



MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

FORWARD

In the financial year 2015- 16, the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights continued to effectively and successfully intervene in various important issues to secure a just resolution in favour of the children of Meghalaya. The Commission proactively engaged with civil society, government departments and the National and State Commissions of other Regional States in important areas of concern regarding the Rights of Children.

The MSCPCR as part of the awareness generation exercise, has conducted Awareness programmes in some districts of the State creating awareness on POCSO Act and the RTE Act. Programmes on Awareness of School Children was also conducted in 30 Schools/ Colleges in East Khasi Hills District on issues such as Substance Abuse, Early Marriages, Life Skills, Pros & cons of Mobile technology, RTE etc in collaboration with the State Resource Centre for Women, Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya.

The Annual Report 2015- 16 incorporates initiatives of the Commission, including various meetings, consultations, reports etc. The Annual Report has included all the accomplishments of the financial year and its activities are a testimony to its commitment of working tirelessly on all issues connected with the betterment of the children of Meghalaya. The Report also includes important circulars/ Notifications of the Government of Meghalaya which addresses various Child Rights issues.

Smti. M. Kharkongor
Chairperson

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VISION

In keeping with the vision of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Mandate of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, is to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group.

The Commission visualises a rights-based perspective and in order to touch every child, it seeks a deeper penetration to communities and households and expects that the ground experiences gathered at the field are taken into consideration by all the authorities at the higher level. Thus the Commission sees an indispensable role for the State, sound institution-building processes, respect for decentralization at the local bodies and community level and larger societal concern for children and their well-being.

BACKGROUND

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

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

The Chairperson joined the Commission on 11th March, 2014 and the office was opened on the 23rd May, 2014 at Nongshiliang, Nonthymmai, Shillong with a staff strength consisting of only the Chairperson, one peon and a chowkidar.

The Commission functioned from the above address till February, 2015 thereafter shifted its office to Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON: SMTI. MEENA KHARKONGOR

MEMBERS: SMTI. LUNGSIMON LYNGDOH
DR. (MRS) FLOURETTE G. DKHAR
SR. JUDITH SHADAP
SHRI. CARMO DE BRITTO NORONHA.
SMTI. HENRITHA. R. MARAK
SMTI. LENITHA. M. SANGMA.

All the five Members have joined the Commission except for Sr. Judith Shadap who tendered her resignation.

CASE NO. 6: NON- COMPLIANCE OF SHIFTING TO NEW PREMISES

Case No. 6 was a complaint by the parents of the Jawahar Navavidyala School where the children were staying in make- shift premises due to the on- going technicalities of the various departments. The Chairperson personally inspected the premises, met the aggrieved parents, Principal and students. Written communication was shared with the concerned Authorities by giving them 3 (Three) months notice to shift the students into the new campus. As of now, the departments are on the process of sorting out the problems. Follow- up has also been done. If the matter prolongs for much time, the commission shall take the matter to the Honourable High Court for appropriate directions.

There were cases of School ill- treatment and discriminations also brought before the commission to which the chairperson attended personally by calling for Hearings and helping the children to sit for their Annual examination and also helped one child to be re-instated back into school for being suspended from School on disciplinary grounds for more than 6(Six) months.

Other such cases brought before the Commission have been transferred to the CWC for necessary intervention and counseling.

PROGRAMMES ATTENDED ►

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON POCSO ACT, 2012 AND RTE ACT, 2009



The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Williamnagar organized a One Day District Level Awareness Campaign on Child Rights on the 5th May 2015 at DRDA Hall, Williamnagar.

Smt. Deborah C. Marak, Hon' ble Minister, Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

During the sessions, some of the subjects covered by the the Resources Persons which included Smti. M. Kharkongor Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Shri. G. Barman Rtd. Joint Director, Education Department, Smti. Junichi K. Marak, DCPO, Williamnagar were the salient features of POCSO Act, Guidelines for Police, Doctors & Magistrates; RTE Implementation; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children's) Act 2000 and Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

The programme was marked by livley interaction between the participants and the resource persons.

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The Chief Guest of the programme was Shri. Winnerson D. Sangma, parliament Secretary in Charge, Home etc.

