

2021

Virtual Organization Orientation Programme



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Introduction

As part of the Curriculum Requirement, the Department of Social Work-PG, St. Edmund's College has to organize 10 Virtual Organization Orientation Programme for the Post Graduate students of Social Work Department. The objective of the programme:

1. To help our student Social Workers to acquaint themselves with the working of different organizations.
2. To understand their role as a social worker in different fields of work.

The Orientation Programme was organized from 22nd October 2021 to 5th November 2021. One *unique feature* of this programme is that, majority of the resource persons are alumni of St. Edmunds College, Shillong who are now leaders in different fields, hence living the College Anthem. Their knowledge, expertise and valuable are provided as an alumni contribution to the current students of the College.

Virtual Organization Orientation Programme

Session 1: Jal Jeevan Mission

Date: 22nd October 2021

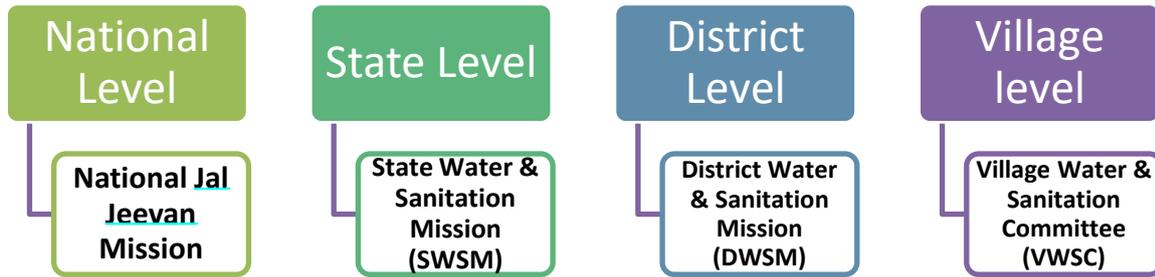
Name of the Agency: District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Jal Jeevan Mission, Ri-Bhoi District

Resource Person: Ms. Catherine Derica Kyndiah (Alumni), District Project Manager
(*Alumni of St. Edmund's College*)

Ms. Catherine Derica Kyndiah, District Project Manager of the District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Jal Jeevan Mission, Ri-Bhoi District was the resource person for the first session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme. She is one of the Alumni of Social Work Department.

Ms. Catherine gave a brief description of the work of Jal Jeevan Mission, she said that it was launched on 15th August 2019 by Our Honourable Prime Minister of India with an aim to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTCs) to all rural household by 2024.

This Implementation Strategy was adopted to ensure that every rural household has FHTC in Meghalaya by 2023 and to meet the other objectives under this mission:



Other Objectives:

- Prioritize provision of FHTC in quality affected areas
- FHTC to institutions (Schools, Anganwadi Centres, etc.)
- Monitor functionality of tap connections
- To promote and ensure voluntary ownership among local community by way of contribution cash, kind and/or labour and voluntary labour
- To assist in ensuring sustainability of water supply system
- To empower and develop human resource in the sector
- Awareness on safe drinking water and involvement of stakeholders
- Making Water Supply System everybody's Business

The image shows a Google Meet interface on the left with several participants. On the right is a promotional poster for a 'Virtual Organization Orientation Programme'.

Virtual Organization Orientation Programme
1st Session

Ms. Catherine Derica Kyndiah
 District Project Manager
 DPMU, Jal Jeevan Mission, Ri-Bhoi District

OCTOBER 22, 2021

Time- (IST) 2:00 pm
 Google Meeting Link :
<https://meet.google.com/ufr-hbza-cbg>

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She encourages the students social worker to volunteer, and lend their services to make Jal Jeevan Mission a reality as it promote the heath of the people where they will get access to hygienic water supply at their doorstep at an affordable rate. She calls them to work collaboratively with the community leaders, community members; to bring

awareness about the availability of the mission; and create ownership among the people to make it more sustainable.

