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A Newsletter of Centre for Community Intiative

MKS Bordoloi Inaugurates Resource Centre building at MARC





CCI marked a defining milestone toward accessible care with the formal inauguration of the newly constructed Resource Centre for Divyangjan on Friday, October 23, 2026. Established under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the state-of-the-art facility is situated within the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC) campus in Pearsonmun.

The centre addresses an urgent regional need, standing as a dedicated hub equipped to offer comprehensive therapeutic intervention, specialized rehabilitation, inclusive education, and holistic welfare support for children and individuals with disabilities across Churachandpur district.

The inaugural program commenced at 12:00 noon, hosted by Mrs. Lily C. Tangpua (Psychologist, CCI), with complete accessibility ensured through sign language interpretation by Ms. Ningthianching (Assistant Teacher, TMI). Pu Pauzagin Tonsing, Director of CCI, delivered the welcome address, reflecting on the collective journey and emphasizing how vital modern, accessible infrastructure is to dignity and community development.

The center was formally inaugurated by Chief Guest Pu MKS Bordoloi, Regional Executive Director, AAI, followed by a dedication prayer led by Rev. B. Chinkhengoupau, Youth Coordinator, EBC. Following a special cultural presentation by students of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI), the ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Pu Pausuanlal Guite, Manager, MARC.

Meet our student



Lhairimching is a cheerful, energetic 7yrs old student with hearing impairment who initially joined the Home-Based Care Programme on 14 Dec 2021. Unfamiliar with formal sign language then, she relied on gestures to communicate. She transitioned to TMI on 7 February 2022 to further strengthen her learning and communication skills.

An active learner with strong leadership qualities, Lhairimching enjoys organizing activities and guiding her classmates. She is sociable, friendly, and always eager to make new friends and play together. Over time, she has developed steady sign language skills, significantly improving her everyday communication with others. In class, she participates eagerly, advancing her academic, social, and daily living skills. Guided by teachers and parents, she continues to grow in confidence and independence, remaining a valued, cherished member of our vibrant school community.

Bi-Annual Health Check-Up at MARC Campus




Dedicated to the comprehensive well-being of every learner, a bi-annual health screening was conducted at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC) campus in Pearsonmun. The medical check-up brought together students from The Malsawm Initiative (TMI) alongside children from Child Development Centre (CDC) units at Dorcas Road and Elim Veng.

The comprehensive health camp was generously rendered free of cost by Dr. Suanlianmang Phaipi, with clinical support provided by Ms. Mawilalnunsiam, Nurse. Working in tandem, they created a warm, reassuring environment where each child received attentive, thorough medical examinations tailored to their comfort and unique needs.

Routine medical screenings remain a cornerstone of our holistic care model, playing a vital role in identifying emerging health concerns early, tracking developmental milestones, and supporting overall physical well-being.

Centre for Community Initiative extends its profound gratitude to Dr. Suanlianmang Phaipi and Ms. Mawilalnunsiam for their voluntary service, professional dedication, and continued commitment to the health and dignity of our children.

Celebrating World White Cane Day

CCI joins the global community in commemorating World White Cane Day, honoring the white cane as an enduring emblem of independence, resilience, and personal dignity.



Far beyond an assistive device, the white cane embodies the fundamental right to independent mobility, empowering persons who are blind or visually impaired to navigate everyday spaces on their own terms.

Observing this day reinforces our commitment to dismantling physical and social barriers. CCI rededicates its efforts toward promoting tactile awareness, advancing barrier-free infrastructure, and fostering an inclusive community where everyone can move forward with freedom and equal opportunity.

NABARD TRIBES Health Camp at St. Mary's School, Behiang





Under the NABARD TRIBES Project, the Livelihood & Sustainable Development Unit and Mental Health Initiative (MHI) at the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) hosted a specialized Health Camp at St. Mary's School, Behiang Village, centering on youth emotional wellness and mental resilience.

Recognizing the distinct academic and social pressures students navigate, the MHI team brought open, stigma-free wellness sessions to this border locality. Through interactive psychoeducation, group discussions, and practical exercises, learners gained tools to identify stress, cultivate everyday coping skills, and support peers.

