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Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

Horticulture Dept. Grant

MCS Officers Visit

From ₹50,000 to ₹7 Lakhs a Year



70+ participants | 4 days | 1 shared vision

From 21–24 May 2025, the Megha-LAMP team met at Mystique Mayong Eco Resort, Assam, for a retreat focused on collaboration, reflection, and future readiness.

Key sessions included strategic reviews of PRIME Hubs, Farmers Markets, CMCs, IVCS, and Rural Finance, along with deep dives into project closure, log frame indicators, and M&E systems.

Breakout groups helped align plans across components, while team-building activities strengthened internal coordination.

Horticulture Dept. Grant Spurs Food Processing at Kerupara IVCS

With a ₹25 Lakh grant from the Horticulture Department in December 2025, Kerupara IVCS Ltd. (Purakashia Block, South West Garo Hills) has expanded from aggregating raw produce to processing and marketing value-added products. Their range now includes cashew, arecanut, chips, and fresh orange and mosambi juices—sold locally and supplied to Tura and Shillong. They've also opened an outlet in Ampati market and begun local honey processing.



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Mr. Midros Rngkhlem from Wapung Shnong began his piggery journey after years of working as a daily wage labourer. Starting with 15 pigs in 2021, he faced challenges—eviction, livestock loss, and lack of knowledge. With support from Megha-LAMP and proper training, he slowly rebuilt.

He now manages a farm with 80 pigs, earns around ₹7 lakhs annually, and works as a certified Service Provider, guiding farmers across several villages.

He plans to scale up to 1000 pigs and set up a meat processing unit.



MCS Officers Visit Asil Dikagre Ginger Processing Unit

On 17th May 2025, newly inducted Meghalaya Civil Service Officers visited the Asil Dikagre Ginger Processing Unit in East Garo Hills. During the visit, the District Project Manager briefed them on MLAMP project activities implemented through the Asil Dikagre IVCS. Key highlights included initiatives under the Commodity Marketing Centre (CMC), Custom Hiring Centre (CHC), cold storage facilities, the Ginger Mission, and trial marketing and processing efforts.



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

Orientation on Mission Organic Training

Advance plantation work underway

Capacity Building Training



Regional Training Held for IVCS Members on Organic Mission and Financial Access

On 16th May 2025, a regional orientation and training programme was held for IVCS members from the Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo regions. The sessions focused on the Mission Organic initiative and procedures for opening savings and loan accounts. The Garo region training was conducted at the Pastoral Centre, while participants from the Khasi and Jaintia regions gathered at the MegARISE Conference Hall. The event was attended by DPMs, IGA staff, and IVCS representatives, with the aim of promoting organic farming and enhancing financial inclusion at the community level.

Advance Plantation Work Underway Across Multiple Blocks

Plantation activities for 2025 have commenced, with staking completed in Mawkyrwat Block and for Model 15 at Daljagre village under Rongram Block. The advance work focuses on site preparation through staking and pit digging to ensure timely and efficient planting during the monsoon. This approach helps match species with suitable locations and strengthens community coordination, logistical planning, and quality control—contributing to better plant survival and overall success of the plantation drive.



Capacity Building Training on Poultry Held in West Jaintia Hills

A two-day Capacity Building Training on Poultry Production was held from 12–13 May 2025 at the Vocational Training Centre, Khliehtyrchi, under the MegLIFE Project. The training aimed to equip SHG members with practical knowledge and sustainable practices in poultry farming. Led by Dr. F. L. Phyllei, with support from Dr. V. Khasain and DPMs from East and West Jaintia Hills, the sessions covered key topics such as breed selection, housing, nutrition, disease management, and record-keeping. Interactive discussions and hands-on sessions enabled participants to strengthen their skills and confidence in poultry production.



