

Annual Activities Report (April 2012 to March 2013)



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INTRODUCTION

HD Foundation Manipur is a non-profit making NGO established in 1999 and got the status of a registered trust under the India Trust Act 1882 under registration number 387 of 2002 in the state of Manipur, India. Our motto is Live, Liberty & Sacrifice. Our Objective is the Social Inclusion of Persons With Disabilities by providing educational assistance, livelihood promotion activities, community awareness, health care services, parents counseling, legal aid, etc working with the PWDs and their family members, village community and social activist of the State and national & international Non- Government Organization. HD Foundation envisages a welfare society where poorest of the poor, weaker section and especially the handicapped persons of the society could enjoy with full justice and democratic values in life,

In the past 14 years of our dedication, commitment, & meaningful intervention have improved the quality of life for hundreds of the persons with disability across the state. We recognized the rights of every individual irrespective of their physical strength and mental ability to lead a life of dignity and self respect in a just and equitable society, and the need to develop the capacities of individuals and communities to improve the quality of their lives and enhance their ability to negotiate from a position of strength that would come from being educated, in good health and having the capacity to be engaged in productive works.

The Year 2012 was remarkable for its own way and also for us as we have started to step towards health care sector by opening its health care unit – Health Care and Rehabilitation Center (HCRC) and also we started giving Direct Child Assistance (DCA).

Our Activities: - (April 2012 to March 2013)

- Opening of Economic Rehabilitation Agency for Handicapped (ERAH) Unit- 1(A) at Moidangpok Khunou. (5th June, 2012)
- 1st State Level Open Quiz Competition on Helen Keller (24th & 27th June, 2012)
- Five days fruit and vegetable preservation training (25th to 29th June, 2012)
- Human Rights (28th July 2012) and Human Trafficking Workshop (1st Aug, 2012)
- Opening of Health Care & Rehabilitation Centre (HCRC) (10th September, 2012)
- Starting of Giving Direct Child Assistance (DCA) (10th September, 2012)
- 1st State Level Integrated Literary Meet 2012 in connection with 61st Death Anniversary of Lamyamba Hjam Irabot (24th to 26th Sept, 2012)
- Reception Ceremony of MPSC Exam Successful PWD Candidate Mr. Bobby Moirangthem (L.D.) (29th September, 2012)
- Month Long Barrier Free Poster Campaign (17th Oct, to 17th Nov, 2012)
- Ningol Chakouba Festival for Women with Disability (15th Nov, 2012)
- Handicapped Welfare Month in connection with World Disable Day and Loius Braille Day (3rd Dec, 2012 to 4th Jan, 2013)



OUR ACTIVITIES/ WORKS IN DETAILS

OPENING OF ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AGENCY FOR HANDICAPPED (ERAH)

UNIT- 1(A) AT MOIDANGPOK KHUNOU (5th June, 2012)



ERAH (Economic Rehabilitation Agency for Handicapped) is a Self Help Group (SHG) form under HD Foundation Manipur. ERAH Unit-1(A) launched at Moidangpok Khunou, Imphal West on the 5th June, 2012 with the main objective of creating income generation and social inclusion for the PWDs so that ultimately they could live with dignity. So far HD Foundation has launched 9 numbers of ERAH/SHG.

1ST STATE LEVEL QUIZ COMPETITION ON HELEN KELLER (24th & 27th June, 2012)

HD Foundation for the first time organized the 1st State Level Quiz Competition in connection with the 132nd birth anniversary of Helen Keller on the 24th & 27th of June, 2012. The main objective of the competition was to create awareness among the people, the works that Keller inspite of being a deaf and blind had done. **Helen Adams Keller** (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) was an American author, political activist, and lecturer. She was the first deaf & blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. The story of how Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan, broke through the isolation imposed by a near complete lack of language, allowing the girl to blossom as she learned to communicate, Keller with her teacher Anne Sullivan have proof that if persons with disability is encouraged and well taught then they can do the same that a regular person does.

Day - 1 (24th June, 2012)



Photos: Competitors taking part in the written Quiz Competition.

Program	: -	Written Quiz Competition.
Venue	: -	J.N. Dance Academy, Imphal, Manipur.
Participants	: -	64

Day - 2 (27th June, 2012)



Sardhanjali to Hellen Keller.



Prize Distribution to the winner's of the Quiz Competition.

Program : - Final Round for the Quiz and Prize Distribution.
Venue : - Rup Mahal Theatre, Imphal.

Top 5(five) participants the 1st State Level Quiz Competition On Helen Keller :-

- 1st Position – *Anganba Okram*, St. Joseph School.
- 2nd Position – *Ningombam Omila Devi*, Assam Rifle School.
- 3rd Position – *Moirangthem Bobby*, Johnston School.
- 4th Position - *L. Puma*, K.M. Blooming School.
- 5th Position – *N. Shiyamchandra*, Extra Edge School.

FIVE DAYS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRESERVATION TRAINING **(25th to 29th June, 2012)**



Five days fruit and vegetable preservation training was organized by HD Foundation Manipur from the 25th to 29th June, 2012 at Khumbong Khaidem mayai Leikai, Imphal. The training program targets to engage the PWDs and their family members in productive works so that they can generate their own income.

