

15th November 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)



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Khasi Hills



The Directorate of Educational Research and Training, Government of Meghalaya, organized a webinar on Cyber Security for Students, Teachers, and Parents on November 7th and 8th, 2023. The Living Spring School in the Mawshynrut Block, WKHD, a beneficiary of the KYAN equipment, actively participated in the program. The school utilized KYAN to coordinate the virtual program for its teachers and students. The program proved to be beneficial for the school, enabling them to understand the significance of cyber security, along with the principles and practices designed to safeguard computing resources and online information against potential threats.



On the 6th and 7th of November 2023, the DPMU-CLLMP facilitated a PES Orientation for the new beneficiaries of the 2nd phase under Green Meghalaya. The program, initiated by the DPM, GIS, FE, and GFA, aimed to raise awareness about the rules, regulations, and financial support available under the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) scheme.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Eastern West Khasi Hills



On the 8th and 9th of November 2023, the DPMU-CLLMP organized a PES Orientation for the new beneficiaries of the 2nd phase under Green Meghalaya. The orientation sessions took place at the SGSY Hall, Mawtharaishan C&RD Block. The program, initiated by the DPM, GIS, FE, and GFA, aimed to raise awareness about the rules, regulations, and financial support available under the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) initiative.



Ri Bhoi



On the 9th of November 2023, the Environment team from DPMU played a supportive role by assisting the Green Field Associate (GFA) of Jirang Block in facilitating an orientation program designed for the beneficiaries of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) within the block.

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On the 7th and 8th of November 2023, the External Expert (Accounts) conducted visits to Umlakro village under Jirang Block and Pahamkroh village under Umling Block. The primary objective of these visits was to gather utility certifications under the Forest Management Plan and to address matters related to excess funds. Furthermore, during the visit, the External Expert updated the accounting records of the villages to ensure precise financial tracking and effective management.



On November 8, 2023, the Environment Management team of DPMU, accompanied by interns, carried out a follow-up on Forest Management plan activities in Pahamkroh village, Umling Block. The team meticulously inspected and documented the survival rate of saplings at the implementation sites, demonstrating a strong commitment to monitoring and assessing the success of the activity. This proactive approach underscores a dedication to data-driven decision-making and ensuring the effectiveness of Forest Management initiatives.

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On November 7, 2023, the Environment team of DPMU, accompanied by interns, visited Saiden village under Umling Block. The main purpose of the visit was to provide hands-on training to the interns, with a specific focus on spring discharge and spring mapping. This signifies a practical approach to skill development, highlighting the importance of comprehending and managing spring resources within the framework of environmental initiatives.



West Jaintia Hills



West Jaintia Hills DPMU organised Orientation on PES phase 2 and Bamboo Resources Assessment Exercise at Thadlaskein block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



GFA Jingshisha Bareh conducted a site visit to Kairang village on November 7, 2023, focusing on boundary and ANR activities.



On November 14, 2023, GFA Raymosh S Marak conducted a site visit to Busudare Village Reserve Forest.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Thadlaskein Block



Ranikor Block



Tikrikilla Block



Mawthadraishan Block



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Mawkyrwat Block



Jirang C&RD Block



Baghmara Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Mawkyrwat Block



Gasuapara and Rongara Block



Umsning Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Mawsyram Block



Samanda Block



Songsak Block

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).



