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Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

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PRIME Hub Inaugurated at Baghmara – South Garo Hills

On 18 June 2025, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma inaugurated the PRIME Hub at Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills, in the presence of government dignitaries, departmental representatives, the MBMA team, and over 200 IVCS members.

Constructed under the Megha-LAMP project, the Hub has been handed over to Dabram IVCS Ltd., which will oversee daily operations in partnership with ACEWORX. As centres for entrepreneurial growth, PRIME Hubs are strengthening the economic activities of SHGs, farmers, and local businesses.



Awang Chips Launched, FOCUS Cheques Distributed – Rongara PRIME Hub, 19 June 2025

At Rongara PRIME Hub, Awang Chips—a jackfruit chips product from South Garo Hills—was launched, and Nokma Ice Cream was promoted in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma. Cheques were distributed to SHGs and FOCUS PGs, alongside the rollout of M-EIP and CM Fellowship initiatives. Over 10,000 people attended the programme at Pa Togan Nengminja Athletic Stadium.



FOCUS Cheque Distribution – 19 June 2025, Tura

At the state programme in Tura, 123 Producer Groups from all five Garo Hills districts received ₹6.15 lakh under the FOCUS scheme—part of a ₹7.93 crore fund for 4,610 PGs. The event also marked the launch of M-EIP and CM Fellow initiatives, and the foundation laying for the Additional Secretariat Complex by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma.



Training on Gender Responsive Budgeting Held Across 3 Blocks – West Garo Hills

On 3rd, 5th & 6th June 2025, under the Gender and Social Inclusion initiative, training and focus group discussions on Gender Responsive Budgeting were conducted at Tikrikilla, Dadenggre, and Selsella C&RD Blocks. The sessions focused on integrating a gender lens into the budget process, especially in IVCS business planning.

Training on Black Pepper Cultivation – Kalchengpara & Chokchim IVCS, Selsella Block

On 13 June 2025, training programmes on Package of Practices (POPs) for black pepper cultivation were conducted at Kalchengpara and Chokchim IVCS under Selsella Block, West Garo Hills. The sessions covered both ICAR-recommended and traditional methods, highlighting techniques and benefits to improve black pepper production.

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

125 Community Halls Inaugurated

Community-Led Bamboo Nursery & Plantation Drive

17148 Saplings Lifted for VPIC



125 Community Halls Inaugurated under the MegLIFE-JICA Project

In a milestone event at Dobakol Awemong, South Garo Hills, Meghalaya Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma inaugurated a Community Hall and virtually launched 124 more across Garo Hills under the MegLIFE-JICA Project. Built as part of Entry Point Activities, these halls address immediate village needs and support long-term goals in natural resource management and rural development. Attended by MLAs, MDCs, officials, VPICs, and locals, the event also celebrated community ownership in development. The CM noted 452 halls have now been built across Meghalaya—304 in Garo Hills—and concluded the ceremony with the planting of indigenous saplings, emphasizing sustainability and community-led progress.

17148 Saplings Lifted for Village Project Implementation Committees – Marngar Nursery, Umling Block

A total of 17148 saplings were lifted from the Marngar Soil and Water Conservation Nursery in Umling Block, Ri Bhoi District, for distribution to Village Project Implementation Committees. The initiative supports community-driven plantation efforts to improve green cover and promote sustainable land management.



Community-Led Bamboo Nursery & Plantation Drive – Multiple Locations

Bamboo nursery development and plantation are underway across Meghalaya to promote green livelihoods and ecosystem restoration. Bed preparation has started in Pamlatar Village (Umsning), Myrdon Nongbah (Ri Bhoi), and Dokongsi C Village (Kharkutta Block), while plantation activities have begun in Kalak Songgitcham (Samanda Block). These efforts aim to build climate resilience through community participation.



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Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

Nursery Visits



Plantation Site Verification



Village Level Micro Action Plan finalised

Nursery Visits for Sapling Procurement Under Umiew Catchment

To prepare for the upcoming plantation drive, the Umiew Catchment team conducted a series of nursery visits. At B. Sakra Nursery in Jemania, saplings were already reserved, while at B. Kharshnadi Nursery in Kyiem, all stocks had been sold except for around 3,000 Exbucklandia populnea saplings priced at ₹20 each. Further options are being explored through visits to Raf Man Nursery, Umling, Ri Bhoi and Bah Synshar's Nursery, Laitkyrhong, East Khasi Hills.

Advance Plantation Work & Demonstration by Ganol Catchment Team

On 12th June 2025, the Ganol Catchment team conducted field visits to multiple villages under Rongram Block, West Garo Hills—namely Sonanpara, Penny Valley, and Aguragre. The purpose of the visit was to carry out advance work in preparation for the upcoming plantation activities and to provide on-site demonstrations to guide and support the local implementation teams.



