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



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PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS





From the Chairperson's desk

Taking care of the womb and nurturing the seed is the highest indicator of individual and social intelligence. The protective system that has culturally and socially evolved round this basic survival requirement has been strengthened by laws, policies and such mechanism, but every stakeholder, every citizen needs to do their part towards protecting and strengthening the vulnerable gaps in the system. As a Commission, we try to honour that role.

In submitting this report, I would like to first acknowledge and thank the Government of Meghalaya for its indispensable and pro-active support in upholding the Rights of Children at all times. It is my privilege to thank the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, all the DCPOs of the 11 (eleven) districts for their crucial role in intervening, assisting and supporting the Commission in all its functions and activities.

I would also like to acknowledge the vital assistance, cooperation and help from the Meghalaya Police Department, the Education Department, the Labour Department, Health Department, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and other departments at several times and in issues faced by the Commission.



A note of gratitude to all the Rangbah Shnongs, Civil Societies, Non-Government Organizations and the Youth groups who have associated and collaborated with the activities of the Commission directed at creating awareness and protecting the Rights of the Children in the State. I am also very grateful to the media in promptly reporting cases and assisting the Commission whenever needed.

A special note of thanks to the Commission's Member Secretary Smt B Passah and all the Members : Smt Shanon Dona Massar , Smt Yorika Shylla, Smt Flabina P. Marak, Shri Mirthnath K. Marak, Smt Tiana Tarin D. Areng and Dr Iwamon Laloo for their commitment , wise counsel and constant engagement with the affairs of the Commission . The staff of the Commission deserves special mention for their wholehearted commitment, excellent work and service for the purpose of the Commission.

Joining the Commission on September 14, 2020 I can only look to the pioneers before me as I thank them - the former Chairperson Smt Meena Kharkongor for building up a strong foundation for the work of the Commission and for Smt C Kharkongor , IAS , Secretary Social Welfare who also took up the mantle of Chairperson of the Commission during the interim arrangement. I look forward to building relationships, support and trust with all the Government Departments, other agencies and all the stakeholders to carry out the vision and mission of the Commission in the spirit prescribed in the CPCR Act 2005.

Smt. Iamon M Syiem

Chairperson

SCPCR

Lower Lachumiere, Shillong Meghalaya

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

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

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

After the first term of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights expired, Smt. Meena Kharkongor was reappointed as Chairperson vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/447 dated Shillong, the 26th July, 2017 for a further period of 3 (Three) years when the period ended. During the interim arrangement Smt C Kharkongor IAS, Secretary Social Welfare was given the additional duty and appointed as Chairperson vide Notification No. SW(S) 112/2009/572.

Thereafter vide Notification No SW(S) 112/2009/693 dated 9th September 2020 , the Governor of Meghalaya appointed Smt Iamonlang M Syiem as Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights for a period of 3(three) years with immediate effect.

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. Smt B Passah was appointed as Member Secretary to the Commission.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

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.
- b. The Commission shall while inquiring into any matters relating to child's right to free and compulsory education under clause (C) of sub-section(1) have the same powers as assigned under section 14 and 24 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights.
- c. Under section 32(3) of the RTE Act, any person aggrieved by the decision of the local authority may prefer an appeal to the Commissions for protection of Child Rights.
- d. The Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- e. As per section 109(1) of the JJ Act 2015, the Commission for protection of Child Rights shall in addition to the function assigned to it under the CPCR Act 2005, shall also monitor the

implementation of the provisions of the JJ Act in such manner as may be prescribed. The Commission shall while inquiring into any matter relating to any offence under this Act, shall have the same power as are vested in the Commission under the CPCR Act, 2005. As per section 109(3) the Commission shall also include its activities under the section in its Annual Report.

- f. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012 : Section 44-Monitoring of implementation of the POCSO Act. : As per section 44(1) of the POCSO Act, the Commission shall in addition to the functions assigned under the CPCR Act, also monitor the implementation of the provisions of the POCSO Act in such manner as may be prescribed. As per section 44(2) the Commission shall while inquiring into the matter relating to any offence under this act shall have the same powers as are vested in it under the CPCR Act, 2005.

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



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 makes 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.

NOTIFICATIONS

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA SHILLONG

NOTIFICATION

Dated, Shillong, the 3rd December, 2020

No.HCM.II/440/2013-Estt/

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, in supersession of all previous orders is pleased to reconstitute the Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee at the High Court and District Courts under Regulation 4 of the Gender Sensitisation & Sexual Harassment of Women at the High Court of Meghalaya and District Courts (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2019, as follows:-

High Court of Meghalaya

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hamarsan SinghThangkhiew, Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti. Marlene D Khongmen, Registrar	Member Secretary
3	Shri. Subhasis Chakrawarty, Senior Advocate	Member
4	Smti.Pubalee Dutta Bujarbaruah, Senior Advocate	Member
5	Smti. I. M. Syiem Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Member

East Khasi Hills District, Shillong

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti. Persara Syngkon Assistant District & Sessions Judge- cum-Member (MACT)	Chairperson
2	Smti. Rithelda Rymbai, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Assistant District & Sessions Judge	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

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West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti.Belma Mawrie, District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti.Ranee M. Kharsyntiew, Chief Judicial Magistrate	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

West Garo Hills District, Tura

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti.Dashalene Kharbteng District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti. Anjeline M Pariat Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum Secretary, District Legal Services Authority	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Shri. Balaram Joshi District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti.Monica K Lyngdoh Chief Judicial Magistrate	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti. Barisuk Khriam District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti.Imarbakordor Lyngkhai Judicial Magistrate First Class	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Shri. Marba Skhemlon District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti. Evalene Shabong Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

South West Garo Hills District, Ampati

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti. Dashalene Kharbteng District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti. Vanessa N Sangma Judicial Magistrate First Class	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Member

South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti. Barisuk Khriam I/c. District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Smti. Imarbakordor Lyngkhai Judicial Magistrate First Class	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Smti. Gasalynn Rani District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Shri. Daniel S Marbaniang Chief Judicial Magistrate	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

North Garo Hill District, Resubelpara

Sl.No.	Name and Designation of Members	Position
1	Shri. Marba Skhemlon I/c District & Sessions Judge	Chairperson
2	Ms. Bandarisha Kharlukhi Judicial Magistrate First Class	Member Secretary
3	2 (two) senior members of the Bar to be nominated by the District & Sessions Judge, one of whom shall be a woman	Members

REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo No.HCM.II/440/2013-Estt/ 3213A

Dated 3rd December, 2020

Copy to for information:

1. The Registrar-cum-Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.V.More, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S.Thangkhiew, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice W.Diengdoh, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. The District & Sessions Judge, Shillong/Tura/Jowai/Williamnagar/Nongpoh/Nongstoin/Ampati/Mawkyrwat/Khliehriat/Resubelpara
6. Smti.I.M.Syiem, Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong for information.
7. Smti. M.D.Khongmen, Registrar (Admn), High Court of Meghalaya for information.
8. Shri.S.Chakrawarty, Senior Advocate, for kind information.
9. Smti.P.D.Bujarbaruah, Senior Advocate, for kind information.
10. The System Analyst, High Court of Meghalaya for uploading the same in the official website.
11. Notice board.
12. Office file

REGISTRAR GENERAL



राष्ट्रीय फैशन प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, शिलांग
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY, SHILLONG

No.11018/Estt/NIFT SHL/Sexual Harassment of WW/2020

15.03.2021

To,

Smti. Iamonlang Mawthoh Syiem
Chairperson
Meghalaya commission for protection of child rights

Sub: Invitation as Member of the Internal Complaints Committee at NIFT Shillong.

