

Report: Orientation Programme on Inclusive Education for Parents

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St. Edmund's School in collaboration with the District School Education Office and District Project Coordinator (Samagra Shiksha), Government of Meghalaya, organized an orientation and sensitization programme on *"Inclusive Education for Parents."



The aim of this programme is to raise awareness about Inclusive Education, rights, government schemes, support systems, and holistic development of children with diverse learning needs. The target group was parents of children with disabilities. A total of 63 parents attended the programme including those of neurotypical children, thus, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment.

The session was conducted by Smti. Bashisha Shallam, Special Educator of East Khasi Hills District. With her years of experience in the field, she presented a comprehensive overview on inclusive education and services offered by the government for Inclusive Education intervention. The differences between special schools, integrated schools and inclusive schools were also outlined.

She provided valuable insights into the types of disabilities as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016, early identification, assessment processes, and the procedure for obtaining UDID cards. She also explained about the Social Assistant Government Schemes that students can access and informed about the accommodations and exemptions available for students during board examinations.

Emphasis was placed on life skill development and alternative pathways such as vocational training and independent living, highlighting that success extends beyond traditional academics.

The program concluded with an interactive session in the 'Open Discussion Segment' where parents shared concerns and received guidance. Informal discussions over tea encouraged peer interaction and support as well as consultations with the resource person, special educators of the school and the school counselor.

Overall, the programme successfully empowered parents with knowledge and reinforced the school's commitment to inclusive education.
