

18th October 2023

UPDATES OF THE WEEK

Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri Bhoi



On October 10th, 2023, DPMU team visited Quinine Village in Umling Block to gather a Utilisation Certificates of FMP, verifying that resources that were used in alignment with the plan. Furthermore, the team also reviewed the financial records, or accounting books, related to the activities in Quinine Village.



The Ri-Bhoi DPMU Environment team toured Bhoirybong Block on October 9th and 10th, 2023, to follow up on Forest Management Plan interventions. They assessed sapling survival rates, collected geotag coordinates, and demonstrated a proactive commitment to conserving and managing natural resources.



On October 12, 2023, DPM visited the NRM Library construction site in Mawdiangum Village, Umling Block, and urged the VNRMC to accelerate their work.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On October 11, 2023, the Ri-Bhoi DPMU visited three villages- Umjong, Umdoh 18th Mile, and Narang within the Umling Block. Their goal was to follow up on FMP interventions in these villages. They also assessed nurseries and plantation sites, particularly focusing on documenting sapling survival rates to gauge the success of their forest management initiatives. Additionally, they collected geotag coordinates, enhancing precise location tracking for efficient record-keeping and monitoring of environmental conservation progress. These actions underscore their proactive approach to safeguarding and sustaining the local environment in Ri-Bhoi.

On the following day, the same team has also visited Mawshang, Mawker, and Umsiang Maiong villagaes in Umsning Block for similar purpose.



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On October 11, 2023, the DPM and EE-Social inspected three villages in the Jirang Block. They assessed various projects, including information boards, community nurseries, and vermicomposting units at Sohkyrbam Rim, Sohkyrbam Domphlang, and Nonglum VNRMC, aiming to evaluate their progress and alignment with intended objectives.



South West Khasi Hills



On October 10, 2023, the DM-Environment Management and DM-Monitoring & Evaluation conducted an awareness program in Sohkhylam Village. The program focused on the Working Scheme, Exit Strategy, Physical Verification, and Audit. During the Working Scheme discussion, community members actively participated, and some forest owners posed questions. The facilitating staff provided clear responses to these questions. In the context of the Exit Strategy, a discussion was held with the VNRMC, emphasizing the need for them to submit a resolution regarding the ownership and maintenance of assets created by the CLLMP project in their village.

MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On October 10, 2023, the DPM, DM-EM, DM-M&E, and FE visited Pynden Sakwang Village to address an issue where an afforestation site was disturbed by a new interlink road. They stressed the need to transplant trees safely and suggested bio-fencing to protect them.



On October 11, 2023, the DM-EM, DM-M&E, and FE visited Wahsiej Village for a meeting with VNRMC members about the Exit Strategy and Internal Physical Verification of NRM activities.



On October 11, 2023, AM-SM and the Schoolnet Project Coordinator visited schools in the Rangblang area to monitor KYAN usage. They found that KYAN was in use at St. Mary's Sec & UPS, Bashiba UPS, and Rangblang Pres UPS. Key subjects included Economics, Political Science, English, Social Science, Science, and Health Education. Teachers followed school-prescribed routines when using KYAN, and the schools expressed gratitude to MBMA for its valuable support in enhancing student learning.



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On October 12th and 13th, 2023, a team from DPMU-SWKH, comprising the DPM, DM-M&E, and FEs, conducted a field visit to Lower Poksora and Kampilkre, situated in the Ranikor C&RD Block. These villages are part of the CLLMP-CTF (Catalytic Fund) initiative, with facilitation provided by SRES through Block staff. The findings were consistent with the approved plans, revealing the presence of four Rain Harvesting units in Lower Puksora and one Check Dam in Kampilkre.



East Khasi Hills



On October 11, 2023, a field visit was carried out in Nongwah village, primarily to prepare for the impending visit by KFW. During this visit, discussions took place with community members and the Village Community Facilitator (VCF). An inspection of the financial records was also initiated to ensure their proper maintenance.

Subsequently, another field visit was conducted to assess the proposed sites that would be visited by KFW on the scheduled day. These sites included the Community Nursery, Spring Chamber, Tree Plantation, Irrigation Canal, and the site for PES.

