

# Newsletter

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## 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 Meghalaya

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



**PRIME**  
MEGHALAYA



# KEY UPDATES

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



### 20 HANDLOOMS INSTALLED AT MENDIMA WEAVING CENTRE

A weaving centre inauguration programme was held on 7 May 2026 at Mendima Integrated Village Cooperative Society Limited, organised by the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency and Meghalayan Age Limited with support from Aditya Group.

The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Osamaphi Lyngdoh, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, North Garo Hills, in the presence of Integrated Village Cooperative Society members, beneficiaries, and project officials. A total of 20 handlooms were installed, and beneficiaries will undergo 45 days of training to promote sustainable weaving, strengthen women's livelihoods, and improve income generation.

# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### 42 CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN FINANCIAL PARTICIPATORY APPRAISAL CONTESTS

42 children participated in the Financial Participatory Appraisal activities conducted by the Umiew Team on 30 April and 2 May 2026 across Dongiewrim village under Mawphlang Community and Rural Development Block and Baniun village under Myllem Block. The activities included the Financial Participatory Appraisal 1 storytelling competition and Financial Participatory Appraisal 2 contest.

### FINANCIAL PARTICIPATORY APPRAISAL CONTESTS CONDUCTED ACROSS TWO VILLAGES

On 4 and 5 May 2026, the Ganol Team successfully conducted Financial Participatory Appraisal Contest 2 and 3 at Jewilgre and Balalgre villages under Rerapara Block.



### 44 COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL ACTIVITIES

44 community members, including 19 men and 25 women, participated in a Participatory Rural Appraisal conducted on 29 April 2026 at Mawkning village under Khatarshnong Block.

Participatory Rural Appraisal activities were also conducted at Myllem Mawri under Myllem Block, Rongkongre and Daldagre villages under Rongram Block, covering 385 households across five hamlets, and at Umphyrnai under Mawryngkneng Block with 13 participants.



**Village Level Micro Action Plan Exercise Conducted at Andarkona, Rerapara Block in South West Garo Hills**

# SNIPPETS

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



### IVCS MEMBERS ATTEND AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Members of Kut Integrated Village Cooperative Society Limited participated in a mass awareness programme on 29 April 2026 focused on strengthening aggregation systems, working capital management, and business plan implementation. A joint assessment exercise was also conducted to identify operational gaps and improve future planning.



### PUBLIC HEARING TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

A public hearing organised by the Meghalaya Society for Social Audit and Transparency was conducted on 5 May 2026 at Mairang Block Office for the MegLIFE project to promote transparency, strengthen accountability, and encourage community participation in development activities.

### IVCS ASSESSMENTS REVIEW GOVERNANCE AND LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

Assessments of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies were conducted on 29 April 2026 at Diwali Integrated Village Cooperative Society Sanjeng Nokat under Betasing Block and Lawei Ba Phyrnai Integrated Village Cooperative Society at Mawmuthoh village under Mawryngkneng Block.

The exercise reviewed governance, financial management, and livelihood activities while identifying gaps in documentation, financial systems, and capacity building to strengthen market linkages and community institutions.

### PLANTATION PREPARATION ACTIVITIES PROGRESS ACROSS MULTIPLE BLOCKS

Plantation preparation activities progressed across Kharkutta, Samanda, Songsak, Rongram, Baghmara, and parts of West Garo Hills during April 2026, including site planning, bamboo propagation, and land preparation for agroforestry initiatives. Jungle clearing and fencing were completed, while plantation activities commenced at Pamlatar and Nongsangu Village Project Implementation Committees.



### SEEDLING MOBILISATION TO SUPPORT PLANTATION ACTIVITIES

Seedling lifting and mobilisation activities are ongoing under Betasing and Zikzak Blocks in South West Garo Hills for the 2026 plantation season, alongside gap filling for 2025 plantations.

The activities aim to improve plantation density, strengthen plant survival, and support long term landscape restoration efforts.



# KEY UPDATES

## SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



### NEEM OIL AND SPRAYERS DISTRIBUTED TO GINGER DEMO PLOTS

Neem oil and water sprayers were distributed on 7 May 2026 during visits to Songadingre Integrated Village Cooperative Society and Rongsang Dadenggre Organic Producer Company Society Limited ginger demonstration plots. Fertilizer application will begin after ginger sprouting starts.



### ICS STAFF TRAINED ON FARMER RECORD MAINTENANCE

Training on farmer record maintenance was conducted on 7 May 2026 at Rongtenabak Integrated Village Cooperative Society for Internal Control System staff. The session focused on maintaining farmer diaries, training records, field visit records, and documentation required for effective monitoring and organic certification compliance.

# SNIPPETS

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REVIEWED AT FARMERS' MARKETS IN WEST GARO HILLS

Site inspections and field visits were conducted on 5 May 2026 at Magalpara, Upper Chigijanggre, and Kalchengpara Farmers' Markets in West Garo Hills to monitor the progress of additional infrastructure works.

Plastering work has been completed for several facilities, including storage houses, slaughterhouses, office cum crèche buildings, and toilet blocks, while roofing work is currently in progress. Remaining works include installation of doors and windows, painting, electrification, sanitary works, and tiling at selected sites.

### WAGE STRUCTURE AND STORAGE PLANNING DISCUSSED AT DADENGGRE PRIMEHUB

A meeting with the Pringprang Integrated Village Cooperative Society Ramie and Cotton Team was held on 4 May 2026 at Dadenggre PrimeHub to discuss wage payments, cotton storage, and budget utilisation. Key discussions focused on yarn based wage rates, warehouse identification, and efficient use of funds for production and storage activities.



### BLACK PEPPER QUALITY INSPECTION CONDUCTED ACROSS THREE IVCSS

Field visits were conducted on 5 May 2026 under Tikrikilla Block, West garo Hills at Migasal, Jangrapara, and DKJB Integrated Village Cooperative Societies to inspect black pepper quality and quantity.

The stock quality was found to be good, with acceptable moisture levels and minimal dust content, though the grade length was lower than last year's stock. Buyer rates are awaited to initiate negotiations with farmers and buyers for fair pricing.



# SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ACROSS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

Payment for Ecosystem Services activities were carried out across Ri Bhoi, East and West Khasi Hills, East and West Jaintia Hills, and South and East Garo Hills, focusing on the collection of application records and bank statements from beneficiary villages.

The exercise also included Monitoring, Reporting and Verification activities at Mawsir village and a field visit to a community forest in Mawkawah village to strengthen transparency, beneficiary documentation, and community led environmental stewardship.

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