Educate & Rehabilitate Children With Disabilities In Meghalaya, India
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Contact Information

Name of the Organization

- Bethany Society

Title of the Proposed Project

- Educate & Rehabilitate Children & Young People With Disabilities In Meghalaya, India

Location of Implementation

- Meghalaya, India

Organization Address

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Organization URL

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Summary

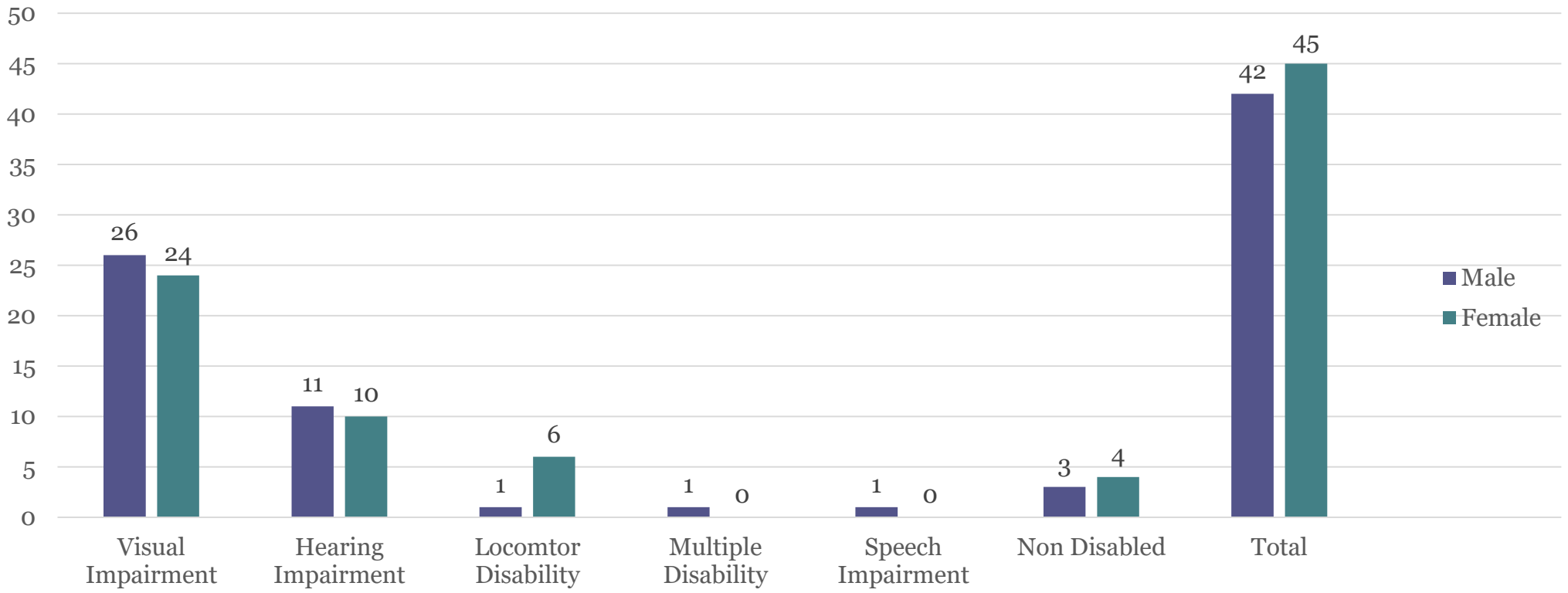
Bethany Society aims to provides a safe accommodation and opportunity for quality inclusive education to 110 children and young persons with disability belonging to marginalized and remote areas of Meghalaya, India where they are deprived of access to education or skill-training. These children come from extremely poor & deprived backgrounds. The goal thus is creating equal access to opportunities for education and employment for these 110 young people with disabilities living in Bethany Society.

Divine Flame Hostels (Shillong & Tura)

- The main thrust of the program is to provide hostel facilities for persons with disability from remote rural areas and to some from neighbouring states. Students residing in the hostel avail education, vocational and rehabilitation facilities that are available around the hostels, but these are not supported by the project. The hostels are located in Tebrongre, Rongram Block, W. Garo Hills District and Shillong, East Khasi Hills district and there are separate hostels for boys and girls.

