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ANNUAL **REPORT**

MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION
FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS



From the Chairperson

Protecting the Rights and safety of children from all walks of life, cutting across age, gender, ethnic, class affiliations or belief systems has been a challenging task in the best of times. The Pandemic lockdown and post-lockdown situation has presented more challenges and different circumstances that call for new kinds of responses, both by the Commission and Society as a whole. As a statutory body set up by the Commission Act of 2005, the Meghalaya State Commission for the protection of Child Rights established in 2014 is mandated to monitor implementation of the POCSO Act 2012, the RTE Act 2009, and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. The Commission is also guided and strengthened by policies, laws and other such mechanisms in its mandate to ensure the protection of the Rights of Children in the 'best interest of the Child'.

Children, during the pandemic lockdown and post lockdown, are increasingly vulnerable to all kinds of dangers and issues from mental health to online learning, to social isolation and especially to sexual predators, including online grooming. Online schooling has necessitated the use of mobile phones by even the very young. The danger of accessing inappropriate content through the internet and the negative impact of social media has been compounded by the fact that parents and guardians are not all conversant and proficient in the use of this medium. Hence they cannot wisely guide, monitor or advise their wards to be safe in virtual reality. There have been cases that come to the Commission where children have been referred for counseling because of their addiction to social media, which have affected their physical, social, mental health and their learning processes.

Regarding POCSO, there have been more reporting of POCSO cases especially from areas where there is greater awareness through programmes in the schools and communities.

In 2020, because of the pandemic, the Commission launched its YouTube Channel to reach out virtually to more children, families and districts with specific topics such personal Safety Education (safe and unsafe touch etc), mental health issues and Child Rights issues.

One of the essential need to understand Child Rights and their violation, is to have consistent and reliable data. The Commission receives Reports (especially on POCSO) from the DCPU (District Child Protection Units), the Police and the POCSO judges. The Commission has also requested all child rights organizations as well as One Stop Centres to provide regular data on Child Abuse cases (CSA). The work of digitizing all the data since the start of the Commission i.e. 2014 is almost complete. To expedite the process, we are in the process of creating a portal (through NIC) to upload such data from the key sources. It is hoped that this data (to be published) will be accessed by all stakeholders, including policy makers.

In order to build up a strong research database and generate more data relating to various child rights issues, the Commission is collaborating with several institutes and agencies to achieve this goal. We hope that the data generated from such ventures will provide greater clarity on Child Rights violation in the State.

Knowledge sharing and awareness programs especially on the Rights of children, on POCSO, substance abuse, personal safety among other topics are a significant activity of the Commission. There is an urgent need to intensify such programs in the

schools but there are financial constraints to consider. Many of the programs have been in collaboration with child rights organizations, agencies and institutions. We acknowledge their key role in our endeavor. Cases come to the Commission relating to children whose parents have separated or relating to physical abuse in schools and such kind. It was difficult to conduct such Hearings physically during the pandemic so some Hearings had to be conducted and recorded online. However Hearings are now regularly conducted face to face.

The Commission is only one of the entities engaged proactively in strengthening and addressing the vulnerable gaps in the protective system in the State.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the role and assistance of all stakeholders. First of all, I'm grateful to the Government of Meghalaya for its unwavering support and assistance to the work of the Commission. Special acknowledgement and appreciation to Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya without which the Commission would not be able to fulfil its duties. Special commendation goes to all the District Child Protection Officers and the DCPU for their dedication and prompt response in any situation they are called for and their assistance and support to the Commission in its functions and activities.

It is my privilege to acknowledge and thank the Meghalaya Police Department for their dedicated work, the Education Department, the Health Department, the Commission

for Persons with Disabilities, the Labour Department, Department of Information and Public Relations and other departments for their assistance and co-operation for every help at various times, on issues faced by the Commission.

We are indebted to all the Rangbah Shnongs, Community leaders, Civil Societies, NGO's and Youth groups who have extended their help and reached out to the Commission and collaborated with us in creating awareness on child right issues. The Commission owes a great deal to the Press and Media for their timely information and help on issues that concern children.

My gratitude to Member Secretary Shri L. Lyngdoh for always being there for the

Commission, for his support and advice and for his encouragement and assistance.

I greatly appreciate the Members of the Commission whom we often meet online when we cannot meet physically because of distance, for their support and advice. The Staff have been excellent in their dedication and service in the function of the Commission and I greatly appreciate their commitment and hard work.

This Report is also placed on behalf of all children, every child whose rights have been violated and deprived of a good life and safe childhood. It is our responsibility to respond and fill in the gaps in our endeavour to protect children and enable them to live a whole and healthy life.

Smt. Iamon M Syiem

Chairperson

MSCPCR

Lower Lachumiere, Shillong Meghalaya

ABBREVIATIONS

- NCPCR National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- SCPCR State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- ASCPCR Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- ASCPS Assam State Child Protection Society
- NCW National Commission for Women
- NEHU North Eastern Hill University
- MIIT Moreau Institute of Integral Training
- MLCU Martin Luther Christian University
- NIFT National Institute of Fashion Technology
- SBP Seva Bharti Purvanchal
- DCPO District Child Protection Office
- DCPU District Child Protection Unit
- AHTU Anti Human Trafficking Unit
- NIFT National Institute of Fashion Technology
- JJ Act Juvenile Justice Act
- POCSO Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act
- RTE Right to Education (Act)
- PLV Para Legal Volunteers
- BIDS Bosco Integrated Development Society
- EKH East Khasi Hills
- WJH West Jaintia Hills
- EJH East Jaintia Hills
- NEDFi North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd
- MSLSA Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority
- DLSA District Legal Services Authority
- NIPCCD National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
- UNCRC United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children
- CPCR Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act
- SCPS State Child Protection Society
- MSCPCR Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS (MSCPCR)



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 established. The Commission comprise of a Chairperson and six members including two women representatives.

The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Rules 2013 was notified vide Govt. of Meghalaya Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/170 dated 10th July, 2013.

Subsequently, the Government of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department, vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/236 dated, Shillong the 28th February, 2014 appointed Smti. Meena Kharkongor as Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The Chairperson joined the Commission on 11th March, 2014 and the office was inaugurated on the 23rd May, 2014.

Smt. Meena Kharkongor tenure was renewed vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/447 dated Shillong, the 26th July, 2017. When Smt M Kharkongor's term ended, an interim arrangement was made in which Smt C

Kharkongor IAS, Secretary Social Welfare was given the additional duty and appointed as Chairperson vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/572.

The Government of Meghalaya vide Notification No SW(S) 112/2009/693 dated 9th September 2020, appointed Smt Iamonlang M Syiem as Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights who has been continuing in this post till date.

