

Newsletter

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS



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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

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

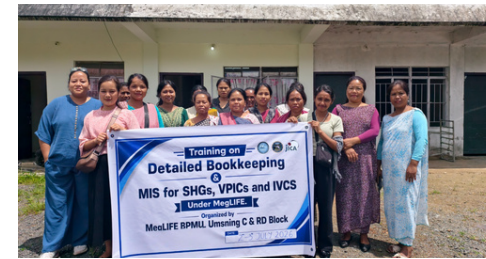


FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT LOCAL SHGS IN RANGPHLANG

RANGPHLANG, MEGHALAYA – To boost rural entrepreneurship, a three-month food processing training program launched in Rangphlang Village (Mawkynew Block) on July 4, 2026. Jointly organized by the BPMU’s Income Generating Activities (IGA) team, the Malai Sohmat Cooperative Society, the Meghalaya State Skill Development Society (MSSDS), and the Rangphlang VPIC, the initiative equips participants with theoretical and practical expertise. By operationalizing the strategic business plans of local Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and turning grassroots goals into market-ready skills, the program establishes a vital foundation for sustainable household incomes and long-term regional economic empowerment.

Umsning SHGs Complete Two-Day MSRLS Training Program

The Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society (MSRLS) concluded a two-day digital Bookkeeping and MIS training for Self-Help Group (SHG) village committees in the Umsning block on July 3, 2026. The second batch, comprising members from Myrdon Mawtari, Nongmawlong, Mawtnen, Nongdewsaw, and Nongrim Umksih, underwent practical training in maintaining cashbooks, ledgers, and loan ledgers. The interactive initiative aims to bridge the digital divide, improve financial reporting accuracy, and empower grassroots institutions for long-term local development.



EMPOWERING SHGS: BOOKKEEPING TRAINING UNDERWAY

MAWKYNREW, JULY 4, 2026 – The initial phases of the Self-Help Group (SHG) Detail Bookkeeping & MIS Training successfully got underway this week at the Mawkynew BPMU, organized in collaboration with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Mawkynew C&RD Block. Following the launch of the first batch on July 1, the program advanced into its second batch today, July 4, with a specialized session dedicated to comprehensive financial bookkeeping for SHG members. Facilitated by expert trainers from the NRLM, this ongoing initiative is designed to empower participants with critical financial management and digital tracking skills to foster long-term community self-reliance.



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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation observed in West Garo Hills

As part of the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation, programmes were organised on 3rd and 6th July 2026 at Dalu Block and Babadam PRIME Hub under the theme of strengthening the cooperative movement and promoting “Sahakar Se Samridhi” (Prosperity through Cooperation).

The celebrations included a Financial and Digital Literacy Camp, where participants were sensitised on KCC loans, digital banking, government financial schemes, and financial management. The concluding programme, themed “Youth Participation in the Growth and Development of Cooperatives,” highlighted the importance of youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and digital innovation in building strong and sustainable cooperative institutions. The events concluded with a collective commitment to strengthening cooperatives and advancing sustainable rural livelihoods through cooperation.



Inter-Cooperative Market Linkage Strengthened Between IVCSs

On 5th July 2026, Bollonggre IVCS Ltd. (South West Garo Hills) supplied 3,450 kg of mustard seeds to Haripur IVCS Ltd. (West Garo Hills) at ₹66.25 per kg, establishing an inter-cooperative market linkage. The initiative strengthened community-based supply chains while improving market access, aggregation, and value chain integration between the two IVCSs.



Joint Site Visit for 3-Phase Power Connection at Chenggalgre Biochar Site

On 7th July 2026, a joint site visit was conducted at the Biochar Site, Chenggalgre, Dadenggre Block, West Garo Hills, by the Compliance Kart team and the Junior Engineer of MeECL. The team assessed the site for a 3-phase electricity connection and concluded that a 3-phase transformer would be required. MeECL officials will prepare the necessary cost estimate, after which the process for installing electrical equipment at the biochar facility will be initiated.

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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



FIELD VISIT TO CASHEW DEMONSTRATION PLOT AT RONGTENABAK IVCS

On 3rd July 2026, a joint field visit was conducted by the CLOVER and SPMU teams to the 1-hectare cashew demonstration plot of Rongtenabak IVCS, Dadenggre Block, to review ongoing field activities. The plot comprises 40 cashew plants, where some trees were found to be affected by gummosis disease.

Disease management measures included scraping the infected bark and applying a Trichoderma-cow dung paste to the affected areas, while lime was applied to healthy trees as a preventive measure. Jeevamrut and compost were also applied to improve soil microbial activity, enhance soil fertility, and promote healthy growth of the cashew plants.



PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING ASSESSES GEOFENCING PROGRESS

On 2nd July 2026, the SPMU and CLOVER teams visited the Black Pepper Demonstration Plot at Chichang IVCS, Tikrikilla, to review crop management practices and compliance with organic certification standards. During the visit, 42 black pepper plants received corrective treatment, while 200 additional plants were identified for future corrective measures to improve fruiting and harvest.

On the same day, the team also visited the Pineapple Demonstration Plot at Bandanggre, Demdema Block, to review the progress of follow-up activities and assess crop management practices.

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INTEGRATED ECO-TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE AGRI-BASED LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



COMMUNITY-LED LAND PREPARATION FOR IN WEST JAINTIA HILLS

On 1st July 2026, members of Padubah IVCS in West Jaintia Hills carried out land clearance activities for the ADB FUNDED Integrated Eco-tourism and Sustainable Agri-based Livelihood Development Project. As a collective contribution to the project, 30–40 members volunteered their labour each day to prepare the farmland, reflecting strong community participation and ownership.

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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



GREEN FIELD ASSOCIATES CONDUCTS PES FIELD INSPECTIONS

Green Field Associates recently conducted fieldwork under the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) initiative to support community forest conservation. Teams collected activity reports and documentation from Dalbotpara village (Betasing Block, South West Garo Hills), Sonapyrdi village (Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills), and Emangre village (Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills) to process financial incentives. A site verification was also conducted in Katuligre village (Zikzak Block) to monitor individual forest protection. These routine checks ensure transparent funding to help rural communities directly protect and maintain local forest cover.

EQUIPPING COMMUNITY FACILITATORS FOR RUGGED TERRAIN IN MEGHALAYA

Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) navigating rugged terrain during a forest re-demarcation survey. Under the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES), the distribution of specialized wet-weather gear ensures field teams can safely maintain conservation tracking throughout the intense monsoon season.





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Refuse plastic straws



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