

MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Forward

It is indeed a privilege and Honour to be appointed as the Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya for the second Term and I sincerely acknowledge the trust bestowed upon me by the State Government.

There are growing development Issues and Challenges in protecting the Rights of Children in India and Meghalaya is not an exception, therefore our priority is “Safeguarding the needs and Rights of Children” within the mandate of the Commission with special emphasis on the Rights of the under privileged and marginalized sections of the Society as they are dual victims of vulnerable situations.

Protecting Children and bringing positive changes in their lives proposes a holistic approach which must be addressed collectively.

The Annual Report, 2017- 18 of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of child Rights documents all important Activities of the Commission including interaction with different stakeholders, Child Rights Practitioners, other State Commissions and NCPCR as well.

In spite of functioning without it's full complement of Members in the course of the Financial year, it was ensured that MSCPCR did justice to it's mandate in respect of Child Rights in a pro-active manner in the best Interest of the Children of the State.

Smti. M. Kharkongor,
Chairperson
SCPCR
Meghalaya.

Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR)



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 right-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 for 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.



ROLE OF MSCPCR

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) was constituted under the Commissions for protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 by the Govt. of Meghalaya on 28th February 2014. The Act empowers the Commission to act as a Civil Court, to undertake suo-motu enquiry and also look into complaints relating to deprivation and violation of child rights and non implementation of laws for protection and development of children. The Commission monitors rescue & rehabilitation of child labour, matters falling under the RTE Act, POCSO Act, JJ Act 2015, medical crises in schools, children's right to play in parks, prevention of sexual abuse of children, checking child trafficking and all issues connected with children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS 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 inhibit the enjoyment of rights of children affected by terrorism, communal violence, riots, natural disaster, 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 place 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) Deprivation 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; and
- 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

1. 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:
 - a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
 - b) Discovery and production of any document;
 - c) Receiving evidence on affidavits;
 - d) Requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office; and
 - e) Issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.
2. The Commission shall have the power to forward any case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the same and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

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-

- i) 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;
- ii) Approach the Supreme Court or the High Court concerned for such directions, orders or writs as that Court may deem necessary;
- iii) 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:

- i) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009
 1. The Commission, as per section 31 (1) of the RTE Act shall, in addition to the function assigned under the Act, also perform the following functions, namely:
 - a) Examine and review the safeguards for rights provided by or under this Act and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
 - b) Inquire into complaints relating to child's right to free and compulsory education ; and
 - c) Take necessary steps as provided under section 15 and 24 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act.
 2. 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 sections 14 and 24 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act.
 3. 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.

ii) The Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015

As per section 109 (1) of the JJ Act 2015, the Commission for Protection of Child Rights shall, in addition to the functions 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 powers as are vested in the Commission under the CPCR Act 2005.

As per section 109 (3) the Commission shall also include its activities under this section in its Annual Report.

iii) The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences 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 any 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.



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, Nonthymmai, 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.

Chairperson	Smti. Meena kharkongor
Members	Smti. Lungsimon Lyngdoh Dr. (Mrs) F. G. Dkhar Sri. Carmo de Britto Noronha Smti. Henritha R. Marak Smti. Lenitha M. Sangma.

After the 1st term of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights expired, Smti. Meena Kharkongor was re- appointed as Chairperson vide Notification No. SW(S)112/2009/447 dated shillong, the 26th July,2017 for a further period of 3(three) years wef. 1.3.2017.

At present, there are 3 (Three)members who joined the Commission vide Notification No. SW(S)112/2009/448 dated 27th July, 2017 & Not6ification No. SW(S)112/2009/468 dated 25th August, 2017, namely:-

Smti. Badondorlin Hoojon Dr. (Mrs) Vanessa Kharmawphlang Smti. Sume.B. Sangma	Member. Member. Member.
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STATEMENT OF CASES



CASES RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION DURING 2017-2018.

OPENING BALANCE OF CASES AS ON 1 ST MARCH 2017	42
TOTAL CASES RECEIVED DURING 2017-2018	34



CATEGORY WISE DETAILS OF CASES FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018.

SL. NO	DATE OF COMPLAINT	SUBJECT	REMARK
1.	27 th March 2017	Molestation	Matter referred to Child Welfare Committee, South West Garo Hills for support.
2.	4 th April 2017	Harassment case on social media.	Matter referred to Child Welfare Committee for counseling of the girl.
3.	4 th April 2017	Seeking help for compensation.	Matter communicated to the concerned authority for compensation.
4.	21 st April 2017	Harassment	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights filed suo-moto FIR against the teacher.
5.	11 th May 2017	Murder case	Case has been forwarded to court for trial.
6.	11 th May 2017	Murder case	Child Welfare Committee Nongstoin is following up the case.
7.	11 th May 2017	Sexual Assault	Child Welfare Committee Nongstoin is following up the case.
8.	15 th May 2017	Sexual Assault	Received report from the police, Rynjah P.S & the child has been sent for counseling & necessary support to the Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills.

