



Newsletter

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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

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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

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



CELEBRATING TEACHERS

The Teachers' Day Celebration on 2nd September 2026 in Tura brought together educators and dignitaries to honour the dedication and contribution of teachers across Meghalaya, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K. Sangma, joining the celebration.

As part of the celebration, the MECON team created a special appreciation video featuring teachers and students sharing what Teachers' Day means to them. Shared on 5th September, the video received a great response on social media, with particularly strong engagement on Instagram.

KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



MEGARISE RADIO PROGRAMME – EPISODE 3

Continuing our MegARISE Radio Programme with Episodes 1 and 2, Episode 3 brings you insightful conversations on Forest Health and Water Retention. We bring you an interview with Shri Gavade Sachin, IFS, Additional Project Director (APD), MegLIFE Project, MBDA, on the importance of forest health and water retention for healthy and resilient catchments. Whereas in Khasi, we bring you an interview with Smt. H. Lato, MFS, who shares her perspectives on the same important theme.

SNIPPETS

MEG-REAP (REGENERATING ECONOMIES THROUGH ACCELERATED & INCLUSIVE ENTERPRISES IN MEGHALAYA) CELL.

The MegREAP Cell was constituted on 4th August 2025 by the Governor of Meghalaya to build an enterprise ecosystem based on the interconnected principles of Equity, Ecology and Economy. MegREAP is a collaborative acceleration platform bringing together government, communities, the private sector, philanthropy and other stakeholders to advance the vision of “Meghalaya Next”, making Meghalaya a USD 10 billion economy and a global champion of the regenerative economy.

The Cell serves as MBDA’s implementation engine for scaling community-led enterprises, developing innovative market and blended-finance solutions, fostering cross-sector partnerships, and integrating climate, livelihoods, markets and finance.

As part of this mandate, MegREAP undertook a visit to Mumbai, Pune and Nashik to explore new ideas, partnerships and models with social enterprises, philanthropies, industry chambers and industries. The engagements covered eco-tourism, agri value chains, marketplaces for community institutions, carbon and water credits, partnerships and innovative models, as well as bamboo machinery and technologies for enterprise development in Meghalaya.



MegREAP Co- convener Shri. Wankit Swer presenting the work of MBDA & MBMA to potential partners such as Primove India and Terrablu India



Meghalaya officials of MegREAP, MBDA, MBMA, Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission, and MSRLS visiting Bamboo India Pvt Ltd, in Mumbai



Mission Director, Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission, Shri Gavade Sachin Shankar, IFS, presenting potential procurement opportunities at the ADB Business Opportunity Summit, Mumbai World Trade Centre.

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MegREAP at Bombay Chamber of Commerce



MegREAP with TATA Trusts



With the Founder/Chairman cum MD of Sahyadri Farms, Nashik



With Mr Sagar Jadhav , Micro Sons Manufacturing, Nashik



Bamboo Pellets unit in Nashik

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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT MEGHALAYA



FARMER MOBILISATION AND GEOFENCING ORIENTATION AT MUKHAP IVCS

On 9 and 10 September 2026, farmer mobilisation programmes were conducted at Mukhap IVCS, Laskein Block, and Niriang IVCS, Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills, to strengthen farmers' understanding and participation in the SLM Project. Farmers were briefed on the project and its benefits, the importance of the Seven Cooperative Principles in strengthening IVCSs, and the relevance of organic certification for sustainable and market-oriented agricultural practices. They were also oriented on the farmer survey, including its purpose and usefulness for project planning, implementation and monitoring. The expert team provided basic guidance on geo-fencing, explaining its role in accurately identifying and documenting farmers' land for SLM interventions.



SLM-KfW AWARENESS AND FARMER SURVEY AT NARWAN VILLAGE

A field visit was conducted to Narwan Village, Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills, to create awareness about the SLM-KfW Project. Following the briefing, a farmer survey was conducted to collect information from interested participants, along with geo-fencing of their land for proper documentation and project monitoring.

