

A. INTRODUCTION

The School and Centre for the Hearing Handicapped Children (SCCHC) a unit of the **Society for the welfare of the Disabled (SWD)** which is a non-profit, secular organization catering to the needs of those with hearing impairment, is a recognized school.

A unit of the Society for the welfare of the Disabled(SWD), the School and Centre for The Hearing Handicapped Children(SCHHC), was founded by a group of like-minded people whose intense desire and commitment to alleviate the suffering and deprivation of children afflicted with various forms of disability brought them together irrespective of their religious beliefs to work towards the common goal. Thus inspired they formed the SWD and registered themselves under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act XII of 1983 NO. SR/ TSFTWOTD-255/90 of 1990 FCRA No: 214250083.

In the beginning the school started for the lower primary and upper primary section but soon proceeded to the secondary level. Provisional Recognition was also awarded in 2011 by the Meghalaya Board of school Education. However as the years passed by the school faced great difficulty in catering to the needs of Class IX and X students who as time went on were few in numbers. The society therefore took a step in assessing the students who were capable of appearing the Board examination and sent them to Jyoti Shroat Inclusive School, Bethany Society to study and appear the Board Examination. Others who faced difficulty were given the option to opt for either National Institute Open School or Vocational Training at Roilang, Bethany Society. The school is now continuing up to the upper primary level (Class VIII).

SCHHC has qualified trained Special Educators, Ear-mould Technician, Computer teacher and Sign language specialist to teach the ever growing demand of the students with hearing impairment, in the school.

Special Education is imparted to the children with Speech and Hearing Impairment of various types and degrees, through self-help skills such as language training, Speech reading and sign language. In our endeavour to keep the parents of the children informed and to educate and counsel them on ways and means of communicating with their children, parents are encouraged to spend some days in the class along with their child so that they learn the procedures being followed at school. Home visits are part and parcel of the education imparted at SCHHC and depending on the findings of the visit conducted, appropriate remedial measures are adopted.

Apart from its mean objective of imparting education to children with hearing impairment, the school also aims at their rehabilitation and their integration in family and society through the teaching of functional communication skills. The school strongly believes that even these children with Speech and Hearing Impairment are not a liability but rather they are an asset for the society.

B.VISION :- We dream of an inclusive barrier-free rights-based society where people with Speech and Hearing Impairment can live with dignity and understanding.

C. MISSION STATEMENTS:-

We do this by :-

1. Providing comprehensive education comprising of special education, speech therapy, counseling, co-curricular activities and interaction programmes with regular school children.
- II. Giving Special emphasis in integrating Children with Hearing Impairment into the mainstream Schools and adolescents into appropriate vocational training.
- III. Providing services to children with hearing impairment who are already integrated to regular schools.
- IV. Providing out patient department in the school by giving services to Persons with Hearing Impairment.
- V. Promoting the integration of Persons with Hearing Impairment in the community.
- VI. Promoting sign language.
- VII. Creating awareness on the rights of Persons with hearing impairment according to Indian Legislation with Special reference to PWD Act, 1995.
- VIII. Providing counseling services to the parents of hearing impaired children.

D. Enrolment:- According to the norms, the maximum teacher- student ratio is 1:8-10. During the academic year 2013, there were 52 students with 28 boys and 24 girls. Six (6) of these were

New admissions, with hearing loss from moderate to severe and profound. Below is the table showing the number of students in each class.

2013

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Play Group	4	3	7
K.G	3	3	6
Class- I	5	2	6
Class-II	3	2	5
Class-III	1	Nil	1
Class-IV	2	2	4
Class-V	Nil	3	3
Class-VI	4	4	8
Class-VII	3	5	8
Class-VIII	3	1	4
Total	28	24	52

⇒ Six (6) students were sent for NIOS course at Roilang Vocational Training Centre.

- ⇒ Eight (8) students were being sent for inclusive education at Jyoti Sroat School.
- ⇒ There were 13 numbers of hostellers in 2013.
- ⇒ Six (6) New Admission were admitted in 2013.

