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# Newsletter

## 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 KW 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

## 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



**GREEN**  
MEGHALAYA  
Grassroot Level response towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing

**Smart Village Movement™**  
In Alliance With Berkeley Haas



**PRIME**  
MEGHALAYA



**MSBM**  
MEGHALAYA

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

RECEIVED DURING 2021 - 2023

## Award

### 3rd National Water Awards 2021

Best Village Panchayat Category (North East Zone)

2nd place - Aminda Simsanggre

3rd place - Chambagre

### 4th National Water Awards 2022

Best Village Panchayat Category

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Mawkyrdep

### 5th National Water Awards

Best Village Panchayat category

3<sup>rd</sup> place for Khliehrangnah

### FICCI National Geospatial Award

in the category of Geospatial Excellence in Sustainability Development

### Google Earth Outreach - Geo for Good 2023 Impact Awards

### World Open Innovation Conference, Spain 2023

1. Use of Medicinal and Aromatic plants for rejuvenation of degraded land
2. IVCS Model
3. Geo spatial technology for good governance through the participation of the community members

## About the awarding body

India's National Water Awards recognise exemplary efforts in water conservation, management, and sustainable use. Instituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the awards honour states, institutions, and individuals promoting best practices and innovation in water resource management across the country.

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The FICCI National Geospatial Award for Geospatial Excellence in Sustainability Development recognises outstanding use of geospatial technologies for sustainable growth and environmental management. It honours innovative GIS and remote sensing initiatives that deliver scalable, high-impact solutions for long-term socio-ecological development.

Geo for Good Impact Awards are honorary awards celebrating users and organizations creating real-

The World Open Innovation Award recognises outstanding initiatives that leverage open innovation to drive impactful and scalable solutions. It honours organisations and leaders who foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and co-creation to address complex global challenges.

## Project

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&  
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## Year

2021

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# KEY UPDATES

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### 456+ PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED | FPA CONTESTS CONDUCTED ACROSS MULTIPLE BLOCKS

Financial Participatory Appraisal Contest-1 was conducted across villages under Rongram and Rerapara Blocks in West Garo Hills, including Koraitola (31 participants), Retegre (25), Abiselagre (30), Snarugre (19), and Noonmati (21), along with additional locations such as Penny Valley.

On 15, 17, 19, 21, and 24 February 2026, further Contest-1 rounds were held across Mawryngkneng, Khatarshnong-Laitkroh, and Myllem Blocks in East Khasi Hills, covering villages such as Umphrup (42), Iewshyllong (20), Umlympung (30), Myllem Nongbet (23), Mrigre (25), Matchurigre B (18), and Kanchikona.

Financial Participatory Appraisal Contests-2 and 3 were conducted from 13-25 February 2026 across multiple villages in Rongram and Rerapara Blocks, as well as Laitkroh, Mawryngkneng, and Myllem Blocks, strengthening community participation and awareness.

# SNIPPETS

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



### FIELD MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW IN LASKEIN BLOCK

On 25 February 2026, the State Project Management Unit team conducted a field visit to Mootyrshiah B and Mootyrshiah A Village Project Implementation Committees under Laskein Block, West Jaintia Hills, to review project progress.

The visit focused on assessing on-ground implementation and outcomes, with guidance provided to improve execution and strengthen plantation activities for better sustainability and long-term impact.

### PLANTATION VERIFICATION AND WORKS REVIEW IN UMLING BLOCK

The State Project Management Unit and Block Project Management Unit teams conducted a sample post-plantation ground truthing exercise in Jermanai and Pahamjri villages under Umling Block, Ri Bhoi district, reviewing 2025 plantation sites.

The visit assessed survival and growth, and reviewed Community Hall and Conservation Pond works. Strengthening of pond embankments and timely completion of remaining works were emphasized.



### PROGRESS REVIEW AND COORDINATION MEETING IN RONGRAM BLOCK

On 23 February 2026, the State Project Management Unit and Block Project Management Unit, Rongram Block, West Garo Hills, conducted a review meeting on Village Project Implementation Committee activities.

The meeting covered plantation progress, model layouts, seedling procurement, Environmental Protection Activities and Soil and Water Conservation works, interest records, and Income Generating Activities. Key gaps were addressed to strengthen coordination, transparency, and timely implementation.



# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS ADVANCE VILLAGE PLANS

Engineering teams conducted field assessments of Village-Level Micro-Action Plans across multiple sites in Rongram Block, West Garo Hills. Across five villages, 37 sites were assessed, with 33 found feasible. At Ronggrekgiri, 5 out of 7 identified interventions were deemed feasible. From 16-23 February 2026, joint inspections with the Water Resources Department were carried out in Myllichem Block, East Khasi Hills, and additional sites in Rongram Block, where 20 sites were confirmed feasible.

### PLANTATION AWARENESS EXPANDED ACROSS MULTIPLE VILLAGES

Plantation awareness programmes were conducted across Aguragre, Allagre, Asinagre, and Rangira Bolsalgre under Rongram Block, and at Noonmati village under Rerapara Block in West Garo Hills by Ganol Foresters and Community Support Associates. Further sessions were held on 24-25 February 2026 in Buripara, Abisela, Chismokgre, and Kanchikona villages, strengthening community engagement on plantation practices.



