

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CHALLENGED
PEOPLE, Meghalaya (ACP)**

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“NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US”

ATTITUDES ARE THE REAL DISABILITY!

CURE PREJUDICE NOW!

**Bethany Society Campus, Lady Veronica
Lane, Laitumkhrach, Shillong 793003
Meghalaya**

AT A GLANCE 2010 - 11:

Milestones that mark achievement & change:

- Established **units** in **7** new blocks of Meghalaya
- More than **500** members have been registered with the Association since its inception
- Facilitating members to avail of **Disability Certificates** along with Disability Identity Cards
- Training **100** DPO leaders towards building an **inclusive, barrier free, rights based society** for all
- Facilitating members to **avail of Scholarships**, Book Grants, Uniform Grants, and Reader Allowance for the Visually Impaired.
- Being part of a **network** of DPOs/NGOs across the State, North East and the country
- Established the **Meghalaya Deaf Association** and linking persons with hearing impairment with National Association of the deaf
- Facilitating PWDs across Meghalaya and the North east to avail micro credit to **150** PWDs for livelihood programmes
- Formation of **2 new SHGs**, 1 in West Khasi Hills and 1 in Shillong
- Enrolment of PWDs in **employment exchanges**, **10** PWDs from each district of the State and availing Unemployment Allowance
- Helping **50** PWDs to avail of **poverty alleviation schemes** of the government.
- Raised awareness on the **UNCRPD** to PWDs, their families, the community, NGOs and the government.
- Reaching out to **3000** PWDs, their families, community and the government to sensitize the importance of being counted. [**Census 2011**]
- Being part of the National and State Consultation on the **Draft New Law** for PWDs
- Being part of the National and Zonal **CBR India Network**
- Strengthening and expanding the DPO movement across Meghalaya and the North East through the **District Disability Advocacy Programme** facilitated by CBR Forum Bangalore
- Working with the government to include persons with disability in the **MGNREGS livelihood** programme of the government
- **Capacity building** to strengthen the Leadership Skills of members to meet the needs in the field.
- Follow up and documentation of **50 cases** of **discrimination** against PWDs with the government, the community and PWDs
- Facilitated the collection of information of **200** PWDs pursuing Secondary Education so that they can benefit from the Inclusive Education for Disabled in Secondary School Scheme (IEDSS)
- Meetings were held regularly at the Head Office, Shillong. The monthly meetings attendance was **100 %**, during 2010

Association profile:

Registration Details:

Registered under Registrar of Societies Meghalaya, the 9th February 2005

No. E. 16(RS) 8/2005/28

Address and contact details:

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We dream...

Of a world where persons with disability are a fundamental part and parcel of the family and the community

We work towards this by forming partnerships with NGOs, DPOs, Parents Association of the disabled, the government, the community.....

We work with persons with disability, their families and the community especially those residing in remote rural areas

We work across Meghalaya and the North East

We advocate..... for change

MANAGEMENT:

The following are the board members of the Association of Challenged People, Meghalaya:

President	: Ms. Melip Sangma
Vice- President	: Ms. Diedre R Momin.
General Secretary	: Mr. Sweety Wanniang.
Assistance Secretary	: Mr. Elkin Rynniaw.
Treasurer	: Ms. Sona Choudhary.
Publicity Secretary	: Ms. Marsina,Mr. Schwalet Tang.
Executive Members	: Mr. Richard Lamin, Mr. Cornelius Lyngdoh, Ms. Pynhoi Tang.
Advisers	: 1. Mr. Gary M G Nengnong, 2. Mr. H. Sahkhar, 3. Ms. Bertha G Dkhar.

MEMBERSHIP:

ACP registered members' district wise [Cross Disability]:

SL. No.	DISTRICTS	Number
1.	East Khasi Hills	109
2.	West Khasi Hills	60
3.	West Garo Hills.	165
4.	East Garo Hills.	129
5.	Ri – Bhoi district	10
6.	South Garo Hills	31
7.	Jaintia Hills	34
	Total	538



WE CONQUER!