Training Held on Areca-based Agroforestry and Bamboo Plantation Planning

A two-day training on “Plantation Advance Work: Areca-based Agroforestry & Bamboo Nurseries” was conducted on 15–16 May 2025 in Resubelpara by the SPMU team. The programme covered both classroom and field sessions, with Day 1 focusing on areca-based agroforestry and Day 2 on bamboo nursery establishment and boundary plantation planning. Participants engaged in hands-on activities, including a visit to an ANR bamboo plot, and left equipped with practical knowledge for field application.



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Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

Advance work Demonstration

Advance work Plantation



30+ stakeholders participated in an Advance Work Demonstration at Umiew Catchment, East Khasi Hills, on 20th May 2025, ahead of the upcoming plantation at Mawkhanpasir. The session assessed site readiness and ensured all preparatory steps were in place. Conducted under the supervision of foresters, M&E staff, and in collaboration with the community and landowners, inputs gathered will guide the final plantation process as scheduled.

Advance Work Demonstration at Kyrdemkhla for Monsoon Plantation

2.3 hectares of land at Kasturba Centre, Kyrdemkhla (Umiew Catchment) were covered during an Advance Work Demonstration held on 20th May 2025. The Umiew team assessed groundwork and logistics in preparation for the upcoming monsoon plantation, ensuring all arrangements are in place for smooth execution.



Advance Work Mobilisation at Nokatgre for Ganol Catchment Plantation

On 20th May 2025, the Ganol CMU team conducted an advance work session at Nokatgre village, Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills. 9 landowners participated, offering land for Agroforestry, Assisted Regeneration (AR), and Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) plantations as part of the upcoming plantation drive.



Advance Work Demonstrations at Mawreng Mihngi and Pomlakrai Rngi, Umiew Catchment

The Umiew CMU team conducted advance work demonstrations to prepare for this year's plantation activities. On 16th May 2025, the session was held at Mawreng Mihngi (Mawphlang Block), followed by another on 20th May 2025 at Pomlakrai Rngi (Myllem Block). The demonstrations focused on site preparation, alignment, spacing, and logistical planning to ensure smooth execution of the upcoming plantation.



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Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

3HP Solar Powered Irrigation Pump Installed in EJH



In a significant step towards promoting sustainable agriculture in Meghalaya, the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project has funded the installation of a 3HP solar-powered submersible pump in East Jaintia Hills. Led by the Iaseinlang Village Organisation (VO), the initiative marks a turning point for farming communities grappling with seasonal water scarcity. With over 100 farmers and 33 self-help groups in the area, the intervention is seen as a critical step toward boosting agricultural productivity and supporting the expansion of organic farming practices in the region.

The pump, installed was the land of Kong Nilam Phawa—an Internal Community Resource Person (ICRP) and a leading voice for natural farming. Previously affected by inadequate irrigation during the dry winter months, her fields can now be cultivated year-round, significantly enhancing crop yield and productivity.

“This solar pump is a game-changer,” said Kong Nilam. “It not only supports my farm but also ensures water availability for neighbouring plots, helping other farmers too. It’s a step forward for natural farming and rural resilience.”

Kong Nilam, widely recognised for her pioneering efforts in advancing natural farming, has received several awards for her contributions.



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MBDA/MBMA programs

Green Meghalaya, Payment for Ecosystem

Van Dhan Vikas Kendras

Green Meghalaya Awareness Drive Promotes Community-Led Conservation

Green Field Associates conducted awareness drives across various blocks to promote reforestation, biodiversity conservation, and community-led afforestation. The initiative also highlighted the importance of green belts, sustainable farming practices, and the development of urban green spaces.



State-Level Workshop Strengthens Future of VDVks in Meghalaya

The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), in collaboration with MSRLS, conducted a two-day State Level Advocacy Workshop for Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) on 19–20 May 2025. Representatives from 36 VDVks and field staff came together to plan the operationalization of VDVks across the state.

Key sessions included a presentation on the PMJVM Scheme and practical guidance on business plan preparation. Participants shared their ongoing activities, infrastructure, and aspirations, receiving direct feedback.

Officials from MBMA and MSRLS emphasized the need for collaboration and innovation to strengthen tribal livelihoods.

