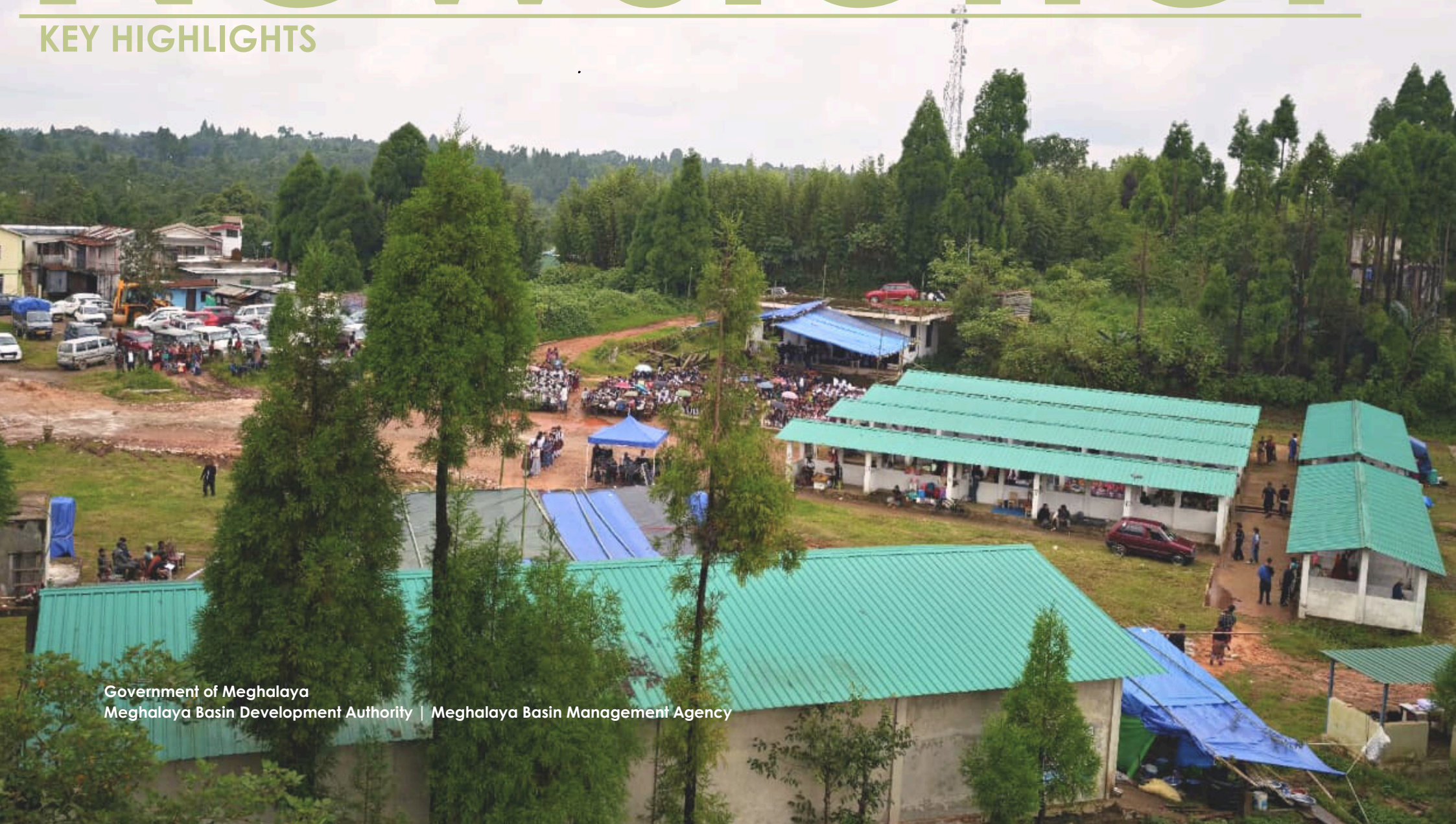


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14 November 2025

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Government of Meghalaya
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority | Meghalaya Basin Management Agency

The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) and Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) implement citizen-centric, community-driven projects to improve the quality of life for Meghalaya's citizens, bridge developmental gaps, and promote natural resource management, catchment area protection, forest management, agroecological practices, and market development. Incorporated under the State's Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department, MBMA and MBDA partner with multilateral agencies, banks, non-profits, UN organizations, government departments, and community groups to implement their works.

