

25th October 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)



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Jaintia Hills



Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched the CM-ELEVATE program for the Jaintia Hills region in Meghalaya on October 17. The scheme aims to support over 20,000 entrepreneurs across Meghalaya by providing them with a financial grant of up to 75 percent over the next 5 years, with an investment of Rs 300 Crore. Sangma highlighted this initiative as an investment in the youth, encouraging them to pursue business as a career choice. He emphasized that Meghalaya has already established a conducive environment for entrepreneurs through various programs, and CM-ELEVATE aims to create employment opportunities in the state, driven by the youth and a network of entrepreneurs.



DPMU conducted follow-up on CTF-SRES and verification of WCC Work Completion Certificate.

MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



Exploring the Heart of Conservation: On October 26, 2023, the TIMES JSW EARTH CARE AWARD TEAM embarked on an incredible field journey to East Khasi Hills. The day was filled with enriching interactions, inspections of check dams, discoveries in spring chambers, and a deep dive into the captivating world of soil and water conservation. They delved into the vibrant history and the future aspirations of Mawteibah village, ventured into the Sacred Groves under Kmawanrum for Participatory Environmental Services, and were awestruck by the effectiveness of a Cluster-led Approach in Lum Symper, involving 15 villages.

The local voices, such as those of the VCFs (Village Conservation Forums) and community members, truly make these conservation efforts remarkable. The team was there to bridge any language gaps and offer a helping hand.



## 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).



Resubelpara Block.



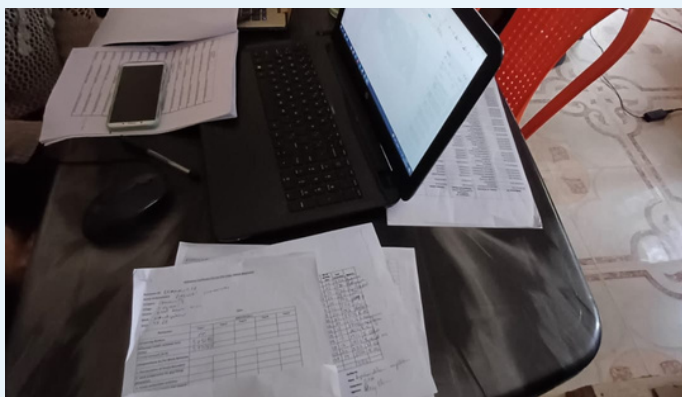
Mawkyntaw Block.



Bhoiryntaw Block.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Collection of Application Forms and Utilization Certificates



Mawkynew Block.



Khliehriat Block.



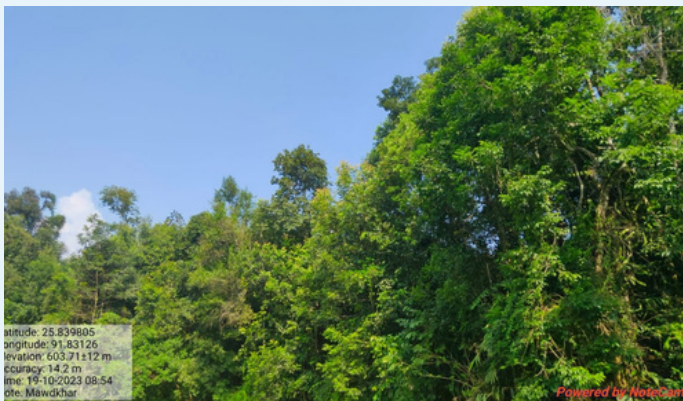
Gasuapara Block.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

