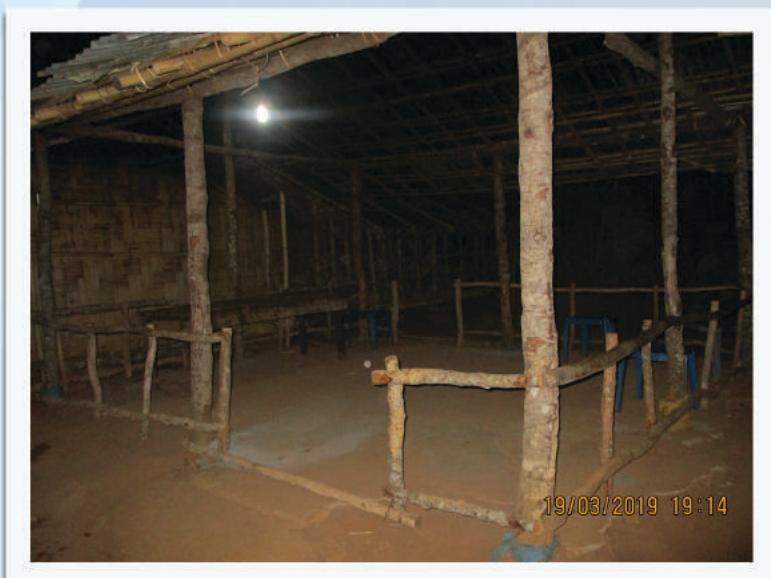
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**Freedom Life Centre Orphanage  
Galwang, Sanchonggre  
West Garo Hills**



## **Freedom Life Centre Orphanage Galwang, Sanchonggre West Garo Hills**



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# Inspection made by SCPCR 2018-2019

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**Shelter Home (Girls)  
Resubelpara,  
North Garo Hills**



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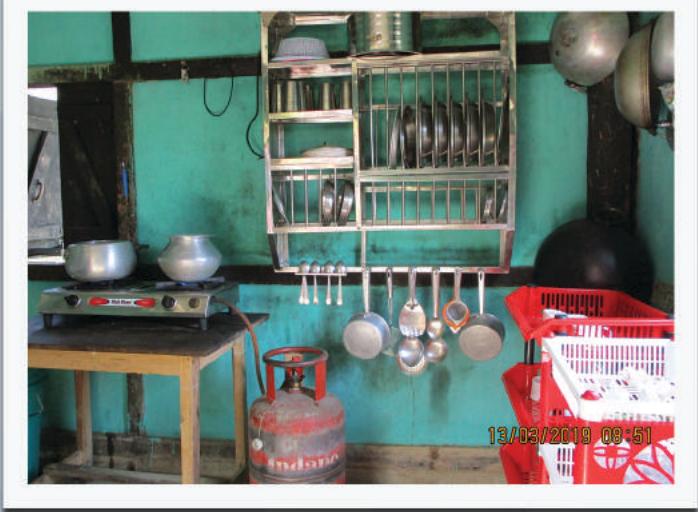
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**Shelter Home (Boys)**  
**Baghmara,**  
**South Garo Hills**



## **Shelter Home (Boys) Baghmara, South Garo Hills**



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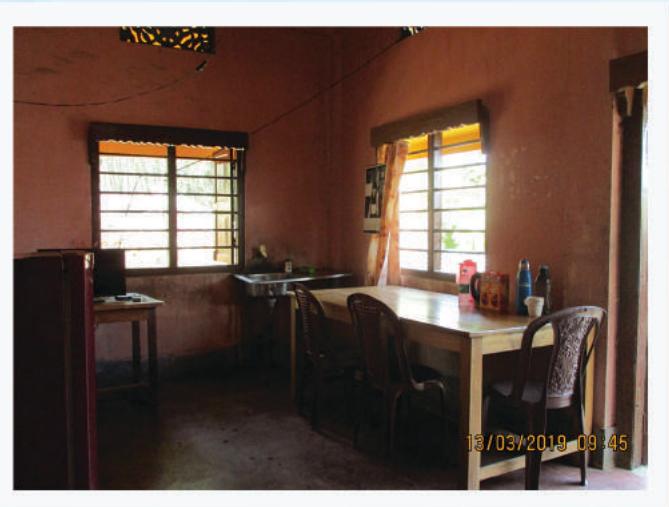
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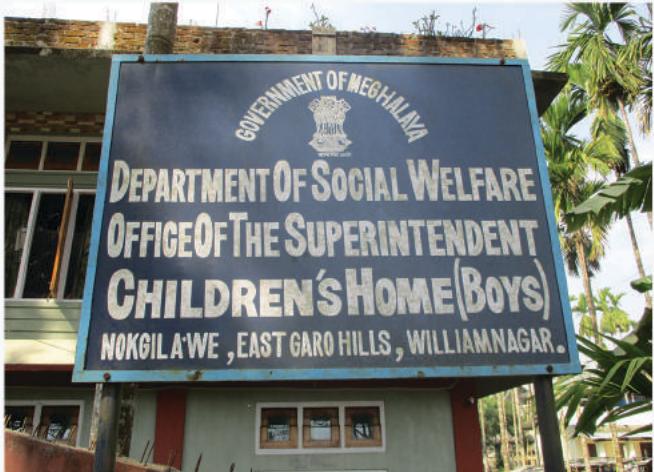


## **Shelter Home (Boys) Baghmara, South Garo Hills**



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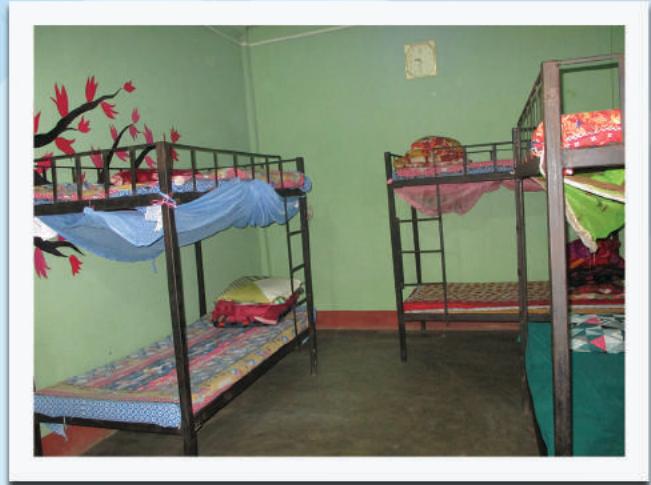
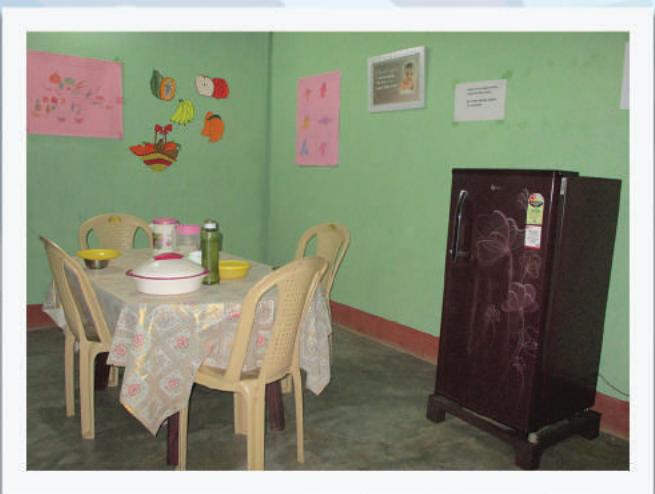
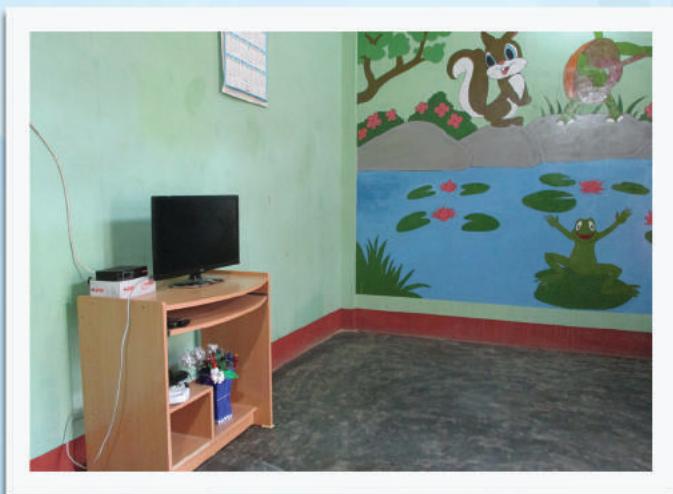
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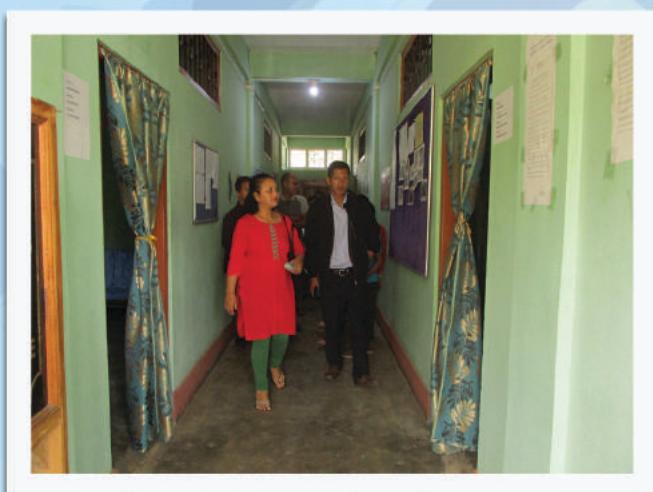
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## **Children's Home (Boys)** **Nokgila.we, Williamnagar** **East Garo Hills**



