

# NEWSLETTER

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24th January 2024



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MANAGEMENT PROJECT (MCLLMP)**



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PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SYSTEMS (FOCUS)**



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(MBMA)**



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(MBDA)**



# Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP)



# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

## MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Community-Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP) bagged award at the 11th Earth Care Awards



Our Community-Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP) has clinched recognition in the Community-Based Climate Action category at the 11th Earth Care Awards! 🏆 This prestigious accolade, a joint venture by JSW and The Times of India Group, applauds outstanding initiatives in climate mitigation and adaptation.

🙌 A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of CLLMP! Your dedication has made this achievement possible.



On January 17th, Ri-Bhoi Deputy Manager SM, embarked on a comprehensive tour to Mawthawiang Nongtraw located in the Mawkyrwat Block of SWKH. The primary objective of this tour was to conduct a thorough inspection of activities under CNRMP. This initiative is part of an internal technical evaluation aimed at assessing the effectiveness and progress of various projects and interventions. The tour served as a crucial step in gaining insights into the success and challenges encountered in the field, contributing valuable information for future planning, decision-making & the overall success of the project.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



# MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## "Project Village Exploration: Field Visits by GFAs"



Field Visit Update 🌿🌍

Our Green Field Associate, Raymosh S Marak, embarked on a journey on January 21, 2024, for a field visit to Nekson's forest reserve. 🌳 Meanwhile, on January 23, 2024, Green Field Associate Eveningson Shadap kicked off a field visit to Khahnar village. Eveningson is diving deep into local dynamics, actively connecting with the community.

### SNIPPETS



Green Field Associates (GFAs) are presently in the process of collecting application forms and utilization certificates, demonstrating their active involvement in gathering comprehensive information from applicants.



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).



# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



## MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### "Bawagre Plantation Progress Report: Weeding, Fireline Creation, and Fence Repairs for Sustainable Agriculture"



Updates from Bawagre Plantation! 🌱 Currently underway: the third round of weeding, creating a fireline, and fixing the fence. Our dedicated team is actively removing unwanted vegetation, establishing a protective fire barrier, and attending to necessary fence repairs. These efforts are vital for maintaining and enhancing the plantation, fostering a secure and eco-friendly environment for sustainable agriculture.

### "Impactful Visit of Assistant Project Director and Positive Developments in Ritekpara and Betasing Blocks"



Shri Gunanka DB, IFS, APD MegLIFE carried out site inspection & review meeting at West Garo Hills. On the first day, APD visited various plantations, community nurseries, and SWCs interventions and engaged in community interaction in villages under Betasing and Zizak Block. On the second day, comprehensive review meeting was held for all DPMs, BPMs, FEs, FAs, PAs, & other vertical heads involved in the project. Meeting focused on assessing status of activities, discussing statistics, planning upcoming activities & strategies to achieve targets



Community nurseries have been set up in different Blocks across various villages, managed by VPICs, to grow plants for the upcoming year 2024 in specified plantation areas.

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### "Exceptional SALT Seeds from Manggakgre Village Farmers"



Just acquired some incredible SALT seeds harvested from Shri. Labin Marak and Shri. Endilson Marak's farm in Manggakgre village, Rongram Block. These seeds come with a host of benefits – promoting sustainable agriculture, preserving local biodiversity, and supporting our outstanding farmers!

### "Programs focused on raising awareness and workshops for the formation of IVCS."



Empowering the village of Radigre in South Garo Hills! Under the guidance of Saili Marak, the BPM from Chokpot block, our 5-day expedition from January 3-8, 2024, focused on PLUP and micro-plan initiatives for Group 2 villages as part of the MegLIFE Project. The kickoff involved an engaging introductory meeting and hands-on field exercises, fostering strong community bonds. The final day featured micro-plan exercises, concluding with a reflective meeting. Grateful for the active participation of Radigre village and excited about the positive impact we're making together!

A big shoutout to the amazing communities at Tikrikilla Block Mothapara Cluster, Lower Rembigre Cluster, and Marakapara! Awareness Programs and IVCS formation workshops were led by dedicated BPMs Apurva Hajong, Malaika Marak, and Amelya Momin.