Session 2: District Child Protection Unit

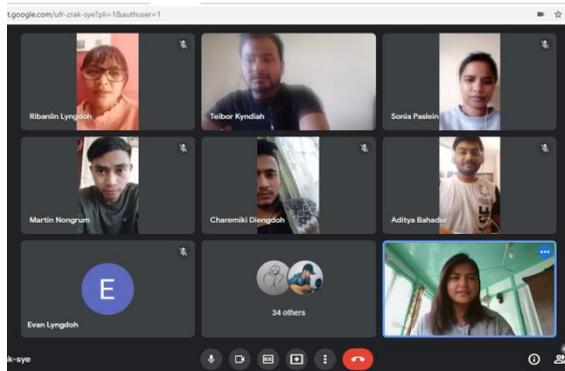
Date: 23rd October 2021

Name of the Agency: District Child Protection Unit, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya

Resource Person: Shri Teibormi Kyndiah, District Child Protection Officer

Mr. Teibormi Kyndiah, the District Child Protection Officer highlighted on the work carried out by the District Child Protection Unit, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya. He also briefed the students on the the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) which is a centrally sponsored scheme that aimed at building a protective environment for children in difficult circumstances, as well as other vulnerable children, through Government-Civil Society Partnership and on POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.

The students were given a broad idea about the child protection policies that were implemented in the DCPU.



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2nd Session

Resource Person:
Mr. Teibormi Kyndiah,
District Child Protection Officer
District Child Protection Unit, East jaintia
Hills, Meghalaya

OCTOBER 23, 2021
Time- (IST) 11:00 am
Google Meeting Link:
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Session 3: District Mental Health Programme

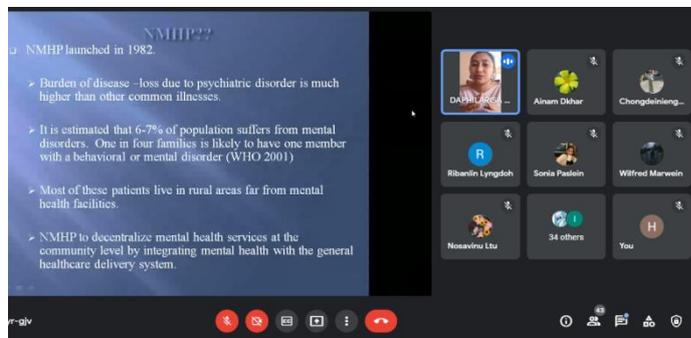
Date: 23rd October 2021

Name of the Agency: District Mental Health Programme, Nongpoh CHC, Ri-Bhoi Meghalaya

Resource Person: Ms. Daphilarisa Khongwir (Alumni), Psychiatric Social Worker
(*Alumni of St. Edmund's College*)

The resource person for the 3rd Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Ms. Daphilarisa Khongwir who was an alumni of St. Edmund's College. She is currently working as Psychiatric Social Worker under the District Mental Health Programme, Nongpoh CHC, Ri-Bhoi Meghalaya.

She highlighted on the work of the District Mental Health Programme and the mental health issues that are prevalent especially during the Pandemic which made them emphasis more on Psycho-social wellness. She orient the students about the role of a psychiatric social worker and that main challenged that they faced right now is lack of manpower. She also encouraged the students to call this 14410- State Helpline Number for any concerns that they observed in the communities and/or they themselves needs someone to talk to.



The poster for the "Virtual Organization Orientation Programme 3rd Session" features a central image of Ms. Daphilarisa Khongwir, a Psychiatric Social Worker at the District Mental Health Programme, Nongpoh CHC. The poster includes the following text: "Virtual Organization Orientation Programme", "3rd Session", "Ms. Daphilarisa Khongwir", "Psychiatric Social Worker", "District Mental Health Programme, Nongpoh CHC", "OCTOBER 23, 2021", "Time- (IST) 2:00 pm", "Google Meeting Link : <https://meet.google.com/uzb-gapr-aex>", and "Organised by: Department of Social Work (PG) St. Edmund's College, Shillong". The poster also features a logo of St. Edmund's College, Shillong.

