

Newsletter

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape in Meghalaya, India. The scene is dominated by vibrant green terraced agricultural fields, likely for tea or other crops, which are carved into the hillsides. A dense forest of tall, thin trees covers the upper portions of the hills. In the lower right, a small cluster of buildings with corrugated metal roofs is visible, along with a dirt road that winds through the area. The overall atmosphere is one of a well-maintained, lush agricultural region.

12 June 2026

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

MPOWER

Meghalaya Multisectoral Project For Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment And Resilience

SLM

Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

IESALD

Integrated Eco-tourism and Sustainable Agri-based Livelihood Development 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

Horticulture Cluster Development Programme

PMJVM

Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission in Meghalaya

MSBM

Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission

MAM

Meghalaya Aroma Mission

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Decentralised Green Energy Development Project

STATE PROGRAMMES

Works



KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



2,000 SAPLINGS PLANTED THROUGH COMMUNITY-LED WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CAMPAIGN

World Environment Day was observed through plantation drives and community awareness activities to promote environmental conservation and sustainable natural resource management across project catchments.

In the Umiew Catchment, the East Khasi Hills Catchment Management Unit MegARISE Team, along with the State Project Management Unit and local communities, planted 2,000 saplings at Pamlakrai Mawtharai and Madan lingsyiem villages, strengthening collective efforts towards landscape restoration.

Similarly, in the Ganol Catchment, the observance was held at Samingre and Waribokgre Village Project Implementation Committees under Rongram Block in the presence of Shri. Saurabh Sunan, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura. Also plantation drives were carried out at Asinagre, Ghatgre, and Sangkarigre villages under Rerapara Block, reinforcing community participation in protecting and restoring local ecosystems.

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MEGARISE REVIEW MEETING REVIEWS PROJECT PROGRESS AND KEY PRIORITIES

A review meeting on the progress of the MegARISE Project was held on 11 June 2026 under the chairmanship of Abhilash Baranwal, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, MegARISE Team, East Khasi Hills. The meeting reviewed progress on activities through the Management Information System platform, Village Project Implementation Committee formation, Financial Participatory Appraisal implementation, financial status, key challenges, and the way forward.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the project's systematic implementation approach, particularly the efforts to address private land ownership issues through the collection of Memoranda of Understanding from landowners.

KEY UPDATES

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



Community Awareness Campaign Promotes Sustainable Land Management

The EFC Team conducted a series of community mobilization and awareness programmes on the Sustainable Land Management Project under Ranikor Community and Rural Development Block, South West Khasi Hills District, from 4 to 8 June 2026. The programmes were held at Dommawlein, Pyndenwar, Tlongpleng, Raibah, Mawpud, and Lower Mawpud villages to raise awareness and encourage community participation in sustainable land management initiatives.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



Cooperative Mobilization Camp Builds Awareness on Governance and Digital Transformation

A One Day Cooperative Mobilization Camp cum Awareness Program was conducted on 12 June 2026 at Purasinga village under Betasing Community and Rural Development Block to strengthen awareness on cooperative development and institutional governance. Participants were sensitized on cooperative principles, registration procedures, the benefits of collective enterprise and membership, and the formation and strengthening of Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies. The program also covered the computerization and digital transformation initiatives for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, Government schemes and projects, and practical training on cooperative governance, audit, accounting, bookkeeping, and record maintenance to build stronger and more sustainable community institutions.



Cooperative Mobilisation Camp Promotes Awareness and Good Governance

A Cooperative Mobilisation and Capacity Building Programme was conducted on 8 June 2026 at Resubelpara Bakrapara Community Hall in collaboration with the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies and the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency. Around 25 to 30 participants, including women and youth, attended the programme. The sessions promoted awareness on the formation of Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, dairy and fishery cooperatives, Government of India initiatives under the Ministry of Cooperation, and good cooperative governance practices. Participants also received orientation on computerization, statutory auditing, bookkeeping, and financial literacy to improve the efficiency and accountability of cooperative institutions.

