

MISSION VATSALYA (MIZORAM)

Mizoram State Child Protection Society (SCPS) is a registered Society under the aegis of the Department of Women & Child, Government of Mizoram and was started in the year 2012, January. It is a program to help secure the safety of children, with a special emphasis on children in need of care and protection, juveniles in conflict/contact with the law and other vulnerable children. Based on cardinal principles of 'protection of child rights' and 'best interest of the child'. Mission Vatsalya functions in 11 Districts. Staff is available as per JJ Act in all CCIs and DCPUs and there are 733 staff at present.

As the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 makes it mandatory to establish one Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board are functioning in 11 Districts of Mizoram

- 1) Observation Homes are set up in 8 districts and are fully functional.
- 2) Child friendly corner in police stations are set up in 19 police stations and 1 out-post in collaboration with police department. Effort is given to set up child friendly corner in the remaining police stations/out-posts.
- 3) To ensure safety and security measures for children in CCIs, CCTV is installed in all the CCIs of the State.
- 4) Internet Connection is given to all CCIs.
- 5) Child Guidance Centre, under State Child Protection Society is set up as an innovative project for children with difficulties including differently abled children where professional help is rendered free of cost.

Mission Vatsalya protects the rights of children in need of care and children in conflict with law. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) etc. are implemented at the State Level by the Mizoram State Child Protection Society (MSCPS) and Specialized Adoption Agency (SARA). Further, every district has been equipped with the following:

- 1) District Child Protection Units (DCPU)
- 2) Child Welfare Committees (CWCs)
- 3) Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs)
- 4) Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU)

Every district has a District Commissioner under whose chairmanship, the District Child Protection Committee and District Level Inspection Committee are set up.

Steps taken for children under Mission Vatsalya are:

D) Institutional Services:

Institutional Services are for children in need of care and protection and for adoptable children. These services are as follows:

- 1) Children Homes
- 2) Specialized Adoption Agencies

Institutional Services for Children in conflict with law are:

- 1) Special Home
- 2) Observation Home
- 3) Place of Safety

Under Institutional Services, there are 49 CCIs in Mizoram, they all are registered under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act. Out of 49 Child Care Institutions, 18 of them function under the Government, and the other 31 are run by NGOs. Children are admitted to the Child Care Institutions after the CWC and JJB make final decision.

The number of CCIs in Mizoram are given below:

Children Homes	Govt run:	6
	NGO run:	26
Observation Homes	Govt run:	8
Special Home	Govt run:	2
Place of Safety	Govt run:	1
Specialised Adoption Agency	Govt run:	1
	NGO run:	5
Total		49

There are 19 Govt.run Homes and 31 NGO run Homes in Mizoram **with 763 Children in CCIs.**

II) Non-Institutional Services:

The best place for children to grow up is with their family. Non-Institutional Services is carried out, such as:

1) Sponsorship:

Under Mission Vatsalya, children in different Districts are given sponsorship in times of need.

2) Foster care:

Children who need foster care are given to fit persons after getting recognition from CWC.

3) Adoption:

Only children who have been surrendered for adoption can be given for legal adoption through recognition from CWC.

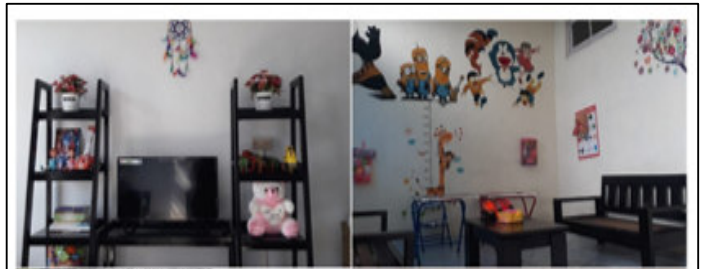
4) After Care:

Children who are in CCIs till the age of 18 years but do not have place to go home to are placed in After care till they reach the age of 21. The children are enrolled in regular and Open schools/ colleges and Vocational training for continuing their education.



Play area & Therapy room

One-way Mirror Room



Clinical Psychologist conducting I.O. Assessment



Audiologist & Speech Language Pathologist in session

CHILD FRIENDLY CORNER & ONE WAY MIRROR IN SPECIAL COURTS



CRADLE POINTS/ CRADLE BABY RECEPTION CENTRES



NO OF CASES RECEIVED BY CWC & JJB

Number of cases presented to the CWCs & JJBs from April 2012 till date

S.N	CASES	Boys	Girls
1.	CNCP cases presented to the CWCs	4960	5165
2.	CICWL cases presented to the JJBs	2602	201

PM CARES FOR CHILDREN

- There are 14 beneficiaries under PM Cares for Children Scheme (Boys-6; Girls-8)
- A lump sum amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- has been credited to the joint account of District Magistrate and all the 14 beneficiaries
- All 14 beneficiaries have received sponsorship of Rs. 2000/- from Mission Vatsalya Scheme
- 11 beneficiaries have received scholarship of Rs.20,000 and for the remaining 3 issuance of scholarship is in progress
- All beneficiaries under PM cares for children Scheme have received Ex-Gratia payment Rs. 50,000/-
- All the beneficiaries are enrolled under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs

INNOVATIVE PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDER MISSION VATSALYA

- **CHILD GUIDANCE CENTRE (CGC):** Started as an innovative project under SCPS during the year 2014 -15. Operated by a team of professionals including. 836 number of children have been given assistance since 2015.
- **CHILD FRIENDLY CORNER IN POLICE STATIONS:** Set up in 29 Police Stations/ Out-posts in collaboration with Police Department.
- **CHILD FRIENDLY CORNER & ONE WAY MIRROR IN SPECIAL COURTS:** Child Friendly Corner is set up in 5 Special Courts and one way mirror is set up in 3 Special Courts in collaboration with Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of Mizoram for victims under POCSO Act.
- **CRADLE POINTS/ CRADLE BABY RECEPTION CENTRES:** Set up in 10 CCIs. 1 set up in District Hospital.
- **INSTALLATION OF CCTV IN ALL CCIs:** To ensure safety and security measures for children in CCIs, CCTVs are installed in all the 52 CCIs. Police verification of all staff in CCIs is completed.
- **INSTALLATION OF HAPPY/SAD BOX:** "Happy/Sad Boxes" are installed in schools and CCIs where children drop notes on their distress, sadness or happiness and gratitude's. These boxes are opened every month by DCPU and if suspicious cases are identified, DCPUs take actions accordingly.
- **NODAL TEACHERS FOR CHILD PROTECTION :** Nodal Teachers for Child Protection are appointed in 2359 (Govt. 2138; Pvt. 221) under Child Protection Services in Mizoram.
- **CHILD PROTECTION VOLUNTEERS :** In Siiha district there are 134 Child Protection Volunteers among parents (66 mothers and 68 fathers) of different Churches for prevention and protection of children who are victims of violence and abuse.
- **GIRL CHILD SELF DEFENSE PROGRAMME:** For girl child under RMSA is carried out in collaboration with Mizoram Amateur Taekwondo Association. The trainers imparted self defense classes and awareness programmes on child protection.