Session 4: North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society

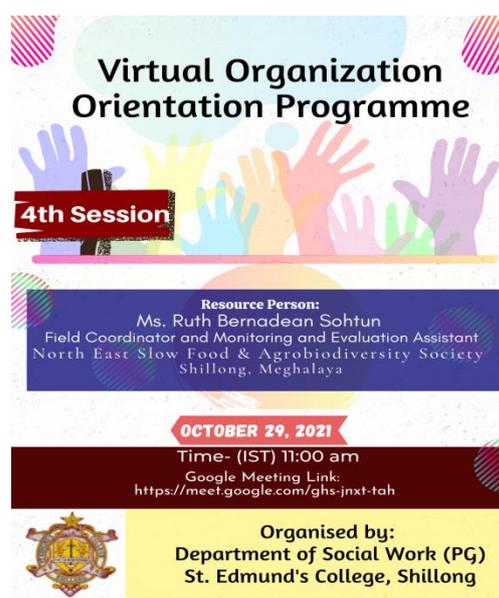
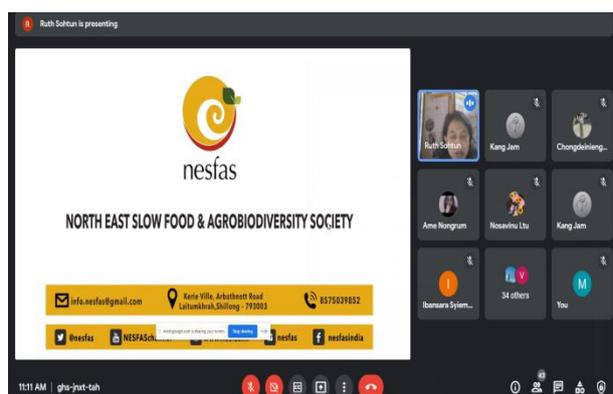
Date: 29th October 2021

Name of the Agency: NESFAS (North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society)
Shillong, Meghalaya

Resource Person: Ms. Ruth Bernadean Sohtun (Alumni), Field Coordinator and Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant (*Alumni of St. Edmund's College*)

Ms. Ruth Bernadean Sohtun was the resource person for the 4th session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme. She is an alumni of St. Edmund's College and currently work as a Field Coordinator and Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant under the North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society.

She highlighted on the work of NESFAS. She said that it was established in 2012 under the Indigenous partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty (TIP), Rome and it aims to bring together traditional knowledge system and modern science. She also mentioned that NESFAS also aims at connecting people to the pleasure and importance of local food. Through the orientation programme, Ms. Ruth briefed the students about the different initiatives implemented by NESFAS.



