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A Newsletter of Centre for Community Initiative



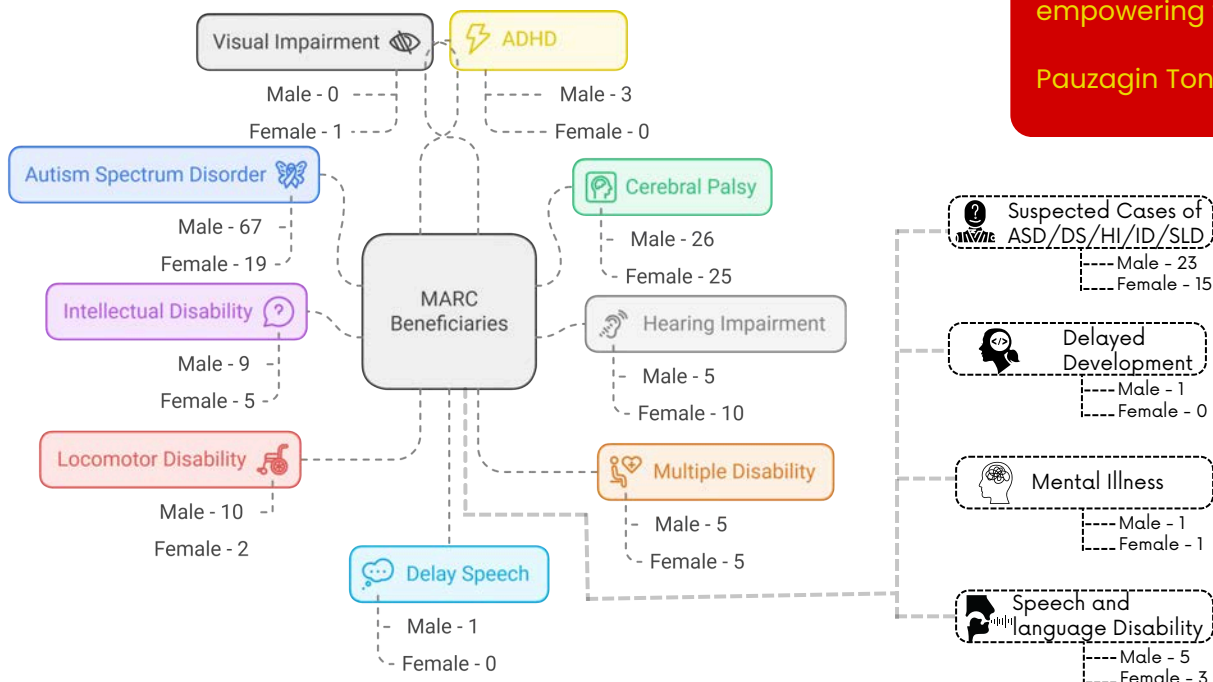
## Highlight of 2024: Embracing Inclusion, Empowering Futures



### CCI Administrative Office Relocates to MARC

On January 11, 2024, CCI officially shifted to its new Administrative Office within the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC) in Pearsonmun, Lamka. A special ceremony led by Pastor G. Sanglian marked this milestone with a prayer dedicating the office to its mission of fostering inclusion and community development. This new chapter allows CCI to expand its reach, offering a more accessible hub for operations.

### MARC Beneficiaries 2024



### Director Desk



At CCI, we passionately advocate for an inclusive society where every stakeholder has a vital role to play. This year, we are especially delighted to see greater inclusion, particularly in mainstreaming persons with disabilities.

As we reflect during this season of gratitude, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, students, parents, partners, and supporters. Your unwavering dedication has made 2024 a year of remarkable growth and meaningful impact.

Thanksgiving serves as a beautiful reminder of the power of community and compassion. I am proud to witness these values thriving within CCI. Together, we are shaping a more inclusive and empowering future for everyone.

