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ABOUT US

In a world where people often look for quick fixes, it's time we start thinking more carefully about how to solve big problems in our society. Sauramandala Foundation's Centre for Accelerated Development approach, which learns from the insights and experiences of everyday people, gives us a fresh way to deal with complex issues. At CFAD, we are building an ecosystem for public-problem-solving.

3-STAGE PROCESS:



Gain insights and build social capital



Aggregate NGO partners for collaborative action



Evidence generation and policy advocacy

3-CONCEPTS:



Human-Centric Design



Collaboration



Systems Thinking

3-LAYERS:



Learning Layer-
A network of Individuals and organizations



Anchor- Interface between the learning layer and development actors



Innovation Fund-
Funding mechanism to address needs

FROM THE TEAM



Mintioneth Fancon

Subject Matter Expert, CMYC

Sauramandala Foundation (CFAD)

Over the past two years, I have been a part of the Trailblazer Community Labs pilot projects here in Meghalaya. Witnessing their growth from just two centres to a remarkable 20 has been an incredible experience. It's been a privilege to observe how communities have embraced these centres and how learners of varying ages have taken on projects and thrived. Some have ventured into entrepreneurship, while others have pursued their true passions, even challenging traditional gender roles. We've had learners travel to places beyond Meghalaya, fulfilling dreams they once thought were unattainable. Moreover, some of our learners have evolved into enthusiastic ambassadors, fervently spreading the concept of these centres within their communities.

Our projects are able to cater to the diverse needs of our youth, allowing them to not only hone their existing skills but also venture into new and unexplored realms of learning. The Youth Centres serve as platforms for personal growth, supporting not just livelihoods but also diverse fields of knowledge and expertise, spanning from the Arts to Sports.

We hope that our centres become the driving force to recreate and re-imagine learning within the different communities, becoming an integral part of their identity and growth. Through this and other projects, we aim to be a part of this transformative journey of our partner communities.

SNAPSHOT

As we approach the end of the year 2023, we take pride in the accomplishments we have achieved as an organisation. Through the collaborative effort with numerous partners and the unwavering dedication of our team, we have transformed our initial vision for the year into reality. While we still have a long journey ahead of us, we are optimistic about the future and envision growing as a nonprofit organisation.

In this volume, we provide updates for April 2023 to September 2023.

Partnerships & Collaborations

PARTNER

PROJECT

TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL



Chief Minister's Youth Centres, Meghalaya

Introduction of chess as an integral part of the sports component within CMYC.



Chief Minister's Youth Centres, Meghalaya

Integration of organised football to CMYCs



Chief Minister's Youth Centres, Meghalaya

Promoting the gender neutral sport Ulimte Fribee to the remote areas of Meghalaya



Climate Change

Building capacities for sustainable infrastructure development utilizing local resources for rural communities

SNAPSHOT

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PRIME Sauramandala Rural Entrepreneurship Fellowship

Providing solar energy powered solution to the entrepreneurs of Nongriat and Tyrna to further enhance the business.



Biodiversity Conservation

Co-design a joint initiative with the goal of aiding the preservation of Hollock Gibbons in Meghalaya.

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

The Forgotten Folklore Project

Towards developing and providing contextual content to children of Meghalaya

The logo for Jāngala is a black circle with the word "Jāngala" written in white.

Chief Minister's Youth Centres, Meghalaya

Bridging digital gap in rural Meghalaya by providing internet connectivity to low-access CMYCs

HEADLINERS FROM THE FIELD

THE FORGOTTEN FOLKLORE PROJECT

The Forgotten Folklore Project has launched **four children's book** as part of their initiative to create **45 books** for distribution to **Anganwadi Centres**.



Scan the QR codes below to access the books



Scatter the Rice Clouds

Iba and Bor believe their mischievous cat, Kemnai has magical powers to create clouds. But does he?



The Tunes of Kongthong

Join Kyrpang and his friends as they utilise their musical names to find a way out of a cave they are stranded in.



Ilari's Jainsem

Follow Ilari's conversation with her grandmother about the traditional Khasi attire Jainsem



When a Huro Sings

For the Garos of Meghalaya Huros are a magical animal. But do you know what happens when a huro sings?

HEADLINERS FROM THE FIELD

PRIME-SAURAMANDALA RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP FELLOWSHIP

WORKSHOP AND TRAINING



March 13- March 16

A 3-day **capacity building workshop 1.0** was held with the primary objective of building the capacity of the **Fellows** and **Associates**.