Coverage spans across Meghalaya through Externally Aided Projects (EAP) such as the IFAD-supported Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP), the JICA-funded Project for Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement in Meghalaya (MegLIFE), and the KfW Development Bank-funded projects - the Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project (SLM) and the Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Area in Meghalaya (MegARISE) Project.

State programmes being implemented include the Promotion and Incubation of Market-Driven Enterprises (PRIME), the Farmers Collectivization for Upscaling Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS), the Smart Village Movement (SVM), the Grassroot Level response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing (GREEN Meghalaya), the Cluster Development Programme (CDP), the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) in Meghalaya, and the Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission (MSBM).

EXTERNALLY AIDED PROJECTS

Megha-LAMP

Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

MegLIFE

Project for Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement in Meghalaya

MegARISE

Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

SLM

Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

WORKS

PRIME

Promotion and Incubation of Market Driven Enterprises

FOCUS

Farmers Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems

SVM

Smart Village Movement

GREEN Meghalaya

Grassroot Level response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing Meghalaya

CDP

Cluster Development Programme

PMJVM

Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission in Meghalaya

MSBM

Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission

STATE PROGRAMMES



MeghaLAMP
Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project
14 September 2016-2020



GREEN
MEGHALAYA
Grassroot Level Response towards
Ecosystem Enhancement and
Nurturing Meghalaya

Smart Village Movement™
In Alliance With Berkeley Haas



PRIME
MEGHALAYA



KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



14 NOV REVIEW CAPTURES KEY UPDATES FROM COMPONENT INCHARGES

“On 14 November 2025, the District Project Management Unit (DPMU) North Garo Hills (NGH) held a review meeting with Shri Nitul Das, Regional Project Manager (RPM), MLAMP, at the Gairong Prime Hub, Kharkutta Block, NGH. Component Incharges, along with FOCUS and VDV Incharges, presented the status of ongoing activities. This was followed by an interactive discussion on implementation gaps, possible solutions, the way forward, preparation for the Project Completion Report, and plans for the inauguration of the Gairong Prime Hub.”

Review Meeting and Presentations on Project Activity status

KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT

SITE INSPECTION CONDUCTED TO ADVANCE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION INTERVENTIONS

A joint site verification and inspection was carried out on 8 November 2025 by the Umiew Catchment Management Unit team together with the Water Resources Department, led by Sir Wahlang, Senior Engineer, and supported by the SPMU Engineer. The visit focused on assessing potential sites for Soil and Water Conservation activities under the MegARISE Project, including locations in Marbaninag Village.



SITE INSPECTION CONDUCTED TO ADVANCE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION INTERVENTIONS

A joint site verification was carried out on November 8 and 10, 2025, led by the Ganol Catchment Management Unit team and the Water Resources Department, by Shri Bilseng, Junior Engineer, and the Sectional Assistant, to identify potential sites within the Ganol Catchment for Soil and Water Conservation activities. The team visited Selbal Nokat, Rengsanggre, Mandal Nokat, Dura Kalakage, and Jendragre to assess proposed locations.



Site Inspection to Advance Soil and Water Conservation Interventions



“ On 30 October 2025, Shri. James Kharkongor, Deputy Project Director, led the SPMU and Ganol Catchment teams in a review meeting on MegARISE Project progress and upcoming activities. ”

KEY UPDATES

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAMMES



TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SCIENTIFIC BEEKEEPING COMMENCES

“On 11 November 2025, a five day training programme on Beekeeping and Honey Processing began at Mendima Community Hall, sponsored by the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY), organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), and implemented by the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA). The sessions were led by resource persons Mr. Prameshwar Roy and Mr. Abhijet Kakoty from Assam.

The programme aims to promote sustainable livelihoods through scientific beekeeping, build skills in honey extraction and processing, and encourage rural entrepreneurship. It also focuses on creating awareness on the economic and ecological importance of bees, improving honey quality and marketing skills, and empowering youth and women to take up beekeeping as a viable income-generating activity.”

SNIPPETS

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



21 PACS PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON COMPUTERIZATION IN TURA, WEST GARO HILLS

A one-day Consultative Workshop for PACS on Computerization (Phase I) was held on 11 November 2025 at SMLC, Dakopgre, Tura, with 21 PACS from the Garo Hills region in attendance. Officials from MCAB, the Cooperation Department, and MBMA engaged participants in an interactive session covering the importance of computerization, digital record-keeping, accounting and reporting systems, and the documentation required for registration under the computerization process.

Secretaries from Kentrikona IVCS Ltd. (SWG), Chenggaldare IVCS Ltd., and Pringprang IVCS Ltd. (WGH) also shared insights on membership mobilization and product marketing.

