

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Honoring Eco Heroes this World Environment Day

World Environment Day Celebrated in Villages and Blocks

Inter-District Exposure Visit



Celebrating Environmental Champions on World Environment Day

On World Environment Day, we celebrated individuals, communities, and institutions for their efforts in protecting nature. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma awarded outstanding contributors under the MegLIFE project, supported by JICA. Village Project Implementation Committees (VPICs) were recognized for their work in soil and water conservation, restoring mining-affected lands, volunteering land for forest regeneration, and community support for natural resource management. These champions are making a real difference for a sustainable future.

Inter-District Exposure Visit on Arecanut Plantation Models

A team of 21 VPIIC leaders from Tikrikilla Block visited Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills, to learn about arecanut-based plantation Models 13–16. At Rangsha village, they observed techniques like half-moon terracing and demonstration plots. The visit also included a brief cultural stop at Rogma Gitil, adding local context to the learning experience.



World Environment Day 2025 Celebrated Across Villages and Blocks

Observed on 5th June 2025, World Environment Day was marked by vibrant activities across villages and blocks. Village Project Implementation Committees (VPICs), students, local residents, government officials and the project team joined hands for tree plantations, awareness drives, and community-led initiatives focused on environmental conservation and sustainable practices.



Advance Plantation Work Underway Across Blocks

Plantation activities for 2025 have begun with staking completed in Mawkyrwat Block and at Daljagre village under Rongram Block (Model 15). The advance work, including site preparation and pit digging, ensures timely monsoon planting, better species-site matching, and improved coordination for higher survival rates.



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Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

Exposure Visit to Tikrikilla Hub

CMC & ARV Inaugurated at Laitnongrim, East Khasi Hills

Inspection of Ginger Unit



Over 100 IVCS Members from Dalu Block Visit Tikrikilla Prime Hub for Hands-On Learning | 30th May 2025 | Tikrikilla Prime Hub

More than 100 members from various Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Dalu Block participated in a two-day exposure visit to Meghfarm Tikrikilla Prime Hub. The visit aimed to enhance members' knowledge in food processing, value addition, and entrepreneurship. As most participants are farmers and rural entrepreneurs, the hands-on experience supported skill development, improved product quality, and income generation. The visit also contributed to strengthening the cooperative societies by building capacity, promoting competitiveness, encouraging sustainability, and fostering practical learning.

Ginger Processing Unit Inspected to Strengthen Market Linkages

On 28th May 2024, Shri A.S. Suting, Deputy Project Director, MBMA, MeghLAMP, along with Smt. Aity Mary Khongjee, District Project Manager, East Khasi Hills, and the project team, conducted an inspection of the Ginger Processing Unit at Mawlai Mawtawar, East Khasi Hills. The visit focused on reviewing the unit's functioning and exploring market linkage opportunities for ginger.



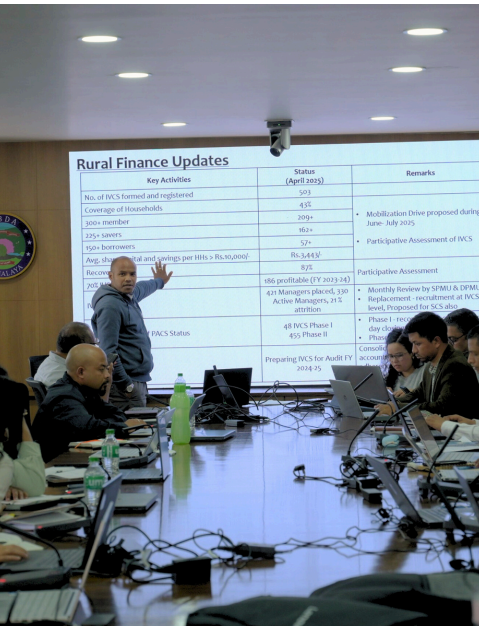
CMC Building and ARV Inaugurated at Laitnongrim, East Khasi Hills

The Collective Marketing Centre (CMC) building and Agri Responsive Vehicle (ARV) at Laitnongrim, Mawphlang Block were inaugurated by Shri Rodonald Majaw, Regional Project Manager, MeghLAMP and Smt. Aity Mary Khongjee, District Project Manager, East Khasi Hills. The event was held in the presence of the IVCS Managing Committee and members of the IVCS.