The Commission comprises of the Chairperson, Member Secretary and six members. There are six members who were notified and joined the Commission vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/694 dated 9th September 2020, namely:

1. Smt Shanon Dona Massar
2. Smt Yorika Shylla
3. Smt Flabina P. Marak
4. Shri Mirthnath K. Marak
5. Smt Tiana Tarin D. Areng
6. Dr Iwamon Laloo
7. Shri. L. Lyngdoh took over as Member Secretary vide Government of Meghalaya, Notification No. SW(S)/77/2007/1836 dated 26 April 2021.

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:

1. 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.
2. Present to the State Government, annually and at such other intervals, as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards.
3. Inquire into violation of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Undertake and promote research in the field of child rights.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Inquire into complaints and take sou-motu notice of matters relating to:-
11. Deprived and violation of Child rights.
 - i. Non- implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children.
 - ii. 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.

12. 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; and compulsory education.
- iii. Take necessary steps as provided under section 15 and 24 of the Commission for Protection Rights Act.
- iv. 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 Protection of Child Rights.
- v. 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.

- b. 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 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 Communication under the CPCR Act, 2005. As per section 109(3) the Commission shall also include its activities under the section in its Annual Report.
- c. 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.

THE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS



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 Commission 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.

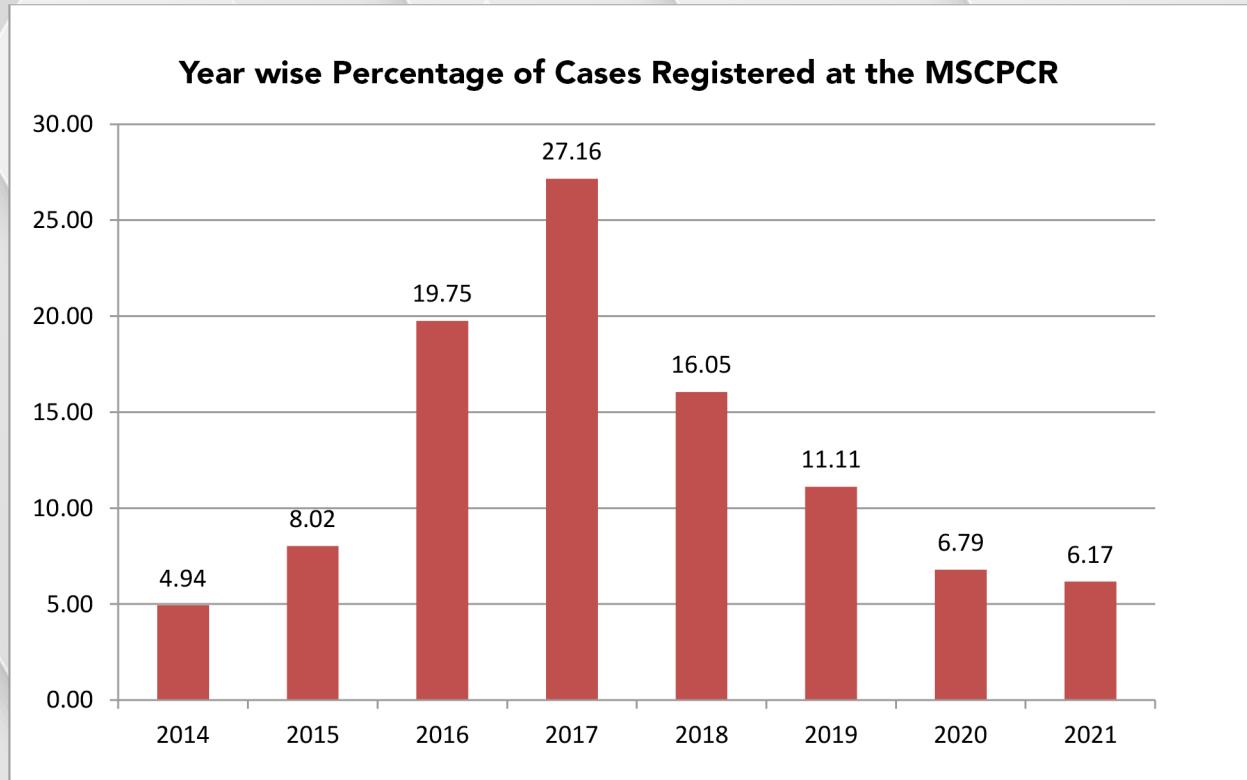
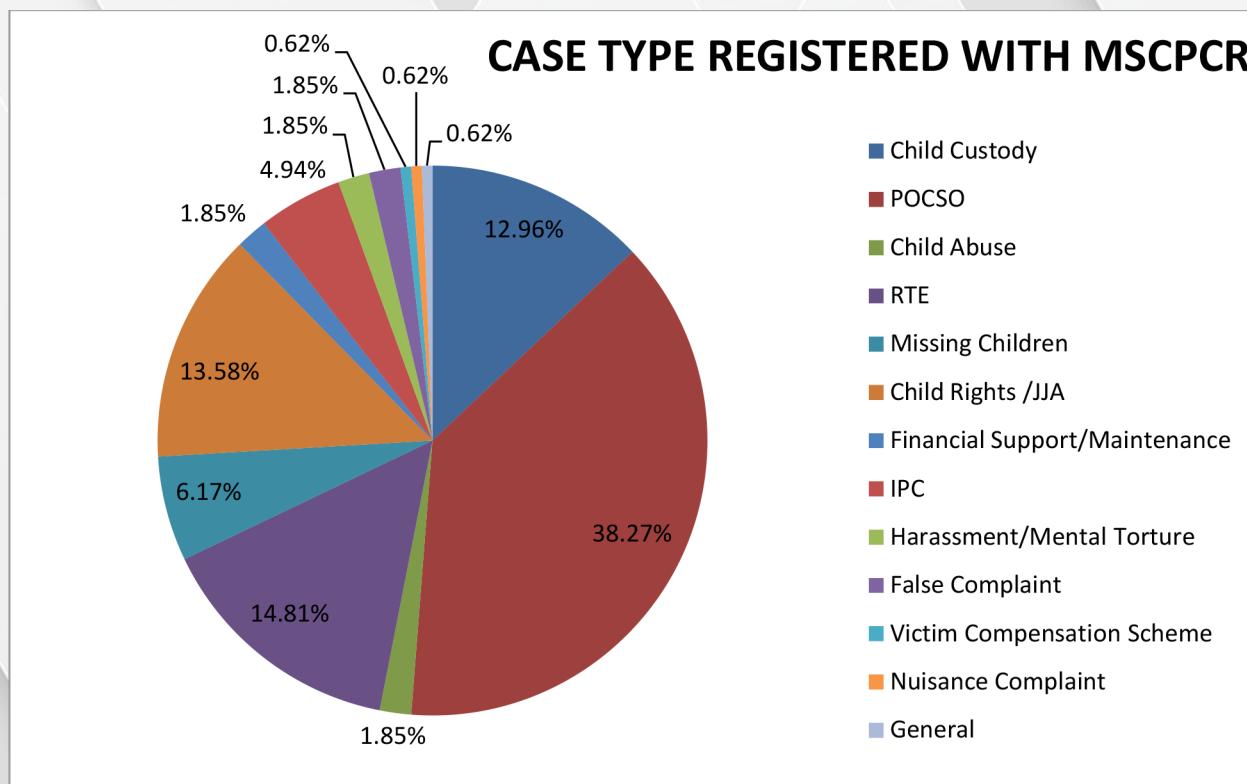
The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) being a statutory body constituted under section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act 2005 (4 of 2006) is responsible for ensuring that all children enjoy their rights provided under different legislations. Specifically , NCPCR has been mandated with the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of legislations relating to child rights such as Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015(u/s 109); POCSO Act 2012(u/s 44) and RTE Act 2009 (u/s 31). The Commission further ensures that all laws, programmes , administrative policies,

recommendations , campaigns , advisories etc, should be in complete alignment with the child rights perspective as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children (UNCRC).