On the same day, a visit was made to Mawkohmon village, where discussions were held with community members to plan for the upcoming visit by KFW officials.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On October 12, 2023, Deputy Project Director Shri James Kharkongor briefed on the work progress of the PES program in Tura, West Garo Hills District, as part of the integrated CM-elevate program.



An event was organized on October 17, 2023, in Jowai, situated in the West Jaintia Hills District, with the primary purpose of distributing PES Cheques.



On the 13th of October, 2023, GFA Kitborlang Madur visited Syngku village to confirm the presence of the field's signboard.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



Shella Block.



Baghmara Block.



Khatarshnong Block.



Zikzak C & RD Block.



Khliehriat Block.

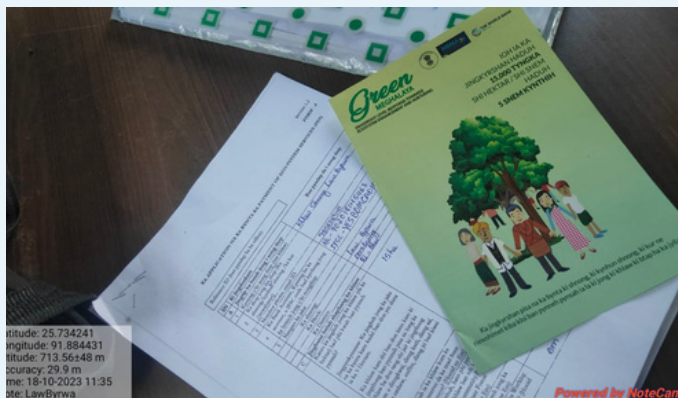
PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Collection of Application Forms and Utilization Certificates



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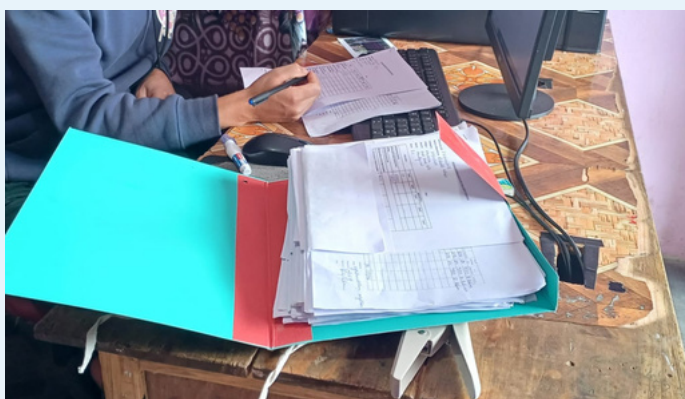
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Umsning Block.



Mawkynew Block.



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4. Forest fire prevention and control activities	214200
5. Assisted Natural Regeneration	381790
6. Nursery - creation and maintenance	
7. Gap Filling	
8. S&MC activities	
9. Preparation of Forest Management Plan	
10. Composting	
11. Any activity outside forest boundary	
(E) Total Expenditure Amount	11,43,750
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Certified that above mentioned amount was spent for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

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 Name: Jingchisha Berek
 Designation: GFA
 Signature: Jing
 Date: 5/10/23

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 Date: 5/10/23
 General Secretary
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Pynursla Block.

Khliehriat Block



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Rongram Block.

