

# History of R.K.M School, Umploh

*Umploh, a small village located at the Area of Mawlong sirdarship under Shella – Bholaganj Block, P.O Ichamati via – Shella. East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya 793112. The name of the village “UMPLOH” actually derived from the Khasi Language “UM” means “WATER”, “PLOH” means “FALLING”. In the name of this village, there is a school, running by Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Sohra East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.*



*It is a Co – educational institution, established on 1990. In the early of 1980s, in the areas of greater Ichamati there was only one school, locating at Ichamati and it's led by Govt. as Umtaru, Umploh, Rangamati, Dhorom, Bettoli, Diengkain, Khahumri, Kailaghat (Khahkangi), Mawbang were facing lots of difficulties to send their children to the Govt LP School Ichamati. During the summer and Rainy season, it was an uphill task for them to reach in school in time. Keeping this mind few elders of the above-mentioned villagers were*



looking for another school is about their locality. So, a few elders from the village of (L) Rajendra Hajong, (L) Srikanth Hajong had a meeting at Umphloh. For Senior members from the other villages were also present in that meeting. They briefly explained about the subject matters of the meeting and decided to bring a new school at this locality for their children from R.K.M Ashrama, Sohra in 1989. The main problem was facing by them that they don't have a suitable land for construction of school rooms and there were no one to give a plot of land for construction of the school. After a long discussion, (L) Naren Hajong agreed a small plot of land will donate for better future of children of this locality. He was residing here with his wife and couple had no child. So he donated a small plot of land from his compound only for the construction of school for poor, the ignored children of this locality. So, they went to R.K.M Ashrama Sohra to talk with the Secretary Maharaj Swami Subadanandaji. They had a successful meeting at R.K.M Ashrama Sohra in November 1989.

The elders of the village were able to arranged the materials like Bamboos, woods buttums and tin sheets for the construction of a new schoolhouse at the Southern part of the compound of (L) Naren Hajong. Finally, the School roof with a single room along with a Barandoh has been completed. There was no use

of cement the flora was remain Muddy and un-metalled and the whole class room was un-partitioned. Benches were made by only Bamboos and desk can not arranged.

The School class room construction has been completed on January 1990 and the admission of newly started class was open on that time

Two Teacher also had been appointed as honorarium basis only for primary classes (Late) shri Debendra Nath sarkar as Head Master and (L) Shri Srikanth Hajong as Asst Teacher. Many children from Umploh and its adjoining areas like Ichamati Umtaru Rangamati Dhorom Diengkain Kailaghat (Khahkangi) Beltoli and Mawlong were taking admission in different lower primary Classes from Nursery (A) to Class III. Nearly 200 (Two Hundred) Children took admission. All the books were provided by R.K.M Ashram Sohra from every Student, but unfortunately the uniforms of the students could not provide by R.K.M Ashram nor any others authorities. The uniforms were not been used by the Students till 1996.

From 1990 to 1994, on that duration the School had not been developed much more except the increasing numbers of Students. In 1994, Smt Babli Rani Dhar had been appointed as Asst Teachers as Honorarium basis, later she had been choose as Head Mistress till 2023

In 1996, Shri Rajit Das appointed as Asst Teacher as honorarium basis and he is still continuing his service at the some school. In the same year, first time R.K.M Ashram Sohra provided school uniform for the students.

In 1997, another classroom had been extended beside the old school hour and the classes' increases up to class V. on the same year Shri Sachindra Hajong appointed as asst. Teacher as Honorarium basis and giving his service till now.

Next year unfortunately Shri Naren Hajong and his wife had been died but before their death, they donated their whole portions plot of land to R.K.M L/P School, Umploh.

In 1998, Shri Debendra Nath Sarkar and Srikant Hajong also had been died due to their old ages. Later on many Teachers were had been appointed and resigned as well, but there were no sine of development of School infrastructure nor the Classes had been extend. Year were passing by on its own speed. After a long time waiting, fortunately Swami Anuraganandaji Maharaj came to the R.K.M Ashram Sohra as new Secretary on 2015. Finally Revered Secretary Maharaj decided to upgrade the School up to Higher Secondary level. So, he started his service and jobs for the bringing the changes in school infrastructure. In 2023, the new School building construction have been completed with more than 12 classrooms. The School has been upgraded from Lower Primary to Upper Primary and Classes are now proceeding to the Secondary level.

It is expecting that the Higher Secondary Classes will be able to start with in 2026.

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