

Teachers' Day Celebration at MARC



Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and warmth on September 5 at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka. The celebration was a beautiful expression of love and gratitude towards our teachers and staff who dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to nurturing and guiding the students.

Organized by the students of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) together with the Parents Support Group (PSG), the program was filled with heartfelt performances, thoughtful speeches, and special gifts. Students expressed their appreciation through songs, dances, and creative presentations, while parents joined in to honor the invaluable role of teachers in shaping their children's lives.

The event was a reminder of the bond between students, families, and educators, and the collective joy of celebrating those who inspire and empower. We extend our sincere thanks to the students and PSG for their efforts in making this day meaningful and memorable for everyone.



Meet our student



Chinlunthang, a cheerful 7-year-old, began his journey with the Home School Programme in November 2021. Having never attended school, he initially struggled with following instructions, daily routines like brushing and toileting, and verbal communication. With consistent support from his teacher and parents, Chinlunthang received tailored learning in basic literacy, numeracy, and speech development. Over time, he made remarkable progress—he can now follow instructions, brush his teeth independently, recognize colors and body parts, and express his needs with minimal prompting. His growing confidence and improved communication reflect his incredible progress. In April 2025, Chinlunthang will take the next step by joining The Malsawm Initiative (TMI), where he will continue his journey of learning and achievement.

Observation of International Day of Sign Languages 2025



International Day of Sign Languages 2025 was observed at Rayburn College Auditorium, organized by the Centre for Community Initiative in collaboration with Rayburn College.

The program featured a powerful message from Ms. Khawlching of Class X, TMI, who highlighted the importance of sign language for persons with hearing impairment and even taught basic signs to the audience.

The event also witnessed the debut of The BandAbles, a group of visually impaired musicians, and the release of the music video “Hihtheihdan Tuam Chiat” by Khumlalven (Class X, TMI) and Ms. Chingnunhoih Guite, launched by Pu Rev. Dr. Khen P. Tombing, Principal, Rayburn College.

This was followed by a soulful live performance by Khumlalven, before closing with a vote of thanks from the Director, CCI.

Inclusive Practices Workshop at Tuibuang Govt High School



As part of the MEAL Project supported by the Wipro Foundation, a focused session on **“Setting Up Inclusive Practices – II”** was conducted at Tuibuang Government High School. The workshop engaged the school’s Head and key teachers, equipping them with strategies to strengthen inclusive education within their classrooms and school environment.

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to promote meaningful learning opportunities for all children by building the capacity of educators to address diverse learning needs.

In-House Training on Behaviour Therapy at TMI



During the autumn holidays, the staff of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) participated in an in-house training focused on Behaviour Therapy. The session provided specific strategies and practical tools to better understand and support children with diverse behavioural needs.

Such capacity-building opportunities not only enhance the skills of our educators but also strengthen TMI’s commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment for every child.

A New Beginning for TMI: Site Preparation Underway



With the generous support of the Airport Authority of India (AAI), Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) has begun clearing its premises to prepare for the much-awaited construction of the new building for The Malsawm Initiative (TMI). This marks a significant milestone in our journey of growth and inclusion.

The new TMI building will not only provide more space but also create an environment that is better equipped to support children and young people with disabilities in their learning and development. For our students, staff, and families, this upcoming facility represents more than just a structure, it is a promise of greater opportunities, accessibility, and hope for the future.

We are deeply grateful to the Airport Authority of India for their partnership and belief in our mission. Their support brings us closer to realizing our vision of a more inclusive society where every child, regardless of ability, has the chance to learn, grow, and thrive. As the preparations move forward, our hearts are filled with eagerness and gratitude for this new chapter that will shape the lives of many.

Specific Training on Speech Therapy at TMI

During the autumn holidays, the staff of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) participated in a specific training on Speech Therapy aimed at enhancing their engagement with students. The session was led by Ms. Sangi, Speech Therapist, who shared practical techniques and strategies to support children's communication and learning needs.

This training reflects TMI's continued effort to build staff capacity and ensure that every child receives the best possible support in their educational journey.



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Training & Capacity Building

- 01  **In-house sessions**
 - Inhouse Training for all TMI Staff | Sign Language
 - Training on Core Strengthening and Eye-Hand Coordination
 - Speech Therapy Training & TLM development
 - CDC-CFA Discussion
 - Neurodiversity Presentation
 - Types of Disabilities
 - Behavior Therapy training & Speech CFA
 - Teaching Strategies for VI
 - Teachers Sharing Session
- 02  **Training Provided**
 - Setting up Inclusive Practices - 1
 - Understanding Disability in Christian Ministry | Lungthul – D EBCC
 - Setting up Inclusive Practices - 2
- 03  **ODD Training | Inhouse**
 - ODD conducted by Director, CCI
- 04  **Training Attended**
 - IMHA Annual Convening on Mental Health