The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was notified and established on 28th February, 2014. 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.

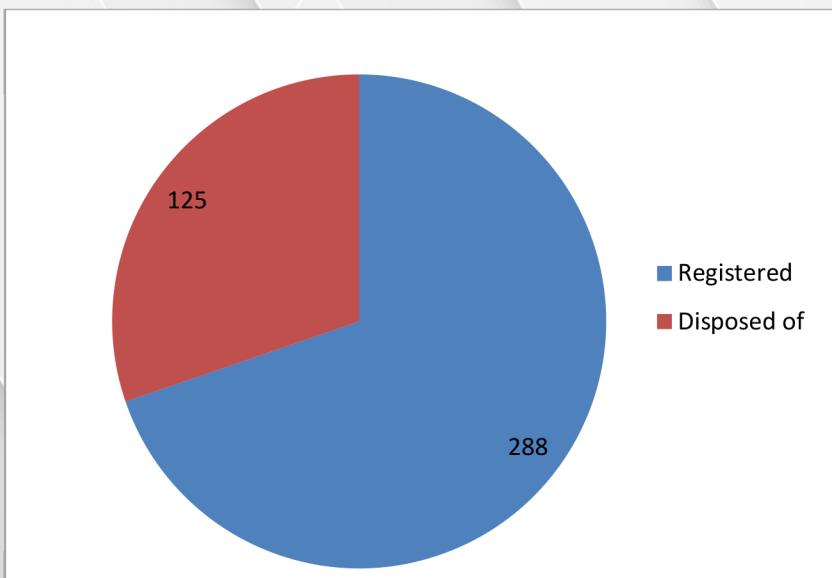
The Mandate of the Commission is to "PROTECT, PROMOTE and MONITOR" Child Rights in any form. The Constitution of India stipulates Rights of Children. Article 15 (3) allows the State to make special provisions for Children, Article 21 A recognizes the Right to Free and Compulsory Education for Children 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 Article 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.

CASES RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION



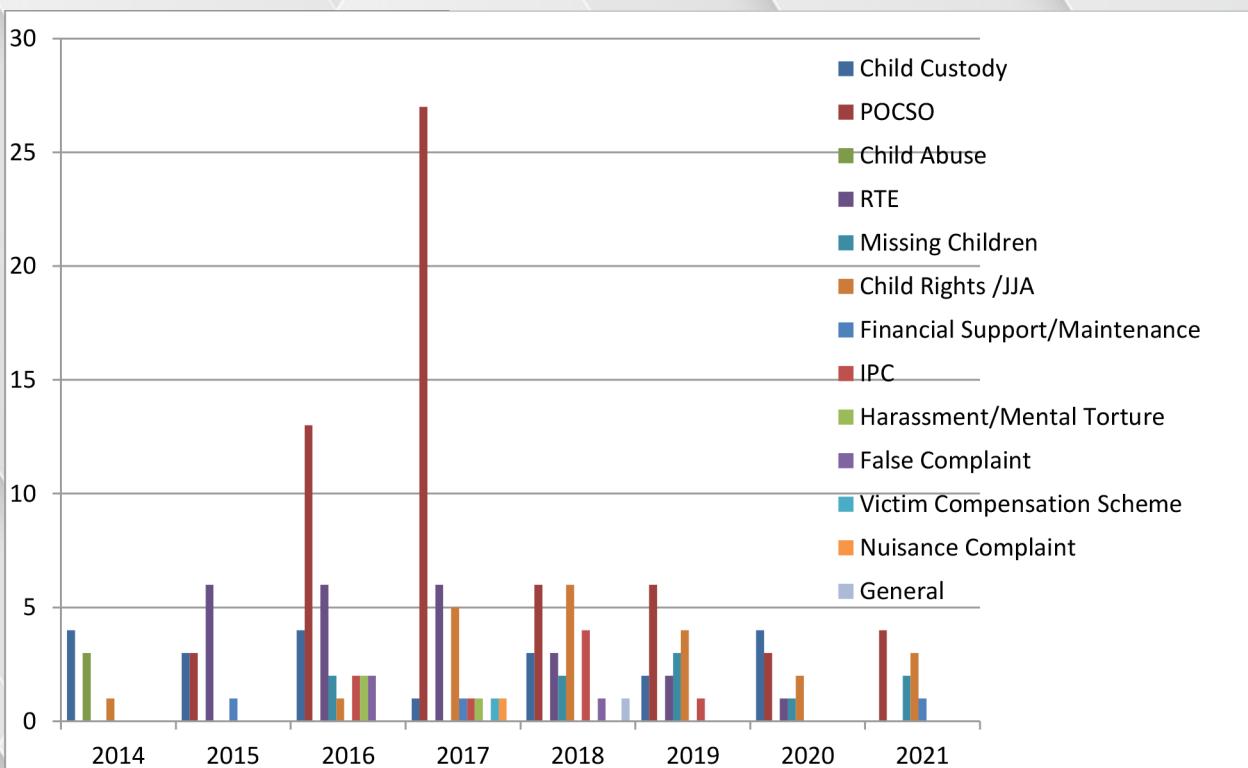
POCSO CASES IN THE STATE IN 2022

REGISTERED AND DISPOSED OFF IN 2022 (IN TOTAL NUMBERS)



N.B: POCSO Cases are Filed at the Police Station and Trial is conducted at the Spl. POCSO Courts.

Case Type per year



* Various other kinds of assistance was also provided by the Commission to 65 children under different cases .

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE INITIATIVE OF

**#POSHAN
Maah2022**

**POSHAN
Abhiyaan**

1ST - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022



सही पोषण - देश रोशन

In compliance with the direction and instruction of National Commission for Protection of Child Right (NCPCR) through the Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Right (SCPCR) to observe the celebration of Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) in the whole month of September, 2022 in the Child Care Institutions, activities and programmes were carried out for the children as per guidelines laid down by the Commissions. Poshan Maah is being celebrated as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, the Central Government's flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. As part of the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the ministry plans to involve in the Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with the key focus on Women's Health and Children's Education.

Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1st September till 30th September. Rashtriya Poshan Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to the discourse of nutrition and good health. In the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the aim is to convert Jan Andolan into Jan Bhagidari to fulfil the Prime Minister's vision of a Suposhit Bharat. The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha". The Child Care Institutions and various Shelter Homes (Boys , Girls and Special Needs) have taken this opportunity to celebrate this month of Poshan Maah, by involving the children in different activities. The following activities were conducted across these homes:

- 1. Health assessment** : To check their height and weight and also maintaining the growth chart of each individual as per World Health Organisation growth chart.
- 2. Awareness on general cleanliness** : related to the importance of personal hygiene like trimming of nails and washing hands before and after coming from the toilet and before preparing food. The children were also taught to clean their wardrobe, fold clothes and arranging them in the wardrobe.
- 3. Role play:** To explain concepts of waste management such as proper disposal of waste in the house/ roads/ while driving/ travelling and usage of Dustbins.
- 4. Discussion on COVID:** Awareness, brainstorming and discussion on the protocols and prevention of covid-19 ,to wear mask in public ,to cover mouth while coughing and sneezing, to wash hands after coughing and to use hand sanitizer when necessary.
- 5. Teaching concepts of gardening:** to explain the planting and consumption of fresh vegetables from the kitchen garden of the Child Care Institutions and Homes.
- 6. De-worming:** De-worming medication Albendazole 400 mg has been provided to the children.
- 7. Promotion of local cuisine:** The Cook and the children also prepared locally available traditional food regularly. The children also taught how to wash the vegetables properly before cooking them.
8. The children were also taught other concepts like table manners and personal care.



GLIMPSES OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE 5TH RASHTRIYA POSHAN MAAH 2022 IN ALL DISTRICTS OF MEGHALAYA





PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES ATTENDED / CONDUCTED BY MSCPCR



One Day State Level Workshop on Preventing Child Trafficking during Extra Ordinary Situation of COVID-19 pandemic in Meghalaya - NCPCR and MSCPCR with SBP at MIIT Shillong

20 September 2021



Launching of Child Friendly Shillong at Nongthymmai Shillong-BIDS Shillong

30 September 2021



Childrens Day Celebration at Juvenile Homes Mawkasiang

14 November 2021



Valedictory programme on observation of swachhata pakhwada - Office of the Superintendent CCI, DCPO and DCPU EKH District at Juvenile Homes, Mawkasiang

15 November 2021



International Childrens Day Celebration - Faith Foundation and MSCPCR at Ri Bhoi District

20 November 2021



Seminar on Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children with Disabilities (A POCSO perspective) - SRC on Disability Affairs Shillong

22 November 2021





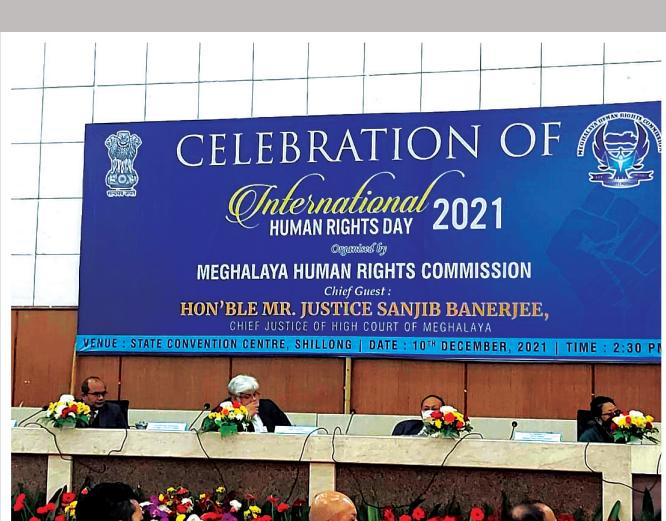
Awareness on JJ Act, Early Marriage and other Child Issues - DCPO & DCPU & MSCPCR at Mawkyneew

December 2021



Impulse Model Partnership in addressing Cross Border Human Trafficking with Bangladesh for Exchange with BRAC at Police Reserve Police Bazar

09 December 2021



Celebration of International Human Rights Day 2021 - Meghalaya Human Rights Commission - at State Convention Centre Shillong

10 December 2021

NALSA (Child Friendly legal services to children and their protection scheme) 2015 and
POCSO Act 2012 - DLSA &
MSLSA
at KJP Assembly Centre, IGP
Shillong

15 February 2022



One Day Regional Level Orientation Workshop of North Eastern States on Child Rights for Media Personnel - NCPNR & MSCPCR facilitated by SBP at Pinewood Hotel Shillong

29 March 2022



ICC NEHU celebrates International Womens Day NEHU Mawlai Shillong

08 March 2022





Training programme for Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) - DLSA East Khasi Hills with MSLSA at Shillong Law College

20 March 2022



One day training programme for school teachers on school counseling and child protection laws - DCPU East Jaintia Hills

12 April 2022



Faith Foundation "Project SASHE- Safe at School, Home & Everywhere"- Consultation Meet with MSCPCR at Shillong Club

03 June 2022

State Women's Conference
"Support and Celebrate"-
Social Welfare Department
and Women & Child
Development with Meghalaya
Commission for Women
graced by Hon'ble
Minister Women and Child
Development

08 June 2022



Capacity Building for Child
Protection Functionaries with
SCPS- Siloam Ri Bhoi District

10 June 2022



State Level Sensitization
cum Consultation
Workshop on Handling
POCSO Cases for
Advocates of DLSAs,
Prosecutor, Special
Juvenile Police Units
and Child Welfare Police
Officers - NCPCR with
MSCPCR

14 June 2022





International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking : Addressing Drug Challenges in Health and Humanitarian Crisis - Meghalaya Police and Social Welfare Dept at Soso Tham Auditorium

25 June 2022



Regional Level Orientation cum Consultation Workshop for Autonomous/Territorial/Developmental Councils of North East Region on Child Rights - NCPCCR with ASCPCR and ASCPS - Khanapara Guwahati

29 June 2022



Training for Counselors with special focus in Care and Protection-SCPS at MIIT Shillong

28 June-1st July 2022

Official Release of the Original
Song competition for the
International Day against Drug
Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
2022, DSWO & DCPO and
Kripa Foundation

12 July 2022



One day district level
sensitization programme -
World Day against Human
Trafficking at
DC Office East Khasi Hills

04 August 2022



NCPCR & MSCPCR One day
district level sensitization
programme - World Day
against Human Trafficking, DC
Office Jowai
West Jaintia Hills

06 August 2022





National Conference on Tribal Development and Inclusivity : Prospects and Interventions , MLCU