Respected Madam,

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (No.14 of 2013) provides protection against sexual harassment of women at the workplace and for prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

As per the Chapter –II of the said Act, every employer of a workplace by an order in writing, has to constitute a committee to be known as the “Internal Complaints Committee”.

As per provision given in the relevant section of the Act, the Internal Complaints Committee shall inter-alia consist of a Presiding Officer and not less than two members from amongst employees and one member from non-government organization, provided that at least one –half of total members so nominated shall be women.

At present the NIFT members of the ICC are:

1. Ms. Rimi Das, Associate Professor & CAC- Presiding Officer
2. Ms. Tshering D Bhutia, Assistant Professor & CC-FP – Convener
3. Mr. Mrinal Sajwan, Dy. Director (F&A) & Joint Director (I/c) , NIFT Shillong- Member
4. Ms. Meaidibahun Blah, Assistant Professor- FC Dept, NIFT Shillong – Member.

In continuation of the above, I have the honor of inviting you as the external member of the Internal Complaints Committee of NIFT Shillong

An early acceptance to our invitation will be highly appreciated.

Arindam Das
17/3/2021

Arindam Das
Dr. Arindam Das
Director

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

20/3/20

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 17th March, 2020

No. SW(S) 112/2009/572 – The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to allow Smti. C. Kharkongor, IAS, Secretary, Social Welfare to also function as the Chairperson for the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong as an interim arrangement in addition to her own duties with effect from 01.03.2020 until further orders.

Sd/-
Sampath Kumar, I.A.S.,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

Memo No. SW(S) 112/2009/572 -A,

Dated Shillong the 17th March, 2020

Copy to:-

1. The P.S to the Governor of Meghalaya for favour of information of the Governor.
2. The P.S to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, for favour information of the Chief Minister.
3. The P.S to the Minister, I/c Social Welfare Department, for favour of information of the Minister.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, for favour of information of the Chief Secretary.
5. Smti Caramai Kharkongor, Secretary, i/c Social Welfare Department for information.
6. Senior Informatics Officer, NIC, Shillong.
7. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong.
8. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
9. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Law Department for favour of information. (b)
10. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Political Department for information.
11. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance (A.F) Department for information.
12. All Commissioners of Division, Meghalaya for favour of information.
13. All Deputy Commissioners for information.
14. Office copy.
15. Guard file.

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Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 9th September, 2020

No. SW(S) 112/2009/693:- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 4 (3) of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Rules, 2013, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to appoint Smt Iamonlang M. Syiem, as Chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya for a period of 3 (three) years with immediate effect.

Sd/-
(Shri. Sampath Kumar, I.A.S.),
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

Memo No. SW(S) 112/2009/693-A,

Dated Shillong the 9th September, 2020

Copy to:-

1. The P.S to the Governor of Meghalaya for favour of information of the Governor.
2. The P.S to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for favour of information of the Chief Minister.
3. The P.S to the Minister, I/c Social Welfare Department for favour of information of the Minister.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, for favour of information of the Chief Secretary.
5. Smt Iamonlang M. Syiem, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
6. The Senior Informatics Officer, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong.
8. The Director of Printing & Stationary, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
9. The Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Law Department for favour of information.
10. The Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Political Department for information.
11. The Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Finance (A.F) Department for information.
12. All Commissioner of Divisions, Meghalaya for favour of information.
13. All Deputy Commissioner for information.

By order, etc,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

*Smt Iamonlang M. Syiem,
'Teitang Cottage'
Cleave Colony,
Shillong - 793003*

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14/09/2020

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 9th September, 2020

No. SW(S) 112/2009/694:- In continuation of this Department's Notification No SW(S)112/2009/693 dt. 9.9.2020 the Governor is pleased to notify the following persons as Members of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights with immediate effect. The term of the Members shall be in coterminous with the term of the Chairperson for a period of 3 (three) years and until further orders.

S1 Name of the Members

No.

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

The role and functions of the Members of the Commission have been defined in the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Rules, 2013.

Sd/-

(Shri. Sampath Kumar, I.A.S),
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

Memo No. SW(S)112/2009/694-A,

Dated Shillong the, 9th September, 2020

Copy to:

1. The P.S to the Governor of Meghalaya for kind information of the Governor.
2. The P.S to the Chief Minister for kind information of Chief Minister.
3. The P.S to the Minister I/c Social Welfare, for kind information of the Minister.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary.
5. The Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, 5th Floor, Chandrerlok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110 001, Fax No.011-23724026.
6. Smt Iamonlang M. Syiem, Chairperson, SCPCR for kind information.
7. All Commissioners of Divisions, Meghalaya.
8. All Deputy Commissioners.
9. The Senior Informatics Officer, N.I.C., Shillong.
10. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong.
11. The Director of Printing & Stationary, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
12. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Law Department for favour of information.
13. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Political Department for favour of information.
14. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance (AF) Department for favour of information
15. All Members concerned.

By order, etc,

/s/

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

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STATEMENT OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION DURING 2020-2021

Sl. No	Date of Complaint	Subject	Remark
1	29 th July, 2019	Child Custody	Fresh appeal by grandmother to get joint custody. Case to be taken up with Assam Commission for Protection of Child Rights since child is with father in Assam.
2	16 th January, 2020	Initiation to meet the child	Fresh appeal by father to meet his daughter. Counselors advice, meeting would be traumatic for child because of father's past criminal history.
3	17 th March, 2020	Attempted to murder and sexual assault	Case registered. Report received from Police.
4	10 th March, 2020	Missing Child	Commission received status report from Police.
7	22 nd September, 2020	Sexually Assaulted.	Chairperson and Member Secretary to visit Nongstoin when trial of the accused commence.
8	25 th September, 2020	Child Custody.	In the absence of a new Member Secretary, case referred to Child welfare Committee.
9	19 th November, 2020	Displaced Child	The Commission and Child Welfare Committee is in Communication with Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Bangladesh for establishing the child's nationality and possibility of expatriation.
10	20 th November, 2020	Murdered Child	Yet to get a report on status of victim compensation.

11	11 th January, 2021	Harassment through WhatsApp message.	The accused surrendered himself after F.I.R was filed . Case ongoing.
12	19 th January, 2021	Sexual Assault	Compensation delayed because of bifurcation of jurisdiction between Jowai and Khliehriat. Process of appeal to Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority initiated.
13	2 nd February, 2021	Violation of Child Rights.	Parents of children summoned on 12 th march, 2021. Major issues resolved.
14	25 th February, 2021	Sexual Assault	Case transferred to Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills.
15	10 th March, 2021	Missing Child	(Child still missing. On-going police investigation.) Child rescued and restored to parents
16	9 th April, 2021	Missing Child	Information received by police that child is married to abductor. However her location is still unknown
17	9 th April, 2021	Sexual Assault	Rape report after 6 (six) years, when the child was ten (10) years. F.I.R filed, case transferred to Child Welfare Committee. Accused is in police custody.