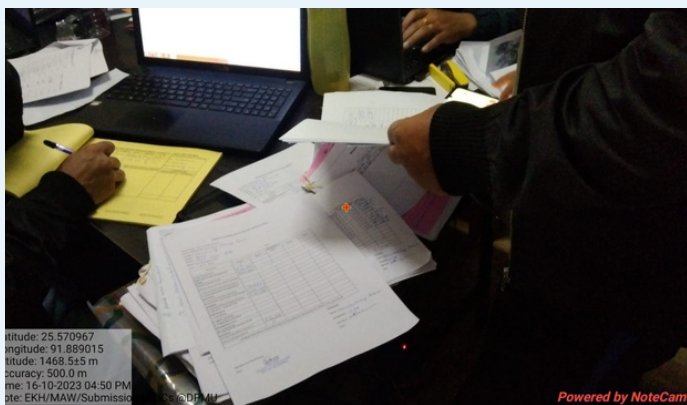


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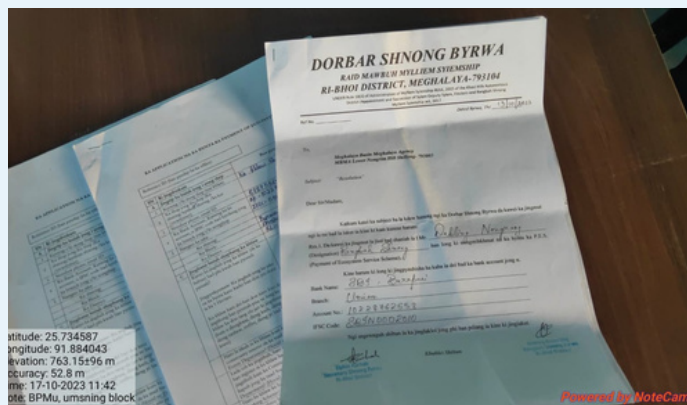
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Sheila block.

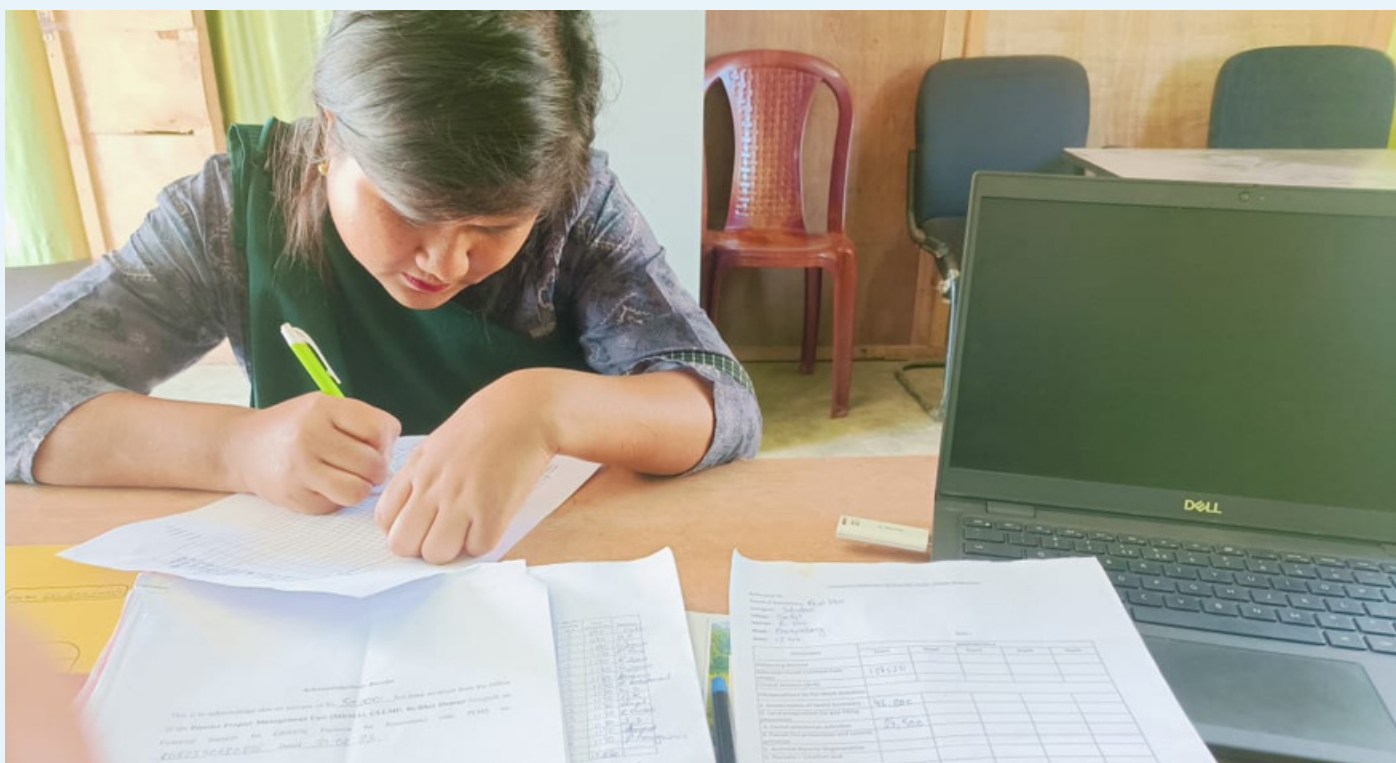
PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Mawsynram Block.