E. MANAGING COMMITTEE:-

Under the authority conveyed in the letter No. DSEO/MSC/2012/23608-09 dt. 30th January 2014 from the Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, and Addl. District School Education Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, the proposal of the Managing Committee of School and Centre for The Hearing Handicapped Children, for its constitution with the following members, was approved for a period of 3 years with effect from 01.02.2012 through an intimation conveyed by Smt. L.M. langngap, Inspector of Schools, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.

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| 1. President | :- | Mrs. Naomi R. Lyngdoh |
| 2. Secretary/ Headmistress | :- | Mrs. Baridor Sohtun |
| 3. Jt. Secretary | :- | Mrs. Cathreen Nongrum |
| 4. Nominated Member | :- | Fr. Jose Chunkapura |
| 5. Nominated Member | :- | Sr. Marline Pinto |
| 6. Nominated Member | :- | Bro. Augustine Jairaj |
| 7. Nominated Member | :- | Mrs Khasimon Phanbuh |
| 8. Teachers' Representative | :- | Ms Samtilin Kharbithai |
| 9. Parents' Representative | :- | Mrs L. Kim and Mrs. T. Lyndem |
| 10. Donors' Representative | :- | Mrs Mayborn Pyngrupe |

Teachers' Representatives elected on 8th March 2013.

Parents' Representatives elected on 8th March 2013.

F. STAFF:

Sl.NO	Name	Designation	Educational Qualification & Other Certificates	Date of Joining	Date of Birth
1.	Mrs.Baridor Sohtun	Headmistress	B.A, D.ED(HI)	01.04.94	18.07.76
2.	Miss Samtilin Kharbithai	Vice-Headmistress	B.A, D.ED(HI)	01.8.97	06.03.69
3.	Mrs. Christina Kharbuli	Trained Teacher	B.A, D.Ed(HI), B.Ed(HI) Diploma (ECE)	14.02.94	25.06.72
4.	Mrs. Cathreen Nongrum	Ear mould Technician	CI-X (Certificate in ear mould repair)	01.10.94	3.10.64
5.	Miss Sona Choudhury	Assistant Teacher Sign Lang. Teacher	B.A, Diploma in Sign language, Computer	01.04.02	24.02.81
			DTP, Computer accountancy and office automation, Undergoing B.Ed(HI)		
6.	Miss Pyntngelang Fancon	Assistant Teacher	B.A , Undergoing B.Ed(HI), Certificate course in Floriculture, Computer in MS-Word and MS-Excel	4.10.10	02.07.82
7.	Miss. Wandahun Lamare	Assistant Teacher	CI-XII,(Diploma in Nursery Teacher's Training), Computer(DTP/ DCA)	11.04.14	27.04.79
8.	Mrs. Berdalin Sangriang	Helper	CI- IX	11.10.02	07.06.78

Rendering Direct Services

The school has a team of dedicated staff and teachers, qualified and trained Special Educators, Ear-mould Technician and Sign Language Specialist. With this, the school is making every effort in imparting quality education to the children with Speech and Hearing Impairment of various types and degrees. Every possible method is used to help these children learn, through self-help skills such as language training speech therapy, Speech reading and sign language. The ISL and Total Communication is used to communicate with the children.

In our endeavour to keep the parents of the children informed, become involve, and to educate and counsel them on ways and means of communicating with their children, parents are encouraged to spend some days in the class along with their child so that they learn the procedures being followed at school and thus be in a better position to help and communicate with their children at home.

Home visits are part and parcel of the education imparted at SCCHC and depending on the findings of the visit conducted, appropriate remedial measures are adopted.

Apart from its main objective of imparting quality academic education to children with hearing impairment by bringing out the best in them through activity oriented learning for inclusive education, , the school also aims at their rehabilitation and their integration in vocational training as well through the teaching of functional communication skills. The school strongly believes that even these children with Speech and Hearing Impairment are not a liability but rather they are an asset for the society. In fact if all persons are given equal and fair opportunities every individual, regardless of their physical state, can play a meaningful role in society

The academic year is divided in two terms which is usually in the month of June and November. At the end of each term the students' performance record which is also based on the continuous daily assessment by their teachers, is provided to the parents and guardians of the child so as to enable them to know of their progress and thus follow up at home with their children.

