

ASSOCIATION OF CHALLENGED PEOPLE (ACP) ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13



“NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US”

**Bethany Society, Lady Veronica Lane,
Laitumkrah, Shillong-793003
Meghalaya**

Attitude is the little thing that makes a Big Difference

ACP AT A GLANCE....

Milestones that mark achievements & Change:

- Established 39/40 DPOs at different blocks of Meghalaya networking with other NGOs in North East.
- More than 700 members have been registered with the Association of Challenged People
- We facilitate PWDs in availing Disability Certificate and ID cards
- Capacity Building of Leadership Training to 200 PWDs across Meghalaya and North East.
- Being part of a network of DPOs/NGOs across the state, North East and the Country
- Facilitating PWDs to avail of Scholarships, Book Grants, and Reader Allowance for the Visually Impaired.
- Raised awareness on the UNCRPD to PWDs, through Media.
- 600 PWDs above 18+ availing the Chief Minister Social Assistance Scheme.
- 40 PWDs pursuing higher studies availed the State Resource Centre Scholarship for Meritorious Students.
- Registration of Meghalaya Deaf Association.
- 20 PWDs availed voter ID Card and exercised their franchise Right to vote.
- Capacity Building to strengthen the Leadership skills of members to meet the needs in the field.
- Working with government to include PWDs in the MGNEGS livelihood programme.
- ACP taken action in many discrimination cases.
- Being a part of the CBR World Congress.
- Facilitating formation of Parents Association of the Disabled in rural areas.
- Being a part of 9 is mine Campaign Universal Periodic Review in UN.
- Being part of Consultation for Implementation of Women rights in Meghalaya.
- Follow up on different discrimination cases.
- Strengthened ACP by conducting capacity building in all districts of Meghalaya.
- Being part of Review meeting of NHFDC
- Home Visit conducted to each and every PWD with discrimination cases.
- Meeting with headman of different villages on awareness of rights of PWDs
- Facilitated PWDs in availing aids and appliances from Civil Hospital Shillong.
- Facilitated PWDs in availing Megha Health insurance Scheme.
- Mainstreamed Sign language as one of the Communication Skills in Avenues, Shillong.
- Facilitated in publishing the Poem cassettes into Sign Language and the name of the poem is "Keeping quiet" of class xii. In collaboration with Batesi TV by MS. Ridahun. Khriam from Bethany Society and Mr. Joshua of ST. MARY COLLEGE



ACP HOME VISIT PROGRAMME

LINKING PWDS TO VOCATIONAL TRAININGS



AVAILING SCHOLARSHIPS

Profile...

Association of Challenged People (ACP) Meghalaya is a voluntary, secular and not for profit association working for the rights of Person with Disability.

We Dream...

A world of equal opportunities where everyone participates and strive towards an inclusive, barrier free environment.

We work towards this by...

Forming DPOs/ACP across the state of Meghalaya, by creating awareness, sensitization, advocacy, lobbying and pressurizing the policy makers, governments, communities, institutions by empowering Person with Disabilities (PWD)

We work with...

Person with disability – cross disability without distinction of caste, creed, race or religion in Meghalaya and form partnership with other organization/NGOs across North East working for a similar cause.

Our Objectives:

- ❖ To assists PWDs in availing their physical, medical, educational, and economic needs.
- ❖ To act as self advocacy, ensuring rights of PWDS through implementation of PWD Act 1995, UNCRPD, National Trust and Mental Health Act.
- ❖ To train and empower DPOs leaders towards building an inclusive barrier free, right based society for all.
- ❖ Creating opportunities by facilitating PWDs across Meghalaya and North East India to avail livelihood programmes through the Legal Aid Cell.
- ❖ To disseminate informations on disability issues among PWDs and to the public in general.

Our way forward...

Make the Right Real – Break to Include

ASSOCIATION PROFILE:

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

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

Address...