Khliehriat Block



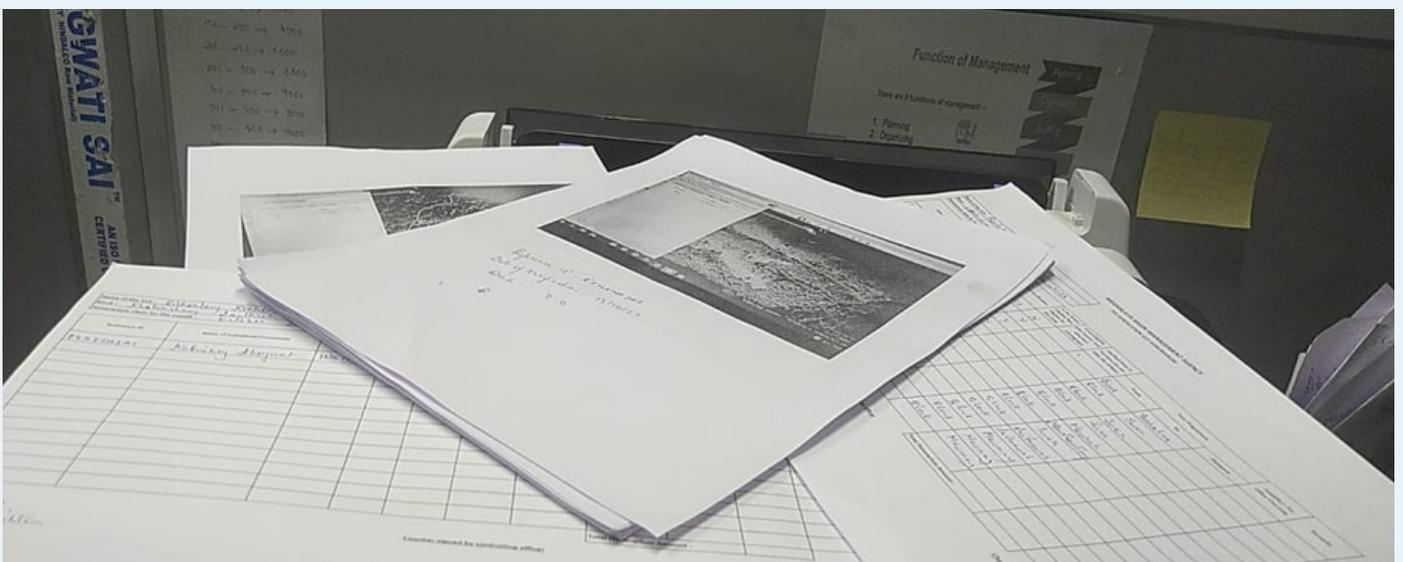
Zikzak C&RD Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Collection of Application Forms and Utilization Certificates



Khliehriat Block



Khatarshnong Block

MEGHALAYA
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IMPROVEMENT
THROUGH
FOREST
ENHANCEMENT
(MegLIFE)

JICA Mission visit:



The 3-day JICA mission is in full swing! Day 1 saw the mission team, comprising of Ms. Inagaki Yukari, Project Formulation Advisor and Ms. Sushma Sen Adarshi, Development Specialist, engage in an inaugural review meeting at the SPMU MegLIFE Office, assessing the MegLIFE project's progress.

On day 2, the JICA India Mission Team visited Sylleibah village, where the community hosted a special program. The day included a site inspection in Mawlumkhri and Umniangriang villages, reviewing ongoing construction of community halls, nurseries, and plantation initiatives. The program featured a unique presentation by Sylleibah village, concluding with an interactive session with the local residents.

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.



North Garo Hills



Third weeding clearance in Nokatgre village.



Third weeding clearance in Rongmatcha village.



The initiation of a fire line is underway at the Chorepahar Community Reserve.



The Rongpetchi Community Reserve is currently undergoing its third round of weeding and mulching activities.



South Garo Hills



Aggrengittim village

 **West Garo Hills**

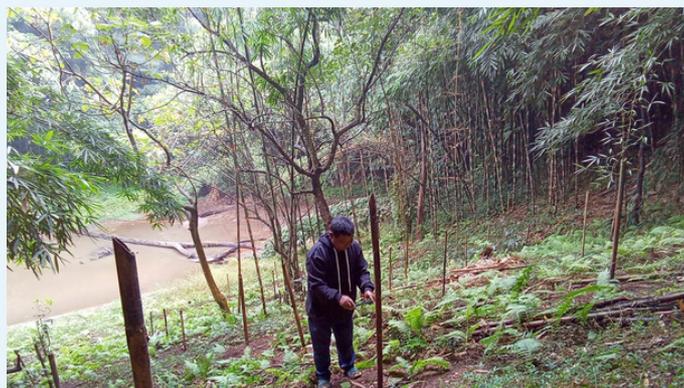


Third weeding and the creation of a fireline are underway in the Renchagre village.