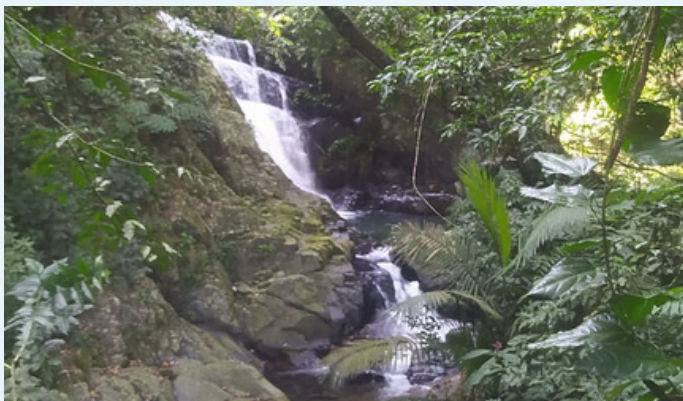
## Verification and Boundary Mapping



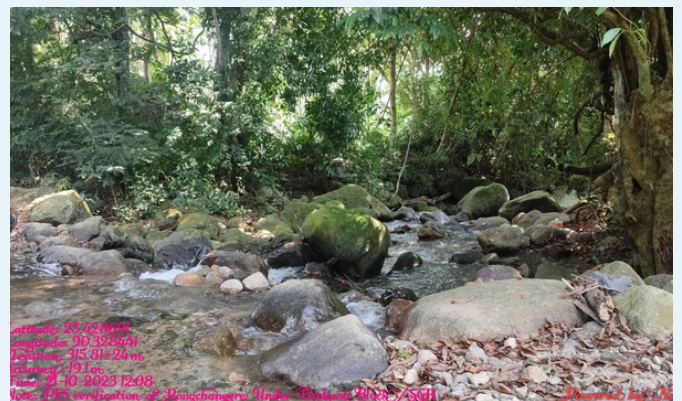
PES verification in Mawmang village.



PES verification in Mawdkhar village.



PES verification in Mawmang village.



PES verification in Dommawiong village.

PES verification in Rongchanggre village.

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 are currently underway.



### North Garo Hills



Ajasiram village.



Second weeding in Mandadrop village.



On October 20, 2023, BPM Parsist K Marak visited Thapa Ragolgre village to engage in discussions with the local residents concerning the upcoming 2024 planting season.





Second round of weeding in Chorepahar village has been successfully completed.

 **West Garo Hills**



Second weeding and ring cleaning in Renchagre Rongram village.



Second weeding and ring cleaning in Gindopara village.

Second weeding in Renchagre village.

 **Ri Bhoi**



On October 18, 2023, the DPM and the team had a productive meeting with VPIC members and the local community in Niangdai and Umtyrkhang. The discussion revolved around current initiatives and plans for 2024 plantations, and it witnessed strong community engagement, making it a successful gathering.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**

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

 **North Garo Hills**



Ajasiram village.



Nanil Apal village.



Gindil village.



Rompa village.



Simseng Balkol village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**East Garo Hills**

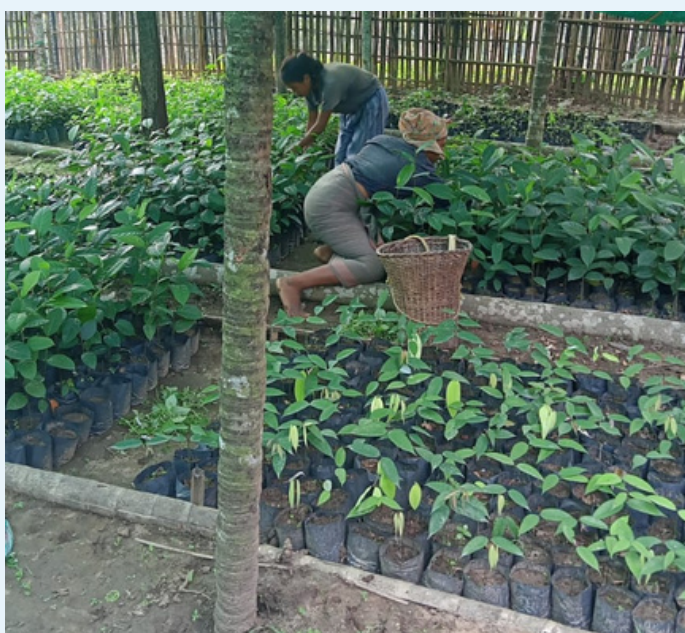


Dogeppipuram village.



Simseng Gading village.

**South West Garo Hills**



Weeding and filling vacancies are ongoing in Skagre village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



**West Garo Hills**



Tosekgre village.



Following the Teksragre Rongram VPIC general meeting held on October 20, 2023, the EC members conducted an inspection of the community nursery. They have initiated a project to enhance the nursery, with the goal of completing the replanting of trees in polybags by October 2023, demonstrating their continued commitment to improving the facility.