G. Enrichment Programs & Extension Services.

(1) 8TH MARCH 2013:- First Parents-Teachers meeting was called to elect the “**Parents Representatives**” as well as “**Teachers Representatives**” The parents elected Mrs.L.Kim and Mrs. T.Syndom as their representatives and the staff elected Miss. Samtilin Kharbithai as their representative.

(2) From 1st March to 6th December 2013:- The school gave daily **MID-DAY MEAL** to all the students from class VI to class VIII (Upper Primary) under the supervision of Mrs. Cathreen Nongrum and one cook Mr. Gilbert S. Nongrum.



(3) 6th April 2013 :- Oneday CME workshop on **“Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation”** at Civil Hospital, Shillong. It was invited by Jermica Pyrbot Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist, Civil Hospital. Four teachers attended i.e., Mrs. Baridor Sohtun, Miss. Samtilin Kharbithai, Miss. Pyntngenlang Fancon and Mrs. Cathreen Nongrum.

(4) 16th April 2013:- The school received Hearing Aids from CRC Guwahati which was delivered by Mr. Tansen (SSA Resource Teacher).

(5) 16th -19th April 2013 :- **Volunteers** - 2 Boys and 2 Girls of BSW from St. Edmund’s College joined for two days 16th-17th April 2013, as well as on the 18th-19th April 2013.

(6) 19th April 2013:- Teacher’s Training at SCHHC was held and the Resource Teacher’s were, Audiologist, Colette Nongsiej on the topic **“Early intervention and Audiometry”** and Miss Sony Gill on the top **“Curriculum Structure”**.

(7) 23rd April 2013:- Parents- Teachers cum Deaf Association Meeting was held at SCHHC on the agenda of **“Early Intervention and Project for the Development of the Deaf”** with Miss Sony Gill.



(8) 17th & 18th May 2013:- Thirty (30) students participated the **“State Games under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Government of India”** organized by Special Olympics Bharat, Meghalaya Chapter at YMCA, Lower Lachumiere. Many students achieved success and won medals in different sports categories. It was accompanied by Miss Sona Choudhury, Miss Pyntngenlang Fancon, Mrs. Birohini Heisnam and Miss Wandahun Lamare.



(8) 12th July 2013:- **“World Blood Donors Day”** (14th June 2013 and extended for one Month Programme). Awareness Programme was organized by Doctors of Nazareth Hospital at SCHHC Hall, Bethany Society was participated by students of SCHHC , Roilang & Jyoti Sroat School. It was followed by a competition of making card with a message in it, on The Theme Being- **“Every Blood Donation Is a Gift Of Life Donate Blood And Give A Gift Of Life”**. Two Boys from our school won the 1st Prize and 2nd Prize.

(9) 1st August- 2nd December 2013:- The School had an internship teacher Sir. Lamaphrang Dkhar who taught Science and Mathematics from classes IV to VIII.

(10) 14th August 2013:- The school celebrated **“Pre-Independence Day”** in the School Hall with all the teachers and Students sang the National Anthem in Sign language. (15th August was a bandh).



(11) 30th August 2013:- **“Asha School Foundation Day”**-The sports was participated by 30 students (Boys and Girls) assisted by Miss. Sona Choudhury, Miss. Pyntngenglang Fancon, Shri.Lamphrang Dkhar and Shri. Asangbha Longkumari. The students achieved success and they got medals in different ranks.



(12) 5th September 2013:- All the staff of SCHHC together with Mary Rice Centre untidy celebrated the "Teacher's Day" where these was a small get-together programme, which was followed by felicitation of Mrs. Mary Pariat . The SWD had also distributed gift to all the working staff of both the centres. The celebration concluded by an awesome lunch.

