

A BRIEF REPORT OF IGNOU STUDY CENTRE-1918

GOVT. SAIHA COLLEGE: SAIHA

Education is the fourth necessity for man after food, clothing and shelter, in to-day's competitive world. Education is indeed a powerful tool to combat the cut-throat competition that man is faced with at every juncture in life. The importance of education in India is indeed rising with passing time. Though India has always been a great source of learning for many years, it still needs to improve not just on the quality of education but also on the number of people being educated. Privatization and globalization helped to bring world class education to India.

Govt. Saiha College is the only higher formal education institution set up in Saiha District which has been catering higher education to the interested backward students of Saiha and nearby areas since 1978. At the time when eager people impatiently looking for a chance to improve their education qualification through non-formal education, IGNOU established the Special Study Centre in Govt. Saiha College on the 30th of Nov. 2005. Since its inception at Govt. Saiha College, it has been catering education to all enthusiastic employed as well as unemployed people who are virtually and eagerly waiting for a chance to improve their educational qualification. The enrolments of the students in the first and second sessions were far beyond expectation crossing six hundred. Considerable number of drop outs had taken admission for BPP at the beginning of the Special study-centre. Among these drop outs many have completed graduation and post graduation and got jobs in various departments.

The then principal of Govt. Saiha College Mr. C. Zohupa recommended Mr. Lallawma Bawitlung for the post of Coordinator. He had been in the same position for more than four years. Then Dr. Hmingthanzuala took over the charge. After four years, now Pu. Joseph L. Chinzah is the coordinator since March 2015. I have been working as Assistant Coordinator since 05-05-2008. In the beginning, IGNOU, Special Study Centre-1918 had more students enrolled than the existing Govt. Saiha College. The increased enrolment of students was mainly due to the flexibility of the course, ample choice of choosing desired subjects, leniency and the nature of attending classes in this institution. The counseling classes are arranged on holidays and on Saturdays so that the office going people can attend the classes. Hence one may say that the opening of IGNOU, Special Study Centre at Saiha, under Govt. Saiha College has been a boon for many people especially who are posted at remote parts of Saiha District and cannot attend regular classes. Those who have improved their qualification under IGNOU are promoted to higher position in their career.

A special reference may be made here that during the long period of service as coordinator of Special Study Centre -1918, Mr. Lallawma Bawitlung had done a great thing for this centre i.e. due to his sincere effort, a separate building was constructed within the compound of Govt. Saiha College through BADP at the cost of Rs. 3,00,000/ which is exclusively meant for IGNOU. Till then the centre had no building of its own. Moreover, just after three years of its inception, the Special Study Centre was upgraded to regular Study-Centre vide No. IG/EDNERU/Notification/Esstt of 25.8. 2008. Here I express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of

the people of Saiha District, to the Regional Director, Aizawl for having considered our case sympathetically for upgradation.

In the last **Jan-2013** Session we had the following no. of enrolment.

BPP:	--3
BA/I	- 30
II /yr	- 27
III /yr	-21
Ma/I	-12
II Yr	<u>-15</u>
	<u>108</u>

July 2013 Session:

BPP:	32
BA/I	104
IIyr	54
IIIyr	45
MA/I	36
IIyr	<u>16</u>
	<u>287</u>

July session 2014

BPP	-14
BA/1 yr.	55
IIyr.	62
III yr.	42
MA Iyr-	23
II-	<u>42</u>
	<u>238</u>

Jan. 2014 Session, had 90 students. For January 2015, we did not get the list of fresh students, who had taken admission, from our regional centre. On enquiry we came to know that it was sent three times, but we received only BA/II, IIIyr and MA IIyr.

Present Staff Position:

Head of the Institution i.c. Principal

Coordinator: 1

Asst. Coordinator: 2

Office assistant : 2

Sweeper: 1

Councillors: 6

To wind up I would like to mention here that the IGNOU Study Centre at Saiha has been experiencing unique problems which are not common to other centres because of its geographical location, poor transportation facility, poor power supply etc. In the beginning we had many problems in connection with conducting examination when we were getting question papers and other materials directly from IGNOU, New Delhi. As and when the responsibility is transferred to Regional Centre, Aizawl, we could get examination materials on time and could conduct the examination smoothly. The credit goes to the Regional Director, Aizawl for his sincere efforts. So all the people of Saiha district are deeply indebted to the Regional Director for extending his helping hand for the academic development of Saiha District. Due to some problems we have not received the study materials for those students who are to sit for the term end examination in December 2015. Books for AOM-1,ASP-1,BRDE-101,EPA-3, 5, BP AE-102 Etc. did not reach the centre so far. If the study materials for the above subjects are available now, please dispatch at the earliest. I, on behalf of all the people of Saiha District, express my thanks to all the Staff of Regional Centre, Aizawl for your valuable guidance and timely help for the smooth running of the Study Centre-1918 at Saiha. I humbly appeal to you all once again to extend your helping hand in future too so that the study centre will grow up step by step.

Thank you.

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