Weed removal and creating a firebreak in Gindopara village.

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Thaugittim village



Fencing work in Dangkong Songgital agro forestry



Weeding work in Rongchek Akong village

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

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

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Nanil Apal village.



On November 14, 2023, BPM Parsist K Marak and the KM team documented the activities in Rongpetchi and Ajasiram villages during their visit.

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Thapa Ragolgre village



Thapa Dajonggre village



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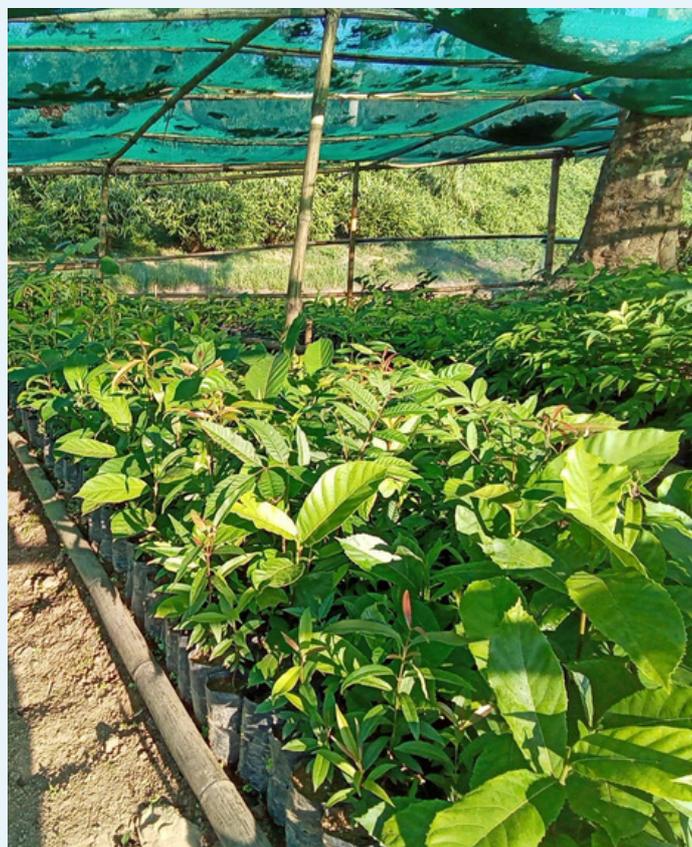
Tuidam village

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Gindil village



Thaugittim village



Dogepguram village

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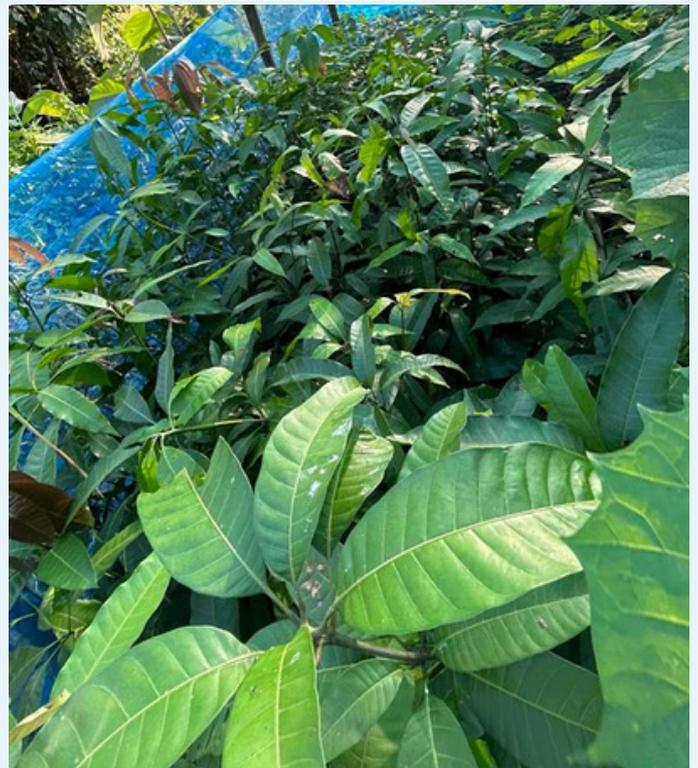
Seeds and saplings collected by PA of Songsak Block

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On November 15, 2023, Sengsilchi Sangma conducted an inspection of the Community Nursery in Nepalgre village.



