

16th August 2023

UPDATES OF THE WEEK

Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

Two-Day Independence Day Celebration Ignites Tura's DC Park with Colors, Music and Commerce



The Independence Day celebrations spanning two days commenced with a splendid display of pomp, colors, lights, music, and festivity at DC Park in Tura, West Garo Hills. The grand event brought together various entrepreneurs, agro-farmers, and artisans, all orchestrated by the collaborative efforts of organizations such as the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), District Commerce & Industries Centre (DCIC), PRIME Meghalaya, MSRLS, Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project-Tura, the Mini Bazaar, Chief Minister’s Youth Centre (CMYC), and the Garo Hills Chess Association.

The inauguration of this magnificent event took place on the 14th of August at DC Park Tura. Shri Jadgish Chelani, Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, inaugurated the event, joined by Shri Abraham T. Sangma, Supt. of Police, West Garo Hills, and Smt. T.K. Sangma, ADC Tura. Various other officials from the District Administration and Line Departments were also present on this occasion.



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

A diverse range of events and activities formed part of the two-day Independence Day Celebrations at DC Park, Tura. These included a flea market, exhibitions of visual arts and crafts, an entrepreneurs' meet, displays of handloom items and jewelry, children's games, food and beverage stalls, sit-and-paint sessions for children, a chess competition, and a music event. The festivities on August 14, 2023, were open to all citizens until 7 pm, inviting participation in the array of activities showcased across more than 45 stalls. Notably, the DPMU-CLLMP Team presented interactive stalls featuring 20 composting units for the 18th Days compost, around 30 saplings from CLLMP Nurseries, and 40 units of soda Karitchi by Shri Dharmen G Momin, a CLLMP Innovator, which garnered considerable interest and were sold during the event.

On the second day of the celebrations, August 15, the district administration organized numerous events at various locations. The central Independence Day celebration took place at Matchakolgre LP School field, followed by additional events at DC Park. Shri Thomas A. Sangma, Hon'ble Speaker of the Meghalaya Government & MLA-50 North Tura (ST), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. This was accompanied by the presence of distinguished guests and invitees. The day's festivities at DC Park included live music performances, food stalls, a chess competition, and games for children, continuing until 9 pm. Concurrently, other events unfolded at the District Auditorium in Tura, offering a rich tapestry of celebrations for all to enjoy.



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri-Bhoi



On August 10th, 2023, the accounts team visited Mawpun and Nongpyrdet villages, situated within the Bhoirymbong Block. This visit served a twofold objective. Firstly, it involved the preparation and collection of utility certificates as an integral part of the Forest Management Plan, aimed at ensuring the sustainable utilization of resources.

Secondly, the team worked on updating the village accounts book, a critical task contributing to the maintenance of financial transparency and accountability within these villages. This visit exemplifies a comprehensive endeavor towards the organized and responsible management of resources, finances, and developmental endeavors.



On August 9th, 2023, the EE-accounts team visited Saiden Village in the Umling Block with two main objectives: to create utility certificates aligned with the Forest Management Plan and to raise funds for the Excess Fund, encouraging responsible resource use. Additionally, during the visit, the team updated the village accounts book, meticulously recording all financial transactions.

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On August 9th, Training Specialist and EE-Environment conducted a field visit to Mawtari Myrdon village in the Umsning Block. The objective was to gather data about the Forest Management Plan, specifically emphasizing the payment for ecosystem services concept. Throughout the visit, the team collected information on local forest resources, conservation efforts, and how these actions support ecosystem services.

The district GIS team visited Umsaw Nongkharai village in the Umling Block to gather data for planned activities falling under the concept of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES). These activities encompass contour trenches, recharge ponds, loose boulder bunds, bench terracing, and headworks.