CASES TAKEN UP BY THE CHAIRPERSON SCPCR RELATING TO EDUCATION

S.No	Date	Subject	Remarks
1.	22 nd February, 2021.	Urgent need for Assistant Teacher at Dira Government Lower Primary School, because there is only one teacher catering to more than 100 students from nursery to class V(five), since 2014.	A letter to the Director of Directorate of School Education and Literacy was sent on 14 th April, 2021 requesting for Assistant teacher at Dira Government Lower Primary School <i>Response : Two teachers appointed at Dira Govt LPS</i>
2.	20 th April, 2021.	Children not getting proper education in many Government Lower Primary School at Mawhati because of neglect by teachers and management. Often children did not receive regular Mid-Day Meals.	Visit and meet some headmen and youth, arranged and intimated by Ri-Bhoi Youth Federation (RBYF) at a later date due to pandemic.

HEARING CONDUCTED BY SCPCR

DATED: 12TH MARCH 2021

A complaint was brought to the Commission on Feb, 2nd 2021. The nature of the complaint was that the daughter-in-law estranged from her husband (son of the complainant) had been neglecting and mistreating her two young children. The parents were summoned to appear before the Commission on the 12th of March 2021.

The two parties came to an agreement regarding their children's' physical and mental welfare, monetary contributions from both sides, education for the older child and visiting arrangements. The Commission has subsequently followed up the case and is satisfied with the outcome.

INSPECTIONS AND SITE VISITS OF THE CHAIRPERSON DURING 2020 - 2021

Dates	Remarks
22 nd October, 2020	The Chairperson had visited Children Home Boys, Children home Girls, Shelter home Girls, Observation Home Boys, Juvenile Home East Khasi Hills, Mawkasiang.



Dates	Remarks
11 th December, 2020	The Chairperson had visited Hope Children's Home Boys and Hope Children's Home Girls South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat.



Dates	Remarks
12 th January, 2021	The Chairperson had visited the Children Home Girls and Children Home Boys West Jaintia Hills, Jowai.

THE NEW CHILDRENS HOME (GIRLS) AT WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT JOWAI



Dates	Remarks
18 th March, 2021	The Chairperson and Member Secretary had visited Nangkyrsoi RCLP School Khrang East Khasi Hills



HANDING OVER THE EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT FOR 3 ORPHANS GIVEN BY A DONOR AT NANGKYRSOI RCLP SCHOOL KHRANG

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SWACHTHA ACTION PLAN, JJ ACT & POCSO ACT ORGANISED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, WEST KHASI HILLS, NONGSTOIN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS, SHILLONG.



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PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS DURING 2020-2021

1. 5th March, 2021: Attended the Programme on Child Beggar and Street Children scenario in Shillong which was organized by the office of District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), East Khasi hills in collaboration with the Reach Shillong Ministry at M. Crown Hotel, Police Bazar.
2. 26th March, 2021: A State level consultation cum review meeting on "Available facilities and status of new born and Pediatric care in Shillong – analyzing the gaps and steps to improve quality of care" organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) with Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, facilitated by Seva Bharti Purbanchal. Held at Moreau institute of Integral Training MIIT Brookdene, Jowai Road, Dhanketi, Shillong
3. 27th March, 2021: State level workshop on the issue of "Heavy weight of School Bags" organized by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) with Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, facilitated by Seva Bharti Purbanchal. Held at Moreau institute of Integral Training MIIT Brookdene, Jowai Road, Dhanketi, Shillong
4. 30th March, 2021: Awareness Programme on Swachtha Action plan, JJ Act and POCSO Act held at Myriaw Secondary School, organized by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin. In collaboration with the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.



WEBINARS ATTENDED BY CHAIRPERSON, SCPCR

1.	Subject	"Child behavior, child psychology, health issues etc with reference to POCSO Act, 2012"
	Date	26 th September, 2020.
	Organized by	Meghalaya State Judicial Academy

2.	Subject	"Violence against Children: Prevention and response"
	Date	3 rd October, 2020.
	Organized by	District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Khasi hills, Shillong.
	Timing	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

3.	Subject	"Sensitization of Judges dealing with POCSO Act"
	Date	7 th October, 2020.
	Organized by	Rajasthan State Judicial Academy in association with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, New Delhi, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge Supreme Court of India & Noble Laureate Shri Kailash Sayyarthi.
	Timing	4:00 PM Onwards.

4.	Subject	'Anti – Human trafficking'
	Date	17 th October, 2020.
	Organized by	Meghalaya State Judicial Academy, Shillong.
	Timing	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

5.	Subject	"National webinar: Addressing Stakeholders' Response to Human Trafficking"
	Date	6 th November
	Organized by	Maharashtra State Commission Human Rights Commission
	Timing	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6.	Subject	"Legal Service day"
	Date	7 th November, 2020.
	Organized by	District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills, Shillong.
	Timing	9:30 AM.

7.	Subject	Standard Operating Procedure for care & protection of Children in Street Situation (CiSS).
	Date	20 th November, 2020.
	Organized by	National commission for Protection of Child Rights, in association with Save the Children (Bal Raksha, Bharat)
	Timing	3:00 PM

8.	Subject	Animated Movie Release on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
	Date	20 th November, 2020.
	Organized by	Humare Super Buddies Humare Rakshak
	Timing	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

9.	Subject	“Prevention of Sexual Abuse and trafficking against Children”
	Date	21 st November, 2020.
	Organized by	<p>Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti</p> <p>Principal Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi State legal Services Authority. • Haryana State Legal Services Authority. • Arunachal State Legal Services Authority. <p>In association with: Punjab State legal Services Authorities.</p> <p>Co-Organisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opu Aama society Arunachal Pradesh. • Arunachal university of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh. • DAV University Punjab. <p>Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSS K R mangalam University Hararyana. • NSS Guru Gobind Singh. • NSS JC Bose University of Science and Technology. • Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Swami Vivekanand Subharti University.
	Timing	11:30 AM

10.	Subject	Juvenile Justice
	Date	28 th – 29 th November, 2020.
	Organized by	Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India.

11.	Subject	Judicial Colloquium on 'Anti-human trafficking'
	Date	17 th October, 2020.
	Organized by	Meghalaya State Judicial Academy.

12.	Subject	State-level Interdepartmental Review meeting on issues related to Children, their rights and safety.
	Date	16 th November, 2020
	Organized by	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

13.	Subject	Release of Joint Action Plan on "Prevention of drugs and Substance Abuse among Children and Illicit Trafficking"
	Date	9 th February, 2021
	Organized by	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

14.	Subject	Supportive, Action with, hostile, Approach to build, Resilience among the children of, Armed Forces Personnel.
	Date	19 th February, 2021
	Organized by	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

15.	Subject	'Interstate webinar on Child Marriage and Child Trafficking'
	Date	26 th March, 2021
	Organized by	West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
	Attended by	Smt Shanon Massar, Member SCPCR

PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 2021 AT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS (SCPCR), MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

This is the first formal meeting between the new Chairperson Meghalaya State Commission for Protection for Child Rights Smti I. M. Syiem and the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) from six (6) Districts. Also present were the State Child Protection Society Programme Manager (SCPS) and Programme Manager, State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA).