SL. NO	DATE OF COMPLAINT	SUBJECT	REMARK
9.	23 rd May 2017	Assault Case	Letter issued to Superintendent of Police, South West Khasi Hills for stern action against the police men with copy addressed to Deputy General of Police, Meghalaya.
10.	25 th May 2017	Sexual Assault	Case is on trial & Child Welfare Committee, West Jaintia Hills following up the case.
11.	25 th May 2017	Assistance for accommodation in Shelter home	Both the children have been accommodated at Hindu Mission, Shillong.
12.	13 th June 2017	Complaint on Transfer Certificate issued in the middle of the term	Commission has communicated the matter to DSEL, East Khasi Hills for taking necessary action as the school is a private institution.
13.	14 th June 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
14	16 th June 2017	Complaint on Transfer Certificate issued in the middle of the term	Commission has communicated the matter to DSEL, East Khasi Hills for taking necessary action as the school is a private institution. Case was later resolved.
15	21 st June 2017	Sexual Assault	Forwarded to Child Welfare Committee for necessary support to be given to the child.
16	27 th June 2017	Sexual Assault	Forwarded to Child Welfare Committee, West Garo Hills District to take necessary action.
17	28 th June 2017	Assistance for Educational help	Matter has been clarified from DSEL. Case was closed.
18	11 th July 2017	Referral of a molestation case	Child Welfare Committee has taken up the case for counseling and support to the victim.

SL. NO	DATE OF COMPLAINT	SUBJECT	REMARK
19	12 th July 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
20	25 th July 2017	Sexual Abuse	Forwarded to Child Welfare Committee, East Jaintia Hills District for necessary assistance.
21	31 st July 2017	Complaint on Police Atrocity	Sponsorship to be given to the boy for his school. Parties have compromised the matter with police.
22	3 rd August 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
23	24 th August 2017	Sexual Assault	Forwarded to Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills.
24	31 st August 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
25	6 th September 2017	Complaint from being debarred from school	After hearing, case disposed off on resolution drawn up whereby the child is to resume school.
26	6 th September 2017	Sexual Assault	Child Welfare Committee, West Garo Hills District following up the case as instructed.
27	6 th September 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
28	13 th September 2017	Complaint on attempt of sexual assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
29	4 th October 2017	Violation of Child Rights	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
30	26 th October 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
31	6 th November 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
32	29 th December 2017	Sexual Assault	Investigation under the respective Police Station.
33	26 th February 2018	Missing Child	Under Police Investigation.
34	9 th March 2018	Debarring the children from attending school	Matter resolved. The children will be attending SSA School in the locality concerned.

INSPECTION MADE BY SCPCR



LIST OF HOMES VISIT

1	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. B. Passah (Member Secretary SCPCR)	5 th May 2017	Shelter Home for Women/ Children in need of care & protection, Lawsohtun
2	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. B. Passah (Member Secretary SCPCR)	4 th July 2017	Shelter Home Boys, Wahsharem, Khliehriat.
3	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. B. Passah (Member Secretary SCPCR)	4 th July 2017	Shelter Home Girls, Khliehriat.
4	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. K. Lamar (Member Secretary SCPCR)	11 th August 2017	William Lewis Boy's Home KJP Assembly Church House, Mission Compound, Mawphlang
5	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. K. Lamar (Member Secretary SCPCR)	18 th August 2017	Children's Home Girls, Madanryting.
6	Smti. Meena Kharkongor(Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. K. Lamar (Member Secretary SCPCR) Smti. V. Kharmawphlang (Member SCPCR)	23 rd August 2017	NEIMA Children's Home, Laitmynrieng, Pynursla.
7	Smti. Meena Kharkongor (Chairperson SCPCR) Smti. K. Lamar (Member Secretary SCPCR)	26 th November 2017	Children's Home Boys, Rngi Jynriew Neng, Nongthymmai



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Visit by Member Secretary, B. Passah.

MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY SCPCR



1 ST MEETING	5-11-2017
2 ND MEETING	13-04-2018

Meetings of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

1. The meeting of SCPCR was held in the premises of the Commission where the Chairperson and members discussed on the proposed State Level workshop on POCSO Act and the JJ Act, initiated by the NCPCR, New Delhi to be held on 2nd December 2017 at the Shillong Club in collaboration with the NCPCR. A detailed discussion was held to involve all stakeholders dealing with Children and it was jointly decided to invite the Special Judges (POCSO Courts), Spl. Prosecutors, Police, and the Social Welfare Department. The Member- Secretary was asked to do the necessary work of sending out letters to all concerned.
2. The second 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:-
3. To discuss on the letter which was sent to DHS (Directorate of Health Services) on setting up of De-addiction centre for youths.
4. The other matter was discussed on the policy for regulating of private schools/play schools.
5. Discussion was also held on the Education Policy of the State.
6. 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 that he would look into the matter at the earliest.

