

ANNUAL REPORT

MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION

FOR WOMEN

APRIL 2015- MARCH 2016



PREFACE

On behalf of the Meghalaya State Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the State Government for their kind support and cooperation in strengthening the functions and roles of the Commission.

The Commission has taken up many issues and interventions to overcome many challenges, yet, we still have to go the extra mile to achieve the objective as laid down in the Act. We look forward for all the help and support from all likeminded Civil Societies and Organisations/ Institutions and Individuals for achieving the hope and aspiration of women who are in need of our assistance and services.



Smt.Theilin Phanbuh

Chairperson

Meghalaya State Commission for Women



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON.....

The Meghalaya State Commission for Women has completed ten long years of its journey and endeavour to protect and safeguard the rights of women in the State. The complexities of issues concerning women in the present context are very challenging to the Commission. To a certain extent, we have managed to address many critical issues faced by women in their day to day lives.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Government of Meghalaya and all the concern Department and its officials, Members of the Commission and well wishers who have rendered their support to make all our programmes/intervention a fruitful one. A special thanks to the Chairperson and other Members of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi for their guidance and support in our effort to better the lives of many affected woman in the State.

At this juncture, I personally felt that the Commission need to be strengthened and enhance in terms of personnel, infrastructure and budgetary allocation to carry forward the cause of women in the State.

I look forward for your continuous help and support.



Smti.Theilin Phanbuh

COMPOSITION

MEMBERS MSCW		
Sl.No	Names	Designation
1.	Smti.Theilin Phanbuh	Chairperson
2.	Smti. Gamchi Time R.Marak	Vice- Chairperson
3.	Smti. Nakilin G Shylla	Member
4.	Smti. Rebina Subba	Member
5.	Dr.N.Sutnga	Member
6.	Smti.Charlotte M.Momin	Member
7.	Sister Judith Shadap	Co-opted Member
8.	Smti.Iadalyne Tariang	Member Secretary

STAFF STRENGTH OF THE COMMISSION		
Sl.No	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Smt. Annie Sohtun	Coordinator
2.	Smt. Emilda Sohtun	U.D.A cum Accountant
3.	Smt. Glady. M. Shabong	Computer Operator
4.	Shri. Cleverly.J.Nongbet	L.D.A
5.	Smt. Persara Mawlong	L.D.A
6.	Smt. Markynti Syiemlieh	Peon
7.	Ms.Glarity Lyngdoh	Peon
8.	Shri. Gilbert Lyngdoh	Driver
9.	Shri. Micheal Warjri	Driver
10.	Shri. Jurbor Dkhar	Chowkidar
11.	Shri. Maxstar Rapsang	Cleaner

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON ISSUES RELATED TO SINGLE MOTHERS

The Meghalaya State Commission for Women had organised a National Consultation on Issues related to Single Mothers on the 20th and 21st April 2015 in Shillong supported by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi in collaboration with the State Government.

The objective was to bring together women representative from the State Women's Commissions and civil society organizations to discuss on the grim issues of single mothers, the causes and its implication in the society; to come up with strategies and advocate for change in the existing system and to put forward suggestions and recommendations and to advocate for change in the existing system.



VISIT TO GARO HILLS

From 27th to 30th April 2015, the Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women along with its members in its visit to different Districts in the State came across issues and concerns affecting women and children. During the visit, the Commission held a series of meetings with the Administrative Head, Police, Judicial and District Officials at Williamnagar, East Garo Hills, Baghmara, South Garo Hills, Tura, West Garo Hills and Resubelpara, North Garo Hills to discuss about the pending cases in the respective districts and on issues concerning women and children. Concrete suggestions came out of the meetings and the Commission will take up with the Higher Authority in the State. The Commission also visited the Community Health Centre at Baghmara and interacted with the Medical Officer in Charge and Staffs.





*Doctors and Members of the
Commission at Baghmara*

*Follow up on the cases of tortured
girls at Tura*



*Meeting with members of NGOs at
Resubelpara*

PUBLIC HEARING AT NONGSTOIN

A Public Hearing was held at Tysem Hall, Nongstoin on the 8th of May 2015 to settle the matter of a woman from Mawsikar village whose house was alleged to have been burnt by her husband. The matter has been sorted out amicably with the Sordar and his members along with the family members of the aggrieved woman.



INTERACTIVE MEETING AT MAIRANG

The Meghalaya State Commission for Women initiated an Interactive Programme at Mairang Community Hall on the 27th August 2015. In this meeting, participation from both men and women including Sordar and Headman from different localities and nearby villages of Mairang actively participated on pertinent issues identified.



*VISIT OF SMTI. PREETI MADAN, MEMBER SECRETARY
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, NEW DELHI*



A Meeting was held at the office of the Meghalaya State Commission for Women during the visit of Smti Preeti Madan, Member Secretary NCW on the 5th October 2015.

The objective of the meeting was to share about a propose project “Violence free home- a Woman’s Right” implemented on a pilot project by National Commission for Women in collaboration with TISS, Mumbai and Delhi Police.