The Resources Persons for the day Smti. M. Kharkongor Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), highlight the salient features of the on the POSCO Act and Guidelines for Police, Doctor & Magistrate; Shri. G. Burman, Retd. Joint Director of Education, presented a paper on the R. T. E. Act, 2009; Fr. Janurius S. Sangma, Principal, Don-Bosco School Tura, also presented on the Topic RTE and its importance for children and community and Shri. A. Nongrum, DSWO, Williamnagar spoke on the Juvenile Justice Act.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDENTS



Awareness Programmes on Children and Women's Rights was organized by the State Commission for Protection of Rights, Meghalaya and State Resource Centre for Women in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya and Round Table India, supported by Shillong Round Table- 252.



This Programme was initiated to spread awareness in Schools and colleges and 28 Schools and colleges in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya had the opportunity to interact with the resource persons on various topics such as Issues relating to sexual health, child trafficking, substance abuse, early marriage & its ill effects, violence against women and girl child, Life skills, and Pros and cons of Mobile technology and other gadgets.

The programme was launched on 19th June, 2015 at the St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Laitumkhrah, Shillong where Shri. P.B.O. warjri, IAS., chief Secretary to the govt., of Meghalaya was the Chief guest and Shri. H.M. shangpliang, IAS, was the Guest of Honour.

These lectures, interactive sessions, Role-play and visual Aids were facilitated by Ms. M. Kharkongor, chairperson, SCPCR and Ms. I. Warjri, Mission Director, State Resource Centre for women.

In these 28 schools and colleges spread across the East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya, 9000 + students were addressed and enlightened on the vital Issues concerning their lives as well as their relationship with Society. At large, students were delighted and happy to have received such information, which is not usually discussed in families and rarely highlighted in mainstream media.

The Interactive sessions were combined with Informative videos and games which engaged students and their attention.

All School Principals, teachers and trustees were extremely happy with these programmes being arranged in their Schools/ Colleges. They were supportive and helpful to the managing team for smooth functioning of the programme.

All these programme was conducted in a short span of time with limited available resources.



DISTRICT LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT 2015 & CHILD RIGHTS, NONGSTOIN



The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Shillong in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi organised a one day District Level Awareness Programme on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 & Child Rights at Trysem Hall, D.C's Office Nongstoin on 29th April 2016.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri. S. Kharlyngdoh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills while the Director Social welfare Department, Shillong, Meghalaya was the Guest of Honour.

The participants who actively took part during the day long deliberations were highly enriched with the discourses delivered by the resource persons which included presentations by Shri. T. Kyndiah, District Child Protection Officer, Nongstoin on the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Child) Act 2015 & Adoption. Other presentations were made by Smti. F. G. Dkhar, Associate Professor, NERIE, Member of SCPCR on the Child Rights and Child Protection enshrined in the United Nation Convention of Child Rights on the 20th November, 1989; Smt. M. Khar-kongor, Chairperson, SCPCR on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO); the District School Education Officer, West Khasi Hills on the Right to Education Act, 2009 and Shri. P. T. Blah, Deputy Labour Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District on the three important sections under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 which deals with the prohibition of child labour and penalty.

DISTRICT LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT 2015 & CHILD RIGHTS, JOWAI



The District Level Awareness Programme on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Child Rights was organized on the 12th May 2016 at the District Library Auditorium, Mynthong, Jowai by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong, in the collaboration with the District Social Welfare Officer, Jowai and the District Child Protection Unit and the change NGO. Org. Shillong. 405 (Four hundred and five) participants including school children , teachers, Government official from departments of Education, Health, Labour, DIPR, Member of Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee and the NGOs attended the programme.

The Sessions saw presentations on Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act. 1986 by Shri. B. Sohklet, Labour Inspector, Thadlaskein Block; Child Marriage and Substance Abuse among students by Smti. I. Warjri, State Resource Centre for Women; Child Rights and POCSO Act 2012 by Smti. M. Kharkongor, Chairperson of State Commissioner for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong and RTE ACT 2009 by Shri. S. V. Laloo, District Community Mobilizer Co-ordinator, SSA.