1-2 September 2022



Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Substance Abuse at Little Flower School, Malki

13-15 September 2022



Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Substance Abuse and Personal Safety Education at St Margarets Hr Sec School

13-15 September 2022

Awareness Programme on
Child Rights and Substance
Abuse
at Hill Crest School

21 September 2022



"Workshop on Mission
Vatsalya, JJ Amendment Act
2021 & Rules 2022 & Adoption
Regulation 2022 and PM
Cares" at State Convention
Centre

07 October 2022



Awareness Programme on
Child Rights and Substance
Abuse at
Laban Bengalee School

14 October 2022





"Walk for Freedom"

Faith Foundation in collaboration with St Edmunds College and BIDS

15 October 2022



Awareness and Sensitization Workshop for Safe and Secure Transport facilities for Children-Education Dept at Shillong Golf Club

08 November 2022



Child Safety Week "Never too late"

Faith Foundation with VIVA, Child line, FM Radio, DCPO and MSCPCR at Nongmesong

7-14 November 2022

Convocation Programme at National Institute of Fashion Technology

22 November 2022



International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Soso Tham Auditorium on "Transformative solutions for inclusive development : the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world"

03 December 2022



The release of a short film KEIN NOH as well as the Report of the Exploratory Study on the Socio Economic Status and problems of Single Mothers in Meghalaya by the Womens Commission at the Social Welfare Dept.

06 December 2022





Pre Christmas Celebration for
CCIs at Nongthymmai

Organised by DCPO EKH
Shillong

14 December 2022



Advance Christmas Celebration
honouring The Heart of
Christmas at Mawkasiang

Organised by DCPO EKH
Shillong

16 December 2022



1st Annual Convention at Don
Bosco Technical School

Organised by Child Friendly
Shillong

19 December 2022

One day law review
consultation in NE region on
"Rights of Muslim Women-
Reviewing Muslim Personal
Law"

Organised by NCW & Dept of
Law NEHU

16 January 2023



Inaugural Programme on
Celebration of National Girl
Child Week BETI BACHAO BETI
PADHAO (from 18-24 Jan 2023)
- Social Welfare Department with
District Task Force EKH District

18 January 2023



One day seminar organised by
John Roberts
Theological College

10 February 2023





One Billion Rising Campaign 2023 -Musical Concert at All Saints Hall

Organised by North East Network

14 February 2023



International Womens Day Celebration on the theme : Digital Innovation & Technology for Gender Equality

8th March 2023



Training on Integrated approaches & methods for Child Protection, Mental Health & Psychological Care for Children in difficult circumstances

A Capacity building program for
Child Protection Functionaries
Organised by SCPS

27-31st March 2023

Regional Level Review and Orientation Workshop on Accountability Framework: Responsibility of School/School Management/Heads of Schools

Organised by NCPCR-at Guwahati

28th March 2023



Regional consultation on quality childcare for all

Organised by NEN & SEWA at Shillong Club

28-29th March 2023



State Level Conference on Anti Human Trafficking

Organised by the Meghalaya Police

31st March 2023



OTHER PROGRAMMES ATTENDED :

- 19/01/22 : NCPCR led discussion for a virtual meeting with SCPCRs (zone wise) to take stock of preparedness through discussion in States/UTs in the event of a possible third wave of COVID19 pandemic.
- 31/01/22 : 30th Foundation day "She- The Change Maker"- Panel discussion II on Women in Decision Making
- 17/02/22 : Release of Juvenile Justice System : Manual from Stakeholder's book
- 17/02/22 : Anthropology of Children by the team of expert panelist and launch of digital magazine "Childhood matters"Vol 1 Issue 2
- 18/02/22 :State Level Online Workshop on Identification and Coping Strategies with respect to stress among children in schools.
- 08/03/22 : International Womens Day 2022 organised by AIPC & ICSW at Lachumiere
- 11/03/22 : State Level Online Workshop on Safety and Security of Children in Residential Schools.
- 23/05/22 : Consultation Meet to strengthen the role in prevention and response to Child Abuse - at the office of Faith Foundation Shillong
- 25/07/22 : Meeting of the Committee on Empowerment of Women, DC Office
- 20/08/22 : Indian Council of Social Welfare - Golden jubilee Celebrations , Pinewood Hotel Hall
- 20/09/22 : Women and Child Issues - The Meghalaya Context at St Edmund's College with IQAC
- 23/09/22 : Meeting of the Civil Society Forum at BIDS Nongthymmai.
- 28/09/22 : "Combating Human Trafficking of Women in NER" NEC Secretariat
- 20/10/22 : Meeting with Civil Societies at MSCPCR Office
- 04/11/22 : One day State Level Consultation on effective implementation of POCSO Act 2012 organised by Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Meghalaya in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare & Directorate of Health Services at Yojana Bhavan
- 05/11/22 : Gender sensitization programme at NIFT
- 05/12/22 : Attended the Launch of CM CAREs and the State Convention of Frontliners at SICPAC Mawkiang New Shillong
- 13/12/22 : Strengthening the Impulse Model Case Management Centre Implementation - A comprehensive response to trafficking in persons with CBOs and skill building at KJP Counseling Centre Riatsamthiah.
- 14/12/22 : Two day workshop on "Role of SCPCR in Combating Human Trafficking and Key Features of POCSO Act 2012"at KJP Counselling Centre Riatsamthiah.
- 04/01/23 : Online Workshop on "Sensitization for keeping Child Rights at the core of implementation of NEP 2020 Action Plan
- 19/01/23 : Celebration of National Girl Child Week at the Directorate Conference Hall
- 27/01/23 : Youth programme at 5th Mile Upper Shillong.
- 02/02/23 : Survey of Crime against Women & Children in the State of Meghalaya, organised by North East Network (NEN)

Bun ki daw ba pynlong ia ki khynnah ban shah rabbor

**"Donkam ban peitngor
ban iakhun bad ai
jingiada"**
--kong lamon M Syiem

Jowai, Nailar 09: Ka jingpynsngewthuh paibah kabai shi sngi batip kum ka District Level Sensitization programme halor ka "Combating Child trafficking" ne ban ialeh pyrshah ia ka jingshah batbor ki khynnah kum shi bynta ka World Day against Human trafficking la pynlong da ka National Commission for Protection Of Child right (NCPCR) kabai la kyrsan da State



bad kumno ban iada ha ki District kiba don u pud u sam bad kiwei ki Ri.

Naka liang ka MSCPCR chairperson, ka Iamon M Syiem ka la iathuh ia shibun ki daw ba la pynlong ia ki khynnah ban shah rah bor bad donkam ba nginlong kiba peitngor khnang ba ngin lah

Mawphor

Shillong, 08 Tarik Nailar (August), 2022

Ban iada ia ki khynnah na ki jingshah khaii, pynlong prokam ba shisngi ha Jowai



Jowai, Nailar 07: Ia ka District Level Sensitization Programme halor ka "Combating Child trafficking" kaba long ruh shi bynta na ka

for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) bad ka ophius u Deputy Commissioner ka West Jaintia Hills District Conference Room ka

jingga haka jingim bad ka jingshah khaii ia ki khynnah kiba don hapoh ka District bad ki ri ba marjan.