As the way forward, the RF-SPMU, MBMA facilitated a session on consolidating key learnings and developing action plans for strengthening Service Cooperative Society.



3 Thematic Studies Conducted Across Umling Block IVCS

On 3 November 2025, Transform Consulting Group conducted three thematic studies in Umling Block at Umshaken, Umkon, and Umden Pylun IVCS on IVCS roles, input supply, and women's leadership. A follow-up session was held for the District Project Management Unit team, Ri Bhoi, Nongpoh.



Field Visits to Demonstration Plots in South West Garo Hills

The team, along with Service Providers and IVCS members, visited multiple demonstration plots in South West Garo Hills, where the Farm Manager reviewed vegetable seed varieties and assessed crop status at Chapahati and Dondima IVCS.



15 Participants Attend 10 Day Banana Fiber Handicraft Training

On 10 November 2025, the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, in collaboration with the MBMA North Garo Hills team, launched a 10 day training programme on Banana Fiber Handicrafts with 15 participants. The programme aims to promote entrepreneurship, eco-friendly crafts, and sustainable livelihoods.

SNIPPETS

PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT IN MEGHALAYA



4 NOVEMBER EXPOSURE VISIT STRENGTHENS LEARNING ACROSS VILLAGES

On the 4th of November 2025, Mawkyntsew Block Project Management Unit (BPMU) organized a Village Level Exposure Visit to Pashang Village Project Implementation Committee to help participants learn about key project activities and best practices. Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) and Village Project Implementation Committee (VPICs) members from project villages participated, observing and discussing various interventions. The visit aimed to share knowledge, strengthen skills, and inspire participants to apply the learnings for better implementation in their own villages.



Progress Review Reveals Priority Fixes in West Jaintia Hills

On 10 November 2025, a MegLIFE representative reviewed progress at the West Jaintia Hills District Project Management Unit (DPMU). Field visits on 11 November to VPICs in Thadlaskein and Laskein Blocks highlighted the need for improvements in RCC tanks, nurseries, community hall works, fencing, and plantation care, followed by discussions with VPIC and IVCS members to strengthen ongoing activities.



2025 AGM Strengthens Governance and Growth Plans for Silsika IVCS

On 30 October 2025, Silsika IVCS held its Annual General Meeting at Chidekgre Community Hall, attended by representatives from the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (ARCS) and the BPMU team. The Secretary presented the Annual Report, covering performance, key activities, and financials. Members discussed achievements, challenges, and future plans, and unanimously passed a resolution to expand the Society's operations, reinforcing their commitment to stronger cooperative management and community development.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



THREE DAY FOLLOW UP TRAINING STRENGTHENS VCF CAPACITY

From 28 to 30 October 2025, the Umiew CMU conducted a follow up training for Village Community Facilitators in three batches. The training aimed to strengthen their knowledge and skills to effectively raise community awareness on project activities, the importance of plantation work, and related interventions. Sessions were facilitated by the district team including the CPM and foresters, along with the SPMU teams for Finance, Social, and Livelihood.



32 Participants Strengthened Through EC and VCF Capacity Building

On 31 October 2025, Ganol CMU conducted an Executive Committee training at the Rongram MegARISE Block Office in West Garo Hills with 12 EC members from 2 VPICs.

Umiew Team followed with a two day training for VCFs and Bookkeepers on 4 and 5 November 2025, where 20 participants representing 12 VPICs took part.



18 VCFs Strengthened Through Refresher Course

On 30 October 2025, the Ganol Catchment Management Unit conducted a Refresher Course for Village Community Facilitators with a total of 18 participants.



59 Farmers Engaged in FPA Contests Across Multiple Villages

On 30 October 2025, FPA Contests 2 and 3 were conducted at Umtngew Village under Mawryngkneng Block. On 31 October 2025, the contests continued at Pamlakrai Mawtharia and Rangbihbih under Myliem Block and at Laitmawlong Wahpein under Khatarshnong Laitkroh, with 29 participants in Contest 2 and 30 participants in Contest 3.

SNIPPETS

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



KEY ACTION POINTS SET DURING PROJECT REVIEW MEETING

On 10 November 2025, the East Khasi Hills CMU team met with the Deputy Commissioner to review project progress and discuss the way forward. The meeting, also attended by the ADC, highlighted priority actions including building villagers trust to improve participation, protecting springs during rejuvenation works, seeking expert guidance before using cement near water sources, coordinating with the Water Rejuvenation Task Force, and involving BDOs to strengthen field level implementation.