Baghana village

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Tikrikilla Block



Silsekgre village

Rimrangpara Asim village

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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.

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On November 8, 2023, Sir David Gandhi inspected SALT farms in Era Aning and Darang Akep villages of Baghmara block, noting significant progress and farmer interest. Discussions with farmers and project staff centered on key improvements, including preventing the mixing of NFP species, promoting mixed cropping, and implementing farm management practices like A-frames, bio-filters, and mulching in young arecanut land.

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On November 9, 2023, Sir David Gandhi, accompanied by the DPM, BPM, and BPM DPMU, visited Bolchugre village in Rongara block, SGH. Progress in the SALT farms is promising, with farmers expressing interest in expanding the area next year. Discussions also focused on corrective measures for scaling up.



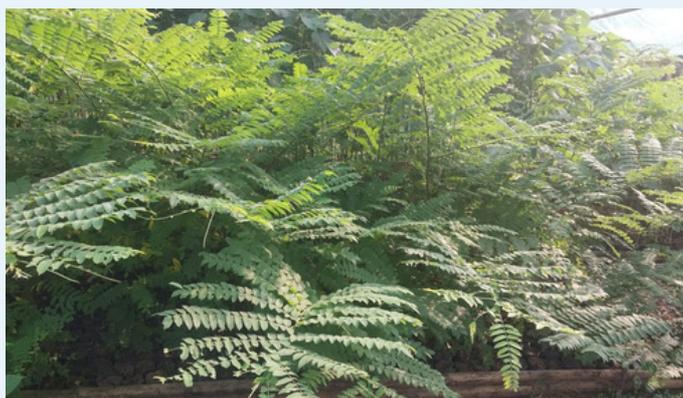
SALT Farm of Shri. Philip Ch. Marak from Bolchugre village

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SALT farm of Shri. Singbath Marak from Anogre village.



SALT farming in Menggotchigre A'ding village.



SALT farm in Bugakolgre village



SALT farm in Manggakgre village

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Evaluating the SALT cultivation in Nokatgre village.

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SALT farm in Nepalgre village.



SALT Farming of Jotton N Marak from Nepalgre village



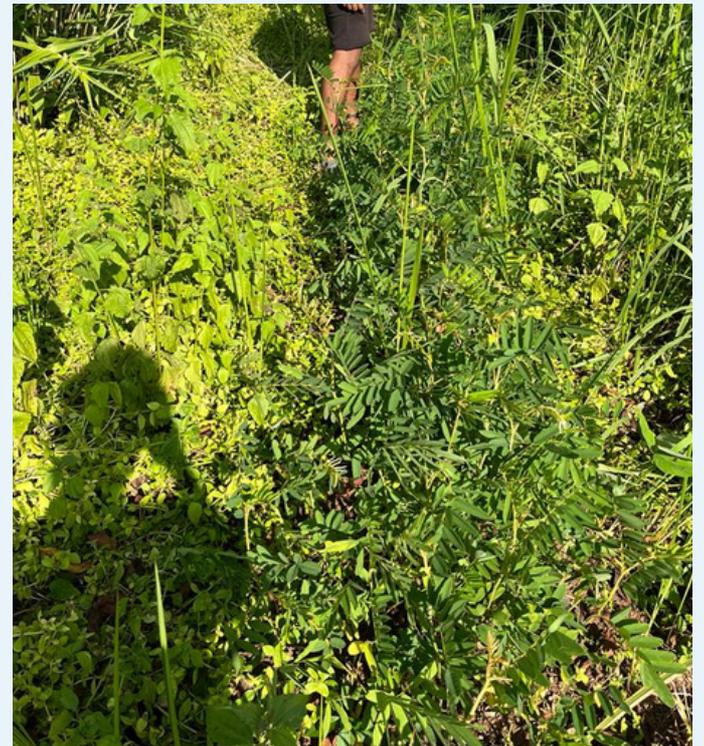
SALT farm of shri. Sombirth A Sangma

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SALT farming of Mr. Gabriel Sangma under Songsak Block



SALT farm in Pising Areng from Rongchong village

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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.