Umsning Block.



Bhoirymbong Block.



Gasuapara Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Verification and Boundary Mapping

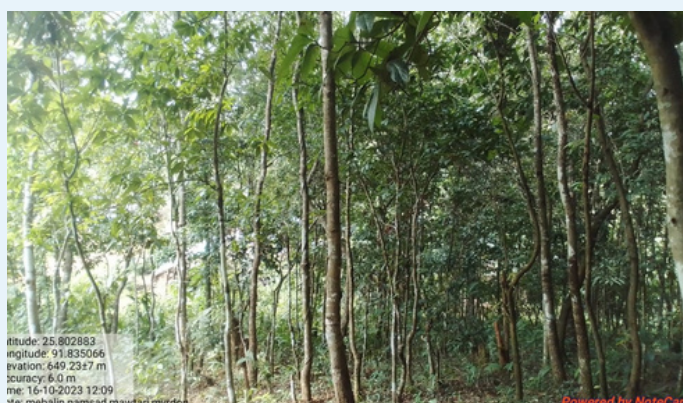


PES verification in the Forest Reserves of Rojal Areng, Projish Momin and Noranga.



PES verification at Aritakgre village.

PES verification at Lejri village.



PES verification at Mawtari Myrdon village.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification for Rongopgre Soil Gittim's Forest Reserve.



PES verification for Rajasimla wari's Forest Reserve



PES verification at Nongthliew village.



PES verification at Thangtim village.



PES verification at Phlangjaud village.

MEGHALAYA
LIVELIHOOD
IMPROVEMENT
THROUGH
FOREST
ENHANCEMENT
(MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project’s goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Plantation of saplings are currently underway.



East Khasi Hills



On October 11, 2023, the BPMU team along with with Dr. Thupalli, conducted a joint inspection of the plantation area in Iapshyndeit village, offering guidance to the VPIC for a specific activity. This valuable visit concluded on October 17, 2023, and it provided highly beneficial guidance to the VPICs.



South Garo Hills



Second weeding in Dilsinggre village.

 **West Garo Hills**



weeding clearance in Anogre Rongram village.



Ring cleaning and weeding in Silsekgre Rongram village.



Weeding clearance in Renchagre Rongram village.



Weeding clearance in Derikgre village.



On October 12, 2023, the KFW Mission team visited Anogre village for a combined field visit and interaction.

 **North Garo Hills**



Second weeding clearance in kalwe village

On October 12, 2023, BPM Parsist K. Marak led a Mobilisation program in two villages, Thapa Darenchi and Thapa Matrongre, to discuss the various models for plantation in 2024. The same program was also carried out by the Project Associate in Thapa Dangre village on October 13, 2023.



Thapa Darenchi and Thapa Matrongre villages.



Thapa Dangre village



Second weeding clearance in Gambil Apal village.



Second weeding in Ajasiram AR village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.

South Garo Hills



Rongkandi Songgital village.



Rongkandi Dengjama village.

East Khasi Hills



On October 11, 2023, Dr. Thupalli and the BPMU team jointly conducted an assessment of the community nursery in Iapshyndeit village to track its progress and provide advice to the VPIC. This visit concluded on October 17, 2023, and offered valuable direction to the VPICs.

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North Garo Hills



Thapa Dajonggre village.

