

Observation of Global Accessibility Awareness Day 2025



On May 15, 2025, students from Level B, C, and Class 10 of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) joined the Equal Access for All campaign to mark Global Accessibility Awareness Day. The event was led by CCI’s Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Students visited the DC, SP, and CJM offices at the Mini Secretariat, where they distributed awareness pamphlets and engaged officials on the importance of accessible infrastructure for persons with disabilities.

While a ramp was constructed at the DC office following CCI’s 2022 PIL, it remains non-functional, one of our wheelchair-using students could not access it. This highlighted a crucial message: accessibility is not just about having structures, but ensuring they work for everyone.

CCI continue to advocate for inclusive and usable infrastructure that reflects true accessibility for all.

Meet our student



Chindeikim, a bright and energetic 5-year-old with autism, has come a long way since joining TMI last year. Before school, she struggled with communication, restless, and was deeply attached to her blanket and specific clothes.

Today, she expresses her needs through gestures and simple words, responds when called, and can read one-word syllables while pointing. She has also adapted to changes in her daily routine and environment, showing great progress in flexibility and independence.

Her love for music has helped her adapt—once overwhelmed by assemblies and therapy, she now understands and participates with confidence!

Chindeikim’s journey is a testament to the power of patience, structured learning, and inclusion.

Unau Day 2025: A Heartfelt Celebration of Sibling Bonds



Date: 26 June 2025

Venue: Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka

Unau Day 2025 was joyfully observed on June 26th at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC) in Pearsonmun, Lamka, under the theme “Me & My Unau Against All Odds.” This year’s celebration was especially meaningful, as it was entirely organized by the interns of the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), making it a truly heartfelt occasion.

Unau Day, or Siblings Day, is dedicated to honoring the brothers and sisters of children with disabilities. The event serves to acknowledge their invaluable role, raise awareness of their contributions, and celebrate the unique, unbreakable bonds they share with their siblings.

The day’s program included inspiring performances, such as a special presentation from the CCI faculty and a heartfelt duet of “A Million Dreams” by Class X students, Mr. Khumlalven and Ms. Chingnunhoih Guite (Intern). One of the most touching moments was the sibling appreciation activity, where students and guardians exchanged letters of gratitude, expressing what they cherish most about their siblings.

The celebration concluded with a series of fun games and bonding activities, where students, parents, and staff joined in the spirit of togetherness. A lively photobooth added to the festive atmosphere, capturing smiles and creating lasting memories for all involved.

Inclusive Education Training Held at Little Gems Academy

On May 28, 2025, teachers from Little Gems Academy and VK Tawna High joined the 8th session of the “Making Education Accessible for All” series at Little Gems Academy.

Focused on learning differences, the training encouraged inclusive strategies through group activities and discussions. Supported by the Wipro Foundation, the initiative promotes SDG 4: inclusive, quality education for all.



Towards Inclusive Sustainability: 3.5 KVA Power Unit Inaugurated at MARC



On May 23, 2025, the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) proudly inaugurated a 3.5 KVA Sustainable Power Unit at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka. This marks a significant step toward ensuring reliable, eco-friendly energy to support daily learning, therapy, and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities.

The unit was officially inaugurated by Dr. James K. Touthang, District Nodal Officer for the National Program on Climate Change and Human Health, Government of Manipur. In his address, he emphasized the need to integrate climate action with inclusive development.

Mr. Anthony Joukhulman Joute, Project Coordinator at Selco Foundation, delivered the keynote speech, highlighting the role of decentralized solar energy in empowering underserved communities. Pu Zamlunmang, District Mission Manager, MSRLM, also shared remarks encouraging collaboration between government and grassroots actors.

This solar-powered unit will now serve as a sustainable energy source for MARC’s learning spaces, therapy rooms, and assistive technology labs, ensuring service continuity during power disruptions.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Selco Foundation, our government partners, and all who contributed to this milestone in inclusive, sustainable development.

A Heartfelt Thanks to the 36th Assam Rifles for Their Generous Support



The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) had the honour of welcoming the 36th Assam Rifles from Headquarter Veng for a special visit that brought joy, encouragement, and meaningful support to our children.

Under the leadership of Colonel Naveen, Commanding Officer of the KARAMVEER Unit, the team donated 25 small chairs and 20 big chairs, significantly enhancing the comfort and learning environment for our students.

Their generosity didn’t stop there, Assam Rifles also treated all students and staff to a warm lunch and spent quality time engaging with the children, making the day truly memorable for everyone at TMI.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Colonel Naveen and his team for their thoughtful contribution and for standing with us in our shared mission of inclusion, dignity, and care for children with disabilities.

Training on Developmental Milestones



On June 13, 2025, a training session on “Understanding Normal Developmental Milestones” was conducted at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka, facilitated by Dr. Kambiakdik, MBBS, MD (Pediatrics), FNNF Neonatology.

The training focused on equipping staff with the knowledge and skills to assess children’s development across five key domains: Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Language, Cognitive, and Socio-emotional/Behavioural skills. Participants also learned to calculate the Developmental Quotient (DQ) and identify early signs of developmental delays, including Global Developmental Delay (GDD).

Emphasizing the importance of timely identification and referral, the session aimed to enhance early intervention efforts at MARC. With this strengthened capacity, teachers and staff are now better prepared to monitor children’s growth, detect potential concerns early, and support inclusive, individualized development for every learner.

First Aid Training Empowers TMI Staff at MARC

On June 16, 2025, an in-house First Aid Training was conducted for the staff of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, in collaboration with the Tunnu School of Nursing.

The session was facilitated by Nursing Tutors Ms. Sandy, Ms. Lamjoy, and Ms. Catherine, accompanied by five nursing students, who together delivered both theoretical instruction and practical demonstrations. Key topics included wound care, handling minor injuries, and basic life support, including CPR.

This training aimed to strengthen the emergency response capacity of TMI staff, enabling them to act quickly and effectively during medical situations, thus ensuring a safer and more supportive environment for all students and beneficiaries.



OUR CLASSROOM | Pre-Vocational | TMI



Meet our amazing pre-vocational class! We are proud to have six incredible students, aged 10–18, with diverse abilities such as cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, visual impairment, and autism spectrum disorder. Each of these students brings their own unique strengths to our classroom!

Their daily routine is carefully designed to foster growth in important areas. We focus on Language and Communication, Physical Exercise, Basic Literacy, Co-Scholastic Activities, and Life Skills. From learning essential literacy to practicing self-care and teamwork, every activity is crafted to empower them for the future.

What makes this class truly special is the way we encourage peer support and collaboration. Engaging, hands-on activities help them learn, grow, and develop strong social bonds while building life-long skills.

We believe in creating an inclusive environment where every student thrives!

Training on Early Identification of Disability

We're excited to share that a capacity-building training for ASHA, ANM, CHO, and Anganwadi Workers of Tuibuang Block is being held today, 16th June 2025, at Mercy Home, P. Kamdou Veng, Tuibuang, Churachandpur.

Facilitated by Ms. Parnei Vaiphei and Ms. Hoikim, Special Educators from CCI, the session focuses on:

- ✓ Understanding disability
- ✓ Importance of early intervention
- ✓ Identifying common disabilities and early signs
- ✓ Causes and prevention
- ✓ Real-life success stories

This initiative aims to empower frontline workers to recognize disabilities early and ensure every child receives the care and support they deserve.



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