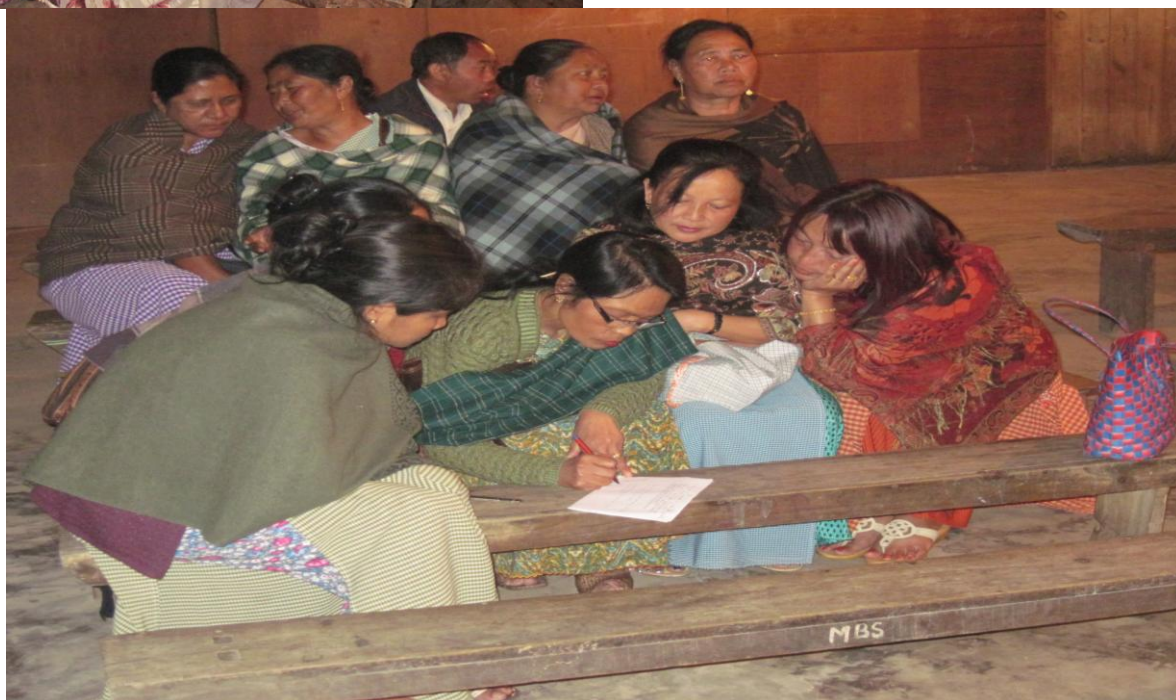
FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON WOMEN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, MADANRITING



The Meghalaya State Commission for Women had organised a Focus Group Discussion on Women's Political Participation on the 26th October 2015 at Madanriting, Nongthymmai, Shillong. Shri. E. Kharkongor, Headman of the locality, appreciated the initiative taken by the Women's Commission.

Some of the recommendations that came out of the discussion are as follows:-

1. Competent authority (Autonomous District Council) for issuing a uniform direction/instruction to include women in the Executive Committee of the Local Village Durbar
2. District Council to frame rules and norms for inclusion of women in the Local Village Durbar
3. 33% reservation of seats for women in the Local Village Durbar
4. Training and capacity building for selected women leaders



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME, PATHARKHMAH



The Meghalaya State Commission for Women organised a Legal Awareness Programme at Patharkhmah on the 30th October 2015 with the objective to create awareness on the rights of women and to empower them on legal issues and the existing support system.

INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

An interactive meeting was organised at the office premises of Syiem Myllem at Iewduh on the 15th February 2016 with the objective to discuss the problems and constraints faced by women traders/ entrepreneurs.



The issues and problems identified and the recommendations are to set up a separate women's market with better infrastructure and facilities; to create awareness and information on the availability of different schemes for women by the Government and other Institutions and strict rules and regulations to be formulated in letter and spirit.

CAMPAIGN PROTESTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



The Commission had observed the 16 days Campaign Protesting Violence against Women from 25 November to 10 December 2015 which began on November 25th in Shillong, Khliehriat and Williamnagar. A debate competition on the topic of violence against women and girls in East Khasi Hills was held on the 25th November 2015 **supported** by the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills under the Voluntary Action Fund. A “talk show” or panel discussions on the issue of *ending violence against women and girls* in Shillong was broadcasted by All India Radio Shillong during the Campaign period. The Panellists for the talk show was Smti.Theilin Phanbuh, Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women, Shri.W.Diengdoh, Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority and Shri. H.Kharkrang (MPS), Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills.





CONSULTATION WITH WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS, KHLIEHRIAT

A consultation with local businesses and women entrepreneurs to discuss how corporations and small businesses can contribute to efforts to end

violence against women and share information about initiatives to make work places safe spaces for women and girls, and how economic inequality can contribute to exploitation and violence against women and girls was held on the 2nd of December 2015 at Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills.



OBSERVATION OF WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, WILLIAMNAGAR

The District Multi-Purpose Socio Economic Development Organization (DMSEDO) observed WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY in collaboration with Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) on 10th December 2015 sponsored by Action Aid Association (AAA) to

commemorate and honour the adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights with an aim for building Peace and Harmony and to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violation.



LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME



A Legal Awareness Programme was held in Phulbari, West Garo Hills District and Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on the 26 February and 17 & 18th March 2016 respectively supported by the National Commission for Women New Delhi.

Dr.P.Pandey, Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District inaugurated the Programme in Nongpoh. The Legal Awareness Programme aims to empower women and girls with the knowledge of their legal rights and duties, ultimately to be able to share power equally, gain full access to the means of development and to inspire a whole generation of women to work together towards achieving gender equality and justice.



UPDATE OF THE SURVEY ON SOCIO ECONOMIC
POLITICAL STATUS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
MEGHALAYA



The Commission has undertaken several strenuous and exhaustive exercises to review and finalise the findings and recommendations of the Draft report and finally on the 18th of March 2016, the report has been submitted to the Chairperson National Commission for Women, New Delhi. It is expected that the outcome of the survey Report will be published soon.



SWACH BHARAT CAMPAIGN IN THE OFFICE PREMISES



**CASES RECEIVED AT THE COMMISSION
FROM APRIL 2015 MARCH 2016**

SL. NO	NATURE OF THE CASE	NO OF CASES
1.	Domestic Violence	28
2.	Harassment/Threatening	4
3.	Maintenance	36
4.	Missing	1
5.	Rape and Murder	1
6.	Sexual Harassment	3
7.	Other Complaints	22
Total		95

**SUCCESS STORIES
CASE STUDIES**

An aggrieved woman filed a complaint of Harassment against the owner of a shop at Police Bazar and its representatives from Assam. She has been employed as Beauty Advisor of an Herbal Agency from North East region, Guwahati for three months. She did not get her full payment salary. She was given additional work by the Shop Owner and was told not to complain. Later the shop owner began to insult and verbally abused her for no reason at all. This hurt her prestige and reputation. She later lodges an FIR at Sardar Police Station against the shop owner. She was pressurised by the Police to withdraw the case or else she might have to spend the whole night in jail. Finally she agreed to withdraw the case but demanded a written apology that they will behave and will not ill treat her again. Both parties agreed and signed on a paper. Later she came to know that she was tricked to sign a paper written that she will never file case against him in future. She resumed duty in the said shop. But the shop owner kept repeating his action and abusing her. She also informed her Advisor when the shop owner refuses to hand over the keys to open the counter. The Company from Guwahati intervene into the matter and asked her to compromise and took side with the shop owner. Later the aggrieved woman submitted a complaint to the Commission. Both the Company and shop owner were summoned for hearing and with the intervention of the Commission this case has been thoroughly examined and finally an amicable solution has been settled by both parties.

LIST OF PROGRAMMES ATTENDED

An aggrieved woman filed a complaint of Domestic violence against her husband and in laws who tortured and harassed her for Dowry. Her father-in-law when he was intoxicated attempted to burn her alive. She was tortured if she could not fulfil their demands and was not given food nor water. She was threatened that they will hire militant to kill all her family members. She was taken to Delhi on false deception that they will settle there but instead was mentally and physically abused. She was forced to give all her personal belongings and money. Both the parties were summoned for hearing and after several intervention by the Commission, an agreement was signed whereby the husband will have to return all her belongings as well a sum amount of Rs. 53,320 (Rupees Fifty Three Thousand, Three hundred and twenty) only. The husband has returned all her personal belonging including her jewellery at the office of the Commission and has also paid the money back to her.

PROGRAMMES/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF MSCW

Sl. NO	EVENTS	DELEGATION FROM MSCW
1.	Consultation and Dissemination Workshop on Empowerment of Women with emphasis on Sexual and Reproductive Rights organised by State Resource Centre for Women, Shillong on 27 th April, 2015	Smti. T. Phanbuh Chairperson
2.	Workshop on the Meghalaya Victim Compensation Scheme in the Multi-Purpose Convention Hall of NEHU on 22 nd June, 2015	Smti. T. Phanbuh Chairperson
3.	Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place organised by Accountant General (A&G) Meghalaya on the 14 th July, 2015	Smti.Rebina Subba Member
4.	Symposium on the Dorbar Shnong in the context of Khasi Society on 10 th July 2015 at Synod College and presented a paper on Participation of Women in the Village Council	Smti. T. Phanbuh Chairperson
5.	National Seminar on the Challenges of women in the Himalaya region in Uttarakhand organized by the India World Foundation, New Delhi in the 1 st & 2 nd September, 2015	Smti. I.Tariang Member Secretary
6.	Interactive Meeting with State Commission for Women on the 4 th September, 2015, New Delhi	Smti. I.Tariang Member Secretary Smti. Nakilin. G. Shylla Member
7.	Workshop on “Status of Women’s Studies in North East India” organised by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social changes and Development, Guwahati jointly with Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women’s studies in Tezpur University on 26 th & 27 th November, 2015	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson Smti.Gamchi T R Marak Vice- Chairperson
8.	Legal Awareness Programme on Women’s Right on 4 th September, 2015 at Lumpdeng	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson
9.	Awareness Programme organized on CAW & Children by Village Defence Party at Mawkneng, Sohiong on 8 th September, 2015	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson Smti. I.Tariang Member Secretary
10.	Awareness Programme on the Rising Crimes Against Women & Children organized by KSU, Nonglang South West Khasi Hills on 25 th July, 2015	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson

