

MARY RICE CENTRE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Lady Veronica Lane, Laitumkhrach, Shillong, Meghalaya - 793003.

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A Unit of the Society for the Welfare of the Disabled, **Mary Rice Centre for Special Education** is a non-profit, secular organization which has been catering to the needs of children and young adults with disability, and their families since 1989.

ORGANISATION INFORMATION

1. **Name of the Organization:**

MARY RICE CENTRE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

(A UNIT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE DISABLED)

2. **Contact Person:** Adreena D. Kharshi-ing (Headmistress)

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3. **Registration details:**-Registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act XII of 1983 No. SR/TSFTWOTD-255/90 of 1990.

4. **FCRA registration number:** 214250083 of 2003.

5. **Background information about the organization**

Mary Rice Centre for Special Education started offering services to persons with disability as early as 1989, when such services were rare in this part of the country. It started as a day care centre in a rented two roomed accommodation at Holy Cross Villa, Red Hill Road, Laitumkhrach, Shillong with 2 students. Today, the centre reaches out to over 100 students daily. The school building stands on land donated by the Congregation of Christian Brothers at Lady Veronica Lane, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. The building was funded by Light for the World, an Austrian funding agency and The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.

We dream.....

To better the Quality of Life of Persons with Disability, through inclusion in the Community, Equal Opportunities and Advocacy of Rights.

We work towards this by.....

Providing Direct Services in the form of Assessment, Special Education, Physical and Speech Therapy, Vocational training and Counselling with the aim of facilitating maximum personal development and integration in the community.

Facilitating Positive Awareness in the area of disability.

Promoting Self Advocacy by empowering persons with disabilities and their families.

Stressing the importance of **Quality of Life** of Persons with Disabilities and their families.

We work with.....

Persons with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Autism, Multiple Disability, Learning Disability and Locomotor Disabilities between the age groups of 0 to 18 years

Meet Radhika



Radhika Biswas came to Mary Rice Centre for Special Education at the age of 5 years with a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome with Delayed Speech & Language. She was admitted to the Early Intervention Unit in 2016. When she joined she was able to follow one word instructions and do simple activities when given full prompts. She had difficulties in performing eye-hand co-ordination activities. She had unclear speech.

She was admitted to the day school in 2017 and with intensive intervention Radhika has shown improvement and is presently placed in class 1. She communicates with her classmates and teachers verbally (in one word) or through gestures and can now follow 2 simple related instructions. She enjoys singing rhymes and library time as she gets to look at different pictures and listen to different stories read by the teacher. She has made a lot of friends and helps her classmates like putting their bags in the proper places, arranging things properly in the class. She co-operates and interacts well with other students in the school. She has now started to write the letters of the English Alphabet and numerals. She has number concept 1 - 3. She can match, sort and identify simple common objects and pictures. She is able to do self-care like brushing teeth, dressing/undressing, grooming, feeding and clean self after using the toilet. She enjoys coming to the school and participates in all school activities.

Meet Fernando



Fernando was a class II student in a regular junior school. His parents brought him to Mary Rice Centre for Special Education because his academic performance was not at par with other students of his class. He came to our centre as an Out Patient on 29th Sept 2014, and joined MRCE in March 2015 and was placed in class III. He was able to answer questions related to the topic orally but had difficulties in reading, writing and spelling simple and familiar words. He had problem behaviors and would throw tantrums and did not cooperating in activities given.

Over the years and with intervention Fernando has shown improvements in many areas i.e functional academic, writing skills, home skills and social skills. He can now write simple sentences related to simple questions given, copy independently from the board and

books and even answers questions related to the topics through mind- mapping and drawings. He is good in drawing. He communicates well with others and is very helpful in the class. He can follow complex instructions, can relate to a story told by the teacher and answer correctly to the questions related to it. He actively participates in activities assigned to him. He loves co - curricular activities especially cooking and wants to become a successful chef in the future. He was selected to participate in the Inclusive Children Parliament Zonal meet held in Kohima in Oct 2018 and participated well in the programme. He represents the school in various programmes and activities outside school.

The Managing Committee (2015- 2018)

No.	Designation	Name
1	President	Mr. B.N.S. Diddan
2	Secretary	Ms. Adreena D. Kharshi-ing
3	Joint Secretary to Managing Committee	Mrs. Audrey L. Massar
4	Persons with Disability Representative	Mr. Milford Thangkhiew
5	Parent/ Guardian Representative	Ms. Balarina V. Kharkongor
6	Parent/ Guardian Representative	Mrs. Susmita Hajong
7	Teacher Representative	Mrs. Mebapyntngen Fancon
8	General Body Representative	Mrs. Shyama Joshi
9	Donor Representative	Ms. Mondakini Basu
10	Christian Brothers Representative	Br. Solomon Morris
11	Nominated Member	Ms. Wanriburom Rani