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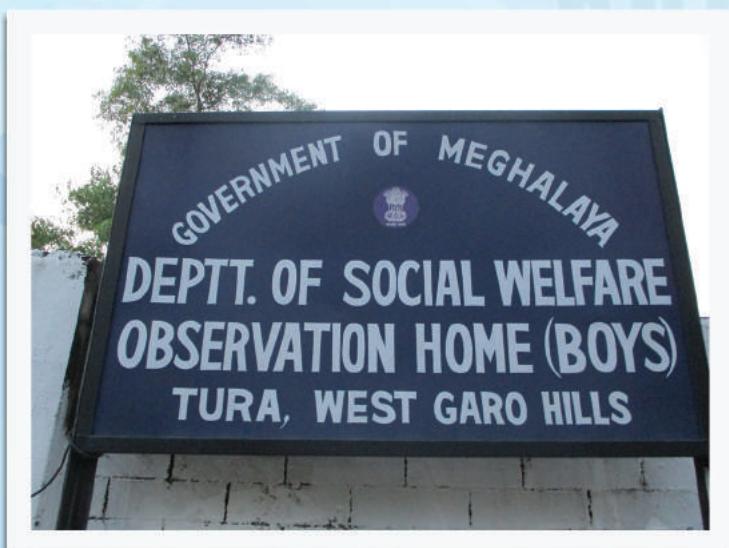


## **Children's Home (Boys) Nokgila.we, Williamnagar East Garo Hills**



# Inspection made by SCPCR 2018-2019

## List of Homes Visit



**Observation Home ( Boys)**  
**Tura, West Garo Hills**



## **Observation Home ( Boys) Tura, West Garo Hills**



# Inspection made by SCPCR 2018-2019

## List of Homes Visit

### Willington children's Home Girls Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills



# **REPORT ON J.J. M. NICHOLAS ROY L.P. SCHOOL, SHELLA**

## **Inspections of School**

The Chairperson & Member Secretary paid a visit to J.J. M. Nicholes Roy L.P. School, Shella on the 6th August 2018.

On reaching the school premises, it was noticed that cleanliness and lack of space was very poor. The class-rooms were very small, with no proper cooling appliances for example fans and unkempt toilets.

The Mid-day Meal Scheme provided by the SSA has not been implemented, giving reasons of not finding cooks etc. the room of the Mid-day Meal was in a shabby condition with no proper maintenance of utensils, etc.

Class X students are occupying the store-room where bags of rice were piled up, in a very unhygienic conditions. The Authorities concerned had voiced out their difficulties with regard to funds, not being sufficient to run the school, which is a fact that could been seen from the surroundings and class-rooms.

After through examinations of all records, advice was given to maintain all records in separate files and transparency to be maintained.

# **REPORT ON J.J. M. NICHOLAS ROY L.P. SCHOOL, SHELLA**

## **Advisory to the School:-**

1. The School Managing Committee should approach the Department of Education for grants to uplift the school.
2. Children should have safe and secure environment in the class-rooms as well as in the surrounding area of the school.
3. Mid-day Meals should be immediately implemented and measures must be initiated by the school to engage cooks and keep the Mid-day Meal Room in a clean and hygienic manner.
4. Awareness Programmes must be initiated to the children on "Child Rights" and other laws related to children.

# ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SCPCR SCHOOL BAG

## School bag I-A



Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,  
Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya, Shillong – 793001, Contact No. 0364-2500175  
Email: [mscpcrcp@gmail.com](mailto:mscpcrcp@gmail.com)

No. MSCP(CR)21/2015/ 2599

Date: 30/Jan/2019

From,

Smti. M. Kharkongor,  
Chairperson,  
State Commission for Protection of Child Rights  
Lower Lachumiere.

To,

Shri. D. P. Wahlang, IAS,  
Principal Secretary,  
Education,  
Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Sub: Newspaper item on implementation "The Children School Bags (Limitation on Weight) Act, 2006."

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to bring to your kind notice that there has been a local newspaper report which appeared in the "Highland Post" dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, wherein a concerned citizen had raised the issue of implementing "The Children School Bags (Limitation on Weight) Act, 2006, which the State of Meghalaya has not implemented as yet.

It is therefore urged upon you to kindly look into this pressing issue and take up for consideration at your level.

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has full confidence that the matter will be given due consideration.

Enclosed: The newspaper clipping.

Yours faithfully,

(Smti. M. Kharkongor),  
Chairperson,  
SCPCR.

Date: 30/Jan/2019

No. MSCP(CR)21/2015/ 2600 - 2602

Copy forwarded to:

1. The P.S, Minister for Education, Govt. of Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
2. The Director, Directorate of School Education & Literacy for information.
3. The Director of Social Welfare, Govt. of Meghalaya for information.

(Smti. M. Kharkongor),  
Chairperson,  
SCPCR.

# **ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SCPCR SCHOOL BAG**

## **School bag I-B**

**Highland Post**

FOR A PROGRESSIVE MEGHALAYA

SHILLONG - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 30, 2019

**'School kids should not carry heavy bag'**

## **M'laya Govt urged to slash weight of school bag**

**HP NEWS SERVICE**

**Shillong, Jan 29:** A concerned citizen has urged the Meghalaya government to implement the Children School Bags (Limitation on Weight) Act, 2006 to save the health of lakhs of school going children in the State.

Tilok Dasgupta in a written petition to Chief Secretary Yeshi Tsering referred to the rules being enforced in various states of the country.

He said that since the position of the innumerable school going children in the State is no different from the rest of the states, the government should imposed a cap on the weight of bags carried by school children in order to prevent any resulting physical effect and anxiety disorder in students.

According to the law, it is prescribed that the weight of school bag containing study materials of a child shall not be more than 10 per cent of the body weight of the child as excessive weight of the school bag adversely affects the tender health of children thereby giving rise to immediate complaints like body ache, fatigue and also postural infirmity and other bodily problems in future.

Pointing out that several research oriented surveys conducted like the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) revealed that 68 per cent of school children under the age of 13 years across India may suffer from mild back pain which can develop into chronic pain and later into hunchback, Dasgupta said it is medically proven that lifting heavy burdens for a long time or distance is not good for anyone, especially children.

Dasgupta further said that in the tender age, bones are delicate and excessive weight can misalign the spine leading to offensive skeletal and muscle maturity and poorer lung function.

He also urged the Chief Secretary to intervene into the matter as schools are going to reopen shortly.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) in a circular issued in November last year had asked all states and Union Territories to formulate guidelines to regulate the teaching of subjects and the weight of school bags.

**M'laya Govt urged**

According to the circular, the weight of school bags for students of Class I and II should not exceed 1.5 kg. The maximum weight of school bags for Classes III to V students is 2.3 kg, for classes VI to VII students is 4 kg, for classes VIII to IX students is 4.5 kg, and for class X students the school bag weight is 5 kg.

The circular also stated that schools cannot prescribe any other subject except language and mathematics for Classes I and II students and language, mathematics, and EVS for Classes III to V students. It also said that schools should not assign homework to students of Classes I and II.

It may be mentioned that only the states of Maharashtra, Telengana, Delhi and union territory Lakshadweep have enforced the regulation.

# **ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SCPCR SCHOOL BAG**

## **School bag 2-A**

**Shri D. P. Wahlang, IAS**  
Principal Secretary  
Government of Meghalaya



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2226352 - Office  
2398 - EPABX  
2502438 - Residence

D.O. No.EDN/RTE-24/2019/42

Dated Shillong, the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

Dear Madam,

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of Notification No.EDN/RTE-24/2019/41 dated 13.2.19 on matter pertaining to weight of school bags for your kind information.

With Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(D.P. Wahlang)

Smti Meena Kharkongor,  
Chairperson,  
Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,  
Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

State Commission For Protection  
Recd..... 4511  
Date..... 19/2/19

# **ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SCPCR SCHOOL BAG**

## **School bag 2-B**

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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**NOTIFICATION  
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

Dated Shillong, the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

No.EDN/RTE-24/2019/41 :- In pursuance to the guidelines of Ministry Human Resource Development, Government of India, on the weight of school bags and the health of children it is hereby instructed that all school falling under the Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya to comply with the Government guidelines with immediate effect. The guidelines below may be adhered to:

1. Schools shall not assign homework to student except those recommended by MBOSE/ICSE/CBSE.
2. The Schools shall not assign homework to students of Classes I and II.
3. The weight of school bags for students of Class I and II should not exceed 1.5 kg. The maximum weight of school bags for Classes III to V students shall be 2-3 kg for classes Vi to VII students shall be 4 kg, for classes VIII to IX students shall be 4.5 kg and for class X students shall be 5 kg.
4. Students should not be forced to bring additional books and other materials apart from the prescribed textbooks. Schools should make sure that students carry only such textbooks as indicated in the time-table.
5. The Head of Schools and teachers should frame well – designed time table for each class so that children do not have to carry too many books or notebooks to the school each day.
6. Reading library books and participation in Games, Sports, Art & Culture and other creative and other creative and co – curricular activities for holistic development of students must be encouraged.

This notification will take effect immediately.

Sd/-

(D.P. Wahlang, I.A.S.)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Education Department

# **ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SCPCR SCHOOL BAG**

## **School bag 2-C**

Memo.No.EDN/RTE-24/2019/41-A

Dated Shillong, the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

Copy:-

1. P.S. to Chief Minister Meghalaya for information of the Chief Minister.
2. P.S. to Minister In-charge School Education, for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
4. Director, Printing & Stationery Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication the above notification in the Meghalaya Gazette and to supply 200 printed copies of the notification to this Department.
5. The Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
6. The Director of Educational Research and Training, Meghalaya Shillong for favour of information.
7. Joint Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya - cum RTE Local Authority, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Jaintia Hills, Jowai/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/West Garo Hills, Tura/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh for their information and necessary action.
8. District Schools Education Officers, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat/ West Jaintia Hills, Jowai/East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/West Garo Hills, Tura/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/South West Garo Hills, Ampati.
9. Sub-Divisional School Education Officers, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/Sohra/ West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Mairang/South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat/ West Jaintia Hills, Jowai/Amlarem/ East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/West Garo Hills, Tura/Dadengre/South West Garo Hills, Ampati/South Garo Hills, Baghmara/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.
10. State Project Director, SEMAM (SSA & RMSA), Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
11. Web Administrator, Education Department (O/o DHTE) for posting on Department Website.

By Order.,

  
Special Officer to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Education Department

## **MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY SCPCR**

<b>1<sup>nd</sup> MEETING</b>	<b>13-04-2018</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING</b>	<b>07-12-2018</b>

1. The first meeting of the SCPCR was held on 13th April, 2018 where the Commission welcomed the new Member, Smti. Sume. G.B. Sangma. The Chairperson and members also discussed on the delay of the CPP (Child Protection Policy) which was still pending with Social Welfare Department, and it was felt that this urgent matter should be communicated to the Minister, Social Welfare, Govt., of Meghalaya.. Other matters which were taken up were:-

- a. To discuss on the letter which was sent to DHS (Directorate of Health Services) on setting up of De-addiction centre for youths.
- b. The other matter was discussed on the policy for regulating of private schools/play schools.
- c. Discussion was also held on the Education Policy of the State.
- d. After a thread bare discussion on the Agendas, it was felt and voiced by everyone present in the Meeting to approach the Health and Family Welfare Minister to discuss on the issues relating to setting up of De-addiction Centre for Youths in our State as well as to construct "Pink toilets" built specifically for women to raise awareness on Health and Hygiene Issues. The Commission as a whole decided to meet the Principal Secretary, Education Department to raise the issues concerning the Education Policy. The Commission has also entrusted Dr (Mrs) V. Kharmawphlang to initiate this matter.

Later, on the same day the chairperson met the Social Welfare Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya and apprised him of the delay of the draft of the CPP and was assured hat he would look into the matter at the earliest.

2. The Second meeting of the SCPCR was held on 7th December 2018 where an emergency meeting had to be convened by the Chairperson and the two Members from Garo Hills and West Khasi Hills could not attend any meetings due to their personal difficulties. Some matters were taken up:-
  - a. Discussion on the report given by the Commission on Pine Mount School to look into the matter and had asked the Commission to give one month time for making necessary corrections.
  - b. The discussion were also made on the Non-attendance of one Member from West Khasi Hills District and report were suggested to be submitted to the Commissioner and Secretary of Social Welfare and also for inducting more members and full time members.
  - c. Proposal for full-time Member Secretary for the Commission to be sent up to the Government.
  - d. Meeting with all the CWC's to be held on the last week of January 2019 to discuss on the role and functions of the Child Welfare Committee.
  - e. On the Complaint of the Misuse of Midday Meal of the Syad Lyngdoh L. P. School & the Umsning C&RD Block, the Member on the meeting which was held on the 7th December 2018 agreed upon to call for a report from SDEO, Ri-Bhoi District on the action taken by them.

- f. The Chairperson & the Member had discussed on the Inspection of CCI's to be conducted from the month of January 2019 at Ri-Bhoi District and on the month of February 2019 at West Jaintia Hills District. The NGO Run Govt. CCI's in East Khasi Hills will also be visit by the Chairperson & Members of SCPCR.
- g. Probably it was discussed to seek an appointment from the PS of Chief Minister Meghalaya for the 21st December, 2018 as a courtesy from the Chairperson & Member SCPCR.
- h. It was also discussed on the follow-up with the Director of School Education on all the letters addressed to the Department relating to various issues of schools.
- i. Meanwhile, a proposal has also initiated to visit the Home Minister in the coming year to discuss on the setting up of Special Courts, Special Public Prosecutors and creation of more posts of Women Police in the Police Department.
- j. Finally, it was also decided that the Commission will write to the Director of DESEL to organized talks on Child Rights and POCSO Act 2012 to our selected number of schools located in East Khasi Hills Districts in which it will be done in a phase manner.

# **COMPLAINT HEARING CONDUCTED BY SCPCR**

**4th September, 2018**

Urgent Hearing was conducted by the Chairperson SCPCR, Smti. Meena. Kharkongor, Member SCPCR, Smti. V. Kharmawphlang in the office of the Commission on the Complaint filed by Shri. X (name withheld) for not being able to meet his two minor children by the wife. Summons were issued to both the parties but since the wife did not appear in the Commission on the date fixed, another date was re-fixed and an Interim Order was issued by the Commission for the Father to meet his children on the weekend (Saturday) under the supervision of the O/C of the Police Station concerned.

**24th September, 2018**

On 24th September, 2018 the same matter was taken up where both the Parties were physically present before the chairperson and one member of the Commission. After much deliberation, both parties mutually agreed to share the custody of the children so as not to deprive the children from both parents and a Mutual Agreement was drawn up, where both the parties voluntarily signed. Case was then disposed off.

# **COMPLAINT HEARING CONDUCTED BY SCPCR**

**19th December, 2018**

Second Hearing took place on 19.12.2018 on a Complaint filed by Shri. X (Name withheld) against his Wife for abandoning their 10 (Ten) month old child. Both parties were present but since they could not resolve their matter, the infant child was ordered to stay with the father for a week and later the baby was handed over to the Wife by mutual consent. The matter was later transferred to the Meghalaya State Commission for Women as the lady in question wanted Separation from the Husband. Case disposed off with a direction that Parties are at liberty to approach the competent Court.

# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

## **Programme attended by the Chairperson SCPCR during 2018-2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Attended the Workshop on  
**“Crime against Women & Children - the role of the  
community in addressing the issue concerned and services  
available to their protection & Welfare”**  
which was held at Mawlong.



# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

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<b>12<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	Attended the support persons meet in the office of the DCPO (District Child Protection Officer), East Khasi Hills District to speak on the role and responsibilities of the support persons in POCSO cases.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	Attended the meeting in the office of the State Commission for Women on the recent spurt of violence on women and girls which is on the rise in the State.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018</b>	Attended the programme of Personal Safety Education Programme (PSEP) a school based curriculum piloted by Faith Foundation in selected Government schools in Shillong in collaboration with the Department of Education & Literacy SSA/RMSA-aims to work together with students to prevent children from sexual abuse which was held in Bethany Society.  The Chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights urged all schools to implement the programme. She said Terming is an innovative measure. <b><i>"This is a time when school authorities can probe into a child's behavior on what are they going through. It is through these programmes that we can find out the nature of the sexual assault that the child had undergone and get to know the perpetrators."</i></b> Stating that in most cases of abuse, perpetrators are people close to the minor victims, she also pointed out that some children may not be open up even if he or she come across any kind of assault, molestation or sexual exploitation. She also urged the foundation to work hand-in-hand with the Commission to create a better safety net for children. She said that <b><i>"Despite laws like the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 &amp; Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), such things are still happening"</i></b> . Therefore, she called upon the society to unite together and find solutions in creating a 'safety net' for children. The initiative was introduced to the principals of schools and other stakeholders.

# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

<b>7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	<p>Attended the training programme on “<b><i>Legal Awareness on Women &amp; Child Rights</i></b>” sponsored by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Government of India held at the Institute Training Hall. The fourth session of the Day-I was delivered by the Chairperson SCPCR on “<b><i>Prevention &amp; Protection for Women and girls against various crimes.</i></b>” The fourth session of the Day-II was delivered by the Chairperson SCPCR on “<b><i>Crime against Children with reference to POCSO Act</i></b>”.</p>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	<p>Attended the programme on “<b><i>A Dialogue among stakeholders in addressing sexual violence against women and children in Meghalaya</i></b>” organized by the North East Network and to provide a presentation on the role, function and challenges the organization in relation to addressing sexual violence held at the hall of Ponisuk, Laitumkhrah.</p>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<p>Attended the Third Task Force Meeting on the Meghalaya State Education Policy 2018 held at the DERT Conference Room.</p>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018</b>	<p>Just as an invitee to be apart of the celebration to mark the occasion of Thomas Jones Day in the school of St. Thomas Jones Lumparing. Among other invitees Smti. Helen Giri Padma Shree also interacted with the group on preserving the Khasi Cultural heritage of cultural music, cravings, to preserve the Khasi traditional way of making herbal medicine and agricultural farming.</p>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<p>Attended the programme as a Resource person organizwd by the World Vision for all the “<b><i>Village Child Protection Units</i></b>” of Mawkynew Block to be held at Youth Centre, Shillong. At the outset, after around of introductions, the Chairperson of SCPCR first explained to the group on the convention at the Rights of the Children its inception, India’s commitment to the UN Treaty and the National goal on children’s Rights. Presentation was also given on the POCSO Act, the various agencies dealing with the safeguards towards delivering justice to children, etc. The group had an interesting Question/Answer session where many doubts were cleared. The Resource person also spoke on the RTE Act 2009, the Child Labour (Prohibition &amp; Regulation) Act 1986, The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 and the Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act 1986. At the end of the session, a small video on children’s and young people’s rights was shown to the participants.</p>

# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Attended the programme on “WOMAN” an art exhibition of Artist who will stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse organized by the Faith Foundation in collaboration with House No.15 held at Jaiaw.
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Attended the State Level Programme on Integrated Child Protection Services & Juvenile Justice Act held at the Observation Home, Mawdiangdiang.
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Invited as a “Guest” on NES Talk show for recording in the studio of North Eastern Service of All India Radio Shillong.
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<p>A One Day Workshop on “Sankalp- Se- Siddhi” (Attainment through Resolve) Programme organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in collaboration with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), and the Education Department, Government of Meghalaya held at Muti-Use Convention Hall, NEHU Campus.</p> <p>The programme was started with the lighting of the lamp by Prof. Shri. S.K. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of NEHU, Shri. Ravindra Sathe, Director General Rambhau Mhalghi Prabodhini, Shri. W.R.Lyngdoh Secretary Education Govt of Meghalaya, Shri Paresh Shah, Expert Education, NCPCR and Smti. Meena Kharkongor Chairperson of SCPCR.</p> <p>The welcomed address was chaired by Smti. M. Kharkongor Chairperson SCPCR whereby she welcomed all the Guest, Shri Paresh Shah from NCPCR, Shri. W. R. Lyngdoh Secretary Education, Prof. Shri. S.K. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor of NEHU, Shri. Ravindra Sathe, Director General Rambhau Mhalghi Prabodhini, Shri. A.C.H Marak Director of School Education and Literacy and to all the Principals and Students of all the schools. The programme was addressed by Shri. Paresh Shah, Expert Education NCPCR whereby he addressed to all the dignitaries and to all the principals and students who attend the Workshop. The Guest of Honour Shri. W.R.Lyngdoh, Secretary Education, Government of Meghalaya welcomed all the dignitaries and also the Chairperson of State Commission for Women. In this Workshop he spoke about poverty, corruption, casteism, communalism and terrorism. There is an urgent need to transform and reform of New India and by adopting a good governance we can create New India.</p>

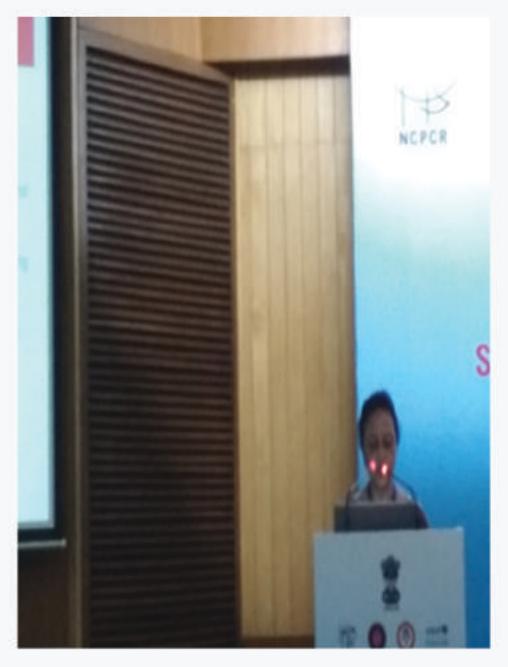
# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

	<p>The Chief Guest Shri. Ravindra Sathe Director General of Rambhau Mhalghi Prabodhini address all the dignitaries and to all the participants in the workshop whereby he told that devotion, discipline and dedication can fulfill the dreams of a New India Movement with the help of the students and the principals.</p> <p>In the midst of the programme a video was shown on “<i>Sankalp se Siddhi</i>” which based on 6(six) resolves i.e. Commitment to ourself, Eradication of Poverty, Free from terrorism, Free from the menace of corruption, Free India from communalism and Free India from casteism.</p> <p>After the wine up of the video Shri. Prof Henry Lamin Pro-Vice Chancellor of NEHU told that the main intention of this programme is not only for the North East but is based on whole of the North East and eradication of corruption, fight against poverty, to eradicate terrorism, to eradicate communalism and to eradicate casteism.</p> <p>The concluding of the programme was taken up by the Education Department Shri. Andrew Warji whereby he summarized the proceeding of the entire programme on how to understand and to prorogate the growth of the country.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the programme ended with the vote of thanks from Shri. A.C.H Marak Director of School Education and Literacy whereby he expressed his gratitude to Shri. Paresh Shah, Expert Education National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (New Delhi), Director General of Rambhau Mhalghi Prabodhini, Education Department, Shri W.R.Lyngdoh Secretary Education and to all the students, principals and to the media as well.</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Attending the Public Rally on the harassment of a minor child Miss Laphishisha Wahlang held in Mawmaram in which the rally will be starting from Jingkieng NH Masawa and end up in the Village ground of Mawmaram.

# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

28<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Attended the One Day Workshop on '*Safety and Security of Children*' with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights which was held at Gulmahor Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

An exposure visit of Women leaders from Mawrykneng and Mawkyrwat Block in the premises of State Commission for Protection of Child Right, Shillong organized by the North East Network for providing rural women an opportunity to visit different public departments enhancing them to understand the roles played by different departments and creating a platform for them to interact with the service providers of different departments.



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Attended the Fourth Round Consultation on effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015- Focus on Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) status, organized by the Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Committee, UNICEF & Guwahati High Court held at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.



# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

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<b>8<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended as a <b>Chief Guest</b> at the Inaugural function of the ToT on Gender Sensitive Policing for Officers from Meghalaya held at Police Training School, Mawroh.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended the “ <b>Judicial Colloquium on Anti Human Trafficking</b> ” organized by the Meghalaya State Judicial Academy held at High Court of Meghalaya, whereby Hon’ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Yaqoob Mir, Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya and Patron in Chief, Meghalaya State Judicial Academy consented to inaugurate the programme in presence of Hon’ble Mr. Justice S. R. Sen, Judge High Court of Meghalaya and Judge in charge, Meghalaya State Judicial Academy.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended as a <b>Resource Person</b> on the programme on “ <b>Training on Legal Counseling PC-PNDT Act and POCSO</b> ” organized by the State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) Social Welfare Department, Shillong, under the flagship scheme Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao held at East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended the programme as a Guest to inaugurate the Orientation Programme for ICPS Functionaries and Stakeholders on Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, Juvenile Justice Model Rules 2016, Adoption Regulation 2017 & POCSO Act 2012 held at Moreau Institute of Integral Training Centre, Dhanketi, Shillong.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended the training of social welfare officials for enhancing disaster preparedness among the vulnerable Groups organized by the District Management Authority, East Khasi Hills District which was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Social Welfare, Shillong.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Attended the Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Council of Social Welfare, Shillong to be held at ICSW, Shillong Raj Bhawan Road.

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7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

One Day Orientation Programme on Child Rights, POCSO Act, RTE Act and JJ Act 2015 organized by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights which was held at the **Community Hall, Lumshyrmang, Mihmyntdu, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai.**



The Registration of the Participants began at 9 A.M on 7th September, 2018 and the Chief Guest for the Programme, was Shri. D.M. Wallang, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District. On arrival of the Honourable Chief Guest, the Programme commenced at 10 A.M by felicitating him with a bouquet as well as bouquets were also presented to the chairperson, Smti. M. Kharkongor, SCPCR and Member, DR. ( Smti) V. Kharmawphlang by the Officials of the District Child Protection Unit, West Jaintia Hills District.