11.	Awareness programme on ‘Women in Recovery for Sobriety a Challenge in North East India’ organized by Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) in Co-operation with Kripa Foundation at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong on 20 th February, 2016.	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson
12.	National Seminar on Gender and Folklore in North East India Belief and practices at the Guest House, Conference Hall, NEHU, on 30 th & 31 st March, 2016.	Smti. T.Phanbuh Chairperson

SANCTIONED AND IMPLEMENTATION 2015 2016

- An amount of Rs. 26, 00,000/- (Twenty Six Lakhs) only was sanctioned by the Govt. vide memo No. MSCW/BA/2004/Pt.II/6157 Dated Shillong the 1st December 2015.
- An additional amount of Rs. 72,000 (Seventy Two Thousand) only was sanctioned by the Govt. vide memo No.MSCW/BA/2004/Pt.II/ 10299 dated 4th March 2016

NEWS PAPER CLIPPINGS

'Assaulted' woman demands justice

Seeks intervention of Women's Commission



The victim, Josna Nongsiej addresses the media in the city on Friday. Her children can also be seen in the photo. (ST)

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: After being denied proper assistance by the village dorbar as well as an NGO, a woman from a remote village in West Khasi Hills sought the intervention of the Meghalaya State Women's Commission

(MSWC) to take up her cause.

Josna Nongsiej, a resident of Mawsikar, a village near Langpih revealed how her former husband, Sronling Lyngkhai allegedly assaulted her and burnt down her house.

"He (Lyngkhai) burnt

down my house while I was in my mother's place on March 20," Nongsiej told newsmen here on Friday.

Nongsiej also alleged that she was a victim of physical assault during her stay with her husband, adding that she finally decided to leave him after she had two miscarriages.

"Even after the separation, he threatened to hire contract killers to kill me and my two minor children," she alleged.

She complained to the village dorbar about the incident, but to no avail.

Trying to seek justice, Nongsiej sought the help of an NGO, the women's wing of the Hynniewtre National Achik Movement (HANM). It only extended some relief to the **(Contd on P-10)**

'Assaulted woman....

(Contd from P-3) woman in the form of clothes and CGI sheets but failed to help her in filing a police complaint.

Despite the fact that she had earlier filed a police complaint, Lyngkhai managed to get bail.

In an effort to reach out to the concerned authorities the aggrieved woman finally decided to take the support of the media.

"I have come here today to urge the authority concerned through the media to help me and ensure that my husband is booked under relevant section of the law," she said here on Friday.

Meanwhile, the MSWC immediately took up the case and took Nongsiej's statement.

"We would immediately ask the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police (SP), West Khasi Hills District to take necessary action in the matter," MSWC chairperson, Theilin Phanbuh told reporters on Friday.

Call for separate schemes for single mothers

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: National Commission for Women (NCW) member Laldiangliani Sailo has said single motherhood is one of the growing problems in the country, which requires the more attention by the Centre and commitment of more resources towards their betterment.

"It (single motherhood) is perhaps one of the major growing problems in the country and the world. In the light of this, single mothers deserve a separate set of schemes and programmes for their well being," Sailo said while addressing a National Consulta-

tion on issues related to single mothers here on Monday.

"We also need to take note that this is not just for the sake of single mothers alone, but also because of the ramifications this has for society," she said urging the Centre to take a holistic look and adopt "integrated approaches" towards them.

"It is not a bad idea to create a separate schemes and programmes for the single mother. I would suggest that this conference should debate and consider whether single mothers should be considered as a separate category as they have their own (Contd on P-10)

Call for separate schemes...

(Contd from P-1) special problems," Sailo said.

Sailo observed that till few years ago, the government did not even recognize single mothers as a category that needed special schemes.

"Most states have now recognised the need for making provision of pension for single mothers in their plans. But, the pensions are low... just around Rs 1,000 a month," Sailo said.

The NCW member emphasised the need to increase the pension for single mothers to a level that would enable the women to look after themselves and her children.

Highlighting that skill development was important to alleviate the problem, the NCW member said providing vocational training to such women was as critical to enhance their lives.

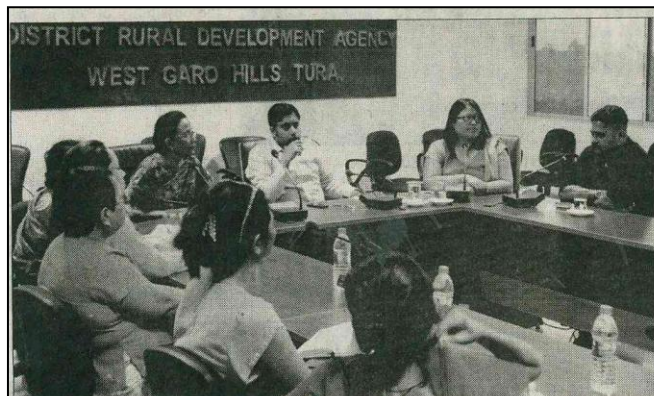
She said that another scheme of Central Government "Swaddhar Greh" under the Ministry of WCD which caters women in difficult circumstances.