Plantation Site Verification Conducted in West and South West Garo Hills

From 3rd to 6th June 2025, the Ganol Catchment team conducted plantation site verification visits across various villages in West Garo Hills and South West Garo Hills districts. The team visited the villages of Digranggre, Cheranggre, Jendagre, Wadagre, and Chibragre under Rongram Block, and New Dengasi, Mukdangra, and Baghmara under Rerapara Block, all in West Garo Hills District. Additionally, Dabakgre village under Selsella Block was also visited for verification.



VLMAP Finalized for Mandal Nokat Village – Ganol Catchment

On 12–13 June 2025, the Ganol Catchment Management Unit (CMU), State Project Management Unit (SPMU), and Implementation Consultant (IC) conducted a field visit to Mandal Nokat, East Garo Hills to finalize the Village Level Micro Action Plan (VLMAP). The team engaged with the Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC) and community to refine priorities, remove non-contributing components, and ensure budget clarity aligned with project goals.



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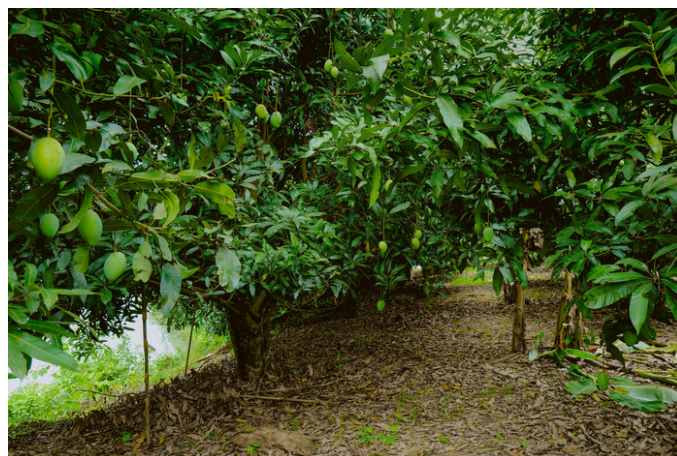
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Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

Exposure Visit to Tripura.



As part of the exposure visit to Tripura, the SLM team, along with farmers, NGOs, and IVCS members from Meghalaya, visited several sites showcasing integrated and sustainable agricultural practices. The visit began at the Narkel Kunja mango orchard in Roshawari block of Dhalai District, where the team interacted with Rahul Chakma, a progressive farmer who has successfully developed a mango orchard with support from the JICA Agroforestry Project. He also shared insights gained from his training at the Bangladesh Agricultural Resource Centre. The team further explored fisheries and integrated farming systems in various parts of Tripura, gaining exposure to natural aquaculture practices, vermicomposting, mixed cropping techniques, and value-added product development led by community cooperatives. The purpose of the exposure visit was to foster collaborative learning, explore practical models of organic and natural farming adaptable to Meghalaya's context, and encourage the adoption of diversified livelihood options through agroforestry and integrated farming. Additionally, the visit aimed to strengthen institutional linkages between farmer groups, NGOs, and government-supported initiatives, equipping participants with valuable knowledge and strategies to enhance sustainable land management practices in Meghalaya.



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MBDA/MBMA programs

Field Visit to PES Site

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Awareness on Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK)



Field Visit to PES Site in Sohryngkham – 14 June 2025

As part of the MegLIFE project, a team visited the PES site in Sohryngkham (Mawryngkneng Block) to validate FMP data, collect financial records, and assess project progress. The visit focused on monitoring sustainable forest practices, evaluating livelihood support, and capturing best practices through video for wider replication. Capacity building and community engagement were also key components.



87 Field Staff Trained on CMConnect App – Tura, 12 June 2025

A total of 87 GFAs, VCFs, and VDVVs were trained on the CMConnect/Geofencing App in Tura, West Garo Hills. The session, facilitated by the MyMeg team and SPMU GFAs, strengthened skills in digital beneficiary registration, form verification, and land boundary demarcation. Divided into theory and hands-on segments, the training ensured practical learning. The District Mission Project Officer also participated in the session.

2000 Chilli Saplings Planted for Demo Plot – Niriang IVCS, 11 June 2025

A total of 2000 chilli saplings were planted at the Niriang IVCS demonstration plot in Thadlaskein C&RD Block, West Jaintia Hills. The activity followed the Package of Practices (POPs) to showcase scientific cultivation methods under the VDVK initiative.



Awareness on Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) and Site Inspection – Padu Bah, 10 June 2025

An awareness programme on VDVK was held in Padu Bah village, newly selected under Phase 2. Organised by the State Project Management Unit team, the session highlighted the scheme's objectives. Discussions were also held with the Secretary and Chairman regarding the setup of Common Facility Centres at Pamtbuh and Mynsgat.