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The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. (Smti) V. Kharmawphlang who appreciated the presence of the Chief Guest who in spite of his busy schedule came to the far remote place to be amongst the participants. She also welcomed the Chairperson, the Headmen of the various Villages, the School Heads, Teachers, Students from 5 (Five) different Schools within the jurisdiction of Mihmyntdu, the Superintendents of Homes ( Boys & Girls) the CWC Members, JJB Members, NGO's , Officials from the Health, Education and Police Departments, the ASHAs and the District Child Protection Officer and her staff who had made all the arrangements for the programme.

The Chief Guest while delivering his lecture, thanked the Commission and the District Child Protection Unit, West Jaintia Hills for inviting him. He appreciated that measures were taken to hold such Awareness Programme in the far- flung areas of the District which often remains unattended to, and many crimes especially Sexual Assault crimes of children often turn out to be from such villages where people are not aware of the Law or the Authorities to whom they are to address their grievances. He appreciated the concern and commitment of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the State Commission.

During his speech, he spoke of the Parental Responsibilities towards children and how to address the issues by spending more quality time with the children. He stressed on the role of the School's importance in molding children's future and teaching

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them good values. While addressing the group of students, the Chief Guest impressed upon them to study well, take responsibilities, respect their fellow students, teachers and parents, at home and at school and to stay away from any bad influences and addiction to drugs which is on the rise now and encouraged them to sow seeds of beauty and Peace in their minds and lives. He concluded his speech with a motivational Quote that is to "SPEAK OUT, REACH OUT and HELP OUT".



The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Miss. Reva Kynjing, District Children Protection Officer. After the Tea- break, the first Session was deliberated by the chairperson, SCPCR as one of the Resource person for the day.

Slides on The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 was shown to the Participants with explanation on the various sections of the Act, the punishment clauses and the Authorities who are to take action under this particular Act. The effects of Early Marriage and Teen Pregnancy was also explained to the Adolescent group who often fall prey to early marriage in this society.

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Parents and elders were also briefed on the ill- effects of early marriages in young girls and boys which not only affect their physical health but also the mental capacity to deal with situations and child births. Villagers who never heard of this Law, paid a lot of attention to this particular topic and raised many healthy questions which were answered. The Resource Person highlighted that it was believed that Child Sexual Abuse occur everywhere, irrespective of Race, Caste, Creed and Religion. In Indian Society, it is often an embarrassment for Parents to talk to children about sexual matters. The Chairperson stressed and encouraged the parents to be more open with their children and interact on the rise of sexual abuse cases among young children and teach them about the Reproductive system of the Human Body. She also addressed the School Heads and Teachers to introduce talks in Schools as part of Awareness amongst the Students and to check on the causes of drop- out from schools.



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The Resource Person introduced the session with power point presentation on all the provisions of the child friendly Act, the Authorities who are to deal with it, the Role of the Police, CWC, Magistrate and the POCSO Courts. The Definitions under the POCSO Act was also highlighted through the Power Point Presentation with special emphasis on the Role of the Media in reporting Child Sexual Abuse Cases.

Power point presentation was also shown on the causes of Child Sexual Abuse and how the different stakeholders are to respond to it. The presentation in the local language (KHASI) was also distributed to the participants who were not conversant with the English language. Many queries were raised by the participants and the session was an informative

The third session was taken up by Dr. (Shri) S.D Sumer, D M & H O, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills. He deliberated on the topic of "How to handle Child Sexual Cases" to the different categories of participants. The Doctor cited real-life experiences on some cases brought to the Hospital and how as medical professionals they deal with them. He also gave a lot of information to the group on ways to preserve evidences till the time the victim reaches the hospital for proper DNA collections, etc and that people should not delay in bringing the victims to the nearest hospital or PHC/CHC for immediate treatment. Since the group was a mixed group of many villagers coming from far off villages, he explained to the people that such cases of child sexual abuses which surfaces mostly in remote areas, people should not wait for outside interferences, but seek Police and Medical help at the earliest.

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The Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills District, Shri. Vivek Syiem, MPS was also present. He also addressed the participants on the rise of such crimes in West Jaintia Hills and how innocent children become victims for no fault of theirs. He also cited examples of many cases brought before the Police, how they deal with it, etc. The superintendent advised the parents on their Role and Responsibility, how to gain trust of their

children and also to be very vigilant if they notice any strange behavioral changes in their children and to report such changes to the proper Authorities. He assured the people that the Police are there to help the common people and that no one should fear them but come forward for any kind of assistance. He explained the procedure to be followed while reporting any case and also shared the Police Control Number, West Jaintia Hills with the participants. The students were advised to use the social media with caution and to stay away from addiction to drugs.

Right to Education Act (RTE) 2009 was delivered by Shri. P. Sunn, Sub- Inspector of Schools, West Jaintia Hills District. Shri.Sunn focused on the RTE Act, 2009 and said that Education is the " Fundamental Right" of every Child and they should not be denied of this right. He explained that the Government of India has taken the initiative to provide Free and Compulsory Education for all



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children between the age of 6 to 14 years and casts obligation on the Government, local Authorities and Parents to provide and ensure admissions, attendance and completion of Elementary Education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years.

He further explained about the provision of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) under the Act where the Government provides Funds to construct School Buildings in every village, free Uniforms and free books distributed to the children. Explanation was also given on the provision of the Mid Day Meal (MDM) and the criteria to be followed on the Implementation of the Scheme and that there is penalty under "The Food Security Act" for breach in providing Mid Day Meal by the Schools. Shri. Sunn added that the Government had launched the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) with the aim to provide good quality Education for Secondary Schools which are accessible and affordable to all young children in the age group of 15(Fifteen) to 16(sixteen). He concluded by saying that every village should have a Village Education Committee for the effective Implementation of the RTE Act.



Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 delivered by Smti R.D Kynjing, District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit,

West Jaintia Hills, Jowai. Smt. R. D. Kynjing, District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai delivered a lecture on Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

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and briefed that the Integrated Child Protection Scheme is a scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched throughout the country for the care and protection of children under Eighteen years and its main objective is to provide a Safety Net for children in difficult circumstances. The target group were also highlighted on the scheme which caters to Two Types of Children, Children in Need of Care and Protection (Child Abuse, Child Labour, Missing Child, Abandoned Child, Orphan, Destitute, Etc) and Child in Conflict with Law (Child who commit offences namely, theft, rape, murder etc) and added that presently there is a rise in sexual abuse cases in comparison to previous years. Child Welfare Committee is the competent authority to deal with cases of Child in Need of Care and Protection and Juvenile Justice Board for child in Conflict with Law.

The District Child Protection Officer explained the four basic Rights of a child which are (a) Right to Survival,(b) Right to Development,(c) Right to Protection and(d) Right to Participation.



She further highlighted on the Statutory Support Services which are the Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board and Special Juvenile Police Unit and explained on the Role, Functions and Responsibility of Child Welfare Committees and Orders that can be



passed as well as Orders that cannot be passed by the Juvenile Justice Board.

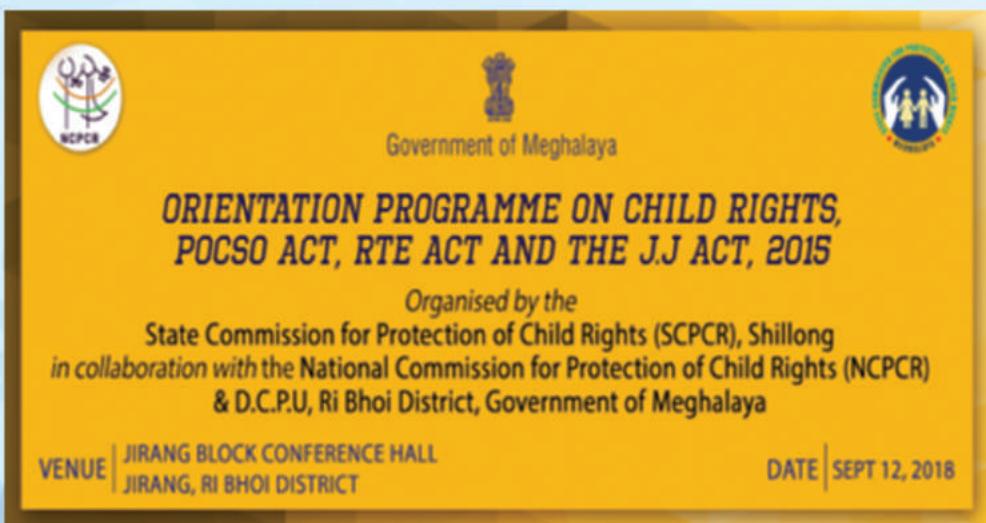
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She explained on the procedures for Registration of FIR, Apprehension of child in conflict with law and Final report by the Police. She stressed on the Mandatory Registration, under section 41 of the J.J. Act, 2015 of all Child Care Institutions housing Child in Need of Care and Protection or Child in Conflict with the Law, whether run by the Government or NGOs under the Juvenile Justice Act and the penalty for Non Registration of Child Care Institutions. The process of rehabilitation and reintegration of Child in Need of Care and Protection was also highlighted.