Financial Summary:

Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31 March 2011

Opening balance: As of April 1, 2010 : Rs. 10, 155/=

Closing balance : As of March 31, 2011 : Rs. 4008/=

Cash in hand : As of March 31, 2011 : Nil

Cash at bank : As of March 31, 2011 : Rs. 4008/=

Expenditure breakup for 12 months :

S.No	Particulars	Amount spent	Remarks
1.	Travel	2240/=	Travel local for meetings, availing certificates etc
2.	Refreshment: Meetings	1000/=	Tea Snacks during meetings
3.	Stationery/Documentation		
3.1	Xerox	1087/=	
3.2	Sign Board	600/=	Office sign board
3.3	Pen drive	500/=	4 GB pen drive
3.4	Receipt books	320/=	Association receipt books
4.	Hiring of hall	200/=	Hiring of Emmanuel hall, Jaintia Hills [General meeting]
5.	Others	200/=	
	Total:	6147/=	Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven only

Thank you:

The Association of Challenged People Meghalaya is grateful to:

1. Bethany Society Meghalaya for every support
2. Light for the World Vienna, Austria for supporting advocacy programmes through the Legal Awareness Cell of Bethany Society
3. JJ O Dwyer and friends, Ireland for promoting livelihood programmes for PWDs in Meghalaya and the North East
4. CBR Forum Bangalore for technical support
5. Partner NGOs across the North East and parents association
6. The Government of Meghalaya
7. National Association of the Deaf
8. The Disability Law Unit of Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati, Assam
9. NCPEDP [National Centre for the promotion of employment of disabled people, New Delhi]
10. Persons with disability across Meghalaya and the country who continue to inspire the Association to stand up and fight for our rights.

Support us: Towards an inclusive, barrier free & a rights based society for all

We value every donation

Your generosity and commitment help us help people with disability improve their lives

**Online donation: can be donated through Bethany Society Meghalaya at
<http://www.bethanysocietygiveindia.org>**

By cheque: made payable to: Association of Challenged People Meghalaya

OUTREACH AND HOME VISITS:



ACP Members counselling parents of a hearing and speech Impaired child after the child was assaulted by her mother and sisters.

Brief description of workshops, consultations and trainings attended by members:

- 10th - 12th Feb, 2010: **“Facilitation Skills”**, organized by “Idea Institute for Development Action”. The purpose is to strengthen the Leadership Skills to meet the needs in the field.
- 30th Nov, 2010: **“Global networking”**, organized by “WASH”. This is a livelihood programme was based on livelihood as most of the participants were from different Self Help Group of different parts of Khasi Hills. The purpose is to help PWDs to get information and understanding about Self Help Group.
- 16th – 17th Dec, 2010: **“Capacity Building”**, organized by “The National Trust” in collaboration with MEPAD (Meghalaya Parent’s Association for the Disabled). The purpose is to train PWDs to develop a project.
- **19th- 20th, August, 2010: “Intensive Training for DPOs Leaders”** to be effective in service delivery, confidence building and facilitate formation of DPOs to reach to more PWDs for awareness about their Rights and benefits.
- **13TH – 17TH September, 2010:** “Advocacy Training for DPOs, this training was organized by the Legal Awareness Cell, Bethany Society. The Resource Person for this training was Shri. Ramakrishna from Orissa, the purpose of this training is to help DPO’s and PWDs for advocating their rights and lobbying. The participants on this training were ACP and DPO’s from all the 7 (Seven) District including CBR workers.
- **1st – 2nd February, 2010: “TDAP Training”** organized by Legal Awareness Cell, Bethany Society, Shri. Mahesh Chandrasekhar, and Miss Battihun Mary Khongmawloh, Advocacy Officer CBR Forum Bangalore, attended as facilitators. The purpose is to strengthen and expand the DPO movement across the North East. The participants are DPO’s and CBR Workers from Tripura, Mizoram, and Meghalaya.
- A 1 day workshop was organized by the **National Association of the Deaf**, on 27th March, 2010 at Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati. Ten members of the Meghalaya Deaf Association attended this workshop, with support from Bethany Society. The purpose is to help the members of the Meghalaya Deaf Association to be aware of the **UNCRPD**, Rights of Person with Disabilities, and to link them with the National Association of the Deaf.
- A 2 day **CBR National Seminar** organized by CBR India Network was attended by ACP members on the 10th & 11th December 2010

- **Consultation on Draft new law** on rights of PWDs was attended by the President on the 17th February 2011.
- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme: Inclusion of PWDs** on the 17th February 2011

CELEBRATION of National & International days of PWDs:

The Association of Challenged People Meghalaya in collaboration with the government and NGOs celebrated the following **National & International days of PWDs:**

World Deaf Day 27th September

World White Cane Day 15th October

All India Flag Day for the blind 14th September

World Disability Day 3rd December



Jrip Dorphang (rape victim) during pregnancy period and her mother.



WORKSHOP ON UNCRPD AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT for the Hearing Impaired:





We too have a RIGHT to VOTE!