

Two-Day National Level Workshop on Cochlear Implantation and Post Rehabilitation Services

Shillong, November 14, 2019: A two-day National Level Workshop on Cochlear Implantation and Post Rehabilitation Services was inaugurated today by the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Meghalaya, Smti S. B. Marak here at Moreau Institute of Integral Training (MIIT), Shillong.

The workshop is being organized by the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and State Resource Center on Disability Affairs, Government of Meghalaya.

The workshop aims to bring together surgeons, audiologists, speech therapists, researchers to exchange and share their experiences and views with regards to cochlear implantation and post rehabilitation services and to come out with solid action plan in identifying children with hearing impairment and to help them in enrolling for the services available to them.

Addressing the inaugural programme, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Smti S. B. Marak said that the workshop is being organized to bring a change into the lives of the people with hearing impairment. She added that awareness and dissemination of information on cochlear implantation and post rehabilitation services needs to be taken up right from the grassroots level so as to reach out to the people in rural areas.

During the programme, the Chief Guest felicitated Smti Jasmine D. Sangma and Shri Ferdinand Lyngdoh Marshillong for their outstanding service and contribution towards promoting sign language and sports for the hearing impaired respectively.

The inaugural programme was also attended by Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Assam, Shri Kausar Hilary, Under Secretary, DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Shri S. K. Mahto, Advisor cum Planning Officer, State Nodal Officer (UDID Project), State Resource Center on Disability Affairs, Civil Hospital, Shillong, Shri S. K. Seal and Faculty, Department of Audiology, AYJNISHD (D), Mumbai, Dr. Aparna Nandurkar, among others.