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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



22 PARTICIPANTS FROM SIX VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRAS COMPLETE HANDS ON VALUE ADDITION TRAINING

A three day hands on training programme on value added products based on essential oils was conducted from 9 to 11 June 2026 at Porshieh Prime Hub, West Khasi Hills, for 22 participants representing six Van Dhan Vikas Kendras. The programme was organized in collaboration with the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency and the CSIR Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, with scientists and technical officers leading the sessions.

Participants received practical training in the formulation and preparation of soap, candles, geranium based shampoo, face wash, hair oil, agarbatti, and perfumes using essential oils and locally available aromatic resources. The training focused on value addition, enabling participants to convert raw materials into market ready products.

By supporting the production, branding, and marketing of finished products, the initiative helps Van Dhan Vikas Kendras move beyond the sale of raw materials, increasing opportunities for enterprise development and improved incomes while retaining greater economic value within local communities.

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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



TRAINING PROMOTES SAFE AND RESPECTFUL WORKPLACES ACROSS MBDA AND MBMA

A training programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 was conducted for all MBDA and MBMA staff across the state, covering the Garo Hills Region from 12 to 19 May 2026 and the Khasi and Jaintia Hills Region from 15 May to 12 June 2026. The programme familiarised staff with the provisions of the Act and reinforced the importance of workplace dignity, respect, and accountability. It highlighted the collective responsibility of every employee to prevent harassment, encourage respectful conduct, and contribute to a safe, inclusive, and supportive work environment.

SNIPPETS

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



BLACK PEPPER SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTED TO PROMOTE CLIMATE RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Black pepper seedlings were distributed to farmers in Ritekpara Village under Zikzak Block, West Garo Hills, as part of the ongoing plantation activities under the project. The initiative promotes spice cultivation as a sustainable livelihood option while encouraging climate resilient agricultural practices.

By supporting crop diversification and long term agricultural productivity, the distribution is expected to enhance household incomes and strengthen the economic resilience of farming communities in the area.

Collective Cashew Aggregation Improves Market Access

The Aruak Integrated Village Cooperative Society Limited under Zikzak Block, West Garo Hills District, facilitated the aggregation of cashew produce from local farmers for collective marketing. The initiative strengthens market access, improves returns for farmers, and supports more sustainable livelihoods through collective enterprise.



BOOKKEEPING TRAINING STRENGTHENS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

A cluster level training on bookkeeping and financial record management was conducted on 9 June 2026 in Zikzak Block for members of standalone Self Help Groups and community institutions. The training strengthened record keeping, transparency, and financial management skills, supporting better governance and long term sustainability of community institutions.



GAP FILLING OF AGAR PLANTATION SUPPORTS LONG TERM PRODUCTIVITY

Agar saplings were transported on 11 June 2026 for gap filling in an existing plantation under Umling Block. The activity strengthens plantation coverage, supports healthy growth, and enhances the long term sustainability and productivity of the plantation.



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WATER CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY NEEDS

The construction of a plastic water storage tank and a reinforced cement concrete water storage tank in Lapangap village under Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills District, has improved water availability for the community under the MegLIFE Project. The facilities provide a dependable water source for local residents and personnel stationed in the area, easing daily water challenges and strengthening community resilience through sustainable water conservation infrastructure.

BOOKKEEPING TRAINING STRENGTHENS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF SELF HELP GROUPS

A bookkeeping training was conducted on 11 June 2026 for Self Help Group members in Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills District to enhance financial management and record keeping practices. The initiative promotes transparent governance and better management of group finances for long term sustainability.

PUBLIC HEARING PROMOTES TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

On 12 June 2026, the Meghalaya Society for Social Audit and Transparency conducted a public hearing in Ampati, South West Garo Hills, covering Betasing and Zikzak Blocks under the MegLIFE Project. The hearing enabled community members to review activities undertaken during Financial Year 2025-26, share feedback, and raise concerns, promoting transparency, accountability, and more inclusive local development.