Complaint Hearing Conducted by SCPCR

A Complaint Hearing was conducted by the Chairperson SCPCR, Smti. Meena. Kharkongor, Member SCPCR, Smti. V. Kharmawphlang & Deputy Director, DSEL, Smti. T. M. Pyngrope in the office of the Commission. The case was heard and disposed off on resolution drawn up by the School Authorities and the Complainant. Case disposed off.

Programme of the SCPCR 2017-2018

6TH APRIL 2017

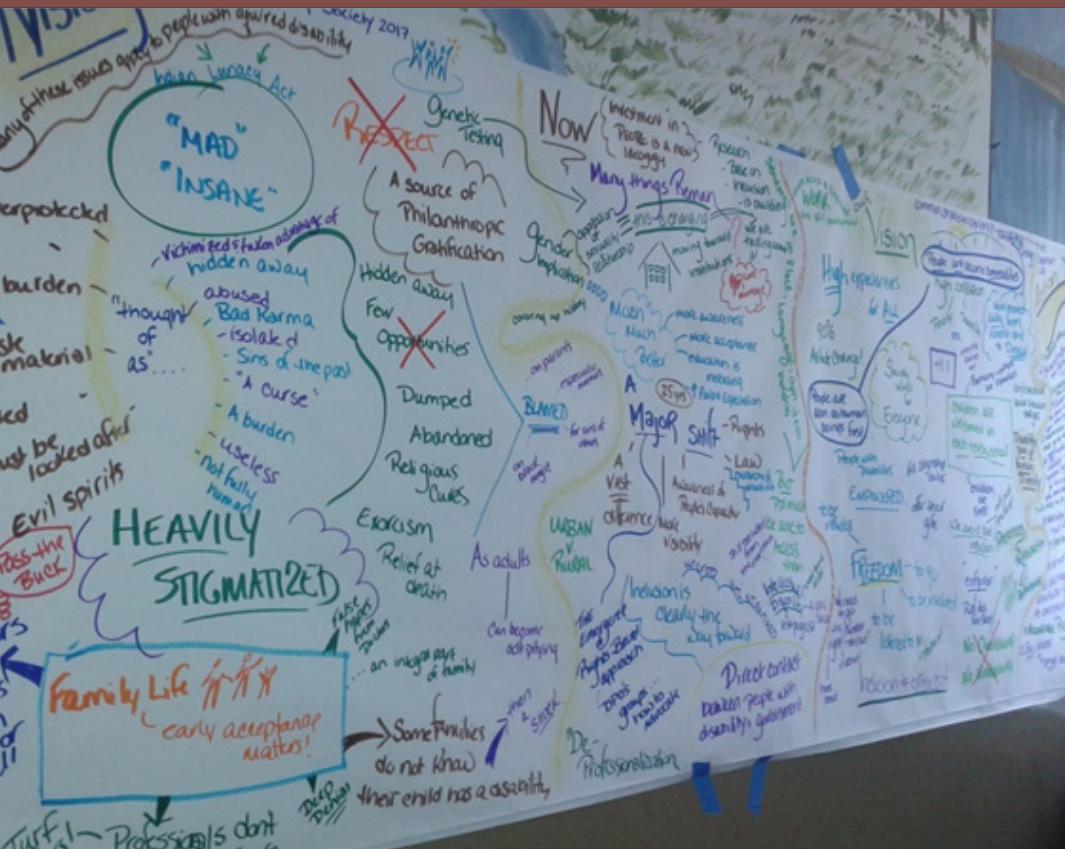
Directorate of Educational and Research Training (DERT) programme which was held in State Central Library.

11TH APRIL 2017

Programme was held at St. Mary's College on the Presentation on the POCSO Act, 2012 against Girl Child and the FAO's on RTE Act, 2009. The session was deliberated by the Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The presentation on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2009 was shown to the participants where all the relevant sections of the Act was explained in detail. The POCSO Act covers all children below the age of 18 years irrespective of gender. There are stringent punishment for offenders and Special courts are to try such cases preferably within one year from taking cognizance of the case. Abetment and Attempt to commit the offence is also punishable under this act. Burden of proof is upon the accused person. Media are barred to report cases which will disclose the identity of the victim and the punishment for violation shall be 6 months to 1(one) year with fine. This act is only applicable to child survivors and Adult offenders. If a child commits the offence, he/she shall be forwarded to the Juvenile Justice Board of the districts concerned.