Session 5: Grassroot

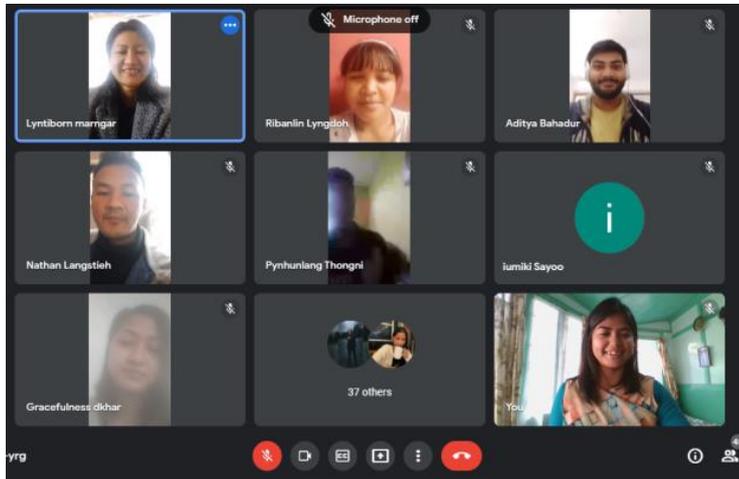
Date: 29th October 2021

Name of the Agency: Grassroot, Shillong Meghalaya

Resource Person: Ms. Lyntiborn Marngar, Team Lead

The resource person for the 5th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Ms. Lyntiborn Marngar, Team Lead of Grassroot, Shillong Meghalaya. She highlighted on the work of the organization and said that Grassroot works with communities, Government, Civil Societies and likeminded individuals to empower the

oppressed/marginalized to enhance and achieve their Rights socially, politically and economically and the work is guided by these values of making a difference, empathy and coaching and mentorship.



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5th Session



Ms. Lyntiborn Marngar
Team Lead
Grassroot-Shillong, Meghalaya

OCTOBER 29, 2021

Time- (IST) 2:00 pm
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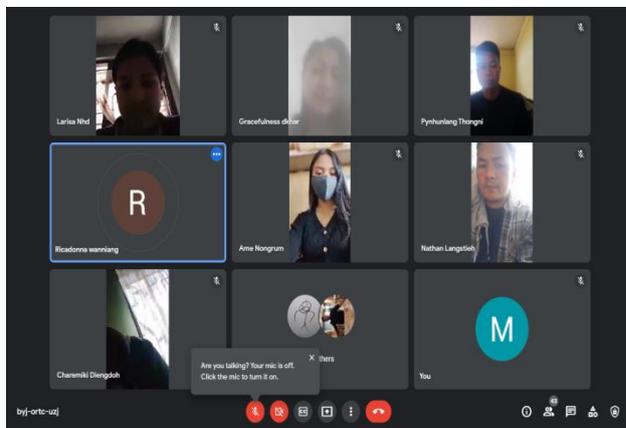


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Session 6: Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

Date: 30th October 2021
Name of the Agency: PMMVY, District Medical & Health Officer, Nongstoin, Meghalaya
Resource Person: Amethyst Kynsai Kharwanniang (Alumni), District Programme Coordinator (*Alumni of St. Edmund's College*)

The resource person for the 5th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Mr. Amethyst Kynsai Kharwanniang, alumni of St. Edmund's College. He is currently working as a District Programme Coordinator, under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana under the District Medical & Health Officer, Nongstoin, Meghalaya.



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6th Session



Mr. Amethyst kynsai Kharwanniang
District programme Coordinator
PMMVY of west Khasi Hills district

OCTOBER 30, 2021

Time- (IST) 11:00 am
Google Meeting Link :
<https://meet.google.com/byj-ortc-uzj>



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He said that PMMVY was renamed on 1st Jan 2017 but was first launched in 2010 as IGMSY (Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana). It is a Centrally Sponsored scheme which provides a cash incentive of ₹ 5000/- directly in the bank/post office account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers. He also encourages the students to volunteer in such scheme to encourage prenatal check-up, institutional deliveries, etc.

Session 7: Adolescent Friendly Clinic

Date: 30th October 2021

Name of the Agency: Adolescent Friendly Clinic, Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong-Meghalaya

Resource Person: Ms. Christy Najjar, Counsellor.

The resource person for the 5th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Ms. Christy Najjar, Counsellor under the Adolescent Friendly Clinic which is a unit in Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong.

She highlighted on the work of the clinic and also its outreach programme. She briefs the students on the GATHER approach while counselling the students which stand for: G- Greet; A- Ask; T-Talk; H- Help; E- Explain and R- Referral Some of the interventions were on: sexual education; prevent injuries and violence; enhance mental health; prevent substance abuse; and addressing non-communicable diseases.