STAFF IN 2018

Name	Designation	Years of Service in MRCSE
1. Ms. Adreena D. Kharshi-ing	Headmistress, Special Educator	18 years
2. Ms. Audrey L.C. Massar	Special Educator and Basic Developmental Therapist	14 years
3. Ms. Mebapyntngen Fancon	Physiotherapist	14years
4. Ms. Delphinium Lyngdoh	Special Educator	13 years
5. Ms. Nostina Thein	Special Educator	15 years
6. Ms. Diamond Wankhar	Special Educator	8 years
7. Ms. Berrilang Nongrum	Special Educator	11 years
8. Ms. Josephine Lyngdoh	Special Educator	7 years
9. Ms. Kyntiewlin Lyngskor	Special Educator	7 years
10. Ms. Charissa Rumnong	Physiotherapist	7 years
11. Ms. Sylvia M. Nongbet	Physiotherapist	9 mths
12. Ms. Tania Deb	Special Educator	3 years
13. Ms. Balarine D. Nongspung	Special Educator	3 years
14. Ms. Wankmenlang Nongrum	Teacher	11 mths
15. Ms. Sonia Khongsar	Teacher	11 mths
16. Ms. Sumitra Das	Teacher	11 mths
17. Ms. Amanda Kharsyiemieng	Teacher	11 mths
18. Ms. Angelina Kharnarian	Teacher's Assistant	21 years
19. Ms Brigitta Sohtun	Teacher's Assistant	20 years
20. Mr. Benedict P. Shylla	Accountant	11 years
21. Mr. Prabodh Hajong	Office Assistant	16 years
22. Ms. Pauline Passah	Office Assistant	10 mths
23. Ms. Stilinda Mawlong	Helper	28 years
24. Ms. Blantina Marbaniang	Helper	18 years
25. Ms. Eveda Thabah	Helper	2 years
26. Ms. Diangtimai Kharmih	Helper	6 mths
27. Ms. Philamon Warjri	Helper	5 years
28. Mr. Williebrod Marbaniang	Helper	4 years

SERVICES OFFERED

Nature of service	Description	Age group	No. of beneficiaries
Direct Services (Centre Based)	1. Early Intervention and Baby Clinic	0-5 yrs	15
	2. OPD	0-18 yrs	24
	3. School for Special Education in an Inclusive Setup.	6-14 yrs	79
	4. Support Services for Mainstream School students	5-14 yrs	8
	5. Vocational Training Unit	15-18yrs	9
	6. Physiotherapy	All age groups	36
	7. Services for children with Autism	0 - 18 yrs	24
Home Based Services (Urban)	Special Education, Physiotherapy and Counseling	All age groups	37

STUDENTS PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Date	Event	Organizers	Number of Participants
12 th April 2018	School Fete	Jyoti Sroat Inclusive School	50
6 th July 2018	Awareness Programme on Child Sexual Health	CHILDLINE, Shillong in collaboration with Social Welfare Dept, Bosco Institute, Jorhat	48
17 th July 2018	School and State Level Painting/Poster Competition on Energy Conservation 2018	North East Electric Power Co-orporation	10
31 st July 2018	Celebrating the Reading Mission	Office of the State Project Director, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	30
11 th August 2018	Shillong Run 2018	Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives	5
15 th August 2017	"At Home" on the occasion of Independence Day	Office of the Raj Bhavan, Shillong	20
20 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Swachhata Awareness Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
21 st August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Green School Drive	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
23 rd August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Hand Wash Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
24 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Personal Hygiene Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	80
27 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Community Participation Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
28 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Swachhata School Exhibition Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
28 th August 2018	Wildlife Week Celebration 2018	Office of the Range Forest Officer, Protection Range, Meghalaya, Shillong	3
29 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Swachh Water Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	70
30 th August 2018	Traditional Dance at National Level Seminar on North East Strategic Plan for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare & Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	10
30 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Water Harvesting Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	33
20 th August 2018	Swachhta Pakhwada 2018 Letter Writing Day	Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India through State Project Office, SEMAM, SSA-RMSA, Meghalaya	8
20 th Sept 2018	Swachh Bharat Pakhwada Awareness Prog & Drawing and Colouring Competition	Officers of NER, Geological Survey of India, Shillong	54
29 th Oct 2018	State Level Painting on Energy Conservation 2018	North East Electric Power Co-orporation	1
29 th , 30 th & 31 st Oct	Inclusive Children's Parliament	RAISE-NE	2

2018	Zonal Meet 2018 held in Kohima		
6 th Nov 2018	Food Fest cum Art & Craft Exhibition cum Sale	School and Centre for the Hearing Handicapped Children	70
19 th & 20 th Nov 2018	Umang Festival	Arts and Culture Dept, Govt of Meghalaya, Shillong	10
12 th March 2019	Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Programme	Urban Primary Health Centre Demseiniong, Shillong	4
23 rd March 2019	World Down's Syndrome Day Echocardiography Camp	Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Meghalaya State Branch	15

