

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



NITI AAYOG MEMBER DR. JORAM ANIYA VISITS CMYC SAIDEN

On 11 September 2026, Dr. Joram Aniya, Member, NITI Aayog, visited the Chief Minister's Youth Centre (CMYC) at Saiden and interacted with young learners to understand their experiences and engagement at the centre.

The visit highlighted the role of CMYCs as accessible, community-based spaces that support learning, skills development, wellbeing, sports, recreation and other youth-focused activities. These centres provide adolescents and young people with opportunities to learn, participate, build confidence and explore pathways towards their aspirations.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



IVCSs under Mawphlang and Sohiong Blocks, East Khasi Hills aggregated fresh ginger at Lwai, with 7 MT transported to Kolkata on 13 September 2026.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



CK-12: SUPPORTING DIGITAL LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

On 15 September 2026, the MPOWER team visited Smit Higher Secondary School to engage with students and review the ongoing implementation and scope of CK-12, a digital learning platform designed for students from Classes 6 to 12.

The interaction offered insights into the students' initial experiences with the platform. Students appreciated having access to digital learning resources while continuing to familiarise themselves with the new learning environment. As the adoption of digital tools takes time, continued guidance and engagement will help students become more comfortable with CK-12 and gradually integrate it into their learning experience.



SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT MEGHALAYA



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AT SAPHAI

An awareness programme on organic certification was held at Saphai, Laskein Block, West Jaintia Hills, with farmers, IVCS members, a community leader, the Block Nodal, and representatives from Clover and MBMA. The session covered the different types of organic certification, NPOP certification, the Internal Control System (ICS), the benefits of certification, and the roles and responsibilities of farmers and ICS members.

During the session, a number of farmers expressed interest in forming an ICS under Lifespice, and their names were recorded. The IVCS members will compile the final list, including farmers who could not attend the programme, for further mobilisation and the formation of the ICS.



SNIPPETS

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



ASI EVALUATION AND MONITORING VISIT TO LIVING ROOT BRIDGE SITES

On 11 September 2026, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducted an evaluation and monitoring visit to Shiliang Jashar and Pynai villages in Pynursla, East Khasi Hills, to assess the Living Root Bridges and their associated cultural heritage attributes in relation to UNESCO World Heritage requirements.

The ASI team, accompanied by the MegLIFE SPMU and Living Root Bridges (LRB) teams, interacted with local communities and visited key cultural, ritual and historical sites in the villages. The visit focused on understanding the heritage value and current conservation status of the sites, while also contributing to their documentation and conservation as part of the ongoing work on the Living Root Bridges.

IVCS EXPOSURE VISIT TO UMWANG

On 11 September 2026, members of Mawmuthoh, Kut and Laidiengsai IVCSs from East Khasi Hills visited Umwang IVCS in Ri Bhoi District for an exposure visit facilitated by the MegLIFE East Khasi Hills DPMU. The visit covered IVCS governance, financial and record management, ERP, business activities and collective marketing, with participants also learning from Umwang IVCS's experience and practices.



E-SENSITISATION PROGRAMME ON IVCS AT IONGLWIT

On 17 September 2026, an e-sensitisation programme on the functions and benefits of the Integrated Village Cooperative Society (IVCS) was held at Ionglwit village, with the SPMU team in attendance. The session covered the role of IVCS, followed by an interactive Q&A where participants' queries were addressed.



'SLA LAMET' PLANTATION AT LAPANGAP VILLAGE, WEST JAINTIA HILLS

A community-led plantation activity was carried out at Lapangap village to restore degraded land, improve forest cover, and support the long-term protection and sustainable management of community forest resources.

SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



COMMUNITY-LEVEL DOCUMENTATION AND FIELD ACTIVITIES

Field teams continued community-level documentation and beneficiary activities across Meghalaya, including the collection of Application Records (ARs), Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), bank statements and account details, along with field visits. MoUs were collected from Tebrongpara, Mynkre, Kemragre, Suktia, Mawklaw and Nongpriang, while ARs were collected from Sonidan, Korhadem, Umtra, Norek Pattangre, Mupyut, Amsotai and Riangka. Field visits were also conducted at Samanda Wagetgre and Gonggre in Samanda, East Garo Hills, as part of ongoing community-level implementation and documentation.



FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING IN WEST GARO HILLS

A two-day Forest Management Plan training was held in West Garo Hills on 10-11 September 2026. The session at the District Project Management Unit, Tura, on 10 September covered Forest Management Plan preparation, forest assessment and management planning, followed by a practical field session at Lower Damalgre, Betasing Block, on 11 September.

The field session allowed participants to apply the approaches in a community-managed forest area, with a focus on sustainable management and restoration of forest resources.

HOW BIAKI NGAMLAI TURNED A SMALL OPPORTUNITY INTO AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF INCOME

TLANGPUI VILLAGE | SAIPUNG BLOCK | EAST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT

In Tlangpui Village, Biaki Ngamlai knows the value of making the most of what is available. Her days are shaped by farming and daily wage work, but a small opportunity gave her a chance to try something new.

Through a Self-Help Group supported by the MegLIFE Project, Biaki received ₹7,000 in Revolving Fund assistance. She chose to invest it in pig rearing—an activity she could manage using resources already available around her.

For nine months, she cared for the pig, feeding it mainly with household leftovers and locally available forest plants. It was a simple routine, but one that required regular care and patience.

A small investment. Nine months of care. One practical result.

When the time came to sell, the pig brought ₹14,000. After accounting for her investment, Biaki earned a net profit of ₹7,000.



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What makes her story meaningful is its simplicity. There was no large investment or complicated enterprise—just a small amount of support, a practical choice and nine months of steady effort. For Biaki, that small beginning has shown what can happen when an opportunity is within reach and someone is given the chance to make it their own.”



₹7,000

Revolving Fund
assistance



9 Months

Pig rearing



₹14,000

Sale value



₹7,000

Net profit



**5** GENDER
EQUALITY

Gender Equality

Equal rights. Equal opportunities.
A more inclusive Meghalaya.

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



Greater participation

Women in leadership and decision-making



Economic empowerment

Access to finance, skills and markets



Education for all

A brighter future for every girl



Health and well-being

Stronger, healthier communities



Equal rights

A more just and inclusive society

“When women and girls thrive, communities thrive.”



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