Session 8: Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives

Date: 5th November 2021

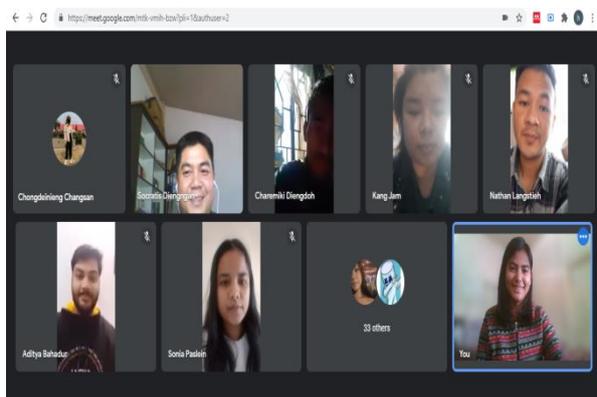
Name of the Agency: Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives, Shillong-Meghalaya

Resource Person: Rev. Socrates C Diengngan, Director

The resource person for the 5th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Rev. Socrates C Diengngan, the Director of Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives, Shillong.

He said that Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives is a registered Non-Governmental Organization, established since 2003 which deals mainly with the social works and social issues concerning society. He also said that the organization was established with a mission to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable sections of society, particularly those residing in remote rural communities.

Some of the different projects that was highlighted during the orientation programme were: Synod Sepngi Training Institute Cum Production Centre (SSTICPC); Mairang Vidyajyoti Inclusive School (Vidya – Learning/Knowledge, Jyoti – Light); Community Based Rehabilitation Programme, Mairang; Rev. S. Wollington Children’s Home at Nongpyndeng, Nongstoin; Rev. S. Wollington Aftercare Home; Rev. Amirkha School for Disabled at Mawlai; Synod Sepngi Mobile Health Clinic; Livelihood Projects; Intergrated Farming System, and Wall of Kindness.



A colorful poster for the 'Virtual Organization Orientation Programme 8th Session'. The top features the title in bold black text. Below the title is a graphic of several hands in various colors (blue, yellow, red, purple, green) raised in a gesture of unity. A red banner with white text reads '8th Session'. Below this, a dark blue box contains the text: 'Resource Person: Rev. S. C. Diengngan, Director Agency for Sustainable Development Initiatives Shillong, Meghalaya'. A red banner with white text reads 'NOVEMBER 5, 2021'. Below that, a dark red box contains the text: 'Time- (IST) 11:00 am Google Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/mtk-vmih-bzw'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text: 'Organised by: Department of Social Work (PG) St. Edmund's College, Shillong'. A small crest logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the poster.

Session 9: One Stop Crisis Centre

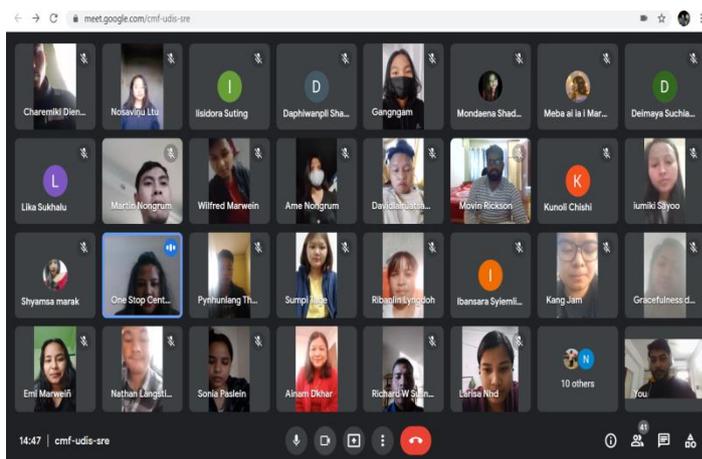
Date: 5th November 2021

Name of the Agency: One Stop Crisis Centre, Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong, Meghalaya

Resource Person: Ms Jill A Marbaniang, Centre Administrator

The resource person for the 5th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Ms Jill A Marbaniang, the Centre Administrator of the One Stop Crisis Centre, Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong, Meghalaya.