Ha kane ka sngi i Chairperson ka MSCPCR Iamon M Syiem ila batai halor ka jingshah khaii jong ki khynnah ka kam khaii, ka Senior Technical expert NCPCR kong Shaista K

jong ki khynnah ban iada na ka kam shah khaii, la ai jingkren ruh halor ka jingtreikam jong ka tnad pulit kaba peit thuh ia kane kam pyrshah ia ki khynnah da u Superintendent of Police u Bikram D Marak.

Hashwa kane u incharge Deputy Commissioner ka WJHD u PK Boro ulapdiang poi sha ka jingalang ban ioh jinghikai kaba bniah halor kane ka kam bad kan long ruh ka lad jingiada ba kyrapang ia ki khynnah. Kiwei de kiba la wan sha kane ka prokram ki kynthup ia ka kyunhun jong ka Child Welfare Committee, ki ophissar naka tnad pulit bad ki nongtrei ka District Child

'Role of media in helping child abuse victims vital'

By Our Reporter — On Mar 30, 2022



SHILLONG, March 29: Media has a pivotal role to play in helping child abuse victims. This was said by Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairperson Iamon M Syiem during a one-day regional-level orientation workshop on child rights for media personnel. Organised by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in collaboration with MSCPCR on Tuesday, the programme also touched upon the Children (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and the Right to Education Act. Syiem, in her address, accentuated the need to help the victims overcome the trauma. "The trauma faced by the victims of child abuse never fragments, wounded and emotionally disabled. Therefore, compassion and passion to help victims of child abuse come out. She also informed the gathering that more often than not the family. "Such incidents are occurring in the very spaces when you feel the most secure," she said. Senior Technical Expert, NE NCPCR, Paresh Shah, on the other hand, said that the problem faced by the NCPCR is that the identity of the child is

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Shillong: A one-day regional level orientation workshop of North Eastern States on Child Rights for media personnel was held in Shillong on Tuesday and was organised by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

The workshop was organised in collaboration with Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) and Seva Bharati Purbanchal (SBP).

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NEN Shillong organised an Online Interface with Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) on 1st September 2021. The participants were the Outreach Workers (ORWs) of the APPI Project and NEN Staff.

The main aim of the program was to familiarize the participants with the functions and role of MSCPCR, the services and legal provisions available for the redressal of child sexual abuse (CSA), and the various mechanisms and processes that can be adopted by the ORWs while working with cases relating to CSA. The resource person was Ms. Iamonyiem Syiem, Chairperson, MSCPCR. During the interface meeting, the ORWs shared the challenges they faced while working with CSA cases. The ORWs raised pertinent questions which reflected that they are the front liners in identifying and supporting cases of CSA. The meeting showed the possibility that support for CSA cases can be strengthened by working hand-in-hand with MSCPCR.

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A One Day District Level Sensitization programme on 'Combating Child Trafficking' on the occasion of World Day Against Human Trafficking was held on Thursday in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.

The workshop was organised by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights along with Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Right and District Administration.

Iamon M. Syiem, Chairperson (MSCPCR) spoke at length about the need of all officials and community at large to work together for addressing the problem of child trafficking and awareness on child rights.



Shillong: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, [Meghalaya](#), in collaboration with New India Foundation and New India Junction, on Tuesday organised a state-level cum sensitization orientation programme on Pariksha Parv 4.0 at the State Convention Centre, Shillong.

Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker Metbah Lyngdoh attended the programme as chief guest and Kyrmen Shylla, Minister in-charge Social Welfare Department Government of Meghalaya, was the guest of honour.

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Killing of two minors by their father

By By Our Reporter On Jun 14, 2022



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SHILLONG, June 13: The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Children's Rights (MSCPCR) is awaiting the status report of the police investigation into the alleged killing of two minors by their father, Joefreshon Jana recently.

"We will be sending a reminder to the police to provide us with the report on the investigation into this case," MSCPCR chairperson, Iamlonlang M Syiem said on Monday.

She said the police are also under pressure to complete the investigation fast considering the sensitivity of this case.

Syiem said the commission has also sought a copy of the FIR since it is not a public document.

The MSCPCR chairperson said they have also received a report from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in this connection.

She said the CWC report is mainly related to what it has done since the day the case was reported.

Syiem also said the members of the commission have visited the mother and other members of the two minors thrice.

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Noted lawyer Erwin K. Syiem on Friday urged the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) for stringent action against MeECL (Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd) and its subsidiaries in connection with the electrocution of a minor boy at Mawkohphet of South West Khasi Hills district on April 21.
MEGHALAYA FIR against 'Young Moves Media' for broadcasting documentary on social media platform.

The child came into contact with the live wire of a transformer when he was gathering plastic to play with his friends on a school campus.
MEGHALAYA BSF detains 13 Bangladeshi nationals in WGH district

In a letter to the chairperson of the MeECL/Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, the current of the MeECL/Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, the South West Khasi Hills district, Syiem said
MEGHALAYA VPP, KSU and FKJGP condemns shooting, MLA visits family

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MSCPCR condemns rape on minors

SHILLONG, AUG 26: The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Children's Rights (MSCPCR) has condemned the recent gang rape of four minors in the state.

In a statement issued recently, the MSCPCR chairperson LM Syiem said that the recent gang rape of four minors that happened on August 8 is a magnified and glaring example of the continued culture of violence committed against minors, especially during this dark period of the year.

"The MSCPCR strongly condemns this horrific crime and all such acts of violence (both male and female)," she said.

According to her, children during these difficult times are especially vulnerable due to lack of technological access to unsafe sites, lockdown depression, anxiety about socio-psychological dysfunctions.

"Let us, all stakeholders, parents, guardians, older siblings, teachers, the community and the society in general remain vigilant in protecting our children in whatever way we can. My prayers go out to the families of the victims who have been scarred by such trauma, as also with all parents from the entire state who are facing the consequences of such terrible acts," Syiem said.

A panel discussion to celebrate
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

International Women's Day
March 08, 2022 (Tuesday), 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Theme: "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow"

Keynote address: Dr. Glenn C. Kharkongor

Panelists

Prof. I.M. Syiem, Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Panelists

Prof. T.K. Kharbam, Vice Chancellor, MLCU

Panelists

Dr. V.T. Darlong, Director, Centre for Sustainable Development Studies, MLCU

State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya



Date: 26th April, 2022



Venue: State Convention Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya



STATE LEVEL SENSITIZATION CUM ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON PARIKSHA PARV 4.0 ORGANIZED BY NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS IN COLLABORATION WITH MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Pariksha Parv 4.0 program was held on the 26th of April 2022 at State Convention Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya. The Chief Guest for the Program was Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Speaker, Legislative Assembly Government of Meghalaya. The Guest of Honour was Shri Kyrmen Shylla, Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister, Government of Meghalaya. Registration and light Refreshment was from 9.30 to 10.30. The program commenced at 10.30 with a welcome song by a child artist and cultural dances performed by the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZZCC) comprising of the three Tribes of Meghalaya : the Khasis, Garos and Jaiñtias.