MEETING WITH MEGHALAYA CHIEF JUSTICE

Met with the Honourable Chief Justice, Shri Uma Nath Singh, Meghalaya High court, Shillong on 24th August, 2015 for discussion on the pending POCSO Cases. Also submitted statement which was shared by the SSP(CID) Deptt.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CRIME AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Conducted AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CRIME AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN at Church of God, Qualapatty, Shillong on 11th Nov, 2015.

CHILDREN PROTECTION POLICY

The SCPCR has submitted a draft Proposal for approval and sanction on the “ Child Protection Policy” to the Government which in the near future is to be implemented by all the Schools in the State.

PROGRAMMES ATTENDED IN RELATION TO CHILD RIGHTS

	One Day programme at Rabidranath Stadium, Agartala on RTE ACT 2009	
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4	Consultation Programme on “ Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” organized by FST, Guwahati.	

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RECEIPT INCOME EXPENDITURE 2015-2016

Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya, Shillong-793001, Contact No. 0364-2500175

Ref: No. MSCP(CR)

Date: ___/___/2016

Statement I

Statement Showing the Annual Report on the Receipt, Income & Expenditure,
Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shillong.

Sanction vide No. SW/SD/6/2006/Pt.III/5090

Dated 27th Oct 2015

'A' Recurring Expenditure

Sl. No	Particulars	Receipt Amount	Expenditure
1.	Honorarium of Chairperson	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
2.	P.O.L of Chairperson	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
3.	TA/DA of Chairperson and Members	Rs. 90,000/-	Rs. 90,000/-
4.	Electricity charge	Rs. 6,000/-	Rs. 6,000/-
5.	Hospitality Charges of Chairperson	Rs. 9,000/-	Rs. 9,000/-
6.	Telephone bills of Chairperson	Rs. 6,000/-	Rs. 6,000/-
7.	Newspaper and Magazine	Rs. 2,700/-	Rs. 2,700/-
8.	House rent Charges of office accommodation	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
9.	Honorarium of Grade IV Staffs 2Nos	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
10.	Driver, attached with Chairperson	Rs. 36,000/-	Rs. 36,000/-
11.	Sitting allowance of Members (6Nos)	Rs. 1,08,000/-	Rs. 1,08,000/-
12.	Counselor (Part Time) @ consolidated pay of Rs. 5,000/- Pm	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-
	Total	Rs. 5,27,700/-	Rs. 5,27,700/-

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RECEIPT INCOME EXPENDITURE 2015-2016 (2)

**Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,
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Date: ___/___/2016

Statement II

'B' Recurring Expenditure

For the Month with effect 1st April 2015 to November 2015


Sl. No	Particulars	Receipt Amount	Expenditure
1.	Honorarium of Chairperson	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
2.	P.O.L of Chairperson	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
3.	TA/DA of Chairperson and Members	Rs. 1,20,000/-	Rs. 1,20,000/-
4.	Electricity charge	Rs. 8,000/-	Rs. 8,000/-
5.	Hospitality Charges of Chairperson	Rs. 12,000/-	Rs. 12,000/-
6.	Telephone bills of Chairperson	Rs. 8,000/-	Rs. 8,000/-
7.	Newspaper and Magazine	Rs. 3,600/-	Rs. 3,600/-
8.	House rent Charges of office accommodation	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
9.	Honorarium of Grade IV Staffs 2Nos	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
10.	Driver, attached with Chairperson	Rs. 48,000/-	Rs. 48,000/-
11.	Sitting allowance of Members (6Nos)	Rs. 1,44,000/-	Rs. 1,44,000/-
12.	Counselor (Part Time) @ consolidated pay of Rs. 5,000/- Pm	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-
Total		Rs. 7,03,600/-	Rs. 7,03,600/-

	RECEIPT	EXPENDITURE
Statement I	Rs. 5,27,700/-	Rs. 5,27,700/-
Statement II	Rs. 7,03,600/-	Rs. 7,03,600/-
Total	Rs. 12,31,300/-	Rs. 12,31,300/-

Certified that the amount received has been fully utilized for the purpose for which it was sanction and also the above Expenditure has been check, verified by me and found correct.



Smt. M. Kharkongor,
Chairperson
SCPCR



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