HUMAN RIGHTS (28th July, 2012) & HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP (1st Aug, 2012)

HD Foundation since the time of its existence always stands against the violation of Human Rights. These violations also include Gender Discrimination, discrimination for the PWDs and children. The Foundation

organized workshop program to ensure the people specially females for their rights. The workshop program aimed at bringing all people under one roof inspite of the individuals or gender difference.



Workshop on Human Rights at Maklang on the 28th July, 2012.



Workshop on Human Trafficking at Khaidem Mayai Leikai on 1st Aug, 2012.

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER (HCRC) (10th September, 2012)



HD Foundation step towards the Health Sector by opening its Health Care and Rehabilitation Center (HCRC) at Sagolband Tera Sayang Leirak on **10th September, 2012.** The main objectives of HCRC is to help the individuals to create their physical functionality more effective by regaining their lose capability of muscles and nerves by giving exercise through physiotherapy. The Foundation also includes Speech therapy to the service of the HCRC from March 2013.

SERVICES OF HCRC

1. *Orthopaedics and Sports Injury Rehabilitation*
2. *Neurological Rehabilitation*
3. *Geriatrics Rehabilitation*
4. *Pediatrics rehabilitation*
5. *Integumentary Rehabilitation*
6. *Speech Therapy.*

DIRECT CHILD ASSISTANCE (DCA).

From September 10, 2012, HD Foundation has started giving Direct Child Assistance (DCA).



Under this scheme/project, we are providing support to 21 children of different disability (including newly added 7 children since from March 2013). The support is given to the child belonging to the poor family and whose age is below 25 years. The type of the support varies from the individual need of the child. The focus areas of the support are health, education and skill training, counseling for family and social inclusion.

1ST STATE LEVEL INTEGRATED LITERARY MEET 2012 IN CONNECTION WITH THE 61ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LAMYANBA HIJAM IRABOT. (24th to 26th September, 2012)

The Handicapped Development Foundation Manipur have organized the 1st state level integrated literary meet 2012 in connection with the 61st death anniversary of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot – from the 24th to 26th September of 2012 at Tera Bazar, Imphal, Manipur. The competition was held in remembrance of Lamyamba Hijam Irabot– the Manipuri legend who have dedicated his life for the down trodden peoples of Manipur. The main objectives of the competition were to develop patriotic sense and sacrificial spirit as Irabot in the heart of today's people especially to the youngsters of Manipur. Also to interact the handicapped persons with the normal persons and bringing them in the same platform of competition to proof that they are also a part of our society and they can do considerable works as the regular people do. These so called handicapped by this society can also love their motherland and are not less than in ability from any regular persons.

Day – 1 (24th Sept, 2012)

(Painting and Recitation Competition)

Balloons were lifted at the Opening Ceremony held on 24th September, 2012 of the 1st State Level Integrated Literary Meet 2012 to blow in the free air with the banners of HD Foundation Manipur by the VIPs lead by Chief Guest, with hope that like this balloons handicapped persons could move freely at their own will.



Photo: Lifting of balloons at the opening of 1st state level integrated literary meet 2012.



Total number of competitors for:

- Painting : 83 (including 19 Hearing Impaired & 1 Locomotors Disability)
- Recitation : 37 (5 Visually Impaired).

Day - 2 (25th Sept, 2012)

(Patriotic Song Competition)



Total numbers of competitors for Patriotic song competition were 36 (7 Visually Impaired, 1 Mental Retarded).



At the evening, 7:00 p.m. more than 15 guest singer artists from the state performed entertainment programmed. There was heavy crowd in the field.

Day - 3 (26th Sept, 2012) (Closing Ceremony cum Prize Distribution)



Prizes were distributed to the first top 10 (Ten) position holders in each category. For Painting, 3 out of the 10 position holders were Hearing Impaired persons (the 1st and the 3rd position holder). For recitation 3 out of the top 10 position holders were Visually Impaired. For song, 5 out of the 10 were PWDs (4 Visually Impaired, 1 Mental Retarded)).

Result for the Competition

Song:

- 1) Raj Ngairangbam
- 2) Shaya Thoudam
- 3) Maibam Yaipharemba Meitei
- 3) Hamom Bijeta Devi

Recitation:

- 1) Anamika Heirangkhongjam
- 2) Kangabam Meliza
- 3) Nimabati Kangabam

Painting:

- 1) Lourembam Romen Singh
- 2) Kshetrimayum Archana
- 3) Saikhom Bebicha



Photo: Distributing prize to the winner of song competition.

RECEPTION CEREMONY OF MPSC EXAM SUCCESSFUL PWD CANDIDATE **MR. BOBBY MOIRANGTHEM (L.D.) (29th September, 2012)**



Photos: Presenting simple gifts to Shri M. Bobby.