This was followed by felicitation of the dignitaries on the dais and lighting of the lamp at 11 a.m.

At 11.10, Ms Iamon M. Syiem, Chairperson, SCPCR, Meghalaya welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. She briefly highlighted the history/origin and importance of Child rights emphasizing on the right to Education, development and enjoyment of life. Miss Syiem spoke on the need to manage stress

while we try to overcome life's problems and also to take these tests as a step to higher levels that help mould us. This is especially important for students who deal with stress of exams and expectations. She also encouraged the young students to accept the reality of Exams which is similar to the tests of life which confronts everybody, young or old. She also addressed teachers to come up with unique strategies to lessen the stress of exams for the students. She exhorted the students to work towards their dreams, realize their potential and soar to higher levels of achievements.

The welcome speech was followed by the distribution of the 'Exam Warrior' book authored by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi- which was facilitated by Shri. Sanjay Kumar Mishra from The Asia Foundation, to selected students from the CCI's and the students of various schools. These books were also given out to all participants at the program.

At 11.30, Guest of Honour, Shri Kyrmen Shylla, Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya addressed the

gathering. He highlighted the need to disseminate information on stress management to students especially when it comes to exam related stress - to use the different information and communication materials available at NCPCR website and the Pariksha Parv platforms.

At 11.40, the Chief Guest, Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly presented his speech. In his speech Shri. Lyngdoh expressed his appreciation for holding such programs, adding that whichever programs children attends, it indicates the presence of life and hope. He expressed his thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi for initiating such an important programme.

While citing relevant examples, he mentioned the student teacher ratio. He also asked for such programmes to reach out to rural areas as the challenges are different for the rural students, as also the quality of education is different. Although there are students who may match up with urban children but the wider majority find difficulties to cope especially during and after the pandemic. Village wise school campaigns and community mobilizations can help. The exam packages should be made more attractive and enjoyable. To the students he exhorted to maintain a healthy lifestyle in order to be physically and psychologically prepared for exam related stress management.

At 11.55, Smt. Rupali Banerjee Singh, Member Secretary, NCPCR, graciously rounded the Inaugural section with a vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Guests and the participants.

At 12.00, the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour took leave of the program and were accompanied by NCPCR and SCPCR members for refreshment during which some more issues were raised with the Ministers with a favourable response.

The Technical Sessions at 12.00 was flagged off with a presentation on 'Pariksha Parv' by Shri Paresh Shah, NCPCR team. He spoke on the core issues of sensitization on stress due to exams, promote counseling and positive perception, to change the outlook of children towards exam and to bring positive impact through social media platforms, to provide expert advice on exam related stress, to compile a compendium of local level counselors, psychologist and provide this list to all students concerned.

The first Session from 12.30 was conducted by Dr. Sujata Satapathy, Department of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), New Delhi, on the topic "Clinical aspects of Stress and Anxiety and ways to deal with Exams and Exams Results related to Stress and Anxiety".

Dr Satapathy, with the help of slides discussed how students approach preparation of exams and also gave tips on how to handle examination stress and how to study. She explained why examination stress is a negative experience



and how the stress manifests itself into excess stress that destroys a student both physically and psychologically.

She also spoke on the concept of delinking in order to reduce stress that surrounds marks, academic goals and examinations. Parental involvement and monitoring can also help a lot when it comes to stress management

The First Technical Session ended with a Lunch break.

The Second Technical Session was presented by Dr. Jyotsna Bharadwaj, Faculty for Diploma in Guidance and Counseling Course, Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations of Education, NCERT, New Delhi. Dr. Bharadwaj elicited a positive and lively response with her empathetic and child friendly form of delivery. She explained how students should work on their coping mechanism to better their mental health. She also urged the students to understand that they will do better only when they feel better. She invited them to focus positively on the whole person , improve emotional, intelligent and social quotients - this will improve their belief on self and their life skills.

Dr Bharadwaj exhorted the students to focus on things that can be controlled and to let go of things that cannot be controlled. She expressed this by quoting " If you cannot stop the storm , you should learn to dance in the rain". The students were taught to focus on the mission of happiness that allows them to understand their thought process and thus improve how they handle stress on a daily basis.

The active response of the students and teachers alike continued in the interactive open house discussion that followed well over the time allotted. The questions that were raised from both the male and female students especially were thought provoking

and honest, addressing issues that were faced by students especially post pandemic. The Two Resource persons did an excellent job of judiciously empathizing as well as challenging and giving guidance, treating the questions in all seriousness and giving them due merit.

Some of the questions raised were:

1. How do we deal with people who stigmatize students who score low marks?
2. Can I accept my exams as a best friend?
3. If we can't cope with our problems, what other viable solutions exists?
4. What if we don't have a good childhood experience? How can we make a better foundation later?
5. There are some judgments that we as students cannot ignore, how can we take it positively as a motivation?
6. We say India is a democratic country but still there are many cases where girls aren't given chances of equality in society. How do we address this?
7. I can't seem to concentrate in class when teachers give lectures. Is there a problem with me?
8. If anyone of you living in the same dream, are you living on it?

Just before the break for high tea, there was another colorful display of traditional attire and musical sound of flute and drums and dance of the same troupe who had entertained earlier.

The excited chatter of students, feedback and conversations of the invitees and guests in the two dining halls reflected the success of the Pariksha Parv program.

The Report of this program would not be complete if we do not acknowledge the excellent work of the NCC Synod College and the interns from MLCU, and the organizers NCPCR and MSCPCR.