Megha-LAMP Review Meeting Held at MBMA Office

On 2nd June 2025, a review meeting was held at the MBMA office in Springside, Jingkieng-Nongthymmai, bringing together District Project Managers and State Component Heads of Megha-LAMP.



Rural Finance Updates		Status (April 2025)	Remarks
Key Activities			
No. of IVCS formed and registered		435	
Coverage of Households		209+	
3000 member		435	
250+ savers		162+	
150+ borrowers		57+	
Avg. share capital and savings per HHs > Rs.20,000/-		8.7%	
Recruitment of 1000 members		580 profitable (FY 2023-24)	
IVCS Status		431 Managers placed, 130 Action Managers, 215 attention	
Preparing IVCS for Audit FY 2024-25		48 IVCS Phase I	
		435 Phase II	

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Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

Site Inspection of Ongoing work



Advance work Plantation



Site Inspection of Ongoing Activities under the Umiew Catchment

The State Project Management Unit (SPMU) conducted a field visit to villages under the Umiew Catchment to review activities under FPA 2 and FPA 3. Key observations include:

- **Mawrashe:** Ongoing construction of a mushroom cultivation unit under FPA 2.
- **Pambot:** Ongoing construction of a check dam under FPA 3; workers were seen collecting sand from the stream.
- **Demthring:**
 - Vermi compost unit under FPA 2 is approximately 80% complete.
 - Check dam under FPA 3 is under construction.
- **Mylliem Marbaniang:**
 - One mushroom cultivation unit under FPA 2 is yet to start.
 - Another mushroom cultivation unit under FPA 2 is ongoing.
 - Permanent nursery under FPA 3 is under construction.

Out of the seven activities reviewed, six are ongoing, while one—the mushroom cultivation unit at Myllyem Marbaniang—is yet to commence.



Inspection of Plantation Preparations at Aranggre VPIC

On 5th May 2025, the CMU Ganol team inspected the ongoing preparatory works for the plantation at Aranggre VPIC under Rongram Block. Five plots have been cleared of jungle and staked in advance. The proposed plantation will follow the AGF 13 model. Overall, the site is progressing well and is on track for the upcoming plantation activities.

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Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

Field Visit to Raitong and Sohpdok in Ri-Bhoi



Field Visit to Identify Organic Ginger Trial Plots | 4 June 2025 | Umsning Block

On 4th June, the Clover Organics team and MBMA staff conducted a field visit to Raitong and Sohpdok villages in Umsning Block to identify suitable plots for organic ginger field trials. The team engaged with local farmers to assess land suitability and interest in adopting organic protocols. Two farmers—one from each village—volunteered their land, which will be taken up for demonstration and monitoring under the approved organic Package of Practices.



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MBDA/MBMA programs

Awareness Drive Across 10 Blocks

Umsarang Exposure Visit on PES Best Practices



Green Field Associates Leads Green Meghalaya Awareness Drive Across 10 Blocks

Green Field Associates conducted awareness campaigns in Mawshynrut, Mairang, Jirang, Umsning, Nongstoin, Umling, Laskein, Khliehriat, Bhoirymbong, and Gambegre. The drive promoted reforestation, biodiversity conservation, and community-led afforestation, while also highlighting green belts, sustainable farming, and urban green space development.



Community Leaders Visit Umsarang to Learn PES Best Practices | 3 June 2025

An exposure visit to Umsarang Village Community Forest was held on 3rd June to showcase successful Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) initiatives. Headmen and elders from Lumshyiap, Nongtraw, Lumdaikhlā, and Umdohbyrthih were oriented on forest protection, boundary demarcation, fireline creation, and community-led conservation efforts.

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