

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 LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



SEINDULI FARMERS MARKET INAUGURATED IN MAWSHYNRUT

The Seinduli Farmers Market was inaugurated on 29 September 2026 by Shri Reginald Kharkongngor, MCS, BDO, Mawshynrut C&RD Block, in the presence of Shri Ivan R. Marbaniang, Senior Manager, SPMU; Shri A. R. Nongkhlaw, DPM, West Khasi Hills; Sordars and Secretaries of Tum Tum, Seinduli and neighbouring villages; DPMU WKH staff; members of Seinduli IVCS; the Farmers Market Management Committee; farmers, traders and other participants.

Addressing the gathering, the BDO encouraged farmers to make full use of the market to create livelihood opportunities and urged everyone to maintain cleanliness in and around the market.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA STATE BAMBOO MISSION (MSBM)



MEGHALAYA CELEBRATES WORLD BAMBOO DAY 2026

Shillong, 17 September 2026: The Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission (MSBM) celebrated World Bamboo Day 2026 at the Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Mawdiangdiang, bringing together students, artisans, entrepreneurs, community leaders and bamboo practitioners to celebrate bamboo as a resource deeply rooted in Meghalaya's culture and livelihoods.

The celebration, themed "Celebrating Bamboo as a Climate-resilient Resource for Meghalaya," highlighted the role of bamboo in traditional knowledge, conservation, livelihoods, entrepreneurship and sustainable development.

The event also featured experience-sharing sessions, bamboo product and innovation stalls, discussions on bamboo value chains, biochar, certification, entrepreneurship and the Bamboo Design Residency Programme. Students from various institutions participated in the programme, providing an opportunity for young people to engage directly with practitioners and explore bamboo as a resource for the future.



KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA STATE BAMBOO MISSION (MSBM)



HONOURING SIX BAMBOO CHAMPIONS WITH CASH AWARDS

A key highlight of the programme was the recognition of six grassroots Bamboo Champions for their contributions to bamboo-based livelihoods, conservation, craftsmanship and community development. Their journeys showcased how traditional knowledge and local action can create new opportunities around bamboo. The celebration began with a symbolic bamboo plantation and concluded with a traditional musical performance by Pateng Band, featuring bamboo instruments—bringing the event back to the cultural roots of this remarkable resource.



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MEGHALAYA STATE BAMBOO MISSION (MSBM)



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

MSBM VISIT TO BAMBOO INDIA PVT. LTD.

The Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission (MSBM) visited Bamboo India to gain insights into bamboo-based products, manufacturing processes and the use of bamboo slats in different applications. The visit also provided an opportunity to explore the market potential of bamboo slats and assess the feasibility of developing similar products and enterprises in Meghalaya. Discussions were also held on Bamboo India's proposed bamboo cycle manufacturing unit in Guwahati and the possibility of exploring a similar initiative in Meghalaya.



Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission Officials exchanging discussions at the Bombay Chamber of Commerce

ROUNDTABLE WITH BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MSBM participated in a roundtable discussion with the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, highlighting Meghalaya's bamboo resources, emerging opportunities and the support available through various State schemes for businesses and investors. Discussions focused on developing bamboo-based furniture supply chains and exploring potential investment in bamboo processing and manufacturing facilities in Meghalaya. The Chamber expressed interest in exploring opportunities in the State and is expected to visit Shillong for further discussions and potential collaboration.

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MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



HELPING EVERY LEARNER CATCH UP: MTTA'S REMEDIAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

On 30th September and 1st October 2026, the Meghalaya Teacher Training Academy (MTTA) under MPOWER rolled out a two-day District-Level Capacity Building Programme to help teachers address foundational learning gaps in Mathematics and English. Aligned with NEP 2020 and addressing key findings from the NAS/PARAKH 2024 assessments for Grades 6 and 9, the initiative focuses on ensuring no student falls behind.

During the workshop, educators learned to trace missing earlier-grade concepts, build diagnostic tools, and design hands-on remedial lessons, while providing extension tasks for advanced learners. Continuous school-based support will follow through Professional Learning Communities guided by Critical Friends, contributing directly to teachers' annual professional development hours.