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Workshops, Consultations and Trainings



**FACILITATING
PARENTS
ASSOCIATION OF THE
DISABLED**



**WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY
BUILDING FOR PWDS IN RI-
BHOI DISTRICT**



**DPO TRAINING FOR NORTH EAST
PARTNERS IN TEZPUR**



Brief Description of Workshops, Consultations and trainings attended by Members:

- 21st April, 2012: Collaborated with ICARE on observing World Earth Day. Various NGOs across the state, Schools and Colleges joined this movement of Saving the Wah Umkhrah & Umshyrpi". This programme was supported by Govt. India.
- 28th April 2013: Mobilize Parents Association of the Disabled in Sohbar in association with LAC, Bethany Society.
- 18th May 2012: Attended "Mainstreaming Disability in Disaster Management" organized by MSW Students from St. Edmunds. The programme was attended by teachers from special schools, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Meghalaya, students of Jyoti Sroat School.
- 18th May 2012: Being part of the Review meeting of NHFDC in Chamber of director of social welfare.
- 7th June 2012: Leadership & Capacity Building Training for PWDs has been conducted at Phramer and formation of ACP in Jowai Tatlaskein Block Jaintia hills
- 25th June 2012: Capacity Building Training on Sign Language has been conducted in Jaintia Hills, Phramer. Empowerment to the hearing impaired.
- 18th July 2012: Conducted Capacity Building training in Songsak, East Garo Hills in order to Strengthen of ACP.
- Awareness of Rights of PWDS and ACP in Jangrapara village Tekkrikella block West Garo Hills on 24th July 2012.
- 30th July 2012: Conducted Advocacy Otraining for CBR partners in Bethany Society.
- 11-13th October 2012: Attended workshop on "Disability Inclusive Development Training" organized by CDD Bangladesh.
- 31st August 2012: District Level Workshop on Rural Livelihood & Employment of PWDs organized by Disability Employment Initiative (DEI), Shishu Sarothi in collaboration with Bethany Society in NAWWA Hall, Nongpoh, Ri-Bhoi District. PWD from Nongpoh, Nongsder, Umling, Mawdiangum, Nongkhrah, PahamSyiem, Mawroh attended the programme.
- 17th Aug, 2012: Advocacy conducted to the BDO of Laskein Block for forming SHG atleast 5 members only for PWDs.
- 13th October 2012: Distribution of cheques on Social Assistance for PWDs, Widows and infirms; in Shillong Press Club. Melip Sangma was a spoke person on behalf of ACP to the Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma for implementating the scheme.
- 15th October 2012: Being part of the Review Meeting on PWD ACT. Ms. B.G. Dkhar attended the programme in the office of the Commissioner for PWDs
- 27-30th October 2012: Conducted a workshop in collaboration with Legal Aid Cell, Bethany Society, on "Capacity building for PWDs" in Municipal hall Baghmara.
- 14th Nov 2012: published the Poem cassettes into Sign Language and the name of the poem is "Keeping quiet" of class xii. In collaboration with Batesi TV by MS. Ridahun. Khriam from Bethany Society and Mr. Joshua of ST. MARY COLLEGE .

- 19th November 2012: Collaborated with ICARE on “Consultation Meet on Anti Corruption” in Youth Centre Shillong. The objective is to form a committee amongst the youth in order to be alert on the anti-corruption activities of the government.
- ACP in collaboration with Bethany Society, NGOs and DPO partners from North East India joined over 1,000 delegates from around the globe attending the first Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) World Congress. The event was held in Agra, India from 26-28 November 2012, with the aim of promoting CBR as a global strategy to realize the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- On 3rd of December 2012, raise Awareness on issue of disability in the state of Meghalaya through media Shillong press on World Disability Day and stressed that Cultural Programme on this day will not bring change, we need action.
- 15th January 2013: ACP members attended the Citizen’s Conference at Martin Luther Christian University on Security of Women and Gender Related Issues. It was organized by ICARE and many delegates from different NGO’s were attended
- 27th January 2013: Collaborated with Social Welfare Department and Commissioner for Women India, on a one day seminar on “ Woman Empowerment” in Laitumkhrah, Shillong.
- 18th – 30th February 2013: Attended a workshop on “Gender and Disability” conducted by CBM-SARO in Bangalore.
- 29-30 Jan 2013: Conducted DPO Taining in Tezpur, Assam for partners EHA Delhi focusing on the formation of DPO.
- 26th March 2013 : Empowerment of Women was organized once again on where they make suggestions on implementation of rights of women.
- Awareness and formation of ACP has been conducted, in 4 villages;
 - Kyndong Tuber Village, Block – Laskein, (8 members) on 23rd /03/2011.
 - Jowai Thadlaskein block of Jaintia Hills (10 member)26th June 2012
 - Pammanik Village, Block – Laskein, (14 members) on 16th /09/2011.
 - Mootyrshiah Village, Block – Laskein, (10 members) on 23rd / 09/ 2011.
 - Jowai Town, Block – Thadlaskein, (13 members) on 07th / 06/ 2012.