On the 29th September, 2012, a simple reception ceremony was conducted for the MPSC successful candidate, Mr. BOBBY MOIRANGTHEM (Locomotors Disabilities) at the premises of the Office of HD Foundation Manipur, Tera Bazar, Imphal. Mr. BOBBY MOIRANGTHEM who is also a member of the Foundation has succeeded the MPSC Civil Service Exam in 32nd rank. The Foundation gave warm wishes to him.. The Foundation has been fighting for the reservation of the seats for PWDs in the state Govt. Exams and it is the first time in Manipur that Persons With Disability have been selected in Grade – A & B post of the Govt. of Manipur. Other 3 (three) PWD candidates were also succeeded in the said exam.

MONTH LONG BARRIER FREE POSTER CAMPAIGN 2012 **(17th October, 2012 to 17th November, 2012)**

The one Month Long Barrier Free Poster Campaign was organized by the Handicapped Development Foundation Manipur from the 17th October to 17th November, 2012 with the main aim of creating a handicapped friendly environment, involving the persons with disabilities in social participation and ultimately bringing them to the mainstream life, thus contributing to the nation's economy.

The opening ceremony of the campaign was held at 1:00 p.m. of the 17th October, 2012 at the New Secretariat

Block, the office chamber of honourable Education Minister, Shri M. Okendro Singh. A Memorandum was also submitted to the honourable Minister by the Members of the Foundation.



Photo: Honourable Education Minister Shri M. Okendro Singh (on right) launching the poster of Month Long Barrier Free Poster Campaign with Dr. Sapam Jasowanta Singh, Secretary General, HD Foundation. (on left).

A video album with the title **“SINGNABA”** (which mean **“The Challenge”**) sang by pioneer Manipuri singer and social reformer – Tapta Jayanta was also released. *Honourable Minister assure to implement the following points of the Memorandum i.e. to promote handicapped friendly environment in all the institutions, to create separate handicapped friendly counter, to reserve 3% for students with disability & to make free admission, registration and other fee in all the institutes both government and private for physically handicapped students’ up to higher studies and to include about the persons with disability in the syllabus of Board Of Secondary Education Manipur.*



Photo : Release of video album “Shingnaba” by Shri M. Okendro, Education Minister, Govt. of Manipur (Right).

The video album **“SINGNABA”** is being broadcasted every day by the ISTV network (local cable network) during the Barrier Free Poster Campaign. The Film forum Manipur also extended a kind helping hand by showing the video album everyday in all the cinema halls of Manipur, thus helping the mass to understand the problems face by the persons with disabilities and motivating them to support our movement to build a barrier free environment.



As part of this campaign, members of the Foundation pasted posters to the walls of public and private buildings, fencings, and road sides, public places etc. The activities spread to every districts of the state Manipur.

Also the Foundation gave request note to the Managers of different Nationalist Banks and Manipur State Banks (which are in Imphal) to implant ramps or left (with auditory Signal) and to open special counter for the persons with disabilities under the PWD Act 1995 in their esteem places.

NINGOL CHAKOUBA FESTIVAL FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITY **(15th November, 2012).**

The **NINGOL CHAKOUBA FESTIVAL** has been celebrating since from the ancient time of civilization of the Manipur. It aims to promote love, peace and harmony among the peoples. The Festival is celebrated by offering a lunch and gifts to the married sisters by their parents and brothers at their maiden houses.

The Foundation organized the “**NINGOL CHAKOUBA FESTIVAL**” especially for women with disabilities on the 15th November, 2012 at Naoremthong Laishram Khulem leikai, Community Hall, near Lamphel D.C Office. The objective of organizing such celebration on the occasion of Ningol Chakouba was to make realization to the people the inclusiveness of PWD sisters and mothers in the mainstream of the society and to commemorate the contribution made by them.



HANDICAPPED WELFARE MONTH IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD DISABLE DAY & LOIUS BRAILE DAY (3rd December, 2012 to 4th January, 2013).



Handicapped Development Foundation Manipur organized Handicapped Welfare Month from the 3rd December 2012 to 4th January 2013 in connection with World Disable Day and Loius Braille Day since from the last 5 years. The opening ceremony starts at 11 a.m. at Rupmahal Theater, Imphal. The objective of Handicapped Welfare Month is to promote awareness and scheme for the well-being of the

Persons with Disability. Gaining attention for these PWDs from the Government and the people so that their dream to live with dignity be fulfilled.

During this welfare month HD Foundation Manipur held counseling programs for the PWDs and their parents. The foundation also launches a digital library even though the library consists of only very limited books, the foundation will add and improve more in future.

THANKS AND BEST WISHES

Handicapped Development Foundation Manipur shall never underestimate the role of mass media both print and electronic. The Foundation thanks all its members and volunteers, persons or groups or associations who have help the foundation or the disable persons in building an equal society. The Foundation specially thanks all the print media (daily local newspapers) and electronic Medias (ISTV Network, DDK Imphal, Film Forum Manipur) and all the sponsors and donors who extend physically, morally and financially for making success our activities.

HD Foundation Manipur extended the warm wishes to all especially to the PWDs. May their wishes for self reliability and self-dependent be fulfilled with the coming of the Cheirouba (The New Year Festival of Manipur). Let's hope this year bring lots of chances which will prove that persons with disability are also not less than others. Have a fantastic and delightful Year ahead.

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