

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CHALLENGED  
PEOPLE, Meghalaya (ACP)  
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**“NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US”**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY RIGHTS**

## FOR DISABLED PERSONS

# Bethany Society Campus, Lady Veronica Lane, Laitumkrah, Shillong 793003 Meghalaya

## AT A GLANCE 2011 – 2012:

### Milestone that mark Achievements & Changes

- **21** Block Unit has been formed out of **39** Block of all the 7 District of the state.
- More than **634** members have been registered with the Association.
- Facilitate member to avail **Disability Certificate, Disability I.D, & Unemployment Certificate.**
- Facilitate members to avail of **Scholarship, Book Grants, Uniform Grant, Conveyance Allowance, Unemployment Allowance, and Reader Allowance** for the Visually Impairment.
- **Registered Members & PWDs** in the Employment Exchange.
- **3** members has get job in SSA, & 1 member as Aganwadi worker, other working in NGOs.
- Facilitate members & PwDs to avail **Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC)**
- Enroll Children with Multiple Disabilities in the National Trust.
- Facilitate parent of Children with Multiple Disabilities to apply for Appointment of Guardianship from National Trust.
- Helping PwDs to avail **poverty alleviation scheme** of the Government.
- We share information with **Child Line on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011, for the right of disabled children.**
- **We focus on the problem faced by children with hearing impairment** with Vaani Deaf foundation On the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011, at Don Bosco Youth centre, Shillong.
- President ACPM have participate in the Country Shadow report from **19<sup>th</sup> May 2011** till **5<sup>th</sup> September 2011**, as a monitor in interview the PwDs and as translation in West Garo Hills, East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills in Meghalaya and also in Mizoram.
- We filed **Right to Information** to find out whether PwDs are employed in the MGNREGS or not or whether they availed poverty alleviation scheme as reserved for them by the Central Govt.
- We focus on **JNNURM Bus for accessible to PwDs.**
- Formed a village **DPOs** in collaboration with Agency for Sustainable Development Initiative, KJP Mairang on **6<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

- Meeting with the Director of **Red F.M on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011**. The focus is on Disabled Right, as one of the Song publish by the Red F. M. is a discrimination against PwDs.
- Supporting Impulse NGOs for the Inclusive Tourist Development Programme, the focus is Inclusive tourist including PwDs, on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
- Supporting and inspiring Village DPOs on the NHFDC programme conducted by Bethany Society, Mawkyrwat Unit in Collaboration with State Govt. on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
- We organized one day **workshop** on Disability Right based on **UNCRPD** in Mawbynna unit Phramer Jantia Hills in collaboration with Bethany Society, on **29<sup>th</sup> August 2011**.
- Participate in the Cultural Programme at Arobindo Hall, organized by **NERIE** on the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**.
- ACP members being part of the **State Level Consultation on the Right of Person with Disabilities**, conducted by Govt. of Meghalaya on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- We organized programme on Right of Persons with disability in Mawpyrchiah village on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Focus on **livelihood for PwDs through SHG**.
- Being part of the **Disability Advocacy programme**, a Project of CBR Forum Bangalore, on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Mairang.
- Supporting Interpreter for the “Nine is Mine” programme from 8<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011.





**We celebrate World Disabled Day in Collaboration with State Govt. & Partner NGOs for the Right of Persons with Disabilities, & for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.**



**Meghalaya Deaf Association, cell of ACPM, performed National Anthem in Sign Language on World Disabled Day Celebration 2011 held at Pynursla.**

- Being part of the Review Meeting on NHFDC in Social Welfare, on **30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**.
- We create awareness **to parents of disabled children** in Sohbar Village, on **1<sup>st</sup> February 2012**, in Collaboration with Seng Samla Shnong Sohbar, for the Right of the Disabled Children.
- We sensitized meeting of the community & rural development official & functionaries of the local authorities on **MGNREGS** in collaboration with Shishu Sarothi, Bethany Society, on the **17<sup>th</sup> February 2012**, the focus is employment of Persons with Disabilities in MGNREGS.
- We continue documentation on **Success Stories, Discrimination case**; relate with **Persons with disabilities, Women with disabilities, children's with Disabilities**.
- We focus on Various **Schemes for PwDs** that are available from Social Welfare.
- In Collaboration with Bethany Society, two advocacy programmes to DPOs has been organized on **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012** in Shillong at **JSS Hall, Bethany Society Complex**. **And on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012** in Tebonggre, at **Marian Centre for Appropriate Technology, Bethany Society Complex Tura**.
- Creating Awareness on Right of PwDs with various Govt. departments from Jantia Hills District on **24<sup>th</sup> April 2012** at Tpeppale Hall, Jowai.
- Meeting was held in the Head office & in other Unit having ACP.





**We joined a rally organized by ICARE organization, for saving the “Wah Umkhrah & Umshyrpi” along with other NGOs.**





**We mobilized & Inspired Parents of the Disabled Children in Sohbar Village to form an Association among them for the benefits of their disabled child.**

### **Association profile:**

#### **Registration Details:**

**Registered under Registrar of Societies Meghalaya, the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

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

### **Address and contact details:**

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### **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 : Mr. Aiboklang Sohtun

Publicity Secretary : Ms. Marsina, Shwalet Tang, Ridahun Khriam.

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	48.
2.	West Khasi Hills	13.
3.	Jantia Hills.	49.
4.	Ribhoi	12.
5.	East Garo Hills.	170.
6.	West Garo Hills.	152.
7.	South Garo Hills	191.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>635.</b>







**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

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

- **Disability Inclusive Development (D&ID) training, a project of CBM on 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011, at Bethany Society, Shillong and on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011, at Orthopedic Rehabilitation Centre, Tura.**
- **3 ACP members got attended the proof reader Training conducted by the National Institute for the visually handicapped at Dehradun from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**
- **Attended the Country shadow in Assam conducted by Shishu Sarothi on 1<sup>9th</sup> May 2011.**
- **4 ACP Members got attended the Training of Trainer conducted by Bethany Society on the 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**
- **3 ACP members get attended the Seminar on RTI on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, at Synod Conference Hall, conducted by P.A. Sangma Foundation.**
- **Being a part of the first National Career and Livelihood Planning, organized by Martin Luther Christian University on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the focus is livelihood planning including Person with disabilities.**
- **District Disaster Management Training, conducted by the District Disaster Authority, East Khasi Hills on the 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.**



**Disaster Training, Price Awarded to the member of the Association for excellent performance at the training among all participation team.**



**Group Photograph of the District Disaster Management Training.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> September

World White Cane Day 15<sup>th</sup> October

All India Flag Day for the blind 14<sup>th</sup> September

World Disability Day 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**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.

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**TOWARD AN INCLUSIVE BARRIER & A RIGHT BASED SOCIETY FOR ALL**

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