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MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



FACILITATING YOUTH VOICES: 2-DAY FGD TRAINING FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELLBEING

The first step towards meaningful change is listening. On 29th and 30th September 2026, the MPOWER Health Sub-PMU hosted a two-day capacity-building workshop titled "Facilitating Youth Voices: Focus Group Discussion (FGD) Training for Adolescent Health & Wellbeing" at the Wellness Centre, Additional Secretariat, Shillong. Designed for District Programme Managers (DPMs), Block Programme Coordinators (BPCs), and Adolescent Counsellors, the session focused on bringing youth to the centre of the conversation—giving them the space to identify issues that matter most in their lives.



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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT MEGHALAYA



SLM TEAM CONDUCTS FIELD TOUR ACROSS GARO HILLS AHEAD OF KfW VISIT

The SLM Team conducted a field tour across the Garo Hills Region from 24-26 September 2026 as part of preparations for the upcoming KfW visit. The team visited Chapahati PRIME Hub, South Garo Hills, for inspection and preparatory activities, followed by a meeting with Garo Hills staff at SMELC, Tura, in the presence of DPD-SLM. An orientation was also conducted for newly assigned staff on their roles, responsibilities and key project activities.

Field inspections were carried out at Ajigre IVCS, Chudoang IVCS and Rongtenabak to review Internal Control System (ICS) activities for NPOP certification, storage facilities and cashew nut demonstration plots. In East Garo Hills, the team further visited Jamge, Bolchurani, Durama Chikama, Silchang and Gabil Rongmil IVCS to assess CMC storage facilities, irrigation infrastructure and PRIME Hubs, strengthening overall preparedness for the KfW visit.

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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT MEGHALAYA



ORIENTATION ON ORGANIC FARMING AND POST-HARVEST MANAGEMENT AT MUSNIANG

On 29 September 2026, an orientation programme on organic farming, organic certification and post-harvest management was monitored at Musniang Community Hall, East Khasi Hills, with farmers, Block and District Nodal officials from East Jaintia Hills, CKDS NGO, Lawei Phyrnai IVCS members and SPMU staff. The programme covered key aspects of the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project under MBMA, with discussions on sustainable agriculture, resource management and the benefits of organic farming for human health and the environment. Participants were also briefed on organic certification procedures and requirements, as well as post-harvest management practices to maintain the quality, safety and marketability of agricultural produce.

The programme saw active participation from farmers, with the use of the local language helping improve understanding and interaction. Farmers actively engaged in the discussions and expressed keen interest in adopting organic farming practices and exploring opportunities for organic certification.



DEMONSTRATION ON VERMICOMPOST AND ORGANIC POTASH APPLICATION AT LASER

On 30 September 2026, a demonstration on the application of vermicompost and organic potash as per the Package of Practices (PoP) was conducted at the ICAR-MBMA demonstration plot in Laser, West Jaintia Hills. Farmers were first instructed to thoroughly weed the turmeric plots before applying the inputs. They were then guided on applying the recommended quantities of vermicompost and organic potash around the base of the turmeric plants, ensuring that the inputs were properly mixed and did not come into direct contact with the shoots to prevent potential damage.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



Mr W. Shadap



Ms Adolia. A. Sangma

MEGARISE RADIO PROGRAMME ON EPISODE 6 : WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MegARISE Radio Programme continued its series with Episode 6, "Waste Management," featuring an interview with Mr. W. Shadap, Capacity Building Specialist, SMO Urban Meghalaya. The programme was aired in English and Khasi from 28-30 September 2026, focusing on the importance of responsible waste management and community participation in keeping our surroundings clean and sustainable.

In the Garo Hills region, the episode featured an interview with Ms. Adolia A. Sangma, Tura Municipal Board, who discussed the topic of Waste Management and highlighted the importance of proper waste handling and community awareness in urban areas.