All these initiatives aim to conserve and enhance various ecosystem services by contributing to soil preservation, water management, and overall environmental sustainability. Implementing these measures can lead to improved soil fertility, increased water availability, reduced erosion, and better ecosystem health for the community or individuals. The collected GIS data will likely facilitate effective planning and design of these activities, tailored to the specific geographic and environmental conditions of Umsaw Nongkharai and its surroundings.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

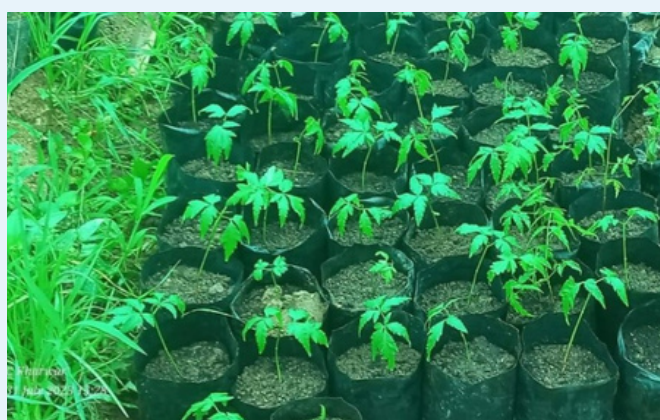


The District Project Manager, Ri Bhoi, conducted an assessment of the construction progress of a Natural Resource Management (NRM) library in Mawdiangum Village under Umling Block. Delays were noted during the inspection, attributed to valid reasons.

In response, DPM encouraged the VNRMC to accelerate construction efforts for the NRM library. The DPM likely stressed the timely completion of the library project due to its unique nature and potential benefits for the community.



South West Khasi Hills



Jakrem VNRMC started the community nursery on July 17th, 2020. The saplings in the nursery includes fruit trees like oranges, tangerines, peaches, plums, papayas, star fruits, and litchis. In 2023, matured saplings were sold: Cherry Blossom (30 x 1000 = 30,000), Apple (1 x 200 = 200), Kashmiri pine (15 x 30 = 450).

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North Garo Hills



The Bolpuma village community is actively involved in improving agroforestry and fostering sapling growth. Collaborative efforts and proactive initiatives yield multiple advantages for both the environment and the local residents. Clearing weeds and trimming bushes enhances saplings' access to sunlight, nutrients, and water—essential for their robust development. Employing fencing safeguards the saplings from potential animal consumption, securing their survival and optimal progress. The villagers' collective endeavor underscores their commitment to the village's welfare and the preservation of its natural resources.



Dingrepa VNRMC has successfully established permanent nursery ensuring the growth of saplings inside the greenhouse. They selected a suitable site selection considering the sunlight, accessibility, and water availability. They collected native, climate-adapted seeds for community and reserve forest benefits.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Under the guidance of Nokma Siljrang G Momin and Tressie M Sangma, villagers in North Garo Hills, Resubelpara, actively engaged in preparations for Gap Filling and tree plantation.

An impressive count of 1000 plant saplings were successfully planted as part of this endeavor.



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Planting for Tomorrow: Bringing diverse tree saplings to fill the forest gaps. (Resubelpara)

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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).