During the Interactive session, many questions were raised on the POCSO Act, the J.J. Act and the RTE Act. The participants who were ignorant on all these Legislations showed Interests and expressed their satisfaction on the Orientation Workshop, requesting more of such programmes to be held in other Villages and Schools. The Programme ended with a Note of Thanks from the Chairperson, SCPCR with a group photograph among the few participants who stayed back for the evening Tea.

<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Attended the programme as a Chief Guest to inaugurate the One Day Awareness Programme on Social Networking and Cyber Crime for the Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools in Shillong held at the <b>Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong</b> .
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	One Day Orientation Programme on Child Rights, POCSO Act, RTE Act and JJ Act 2015 organized by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights which was held at the <b>Jirang Block Conference Hall, Jirang, Ri-Bhoi</b> . The programme started with the welcome address by Smti. B. Passah (Member Secretary, SCPCR), who extended her welcome to the Chief Guest, the Chairperson ( SCPCR), Officials of the DCPU, Ri Bhoi and all the Participants,followed by presentation of Bouquets to the Dignatories by the District Child Protection Unit Officials.

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The Chief Guest Smti. F.M. Lakiang (Extra Assistant Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District) at the onset conveyed the warm regards of the Deputy Commissioner who could not attend the Programme due to unavoidable circumstances by wishing the programme, a Success.

The Chief Guest appreciated the National Commission for Protection of Child rights and the State Commission for taking up sensitive Issues and conducting such Awareness Programmes amongst people, especially those living in the remote areas who are less fortunate to get opportunities to attend to such programmes.

She also highlighted on the rise of Sexual Assault Cases in the district and implored on everyone to take advantage of the Sessions on various Legislations of Children and spread the message in their respective Communities. She further added that if all the people take up collective responsibility in their respective Areas and be vigilant, then only, "We" can prevent atrocities committed upon Children.

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The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the District Child Protection Officer, Ri Bhoi District.



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The Resource persons for the day were Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson (SCPCR) Meghalaya, Shri. V. Nongbet (DSEO), Ri-Bhoi District, Smti. E. Kalwing (Medical Officer), and Smti. E. Kharpuji(DCPO) Ri-Bhoi District.

Smti. M. Kharkongor , deliberated the First Session on the Topic "**Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006**". Slides on The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 was shown to the Participants with explanation on the various sections of the Act, the punishment clauses and the Authorities who are to take action under this particular Act. The effects of Early Marriage and Teen Pregnancy was also explained to the Adolescent group who often fall prey to early marriage in this society. Parents and elders were also briefed on the ill-effects of early marriages in young girls and boys which not only affect their physical health but also the mental capacity to deal with situations and child births. Villagers who never heard of this Law, paid a lot of attention to this particular topic and raised many healthy questions which were answered. She stated that child/ Early marriages is a very big Issue in the prevalent Society and in order to eradicate it from the society, the Government of India has enacted the "Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006" to make sure that young girls and boys are not married till they reach the age of 18 and 21 years respectively. The Act also prescribes Penalty Clauses for anyone violating the provisions of the Act. She also stated that child marriage has a negative impact on the physical growth, health, mental, emotional development of a child. She concluded by saying that everyone should take child related cases very sensitively and seriously.

In the second session, Smti. M. Kharkongor showed a slide presentation on POCSO Act, 2012. She explained the different forms of sexual abuse and punishments for offences covered in the Act and provisions related to conduct of trial of reported offences.

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She further explained about duties of Police as specified in the Act. During the interaction session, queries were also put up by the participants.

The third session, on The Right to Free and Compulsory Education, ( RTE )Act, 2009 was presented by Shri. V. Nongbet, DSEO, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District. He said that Right to Education is every child's Fundamental Right which provides Free and Compulsory Education for children from the Age group of 6-14 years and also includes Children with Disabilities.



He enlightened the participants on the various important Sections of the RTE Act, wherein Neighborhood Schools are to be opened at a distance of 1 Km and 3 Kms seeing the Child population and Age group of children in the Villages. He also spoke on the services provided by the Anganwadi Centres for providing Free pre- Schooling and Nutrition to the Children under the ICDS Schemes. He concluded by adding that the Act casts obligation on the Government, local Authorities and Parents

to provide and ensure admissions, attendance and completion of Elementary Education of all children in the age group of six to fourteen years.

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The fourth session was deliberated by Dr. E. Kalwing, DM &HO, Jirang, Ri Bhoi District, who spoke on how to handle child sexual assault cases. She provided elaborate explanations on the Role of



the Doctors while examining Child Sexual Abuse Cases and also highlighted on the procedures of Examination. The Resource person cited real life incidents and stated that many times Children do not speak out



due to various reasons and one must be very sensitive to the child's need. She further urged the participants to be aware of any warning signs which they notice in Children and approach the Authorities concerned for help.

She also enlightened the Participants about some preventive measures and concluded by suggesting that everyone has a vital role to play in preventing sexual assault. She also addressed the youths during her session, advising them to stay away from any bad influences like Substance addiction, Internet exploration and indulging in early sexual relationships which may destroy their youth and innocence.



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The last session was presented by Smti. E. Kharpuri (DCPO), Ri Bhoi District on the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and briefed that the Integrated Child Protection Scheme is a scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched throughout the country for the care and protection of children under Eighteen years and its main objective is to provide a Safety Net for children in difficult circumstances.



The target group were also highlighted on the scheme which caters to Two Types of Children, Children in Need of Care and Protection (Child Abuse, Child Labour, Missing Child, Abandoned Child, Orphan, Destitute, Etc) and Child in Conflict with Law (Child who commit offences namely, theft, rape, murder etc) She stated that the Government adopted the Act keeping in view the child's Right to Survival, Development, Protection and Participation. She also stressed on the important Fundamental principles and Juvenile Justice System and further explained the importance of protecting child victim's identity and to report to police station or concerned authorities if any such cases arise.

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She highlighted on the Statutory Support Services which are the Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board and Special Juvenile Police Unit and explained on the Role, Functions and Responsibility of Child Welfare Committees. She also informed that under the J. J. Act, 2015, all Child Care Institutions housing Children in Need of Care and Protection or Children in Conflict with the Law, whether run by the Government or NGOs under the Juvenile Justice system are Mandated to Register the Homes, under Section 41 of the J.J. Act, failing which the said Homes shall be closed down with huge Penalties which shall be imposed upon them.

While concluding her topic, an animated film was shown to the participants on the "**GOOD TOUCH and "BAD TOUCH"**" to teach children as to how they can respond to potential dangers.

Towards the end of the programme, participants expressed their happiness and thanked the organizers for organizing the Programme in their Area which was first of it's kind in Jirang, Ri Bhoi District.



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14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

One Day Orientation Programme on Child Rights, POCSO Act, RTE Act and JJ Act 2015 organized by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights which was held at the **Community Hall , Khliehriat West, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat.**



The Welcome Address was delivered by Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson, SCPCR who extended her warm Welcome to the Chief Guest, other Dignitaries, Medical Health Officers, Police Officers, Heads of Institutions, Headmen of the different Villages, NGOs and Officials of different Homes including Students. In her Welcome Address, Smti. M. Kharkongor gave an overview of the purpose of the Workshop, appreciated the help and support of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCCR) for being able to conduct such important programmes all over the State and briefly spoke on the Role and Functions of the Commission.



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The Chief Guest, the Honorable Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District in his Inaugural Speech expressed his Happiness and lauded the efforts of the Commissions, both at the Centre and the State for taking initiatives to hold programmes relating to Legislations of Children, which he said "**WAS THE NEED OF THE HOUR**".



He pointed out that this particular district where Migrant Population is largely concentrated, Sexual Abuse Cases happen very often and Children are mostly the soft targets. He implored that as stakeholders, it is the duty and responsibility of every individual to reach out and prevent children from falling prey to any kind of violence in the Society. He concluded by adding that the District Administration is always there to give assistance of any nature and that people are free to approach his Office for any kind of assistance, especially related to children. He also requested all the Participants to make use of the Workshop and gain more knowledge and insight on the various Laws relating to Children. The Vote of Thanks was offered by Shri. T. Kyndiah, DCPO, Khliehriat.

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The First session was on the "**THE PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE ACT, 2006**" was taken up by Smti. M. Kharkongor.



At the very outset, the concept of *CHILD MARRIAGE AND EARLY MARRIAGE* was explained by the Resource person. In Meghalaya, the practice of Solemnization is not prevalent as there are no forced Child Marriages but the rampant practice of Early Marriages between the age of 14/ 15/ 16 /17 are seen in the State, especially in the rural areas. The causes and Dangers of Early Marriages were explained through Slide Presentation. Thereafter the Act on "Prohibition of Child Marriage" was shown to the group. Important provisions with regard to the jurisdiction of the Courts, the role and Responsibilities of the Prohibition Officers were explained as per the Act with emphasis on the Punishment Clauses.