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Rongmatcha village.



Bangsi Aga village.

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Rongpetchi village



Bangsi Aga village



Rongmatcha village



Chorepahar village



Ajasiram village

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Belguri VPIC



Kotchugre VPIC



Teksragre village



Gambaregre village

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Rongjeng Block



Miktongjeng village

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 Ri Bhoi



Nongdewsaw village



Niangdai village

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PLUP And Microplanning Exercises

Completed & On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 villages:



Bollonggre village, Selsela Block.

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Mooshrot village, Group II, Laskein block WJHD.



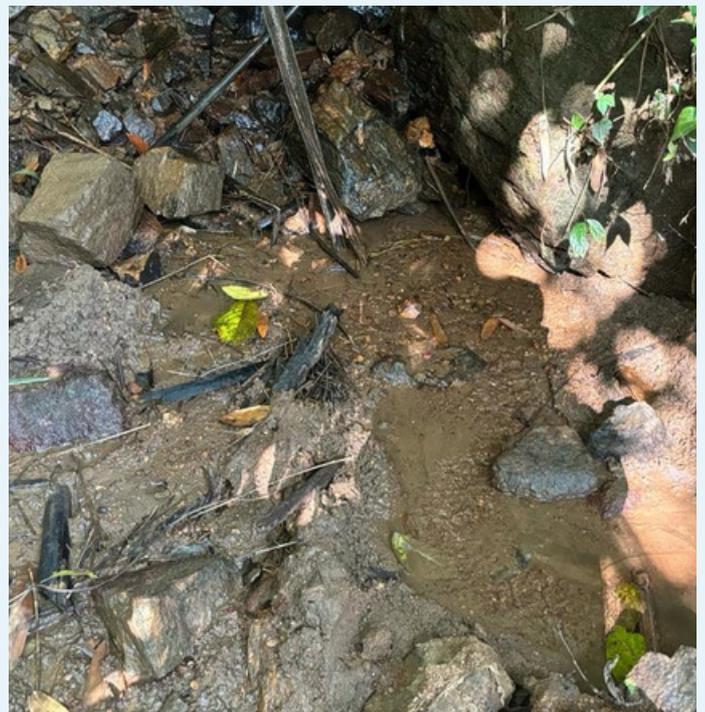
Umtasor Nongjymie VPIC of Batch II Under Umsning BPMU.

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Soil & Water Conservation Activities



On November 9, 2023, Tengbath K Marak inspected the feasibility of constructing RCC water storage tanks and check dams in multiple villages within the Betasing Block.



On November 13, 2023, Tueshva Ch. Marak conducted a field visit to Mandalang Akoksi Village in Songsak Block to identify and select locations for three structures: a plastic tank, a dug-out pond/conservation pond, and an RCC water storage tank.

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The RCC water tank in Nongrim Umksih village, Umsning Block



Chosen location for the spring chamber in Ravagre village, providing benefits to 5 to 6 households.



The RCC water tank in Myrdon Nongbah village, Umsning Block.



Ravagre VPIC

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F & A Activities



Reviewing the Cashbook and Vouchers of VPICs in the Betasing Block, South West Garo Hills conducted by Pangkame B Marak.



On November 14, 2023, Pangkame B Marak conducted a review of the Cashbook and Vouchers, and prepared UCs for the VPICs in Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills.



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

📍 Ri Bhoi District



A recent site inspection, overseen by the District Development Manager (DDM) from NABARD, was carried out on 07th November 2023, for the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project. This project, funded by NABARD and executed by the Institute of Natural Resources in Meghalaya, was examined at Nonglum village within the Bhoirymbong block. The inspection involved the participation of the Green Energy team and the Village Energy Committee (VEC) of Nonglum village. The primary objectives of this inspection were two-fold: first, to evaluate the project's progress and completion, and second, to ensure the strict adherence to the highest safety and compliance standards. The inspection was focused on identifying potential hazards, confirming regulatory compliance, and providing recommendations for potential improvements. This thorough inspection underscores our unwavering dedication to maintaining a secure, compliant, and quality-driven environment for all stakeholders involved.

CENTRE FOR BIO-RESOURCES



In November 2023, the Bio Resource team carried out numerous field visits to facilitate the distribution of 5000 *Tagetes minuta* plants provided by CSIR-CIMAP Lucknow. These plants were distributed among various Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which included Step by Step SHG, Larem SHG Nongpyndeng (Meghalaya Public Co-operative Society), and the Rikhen Aromatic Crops Producer Group located under South West Khasi Hills and Eastern West Khasi Hills district.

Study of Biomass through UAV application in East Jaintia hills.



CENTRE FOR BIO-RESOURCES



On November 7, 2023, a collaborative effort involving the Bio-Resource team, the UAV team, and local community stakeholders took place to carry out a Biomass Study using UAV technology in Tluh and Narwan villages within the Saipung Block of the East Jaintia Hills district. These villages were selected for the study due to their history of being affected by mining activities, making them ideal candidates for the application of UAV technology in carbon sequestration research.

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Project
(MeghaLAMP)

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ISC & ED



On November 7, 2023, a hands-on training session was conducted at a Farmers' Field School located in Dambo Rongjeng, **East Garo Hills** to equip the vegetable Service Providers and farmers of Mangsang Bamil and Ronga Agal. Doctor Trudy Sangma, a resource person from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, led the training, demonstrating scientific approaches to vegetable cultivation and crop management. The session aimed to enhance the skills of participants in the Vegetable Value chain, fostering a more efficient and informed agricultural community. On the following day, a similar session was conducted at Nongchram village.

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ISC & ED



A one-day workshop on Utilization of Working Capital with the Managing Committee members of the Collective marketing Centre and the Processing Unit under Ranikor Block, **South West Khasi Hills** was conducted on the 9th of November 2023.



On the 7th and 8th of November 2023, a two-day training on livestock, specifically focusing on pig farming, was conducted for producer groups who received support funds under Phlangdiloin IVCS, **South West Khasi Hills**.

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RURAL FINANCE



A Motivational Workshop for low-performing IVCS under Ranikor Block, **South West Khasi Hills District** took place on November 8, 2023, at the Sngap Syiem College Women's Hostel

Hall. The program's objective was to identify challenges affecting IVCS growth and facilitate a collaborative brainstorming and interaction session among IVCS' Managing Committee members to explore viable solutions.

On November 8, 2023, an awareness program for IVCS formation was held at Khapmaw village, **East Khasi Hills**, organized by EFC Mawkyntew, partner NGO, along with the Block Supervisor and Focus Facilitator. The resource persons, Smti. Jerita and Smti. G. Lyngdoh, Junior Cooperative Officers from ARCS Office, provided valuable insights. The event saw participation from Sordars, village secretaries, and producer groups from Pyngkya, Mawjam, Thangbnai, Madan Demkhlieng, Rangmudi, and Rngibah villages.



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OTHERS



An awareness program on the CM-ELEVATE program was organized by the Office of Block Development Officer, Shella Bholaganj Block, **East Khasi Hills**, in collaboration with Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and Enterprise Facilitation Centre, MBMA, Shella Block. The participants included Sardars, headmen, farmers, and aspiring entrepreneurs. This initiative aimed to disseminate information and foster engagement in the CM-ELEVATE program for the benefit of the community.



On November 13, 2023, an Awareness Programme on CM ELEVATE was organized by the Enterprise Facilitation Centre, MBMA, Myllem C&RD Block, **East Khasi Hills Distirct** in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. Held at Laitkor, the program drew attendance from village heads, producer groups, self-help groups, and individuals. The Officer in Charge of Agriculture/Horticulture, Myllem block, was also present, enhancing the engagement and knowledge-sharing during the event.



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