East Garo Hills



On October 13, 2023, a Project Associate from Rongjeng Block visited the nurseries of Mikotongjeng and Dogegipuram VPICs to assess the progress of these particular nurseries.



Kolak Songital village.

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South West Garo Hills



On October 17, 2023, Mr. Tresbirth Marak and the BPMU staff visited the Malchapara and Nutubari Community nurseries. They found that both nurseries were generally well-maintained, but there were issues with disease in the *Terminalia Arjuna* and overgrowth in the *Gmelina Arborea*.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.



North Garo Hills



SALT farm in Bangsi Dogru village.



SALT farm in Nokatgre village.



SALT farm in Bangsi Minol village.



Mr. Benjamin Marak's SALT farm situated in Nokatgre village.

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A SALT farm managed by new farmers from Thapa Matrongre village.



Shri Salgra Sangma's SALT farm in Bangsi A'ga village.



SALT farm in Thaugittim village.

 **Eastern West Khasi Hills**



SALT farm at Mawiong Jadap village.

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 **Ri Bhoi**

On October 11, 2023, Shri. David Gandhi and the MegLIFE staff visited five SALT farms in three Umsning Block villages. Three farms stood out for their diverse land use and well-maintained hedgerows. The remaining two showed potential with good hedgerows but were underutilized for production. Additionally, the farmer successfully performed thinning and transplanting of NFP seedlings.



The growing of beans on the SALT farm in Mawtari village.

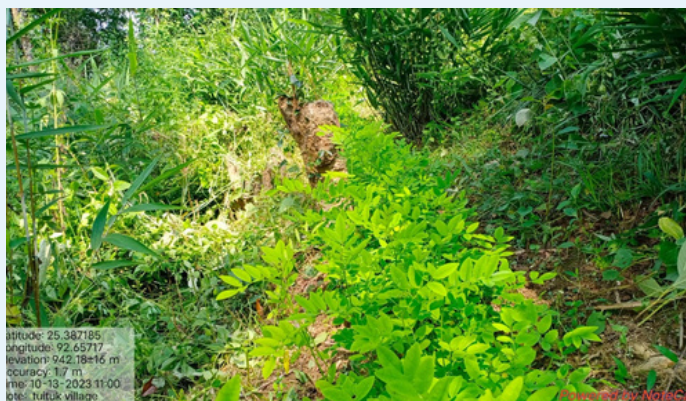
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East Jaintia Hills



SALT farm in Tympiahkasu village.



SALT farm in Tuituk village.



East Garo Hills



On October 13, 2023, Raisabao A Momin, accompanied by PA, visited Miktongjeng and Dogepgipuram SALT farms.

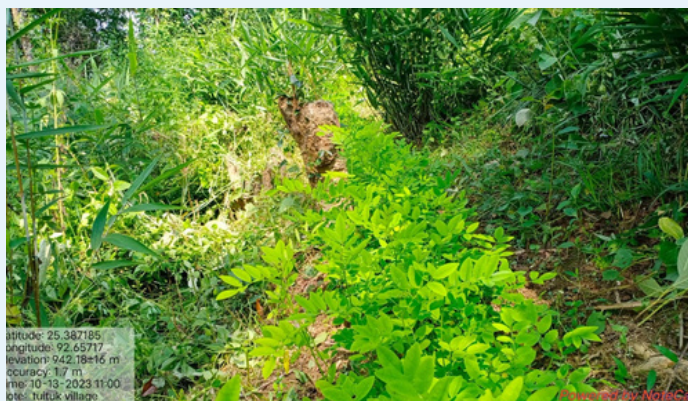
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East Khasi Hills



SALT farm in Tympiahkasu village.



SALT farm in Tuituk village.