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FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING BUILDS SKILLS FOR VALUE ADDITION AND LIVELIHOODS

Five Village Project Implementation Committee members participated in a three day Food Processing Training held from 27 to 29 May 2026 at the Sangsanggre Training Centre, Tura. The hands on training covered the preparation of value added products such as pickles, jam, squash, and juice.

The programme enhanced participants' food processing and preservation skills, creating opportunities for household nutrition improvement and income generation through small scale food enterprises. Certificates were distributed to all participants upon completion of the training.

LOCAL PURCHASE COMMITTEE TRAINING ENHANCES PROCUREMENT CAPACITY

The Ganol Catchment Management Unit is conducting Local Purchase Committee Training from 25 May to 16 June 2026 to enhance procurement skills among Village Project Implementation Committee members. Of the seven planned batches, four have been completed, while the remaining three are underway, with each batch comprising five participants.

The training equips members with practical knowledge of vendor selection, Request for Quotation procedures, comparative statement preparation, and procurement processes, promoting transparent, accountable, and efficient management of project activities at the village level.



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BOOKKEEPING TRAINING ENHANCES FINANCIAL RECORD MANAGEMENT SKILLS

The Ganol Catchment Management Unit commenced a Bookkeeping Training on 8 June 2026, being conducted in three batches through 16 June 2026 to enhance the financial management skills of committee members. The first batch has been completed, while the remaining two are in progress.

The two day training combines theory and practical sessions on muster rolls, cash books, and other financial records, equipping participants with the skills needed for transparent and effective financial management.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIZES LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

On 8 June 2026, Financial Participatory Appraisal 2 and 3 were conducted at Myllem Mawri under Myllem Block. Community members presented proposals on sustainable livelihoods and development, with Traditional Food Processing selected under Financial Participatory Appraisal 2 and the Construction of a Stone Masonry Retaining Wall prioritized under Financial Participatory Appraisal 3.



SITE INSPECTIONS SUPPORT UPCOMING PLANTATION ACTIVITIES

The Ganol Foresters visited Waribokgre and Digranggre villages under Rongram Block to inspect sites, review advance work, and demonstrate plantation layouts. The visit provided technical guidance to beneficiaries and helped ensure field preparedness for the successful implementation of upcoming plantation activities.



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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



SPMU TEAM VISIT KENTRA IVCS, NORTH GARO HILLS

The SLM SPMU team, accompanied by the Additional Project Director, visited Kentra IVCS in North Garo Hills to review activities being implemented under the KfW projects of MBMA. During the visit, products developed by Four Brothers IVCS, Songchet IVCS, and various Village Organizations under Kharkutta Block were showcased, highlighting community-led livelihood and entrepreneurship initiatives. The team also inspected the OSV demonstration plantation and reviewed irrigation activities supported under the project. The visit provided an opportunity to assess implementation progress and interact with beneficiaries at the field level.



SLM AWARENESS PROGRAMME | 10 - 11 JUNE

SLM awareness programmes were conducted at Rongdan IVCS Ltd., New Harinkata, under Resubelpara Block, and at Jiban IVCS under Bajengdoba Block, with participation from FOCUS volunteers, Farm Managers, and local farmers.

The sessions highlighted sustainable agriculture, soil conservation, and environmental protection. At Rongdan IVCS, Black Pepper was identified as the focus crop, and farmers expressed interest in geo-fencing for farm monitoring. Participants at both locations were encouraged to pursue Organic Certification to improve market access, product value, and sustainable farming practices.