Pauzagin Tonsing

## A Fresh Start for The Malsawm Initiative (TMI)

The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) began its new academic session on February 1, 2024, bringing renewed opportunities for personal growth, inclusion, and achievements. This year of learning would not have been possible without the collective support of our students, staff, and families. We are grateful for your continued dedication as we strive for excellence in education.



## A Gift of Mobility: SBI Donates School Bus to CCI

On March 28, 2024, CCI celebrated a significant gift from the State Bank of India (SBI), which generously donated a school bus through its CSR initiative. This donation ensures that children with disabilities have better access to quality education. We are deeply grateful to SBI for their unwavering support, helping us create a brighter and more inclusive future.



## PSG Initiative



This year's Children's Day celebration at TMI was entirely organized by our Parents Support Group, and it was filled with joy and excitement. From special performances to thoughtful gifts from teachers and parents, the day was a beautiful reflection of our community's love and care.



## Celebrating Togetherness: Unau Day 2024

On June 26, 2024, the theme "We Are in This Together" shone brightly at Unau Day (Day of Sibling with Disabilities), an event designed to strengthen bonds between children with disabilities and their siblings. The event included fun games and activities, and was joined by students and siblings from TMI, Early Intervention, Home-Based Care, and partner schools. This annual tradition, supported by the Wipro Foundation, has become a symbol of unity and inclusivity.

## CCI Supports Inclusion in Democracy

During India's 2024 MP elections, the CCI team volunteered to assist a person with a disability, highlighting our commitment to ensuring accessibility and inclusion in the democratic process.

We were proud to contribute to empowering individuals with disabilities to exercise their fundamental right to vote.



## Teachers' Day Celebration at Greenhills Resort



On Teachers' Day, our TMI students organized a heartwarming celebration at Greenhills Resort for teachers and CCI staff. Their thoughtful gestures and creative performances made the day memorable.

We are beyond proud of our students for showing their appreciation in such a meaningful way.

## Celebrating Our Achievement: Amazing Indians Award 2024 in Education

On September 6, 2024, CCI celebrated receiving the Amazing Indians Award 2024 in Education from TimesNow at MARC. We are immensely grateful to our partners, staff, parents, and well-wishers who supported us through this journey.

A special thank you to our Director and families for the thoughtful gift of traditional shawls to all our staff during this special occasion.



## Celebrating Intl Day of Sign Languages at CCpur College



On September 23, 2024, Churachandpur College made history by celebrating the International Day of Sign Language, in collaboration with CCI. Over 250 students participated in sessions that included lip reading, gesture communication, and American and Indian Sign Language alphabets, all culminating in a performance of India's National Anthem in sign language.

## District-Level International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024

On December 3, 2024, the District-Level International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated with the theme "Amplifying the leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future."

The event featured performances from students of Happy Heart School, Little Gems Academy, VK Tawna High, and TMI. For the first time, the program was hosted by our Hearing Impairment students, Khawlching and Daisy.



## CAPACITY BUILDING & OD

CCI empowers and educates its staff and stakeholders, seizing every opportunity for growth.

- A staff member was sent for a Diploma in Speech, Language, and Communication at Delhi and to complete the course by 2025.
- The Director is attending Wipro's Organisation Design & Development (ODD) Fellow program in 2024-2025.
- With rising Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cases, CCI invited expert Pu Loganathan Gurusamy, Mumbai for a two-day Sensory Motor Integration training at MARC in August 2024.
- Unable to find an Occupational Therapist locally, CCI sent a staff member to pursue a Bachelor's in Occupational Therapy in Kolkata, now in her third year.
- Introduction of Value Added Course (VAC) on disability in Autonomous Colleges, where CCI developed the curriculum and did the teaching as well.
- Every Thursday is reserved for In-House training with theme based on requirement.

*This Thanksgiving, we express our deepest gratitude for the continued support and contributions that have made these milestones possible. Together, we are building a brighter, more inclusive future for all. Thank you for being part of this journey!*

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