114 Participants Took Part in FPA Contest 1 Across Three Villages

FPA Contest 1 was conducted on 4 November 2025 at Pomlakrai Rngi Shyllong with 44 participants and on 5 November 2025 at Lyngkien Village under Mylliem Block with 27 contestants. The contest continued on 11 November 2025 at Mawtyllup Village under Khadarshnong Laitkroh Block, where 43 contestants participated.



6 Villages Oriented on VPIC Formation

Meetings on Village Project Implementation Committee formation were held at Noonmati and Wakantagre on 30 and 31 October 2025. Similar sessions continued on 4 and 5 November at Akkakigre, Rongonagre, Karaitola and Harigaon under Rerapara Block in South West Garo Hills District.



208.5 Hectares Identified for Potential Plantation Development

On 11 October 2025, a meeting was held with the Headman, VCF and Village Secretary of 12 Mer Village under Laitkroh Block following a drone based land use land cover analysis that identified about 131.5 hectares of barren land and 77 hectares of open forest, indicating strong potential for plantation development.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



MULTIPLE SITE INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED TO PLAN WATER RESOURCE INTERVENTIONS

On 11 November 2025, a field inspection was carried out at Pomkaniew to assess quarrying sites and plan interventions to reduce silt deposition in Wah Umtyngar and Myliem Mawsawa Village. The visit, led by Bah R. Mawdong, JE, Water Resources Department, evaluated the feasibility of activities such as retaining walls, spring chambers, check dams, and irrigation canals.

On the same day, Ganol Engineers and the Water Resources Department, led by Shri Bilseng Sangma, Junior Engineer, and the Sectional Assistant of Rongram Block, conducted site visits to Wadagre and Mandal Nokat under Rongram Block and New Dengasi, Asingre Baghmara Village under Rerapara Block in South West Garo Hills District.



70-80 Percent Plantation Survival Achieved in Rangsyuin and Kharnongwah

On 11 November 2025, the Umiew CMU team conducted a field inspection in Rangsyuin and Kharnongwah villages to review ongoing plantation activities. The visit confirmed that boundary fencing and the first round of weeding had been completed across all plots, with a planting survival rate of approximately 70 to 80 percent.



Sand Mining Owners Offer Land for Improvement Activities

On 12 November 2025, a productive discussion was held with sand mining area owners at Pomkaniew Village. The owners expressed their willingness to provide land for the implementation of improvement and protection activities. The minutes of the meeting, along with the owners' declarations, are documented for reference.



Site Feasibility Checked for Winning FPA2 and FPA3 Ideas

On 12 October 2025, the Umiew CMU and SPMU teams conducted a joint visit to Maweitnai and Rangbihbih VPICs to assess the site feasibility of the winning ideas from Financial Participatory Approach2 and Financial Participatory Approach3.

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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT



ICS STAFF TRAINED ON DATA MANAGEMENT AND NPOP COMPLIANCE

On 5 November 2025, a meeting was held at Mawlyndiar with Internal Control System (ICS) staff under Mawlyndiar IVCS to review ongoing work. The session focused on updating farmer and farm data, completing internal inspection checklists, preparing cluster maps, maintaining logbooks, and drafting farmers' declarations confirming compliance with the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). Training on proper soil sample collection techniques was also provided.



MULTIPLE PES ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ACROSS MEGHALAYA IN NOVEMBER 2025

Throughout November 2025, Green Field Associates carried out intensive PES related field activities across multiple districts in Meghalaya, focusing on technical verification and community engagement. The team conducted boundary demarcations in East Khasi Hills at Kenbah Malai, Mawpen, and Mawrapad villages under Mawsynram Block; Nongspung village under Mawphlang Block; Sohkhmi village under Shella Block; and Mawlynnu village under Mawsynram Block, as well as in Dambuk Apal village under Rongara Block in South Garo Hills. Deforestation site visits and ground-truthing exercises were completed at Sonapyrdi village under Khliehriat Block in East Jaintia Hills and at Raid Nongblai village under Pynursla Block in East Khasi Hills.



PES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REACHES SEVEN DISTRICTS ACROSS MEGHALAYA

From 10 to 12 November 2025, Green Field Associates conducted a PES Awareness Campaign across seven districts of Meghalaya. Sessions were held in multiple villages in Ri Bhoi, East Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, East and West Khasi Hills, and West Jaintia Hills. The campaign aimed to strengthen community understanding of Payment for Ecosystem Services and promote sustainable environmental management across the state.

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