The Right to Education Act, 2009 was explained in brief wherein all children of the age of 6 to 14 years coming from backward and downtrodden families were given Free and Compulsory Education through the government, Govt. Aided Schools and the SSA Schools. The RTE Act, 2009 still has a lot of shortcomings in implementation and the Education Department has a lot to do to improve the quality of Education in the state.

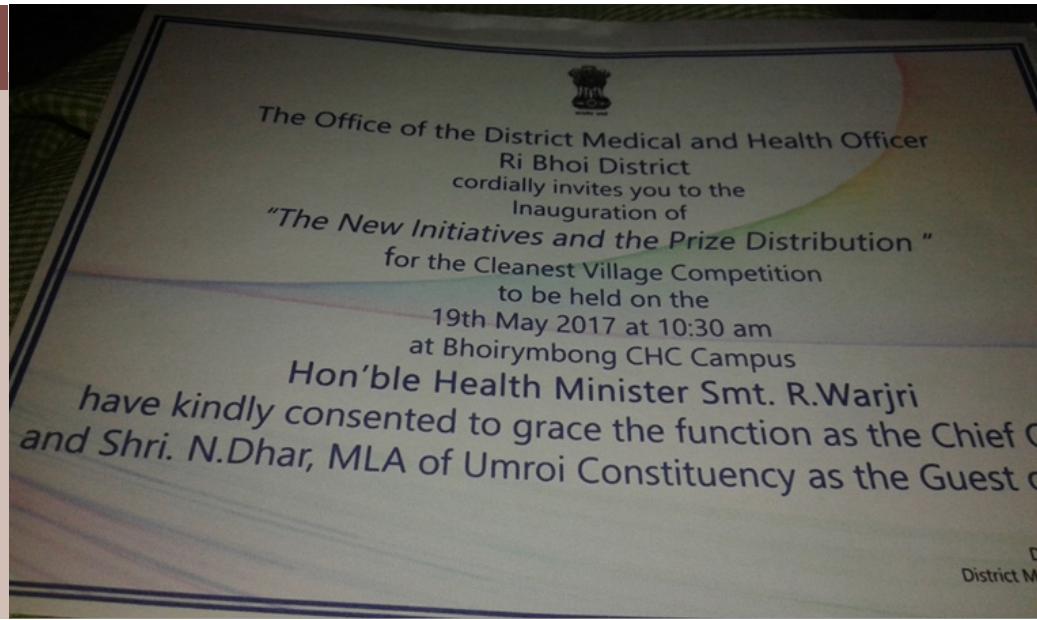
18TH MAY 2017



Programme held in Bethany society. This programme involves conducting engagement sessions called "Ideas that Matter". These Sessions consist of meeting with small group of professionals, family members and people with disability to listen, discuss and discern answers to four essential questions about the history of people with disabilities, their own experiences, how things are today, and their hopes and vision for a positive future for people with disability

19TH MAY 2017

A programme in Bhoirymbong Community Health Centre which was inaugurated by Smti. R.Warjri Chief Guest) Minister of Fitness Gym, Children's park, Herbal Garden, IPD, New Born Baby Corner, Postal Natal Ward, Laboratory and Casualty was also inaugurated by the chief guest.



25TH MAY 2017

Programme held at Fr. Cornelius Khyriem Multi-Purpose Auditorium organised by the Social Service Centre, Archdiocese of Shillong Laitumkhrah. Delivered speech as a resource person on the "Advocacy Meeting". The motive of this programme is to enable the Synjuk ki Kynthei Katholik to discuss and take a decision with regard to the Protection of children and women. Discussion were initiated with the Secretary Women's Commission, North-east region, across the state of Meghalaya.



29TH MAY

2017

Talk show at All India Radio, Shillong on the topics "Urgency of Sex education to curb Early marriages,Teenage pregnancies and Single Motherhood & the importance of sex education among adolescents".The other participants included Ms. I. Warjri, Mission Director, SCRW, Social Welfare Department and Dr. (Smti) AdreenaLyngdoh from Ganesh Das Hospital

5TH JUNE 2017



Invitation on “One day Multi Stakeholders Regional Convention of North Eastern States to focus on CSR participation for strengthening the child welfare & child well-being mechanisms” organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi in joint collaboration with department of social welfare government of Assam held at Guwahati.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSAL REGIONAL WORKSHOP :-

- Gain a clear understanding about the situation of children of north eastern states, with a particular focus on child welfare & child well- being.
- Convene all key corporates who have a mandate to invest on CSR related projects & discuss about how various components of child welfare well-being related systems & services could be strengthened in various regions through their active participation.
- Come up with a “Road map for companies to invest for child welfare.”