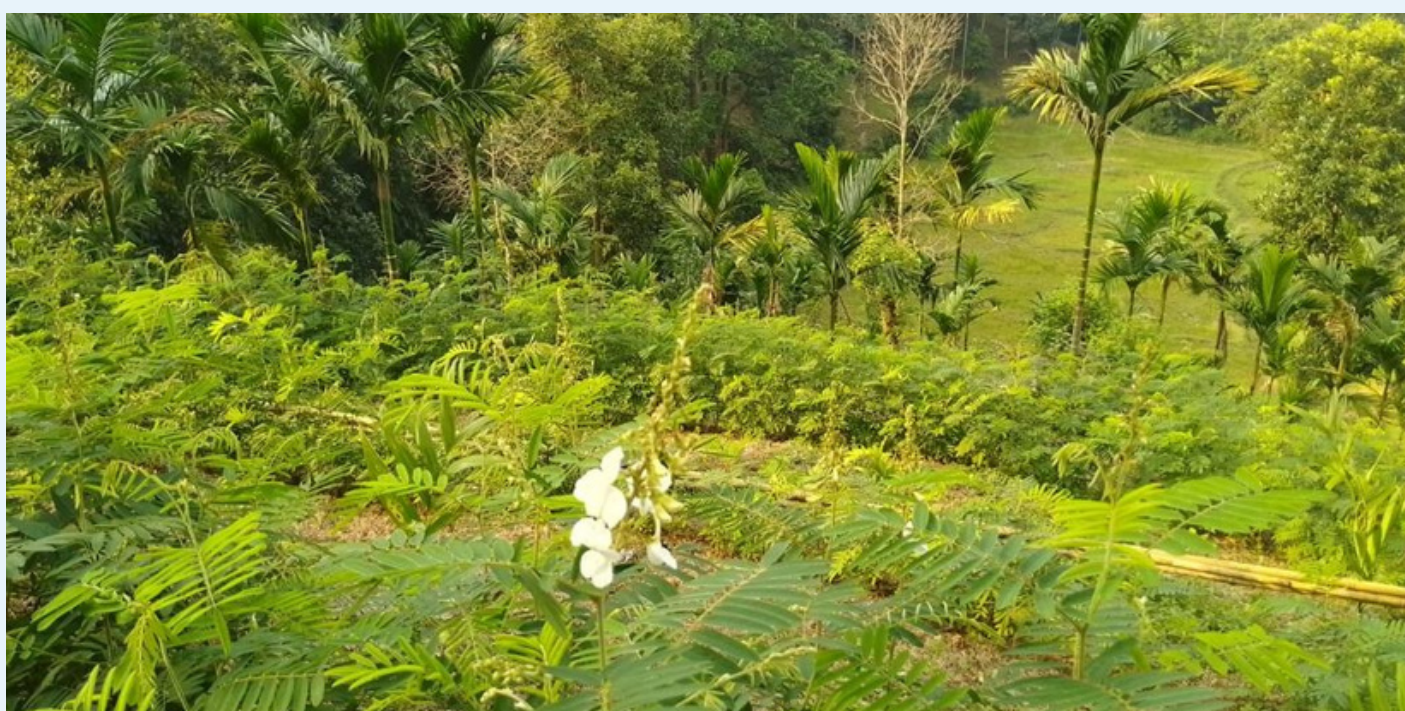
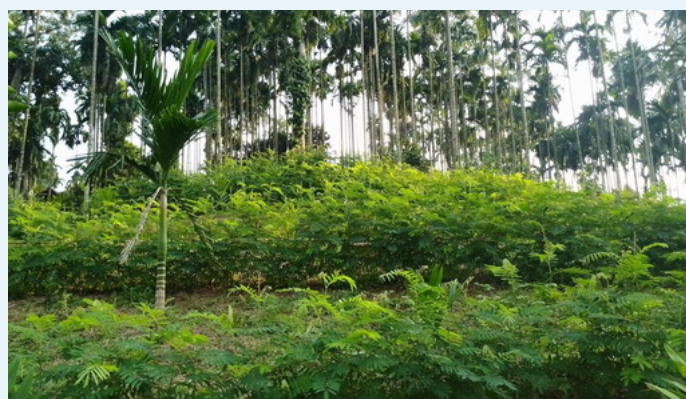


SALT farm in Tynring village.

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South Garo Hills



The SALT farm owned by Ronith Sangma in the Baghmara Block.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.

South Garo Hills



Rongkandi Songgital village.



Rongkandi Dengjama village.



Era aning village.