Alongside basic health screenings, the camp provided a safe space for students to ask questions and embrace mental well-being with confidence. CCI extends sincere gratitude to NABARD for their support, and to the management, teachers, and students of St. Mary's School for their active participation.

Disability Awareness and EI at Bethel

At Happy Heart School, CCI partnered with the Bethel Women Association and Village Chief Pu C. Khawlal to conduct a community awareness programme on "Disability and Early Intervention."





Special Educator Ms. Joy Lhingpineng (TMI) highlighted that developmental delays in children aged 0–6 do not always signify permanent disability, stressing the importance of early assessments through CCI's Early Intervention Unit alongside care strategies for autism. Advocacy Coordinator Mr. Paul Rozarlien followed with a session on disability rights, outlining statutory government welfare schemes and access procedures.

Supported by Wipro Foundation, the initiative empowered local families with critical early-childhood resources and rights awareness.

World Mental Health Day 2026 Observed at Nute' Bazar





On October 10, Mental Health Initiative (MHI) at Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) observed World Mental Health Day 2026 with a public community gathering at Nute' Bazar, New Lamka. Bringing together over 200 participants, the event transformed a prominent community space into a forum for open dialogue, emotional wellness, and mutual solidarity.

The evening commenced with welcome remarks from Prescilla Ngaineivah (MHI, CCI), who emphasized that authentic community well-being starts with recognizing and nurturing mental health. The gathering featured a musical performance of "Dam na ut hiam?" by Chingbiakdik @ Dikdik of The Malsawm Initiative (TMI), followed by a video testimony exploring the emotional journey of losing a loved one to mental distress, now available for viewing on the official Centre for Community Initiative YouTube channel.

Delivering the key message, Rev. M. Ginminthang, Child Coordinator, Evangelical Baptist Convention (EBC), offered compassionate pastoral reflections. Drawing from historical and spiritual perspectives, he shared that even towering figures of faith navigated seasons of despair, reminding attendees that burdens need not be borne in silence when structured counselling, pastoral care, and community safety nets are available.

In solemn remembrance of lives lost and in support of grieving families, Grace Ngainunmawi (MHI, CCI) led a candlelight vigil and collective singing. The observance concluded with a community pledge administered by LMS David (MHI, CCI), uniting local youth alongside delegations from Only Grace, Sunrise (Home of Hope), Zomi Riders, and Tunnu School of Nursing in a collective promise to champion empathy, reject stigma, and extend care to those in distress.

Centre for Community Initiative extends sincere gratitude to Petronet LNG Limited for supporting this vital initiative and enabling grassroots advocacy across our townships.

Sept Training & Capacity Building

01 **In-house sessions**
- "Exploring Deafblindness: Empowering Societies"
- Sharing learnings on, "Reflex Integration"
- Child Guidance & Counselling

02 **Training Provided**
- Parents' Intensive Training on all core therapy or child development areas
- Nurses: Two days of training on Detection of Disability in Newborns and Early Identification
- Barefoot counsellor training under Awareness Campaign

03 **Organisational Development Design Training**
- NA

04 **Training Attended**
- NA

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Dept/Concern Person	Location
Nov 5, 2026	In-house training: Sensory Integration	CB&T	MARC
Nov 12, 2026	In-house training: Sensory Integration	CB&T	MARC
Nov 19, 2026	In-house training: Sensory Integration	CB&T	MARC
Nov 26, 2026	In-house training: Sensory Integration	CB&T	MARC
Nov 5 & 6	Follow up awareness	MHI	New Lamka UPS
Nov 12, 2026	Barefoot Counsellors' program	MHI	Elim Veng, EBC
Nov 19, 2026	SEL program	MHI	Rayburn College
Nov 23, 2026	Team Meeting	MHI	MARC
Nov	• UDID Enrolment (fresh & digitized) • Welfare Schemes (disability) • 'UDID & Awareness Camps" SBIF	Coodinator (Advocacy)	MARC
Nov	MIS & Social media content	Media Coordinator	MARC
Nov	Training and capacity building & Financial literacy	PC, Livelihood	7 TDF Village Behiang Cluster
Nov	Distribution of livestock	PC, Livelihood	Behiang Cluster

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