- The program is cross-disability and the clients avail of opportunities that are either on campus or in campuses close to the hostel. On behalf of the Governing Body of Bethany Society a committee headed by a member of the Governing Body looks after the management of the hostels.

Living in Devine Flame Hostels

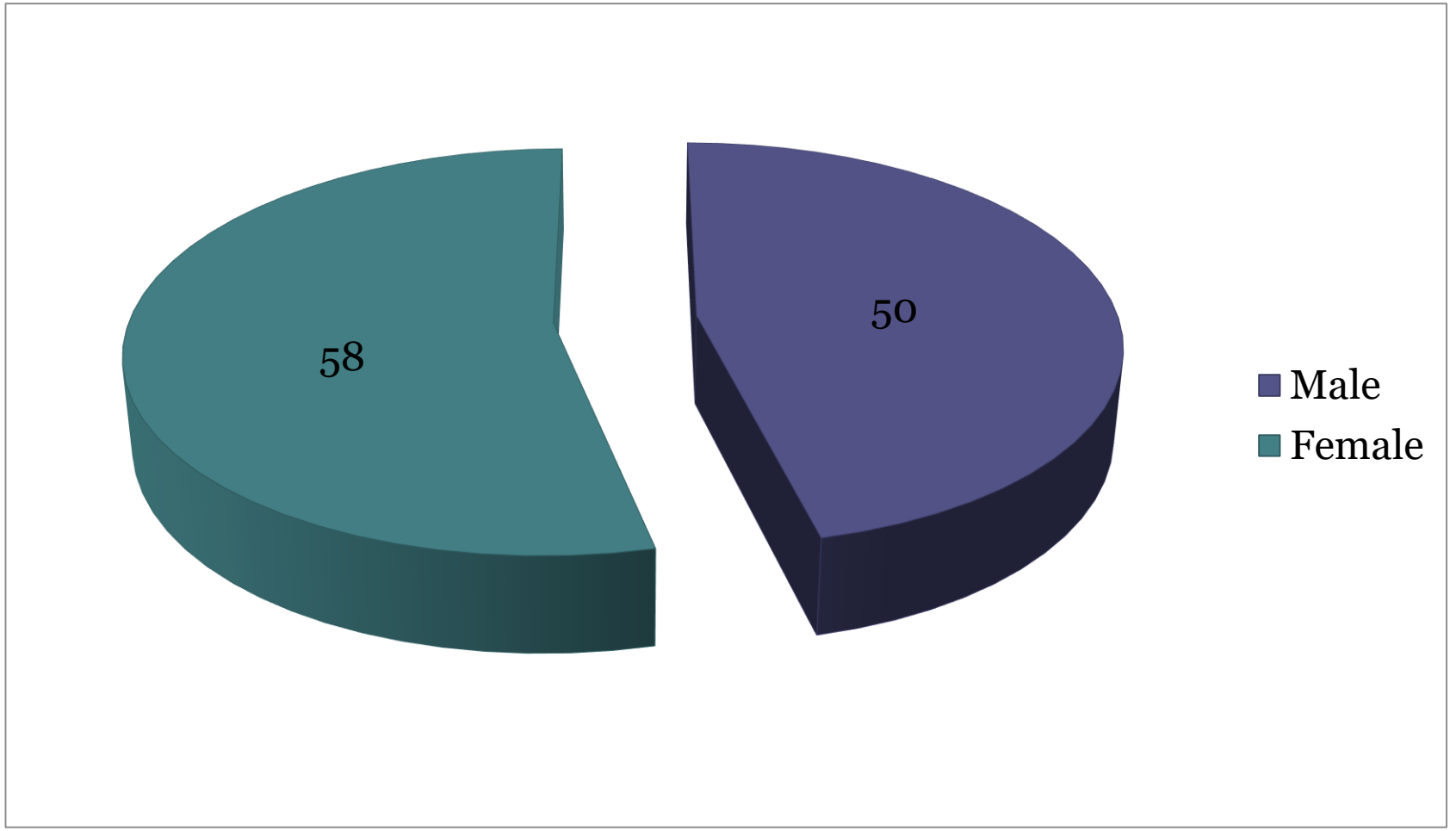


Jyoti Sroat School for Inclusive Education (Shillong)