7TH JUNE 2017

Talk show on AIR, Shillong on “Child Labour”& Free access to Right to Free & Compulsory Education”.



12TH JUNE 2017



Attended the programme as the Special Guest on the occasion of "Anti Child Labour Day". The theme of this programme was "Protect Children from Child Labour" organized by the North Eastern Regional Domestic Workers Movement (NERDWM) in collaboration with Ferrando Ray of Hope. On the occasion the Chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) said "Children are robbed of their childhood when they are engaged in manual work." She also added that though Child labour exists in the state, the scenario in East Khasi Hills district is better due to concerted efforts of various government departments in monitoring the menace. The Chairperson also spoke on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The "Back to School" class-room for the backward & needy children was also inaugurated by Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) on the same day

15TH & 16TH
JUNE 2017

Two days workshop on Investigation of cases under POCSO Act held at DGP Conference Hall. It was on the 16th June 2017, the Chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights graced the workshop as a resource person on the subject of “The Provisions of POCSO Act & Rules 2012”. An interactive session was also deliberated on important provisions of the Act. Resource materials were distributed to the participants on the FAO’s of the Act & Rules



17TH JUNE 2017



Attended the programme as a Guest of Honour to the Golden Jubilee of the “Akhil Shillong Nepali Mahila Samiti” in the U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The chief guest of the occasion was Shri. Paul Lyngdoh took part in the release of the Samithi's





23RD JUNE 2017

Meeting on the implementation of POCSO Act & J.J.Act held in the office of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Lower Lachumiere. The meeting started with a welcome speech from Member secretary, Deputy Director, Smti. K Lamar & Chairperson of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

The agenda of the meeting are as follows:-
To be well versed with the POCSO rules.

- Institutional services - Children's Home, Observation Homes, Shelter Homes and issues affecting the effective management of institutions. Non-institutional services - Adoption, After-care, Sponsorship, Foster care & place of safety.
- Constitution of committee at the District, Block and Village level. Till date there are no committees. Matter to be taken up urgently with the Directorate of Social Welfare.
- Lists of all members of CWC, JJB/Social workers with name, designation and contact number to be circulated to all the police stations & outposts in their respective districts.
- Harassment against children in Child Care Institution:-to be looked into and reports to be made at the earliest.
- Sensitization and awareness programme on J. J. Act & POCSO Act.

Proceedings was drawn up, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights shall take up important issues with the Concerned Higher Authority of the government to address the same.





8TH JULY 2017

Attended the programme as a chief guest to the "Installation Ceremony of the Inner wheel club of Shillong" held at Hotel Polo Towers.

13TH JULY
2017

Visited the Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills along with Smti. K. Lamar, Deputy Director to discuss on the pending Investigations of cases and the Role of Police in dealing with Individuals. Later also visited the office of the District Child Protection Unit, Jowai to assess the working of the DCPU's .The lacuna & discrepancies in maintaining Files & Registers were also explained to the Member/ Secretary, Child Welfare Committee and others.

Visit to the Shelter Homes could be carried out on that day due to paucity of time and the same has been shifted to another date.

14TH JULY
2017

Attended the programme as a Chief Guest on the “Observation of International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking 2017” held at Madanryting Community Hall, Shillong.

24TH JULY
2017

Attended the programme as a Chief Guest to at the “State Level Advocacy Meeting on World Population Day 2017” held on 24th July at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong where the Health & Family Welfare Secretary H.M. Shangpliang was also present as Guest of honour. The chairperson of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights while lamenting the fact that there is a lack of education and awareness on family planning, she also stressed a strong mechanism to sensitize people on the adverse effects of population explosion in relation to employment, education and healthcare, among others.

“Families must voluntarily take up the cause for a happier and healthier life”. She also said that female education in rural areas holds the key to addressing the population boom. Calling on the need to address the problems of teenage pregnancy and early marriages in the state, Kharkongor also urged men to be supportive towards women as far as family planning is concerned.

25TH JULY 2017

Attended the “Orange Day” celebration organized by the Heritage Club of the school as Chief Guest held in Auxilium Higher Secondary School. Violence against women & girls was the discussion of the day where the chairperson interacted with the adolescent girls highlighting in the various problem facing the society today and how girls can remain safe by sharing their problems and by being alert in all situations.



28TH JULY
2017

Attended the programme as a Resource Person for a “One day workshop on violence against women &children” held at Lady Keane College.

29TH JULY
2017

The Chairperson was invited among other dignitaries to attend the ceremony of the Dorbar Shnong Dymmiew Counseling Centre which has completed one year and also to interact and find solutions on the alarming rise of abuse of substance use (Drugs) among young children.