The pertinent issues/ challenges that were raised at the meeting were also as follows:

- I. POCSO Report:
 1. Uniformity in submission of the POCSO Report.
 2. Delay in submission of POCSO Report from the Police and Courts.
- II. JJ ACT:
 1. ICPS (CPS) Guidelines are outdated which makes them not at par with the JJ Act.
 2. Reporting problems.
- III. Other Issues Discussed :
 1. The non availability of DDRC (District Disability Resource Centre) in East Jaintia Hills District makes it difficult for assessment of children. It is problematic to get the disability certificate as the children will have to travel a long distance to get the services of another DDRC in another District.
 2. Non availability of psychiatrists for preliminary assessment of heinous crime done by children between ages 16-18 years.
 3. Follow up procedure should be available after adoption.
 4. Idea of developing a Northeast Portal for adoption process in order for NE States to get a chance to adopt a child from the NE itself.
 5. Clarifying doubts and difficulties regarding Management Information System (MIS).
 6. Need for identifying POCSO hotspots: Awareness and Sensitization Programmes are needed.
 7. Need for Capacity building Workshops and Management Information System training for officers in the field.
 8. Follow up letter sent by the Programme Manager State Child Protection Society (SCPS) regarding POCSO information to be printed on the back page of Meghalaya Board of School Education text books for awareness.

RESOLUTION:

- The Commission will follow up on what has been discussed and do the needful.
- It was decided that a review meeting for all District Officers be held twice a year.

REPORT ON THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SWACHHATA ACTION PLAN, JJ ACT & POCSO ACT ORGANISED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, WEST KHASI HILLS, NONGSTOI IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS, SHILLONG.

The Office of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin in collaboration with the office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Shillong conducted an awareness programme on Swachhata Action Plan, JJ Act & POCSO Act on the 30th March, 2021 at Myriaw Secondary School, Myriaw village, West Khasi Hills District. The purpose of the awareness programme was to sensitize the people on JJ Act, POCSO Act and Health & Sanitation as a part of community awareness programme. The programme was attended by the village authorities, students and residents of Myriaw village.

The programme was chaired by Smt. B. K. Jahrin, Legal Cum Probation Officer, DCPU, West Khasi Hills who at the outset gave a welcome address to the Office of the DCPU, West Khasi Hills



District and the office of the SCPCR, Shillong for organizing the awareness programme and she also welcomed the participants attending the said programme.

Shri M. Marngar, Headman, Myriaw village, welcomed the officials from DCPU, West Khasi Hills and SCPCR Shillong for organizing the awareness programme and also gave his gratitude to all the resource persons for

sensitizing the natives on the aforementioned Acts for the welfare of the villagers.

The first session of the programme was presented by Smt. I M Syiem, Chairperson SCPCR, Meghalaya who delivered a speech on "Child Rights" and elaborated on the topics in order to create awareness and to safeguard the rights of the children.

The second session of the programme was presented by Shri. W. Shabong, District Child Protection Officer, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin who delivered a speech on "JJ Act, POCSO



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Act, Child Marriage and other child related issues". He also elaborated the role of the office of the District Child Protection Unit and District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) which works for



the welfare of the children in order to safeguard their rights. He further informed the participants on the services available under the Child Protection Services and briefed about the Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) and Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) at the grassroot level which are accessible to the people for guidance in reporting of cases relating to either children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. He also addressed on the rehabilitation and repatriation processes for children under the purview of the Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act.



The third session of the programme was presented by Smt. B. Passah, Joint Director Social Welfare Department cum Member Secretary, SCPSCR Shillong on " Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and other child related issues" in which she stated that Children Committees should be implemented in schools and also briefed the students on "Good Touch and Bad Touch" to make the students more vigilant and encourage them to report about offences committed on them.



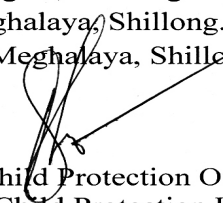
Lastly, Smt. I. Syiem, Chairperson, SCPCR, Meghalaya spoke on "Health and Sanitation" and later distributed 5(five) dustbins and 2(two) water filters to the school authorities of Myriaw Secondary School.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks from, Miss. Nylla Dora Diengdoh, Headmistress, Myriaw Secondary School, Myriaw Village.

Memo No. ICPS (N)/DCPU/AWR/Pt.I/2021/ 357 - 57 'A' Dated Nongstoin the 31st March, 2021

Copy for information to:

1. The Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.
2. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong.
4. The Programme Manager, State Child Protection Society, Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. The Programme Manager, State Adoption Resource Agency, Meghalaya, Shillong.


District Child Protection Officer
District Child Protection Unit
West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE INITIATIVE OF



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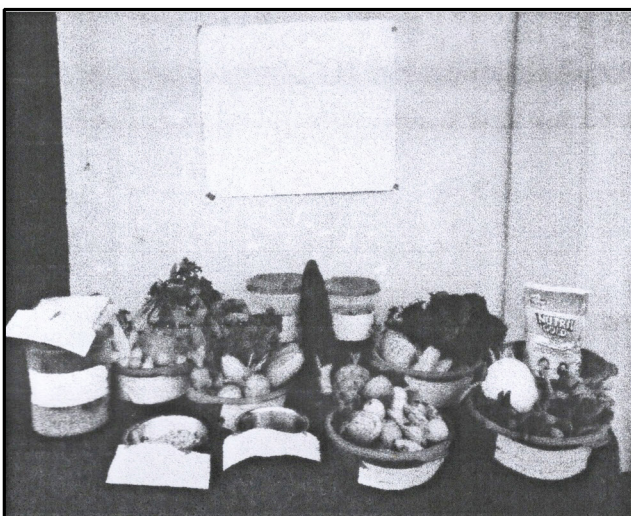
CELEBRATION OF POSHAN MAAH

Poshan Maah also called as the National Nutrition Mission, is a Government of India flagship programme to improve nutritional outcome for children. Poshan Maah outlines the Prime Minister's overarching schemes for holistic nutrition.

On 17.09, 2020 The superintendent of the 7th Thyndai Child Care Institution cum Counselling Centre Tuber Kmai Shnong, conducted an awareness program about Poshan Maah and Concepts of eating healthy and nutritious food to stay healthy. The National Nutrition Week 2020 was aimed at creating awareness about health and nutrition. The superintendent focused on the importance of nutrition and good food, healthy body and mind and a good lifestyle for the children.

The children were told that in order to develop their healthy minds which will reside in a healthy body; it is necessary to have nutrition like vitamins, proteins, etc in our daily diet. Fresh vegetables and fruits will provide the necessary proteins and vitamins and provide the required energy for daily functioning. The superintendent also cautioned the children from eating junk food due to their zero nutritional value and high saturated fats.

Children were also sensitized on the relation between healthy food, exercises and the feeling of general well being in our day to day lives.



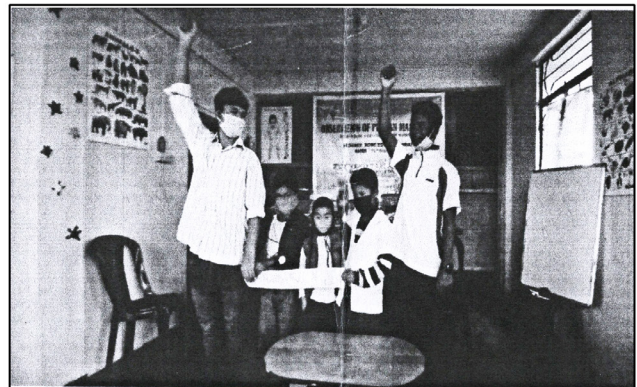
CHILDRENS HOME BOYS EJH, KHLIEHRIAT

Poshan Maah was celebrated on the 16th September 2020 from 10am to 11:00am at Children's Home Boys Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills District.