Saipung Block



Resubelpara Block



DPMU Tura



Khliehriat Block



Pynursla Block



Bhoirymbong Block



Pynursla Block



Resubelpara Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Bhoirybong Block



Resubelpara Block



Mawthadraishan Block



Khatarshnong Block

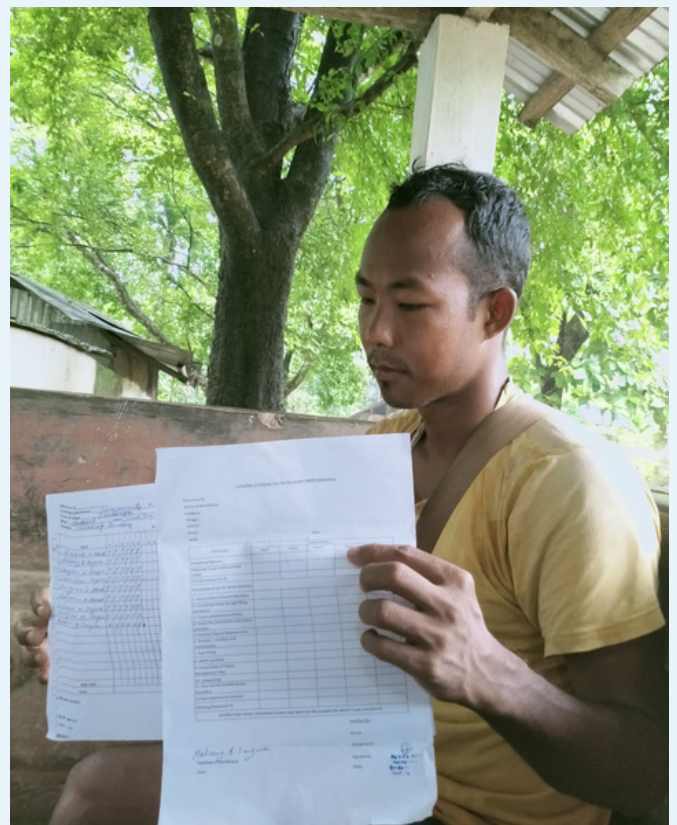
Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



Dubagre, Baghmara Block



Warimagre, Chokpot

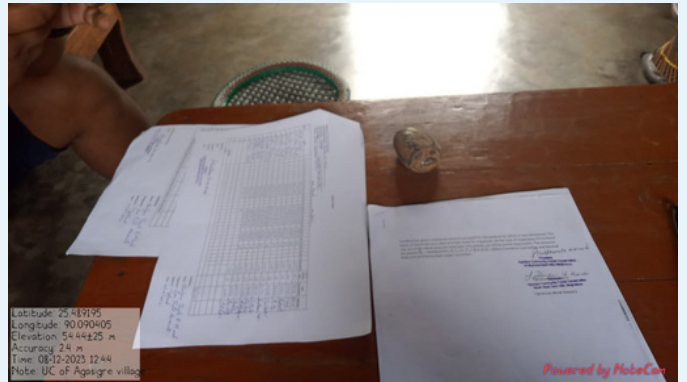


Dendamgre community Reserve SGH

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Ringkap Songmong, Chokpot.



Agasigre village, SWGH



Collection of UC from Dabit Ampangdam Community Reserve



Verification and Boundary Mapping



PES verification at Umsning block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Makdoh village under Umsning block



Verification at Mawsna village,
Mawkynew block



Verification at Mawdulop village,
Mawkynew block

Our extraordinary journey began with a shared vision—a quest fueled by dedication to a greener future. From Kuliang to Borsara, our boat carried us to Lahalien village, where a crucial task awaited: verifying Mr. Wanrit Pohtam's 4-5 hectare land for PES.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



In East Jaintia Hills' Khliehriat Block, a resolute team of four, Jingshisha Bareh (GFA), Iohlang Sympli (VCF), Fullmoon Bareh (VCF), and Mardevi (Driver - DPMU), joined forces. Overcoming wild terrain and shaky bridges, we embodied the inspiration we seek to ignite.

Crossing bridges, trekking trails, and floating waters, we personified our mission's spirit. This journey is just the beginning—a testament to collective action for a sustainable tomorrow. Stay tuned as we continue to tread the green path together

Namrhen Talang, GFA Amlarem block recently performed an on-site assessment of the initiatives carried out during the first year by Kur Pamthied in Jarain village.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Makdoh village at Umsning block