Ms. Jill briefed about the inauguration of the One Stop Crisis Centre (Iohlynti) on 20 June, 2016 by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya in collaboration with North East Network (NEN) at Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong. She highlighted the work of the organization and its effort to support and empower women.



Session 10: National Health Mission

Date: 6th November 2021

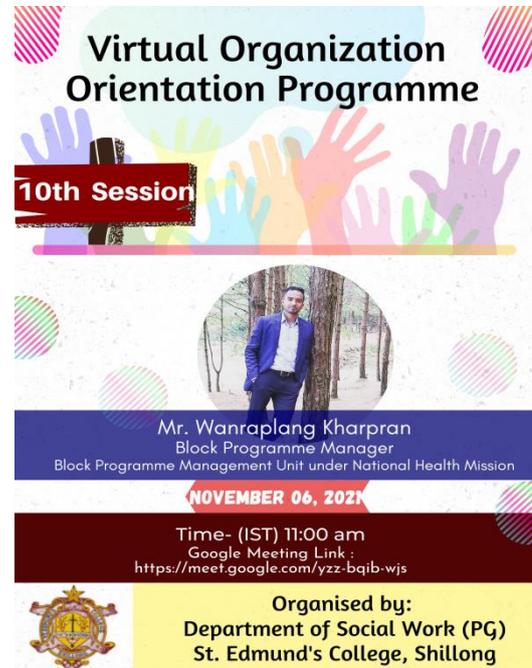
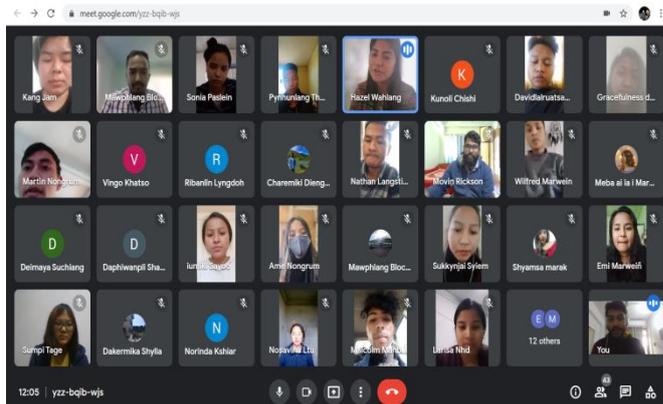
Name of the Agency: National Health Mission, Block Programme Management Unit, Mawphlang Block

Resource Person: Mr. Wanraplang Kharpran (Alumni), Block Programme Manager

The resource person for the 10th Session of the Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was Mr. Wanraplang Kharpran, alumni of St. Edmund's College. Currently he is working as

a Block Programme Manager under National Health Mission, Block Programme Management Unit, Mawphlang Block.

He also highlighted on the work and challenges of promotion of health under Mawphlang Block.



He highlighted on NHM which was launched by the Government of India in 2013 and also orient the students about the goals of NRHM which are: Reduction in infant mortality rate & Maternal Mortality Ratio by at least 50% from existing existing levels in next seven years; Universalize access to Public Health Services for women's health, child health, water, hygiene, sanitation and nutrition; Prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases, including locally endemic diseases; Access to integrated comprehensive primary healthcare; Ensuring population stabilization, gender and demographic balance; Revitalize local health traditions and mainstream AYUSH; and Promotion of healthy life styles.

Conclusion

The Virtual Organization Orientation Programme was organized by the Department of Social Work- PG, St. Edmund's College, Shillong, for the students of first semester studying Masters in Social Work.

The students were given a platform to understand the work of different organizations, their role as student social workers, the different issues that the organizations worked with and the strategic action plan that was adopted to bring about social transformation by these organizations.