30 June

PRIME Meghalaya in collaboration with **V. Singhi & Associates**, organized two workshops aimed at enhancing the **financial literacy** and **accounting skills** of its **Fellows** and **Associates**.



July 10- July 14

A **5-day capacity building** workshop was conducted for the fellows and associates to **enhance their skills** and cultivate their **leadership qualities**.

HEADLINERS FROM THE FIELD

July 31- August 31

In collaboration with **MCAHM**, a one-month **Special Bakery Training** program was hosted that catered to 11 **rural entrepreneurs** from various regions of Meghalaya.



EXHIBITION



18 August

The one-day event, **Meghalaya Pineapple Fest** held at **Dilli Haat, New Delhi** aimed at providing a platform for **artists** and **culinary experts** to showcase their products.

September 20- September 22

PRIME's - North East Entrepreneurship Machinery & Innovation Exhibition facilitated by PSREF was a 3-day event that brought together machine manufacturers from across India.



Know more about our projects at www.sauramandala.org/projects

HEADLINERS FROM THE FIELD

September 27

Meghalaya's E-cycle Circuit Service, initiated by **ShangKai** in collaboration with **Bharatiya Vikas Trust** and facilitated by the **Sauramandala Foundation** and **PSREF**, was officially inaugurated on **September 27th, 2023**.



CHIEF MINISTER'S YOUTH CENTRE

August 29

To mark **National Sports Day 2023**, the **Faith Foundation** and **Sauramandala Foundation** collaborated to host a friendly **Frisbee match** involving girls from the community and Faith Foundation.



May 20

CMYC wrapped up its six-day intensive **training program** centered around the transformative theatrical method known as the **'Theatre of the Oppressed'**.

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HEADLINERS FROM THE FIELD

Over the past few months, various **CMYCs** across the state have conducted exhibitions to showcase the **projects** of their **learners**. In September alone, more than **seven exhibitions** were conducted at different CMYCs. It served as a **crucial platform** for **learners** to present their **projects** and **skills** that they have developed throughout their journey at the centre.



Nongwah



Langsymphut



Rongsak Songma



Chibra Agal



Wahlyngkhat



Saiden



Sohrarim



Pasih



Jakrem

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KNOW OUR PROJECT



In this section, we will delve deeper into individual projects. We will highlight one of our projects in each edition of our newsletter.

Chief Minister's Youth Centre

A prominent issue within the state is the absence of open educational spaces, which could serve as platforms for customized learning experiences. The necessity for these spaces in rural regions arises as they serve as gateways to self-directed learning catering to individuals of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds.

The centres empower individuals to create their learning journeys according to their unique needs, interests, and pace while providing them with diverse educational materials, tools, and methods that align with their goals. It is designed in a way that offers resources and training for entrepreneurship, and provides a secure environment for creative and innovative individuals to explore new ideas and engage in problem-solving activities.



Shri Ram Kumar S, IAS, Secretary, Government of Meghalaya at the Sohrarim Exhibition