Rangbah shnong's 10 (ten) Dorbar Shnong also were present & voiced out their views and it was decided that a collective meeting of all the Dorbar Shnong shall be convened to draw up a Representation addressing the Chief minister, the Home minister and the Law Minister to look into the loop-holes of the NDPS Rules. It is decided that the larger views of all the Dorbar Shnong's shall be taken into consideration and shall deliberate again in the next meeting.

31ST JULY 2017

Awareness Programme held at Nongsder, Ri Bhoi District in collaboration with the office of the DCPU, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District.





The first session of the programme was about the J.J.Act, 2015 which was deliberated by Miss. R.R.Marak, Programme Manager, SCPS explaining to the participants on the Fundamental Principles of Juvenile Justice System, the Juvenile (Care &Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Target group which comprises children in need of care & protection and Children in conflict with law. She also explained about the power and functions of the J.J.Board which has been constituted in every districts of the state where all children in conflict with law are dealt with.

The second session of the programme was deliberated by the Chairperson State Commission for Protection of Child Rights about the POCSO Act, 2012. An act which protects children from sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography under 18yrs,irrespective of boys and girls. The role of Child Welfare Committee and the police was also specifically explained to the group attending the programme.

The third session of the programme was deliberated by Smti. E. Khardewsaw, SI of Ri Bhoi who explained to the group the role of the Police and the SJPU's in each districts. She encouraged the people to come forward and report any offenses and the police are always ready to help. She also shared the Ri-Bhoi Police Control Room number with the people.

The fourth speaker of the programme was Miss Earlyreen Kharpuri, District Child Protection Officer/ Member-secy, Child Welfare Protection, Ri Bhoi District also spoke on the role of function of the Child Welfare Protection and encouraged people to come forward and report any matter concerning violation of child rights.

Interaction was also briefly held.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Rangbah Dong, Shri. K.Dkhar wherein he expressed his gratitude to the team who conducted the Awareness Programme and urged upon the authorities to conduct more of such programmes.

5THAUGUST
2017

Attended the programme at Ganesh Das Govt. M&Ch Hospital Shillong on “Medico Legal issues in relation to sexual assault and the Role and Responsibility of the Medical Attending Doctor’s while scanning children of Sexual Assault cases”.

15TH
SEPTEMBER
2017

Attended the opening of the New Boys Homes in Kharang and also took a tour in inspecting the Girl's Home.



16TH
SEPTEMBER
2017

Inauguration of NEIMA Vocational Training Centre and NEIMA Children's Home (boys), Laitmynrieng, Pynursla.



10TH
OCTOBER
2017

Regional Consultation held in Imphal, Manipur
on Child Rights - Gaps and Challenges.



12-14TH
OCTOBER
2017

Training Programme on POCSO Act, 2012 and JJ Act 2015 organized by the Meghalaya State Child Protection Society in collaboration with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights held in State Convention Centre.

The Programme was held for 3(three) consecutive days from 12th October to 14th October 2017 involving the Special Judges(tying POCSO cases) of different Districts, Principal Magistrates, District medical and Health Officers, Special Juvenile Police Unit, District Child Protection Officers from all the 11(eleven) Districts.

Feedbacks on the Programme was satisfactory with the stakeholders requesting more of such programmes.





14TH
NOVEMBER
2017

Attended the programme as a Resource person on occasion of “Children’s Day cum Awareness on Child Rights” at Mawlein village, Mawkyneew Block.



14TH
NOVEMBER
2017

Invited the children from the Girl's & Boy's Home for dinner, held at "Hastag" Café, Laitumkhrah, Shillong.

24TH NOVEMBER 2017

Attended the programme as a Chief Guest at the office of District Child Protection Officer, DCPU East Khasi Hills District for "Launching of Good Treatment Campaign" organized by the Reach Shillong Ministries, Meghalaya, Shillong.

The Chairperson appreciated the noble work that Reach Shillong Ministries has taken and also congratulated Rev. R. G. Laloo for his love and passion towards children.

1ST DECEMBER 2017

Attended the Programme as Chief Guest for the "State Level Observation of World Aids Day2017" held at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Indian Culture, Shillong.

The Chairperson spoke on the relevance and observation of the day with special emphasis urging people to love, support and not discriminate people living with HIV/AIDS.

She also stressed that whole-hearted co-ordination & collaboration is required from all the stakeholders.



2ND DECEMBER 2017

One Day State Level Workshop on POCSO Act, 2012 & JJ Act, 2015" organized by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights held at Shillong Club Residential, Shillong.

The programme started with the welcome address from Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson SCPCR.

The Director of Social Welfare Smti. R. M. Kurbah was also present along with other dignitaries.