"The home or greh also includes mother along with their children (girls below 18 and boys below 12). This is a very laudable scheme. But the numbers of beneficiaries for this scheme are limited," NCW member said.

On the issue of economic opportunities of women, Sailo said that even in the matrilineal society like Meghalaya and Kerala, things may not be different because there would not be many women who own a property that gives them an income.

"Many are too poor to own a property and others may at best own a small dwelling unit. It is commonly seen that many of the single mother are not able to meet their expenses on food, clothing, children's education, electricity and medicine," Sailo said.

The State Assembly Speaker AT Mondal also spoke on the occasion.



West Garo Hills Deputy Commissioner Pravin Bakshi speaks at a meeting to review and discuss cases relating to women and children in Garo Hills, in Tura, on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by members of Meghalaya State Commission for Women, SP Mukesh Kumar, officials of the Social Welfare Department, members of Child Welfare Committee, officials of District Child Protection Office and District Programme Officer, ICDS Cell.

SHILLONG, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

MSCW chief to seek legal help before ordering probe

Injury to six women in police lathicharge

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) Theilin Phanbuh on Sunday said she would consult legal experts before instituting any inquiry to ascertain the facts behind the lathicharge by the police during the procession undertaken by HYC volunteers in the city on Friday.

Six women sustained injuries during the incident.

While the police have maintained that the HYC



An injured woman is taken to Shillong Civil Hospital after the police lathicharge in the city on Friday. (ST file)

volunteers used women as shields during the protest which was illegal, the organisers blame the police for resorting to use of extreme force by way of lathicharge.

The organisers were of the view that police should have tackled the situation in a different manner.

Reacting to the contrasting views on the matter, the MSCW chairperson said the Commission would meet on Monday.

"I have to get legal opinion before any inquiry is initiated," she added.

U Nongsain Hima

Shillong Sngi Palei 23 Naitung (July) 2015

Pynthame ka DSC ia ki samla ba pass ia ka eksam 'Gram Sevika': Phanbuh

Shillong, Naitung 22

"Kane ka dei ka jingtori na ka liang ka District Selection Committee (DSC), bad ha kajuha ka por kaba la pynthame ia kine ki samla kiba la pass ha ka eksam jong ka Gram Sevika," ong ka Kong Theilin Phanbuh, Chairperson ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW).

Haba iakren bad u nongthoh khubor mynta ka sngi, ka Kong Theilin ka la ong ba ha kaba iadei ...Pule sla 9

Pynthame ka DSC ia ki samla ba pass

bad ka bynta jong ki Gram Sevika kiba shong shah thngan ha Madan Nongthymmai, na ka liang jong ka MSCW, ka la dep ban iakren bad u Chief Secretary ka jylla hynrei kaei kaba sngewsih ka long ba ym lah shuh ban pynjlan ne pynim biang ia ka 'merit list' namarkata kaba ki ong ka 'validity,' ka la kut noh.

Ka la ong ruh ba ka jingbakla ka lah ban dei na ka liang ka tnat ba pyniad khamtam ha ka por ba pynbna (advertise) ia katei ka kam ha kaba ka la dei ban pyntip shuwa ki don katno tylli ki jaka liba lait bad ym bad shu pynlong kai ia ka eksam khlem da pyndep ia ka jingku-lar ba la buh.

"Ngin sa leit ban pan jingpynshai na ka sorkar halor kane, hynrei ngim lah ban pyntikna ia kaei ka jubab kaba kan ai, namar ha kaba khatduh hi, ka bor ka shong ha ki nongthung kam," ong ka Kong Theilin.

Ha kane ka sngi, ka MSCW ka la phah jingthoh ruh sha ka Kong R.V. Suchiang, Principal Secretary ka tnat Personnel, bad kumjuh ka la phah kopi ruh sha u K.N. Kumar, Principal Secretary ka tnat C & RD ha kaba iadei bad ka kam jong kitei ki samla kiba la pynlong ia ka jingshah thngan ha Madan Nongthymmai.

U Nongsain Hima

Shillong Sngi Ba-ar 02 Jylliew (June) 2015

Pynrem jur ka HSPDP ia ki pulit bad MSCW

Shillong, Jylliew 01

Ka Hill State People's Democratic Party (HSPDP) ka pynrem jur ia ki pulit ka jylla bad kumjuh ia ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW)

ha kaba iadei bad ka jingjia kaba la jia ha ka 29 tarik mynta u bnai ha kaba ki pulit ki la tied bad bom naphang ia ki dkhot ka HYC.

