

Building as Learning Aids

BALA is an innovative concept aimed at improving the quality of elementary education by improving school building infrastructure. The majority of a school's assets, including its buildings, are expensive, so the most educational value should be derived from those assets. BaLA is about exploring the uniqueness of three-dimensional space in a child-friendly learning environment¹.



With this purpose in mind, the Department of Social Work-PG, St. Edmunds College, integrated the concept of BALA into the activities of the rural camp at Riangmang village. They selected the Anganwadi Centre A as a project area and painted one of its **walls to create a child-friendly and learning environment** in the Anganvadi center by

introducing the students to the various alphabets of the English language, natural numbers, and the colours of the rainbow.

As a starting point for the BaLA art, the 2nd semester MSW students referred to other organizations to create their type of Wall Paintings geared towards children. After finalizing the concept, they removed all the things mounted on the wall that they wanted to paint, as well as all the furniture, **and then** they proceeded to draw it on one of the walls of the anganwadi center.

After the sketching was completed, they painted the walls, and they mixed some colours to get the desired colors such as indigo, violet, etc. As the wall was big and they only had three days to complete it, it took a long time. Various details, such as outlining, detailing, and fine-tuning of certain colors, were added to the painting.



¹ "Building As Learning Aids (BaLA)."

https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa/Portals/0/UNPSA_Submitted_Docs/2018/2C34C593-52D6-415C-B05B-253941E37D0F/BRIEF%20NOTE%20ON%20BaLA.pdf?ver=1439-06-10-091520-517.

The students enjoyed the improvements made to their classroom, as well as the painting that they did for them, as well as studying in the new environment that was child-friendly and student-friendly.



Final Product of Riangmang Anganwadi Centre A

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According to a statement, the rural camp, which concluded on May 28, was thematised on 'Matti Ban Sahnam B'la Sunthied Nadduh Thymmei. Longdien Kin Sakhi, Kan Phuhphieng Ka Lawei.'

"There were several activities organised in the village during the camp, including role-plays that addressed teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, food processing and skill development; Building as Learning Aid (BALA) programme, where the team

of the Anganwadi Centre to create a child-friendly and learning environment," the statement said.

The department also organised an awareness programme on adolescent health, workshop on 'supporting youth in skill development & entrepreneurship', one-day health camp in collaboration with Nongum Primary Health Centre, etc.

"As the camp concluded, a cultural programme showcased the traditional dances and costumes of different communities, including the Khasi, Jaintia, Garo, as well as the Naga communities with the people from Riangmang village participating from singing to dancing to making speeches," the statement said.