VOICES FROM OUR LISTENERS

- 1 The programme megarise episode 3 is a very informative and meaningful programme that highlights the importance of protecting forests and conserving water for a healthier environment and future...
- 2 I had no idea about what Umiew but thank you so much FM for bringing in the Megarise Program on conservation of water etc. truly what an informative session ! Looking forward to more local knowledge that benefits us inside out.
- 3 Ka programs ka long kaba ai jingtip bad jing myntoi ia ngi ki nongsngap hynrei Lada ka don ka jingiatrei lang bad ka dept kumjuh ban leit ai ki Awareness prog khamtam ha kito ki jaka ba don ki Catchment area kan long ka jingkyrkhu ia ka pateng ban wan. Ban pynsngewtynnad ia ki nongsngap (kong/bah) ba produce ia kane ka programme ai ruh bad ki jingrwai ban pynsngap ia ki ba sngap. Keep it up and kudos air fm jongphi
- 4 Ka program jong ka MBDA halor ka phang kumno ban pynneh ia ki khlaw btap ka wanrah shibun ka jingmyntoi ha kaba ngi ioh jingtip khambniah kumno ba ngin iada bad sumar ia ki tyllong um bad kiwei2 ki lad sumar ia ka mariang.
- 5 Very informative program... The programme was very good and productive Thank you for the program; it was very good, productive, and informative. It has helped us listeners a lot. Hello hello RJ mynne da ka phareng te ngam da sngewthuh bha
- 6 Good evening, The edition broadcasted by Megarise today was wonderful. Thank you for the valuable insights and information. Keep doing the best. The program today was very good. Thank you for providing us with the best. All the very best to the wonderful team

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT

PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL CONDUCTED AT RNGI MYLLIEM

On 29 September 2026, a productive and engaging Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was conducted at Rngi Myllem under Myllem Block. The key project objectives were discussed with the community, followed by a participatory PRA exercise to understand local needs, resources, and priorities. The community expressed its willingness to provide land for plantation activities, along with support for implementing soil and water conservation measures. The upcoming FPA-1, FPA-2, and FPA-3 activities were also discussed, with the community actively participating and sharing their views and expectations.

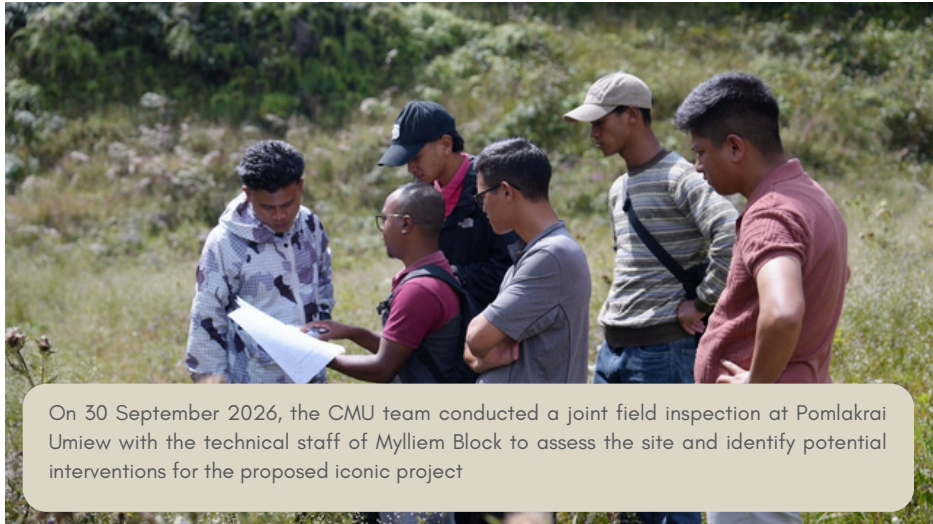


PERMANENT NURSERY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

A successful two-day training programme on Permanent Nursery Management was conducted on 24th and 25th September 2026 at the Farmer's Training Centre, Upper Shillong, with 38 participants representing 19 VPICs. The sessions were facilitated by resource persons from the Floriculture, Horticulture and Forest Departments, covering nursery management practices for forest trees, fruit trees, floriculture and spices. Participants actively engaged in the sessions by raising questions and clarifying their doubts.



On 29 September 2026, the Forester team from Ganol CMU, along with the Community Support Associate (CSA) and the VCF of Kemragre VPIC, verified the beneficiaries' cancelled plantation plots.



On 30 September 2026, the CMU team conducted a joint field inspection at Pomlakrai Umiew with the technical staff of Myllem Block to assess the site and identify potential interventions for the proposed iconic project

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



BUILDING SKILLS IN SCIENTIFIC BEEKEEPING

1 October 2026 — Members of Mowtyrshiah A Integrated Village Cooperative Society Ltd. (IVCS) participated in a Scientific Beekeeping Training Programme organised by NECTAR and India Honey Alliance (IHA) at Umran, RRTC. The training focused on strengthening participants' knowledge and practical skills in modern beekeeping practices, supporting the adoption of beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood option and creating opportunities to improve household income through honey and other bee-based products.