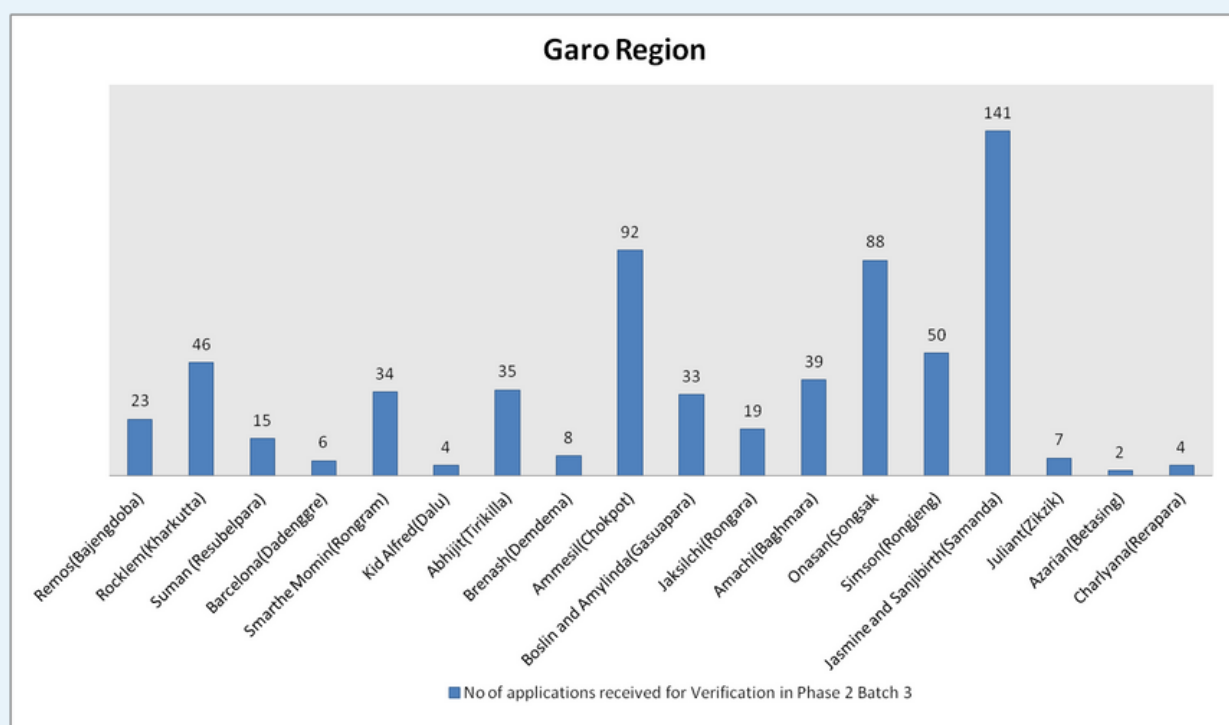
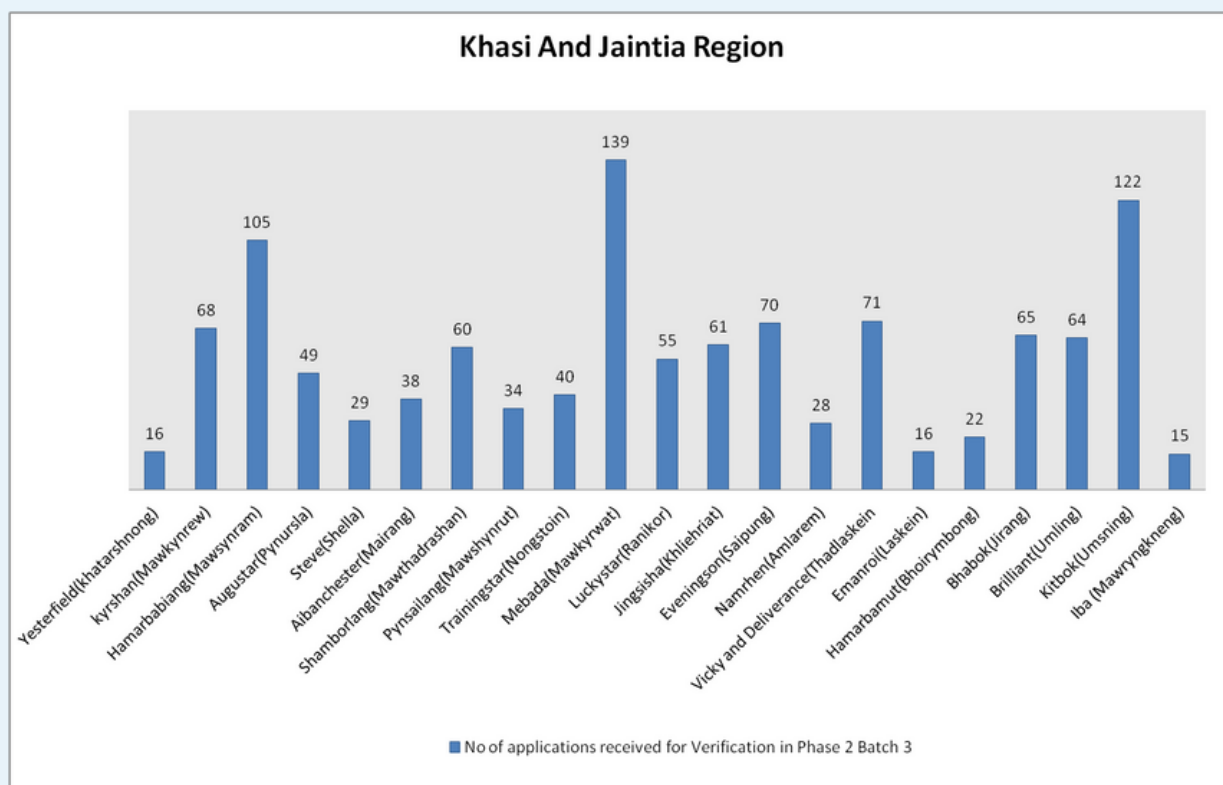
GFA, Simson Sangma visited Nongbak Apal community with group of villagers