VISITORS TO THE COMMISSION



Official visit of Chairperson, Member and Staff of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights



Visit of Childline 1098 response members for discussion of Child Friendly City



Consultation visit with HappyRedRooster MMA for Self defence video content for kids



Kong Careen Langstieh, a prominent artist visits the Commission with one of her paintings



Official visit of Child protection Officer from United Kingdom along with East Khasi Hills DCPO Smt M Warjri



Meeting with members of SAMVAAD



Meeting with members of Manbha Foundation One Stop Drop in centre



Visit from NEDFi



Meeting with members of Child Rights Foundation Kolkotta

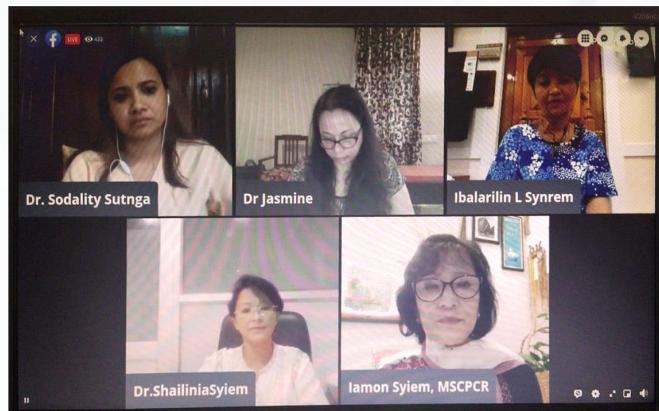


Meeting with Kong Hasina Kharbhiih Founder Director Impulse NGO Network

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along with Shri Priyank Kanoongo Chairperson NCPCR, and Members MSCPCR and Tripura SCPCR



Webinar in Khasi language on Health and Wellbeing of Children in COVID19 pandemic



Workshop on translation of POCSO Act into Khasi language at Meghalaya Institute of Governance



Visiting Impulse NGO interns from North India



Discussion meet with META representative along with Impulse NGO team



with Deputy Director Social Welfare Dept Smt D Massar and Smt Linda Member Secretary MSCW at ICSW function



with Faith Foundation Director and Counselor DCPU at MSCPCR Office



Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Substance Abuse and Personal Safety Education at Loreto School



with representatives of Shadhika - based in Colorado USA



Meeting with Shri Swapnil Tembe, IAS Director School Education and Literacy on including syllabus upon Personal Safety Education



Joint investigation of a case by Chairperson Women's Empowerment Committee Dr Ampareen Lyngdoh , Members of Womens Commission and MSCPCR



MSCPCR Chairperson Ms Iamon M Syiem and Member Secretary Shri L Lyngdoh

CHAIRPERSON's VISIT TO GARO HILLS



Tura Boys Home



Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) ,Tura



DHMO Office Tura (Case Visit)



With member SCPCR and DCPOs from
South Westv, West and East Garo Hills



LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS!

The UN Convention on
the Rights of the Child

DID YOU KNOW?
This Convention applies to
almost every single country in
the world!



1

Until you are eighteen, you are considered a child and have all the rights in this Convention.

2

You should not be discriminated against for any reason, including your race, colour, sex, language, religion, opinion, origin, social or economic status, disability, birth, or any other quality of your parents or guardians.

12

When adults are making decisions that affect you, you have the right to say freely what you think should happen and to have your opinion taken into account.

3

All actions and decisions that affect you should be based on what is best for you or any child.

13

You have the right to look for, get and share information in all forms (i.e. through writing, art, television, radio and internet), as long as the information is not damaging to you or to others.

4

The Government should make these rights available to you and all children.

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You have the right to think and believe what you want and to practice your religion, as long as you do not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Your parents should guide you on these matters.

5

Your family has the main responsibility for guiding you so that, as you grow, you learn to use your rights properly. Governments should respect this right.

15

You have the right to meet and to join groups and organisations with other children, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

6

You have the right to live and grow well. Governments should ensure that you survive and develop healthily.

16

You have the right to protection from interference with privacy, family, home, mail, and from attacks on your character or reputation.



7

You have the right to have your birth legally registered, to have a name and nationality and to know and to be cared for by your parents.

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You have the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, including books, newspapers and magazines, television, radio and internet. Information should be beneficial and understandable to you.

8

Governments should respect your right to a name, a nationality and family ties.

18

Both your parents share responsibility for bringing you up and should always consider what is best for you. Governments should provide services to help parents, especially if both parents work.

9

You should not be separated from your parents unless it is for your own good (for example, if a parent mistreats or neglects you). If your parents have separated, you have the right to stay in contact with both of them unless this might hurt you.

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Governments should ensure that you are properly cared for and protect you from violence, abuse and neglect by your parents or anyone else who looks after you.

10

If your parents live in different countries, you should be allowed to move between those countries so that you can stay in contact with your parents or get back together as a family.

20

If parents and family cannot care for you properly, then you must be looked after by people who respect your religion, traditions and language.

Governments must take steps to stop you being taken out of your country illegally.

11

If you are adopted, the first concern must be what is best for you, whether you are adopted in your birth country or if you are taken to live in another country.

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The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



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If you have come to a new country because your home country was unsafe, you have the right to protection and support. You have the same rights as children born in that country.

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The Government should provide ways of protecting you from using, producing or distributing dangerous drugs.

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If you have any kind of disability, you should have special care, support and education so that you can lead a full and independent life and participate in the community to the best of your ability.

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You should be protected from sexual exploitation and abuse, including prostitution and involvement in pornography.

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You have the right to good quality healthcare (i.e. medicine, hospitals, health professionals). You have the right to clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment and health education so that you can stay healthy. Rich countries should help poorer countries achieve this.

The Government should take steps to make sure that you are not kidnapped, sold or taken to other countries to be exploited.

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If you are looked after by local authorities or institutions rather than by your parents, you should have your situation reviewed regularly to make sure you have good care and treatment.

25

You should be protected from any activities that could harm your development and wellbeing.

37

If you break the law, you should not be treated cruelly. You should not be put in prison with adults and should be able to stay in contact with your family. The death penalty and life sentences in prison are not allowed for children.

26

The society in which you live should provide you with benefits of social security that help you develop and live in good conditions (i.e. education, culture, nutrition, health, social welfare). The Government should provide extra money for the children of families in need.

27

You should live in good conditions that help you develop physically, mentally, spiritually, morally and socially. The Government should help families who cannot afford to provide this.

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DID YOU KNOW?
Most governments have agreed in an Optional Protocol to the CRC that children under 18 should not be allowed to join the army.



28

You have the right to education. Primary education should be free and required. Secondary education should be accessible to every child. Higher education should be available to everyone on the basis of capacity. School discipline should respect your rights and dignity.

38

If you are under 15, governments should not allow you to join the army or take any direct part in war. Children in war zones should receive special protection.

39

You should receive special care if you were neglected or abused, were a victim of exploitation or war, or were put in prison.

29

Education should develop your personality, talents, mental and physical abilities. It should prepare you for active participation in a free society, and encourage you to respect your own culture and other people's culture.

40

If you are accused of breaking the law, you must be treated in a way that respects your dignity. You should receive legal help and only be given a prison sentence for most serious crimes.

30

You have a right to learn and use the traditions, religion and language of your family, whether or not these are shared by most people in your country.

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If the laws in your country are better for children than the articles of the Convention, then those laws should be followed.

31

You have the right to rest, have leisure, play and participate in cultural and artistic activities.

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The Government should protect you from work that is dangerous to your health or development, that interferes with your education or that might lead people to take advantage of you.

The Government should make the Convention known to all parents, institutions and children.

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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD