

19th July 2023

UPDATES OF THE WEEK

Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



North Garo Hills



The CLLMP project has been assisting the communities to economically improve their villages and nurture saplings in a permanent community nursery. As part of this initiative, the villages of Rem Songgital and Dinggrepa received water storage units and stands, to facilitate watering the saplings in the permanent community nurseries. These assets would contribute to ensuring that the saplings receive enough water without any obstacles.



Rem Songgital and Dinggre are actively engaged in agroforestry as part of their second-year plan. Jungle clearance, winding, and bamboo fencing are essential components to ensure the successful implementation and maintenance of their agroforestry project. Jungle clearance creates ample space, allows sunlight to reach the plants, and reduces competition, which promotes healthy agroforestry growth. Winding helps to clear obstacles, making plots more accessible and efficient for management. By adopting agroforestry practices, Rem Songgital and Dinggre contribute to fostering biodiversity and environmental resilience. This method of land use allows for a harmonious coexistence of agriculture and forestry, leading to a more sustainable and ecologically-friendly approach to farming and land management.

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Snalgre and Lower Mendal are actively involved in a vital Permanent Community Nursery project. Their tasks include watering, filling polybags with soil, and planting saplings to ensure the successful establishment of the nursery. Through their dedicated efforts, they significantly contribute to sustainable community development.



CLLMP is providing a commendable service by offering P.A. (Public Address) systems to support communities in their various public events, meetings, programs, and church gatherings in the villages. This initiative is invaluable as it plays a vital role in enhancing communication and facilitating community activities.

The CLLMP's resourceful initiative is poised to benefit villagers in multiple ways. It empowers the community with a tool that promotes effective communication, which is essential for social cohesion and development.

On July 12th, 2023, the DPMU team - Social, M&E, GIS, and Environment personnel, conducted a field inspection in Mawklot village under Myllem Block to assess CNRMP activity progress. The program began with an interactive session and examination of the VNRMC's books of accounts, followed by a physical visit to the intervention site.

During the inspection, the VNRMC received instructions to complete all NRM activities and submit the UC by the end of July 2023.



East Khasi Hills



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Ri Bhoi

On July 11th 2023, External Expert, accounts and environment management visited Umsiang Maiong in Umsning Block to inspect and collect the Utilisation certificate for activities carried out under the Forest Management Plan and excess fund.



On July 13th 2023, the Ri Bhoi DPMU training specialist and a representative from the Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Nongpoh, worked on the data compilation and progress of the Natural Resource Management, Scale Training Programme.



South West Khasi Hills

The DPMU team followed up on the book of records, the progress of the work on the Forest Management Plan, the unspent amount, and site inspections in the villages of Mawkohphet, Mawthong and Mawbidong.



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West Jaintia Hills



On July 13 and 14, the VNRMCs (Village Natural Resource Management Committees) of Pasyih and Thadmuthlong conducted their respective General Body meetings. During these meetings, the committees aimed to review pending activities and discuss plans for the way forward.

The demarcation process for land reclamation in Shangpung Moosyiem has commenced.



CLLMP Success Story - Nongbah Nongnah

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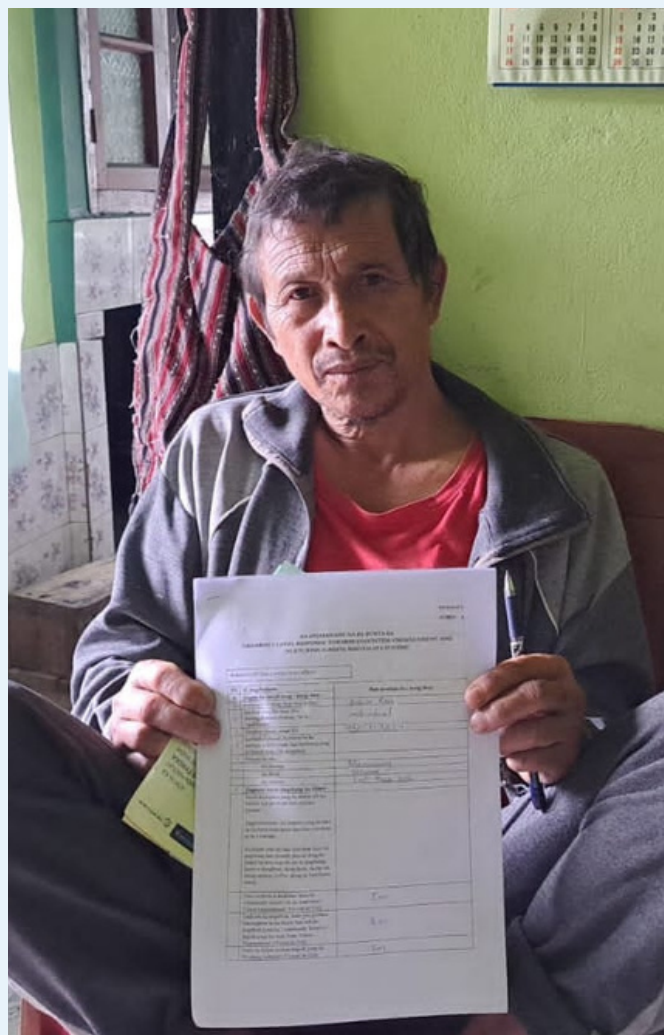
Awareness programme



Forest owner at Umsham village



Mawtari Thaiang



Forest owner at Mawsniang village.



Panda Chikasine

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Collection of forms

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- East Jaintia Hills - 01**
- West Jaintia Hills - 05**
- West Garo Hills - 02**
- East Garo Hills - 0**
- North Garo Hills - 01**
- South Garo Hills - 04**
- Ri Bhoi - 08**
- Eastern West Khasi Hills - 04**



Sallingre village



Pynursla Block



Khatarshnong Block



The West Garo Hills, GFAs held a meeting with the DPM (District Project Manager) at DPMU (District Project Management Unit), Tura.

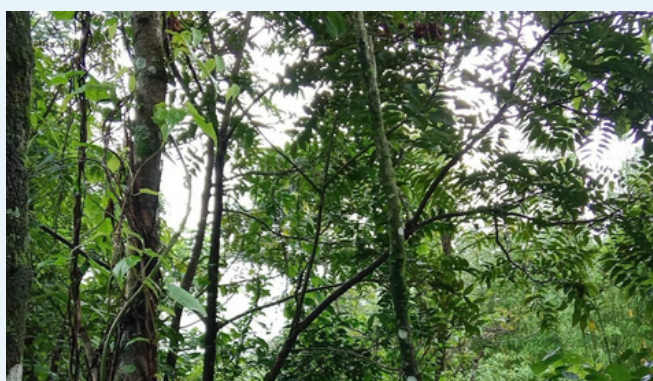
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PES verification at Sohtyngkhur village.



PES verification at Moolasngi village.



PES verification at Watregitim village.



PES verification at Nongpathew village.



PES verification at Jakrem village.



PES verification at Selbalgre village.



PES verification at Umkadhor village.

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PES verification at Nonglait village.



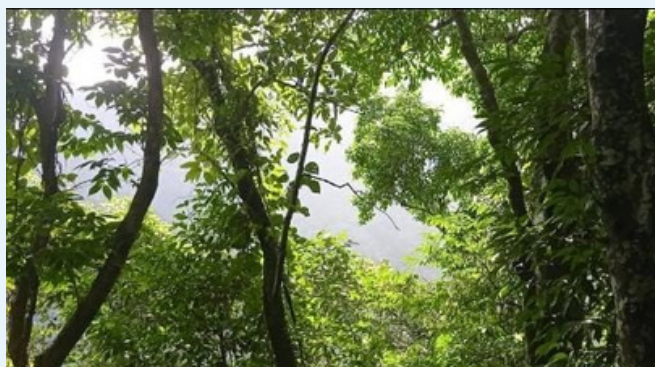
PES verification Umsning village.



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PES verification at Nongthymmai village.



PES verification at Tlangpui village.

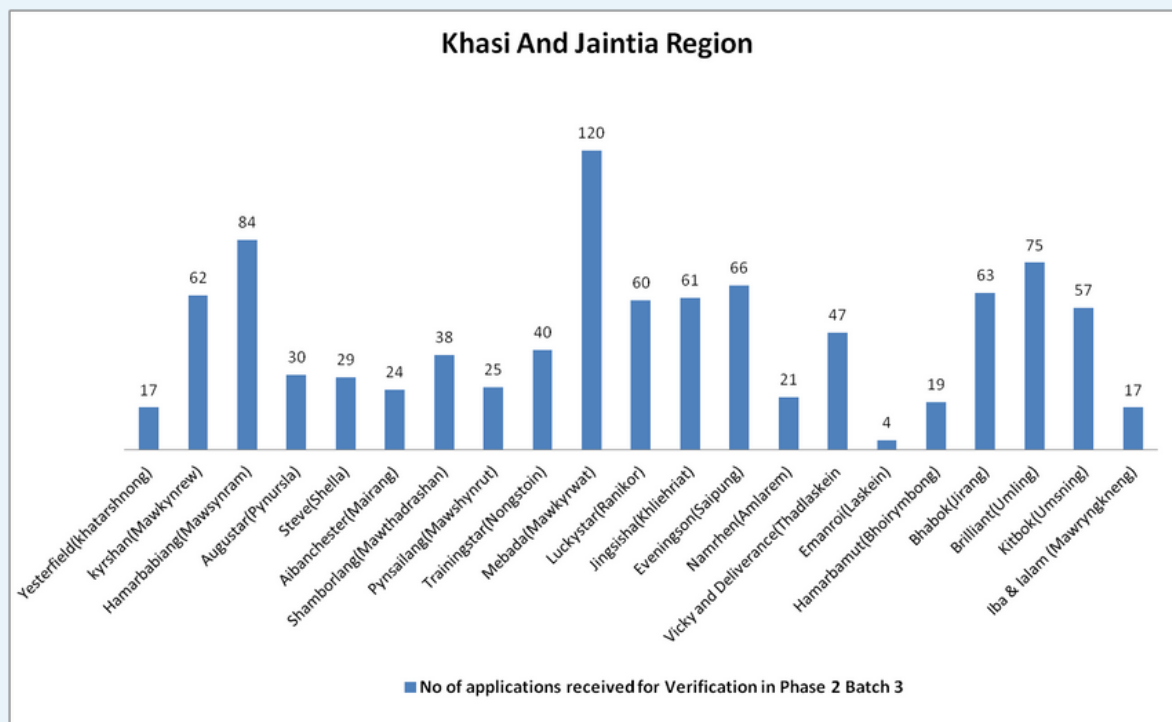


PES verification at Damit village reserve forest.

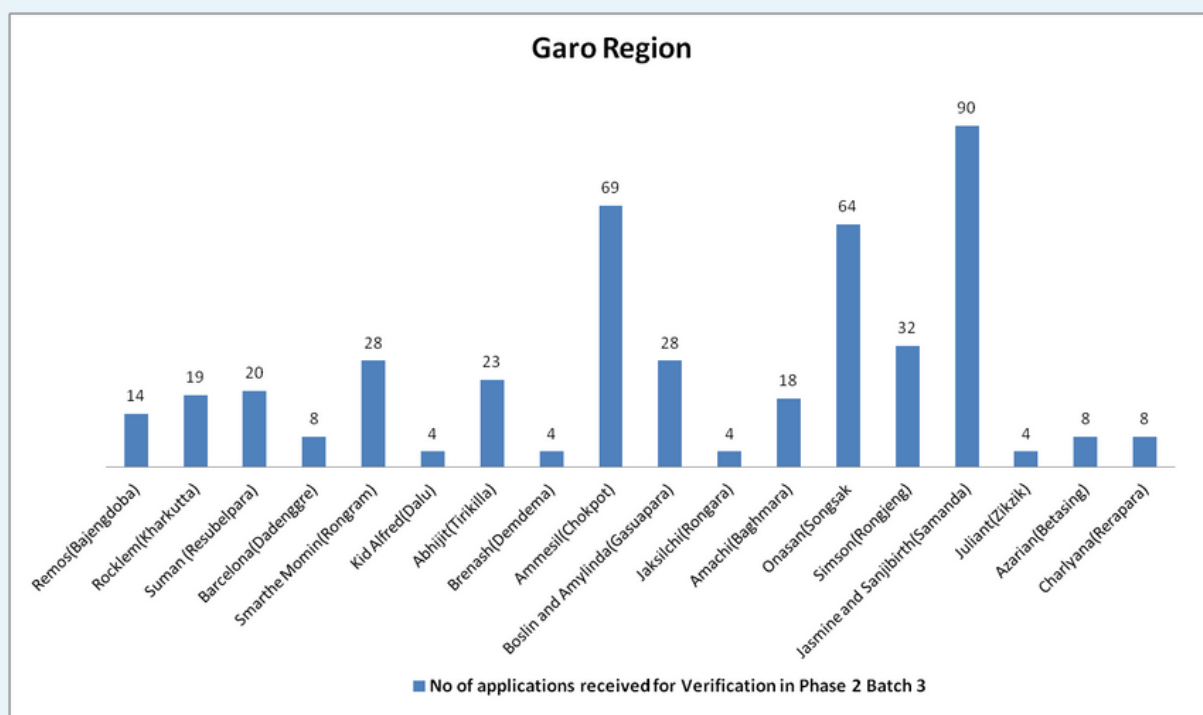


PES verification at Umkra village.

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The graph represents the block-wise total number of applications received from the Villagers, Communities, Clans and Individuals for the PES Scheme from 14th April 2023 to 18th July 2023. The number of applications received from Khasi and Jaintia Region is 959.



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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH EXPOSURE AND LEARNING: INSIGHTS FROM THE HIMMOTTHAN SOCIETY EXPOSURE TRIP



The Centre of Excellence for NRM and Sustainable Livelihoods, under the CLLMP, organized an Exposure Trip to Himmotthan Society, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. A group of 5 staff members and 24 community members embarked on a three-day journey with the aim of gaining knowledge on Springshed Management and Mountain Agriculture in the Western Himalayan Region.

The event commenced with a warm welcome to the participants by Dr. Vinod Kothari. During the introduction, he provided an overview of Himmotthan and the various activities undertaken by the organization across the states of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Leh Ladakh.

The discussion during the event centered around:

- Springshed in Himalayas – Mr. Vargish Bamola
- Protocols for Water Quality – Mr. Mohit Tiwari
- Behavioural Change Communication – Mr. Vijay Adhikari
- Plantation and Ecosystem Services in Mountains – Dr. Vishal Singh
- Agriculture in Mountains – Dr. Rajendra Singh Koshyari
- Community Institutions – Ms. Sumitra Chauhan
- Animal Husbandry - Dr. Nitish Bisht
- Honey Value Chain – Mr. Bipin Rawat
- Integrated Village Development Approach – Mr. Sanjay Bhati
- Temperate Orchard Development – Ms. Garima Tiwari
- Formation & Operation of Trishulli Producer Company – Mr. Rajat Kaushik





The event was structured into several sessions, each focusing on different aspects of Himmotthan's functioning and implementation. Participants gained valuable insights and key learnings from technically and academically proficient individuals within an organized, methodological, and scientific environment.

On Day 2 of the event, the participants embarked on a field trip starting at the outlet of the Bandal Ghati Self Reliant Cooperative. There, they observed the marketing of various goods produced by Self Help Groups (SHGs), such as honey, squash, spices, pulses, grains, and onion seeds. The SRC team also provided a detailed demonstration of the onion seed production process, from storage to the final product.

Pahaadi Utpaad Farmer Producer Organization (FPO), Maldevta : During the visit to the Honey Processing Unit of Pahaadi Utpaad Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) in Maldevta, team had an enriching and unforgettable hands-on experience. They were taken through the entire process of honey value chain market and demand, from procurement to storage, filtration, moisture detection, bottling, sealing, labeling, and marketing.



The team gained valuable insights into the intricacies of honey processing and learned about the various steps involved in ensuring the quality and market readiness of the product. This practical exposure allowed them to understand the potential for implementing similar practices at the micro-industry level within their own communities.

Overall, the visit provided the team with valuable knowledge and practical skills that can contribute to the sustainable development and growth of their communities through the honey value chain market.

Ghantu ka Sera (Ginger plot site visit): On the following day, the team visited a ginger plot plantation. During the visit, they received insights into various aspects of ginger cultivation, including suitable climatic conditions, land tilling techniques, pest control measures, identification of matured mother rhizomes, multiple cropping systems, and the commercial aspects associated with ginger cultivation.

On the final day, the team engaged in an interactive session with a resource person, where they discussed crucial topics such as springsheds, springs, water security, and integrated village development models. The session also touched upon water quality concerns. Aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, the team explored Himmotthan's key intervention areas related to six specific goals: No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, and Affordable and Clean Energy.



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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. plantation of saplings is currently underway.



Moving saplings from Rongara to Taidang village.



Transporting saplings from Darit Asim forest.



Lifting seedlings from Nokatgre village.



Lifting of saplings from Marngar permanent nursery.



Transporting of saplings to Taidanh village.



Lifting of saplings by women of Mokpara village.



On-going plantation at Khaldang Tunaturam village (Agitok ANR).



On-going plantation at Chibilbang village.

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Plantation at Sain Urbania village.



On-going plantation at Ajasiram at ANR.



Plantation at Bolchugre village.



Plantation at Umjalisiaw village.



Plantation at Dambo Chare village.



Plantation at Taidang village.



Plantation at Andamari VPIC.



Plantation at Rongara Block.



Guresimram Village plants 1600 seedlings across 4 hectares.



Plantation at Rongpetchi Community Reserve.

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On-going plantation at Pdientaloo village.



Progress of plantation at Mokpara village.



On-going plantation at Nokatgre village.



Plantation at Umtasor Mawdkhar village.



Plantation at Umshit village.



Plantation at Manipur village.



Malchapara village's plantation progress.

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On-going plantation at Rongchim village.



Plantation at Chibilbang village completed.



On-going plantation at Nokstgre village.



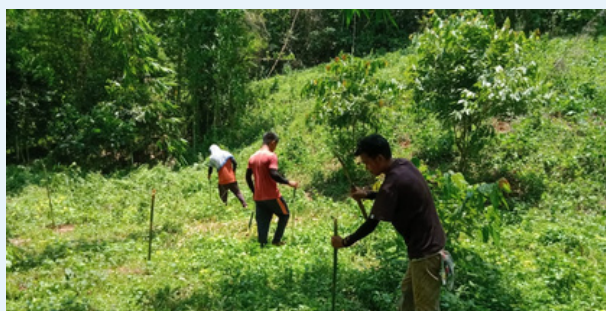
On-going plantation at Rongmatcha village.



On-going plantation at Illa Rongchim village.



On-going plantation at Mawryngkneng village.



Plantation at Mokpara village.



Skagre village's plantation progress.



Plantation at Mawkorblang village.



On-going plantation at Kalwe village.

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Site plantation at Tlangpui village.



Plantation at Umden village.



Mawdulop Village's Green Dream Achieved!
Plantation activity successfully completed, bringing life to the landscape! .



Plantation at Bolbokgre village.



Plantation at Siangkhnai village.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.



Rongkandi Dengjama community nursery:
Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills
District, to add 10 more beds.



Silsekgre community nursery:Rongram
Block, West Garo Hills District.



Situng community nursery:Saipung Block,
Jaintia Hills District.



Tuidam community nursery:Saipung
Block, Jaintia Hills District.



Moobyрни community nursery: Thadlaskein
Block, West Jaintia Hills district.



Nayapara VPIC community nursery:
Tikrikilla Block,



Bleishiah community nursery :
Umling Block.

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SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.



Rongdikgre SALT farm: Rongram Block, West Garo Hills District.



Baladinggre village SALT farming : Dalu Block, West Garo Hills District.



Seelpang village SALT farming: Rongra Block, South Garo Hills District.



SALT farming done at Lower Jambal village Kharkutta Block, East Garo Hills District.



SALT farming at Kharew village : Mawkyrwat Block, West Khasi Hills District.



SALT farm of one of the beneficiary from Jaroit village, Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills District.

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SALT farming at Samanda Block, East Garo Hills District, have hedgerows which are already 6" high,



SALT farming at Thangshalai village, Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills District.



SALT farming at Rencha Apal village : Rongram Block, West Garo Hills District.



Mr. Kremithson Sangma's SALT farm at Rongari Ading Village, Gambegre Block, West Garo Hills District.



SALT farm of Sillasting Marak of Gaobari village, Rongara Block, South Garo Hills District.



SALT farm of Embusing Marak, Rongara Block, South Garo Hills District.

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SALT farming at Mejolgre ,Nokat village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, East Garo Hills Didtrict.



SALT farming at Arengdo Village under Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills District.



SALT farming at Sempalin, Wachal Chiting, Rongara Block, South Garo Hills District.

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ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.



Miktongjeng, Rongjeng Block



Rongkandi Songital, Baghmara Block



Danal Dasik, Songsak Block



Watenanggre, Songsak Block



Dogegipuram, Dambo Rongjeng Block



Simseng Bolma, Dambo Rongjeng Block



Simseng Aringga, Dambo Rongjeng Block



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CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



Site Inspection conducted by the water resources team for Open Limestone Channel (OLC) at Laitmawsiang and Laitduh Village, under East Khasi Hills.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

Monitoring of MAPS



Rikhen village, Mairang Block, EWKH



Jalyiah village, Khliehriat Block, EJH



Monitoring & Mapping of Land reclamation site at Syntung, Mawkyntew, EKH



Monitoring & demonstration of Geranium & Rosemary propagation in Mawklot, EKH

Convergence project between INR and MGNREGA



As part of a convergence project between Institute of Natural resources (INR) and MGNREGA an inauguration program of a Field Distillation unit was conducted on 12th July 2023 at Khliehrangnah village under the Laskein C&RD (Community and Rural Development) block in West Jaintia Hills district. The project aims to provide benefits to farmers who have acquired the processing unit. The event was graced by the presence of Shri KN Kumar, IAS, Chairman of the Meghalaya Farmers (Empowerment) Commission, Shri H.C Choudhary, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Environment Department, Shri L Shabong, Director (INR), and officials from the BDO (Block Development Officer) of Laskein block, ADC (Additional Deputy Commissioner), and Project Director DRDA (District Rural Development Agency) of West Jaintia Hills District.

Furthermore, the officials conducted a site inspection of the aroma plantation at Mynska village in West Jaintia Hills district.

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

Site Electrification conducted by the Green Energy team for the purpose of Community Lighting, House Lighting and Street Lighting.



Nongtalang Thymmai village, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills District



Samanong Village, Amlarem block, West Jaintia Hills District

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RURAL FINANCE



A district-level IVCS (Integrated Village Cooperative Society) review meeting was conducted in West Khasi Hills District. During the meeting, various aspects related to the functioning and performance of the IVCS were discussed and evaluated.