PES verification at Rashaii village, Khliehriat

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The graph below shows the total number of PES Scheme applications submitted on a block-by-block basis that are expected to be deployed for verification no later than the last week of August. Application forms for this batch were taken from 14 April until 12 August in addition to earlier batches or Phases. Overall, 1819 forms from the Khasi & Jaintia and Garo Regions have been gathered and are ready for verification.



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FOREST
ENHANCEMENT
(MegLIFE)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. plantation of saplings is currently underway.

 **South Garo Hills**



On-going ring weeding at Bolchugre village.



On August 10, 2023, the community members undertook a substantial effort, planting 400,000 lemon grass slips in alignment with the recommended 700,000 slips per hectare pattern. This initiative also included 300,000 Citronella slips. Presently, 300,000 slips have taken root successfully, while the remaining 400,000 are currently being planted in Arenggitim village.

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On August 12, 2023, the task of ring weeding across a 28-hectare Reserve Forest in Tebisokgre village was successfully accomplished.



Bamboo and barbed wire fencing completed in Tebisokgre village on August 12, 2023.



The effort continues to establish a citronella plantation within the former coal mining zone of Arenggitim village. As of August 14, 2023, approximately 500,000 slips have been planted in this endeavor.



The weeding and ring clearing activities at Dobakol Changalgitim VPIC were successfully completed by August 14, 2023..

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North Garo Hills



Ring weeding at Chorepahar Community Reserve.



Weeding in progress at Ajasiram village.



Fencing completed in Gambil Apal village.



East Garo Hills



Weeding and fencing completed in Dorakgre village on August 11, 2023.



Agroforestry saplings transported to Dangkong Songgital village.

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South West Garo Hills



Fencing completed in Songmagiri village on August 11, 2023.

West Garo Hills



Fencing at Renchagre village.



Fence poles have been erected in Derikgre



Weeding at Songmagre VPIC.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.



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Rona Agal village.



North Garo Hills



Thapa Dajonggre village.



Bangsi Bokda village.

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East Garo Hills



Simseng Rongal village.



Weeding at Miktongjeng village.



Rongchek Akong village.



Thaugittim village.



West Garo Hills



Silsekgre village.

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South West Garo Hills



Golmangre village.



Noonmati village.



Expanding Sunlight SHG's nursery in Torangpara village.



Kolkatola village.



West Khasi Hills



Nongthyllep village.

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Patharlyndan village.