The First session of the programme was delivered by Yashwant Jain, Member NCPNR, New Delhi stating that children are granted a plethora of Rights i.e. Right to Protection, Right to Participation, Right to Education and Right to Life etc.



The Second session was delivered by Prof. Dr. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Odisha on the Juvenile Justice Act,2015.



The Third session was on the discussion and best practice and challenges in the implementation of JJ Act, 2015 and suggestions and opinions were given by the participants.



The Fourth session was delivered by Ms. K. Ela (Collab Director, Childline Dimapur) on the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012 and the role of the media u/s 23 POCSO Act.

The Workshop ended on a high note of renewed hope and better understanding among the different stakeholders.

4TH DECEMBER 2017

Attended the workshop on Development of Research Tools held at the Director of School Education and Literacy, Conference Hall, for discussing the research tools on the drop-out crises of children at the secondary level of education in Meghalaya.

8TH DECEMBER 2017

Attended the convergence meeting to discuss on “Reporting of consensual sexual relations between minors or minors with adults” held at the Conference Room, Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong. The meeting was held to gathered with all the stakeholders to come to a consensus on dealing all such cases like child abuse etc.

11TH DECEMBER 2017

The WISE Training Centre, at St. Mary’s School, Shillong. Awareness Programme to the adolescents girls/ how to remain safe and secure in their environments and how to report cases of any violation of their rights or falling prey to sexual assault.

12TH DECEMBER 2017

Attended the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Lympung Ki Seng Kynthei held at Don Bosco Youth Centre where Shri. T. Dkhar, Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Govt. of Meghalaya was present as the Chief Guest and Smti. R.Kurbah, Director of Social Welfare Govt. of Meghalaya was also present as the Chief Guest of Honour.

Subject of Women empowerment subject was the topic of the day.

19TH DECEMBER 2017

Attended the Pre-Christmas celebration for children of Child Care Institutions, East Khasi Hills as a Chief Guest held at Lalharoi Garden, Nongmensong organized by the State Child Protection Society & District Child Protection Unit. Powerment subject was the topic of the day.





22ND DECEMBER 2017

Attended the sensitization programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao related issues “Celebrate the Girl Child, enable her education” held at Science Hall Nongpoh organize by the State Resource Centre for Women, Meghalaya, Shillong.



29TH DECEMBER 2017

Attended the State Level Conference on Anti-Human Trafficking held at the office of the Director General of Police, Conference Hall, on the “Case studies and case laws related to Human Trafficking in India with particular reference to the state of Meghalaya”.

2ND MARCH 2018

Invited as Guest of Honour at the felicitation programme for the ‘Aged Women’ held at the Community Hall of Wahingdoh.





The Chairperson lauded the Sengkynthei, Wahingdoh on their noble initiative to acknowledge and facilitate the Aged Women (13) of their locality and also urged upon the youngsters to carry on the tradition and respect elders in the homes and communities as per our Khasi Rites and customs.



9TH MARCH 2018

Invited as a Keynote Guest Speaker on “Voice of the voiceless”- a plenary session on child trafficking held at Martin Luther Christian University.



10TH MARCH 2018

Invited as a Chief-guest for “Rilang and Thanksgiving Day Celebration” held at Rilang Chldren’s Home, Nongshiliang, Nongthymmai.





13TH -14TH MARCH 2018

Attending the “Northeast Regional Consultation on social protection for children and adolescents infected and affected with HIV/AIDS” held at Guwahati.



The inaugural session was addressed by Mr. Xerxes Sidhwani, USAID and others.



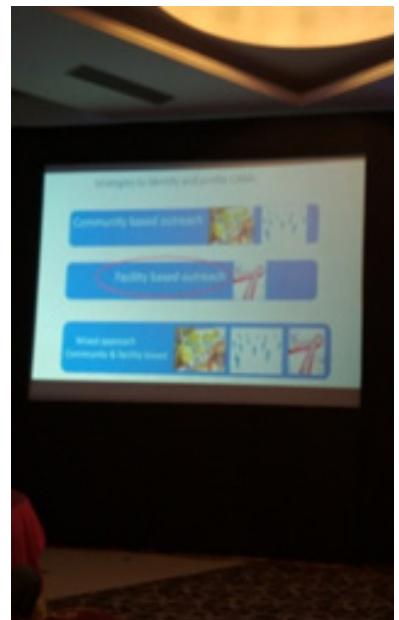
The first session was chaired by Sh. Rajesh Rana, NACO and co-chaired by Dr. Sunita Changkakati, chairperson.



The second session was chaired by Smti. M. Kharkongor, SCPCR and co-chaired by Sh. Rajesh Rana, NACO on children and HIV/AIDS in Northeastern States.