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



PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR ICOMOS EVALUATION MISSION

Shillong — A preparatory meeting for the upcoming ICOMOS Evaluation Mission for the Jingkieng Jri/Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscape, Meghalaya was held at the MegLIFE SPMU Conference Hall, Shillong. The meeting focused on coordination and key preparations for the evaluation mission scheduled from 12-25 October 2026.

IVCS CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP HELD IN KHLIEHRIAT

Khliehriat, 8 September 2026: A capacity-building workshop for representatives of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCSs) under the MLAMP and MegLIFE Projects was held at Wika Hall, Khliehriat, bringing together representatives from 31 IVCSs under MLAMP and 2 under MegLIFE. The workshop focused on strengthening cooperative governance, member participation and institutional sustainability through sessions on cooperative principles, institutional management, member education, knowledge assessment and insurance awareness. Interactive discussions and knowledge-sharing further supported participants in strengthening their understanding and capacity to promote the effective and sustainable functioning of their respective IVCSs.



ANR PLANTATION MAINTENANCE AT KHLAW BALANG

Umling Block — Weeding and fencing repairs were carried out at the 2023 ANR plantation plot at Khlaw Balang Presbyterian, under Umshit VPIC, Umling Block, to maintain and protect the plantation area.



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MEGLIFE SHARES MEGHALAYA'S EXPERIENCE

6-7 September 2026 | Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh — MegLIFE participated in a two-day Experience Sharing Workshop under the Project for Improvement of Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management & Livelihoods (PIHPFEM&L), bringing Meghalaya's community-based approach to forest management and livelihood development to a wider platform. The workshop brought together experiences and practices on sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, digital solutions, agroforestry and livelihood development, strengthening cross-learning and collaboration towards resilient communities and sustainable forest landscapes.



IVCS MEMBERS' EDUCATION PROGRAMME HELD IN WEST GARO HILLS

7 September 2026 — Education Programme was conducted by M-LAMP at the DPMU Conference Hall in Akangre village, West Garo Hills. The programme focused on the assessment and strengthening of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) supported under MegLIFE-JICA, with discussions aimed at improving their functioning and member participation.



ADVANCING CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEMS

Representatives from Lawei Ba Phyrnai IVCS, Kut IVCS and Ladiengsai IVCS, East Khasi Hills, participated in a training on co-operative audits, accounts and PACS computerisation, organised by the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Limited, Shillong Main Branch.

The programme focused on strengthening accounting practices, audit preparedness, financial transparency and digital record management, supporting the participating co-operatives in moving towards more efficient, accountable and future-ready systems.



IVCS MEMBERS' EDUCATION WORKSHOP HELD IN NORTH GARO HILLS

3 September 2026 | North Garo Hills — A one-day Members' Education Programme for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was organised in North Garo Hills by M-LAMP NGH in collaboration with MegLIFE NGH at the Resu Bakra Multi-Facility Hall. The workshop brought together IVCS Presidents and Secretaries supported by M-LAMP and MegLIFE, along with nodal staff, to strengthen understanding of cooperative management and promote effective functioning of IVCS.



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GANOL CMU INSPECTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS TO 6 VILLAGES

On 3rd September 2026, CPM, FE and KM Team, conducted a field visit to six villages under the Ganol Catchment to inspect ongoing and completed infrastructure works. The following activities were covered:

1. Angalgre, Rerapara – Inspection of the ongoing Retaining Wall work.
2. Asinagre – Inspection of the ongoing Irrigation Canal work.
3. New Harigaon – Inspection of the ongoing Gabion Wall work.
4. New Dengasi – Inspection of the completed Retaining Wall.
5. Dopatchigre – Inspection of the completed Spring Chamber work.
6. Wadagre – Inspection of the Dugout Pond with Gabion Wall work.

The CPM also joined the field visit at Wadagre, where a meeting was held with the Chairman, VCF, and VPIC members to discuss the ongoing work, implementation progress, and other related matters.