The second session was deliberated on the **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES (POCSO) ACT, 2012**.

The Resource Person through the Slide Presentation, explained about the Definitions of Penetrative Sexual Assault, Aggravated Penetrative Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Using Child for Pornographic use, Abetment and Attempt to

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commit the offence, the different penal sections and also the Authorities who are to deal with this Act. The Role of the Police and the Media was also pointed out and the provisions in case of violation of Section 19 & 23 was highlighted to the participants. An Appeal was made by the Resource Person not to hide such Offences but to reach out to the Authorities for help and support and to report the incidents as early as possible in order to punish the Offenders and give help and support to the survivor and her/ her family.

The Third session was on " Right to Education Act, 2009" taken by Smt. P. Dkhar, Sub-divisional School Education Officer, East Jaintia Hills District.



The Resource person in her opening statement, narrated how the R.T.E Act, came into effect on 1st of April, 2010 under Article 21 A of the Constitution of India. The title of the RTE Act incorporates the words '**free and compulsory**'.

**'Free education'** means that no child, other than a child who has been admitted by his or her parents to a school which is not supported by the appropriate Government, shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing elementary education. **'Compulsory education'** casts an obligation on the appropriate Government and local authorities to provide and ensure admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by all children in the 6-14 age group.

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## **The RTE Act provides for the:**

- Right of children to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education in a neighborhood school.
- It makes provisions for a child to be admitted to an age appropriate class.
- It specifies the duties and responsibilities of appropriate Governments, local authority and parents in providing free and compulsory education, and sharing of financial and other responsibilities between the Central and State Governments.
- It provides for appointment of appropriately trained teachers, i.e. teachers with the requisite entry and academic qualifications.
- It prohibits:-
  - (a) Physical punishment and mental harassment;
  - (b) Screening procedures for admission of children;
  - (c) Capitation fee;
  - (d) Private tuition by teachers and
  - (e) Running of schools without recognition.

The resource person above concluded with an appeal to all to ensure that all children avail the benefit of the RTE Act in Letter and Spirit.

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The fourth session was taken up by Dr.(Smti) N.P. Suchiang, DM&HO, East Jaintia Hills who briefly introduced herself and went on to say that as Medical Professional, a great Responsibility lies on their shoulder when any Child who has been sexually assaulted is brought before them.



She also stated that in cases where the Family prefer to take their children to the nearest hospitals, response is "Key to the Child's immediate well-being and long term recovery". The evidence collected in the course of medical examination of victims of sexual assault is core in most investigation in POCSO cases. A thorough explanation was given as per the Guidelines on the Do's and Don'ts while examining Children, methods of examinations,

Consent, detailed history of the child, evidence collection, treatment, documentation and follow- up. She also demonstrated the emergency Medical Kit which is to be kept at every Hospitals/ PHCs and CHCs for accurate evidence collection.

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The Resource person spoke very passionately on her life experiences of children, when brought before her. She implored to the Male Medical Professionals who were also present in the programme, not to refuse examination in case of Emergencies when critical child injuries are brought to their facility, but to treat them as mandated under the Guidelines of The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India on Medico-legal Cases.



The session ended after a detailed Interaction where the participants took interest to ask many questions of which until now, most of them were ignorant.

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The last session was on the “**Child Rights**” & “**Juvenile Justice**” (Care & Protection for Children) Act, 2015 Act taken by the Shri. T. Kyndiah, District Child Protection Officer, East Jaintia Hills.



Shri Kyndiah started by saying that, the Constitution of India has envisaged a healthy society for the children of which shall be free from abuse and exploitation. The fact remains that majority of our children are deprived of their childhood due to numerous reasons. Although the Constitution of India and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child- 1989 have reiterated on the protection of the dignity and life of children, still child rights violation is on the rise. Everyday cases of child rights violation is being reported in many forms. It is high time that all the stakeholders under the banner of Child Protection Services realize their role and duties towards the cause of ensuring protection to our children.

Children are considered to be the most vulnerable group in the society. They are dependent, have the least power, and have less control over their own lives. Among children there are some who are marginalized and neglected than others because of their socio- economic cultural circumstances.

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These children are considered as Children in need of Care and Protection under Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015. They are found mostly in different situations like:

1. In families at risk.
2. On the street
3. In institution The contributing factors for the children to be vulnerable and becoming at risk are because of the following reasons:
  - o Orphan, abandoned and surrendered children
  - o Street children
  - o Working children/child labourer
  - o Abused children
  - o Children who are victim of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking.
  - o Children engaged in substance abuse.
  - o Children in families at risk
  - o Differently-able children
  - o Mentally ill children
  - o HIV/AIDS- infected /affected children

Awareness, sensitization and capacity building is one of the powerful intervention to discuss child rights violation and also a better platform as most of the time such issues are being swiped under the carpet and considered as un-important.

Juvenile Justice System is reformative in nature and not punitive oriented and based on this spirit Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection for Children) Act, 2015 Act was enacted to bring changes in the system and also to see to it, that no children below the age of 18 years is abused by any means from all level.



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Therefore to achieve the purpose JJ ACT mandated under provision of Section 106 that every districts in the State shall have a District Child Protection Unit to take up matters relating to Children in Need of Care and Protection and Juvenile in Conflict with Law with a view to ensure the effective implementation of the Act including the establishment and maintenance of Homes, notification of competent authorities in relations to these children and their rehabilitation and coordination with various official and non-official agencies concerned.

JJ Act also mandated on the constitution of three important statutory Bodies at the district level to exclusively deals with different target groups of children accordingly as per the provisions of the said Act.

The said authorities are as follows:-

- 1. Juvenile Justice Board**
- 2. Child welfare Committee**
- 3. Special Juvenile Police Unit**

Similarly, JJ Act has made it mandatory for the establishment of different Child Care Institutions for long term and short term care of children. The Act mandates that all institution running Child Care Institutions whether run by NGO's or Government shall have to register under JJ Act and failure of which will be viewed seriously according to the provisions of the Act.

As stated earlier JJ ACT is a Reformative Act in nature and not Punitive, therefore it is the duty of each and every stakeholder to fulfill its provisions and implement it in Letter and Spirit for building a better world for our children. The Programme ended on a very satisfactory note, followed by tea and photo session of the few remaining participants.

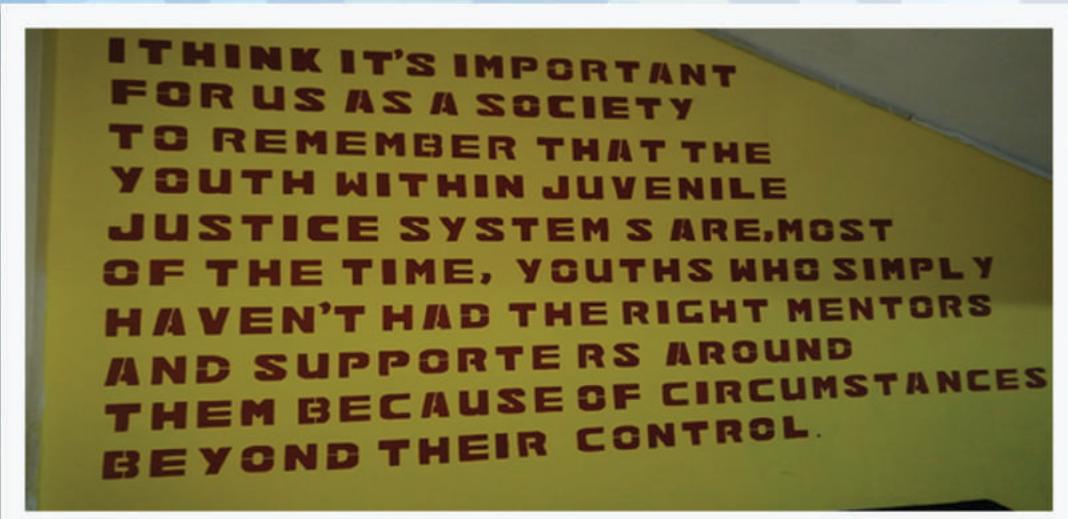
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<b>19<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Attended the One Day State Level Sensitization Workshop and graced the Workshop, for NGOs running Children Home and Hostels on Provisions of RTE Act 2009, Juvenile Justice Care and Protection JJ Act 2015, NCPCRs Regulatory Guidelines for Hostels of Educational Institution for Children and Leveraging CSR initiatives for Child Education & Child Welfare and Child Well-being organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights which was held at <b>Shri. Aurobindo Ashram, Camel Road, opposite Pinewood Convention Centre, Shillong.</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Attended the training programme as a Resource person on <b>“Issues of declining child sex ratio, female foeticide and its social impact, implementation of CPNNDT, POCSO, Protection of Women and Domestic Violence Act &amp; Sexual Harrasment of Women at Workplace”</b> under the flagship scheme Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao which was held at Orchid Seven Hut, Mawryngkneng.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Attended the <b>“One Day Workshop Programme on School Discipline &amp; Child Rights”</b> which was held at Meghalaya Public School.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Attended a discussion programme on the topic <b>“Safe Neighbourhood for Child Safety”</b> which was held at Doordarshan Kendra, Shillong.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Attended the awareness programme as a Resource person on the topic <b>“The importance of education in the modern world today and the Effect of Early Child Marriages”</b> which was held at Dorbar Hall Nenggate, Pynursla.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Attended the programme as Chief Guest and grace the occasion on the Inauguration of Child Friendly Corner in the presence of Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills which was held at Sardar Police Station, Shillong.

# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

Sardar Police Station, Shillong.



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

<b>10<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Attended the “ <b>One Day State Level Consultation on Juvenile Justice Issues relating to the Safety on Children and Minimum Standards of Care in Child Care Institutions</b> ” which was held at High Court, Shillong
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Attended the programme entitled on “ <b>From Anxiety to Confidence</b> ” a Menstrual hygiene programme for adolescents girls which was held at Reach Shillong Ministries School, Mawarliang, Laitkor.

## **Reach Shillong Ministries School, Mawarliang, Laitkor**



<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Attended the programme as a Guest of Honour for “ <b>Children’s Day celebration</b> ” which was held at Rilang Children’s Home, Nongshiliang, Nongthymmai.
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## **Rilang Children’s Home, Nongshiliang, Nongthymmai**



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Attended the programme as a Resource Person on the launching programme campaign on “**Ending Violence against Children**” and deliver a talk on “**Child Protection Rights**” which was held at Brookdene (Holy Cross), Cleve Colony, Dhanketi, Shillong.

## **Brookdene (Holy Cross), Cleve Colony, Dhanketi, Shillong**



**1<sup>st</sup> December-2018**

Attending the “**National Level Conference on the Effective Implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 with specified focus on Integrated Child Protection Scheme Status**” organized by Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Committee in collaboration with UNICEF which was held at Ashoka Hotel, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

Attended the “**Workshop on the functioning of the SCPCR’s & the Bottlenecks being faced by all the SCPCR’s**” organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to be held at Speaker Hall, Main Building, Constitution Club of India (CCI), Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**Speaker Hall, Main Building, Constitution Club of India (CCI), Rafi Marg, New Delhi.**



**10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Attended the “International Human Rights Day 2018” in which Shri. Tagatha Roy, Governor of Meghalaya were the Chief Guest in the occasion was held at Yojana Bhawan Auditorium, Shillong.

**Yojana Bhawan Auditorium, Shillong**

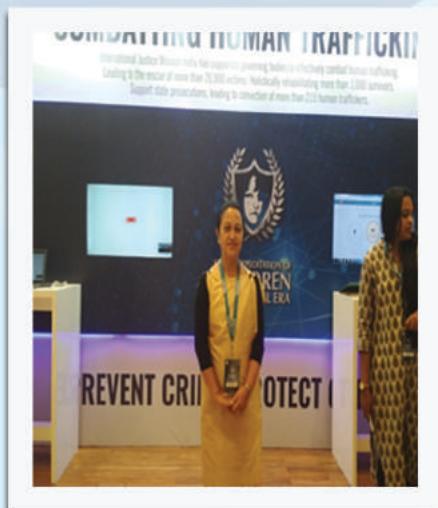


# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

Attended the programme as Honored Guest on “**International Conference on Sexual Exploitation in a Digital Era**” organized by the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with Department of Information Technology & Electronics (IT& E) and International Justice Mission, India (IJM) which was held at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre New town, Kolkata.

## Biswa Bangla Convention Centre New town, Kolkata



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Attended the Pre-Christmas celebration for the underprivileged children and elderly people organized by the SPARK Bringing Light to Lives which was held at Mercy-Home for the aged, Holy Child School, Demthring, Shillong.

## **Mercy-Home for the aged, Holy Child School, Demthring, Shillong**



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

Attended the seminar as a Resource person on a on the theme “The Role of Parents in the Present Generation” organized by the Seng Kynthei Unitarian Union, North East India, which was held at Laban Unitarian Church.

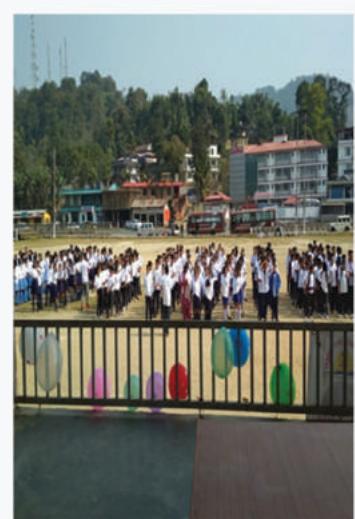
## **Laban Unitarian Church**



**24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Attended the “Observation of National Girl Child Day”, organized by the District Task Force Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.

## **Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh**



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Attended the One Day Workshop on “ <b>Elimination of Bonded Labour &amp; Child Labour System</b> ” with special focus on illegal mining organized by the Labour Department Govt. of Meghalaya in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission which was held at Yojana Bhawan, Main Secretariat building .
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	Attended & inaugurated the Workshop in undertaking Personal Safety Education programme with Children to Parent Child Sexual Abuse for social workers, field workers & probation officers of various Governmental & Non-Governmental agencies in Meghalaya organized by the Faith Foundation in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Child Protection Society and Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights held at KJP Assembly Hall, IGP.

## **KJP Assembly Hall, IGP**



21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	Attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> North-East Region Alcoholics Anonymous Convention 2019 organized by the AA Foundation Group, Shillong held at North Eastern Hill University Multiuse Convention Hall, Umshing Mawkyroh.
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**North Eastern Hill University  
Multiuse Convention Hall,  
Umshing Mawkyroh.**

# PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Attended the programme as a Resource person on “Community Engagement on Child Wellbeing” with our stakeholders organized by the World Vision India held at the office of World Vision, Smit.

## Office of World Vision, Smit



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Attended the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annie Margaret Barr Children's Village at Mawsynjri, Kharang whereby Shri. Banteidor Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Minister I/c Sport and Youth Affairs, Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture & Weaving to the Govt. of Meghalaya graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	Talk show at Doordarshan Kendriya (DDK) Shillong
<b>25<sup>nd</sup> March 2019</b>	Attending the " <b>Regional Consultation for Reviewing the Status of Drop-out Rate in North-Eastern States and Devising Pathways for Addressing High Drop-out Rate</b> " which was held at Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

## **Administrative Staff College, Guwahati**



# **PROGRAMME OF THE SCPCR 2018-2019**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Attending the “One day Regional Level Consultation on Drug & Substance use among Children in North Eastern States” which was held at Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

## **Administrative Staff College, Guwahati**



# **RECURRING EXPENDITURE**

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## **ANNEXURE I & II**

### **Annexure- I**

#### **Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights**

Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya, Shillong-793001,  
Contact No. 0364-2500175

**SW/SD/6/2006/Pt. IV/10303 dated 1st February 2019.**  
Statement showing the Expenditure incurred  
during the year 2018-2019.

### **RECURRING EXPENDITURE**

<b>A)</b>	<b>Honorarium of Chairperson @10,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,20,000/-</b>
<b>B)</b>	P.O.L of Chairperson <b>@ 15,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,80,000/-</b>
<b>C)</b>	TA/DA of Chairperson and Members <b>@ 2,500/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 3,00,000/-</b>
<b>D)</b>	Electricity charge <b>@ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 24,000/-</b>
<b>E)</b>	Hospitality charges of Chairperson <b>@ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 24,000/-</b>
<b>F)</b>	Telephone bills of Chairperson <b>@ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 24,000/-</b>
<b>G)</b>	Newspaper and Magazine <b>@ 500/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 6,000/-</b>
<b>H)</b>	House rent of Office Accommodation <b>@ 17,733/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 2,12,796/-</b>
<b>I)</b>	Grade IV staffs 2 Nos. attached with Chairperson 1. Resident 2. Office, Consolidated pay <b>@ 7,000/- pm x 2 Nos x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,68,000/-</b>
<b>J)</b>	Driver attached with Chairperson <b>@ Rs 12,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,44,000/-</b>

<b>K)</b>	Sitting fees for Members (6Nos) <b>@ 500/- per sitting for 4 times in a month for 12 months. (1,000/- x 6Nos x 4 times x 12 Months)</b>	<b>Rs1,44,000/-</b>
<b>L)</b>	Counselor (Part Time) <b>@consolidated pay of Rs 5,000/- pm x 12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 60,000/-</b>
<b>M)</b>	Maintenance of 1 No Vehicle for <b>12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,20,000/-</b>
<b>N)</b>	Office expenses:- (Stationery & other miscellaneous) for <b>12 Months</b>	<b>Rs 1,50,000/-</b>
<b>O)</b>	Maintenance of machinery equipment, material supply of repairing & computers, Xerox machine toner ink etc	<b>Rs 75,000/-</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs 17,51,796/-</b>

**(Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six Only.)**

**Sd/-**

**Smti. M. Kharkongor,  
Chairperson, SCPCR.**



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