- Jyoti Sroat School, Shillong (A Unit of Bethany Society) is an inclusive school providing educational and mainstreaming opportunities to vulnerable groups which include children with disabilities, children without disabilities and children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. These children study together in the same classroom facilitated by teachers who are specially trained. Established in 1993 as the first school for the visually impaired in Shillong, from 2006 onwards, Jyoti Sroat School is evolving into an inclusive school offering educational opportunities to ALL children.

- The school is recognized by Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education (MBOSE) and accredited with National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS) and offers services right from Early Education to Senior Secondary (10 + 2) level.

Number Person with Disabilities studying at Jyoti Sroat School



Annual Academic Session From Classes I – X
January – December 2019

Classes	No of Students
Primary	**80**
Upper Primary	**51**
Secondary	**26**
Total	**157**

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- The School conducted the annual final examination on the 27th November. Jyoti Sroat School does not believe in retention ***"all the students are equally performing at their level of understanding and wisdom"*** that is till the Elementary level. From class VI onwards the school would have a unit test and a ***comprehensive continuous evaluation*** for each student to see the capacity in performing to the next level of education until they are being sent to appear at the Secondary School Leaving Certificate.

- The School concluded its 2019 session on the 6th December 2019, Boarders have the joy to returned to their home and feast on their winter holiday till the 17th February 2020. Boarders happily returned to their learning sanctuary on the very same i.e. on the 17th February 2020 day while some of the student wish to return on the day after.

Early Intervention

The School Early Intervention Centre was open on October 2019. It provide services for the Deaf Blind, and multi sensory issue from 0 years onwards.