A review meeting of the Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Thadlaskein block was organized by the District Project Management Unit (DPMU) of West Jaintia Hills (WJH) on July 18.



The DPMU Team organized a Two-Day Meeting-cum-Workshop on Piggery Mission and Credit Linkage on July 18 and 19, 2023. The objective was to review the loan disbursement and repayment status for the Piggery Mission by the 9 IVCS and 12 Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. in Mawkyrwat and

Ranikor Blocks. The meeting was attended by various stakeholders, including the Sub-Registrar of Cooperative Society, SWKHD, District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Office, SWKHD, and MCAB. In addition to discussing the Piggery Mission, the meeting focused on credit linkage, aiming to connect banks with the business facilitators of the IVCS. Several banks, including NABARD, SBI Mawkyrwat, HDFC, ICICI, and MCAB, participated in the event, presenting their various schemes and loans available for the IVCS to utilize.

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INRM



A meeting was conducted with the Village Employment Council (VEC) at Nongdagong and Nongriangkhai to discuss the pending INRM intervention.

An awareness program was held at Lumrot village in West Jaintia Hills to promote the formation of a Water User Group. In addition to discussing the Water User Group formation, the program also included a discussion about the Land Use Land Cover (LULC) Map.



Participatory Performance Assessments were conducted at Himpala Village and Mawsyntai Village in Umling Block. The assessments aimed to involve the community in evaluating and improving the performance of these villages.

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INRM



CHC tools were distributed to 12 Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) under Mawphlang, Sohiong, Khatarshnong Laitkroh, and Shella Bholaganj Blocks, along with Laitkynsew Laitkroh (CRA) village under Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, in East Khasi Hills District.



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boundary at Mawphlang C&RD Block

On July 18, 2023, at Mawphlang C & RD Block, Shri. S. Myllemngap AM, GIS, provided an update on the village boundaries of MLAMP (Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project) villages. The update covered two villages under Mawphlang Block and two villages under Sohiong Block. This revision aimed to ensure accurate demarcation and clarity of village boundaries for effective planning and development initiatives.

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



On July 12, 2023, a video documentation was conducted by the KM Team from SPMU along with the Block and District INRM team. The documentation focused on the implementation of Open Limestone Channel technology at Laitmawsiang Villages, which falls under Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block in East Khasi Hills District.

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International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in partnership with German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), is implementing Investments in Agroecology Value Chains Project (IAVCP) in India. Under this initiative, a team of three members led by Andrew Macpherson, the Project Manager, along with Aditi Gupta, an IFAD Consultant, and Radhika Agashe, the Fund Manager, visited Tura and Shillong to engage with interested entrepreneurs and groups. The project aims to focus on identifying viable business opportunities and MSME entrepreneurs linked to agroecology clusters and value chains and provide investment support for integrated agroecology production systems, while offering grants for MSMEs and agroecology producer organizations to improve value addition and market linkages. The project places special emphasis on empowering youth and women entrepreneurs by prioritizing their participation in the initiatives.

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On 14th July 2023, Dr. Vijay Kumar, D. IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Govt. of Meghalaya and Project Director (PD) Megha LAMP, MBMA along with a team of officials visited Jolding wari to explore opportunities for ecotourism and livelihood activities. They engaged with farmers and traders to understand the Banana value chain and its marketing. The promotion of silk and handloom was also discussed, with a visit to the Sericulture Office and farm to understand the value chain and support strategies for weavers and entrepreneurs.

On 16th July 2023, the PD along with Smt. Mitali Chandra, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, North Garo Hills and other officials, visited Don Bosco Mendal and Bosco Reach Out Agriculture Training Centre. They discussed possible collaborations to upgrade the skills of youth and farming communities, linking them to job-oriented opportunities, crop improvement, processing, and market linkages with financial support intervention within the state or district.

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