West Garo Hills



Tosekgre village.



Adugre village.

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Tosekgre village.

Ri Bhoi



Nongdewsaw village.

South West Garo Hills



Torangpara village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLUP And Microplanning Exercises

Completed & On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 village: On October 11, 2023, the Micro Planning approval meeting took place in Lyting Lyngdoh village, Pynursla Block-East Khasi Hills District. Additionally, the Continuation of PLUP and Microplan exercise occurred in Umshynrut village, West Khasi Hills District on October 12, 2023, and the wrap-up meeting for PLUP and Microplan exercise took place on the same date. Lastly, the Micro Planning wrap-up for Iawthymme village Group II in Laskein Block was conducted on October 13, 2023.



Lyting Lyngdoh village



Umshynrut village.



Iawthymme village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

Soil and Water Conservation

On October 11, 2023, Tuesheva Ch Marak visited SWC structure sites identified during Microplanning in Dangkong Tasilgre Village, Songsak Block, East Garo Hills District.



On October 11, 2023, Premadona D Marak carried out a site examination in Bawagre village to assess the suitability of the location for SWC structures. The site is being considered for the establishment of a Conservation Pond for fisheries.

The construction of the Spring tap chamber in Dijingro Apal village was successfully completed on October 16, 2023.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

On October 17, 2023, Wansera G Momin visited the Darit Asim and Chramgre VPICs with the purpose of identifying SWC structures.





Institute of
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(INR)

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



A site inspection and follow up on OLC project conducted on October 11-12, 2023, in Damalgre and Amguri villages within West Garo Hills, as well as in Balughat Village, located in the South West Garo Hills district. Furthermore, there were discussions regarding the submission of progress and utilization certificate paperwork during this visit.

CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)



Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants by Dr. Bansal, Resource Person of Aroma Mission at Pyndenglitha Puin, East Khasi Hills District.

Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants



Geranium



Rosemary

Exposure Visit by Group 1 to CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh



A four-day Skill Development Programme organized by CSIR- IHBT, Palampur, took place from 10th to 14th October 2023. Group 1, consisting of 22 participants, was actively involved in the event. The objective was to educate farmers about suitable aromatic and floriculture crops for Meghalaya and impart advanced agricultural and technology-related training. The program encompassed practical demonstrations, field visits to medicinal and aromatic crop sites, post-harvest processing insights, and detailed knowledge about proper management, processing, and essential oil extraction utilizing established distillation units. Farmers engaged in discussions, sharing experiences and questions regarding aromatic crop cultivation and management. They also visited floriculture farms, gaining practical insights into farming techniques. Mr. Markshield Warjri, Team Leader at the Institute of Natural Resources, Shillong, extended gratitude to the scientists and encouraged farmers to embrace improved agricultural techniques for enhanced crop yields. The farmers found the training highly valuable and informative, promptly implementing the learned practices in their agricultural pursuits.

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

Site Verification and Electrification works conducted by the Green Energy team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project

 **East Khasi Hills District**



Another successful site electrification completed at Laitryngwai village for Community Hall Lighting and Site Electrification at Dewsaw village, under Mawphlang block for Street Lighting.

 **South West Khasi Hills District**



"The successful implementation of household lighting electrification at Phottdei Village was met with great appreciation from the local community. This initiative has illuminated their homes, and the Phottdei residents are profoundly thankful for the positive impact it has brought to their lives."

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Access To Markets
Project
(MeghaLAMP)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

ISC & ED



North Garo Hills: On October 8, 2023, Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS, Commissioner Secretary of the Government of Meghalaya and Project Director of MeghaLAMP, along with Smt. Mitali Chandra, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of North Garo Hills, visited Timsimina villages in Adokgre C RD Block. During their visit, they held discussions with the local farming community and members of Timsimina IVCS Ltd, who are leading the effort to establish a ginger drying and processing unit. This significant initiative holds the potential to bring substantial benefits to the ginger farmers in the region. Additionally, they visited the Oyster Mushroom Project, a gap funding initiative by the MBDA at Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Jampara, and held discussions with the officials of the society regarding the progress of the project.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

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On October 13th 2023, the 'Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela' was held at the Multipurpose Hall, DC's Office Mawkyrwat. The event was jointly organized by TRIFED, IIE Guwahati, and the Office of the District Project Management Unit in collaboration with the District Administration Department of **South West Khasi Hills District**. The program was graced by Shri. T. Lyngwa, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of South West Khasi Hills District, who presided as the Chief Guest.