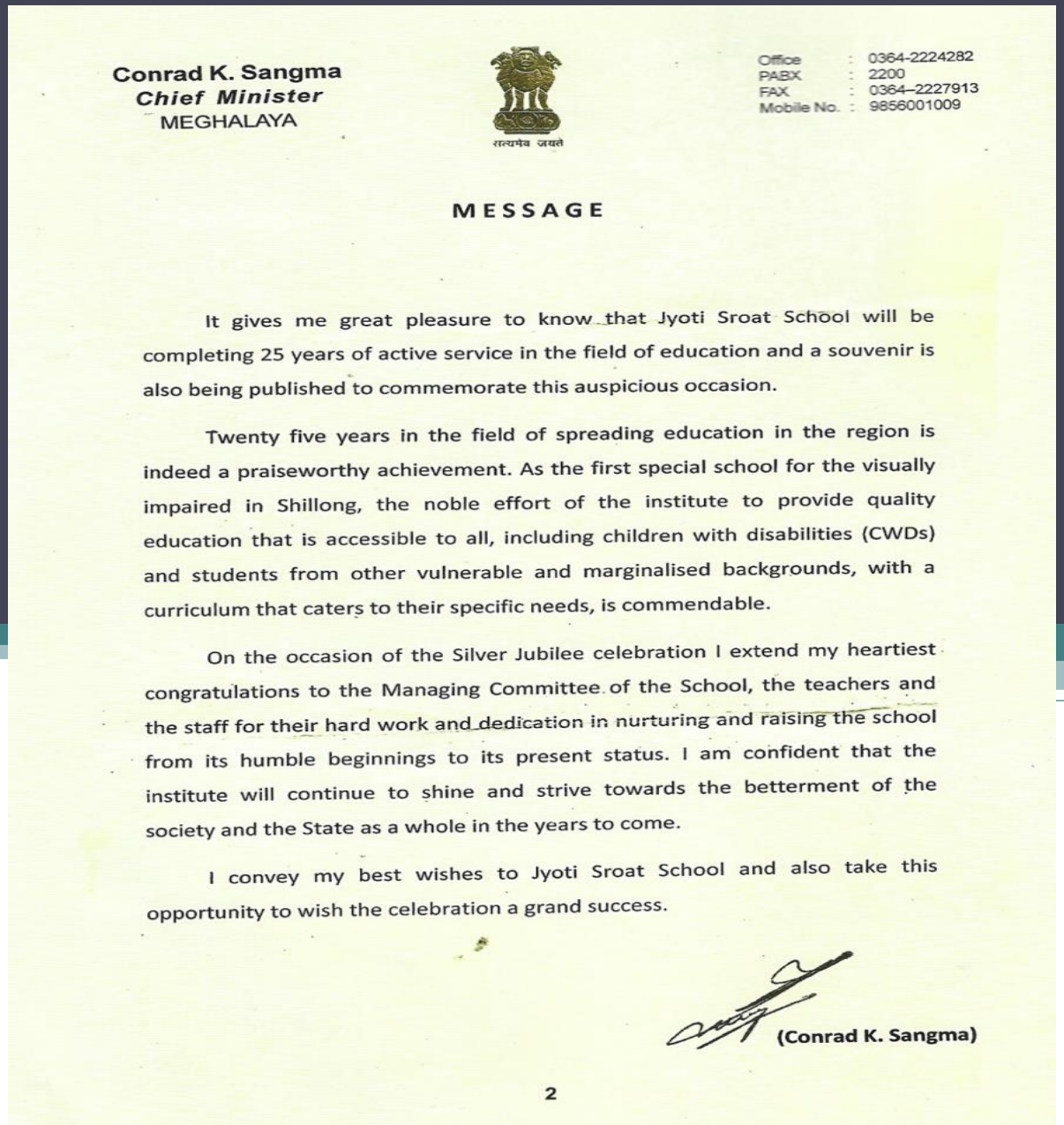


Souvenir

- As part of celebrating the 25 long years of Journey, Jyoti Sroat School have developed a Souvenir on 5th December 2019. The souvenir is a reflection on the genesis of Jyoti Sroat School which has been meticulously and skilfully captured by Sr. Rosario Lopez, Ms. Bertha Dkhar and Mr. Carmo Noronha who are indeed the pillars of the school. The souvenir is up for sale at the rate of Rs. 500 for fund raising.

Souvenir Screenshots

Message from the Chief minister of Meghalaya



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MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to know that Jyoti Sroat School will be completing 25 years of active service in the field of education and a souvenir is also being published to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

Twenty five years in the field of spreading education in the region is indeed a praiseworthy achievement. As the first special school for the visually impaired in Shillong, the noble effort of the institute to provide quality education that is accessible to all, including children with disabilities (CWDs) and students from other vulnerable and marginalised backgrounds, with a curriculum that caters to their specific needs, is commendable.

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebration I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Managing Committee of the School, the teachers and the staff for their hard work and dedication in nurturing and raising the school from its humble beginnings to its present status. I am confident that the institute will continue to shine and strive towards the betterment of the society and the State as a whole in the years to come.

I convey my best wishes to Jyoti Sroat School and also take this opportunity to wish the celebration a grand success.

(Conrad K. Sangma)

Message from the Principal of Jyoti Sroat School



Ms. Rosa Wahlang
Principal,
Jyoti Sroat School

Message

I am proud to be part of the journey of JSS which sprouted 25 years back as a Special School for the children with visual impairment and unfolding into an Inclusive school, 'a school for all'. Every individual who has been travelling along has taught me the true value of education which extends beyond the classrooms, exams and curriculum. With the understanding that there are obviously some things that all students need to know, but all students do not necessarily need to know all the "same things".

Our work as educators is to recognize, encourage and promote individual capabilities. We dream that the diversity we relish in JSS traverses the walls and borders of Bethany Society.

With the identification of actions and stakeholders and through the capacity building we believe that we have sown the seeds of inclusive education where differences are seen as an opportunity for innovative actions. We will continue thriving for perfection and unity in faith, to be led by the unconditional love.

Thank You