The third session was chaired by Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson SCPCR, Meghalaya and co-chaired by Ms. Shaista K. Shah, Senior Technical Expert, NCPCR. It was felt that hence forth, all State Commission for Protection of Child Rights are to collaborate with the state aids control authorities to jointly address the issues.



22ND MARCH 2018

One Day Workshop on Continuing Professional Development of Counsellors Working in CCIs which was held at KJP Assembly, Conference Hall, IGP, Shillong.



The inaugural session was addressed by Ms Rupa Kapoor, Member Child Health, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The first session of the programme was chaired by Ms. Rupa Kapoor, Member Child Health, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, and co-chaired by Dr. Rajesh Sagar, Prof. Deptt. of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi on the Identification of Mental Health needs of Children.



The second session of the programme was chaired by Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and co-chaired by Dr. Rajesh Sagar, Prof. Deptt. of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi on Dealing with Children with problematic behavior.



The third session was chaired by Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and co-chaired by Dr. Biswadeep Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, NDDTC, Deptt. of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi on the Application of Counseling skills in special situations-children with substance Abuse/child sexual abuse/suicidal behavior etc.



The fourth session was delivered by Miss. Ginia Carissa Langstieh, Assistant Lecturer (Psychology) on the Strategies for Promotion of Good mental health & well being among Institutionalized children & Adolescents.



The workshop ended with a valedictory speech from Shri. Kuldeep Kishan, Advisor, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.



24TH MARCH 2018

One Day Workshop on Continuing Professional Development of Counsellors Working in CCIs which was held at SMELC (Social Mobilization Experimentation and Learning Centre) Tura. The programme started with the lighting of lamp by the honourable Chief Guest, Shri. Ram Singh, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura.



The inaugural session was addressed by Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Deputy Commissioner West Garo Hills, Tura.



The first session of the programme was delivered by Dr. Biswadeep Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, NDDTC, Deptt. of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi on Identification of Mental Health needs of Children. Questions and answer rounds were also thrown to the participants.



The second session of the programme was delivered by Ms. Shaista K Shah, Senior Technical Expert, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights on the Applications of Counselling Skills. She also made the participants do group play on the skills of counseling which really benefitted the groups.





The third session was delivered by Smti. Balmuri. K. Marak, Assistant Controller of Examination (SSLC Br.) through PPT and also general question and answers round.



The fourth session was delivered Dr. Biswadeep Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, NDDTC, Deptt. of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi on dealing with children with problematic behavior-children with substance abuse/suicidal behavior etc.

The programme ended with the valedictory speech by Smt. Meena. Kharkongor, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.



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Statement showing the Expenditure incurred during the year 2017-2018.

Recurring Expenditure.

Sl. No	Particulars	Amount Received	Expenditure
A)	Honorarium of Chairperson @10,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,20,000	Rs 1,20,000
B)	P.O.L of Chairperson @ 10,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,20,000	Rs 1,20,000
C)	TA/DA of Chairperson and Members @ 1,500/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,80,000	Rs 1,80,000
D)	Electricity charge @ 1,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 12,000/-	Rs 12,000/-
E)	Hospitality charges of Chairperson @ 1,500/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 18,000/-	Rs 18,000/-
F)	Telephone bills of Chairperson @ 1,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 12,000/-	Rs 18,000/-
G)	Newspaper and Magazine @ 450/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 5,400/-	Rs 5,400/-
H)	House rent charges of Office Accommodation @ 17,733/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 2,12,796/-	Rs 2,12,796/-
I)	Grade IV staffs 2Nos. attached with Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident • Office, Consolidated pay @ 7,000/- pm x 12 Months 	Rs 84,000/-	Rs 84,000/-
J)	Driver attached with Chairperson @ Consolidated Pay of Rs 12,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,44,000/-	Rs 1,44,000/-
K)	Sitting fees for Members (6Nos) @ 500/- per sitting for 4 times in a month for 12 months. (500/- x 6Nos x 4 times x 12 Months)	Rs 1,44,000/-	Rs 1,44,000/-
L)	Counselor (Part Time) @ consolidated pay of Rs 5,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 60,000/-	Rs 60,000/-
M)	Maintenance of 1 No Vehicle for 12 Months	Rs 1,00,000/-	Rs 1,00,000/-
N)	Office expenses:- (Stationery & other materials) for 12 Months (Salary of Casual Worker) for 12 Months	Rs 1,00,000/- <u>Rs 1,41, 240/-</u> <u>Rs 2,41,240/-</u>	Rs 1,00,000/- <u>Rs 1,41, 240/-</u> <u>Rs 2,41,240/-</u>
	Total	Rs 14,53,436/-	Rs 14,53,436/-

Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand and Four Hundred and Thirty Six only.

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(Smti. M. Kharkongor)

Chairperson
SCPCR

