

Pre-School Education/ Early Childhood Care & Education In ICDS

The strengthening & restructuring of ICDS in 2012 has led to many changes in our services package, especially in the area of pre school education. In order to make the AWC a vibrant ECCE centre, the following actions have been taken:

1. Roll Out of ECCE Curriculum:

About the Curriculum

- ❖ A **Contextualized theme based ECCE Curriculum** based on “National Curriculum Framework for ECCE” has been developed. This is made available to all AWCs.
 - It has been contextualized to fit with our culture and incorporates folktales, indigenous games, Mizo songs, etc.
 - There are 21 themes in the curriculum.
 - PSE/ ECCE lasts for 4 hours a day ie from 9 am-1 pm for 5 days a week (Monday to Friday).
 - There are 9 periods a day. All the activities have been planned to facilitate the development of children, eg., fine and gross motor development, language development, etc.
 - It employs a play-way method of learning and learning by doing. It employs activity based approach to learning: it is felt that teaching by just lecturing alone or rote learning is damaging to pre school aged children.
 - It introduces usage of TLMs (Teaching Learning Materials) that can be easily made by the AWWs with readily available materials.
- ❖ Also, companion books to be used in conjunction with the curriculum, viz., **Naupang Thawnthu&Nursery Rhymes** and **Activity Book Level I leh II** have also been developed and provided to all AWCs. (Book-I: 3 to 4 years, Book II: 4-6 years)
- ❖ The Curriculum is now in use statewide. Inaugural Function on “Use of ECCE Curriculum in Mizoram” was held on 28th November, 2016.

Training on ECCE

- ❖ 4 State Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) have undergone intensive training on ECCE at NIPCCD. These Master Trainers conducted training for District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs) who in turn trained all the Anganwadi Workers.
- ❖ DLMT Training was conducted during September-October, 2016. AWW Training was conducted during October-November, 2016.
- ❖ Also, one day sensitization programme for DPOs and CDPOs was conducted on 19th September, 2016.

2. PSE Kits

- ❖ PSE kits are also provided to all AWCs.

3. New staff recruitment

- ❖ 27 ECCE Coordinators have been recruited in January, 2017 for placement in all 27 ICDS projects.
- ❖ These staff received Orientation Training on 3rd February, 2017.