SPMU CONDUCTS FIELD VISITS FOR MTE AND MTR PREPARATIONS

SPMU team visited Rongbeta, Umden Nongtluh, Nongrim Umksih and Laitmysang to brief VPIC members and inspect interventions ahead of the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE), while visits to the East Garo Hills and East Jaintia Hills DPMUs focused on Mid-Term Review (MTR) preparations and progress reviews.



MTE PILOT TESTING AT NONGRIM UMKSIH VILLAGE

MTE pilot testing was conducted on 30 September 2026 at Nongrim Umksih Village under Umsning BPMU, Ri-Bhoi District, by the SPMU and Third-Party Evaluation teams. Discussions with VPIC members, beneficiaries and SHG members, along with field verification of AGF, SALT and SWC interventions, captured community experiences of changes in forest management, reduced forest-fire incidents and improved water conservation.

MTE PILOT TESTING AT KUT AND POMLAHIER VILLAGE

On 29 September 2026, MTE pilot testing was conducted at Kut Village under Mawryngkneng BPMU, East Khasi Hills District, with the SPMU and Third-Party Evaluation teams engaging community members and verifying plantation, SWC and EPA interventions. The exercise also captured community participation and outcomes through discussions with VPIC, IVCS, SHGs and households. A follow-up meeting at Pomlahier VPIC focused on strengthening SHG record-keeping, Revolving Fund repayment and IGA progress, while briefing an interested SHG on the requirements for adoption under the project. The discussions also helped strengthen documentation and financial preparedness ahead of the MTE.



FIELD ACTIVITIES ACROSS MEGHALAYA

Field teams undertook documentation, verification and field-level engagement across 28 villages in Meghalaya, including the collection of Activity Reports (ARs), bank statements and MoUs, beneficiary interactions and site visits. Activities covered Lamin (Amlarem); Bangong Bingbanggre, Chima Gradekgittim, Chiringgro, Dilma Ampanggre and Dilma Kawak (Samanda); Danal Megapgre, Napak Songgital and Napak Dogru (Songsak); Gairong (Kharkutta); Bongbare Olbaknang (Resubelpara); Gabil Ading (Dambo Rongjeng); Gaobari and Halwa Ambeng (Rongara); Phlangmawsyrpat and Mawrapad (Mawsynram); Nongkabur (Mawshynrut); Mawjam, Lynshing, Mawlat and Wahmawlein (Mawkynrew); Nongjri Elaka (Pynursla); Mawkawir, Mawsahew and Nongkhlaw (Shella/Mairang); Lumputhoi, Rngad, Lumiarain and Bataw (Khliehriat); Tlangpui (Saipung); and Kunongrim (Shella). The field engagements included AR collection from beneficiaries, site visits and verification of supporting records, strengthening project documentation and field-level verification while ensuring that village-level records are maintained for ongoing monitoring and future reference.



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AFFORDABLE
AND CLEAN
ENERGY



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7

AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

SDG 7 is about ensuring that people and communities can access energy that is dependable, affordable, clean and fit for the future.

KEY FOCUS AREAS



ENERGY ACCESS

Reliable electricity and modern energy services for every household and community.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

Solar, small hydro and other clean energy pathways for a resilient Meghalaya.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Use energy wisely in homes, farms, businesses and public institutions.



CLEAN COOKING & HEALTH

Cleaner cooking options support healthier homes and communities.



RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Reliable energy supports learning, healthcare and enterprise.

HOW SDG 7 CONNECTS WITH MEGHALAYA



Reliable energy for all

Expand dependable energy access for rural and remote households, schools, health facilities and enterprises.



Renewable pathways

Promote solar, small hydro and other appropriate renewable solutions that respond to local needs and contexts.



Energy-efficient growth

Use efficient buildings, equipment, production systems and public services to reduce waste and operating costs.



Local livelihoods

Reliable energy can support learning, healthcare, farm production, processing, enterprise and market access.



Planning & monitoring

Use the State SDG Monitoring Framework, district action plans, SDG-linked schemes and evidence to track progress.



The Goal:

Energy that powers people, prosperity and planet.



BY 2030:

**AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE
AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL.**



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