FIELD VISIT SUPPORTS TURMERIC AND GINGER CULTIVATION

A field visit was conducted at New Harinkata Village with members of Rainbow Village Organization and Rongdan Van Dhan Vikas Kendra, along with the Van Dhan Vikas Kendra In Charge, North Garo Hills, and the Project Associate of the FOCUS Programme. The team reviewed the progress of turmeric and ginger cultivation under the ITC Mission Sunehra Kal Project and provided guidance to beneficiary farmers on crop management and field maintenance to support successful cultivation.

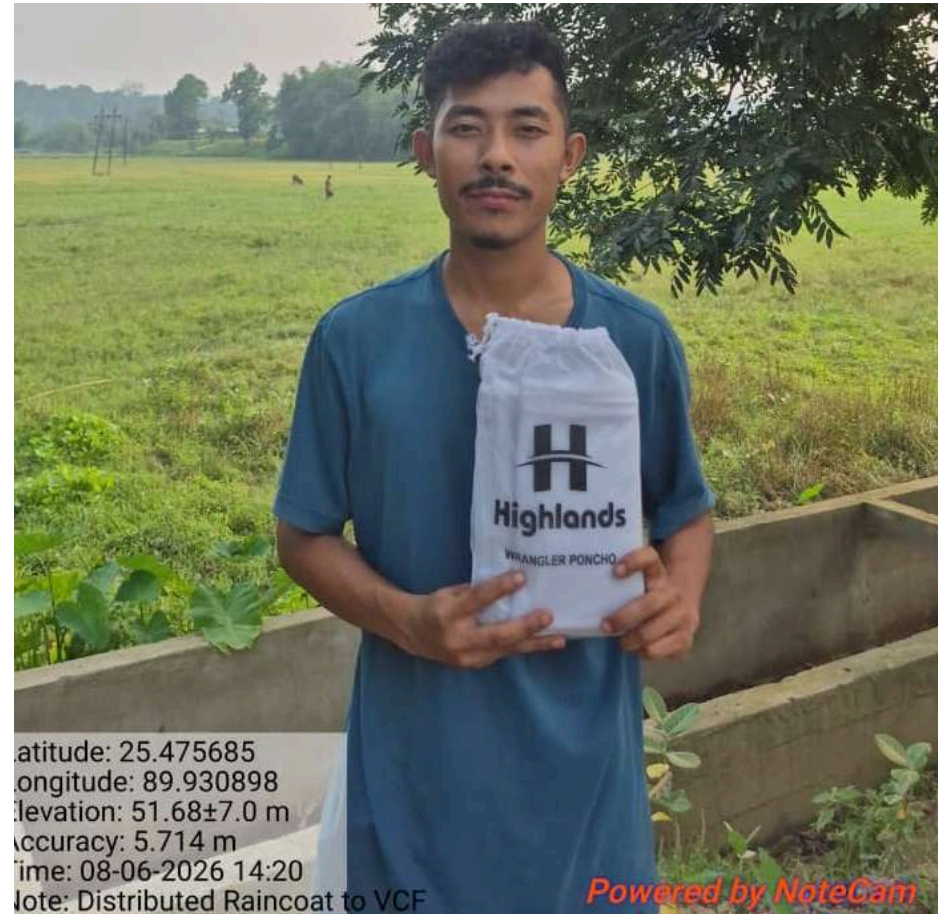
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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION UNDER PES

Field visits and community engagement activities were conducted across villages in East Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, South West Khasi Hills, South Garo Hills, and East Garo Hills to promote community participation, sustainable natural resource management, and community led development. In Selbalgre Community Reserve Forest under Rongram Block, West Garo Hills, community initiatives also continued to support local livelihoods and improve natural resource management.



RAINCOAT DISTRIBUTION SUPPORTS COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT

Raincoats were distributed to Village Community Facilitators in Dimit Warikatchi Village, Songsak Block, and across Songsak and Dambo Rongjeng Blocks in East Garo Hills District. The initiative enables community forest groups to continue conservation, protection, and management activities during the monsoon season, ensuring uninterrupted stewardship of natural resources.

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