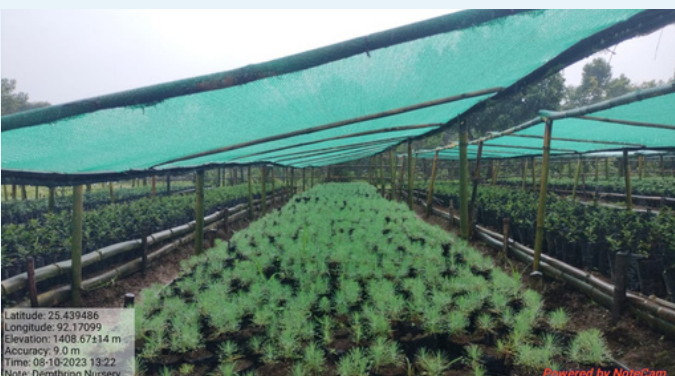
Mawtharap village.



West Jaintia Hills



Pynthorlangtein village.



Demthring village.

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East Jaintia Hills



On August 11, 2023, the visit of Dr. Ravi to Moolasngi and Lumthari nurseries had a profound impact on VPIC. His guidance ignited a sense of motivation, prompting VPIC to elevate their upcoming projects and set forth on an inspired path of enhancement.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY**

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.

**West Garo Hills**

SALT farming of Archana Rabha from Naguapara village.

**South West Khasi Hills**

In an assessment conducted on August 10th, it was revealed that the growth of the NFP seed in Mawiong village did not meet expectations, as its size remained notably undersized even after two months.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

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

North Garo Hills



Rajasimla Songital village.



Thapa Dajonggre village.



Chorepahar village.

West Garo Hills



Bugakolgre village.

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Borogobol village.



Selbalgre village.



Aligning foundation for Bawagre community hall construction.

 **East Garo Hills**



Rongronggre village.



Sawilgre village.



Mejolgre Nokat village.



Simseng Gading village.

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Thaugittim village.



West Khasi Hills



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Land preparation is currently underway for the construction of the community hall at Laitdomain VPIC.

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Ri Bhoi



Positioning columns for the Umrang Nongbah community hall.



Organizing columns for the construction of the community hall in Bleishiah village.



South West Khasi Hills



On August 10, 2023, while pouring the column footings at Domtynrong village, a concurrent inspection was carried out to ensure accurate spacing and placement of reinforcements.

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PLUP And Microplanning Exercises



The ongoing PRA endeavors are taking place in Group 2 village, Lyting Lyngdoh, situated within the East Khasi Hills District.



On August 10, 2023, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) activities were held for Group II of Iewthmme village, situated within the Laskein Block.



The field activities for PLUP and Micro planning were finalized on August 12, 2023, in Reni Badimagre village.

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MIS and Procurement Training



The initial segment of a four-day residential training workshop for Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) concluded on August 11, 2023, in West Garo Hills. The workshop covered vital subjects such as Accounting, Register Maintenance, MIS, and Community Procurement.



The four-day training program for Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) in Saipung Block, focusing on key areas including Accounting, Register Maintenance, MIS, and Community Procurement, concluded on August 11, 2023, in East Jaintia Hills.



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CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

Training on Skill Development on Primary Processing of essential oils and Management



A training on Skill Development on Primary Processing of essential oils and Management was carried out on 8th August, 2023. The training took place at Nongriangka village under Mawshynrut block, WKH which was led by the Bio-resource team. Farmers participating in the Mission actively engaged in a training programme, during which they gained practical knowledge in utilising a Field Distillation Unit for the extraction of essential oils. The training yielded positive outcomes as the farmers not only acquired hands-on experience but also had the opportunity to exchange their challenges and valuable insights with one another.



Director of INR, Shri L. Shabong, conducted a site inspection at Dympep, Synrangsohnoh, and Steplakrai villages situated in the Khatarshnong Laitkroh block, EKH. Throughout the inspection, the local farmers openly discussed their challenges and also shared a number of valuable findings regarding the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs). Notably, these MAPs were recognized for their positive impact on the environment, including carbon sequestration. The plants demonstrated the ability to absorb carbon dioxide and contribute to air purification.

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)



A site inspection was carried out by NABARD official to follow up on the ongoing progress of the Decentralised Green Energy Development Project at Dalmagre village under Rongram block.



Garo Hills Green Energy team carried out an Installation of Hydroger at Rongchangre village, under Chokpot Block



Verification of sites was carried out by the Green Energy team across various locations at Massar, Myllat village under Pynursla block and Sohtyngkhur village under Mairang block.