PLANTATION PLOT INSPECTION BY GANOL CMU FORESTER TEAM

On 3rd September 2026, the Forester Team of Ganol CMU, along with VCF Abisela VPIC, visited the plantation plots of six beneficiaries to assess the progress and maintenance of the plantation activities. The following observations were recorded:



FPA 2 & 3 CONTEST CONDUCTED AT UMPHYRNAI VPIC

The CMU team successfully conducted the FPA 2 & 3 contests at Umphyrnai VPIC under Mawryngkneng Block on 3rd September 2026. The programme was an overall success, marked by enthusiastic participation from the community, particularly women and youth.

Under FPA 2, six contestants presented diverse ideas for sustainable livelihoods, including mushroom cultivation, floriculture, pickle-making, and plantation. The winning proposal was Mushroom Cultivation.

Under FPA 3, five participants presented innovative ideas focused on natural resource management, with Construction of a Rainwater Harvesting Structure selected as the winning proposal.



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ESMP SESSION AT ANCHENGRE AND BABADAMGRE VILLAGES

On **8th September 2026**, an **Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)** session was conducted at **Anchengre and Babadamgre villages** under **Rongram Block**, led by the **Implementation Consultant (IC) Team**. The session was attended by the **SPMU Team, Ganol-CMU ACPM of Rongram Block, Social and Environment Teams, Field Engineers, UAV Team**, members of the **Babadamgre and Anchengre VPICs**, as well as the respective **landowners of the proposed project sites**.

The session began with introductions, followed by a briefing on the **village background and proposed project sites**. The IC team interacted with VPIC members, VCFs, and landowners to understand the reasons for selecting the sites, the proposed interventions, and the number of households expected to benefit from the project.



GANOL M&E FIELD VISIT TO TWO VILLAGES

On **3rd September 2026**, the **M&E team** visited **Abisolagre FPA 2 Poultry Site** and **Old Harigaon FPA 3 Gabion Wall Site** to assess and verify the progress and status of the ongoing works.



SPMU , IC TEAM VISIT TO GANOL CATCHMENT

On **9 September 2026**, the team visited **Nokatgre and Angalgre villages** along with the **IC Team, SPMU and CMU Field Engineers, Social Team, and Environment Team**.

At **Nokatgre**, the team inspected the ongoing retaining wall construction. At **Angalgre**, the team inspected the dugout pond, where work had commenced in July. The pond was observed to be dry.



FIELD ACTIVITIES ACROSS MEGHALAYA

Field teams continued community-level activities across project areas, covering Molmegre, Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills; Nongrim Jirang, Jirang Block, Ri Bhoi; Nongtalang, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills; Suchen and Musniang Rim, Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills; Dinaminggre and Naregre, Samanda Block, East Garo Hills; Nelwa and Imsambal, Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills; Laitsyar and Umtasor Mawdkhar, Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi; Arigre, Demdema Block, West Garo Hills; Cherangre and Kemragre, Rongram Block, West Garo Hills; Selbalgre, Dalu Block, West Garo Hills; Mawlat, Iewrynghep and Lynshing, Mawkynrew Block, East Khasi Hills; Sildubi, Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills; Dobu Achakpek, Bolmoram Adinggre, Gabil Songgitcham and Dimit Warikatchi, Songsak Block, East Garo Hills; Mawiong Nongkhlaw, Mairang Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills; Chibrenge, Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills; Lelad, Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills; and Mawbeh and Mawbyrnei, Pynursla Block, East Khasi Hills. Activities included boundary mapping, field visits and collection of Application Requests, Memoranda of Understanding, declaration forms, bank statements and required signatures, supporting continued community engagement and project implementation across the state.



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Education empowers people, builds stronger communities and creates opportunities for a better tomorrow. Meghalaya is committed to ensuring that every child, especially in rural and remote areas, has access to quality education and the chance to learn, grow and thrive.

QUALITY
EDUCATION
STRONGER PEOPLE
BRIGHTER MEGHALAYA



EXPANDED ACCESS

More children, including girls and those from remote and underserved areas, are in school.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Support for children from marginalised communities and children with disabilities.



BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Improved schools, infrastructure and learning resources.



STRONGER TEACHERS

Capacity building and continuous support for quality teaching.



LIFELONG LEARNING

Skills and opportunities for all ages, for a brighter and more resilient Meghalaya.

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