### 151 PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED | PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL ACROSS BLOCKS

On 17-18 and 24-25 February 2026, Participatory Rural Appraisal exercises were conducted in Angalgre, Rerapara Block, Mawngap Mawsmi, Mawphlang Block, and Pomlakrai Umiew, Myllichem Block, along with Nongkyndong Nongkrem and Kyn-ton-U-Mon under Mawryngkneng Block in Meghalaya. A total of 38, 55, and 58 participants engaged across key locations, strengthening community-led planning and local participation.



### 5+ VILLAGES COVERED | VILLAGE-LEVEL MICRO ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Village-Level Micro Action Plan activities were conducted on 17-19 February 2026 across Kemragre, Bangdagre, and Cherangre, followed by sessions on 24-25 February at Matchurigre B and Chisimokgre villages under Rongram Block in West Garo Hills.

# SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



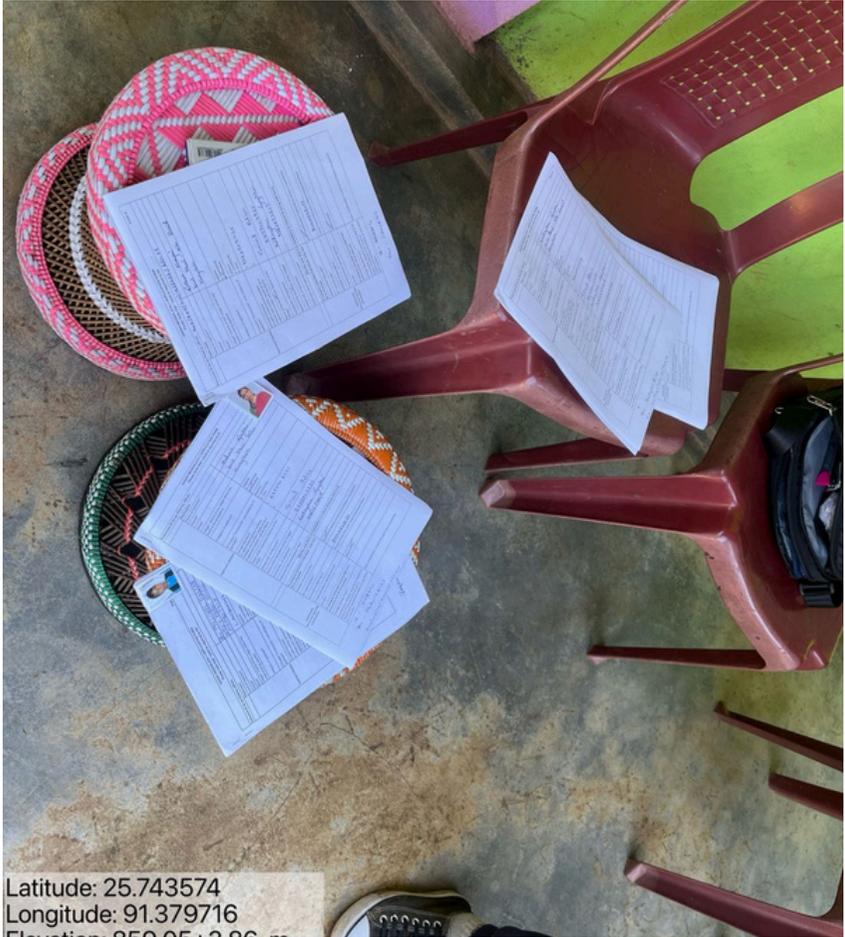
### GINGER PRODUCTION & IPM TRAININGS CONDUCTED ACROSS BLOCKS

Between 21st and 26th February 2026, the North Garo Hills District Project Management Unit organised a series of Ginger Production and Integrated Pest & Disease Management (IPM) trainings across Kharkutta, Adokgre, and Bajengdoba blocks, covering Chibasal IVCS, Four Brothers IVCS, Sengga IVCS, Korepara IVCS, Tinsimina Cooperative Society and Gabil IVCS.

The trainings focused on improved cultivation practices, seed selection and treatment, nutrient management, pest and disease identification, and effective control measures. Practical demonstrations on the preparation and application of bio-fertilisers and biological pest control methods were conducted. A total of over 220 farmers participated across the sessions, guided by resource persons from ATMA.

# SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA



Latitude: 25.743574  
Longitude: 91.379716  
Elevation: 950.05 m

### 15 VILLAGES ACROSS 10 BLOCKS | ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ACTIVITIES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY-LED CONSERVATION

Green Field Associates implemented Payment for Ecosystem Services activities across 10 blocks covering 15 villages in Meghalaya, reinforcing participatory forest governance and sustainable ecosystem management.

The activities included boundary demarcation, verification, and Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification exercises across multiple blocks in South Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills, Ri Bhoi district, Eastern West Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, and North Garo Hills.

The team also facilitated registration and collection of application forms, strengthening community participation, transparency, and effective implementation across the state.

# MBMA-MBDA

Meghalaya Basin Management Agency  
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority

## DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS?

- Do you have any feedback for the project?
- Do you have any issues related to the project that you want to flag to us?
- Are project activities causing difficulties for you, your family or community?
- Do you have any concerns you want to raise to the authorities?

IF 'YES' VISIT YOUR NEAREST IVCS OR CALL OUR HELPLINE

888-064-3109 (KHASI/JAINTIA/RIBHOI REGION)

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(GARO HILLS REGION)

## WE CAN HELP RESOLVE YOUR CONCERNS

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