**Ri Bhoi**



On October 18, 2023, the DPM along with the team visited the community nurseries located in Niangdai and Umtyrkhang.

**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**



Shri. Singbath Marak's SALT farming in Anogre village.



**North Garo Hills**

Hamit Marak's SALT Farming in Mandadrop village.

**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.

**Ri Bhoi**



On October 18, 2023, the DPM and their team carried out an on-site inspection to assess the development status of community hall construction initiatives in the villages of Niangdai and Umtyrkhang.



Umrang Nongbah village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**PLUP And Microplanning Exercises**

**Completed & On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 villages:** From October 18-19, 2023, a follow-up session for the PLUP and Microplan initiatives took place in Rangsapara, culminating in a concluding meeting for the Rangsapara VPIC Group 2 village, located within the Mawshynrut C & RD Block.







Institute of  
Natural Resources  
(INR)

## CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)

### Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants



Site verification on the cultivation of citronella at Wahlang village, EKH.



On October 20, 2023 a demonstration programme on the cultivation of lemongrass were held with the farmers and Self Help Group of Kdonghulu village, Ri Bhoi district. followed by an interaction with the Bio- Resource staff.

Exposure Visit by Group 2 to CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh



The CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) organized a Skill Development Programme focusing on "Agro and Process Technology, Value Addition, and Marketing of Aromatic and Industrially Significant Crops." This program was conducted in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, specifically for farmers from Meghalaya. The program was attended by INR representatives, MegLIFE staff, officials from the Laskein C&RD block, and farmers associated with the Megh Aroma Mission.

The training covered a wide range of activities, including practical demos of lemongrass essential oil extraction, visits to aromatic farms, floriculture techniques, market connections, sessions on establishing market connections for commercially valuable crops, tours of CSIR-IHBT's facilities, visits to a tissue culture facility, and hands-on experience in beekeeping. IHBT shared valuable knowledge on crop management, pest control, germplasm, essential oil extraction, and more, offering potential entrepreneurial opportunities for Meghalaya.

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

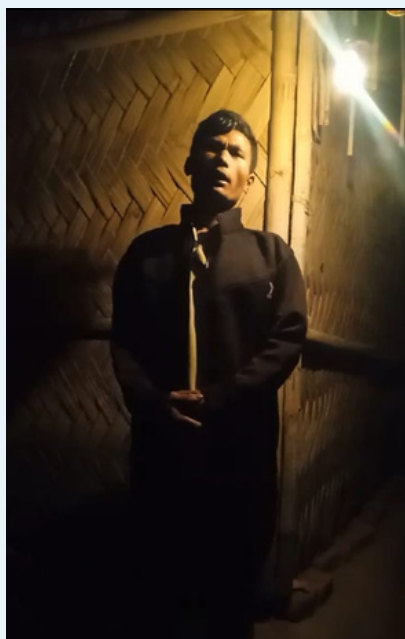
📍 East Khasi Hills District



On October 18, 2023, a site inspection and verification was conducted with INR Director, Shri L Shabong at Laitiam village and at Umwai Village, Shella Block.

### Electrification and Verification completed by the Green Energy team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project

📍 East Garo Hills District



Wagopgre village,  
Songsak Block



Rongap Songgital village,  
Songsak Block



Gabil Ading village,  
Rongjeng Block



Rongrebok Kamagre Village,  
Samanda Block

 South Garo Hills District



Siju Rongkenggittim  
village, Baghmara Block



Siju Medical Colony  
village, Baghmara Block



Siju Duramong  
village, Baghmara Block



Upper Rongdotchi  
village, Baghmara Block



Gabil Ading village, Rongjeng Block



Rongmegre village, Chokpot Block



Mikadogre village, Chokpot Block



Darengre village, Chokpot Block

 West Garo Hills District



Jongdikgre village, Dadengre Block



Songadingre Village, Dadengre Block



Dallangre Village, Dadengre Block



Igre Dochingkret Village, Dadengre Block

 North Garo Hills District



Ronggopgre  
village, Bajengdoba  
Block



Chidaret village, Redubelpara Block,

Meghalaya  
Livelihoods And  
Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED



On October 18, 2023, a meeting between Broomgrass farmers and MBMA Advisers, Mr. Lamar and Mr. Marcell, was held to discuss the Broomgrass Value Addition Project at Porshih PRIME HUB, **West Khasi Hills**.

### Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System



On October 19, 2023, a Bookkeeping Training was conducted at Umiew Village, organized by the FOCUS Team and EFC Myllem C&RD Block, **East Khasi Hills**. Dr. R. Nongdhar, a veterinary officer, was invited to the program and delivered a special session on Livestock Insurance and raised awareness about African Swine Flu. Additionally, deworming medicines were distributed to all the participants.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED

### Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System



A two-day training on Pig Farming (Bokashi) was conducted on October 18 and 19, 2023, at Lower Poksora Village, **West Khasi Hills** for FOCUS Producer Groups. The training was attended by 40 participants, including PG members and officials.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



On October 9, 2023, an awareness program on forming and mobilizing Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under the FOCUS program was conducted for Headmen and Secretaries of various villages in Mawkyrwat Block, **South West Khasi Hills**. The event included the participation of the Block Development Officer Mawkyrwat Block, officials from Senior Registrar of Cooperative Societies (SRCS), the President of Hills Farmers Union and the Secretary of Nongkdait Nongtwah IVCS.



A similar program under FOCUS Ranikor was held on October 17, 2023, in the presence of SRCs officials, the FOCUS team, and IVCS representatives.



Additionally, awareness programs on IVCS were organized at the Block office on October 18, 2023, by the EFC Sohiong Block, **East Khasi Hills**. Dr. Ryan Kharbhih, from the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary department, provided information on livestock insurance registration and related topics.

A follow-up on IVCS-CHC activity was conducted by the Rural Finance team on October 11, 2023, with representatives of IVCS in Koraigora, **South West Khasi Hills**.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## INRM



Meeting with the Village Committees concerning the misutilization of funds in Lummawshken and Mawsahew villages, Shella Bholaganj Block of **East Khasi Hills**, took place on October 16, 2023.

Meeting with the VECs to address pending INRM activities, in the presence of DPMU and EFC team, was held at the Conference Hall of Shella Bholaganj Block Office, **East Khasi Hills** on October 17, 2023.



On October 19, 2023, a one-day orientation program on soil testing and maintenance of procurement for community nurseries was conducted at DPMU Jowai, **West Jaintia Hills**.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### INRM



A three-day Soil and Water Testing Hands- on Training was conducted at DPMU, **West Khasi Hills**, from October 16th to 18th, 2023, led by Smt. Ibaphyllashisha Kharnaioir from Arogyam Institute. Soil and water samples were collected from six Multipurpose Community Based Nursery sites of six IVCS: Langumshing A IVCS, Nongriangka IVCS, Nongriangba IVCS, Nongshram Area IVCS, Nonglang IVCS, and Umthlu IVCS. A similar three-day training by Smt. Ibaphylla Kharnaioir took place at Jabar Lumtop Jaud IVCS in **East Khasi Hills** from October 19th to 21st, 2023. Furthermore, a training on soil testing was held at Nongduh IVCS, Mawlong, **West Khasi Hills**, in collaboration with Arogyam Institute on October 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2023.

## OTHERS



### CM Elevate Awareness Program - Three Districts, 2023

On October 18, 2023, a one-day CM Elevate Program was organized by the District Project Management Unit, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency in **South West Khasi Hills**. The event, held at Maharam Government Higher Secondary School's Hall, aimed to raise awareness about various CM Elevate schemes facilitated by different Implementing Departments/agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Tourism Department, and Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA).

In **South West Garo Hills**, a District Level Awareness Program on CM Elevate was conducted on October 13, 2023, at Ampati. Shri. R. P. Marak, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The program being organized by MBMA, invited concerned departments to shed light on their respective schemes.

Additionally, on October 18, 2023, a Block Level Awareness Program on CM Elevate was organized at Tirot Singh Memorial Hall by MBMA, in collaboration with the Block Development Office, Mairang, **Eastern West Khasi Hills**. Dr. L. R Hynniewta (BDO) provided an introduction to the program, encouraging attendees to explore diverse livelihood opportunities. Shri N. Kharkongor, Senior Manager at PRIME, served as a resource person, with representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, and Tourism Department in attendance.

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