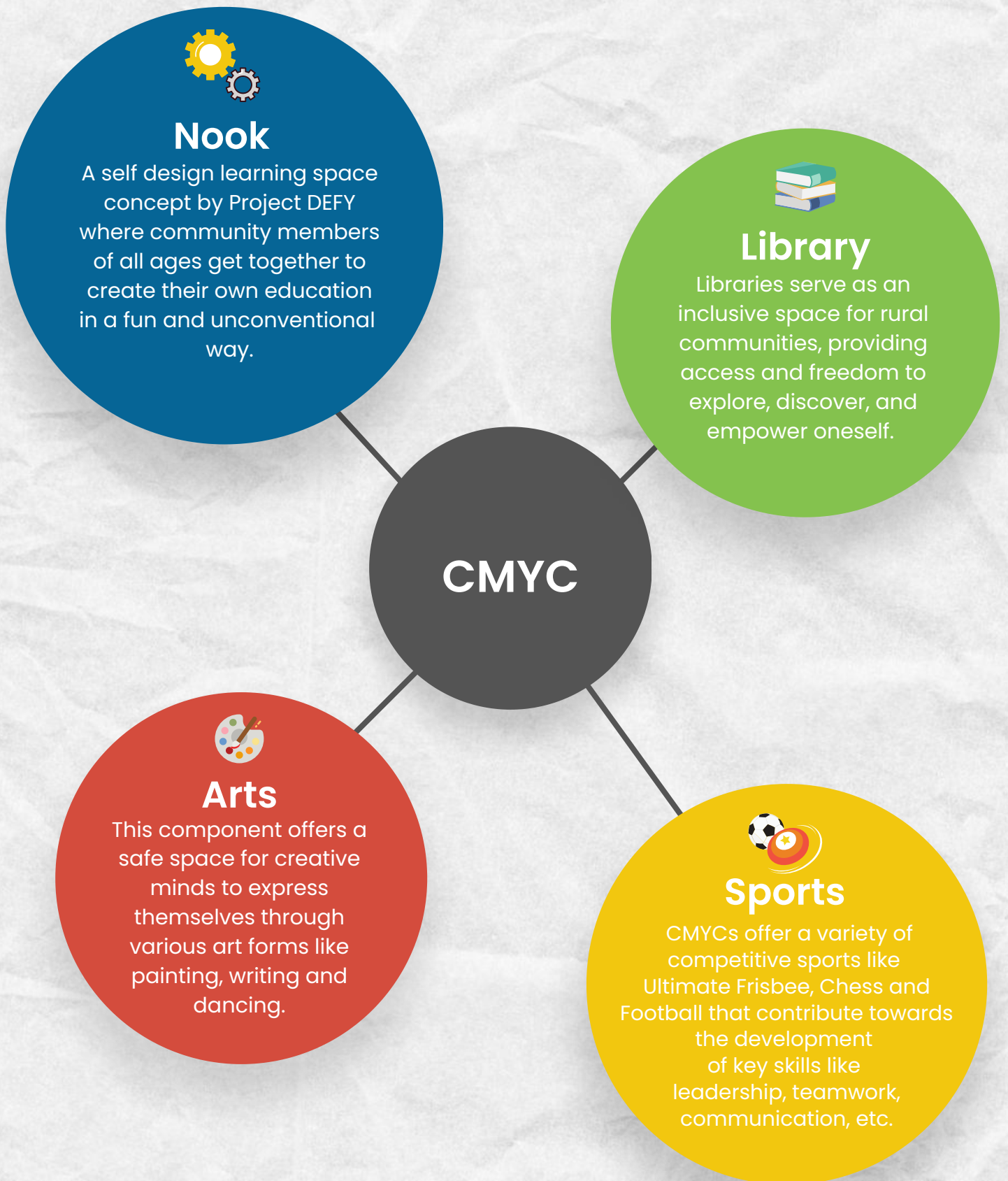
The CMYC project is an extension of a successful initiative that began with the creation of two Trailblazer Community Labs in Sohrarim and Nongwah, Meghalaya, in collaboration with Salesforce. Currently, there are 20 CMYCs established throughout Meghalaya, in addition to the 2 TCLs.

Problem statement:

Lack of open educational environments and customized learning experiences in rural regions.



4 COMPONENTS OF A CMYC (CHIEF MINISTER'S YOUTH CENTRE):



GRASSROOT GLIMPSSES



DEHUSKING MACHINE

"We decided to work on this project because our village is heavily dependent on agriculture and this machine might help my community in reducing costs and drudgery,"

-Nicky Padong

CONTINUED...



20 year old Deiwamut Lapasam and 15 year old Nicky Padong from Shanpung showcased a remarkable 5-foot tall husk removing machine. They were confident that the machine would be highly beneficial in their agriculture-dependent village. Their story depicts how self-motivated learning empowers individuals to take charge of their education.

GRASSROOT GLIMPSES



WEBSITE DESIGN

21 year old, Aibilisita Majaw who is a resident of Madanlyngkhi, Laitlyngkot has been independently studying and learning coding and website designing all by herself. She was able to successfully design a functioning web page which was used as a sales website to showcase locally made clothes and products. Her unwavering dedication emphasizes that with strong determination, anything is achievable.

Meet the CMYC team



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Subject Matter Expert



LYNTIBORN MARGNAR

Manager- Monitoring
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VARSHA SANGMA

Implementation
Manager



DIVYA MOMIN

Subject Matter Expert



DONBOKK MAJAW

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& Social Media



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Associate



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Looking forward


2023-24 came to us with opportunities to gather learnings and build on it. As an organization, we saw our projects and the team scale and grow in size at a pace much faster than we would have ever thought. We began the year by regrouping ourselves and sitting together, listening to each other and brainstorming ideas as a team. This gave us the chance to get clarity of thoughts, approach and vision.


As we move to the second half of 2023-24, we are looking forward to working even more closely with our new and old partners towards creating solutions that really matter.





For partnerships, volunteering and other opportunities, write to us

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