Na ka liang ka MDC ka HSPDP, ka Kong Teilinia Thangkhiaw, ka la pynpaw ...Pule Sla 7

Pynrem jur ka HSPDP ia ki pulit

ruh ia ka jingsngewdiaw halor ka jingbym shimkhia jong ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women halor katei ka bynta namar haduh mynta mynne, kam shym pat la pynlong ia kano no ka jingtohkit na ka liang jong ka, hynrei ka la shu pan jingiarap na ki bor jong ka aini (legal help) khlem da pynlong ia ki jingtohkit.

Shuh shuh katei ka MDC ka la long ruh ba dei ban pynshitom ia kito ki pulit kiba donkti bad katei ka jingjia. Ha kajuha ka por, ka seng ka dawa na ka sorkar bad kumjuh na ka Mynti ka tnat ki kam pohing bad ban leh ei ei noh mardor pyrshah ia ki 'magistrate' bad ki ophisar kiba la iadonlang ha katei ka sngi jong ka jingjia.

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Pynrem jur ka HSPDP ia ki pulit kun

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Shillong Sngi Ba-

Poi hospital 2 ngu Sevika ba shah



Ki Gram Sevika ba la pynkit ha Kali 108

Shillong, Naitung 20

Ka jingshah thngan ba Sevika ha Madan Nongthymmai, na ka liang jong ka pynlong ha kaba arngu thngan ha katei ka jaka, Hospital, Shillong nam jong ki.

Haba iakren bad u Jyrwa, kawei na ki Gram Sevika, lang ha Madan Nongthymmai, 10:30 baje ei ei mynstep

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pynkit noh ia ka samla a namar ba kine baroh arngu

Ha kawei pat ka bynta East Khasi Hills, Bah P.S. jong u, u la dep ban pynsorkar jylla halor ka jingpy biang ia ka 'merit list' jong ia ka eksam na bynta ka katei

"Nga la dep ban thoh tnat Personnel ha kaba iadei Dkhar uba dei ruh u Chairperson Committee (DSC).

Ha kajuha ka por u la pynka dei na ka liang jong ka sorkar ban rai eiei ha kaba iadei b

Shillong Sngi U Blei 30 Nailar (August) 2015

Ki rangbah na ka thain Mairang ki pdiang ban kynthup ia ki longkmie ha ki Dorbar Shnong



Ki paidbab kiba la wan sha ka jingialang

Shillong, Nailar 29:

Wat la bun ki rangbah ki pyrshah ia ka jingrung ki longkmie kum ki dkhot jong ka Dorbar Shnong, hynrei ka long kaba sngewphylla ba ki rangbah jong ka thain Mairang, West Khasi Hills ki pynpaw ba kim don kano kano ka jingpyrshah lada ki longkmie ki long ki dkhot jong ki Dorbar Shnong.

Kane ka dei jingpynsngew jong ki rangbah kiba la wan ban iashim bynta ha ka jingialang ba la pynlong da ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women ha ka jingiatrei lang bad ka tnad Social Welfare ban iatai ia ka jingeh jong ki longkmie kaba la long hapoh ka iing community hall jong ka Mairang Dorbar Shnong ha ka sngi palei.

Ha kane ka jingialang la wan ban iashim bynta ruh da ki longkmie na ki shnong baphe baphe jong ka thain Mairang.

"Ngim don ia ka jingpyrshah na ka bynta ban pynrung ia ki longkmie shapoh ki Dorbar Shnong. Ngi sngew ba

sngew ba kawei a ki jingeh na ka liang bun ki longiing ki mad ka long ka jingshah shoh jong ki longkmie ha u lok jong ki (domestic violence).

Karkum ka jingiathuh jong kito ki ba wan sha kane ka jingialang, ki pynpaw ba ka jingshoh u lok ia la ka lok ka long kawei ka dawbah ka pynpra ia u khiew ja jong bun tylli ki longiing.

Ka la don ruh ka jingpynsngew ia ka jingdonkam ban pyntreikam noh ia ka ain Compulsory Registration of Marriages bill kaba dang sahteng bad ka Sorkar Jylla.

Shuh shuh, ka long ka jingai jingmut halor ka jingdon ban thung ia ki ophisar ban ai jingiada (protection officer) ha ki block baphe baphe khnang ba ki longkmie ki la buh ia ki jingujor katkam ka Protection of Women under the Domestic Violence Act 2005.

Ka long don ruh ka jingai jingmut halor ka jingdonkam ban pynsngewthuh ki khun shynrang halor ban burom ia ki khynnah kynthei naduh ba ki dang rit

MSCW chief laments inadequate number of judicial officers in Meghalaya

Slow trials embolden criminals: Phanbuh

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Slow trial and conviction due to inadequate number of judicial officers in the State has emboldened the criminals resulting in a rise in the number of cases of crimes against women.

In an interview to *The Shillong Times*, Theilin Phanbuh, Chairperson, State Women's Commission, has expressed her dissatisfaction on the slow trials for conviction that lead to high incidences of violence against women.

She maintained that though the Police depart-

ment was doing its part, the process of conviction is slow as "there is less number of judicial officers in the court slowing down the trial process."

"It is a letdown because of less conviction cases and the accused get the opportunity to go scot-free," she added.

Moreover, less number of convictions has also affected the justice delivery system adding to the miseries of women victims of various crimes in State, she stated.