The programme started with an introductory speech by the Superintendent then followed by a teaching on nutrition imparted by the resource person Smt R S Sariang, ICDS and displaying of daily food items provided to the children residing in the homes. This was followed by an encouragement by the paramedical staff on hand washing techniques and maintaining cleanliness in their day to day lives in order to have good health.

A short play was presented by the children on healthy food versus junk food. This was followed by a talk on behaviour management on COVID-19 , risks and treatment, modes of transmission and categories and the various preventive methods.

S. Sariang
20/10/20
Officer in-Charge (Superintendent)
Children's Home Boys
East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat



POSHAN MAAH PROGRAMME BY DCPU, EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT AND ATTENDED BY SCPCR

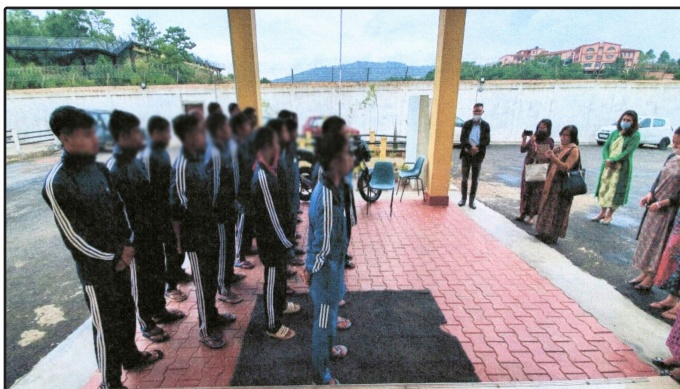
A REPORT ON NUTRI GARDEN PLANTATION PROGRAMME
HELD AT JUVENILE HOME CAMPUS, MAWKASIANG

Date : 22nd October 2020
Chief Guest : Smt. Iamonlang Mawthoh Syiem
Chairperson
Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR)
Organiser : District Child Protection Unit, East Khasi Hills

The District Child Protection Unit, East Khasi Hills District took a great initiative to organize a one day plantation program in the Juvenile Home, Mawkasiang. This is an important step of encouraging the maintenance of a kitchen garden at the Child Care Institution and to grow vegetables that are organic, fresh and healthy. The Chief Guest for the program was Smt. I. M Syiem, Chairperson Meghalaya SCPCR, she was accompanied by Dr. Iwamon W. J. Laloo Associate Professor, Department of Education, Martin Luther Christian University.

Beside the initiative of the gardening program, another objective of the Chairperson's visit was to meet the children staying in various homes and to discuss with the In-charge, District Child Protection Officer, Superintendent and Staffs about the welfare of these children and the challenges faced in running the institutions. The various homes visited by the Chairperson SCPCR were the Observation Home (Girls/ Boys), Place of Safety (Girls/ Boys), Special Home, (Girls/ Boys), Special Unit for Children with Special Needs (Girls/ Boys), Children Home, (Girls / Boys) and Shelter Home (Girls).

The program began with a welcome speech from Shri A. M. Shadap, followed by a welcome song from the Children in Conflict with Law residing in Observation Home and Place of Safety (Boys). While addressing the CCLs, the Chairperson of SCPCR gave them words of encouragement and stated that the commission is willing to support and work for their wellbeing.



Smt. I. M Syiem, Chairperson Meghalaya SCPCR, and Dr. Iwamon W. J. Laloo Member planting saplings prepared by the CCLs after the inspection visit



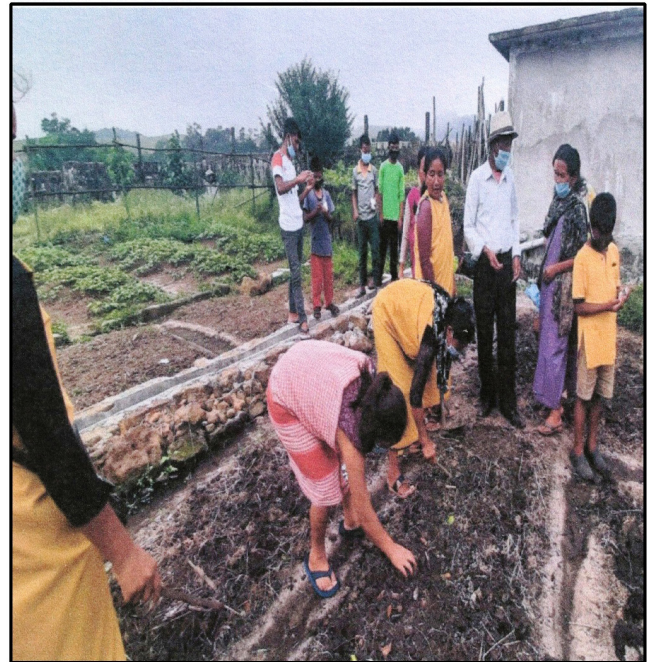
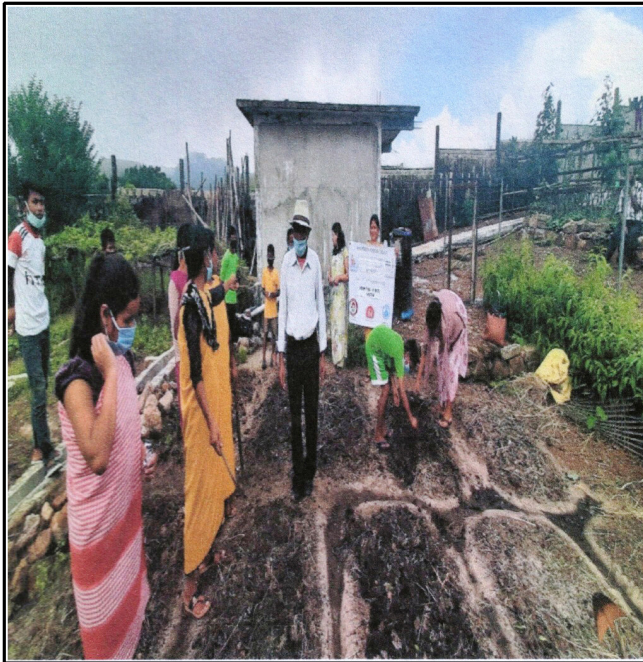
PROMOTION OF NUTRITIOUS AND DIET DIVERSITY FOOD THROUGH KITCHEN GARDEN DURING POSHAN MAAH 2020

There were 8 existing nutri-garden in the AWCs. During POSHAN MAAH 2020 another 20 AWCs developed Nutri-garden in their respective AWCs. Potted plants and terrace gardens were also encouraged in the absence of land. The kitchen garden concept was also encouraged in Schools, Government buildings as well as in households to plant nutritious vegetables and fruit bearing plants and trees.

The office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Shella Bholaganj ICDS Project in collaboration with St. John's Orphanage Sohra and Borsing Syiem Children's Home, Mawsmat, had taken the initiative in promoting nutritious and diet diversity food through implementation of Kitchen Gardens. The aim is to address malnutrition amongst children and to encourage consumption of a variety of fruits and vegetables which are locally grown and available in their respective areas. This would create awareness about the problems of malnutrition amongst children and women and thus ensure health and nutrition for everyone and further efforts to achieve holistic nutrition through community mobilization and participation.