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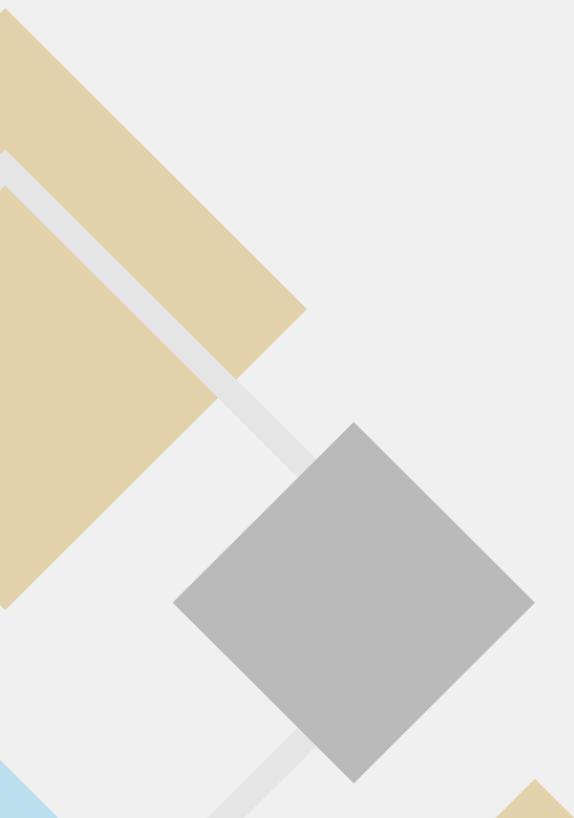
## ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preperation is underway.



# Institute of Natural Resources

(INR)



## MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Provision of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants



Provision saplings and demonstration on cultivation of Lavender at Nongsynrieh, Marshillong and Rangmaw, SWKH. Megh Aroma Mission offers local communities like SHGs opportunities to enhance their agricultural skills and diversify their crops. Lavender is known for its aromatic and medicinal properties, and such initiatives can contribute to sustainable agricultural practices and economic development in the region.



On January 23rd 2024, the Bio-Resource team took a proactive step in promoting Aroma Mission in Marshillong, Mawkyrwat Block, SWKH. They organized a distribution and demonstration event centered on the propagation of Damask roses, a prized variety known for its fragrant blooms. The farmers of Marshillong village received Damask rose saplings and engaged in a demonstration led by the Bio-Resource team. The session covered essential aspects of successful rose cultivation, including soil preparation and watering techniques.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project  
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## MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY



### Two-Day Handholding Session on Books of Accounts and Registers for New IVCS Management Committee.

The Mynnar Jirang IVCS recently benefited from a two-day session on the 15th and 16th of January, 2024, aimed at providing comprehensive guidance on managing books of accounts and registers. Additionally, a similar two-day handholding session took place at Wahsynon IVCS from the 17th to the 18th of January, 2024, within Jirang Block, Ri Bhoi. This session further strengthened the understanding and proficiency of the Management Committee in effective financial management.



On January 17, 2024, the IVCS witnessed an extensive training on procurement organized by the District Project Management Unit, East Khasi Hills at KJP, Barik. The session was tailored to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge in procurement practices.

### Exploration of Potato and OSV Value Chains at Nongthymmai Lumthangding IVCS Ltd

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On the 16th of January, 2024, a visit was conducted to Nongthymmai Lumthangding IVCS Ltd, Laitkroh, East Khasi Hills. The visit, led by the SPMU (ISC&ED) team, included an inspection of six demo plots focusing on the potato value chain and the OSV (Off-Season Vegetables) value chain.

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## Soil Testing Conducted at Kremmysiang IVCS



On January 22, 2024, soil testing was conducted at Kremmysiang demo plot. The activity was led by Smt. R. Dkar, an Off-Season Vegetables (OSV) Service Provider, who, with the support of other Service Providers, executed the testing process.



On January 17th and 19th, 2024, an enriching Cross Learning/Knowledge Sharing Workshop, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among women members of IVCs under Dadenggre and Tikrikkila C&RD Block was facilitated by the Megha LAMP team.

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