There are 62 recorded cases of violence against women in the State since

January till date, the MSCW chief informed.

Speaking on the reasons behind crimes against women, Phanbuh said, "Crimes against women are committed within the family also and due to prevalence of drug addiction, easy access to the internet and pornography which affect the young minds."

On being asked as to which district was more vulnerable to such crimes, she said, "I cannot pinpoint any district or place. There is no difference between urban and rural crime figures."

She, however, emphasized that (Contd on P-10)

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(Contd from P-1) the western part of Meghalaya was neglected.

On the role of the Commission, Phanbuh said it was working to ensure that crimes against women are reduced. The Commission mainly focuses itself in rural parts of Meghalaya, where they conduct street plays and awareness programmes in collaboration with NGOs. Phanbuh said, adding, "These women from the rural areas do not even know that there is law that protect their rights."

"We have to go through every process, to work together with the village heads at the community level.

The Commission has approach schools on the outskirts of Shillong to participate in the initiatives to create awareness on the issue," she said, while mentioning that the response has been fairly good.

Phanbuh informed that one of the initiatives taken up by the Commission was to engage young girls in leadership training. "It is high time for girl students to participate in these programmes," she said.

"There is a need to mobilize people at the community level, mostly the teachers, to come forward and lead. The Commission has a follow up routine as well," she added.

She informed that the Commission will go deep into the issue of increasing violence against women and will conduct a survey in this connection. "There are numerous cases that the Commission is being approached for, for instance, single mothers who are denied maintenance by their husbands, seek the Commission's help; the Commission has helped families reconcile as well," she said.

While mentioning that the Commission refers some cases to the Protection Officer if it is unable to solve them, Phanbuh bemoaned the lack of infrastructure. "We are overloaded, there is no investigative cell, counseling cell or legal cell," she said, adding that with the formation of such cells, cases will speed up.

On the issue of non prevalence of the cells, Phanbuh said, "The Government has expressed fund constraints."

On replying to a query as to why women chose to veil themselves, she said, "It is because of the stigma attached and they are reluctant to approach the police."

In this regard, State Women's Commission has been set up to help and provide the basic needs and counselling for women, Phanbuh said. In her message to women who are being abused but cannot come out publicly, she said, "I would like to encourage them to come forward."

103 tylli ki 'case' ha u 2015

Donkam ia ki lingshari ba kyrpang na bynta ki kam batbor : Kong Theilin

Shillong, Rymphang 08

"Ngi donkam ia ki lingshari ba kyrpang (Special Court) na bynta ki kam (case) batbor khnang ba ki jingbishar kin iaaid shakhmat bad yn ym sah kut hajuh," ong ka Kong Theilin Phanbuh, Chairperson ka Meghalaya State Commission for Women



Kong Theilin Phanbuh

(MSCW).

Haba kren shaphang ki kam batbor kiba la nang jyllei hapoh ka jylla katba dang mih ki sngi, ka Kong Theilin haba iakren bad u nongthoh khubor mynta ka sngi, ka la ong, "Nga sngewkhia shi kat dei eh ia kine ki jingjia, hynrei ...**Pule Sla 9**

kaei kaba sngewsih ka long ba bun na ki rumar kiba ju mlien ban leh ia kitei ki kam, kim ju da kham shah pynshitom bad ki lait noh da kaba suk."

"Kaei kaba ngi donkam eh mynta ka long ia ki 'public prosecutor' (nongiasaid aini ba la thung da ka sorkar) kiba khlain, ha kajuha ka por kiba tista bad trei minot ia la ka kam," ka la ong.

Haba kylli ia ka Kong Phanbuh halor ka jingshah pyniap ki ar ngut ki heprit bad kawei ka longkmie ha ka thain Ri-lum Jaiintia dang myn ha kine ki khyndiat sngi ba lah dep, ka Chairperson ka MSCW, ka la iathuh ba kitei ki jingjia ki long ki bym lah satia ban pdiang ha ka imlang sahlang bad ka la ong ruh ba ki don shibun ki kam batbor ha Jaiintia Hills, hynrei kito ki longkmie ne ki khyllung khynnah kiba la ngat ha kiba kum kitei ki apot, kim nud satia ban wan mih shakhmat bad iathuh ia la ki jingjia.

"Ka daw ba hakhamat eh ha kaba iadei bad ki kam batbor ka dei namar ba bun na kito kiba leh ia kitei ki kam sang ki dei ki ju mlien ban pynbyrnia ialade ha ki phlim jaboh lyngba ka kor treikam jong ka 'internet.' Kan jin da long kaba bha na kiba bha tam lada lah ban khang (block) noh ia ki 'site' kiba ju pyni ia kiba kum kitei ki jait phlim. Kiwei ki daw ki lah ban kynthup ia ka jingdih drok, kyiad bad kiwei kiwei ki jingdih ba pynbuaid," ong ka Kong Theilin.

Ka la iathuh ba kawei na ki lad ki lynti ban teh lakam ia kitei ki jingsniew pyrshah ia ki 'riew kynthei ka long sa tang ka jingiatrei lang na ka liang ka shnong, ki seng kynthei, bad ruh ka sorkar.