BORSING SYIEM CHILDREN'S HOME



REPORT ON POSHAN MAAH 2020 AT LAITMYNRIENG, PYNURSLA

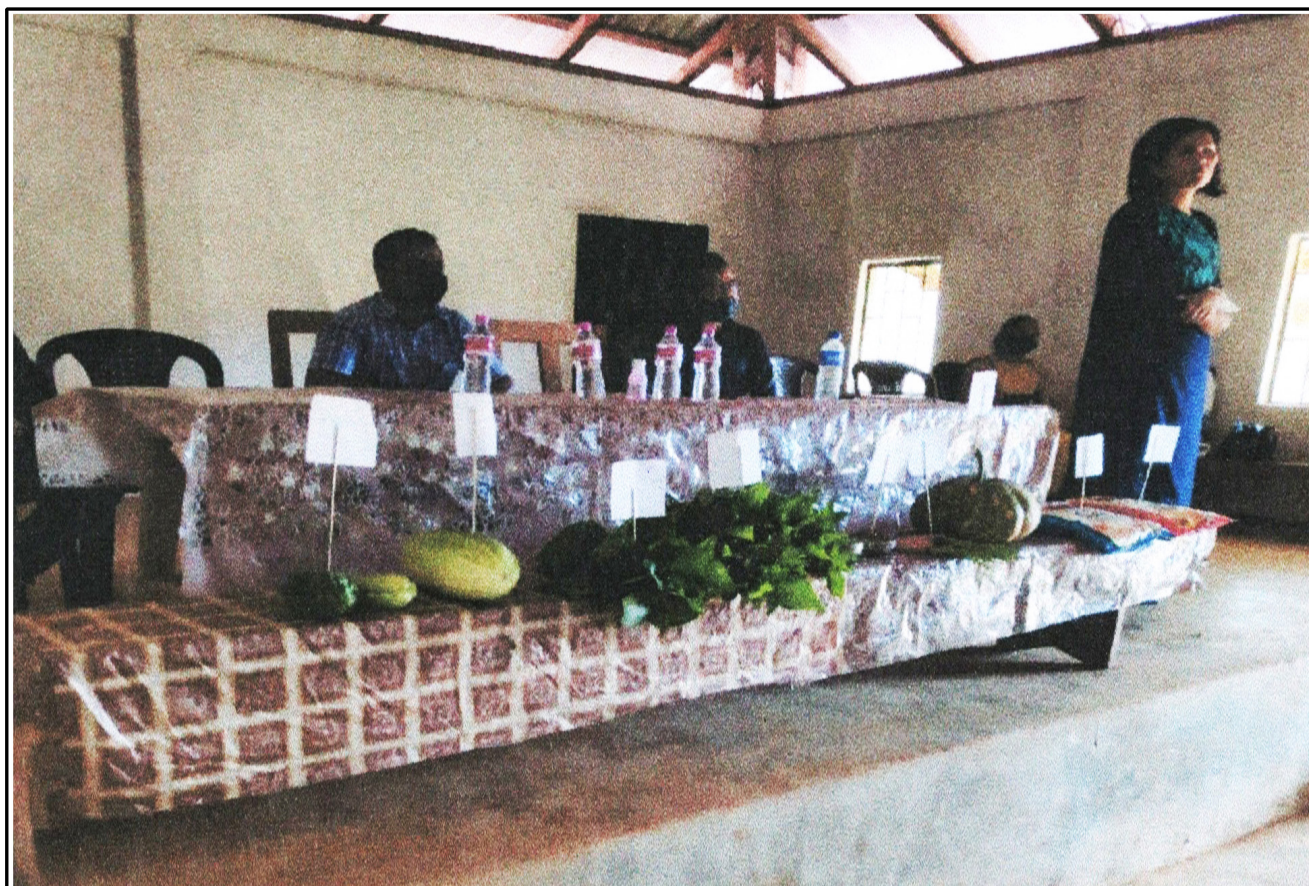
POSHAN MAAH or NUTRITION MONTH which is being observed from 1st to 30th September every year all over the country, was also celebrated this year too under Pynursla ICDS Project. As this was the 3rd Anniversary of Poshan Maah, the focus was on identification and management of Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) children and promotion of POSHAN VATIKA (Nutri-Garden). As part of the observation of POSHAN MAAH 2020, a plantation drive was conducted at NEIMA Children's Home (Girls/Boys), Laitmyrnrieng, Pynursla for promotion of kitchen garden in which seeds were donated and distributed by the KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra), Upper Shillong, East Khasi Hills.



POSHAN MAAH ABHIYAN 2020 IN COLLABORATION WITH ICDS, ICPS, BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER & HEALTH DEPT AT JALAPHET BRI SUMER VILLAGE, EAST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT



**POSHAN MAAH ABHIYAN 2020 IN COLLABORATION WITH ICDS, ICPS,
BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER & HEALTH DEPT AT MULAIT VILLAGE,
EAST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT**



**POSHAN MAAH ABHIYAN 2020 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ICDS
ON 29/09/2020 AT KHLIEHRIAT WEST, EAST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT**



POSHAN MAAH ABHIYAAN 2020 AT THE CHILDRENS HOME GIRLS, KHLIEHRIAT

The Office of Children's Home Girls, Khliehriat observed Poshan Maah on 16th September 2020 by conducting a small sensitization programme. The programme started with a statement from the superintendent about Poshan Maah that it was launched by our Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on 8th March 2018. It was also the International Women's Day celebration.

The Paramedical staff continued the sensitization by stating that Poshan Maah is a programme to address the problem of malnutrition among women and young children. Every year Poshan Maah is celebrated all over the country under POSHAN ABHIYAAN, launch in 2018. The aim behind the celebration of Poshan Maah is to encourage *Jan Bhagidaari* - in order to ensure health and nutrition for everyone. The target of this programme is to bring down the stunting in children from 8.4% to 25% by 2025. The focus is due to COVID-19 which may increase severe acute malnourishment and burden across the country.

Children were explained about the importance of each food that is provided for them and their benefit or nutritional value. For example, the different components of food being provided are :

1. Pumpkin: pumpkin has a good amount of potassium and beta-carotene, which is a carotenoid that converts to vitamin A. It also contains some minerals including calcium and magnesium, as well as vitamins E, C and B.
2. Yam: packed with nutrition. Yams are rich in vitamins, minerals, and fiber which may enhance brain function. Eating yams may boost your brain, may ease symptoms of menopause, may have cancer fighting properties, may reduce inflammation, may improve blood sugar control.
3. Egg: rich sources of selenium, vitamin D, B6, and minerals such as zinc, iron and copper. Eggs yolks contain more calories and fat than the whites. They are a source of fat soluble vitamins A, D, E and K and lecithin, the compound that enables emulsification in recipes such as hollandaise or mayonnaise.
4. Maida: contain many nutrients such as fiber, vitamins, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, manganese and selenium.
5. Horse gram: horse gram seed contains carbohydrate, protein, dietary fiber, fat, calcium, phosphorus, iron and calories as well as vitamin like thiamine, riboflavin and niacin.
6. Carrot: carrots are a particularly good source of beta carotene, fiber, vitamin K, Potassium and antioxidants. They also have a number of health benefits.
7. Tomatoes: a tomato is a nutrient-dense super food that offers benefit to a range of bodily systems. Its nutritional content supports healthy skin, weight loss and heart health.
8. Gooseberries: gooseberries are rich in antioxidants such as phytonutrients and vitamins E and C which may help protect your brain and fight aging, type two diabetes, cancer and heart disease.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from the superintendent and refreshments that followed.