(13) 5th September 2013:- Fourteen (14) students from SCHHC went to perform the cultural programme on the closing ceremony of Asha School Foundation Day cum Teacher's Day Miss Wandadahun Lamare and Miss Camilia Lyngdoh accompanied the students.



(14) 23rd- 27th September 2013:- "World Deaf Week" was held in SCHHC and the students participated in the drawing competition, sports and cultural programmes to the generous hearts of Sr. M. Pinto and Denis Lyngdoh's grandmother the money donated by them were used for the expenses on the whole week refreshments, prizes and as well as for lunch on the last day.





(15) 24th September 2013:- The students under the guidance and assistance of Miss. Wandadahun Lamare, Miss. Pyntngenglang Fancon and Miss Camilia Lyngdoh presented the cultural Khasi- Folk Dance at cathedral Parish, Laitumkhrah on the occasion of "PARISH DAY CELEBRATION".

This participation created a sense of awareness in many people about the special talent of our students and the school as a whole.



(16) 8th November 2013:- The "School Mini – Fete" was sponsored by the parents who unitedly involved with the teachers and students in raising the school fund. It was inaugurated by Mrs. Naomi R. Lyngdoh who was the chief guest and the guest of honours were Bro. Augustine Jairaj and Sr. Marline Pinto.



(17) 14th November 2013:- On "Children's Day" the students played many games activities with the teachers on the school playground and they had lots of fun. The teachers cooked lunch for the children.



(18) 3rd December 2013:- Agency for sustainable Development Initiatives (K.J.P Synod Sepngi) I'm Possibility, A talent Show at Soso Tham Auditorium was attended by two students, Ajit Dalai and Anjelica Malngiang and was assisted by Miss Pyntngenlang Fancon and Miss. Wandahun Lamare.

H. Examination

The school conduct examination in two terms i.e. Half Yearly and Final examination .However Individual Education Programme (IEP) is being carried out for children who cannot cope the usual academic curriculum depending on the interest and capability of the child. Moreover, all round assessment of the individual child were evaluated on his/her daily performance.

I. Art and Craft.

The students from classes II to VIII had learnt and make different things out of waste product into usable materials under the guidance of Miss Pyntngenlang Fancon . All the items were made during the whole year were sold to the parents by the end of the year i.e. 6th December 2013. All the Art and Craft items had made a good sale in raising the school fund.



A Visitors from Jaipur came to demonstration his creative skills in embroidery and paper cutting work for decoration in the month of March 2013.



J. Achievement: Three of our students Class VIII passed were integrated to Jyoti Sroat School in 2014.

K. Gratitude:-

- The School and Centre for the Hearing Handicapped Children is indeed indebted to all who have contributed in any way to the success achieved during the year 2013.
- Thanks to many friends and visitors , who have supported individual students or the institutions financially, and who wish to remain anonymous.
- Thanks to the Society for the Welfare of the Disabled (SWD) AND ITS Executive Body for its unflinching support and concern.
- Thanks to the Managing Committee members for its cooperation and team spirit. Dear Members, we look forward to your innovative ideas and cooperation.

- Thanks to the Bethany Society, without whom we would not have a building to rent, buses to pick up and drop our children. For the hostel accommodation which shelters a large number of our children and for those who take good care of our children in the hostel. For an Audiology room and furniture for the School.

- Thanks to the Department of the Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya for the courtesy and cooperation of its officers. Their courtesy, support and cooperation have steered and sustained us through many hardships.

- Thanks to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi which has afforded us a place under its umbrella.

- Thanks to the dedicated team of staff for their love to the children to whom they minister with joy, concern, cheerfulness and selflessness diffused an air of peace and happiness all around so that not only the children themselves but those who visit our centre comment on and are affected by it.

Conclusion:

In review, the year 2013 has been a good one for all of us. The school has run smoothly, academic courses have been covered, no forms of serious illness have interrupted the children's normal day-to-day routine and a spirit of unity, happiness and cooperation has bonded together parents, students and staff. This does not imply, however, that it has all plain sailing and that we have not had to cope with our usual share of difficulties.