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	:	Ms. Sweety Wanniang
Assistance Secretary	:	Mr. Elkin Rynniaw
Treasurer	:	Ms. Sona Choudhary
Publicity Secretary	:	Ms. Ridahun Khriam, Mr. Shwalet Tang, Ms. Marsina Marak
Executive Members	:	Mr. Richard Lamin, Mr. Cornelius Lyngdoh, Ms.Pynhoi Tang

Some Success Story we would like to Share...

- Bhabiang Shylla was rejected admission in Kiang Nongbah College because she was disabled, the ACP complaint to Commissioner for Person with Disability and created awareness on PWD Act 1995 and 3% reservation in all education and employment Sector to the authorities in the College. Today Bhabiang is admitted and pursuing her graduation.
- Celine Lawai with locomotor Disability initially was very shy, she always tried to exclude herself from social group, never meets people and so on... One day, the President of ACP Mary Khongmawloh met her and explained to her about the ACP and its objectives and activities, she was touched she joined the association and started coming out of her own world. Now she meets people, walk on the public road with wheelchair and pushed by a friend who is visually impaired and is employed. She wants to carry that same spirit and encourage other PWDs who are like her.
- Mr. Bhanu Ghosh person with Speech & Hearing Impairment, who has been assaulted by Assam Rifle Jawans on the 20th of December 2010, as the case is too hard because the victim were discriminate in the court while fighting for his right. ACP met the Special Advocates named Smt. Satrupa Bhattacharjee and Smt. Rebina Subha, from the Legal Right Forum, to follow up and give legal advice. According to them they said that the case should not be stopped but it should be follow up, they also said that on 15th May 2012, they will quietly sit in the court and hear how they speak. If there is discrimination again, they will not say anything but in their group, they will discuss the issues. Bhanu Ghosh has closed the case and he got 2 lakhs compensation for his medical treatment.



ACP ATTENDING 1ST CBR WORLD CONGRESS IN AGRA

FINANCIAL REPORT 2012-2013

❖ Starting w.e.f April 2012.

EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS PROGRAMMES

Sl. No.	Date	Purpose	Particular	Amount
1.	19/04/2012	To District social welfare	Taxi fares	20.00.
2.	20/04/2012	To DC office	Taxi fares (2 persons)	20.00.
3.	24/04/2012	To Civil Hospital	Taxi fares.	20.00.
4.	13/08/2012	To Myllem CDPO for submission of CM Assistance of Smt. Badarahun Sawkmie.	Taxi fares	40.00.
5.	07/02/2013	Donation to Mother of Khlurbatyngshain.	R.I.P of Khlurbatyngshain Kharbihkhiew.	500.00.
6.	08/03/2013	Donation to Parent of Raju Chettri.	R.I.P of Mr. Raju Chettri, ACP member Ribhoi District.	400.00.
			Total	1000.00.

PAYMENT ON VARIOUS EXPENDITURE

Sl. No.	Date	Particulars	Quantity	Amount
1.	23/05/2012	Card	1 nos.	50.00.
2.	13/06/2012	Xerox	15 Copies	90.00.
3.	15/06/2012	Xerox	7 copies.	7.00.
			Total	147.00.

RECEIVED FROM DONATION, SUBSCRIPTION, ETC,

Sl. No.	Date	Source	Amount
1.	13/08/2012	Annual membership fees subscription	50.00.
2.	21/01/2013	Donation from Mr. Benister Kharpor	500.00.
3.	21/01/2013	Donation from Mr. Ajir	500.00.
		Total	1050.00.

Opening Balance	=	9,702.00.
Total Donation, Subscription	= +	1,050.00.
Total	=	10,752.00.
Total Expenditure Spend	= -	1,147.00.
Total	=	9,605.00.
Bank Interest	=	392.00.
Total	=	9997.00.
Closing Balance	=	9997.00.
Bank Account till 31st /03/2013	=	10,594.00.
Cash in Hand	=	50.00.

CELEBRATION OF National & International Days of PWDs



**WORLD DEAF DAY 27th
September 2012**

**World Disabled Day 3rd
December 2012**



It's My Right to Vote!

**Meghalaya Vote Day 23rd
Feb, 2013**

In gratitude...

Our work would not be possible without your support:-

- Light for the World Austria for supporting advocacy Programme through Legal Aid Cell
- Bethany Society for every support and guidance
- CBR Forum for technical Support
- Govt. of Meghalaya
- Partners across North East and Parents Association
- National Association of the Deaf
- The Disability Law Unit, Shishu Sarothi
- PWDs across Meghalaya



Support us: Towards an Inclusive, Barrier free & a right based society for all

We value every donation

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

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