Katei ka khliehduh ka MSCW ka la pynpaw ba bun na ki 'case' ba iadei bad ki kam batbor, ki ju iaaid lyngba ki 'District Council Court' bad namar kiba bun ki jyrwit jyrwat, lehse kum ka jingbym shimkhia, bun na kitei ki 'case' ki sah kut sah khlem poi shano shano, pynban ha kawei ka liang ka nang ai mynsiem ia ki nongleh ban iai bteng ia ki kam sniew jong ki.

"Kumta lah dei ban wanrah ia kiba kum kine ki jait 'case' ha ki 'District Court' ne lada long kaba lah ban thaw na ki lingshari ba kyrpang na bynta jong ki," ong ka Kong Phanbuh.

Ka la ong ruh, "Ka jingpynshitom ka dei ban iaaid katkum ka aini, hynrei haba phai sha ka jingshah batbor ki khyllung khynnah, kata dei ban set patok shi jingim."

Shuh shuh ka Kong Theilin ka la bynrap ba ki 'case' thombor pyrshah ia ki 'riew kynthei kiba ka MSCW ka la iohpdian myn ha u snem ba lah dep, ki long kumba 103 tylli ei ei.

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'Gender inequality biggest challenge'

By Daiaphira Kharsati

SHILLONG: On the eve of International Women's day, Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Women Theilin Phanbuh has expressed concern over gender inequality which is a burning issue globally as well as in the matrilineal society of Meghalaya as women folks demand their rightful place in the society.

In an exclusive interview with *The Shillong Times*, Phanbuh spoke on several issues concerning the problems and struggles faced by women especially single mothers and expressed concern over the deteriorating moral values evident from the number of broken homes.

"Gender inequality is prevalent here as there is lack of mutual respect. The mindset that women should not be given the opportunity to participate in areas where men dominate creates a misunderstanding in the society," Phanbuh said.

She pointed out that the customary practice that prohibits women participation in

traditional institutions should change with the evolving times should accept and adapt to though since ancient times elders have entrusted women with the responsibilities to take care of the

"Most men have agreed that women should have a place and become a part of the society," Phanbuh said.



Theilin Phanbuh:
Candid

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severe mental problems. "While interacting with women vendors at Bara Bazaar, we found that after 5-6 pm they have to sell their products at a throwaway price. The basic amenities of toilets, street lights, proper storage is absent," she said.

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should have a place in Dorbar and become a part of the executive committee while some orthodox men felt that it is the domain of men," Phanbuh said.

The Chairperson informed that as a Commission it has delved deep into the problems of single mothers and has even called an interactive session where 16 women attended, she informed that women vendors at Bara Bazaar faced acute problems.

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(Contd. from P-1) rise of the problem single mothers which is due to the death of spouses or the husbands leaving the wife.

"The death of a spouse is mostly due to alcoholism while the wife is left to fend for herself. But most single mothers send their children to school despite the struggles," she said. On the declining moral principles of the society, she lamented that there are many cases of frauds as most women are illiterate and with the burden of poverty they are easy prey of fraudsters. Commenting on awareness, she pointed out that women are unaware of their rights and this lack of knowledge makes them the most vulnerable sections of the society.

Ignorant of CM scheme

"In the interactive session attended by 16 women, we found that only 1 woman is aware of the Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme and enjoyed the benefit of Rs 6000 per month," Phanbuh added.

The beneficiary, a single mother, added that the amount has been of great help in buying text books for her children. She added, "DIPR through the public address system can take the initiative to address people in the market places about the schemes offered by the Government." However, she urged the Government to provide more schemes to single mothers and women folks. She felt there is a need to upgrade the skills development industry to deal with the changing times.

Specialized Women Center

Phanbuh has informed that a pilot project called Specialized Women Center which is in collaboration with Institute of Social Sciences, an initiative of National Commission for Women will be implemented by the State Commission for Women.

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Rape and murder of 19-year-old Women's body chairperson demands justice

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Expressing concern over the alleged brutal rape and murder of a 19-year-old girl at Parmaw, 4½ Mile on Thursday last, Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Women, Theilin Phanbuh has urged women to be more alert and cautious in their movements.

Phanbuh, who is also the president of Lumpung Ki Seng Kynthei, met the members of the bereaved family at their residence on Saturday. Condemning the perpetrators of the crime

Phanbuh called for strong action against the offenders.

"The culprits have committed a heinous crime. We urge the concerned authority to take strong punitive action against them and hope that the investigation bears fruit," she said.

In her capacity as the chairperson she assured that the Commission will follow up the case.

Meanwhile, Phanbuh called upon the parents and guardians to supervise and be more vigilant about the activities of their wards in order to ensure their safe-

CSWO cites loopholes

The CSWO, however, expressed concern over the loopholes in the police investigation into the case.

"It is strange that the police did not bother to bring a sniffer dog to the crime scene which would have solved the crime in a systematic way as first the police detained and harassed the uncle of the victim for the whole night instead of arresting the real culprit," CSWO president Agnes Kharshiing, who visited the family on Saturday, said.