REPORT ON THE TWO DAY STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ON THE 26TH AND 27TH OF MARCH, 2021 AT SHILLONG, ORGANIZED BY NCPCR IN COLLABORATION WITH MSCPCR

"Available facilities and status of New Born and Pediatric Care in Shillong - analyzing the gap and Steps to Improve Quality of Care"

OBSERVATIONS/ GAPS/ ISSUES

Health is not an individual issue/problem but a societal one.

1. Lack of Pediatric Units.
2. No uniform distribution of Specialists especially in the rural areas.
3. Lack of infrastructure and transportation issues.
4. Junior Doctors should be trained before being sent to rural or remote areas
5. Infant and maternal mortality (increase during pandemic).
6. Services like supplementary nutrition and maternal (pre-natal, post-natal) health does not often reach the people who most need it.
7. The expectations from grassroots

service providers like Anganwadis and ASHAs in terms of 24 hour service is not commensurate with their honorarium/ payment. The role of the Anganwadis and ASHAs is an important one linking communities and ensuring government schemes and safeguards reach the most vulnerable and needy section of the society.

8. An issue that was also raised relates to the shortage of manpower (trained staff in health units).

SUGGESTIONS:

1. A key factor is convergence of all departments in addressing the most glaring issues (transport, health, education and awareness, etc).



2. Remuneration of the grassroots, field workers like Anganwadis and ASHAs should be enhanced, commensurate to their dedicated services. Many of them have to facilitate help from their own meager earnings. If they are able to augment their pay by engaging in other income generating activities, while sincerely committed to their duties would ease their financial burdens.
3. Systems of accountability and transparency should be re-examined and revamped to ensure schemes and services are not lost in paperwork and transactional deal between government representatives and community leadership. This strong recommendation for strong monitoring agencies (social audit) between policies and implementation are needed through external agencies.
4. In an increasingly cashless society - to ensure that monetary assistance should be directly transferred to the beneficiaries' account.
5. More awareness programs needed especially for mothers.
6. More stress on the 1000 days.

'Issue of Heavy Weight of School Bags

Dr Susan M. Nongsiej (DERT Faculty) and Dr B. M. Myllem (DERT Faculty) gave a presentation relating to the 2020 Policy on School Bags and its impact. Some of the issues discussed were:

1. Reduction of the weight of Schools bags which should not exceed more than 10% of the body weight of a child. However not all States and Educational Institutions have fully complied with the Guidelines.
2. Suggestions to replace loose sheets instead of multiple homework notebooks.
3. Schools should encourage sharing of heavy textbooks among children. However there is the Covid constraint to consider.
4. Some structural requirements be put in place like construction of school lockers etc. Not all Institutions may be able to comply because of financial constraints.

Dr K.K Choudhury (Director & Regional Officer, CBSE Guwahati, Assam) gave a perspective of the burden of learning that our Educational Systems impose on our children including

the weight of schoolbags. He reminded the participants that we diminish the joy of living for children which is also their right. "Let this be the contribution of this generation to the next – to be burdened less".

In her session Dr D. Pde (Pediatrician) highlighted the effects of the modern Education System and its effect on deteriorating mental health of children. The grievous injuries that can be caused by heavy school bags in the form of spinal deformities, stunted growth, posture, and effect on the circulation system and neck and head pain was further elaborated. In the ensuing discussions, it was also pointed out that children suffer emotional pain and face psychological distress because of the stress of too much homework, memorizing for exams and decreasing self esteem because of failure and other learning issues.

Dr. B. Tron (Assistant Professor CTE (PGT)) pointed out that these issues relating to children and learning had been identified by

the Government of India as early as 1992. Some of the pertinent issues she highlighted were:

1. School texts are often written by Professors which is way above the learning level of children and often unnecessary.
2. Too many subjects to learn and memorize.
3. Some topics like EVS does not require heavy textbooks when only some chapters are taught. The implication is that that some textbooks are promoted for commercial reasons.
4. The question of timetable is an important one. Often maximum subjects are crammed into a timetable which implies more homework since every teacher will allot work because they also have a target to complete. The burden is both on children and teachers as well to achieve maximum marks in the exam oriented system. This is a major cause of stress for everyone including parents.

The common outcome/suggestions that

emerged from the collective discussions were:

1. Best practices should be followed like redesigning Timetable, checking weights of schoolbags regularly, using loose sheets instead of heavy notebooks. Heavy textbooks including dictionaries to be kept at the School premises. No textbooks on minor subjects.
2. Awareness should be given to all stakeholders (teachers, students, parents).
3. Free Counseling, medical checkups for children to avail.
4. No board exams for lower classes.
5. More importantly, Notification by the State Government on weight and health of children for institutions to strictly comply with Guidelines. Old policies to be re-examined and new policies needed for changes in the Learning and Evaluation systems which are more child centric, and keeping their physical, mental and Social well being in mind.

* Report submitted and shared to the concerned Departments.



VISUALS OF THE TWO DAY STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ORGANIZED BY NCPCR IN COLLABORATION WITH MSCPCR



(From L-R) Dr Kashav Sharma State Consultant RMNCH,UNICEF Meghalaya, Shri S Chakraborty Technical expert NCPCR, Shri D D Shira Director Social Welfare Dept, Smt Iamon M Syiem Chairperson SCPCR and Smt Shiasta K Shah, Senior Consultant NCPCR



Dr Kashav Sharma, State Consultant RMNCH, UNICEF Meghalaya



Dr Sushil Longtrai, Dr H Roberts Hospital & DEIC , Ganesh Hospital



Participants of the State Level Consultation and Review Meeting



Dr D Pde, Pediatrician : Resource person - sharing her medical perspective



Shri D D Shira , Director Social Welfare Department and Doctors with NCPCR, SCPCR ,DCPU members



Shri D D Shira , MCS
Director
Social Welfare Govt of Meghalaya



Dr R Allya, Project Director
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Dr Aman War, Director of Health Services(MI)
Dept of Health, Govt of Meghalaya



NCPCR Team with SCPCR Members



**Ms Shiasta K Shah, NCPCR, SCPCR Member Smt T T D Areng , Dr S Longtrai
and SCPCR Member Smt F P Marak**

"As a Commission, it has been difficult to reach children and young people physically with the conventional methods of spreading awareness and through interactions. We need to explore other ways of reaching out to at least a section of our children and youth. We need to be relevant to the time and the situation.

Our observations indicate the increased use of social media by children during this dark period of lockdown and the pandemic. Even younger children have access to mobile phones, either, their own, or their parents, because of online classes.

Hence we have launched the YouTube Channel

TO THE LIGHT

on the 16th December 2020.

The Objective is to Empower, Educate, to make Aware, to foster Courage for the vulnerable to stand up for themselves and learn to say No when they need to, to teach them how to protect themselves and to create a sense of Wellbeing and Security. It is also to Inspire and Motivate the Young so they can Hope and Dream.