Workshops attended by staff in 2018

Date	Workshop	Organisers	No. of staff attended
2 nd April 2018	World Autism Day- Training-cum-Awareness Programme	Nazareth Hospital	2
3 rd May 2018	Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	2
22 nd May 2018	Social Roles Valorization	Keystone Institute India, The Hans Foundation, Bethany Society & The National Trust	1
24 th & 25 th May 2018	Planning Tools for Inclusive Practice; Dynamic Processes for Change	Bethany Society	2
14 th , 16 th & 20 th August 2018	Subject Teaching	MRCSE	13
25 th August 2018	Child & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding and Gender Policies	Society for the Welfare of the Disabled	27
30 th & 31 st August 2018	National Level Seminar on North East Strategic Plan for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare & Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities	2
29 th September 2018	Webinar on Bully to Buddy	Nazareth Hospital in collaboration with Fortis Hospital, Delhi	2
4 th & 5 th Oct 2018	Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities, Women, Children etc.	State Disaster Management Authority, Meghalaya in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority, Govt of India	2
8 th & 19 th Dec 2018	Progress without Change is Impossible	CBM Bangalore in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities	1
22 nd Dec 2018	Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Meghalaya State Branch	2
20 th , 21 st & 22 nd Feb 2019	A Taste of Braindancing - Insights into Creative Brilliance	MRCSE	18
28 th Feb 2019	Methodology of Sensory Integration Therapy and its Implications	MRCSE	18
11 th March 2019	An Inclusive Day	RAISE-NE in collaboration with MRCSE	27
13 th March 2019	Conduct of Block Achievement Survey	North East Regional Institute for Education in collaboration with NCERT	2
22 nd March 2019	e-Saadhya- An Adaptable and Accessible e-Learning Framework	CDAC	2

Other Activities in 2018

Apart from the daily educational programme of the school the other activities were:

1. **World Autism Day**

April 2nd is observed as World Autism Day and the whole month as awareness month. Flex posters were put up on this day to create awareness among students, parents and the community at large. The school campus was lighted blue at night.

Ms. A.L.Massar, Sp. Ed gave a talk on 'Empowering Women and Girls with Autism' in a programme organized by Sanker on this day.

2. **Regional Action on Inclusive Education- North East (RAISE-NE)**

RAISE-NE was initiated in 2016 to complement the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan on Inclusive Education to improve the quality of education for children with disabilities in government/ government supported schools in selected districts of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura. Mary Rice Centre is one of the 12 organisations involved and the Key Teachers have been trained to support these selected schools in inclusive education. The INGOs supporting this project are Light for the World, Liliane Fonds and CBM.

3. **B.Ed SEDE Classes**

Mary Rice Centre for Special Education is a study centre of the B.Ed SEDE (MR) under NEHU. The final exam was conducted in July 2018 and the results were declared in February 2019. All the candidates passed.

4. **Independence Day Celebration**

A programme was organised by Society for The Welfare of the Disabled on 15th August '18 to celebrate Independence Day. Students from both the units of the Society for The Welfare of The Disabled i.e School and Centre for the Hearing Handicap Children and Mary Rice Centre for Special Education presented cultural items on this day. The Board Members, Parents and Students and Staff attended the programme.

5. **Teachers' Day Celebration**

A programme was organized by the Parents and Students of the school for the teachers in the morning. SWD organized another programme in the afternoon for the staff of both the units followed by lunch.

6. **School Week**

School Week was organized from the 8th - 12th October 2018 at Mary Rice Centre. There were individual and group events like drawing, painting, singing, dancing, cookery, quiz, spell bee, fancy dress and different games like basketball, Danish rounders, filling the bucket, athletics etc. As the students belonged to 3 different house teams there was a lot of competition as well. When the results of all the events were declared, Red House emerged the winner and lifted the School Cup this year.

7. **Fundraising**

A mini fete-cum-sale of craft items made by the students was organized on the 27th October 2018. Stalls and games were also put up on this day. Parents, Students, Staff, Volunteers and well wishers helped make it a success. The donor and sponsorship programme continues.

8. International Day for Persons with Disabilities

An Awareness cum Signature campaign was organised by the school in MUDA Complex, Police Bazaar on the 3rd December 2018. The public were made aware of the importance of including persons with disabilities in all sections of the society. Parents, Students and all the Staff participated in the programme.

Thank You!!!!

1. The Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India
2. Department of Education, Govt. of Meghalaya (SSA Programme)
3. Light for the World, Austria
4. Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Meghalaya
5. The Congregation of Christian Brothers, The Provincialate and St.Edmund's, Shillong
6. Yasodha Charitable Trust, New Delhi, who provided us with the vehicle making it possible for us to complete a lot of the work
7. Our Volunteers, Donors and Sponsors
8. School, Colleges, Institutes and Organisations who support Inclusion
9. All our well wishers and friends

Please continue to support us and our cause.