The Piggery training, conducted by the Veterinary Training Centre, KyrdemKulai, was held at Myllem C&RD Block, **East Khasi Hills** on October 12, 2023. EFC staff facilitated the attendance of 16 members from 9 Producer Groups (PGs).

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

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On October 16, 2023, an inspection and meeting were held with the Farmer's Market Committee at Umthlong Village, Mairang C&RD Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills, followed by an interaction with the contractor's staff.

17th October 2023: A site inspection was carried out for PRIME HUB sites located in Wah U Tim village, within the Hima Mawlong area of Shella Bholaganj, in collaboration with Nongduh IVCS.



A meeting was convened on the 17th October 2023 with members of Mawrah Rangtmah IVCS and Dorbar Shnong. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the role of the IVCS in enhancing the community's livelihood and the collaborative efforts needed to work towards this goal, including strategies to boost membership.



Smt. A.R Kynta, MCS, Block Development Officer for Mawryngkneng Block, organized a comprehensive review meeting involving 20 FOCUS Facilitators, the Block Supervisor, Center Manager, and Business Planner from the Focus Project.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

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On October 16, 2023, the DPMU of **North Garo Hills**, in partnership with Tura Polytechnic's Food Processing Division and IVCS, organized hands-on training for Producer Group members at the Farmers Field School of 19 IVCS. The training covered the preparation of banana chips, banana butter, Ready to Serve drinks (RTS), and banana jam. The first session took place at Bakrime IVCS Ltd and was led by Shri Jiten Singh, Head Of Department, Tura Polytechnic's Food Processing Unit. Participants learned about packaging, branding, and marketing. A total of 30 female participants, primarily from Banana Producer Groups who received funds, actively took part in the program.

Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System



On October 10, 2023, a training session on maintaining PG's Minute Register was conducted at the Block office, Mawkynew Block, **East Khasi Hills District**. The training was led by resource persons Shri. S. Nongkhlaw, Centre Manager, and Smti. F. Ting, Business Planner of the Social Service Centre, along with the EFC staff. The session was attended by the President and Secretary of 15 Producer Groups, as well as the Focus Facilitator.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

RURAL FINANCE



On September 11, 2023, an awareness program on Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was conducted at the Block Development Office, targeting villages in Mawsynram Block. Furthermore, on October 16, 2023, a similar program was organized in Mawryngkneng Block, **East Khasi Hills**, featuring Shri. Teibor Kharshiing, a consultant in Rural Finance from MBMA, as the key speaker. The event drew the participation of representatives from 50 villages within the block. Another IVCS awareness event took place on October 17, 2023, at Mawphlang C & RD Block.

OTHERS



On October 16, 2023, a mobilization program for CM-ELEVATE was conducted at the DC Conference Hall in North Garo Hills. District Heads, Entrepreneurs, Artisans, and Progressive Farmers attended the event. Ms. Mitali Chandra, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & District Project Coordinator of MBDA/MBMA, presented an overview of the CM ELEVATE program. Officials from various departments including Horticulture, Tourism, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Handloom, Sericulture, and the Branch Manager of Meghalaya Rural Bank, Resubelpara Branch, along with MBDA-MBDA officials, FOCUS Volunteers, and MSRLS officials were in attendance.

OTHERS



Sensitization and Planning Program for the Mobilization of Applicants for the CM-Elevate program took place at the PHE Conference Hall in Eastern West Khasi Hills on October 16, 2023. The event was conducted under the guidance of Shri G Kharmawphlang, the Deputy Commissioner of Eastern West Khasi Hills.



Scan the QR code to access a video on Prime Hub, Umdihar, an initiative driven by the IVCS to enhance pineapple cultivation and market growth.

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