

WEEKLY

HIGHLIGHTS

Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

Loan Application Meeting

Sub-Office Inauguration at Umtyrnga Village

Distribution of Handlooms to Weavers



₹91,000 Profit and Growing

After earning ₹1.61 lakh in sales and ₹91,000 in profit last year, Rongge Bisik Producer Group began turmeric cultivation with ₹90,000 support from FOCUS Corpus Fund. 20 members from Abakgre and Gajing villages resumed their work in the fields.

LOAN APPLICATION MEETING

40 beneficiaries from North Garo Hills submitted loan applications under CM Elevate for poultry, warehouse, and CFC projects at Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society Hall. They also applied for trial marketing loans under MLAMP. A similar program was held in Shillong.

EXPOSURE VISIT TO EASTERN RIBHOI FPC

5 Ginger Processing Units from Mawlumrum, Mawlai Mawtawar, Nonghali, Diengpasoh, and Pingwait in East Khasi Hills participated in an exposure visit to Eastern Ribhoi FPC.

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING (IGM) AT RONGDON IVCS LTD.

On 23rd April 2025, Rongdon IVCS held its IGM with Smt. Rakhi, Senior Corporation Officer, for seven villages to discuss member mobilization, credit linkages, and local business opportunities.

DISTRIBUTION OF HANDLOOMS TO WEAVERS

65 weavers in North Garo Hills received handlooms from the Deputy Commissioner after completing 45 days of training at Colks, East Khasi Hills and Bolmoram, East Garo Hills.

SUB-OFFICE INAUGURATION AT UMTYRNGA VILLAGE

Pillingkata B IVCS inaugurated a sub-office at Umtyrnga Village, Umling Block, Ri Bhoi District, to enhance local accessibility for its members.

BOOSTING POULTRY FARMING AND LIVELIHOODS

54 farmers and 8 Producer Groups from Bajengdoba and Resubelpara Block received incubators and hatchery eggs from the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department under FOCUS, SeSTA. They were also given a demonstration on how to operate the incubators.



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Project for Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement in Meghalaya

Construction of 20 Community Halls completed

Photography training for VCFs

Candle Making Business Plan Training



20 Community Halls - Phase 5 completion status

A total of 20 community halls across various blocks have been completed and are now ready to host community gatherings and meetings. The completed infrastructure includes 11 community halls in Samanda block, 3 each in Tikrikilla and Zikzak blocks, 2 in Mawkynrew, and 1 in Kharkutta. These facilities are fully functional and equipped to support local engagements and communal activities.

EXPOSURE VISIT ON POULTRY FARM AT TURA SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS

On April 23, 2025, an exposure visit to a poultry farm in Tura was conducted for 6 Self-Help Group (SHG) members as part of a poultry farming training initiative aimed at enhancing sustainable livelihoods and fostering local entrepreneurship. Egg incubator machines were distributed to SHGs in South West Garo Hills by the District Veterinary Officer of Ampati. This initiative supports women's empowerment, economic growth, and poverty reduction through micro-credit and collective action.



BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING FOR VCFS UNDER KHASI & JAINTIA REGION

Village Community Facilitators from Mawryngkneng, Mawkyrwat, Umsning, and Umling attended a Basic Photography training led by the Knowledge Management team. The session focused on camera techniques, composition, and lighting, with a hands-on field activity to photograph plantation and SWC structures.



CANDLE MAKING BUSINESS PLAN TRAINING

On 15th April 2025, the SPMU team conducted a business plan training on candle making for the Kyrshanlang SHG, Umden Khasi. The session covered production techniques, packaging, cost analysis, and marketing strategies. Members were particularly interested in scented decorative candles for higher profit.



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Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

Awareness Programme on Plantation

Training on Plantation

Participatory Rural Appraisal Exercise



Training on Plantation for 2nd Batch Village Community Facilitators

On 15th April, 2025, Ganol-CMU conducted hands-on plantation training for the second batch of Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) of Rongram Block at Rangwalkamgre. Key topics included watershed concepts, canopy classification, plantation suitability, AR/ANR methods, agroforestry, and plantation spacing. Practical sessions were also held. The training was engaging and helped VCFs effectively understand the project's purpose and methods.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PLANTATION GANOL CATCHMENT

On April 11, 2025, Ganol Team held a Plantation Awareness Program at Mukdangra Village for Rerapara Block with SPMU and DPMU-WGH Meglife. Shri S Raju Geddiam (Retd. IFS) emphasized the benefits of plantations and community involvement. Shri D P Marak (Retd. ACF) shared practical insights on AR, ANR, spacing, and agroforestry models. VCFs gained valuable knowledge for effective plantation practices.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PLANTATION AND PRA EXERCISE UMIEW CATCHMENT

An awareness on plantation and PRA was held at Laitkor Mawrie Lumheh on April 15, 2025. Key concerns include river/stream degradation due to mining and poor waste management. The community observed threats to the water reservoir of other departments and the Umiew river caused by debris and vehicular movement. Solutions proposed include building protection and retaining walls. Ten individuals have committed to planting fruit/forest trees.



Awareness Programme on Plantation Ganol Catchment

14th April 2025 today CMU Ganol Team conducted a plantation awareness and site verification at Penny valley, Ganol Songma, under Rongram Block, West Garo Hills district.

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Green Meghalaya, Payment for Ecosystem

GREEN Meghalaya Awareness Drive

Boundary Mapping Activities

2459 forms collected for conservation of natural forest



Collection of Application forms on Green Meghalaya

Green Field Associates collected 2459 applications from villages across February and March 2025, to encourage continued conservation of natural forest owned by communities, clans and private individuals and incentivize their commitment to continue conservation for at least 30 years.

GREEN MEGHALAYA AWARENESS DRIVE

Green Field Associates conducted awareness programs across blocks to promote reforestation, biodiversity conservation community-led afforestation. The initiative also focused on green belts, sustainable farming & urban green spaces



BOUNDARY MAPPING ACTIVITY FOR VARIOUS VILLAGES AND BLOCKS CONDUCTED BY THE GREEN FIELD ASSOCIATES

Boundary mapping activities have been undertaken across multiple locations to enhance territorial clarity and support planning efforts. This includes boundary mapping at Samin Indikim under Songsak block, boundary demarcation at Wah lakhaw village in Mairang block, and the initiation of the boundary mapping process under Dadenggre block in West Garo Hills district. Additionally, mapping work has commenced in Pdengnongbri village, Mawnai, within Mairang block.