This YouTube Channel is basically their channel. We want to amplify the Voice of the Young, for the Young and mostly by the Young "



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IN THE PRESENCE OF

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AND

SHRI KYRMEN SHYLLA, MINISTER, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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Smt Theilin Phanbuh , former Chairperson Womens Commission with Smt I M Syiem Chairperson SCPCR and Shri M S Rao Chief Secretary Govt of Meghalaya



Shri M S Rao , IAS Chief Secretary Govt of Meghalaya launching the YouTube channel



**Musical performance during the launch
of the YouTube channel**



**Shri M S Rao , IAS Chief Secretary
Govt of Meghalaya**



**Shri Sampath Kumar IAS Principal
Secretary , Govt of Meghalaya**



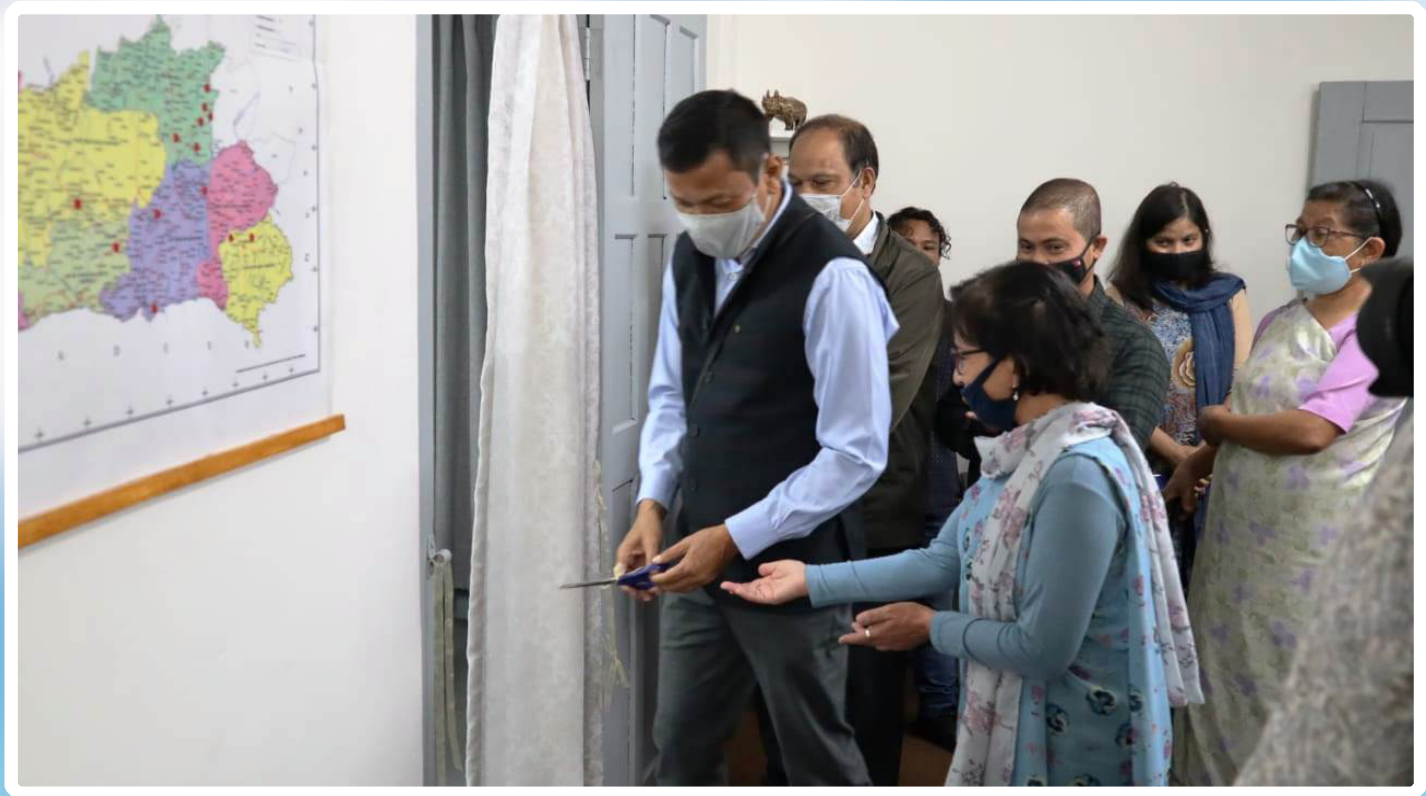
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Member Secretary SCPCR, Chairperson SCPCR and Guest with Miss Lapdiang Syiem (3rd from right) - producer of the inaugural video for the YouTube Channel



Dr D D Shira inaugurates the SCPCR Recording room "THE ANVIL" in the presence of SCPCR and Social Welfare Members



GUEST AT THE ANVIL



First recording session with members of Faith Foundation Shillong, on Personal Safety Protection Programme (PSEP) for Children



Chairperson with the Staff of Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

ANNEXURE - I

Requirement of fund for the office of the State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights for 12 (Twelve) months w.e.f. March 2020 to February 2021.

RECURRING EXPENDITURE.

A)	Honorarium of Chairperson @10,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,20,000/-
B)	P.O.L of Chairperson @ 15,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,80,000/-
C)	TA/DA of Chairperson and Members @ 2,500/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,50,000/-
D)	Electricity charge @ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 24,000/-
E)	Hospitality charges of Chairperson @ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 24,000/-
F)	Telephone bills of Chairperson @ 2,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 24,000/-
G)	Newspaper and Magazine @ 500/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 6,000/-
H)	House rent of Office Accommodation @ 17,733/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 2,12,796/-
I)	Grade IV staffs 2 Nos. attached with Chairperson 1. Resident, Consolidated pay @ 7,000/- pm x 12 Months 2. Office, Consolidated pay @ 9,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs. 84,000/- Rs. 1,08,000/-
J)	Driver attached with Chairperson @ Rs 12,000/- pm x 12 Months	Rs 1,44,000/-
K)	Sitting fees for Members (6Nos) @ 500/- per sitting for 4 times in a month for 12 months. (1,000/- x 6 Nos x 4 times x 12 Months)	Rs 1,44,000/-
L)	Maintenance of 1 No Vehicle for 12 Months	Rs 1,20,000/-
M)	Office expenses:- (Stationery & other miscellaneous) for 12 Months	Rs 1,50,000/-
N)	Maintenance of machinery equipment, material supply of repairing & computers, Xerox machine toner ink etc	Rs 75,000/-
	Total	Rs 15,65,796/-

(Rupees Fifteen Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six) Only.



**Smt. C. Kharkongor,
Chairperson, I/C
SCPCR.**


ANNEXURE - II

Requirement of fund for the office of the State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights for 12 (Twelve) months w.e.f. March 2020 to February 2021.

S. No	Name of Post	No of Post	Consolidated per month	Total Requirement
1.	L.D.A	1 (One)	Rs 12,000 pm x12	Rs 1,44,000/-
2.	Chowkidar	1 (One)	Rs 6,000 pm x 12	Rs 72,000/-
3.	Cleaner	1(One)	Rs 4,500 pm x 12	Rs 54,000/-
4.	DEO (Data Entry Operator)	1(One)	Rs. 10,000 pm x 12	Rs. 1,20,000/-
5.	Accountant	1(One)	Rs. 10,000 pm x 12	Rs. 1,20,000/-
			Total	Rs. 5,10,000/-

Total= Annexure I= Rs 15,65,796/-
Annexure II= Rs 5,10,000/-
Grand Total= Rs 20,75,796/-

(Rupees Twenty Lakh, Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six) Only.


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