Meghalaya
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Project
(MeghaLAMP)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Unveiling Opportunities: PRIME Hub Umdihar and Processing Unit Launched for Boosting State's Economic Growth.



PRIME Hub Umdihar and Processing Unit were inaugurated on August 14, 2023, by the Chief Minister, Shri. Conrad K Sangma.

The core principle of launching the PRIME Hub is to involve both the public and private sectors, represented by entrepreneurs, in the economic development of the State. This engagement is crucial for achieving sustainable development to foster an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurship. By promoting entrepreneurship among various groups at different levels, the program aims to pave the way for success and sustainable development.

The event was also graced by Dr. Celestine Lyngdoh, MLA of Umsning Constituency, Smti. Macdalyne Sawkmie Mawlong, Local MDC, Shri. Arpit Upadhyay, Deputy Commissioner of Ri Bhoi district, Shri. A.S. Suting, Deputy Project Director of Megha LAMP and Megha-LAMP personnel.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Strengthening Bilateral Trade: India-Bangladesh Agri-Horti Collaboration Advances with ICC's Dhaka Session



On August 6, 2023, the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) organized a session in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as part of the India-Bangladesh Agri-Horti Collaboration. This event took place during the ICC Business Delegation's visit to Dhaka from August 6th to 8th. ICC, a leading Chamber of Commerce based in Kolkata, has been actively fostering trade between India and Bangladesh. The purpose of the session was to enhance trade ties, focusing on the Agriculture, Horticulture, and Food Processing sectors. Notable attendees included entrepreneurs, government officials, and representatives from both countries. The session aimed to establish a roadmap for promoting North East Indian Agri products in Bangladesh, exploring organic exports, addressing productivity issues, learning from Bangladesh's experiences, and engaging with government officials and sectoral associations. The Meghalaya government was represented by Smt Thera Marak, District Horticulture Officer, along with representatives from the Agriculture and Horticulture Department, and three Senior Managers from the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) Megha LAM Project, as well as NGO representatives who also participated in the event.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

ISC & ED



On August 9, 2023, a District-Level Review Meeting for the Collective Marketing Centre (CMC) was conducted in West Khasi Hills District.



Preparing for the Pineapple Festival scheduled in Delhi from August 18th to 20th, 2023, a total of 1575 kg of pineapples have been packed and transported from Umwang Pyllun IVCS to the event's location.

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ISC & ED



On August 4, 2023, a comprehensive 'One Day Sensitization Programme' on Farmer's Field School, Open-Pollinated Seeds, Multi- Purpose Nurseries, and Field Demonstration Plot took place at the Multi-purpose Hall, DC's Office, Mawkyrwat. This event was organized by the MLAMP Team of South West Khasi Hills District and graced by the presence of Shri B. Nongrum, Manager of ISC&ED, SPMU.

RURAL FINANCE

On August 3, 2023, a 'One Day Workshop' was successfully conducted by the MLAMP Team of South West Khasi Hills District. The purpose of this workshop was to assess the performance of the IVCS under the district, involving members from the Collective Marketing Centre, Processing Unit, and Custom Hiring Centre. The event took place at the Multi-purpose Hall, DC's Office, Mawkyrwat.



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RURAL FINANCE



On August 11, 2023, a meeting took place involving the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Society from Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills, along with Shri. Teibor Kharshiing, Consultant, and Shri L. Kharkongor, Manager of the Rural Finance team Megha LAMP, SPMU, as well as the DPMU team from South West Khasi Hills District.

INRM



On August 9th, 2023, EFC Mawkyntew staff conducted an inspection in the presence of Technical Assistants to oversee the installation of pipeline from a dam located in Nohron Village. The installation was required due to the damage caused by natural disaster.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT**INRM**

On August 2nd, 2023, a diligent follow-up took place for the assessment of the Collective Marketing Centre and Custom Hiring Centre's performance at Phlangdilion IVCS. This evaluation was conducted by the INRM team of South West Khasi Hills District.



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