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# Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP)



# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY



## Collaborative Effort Captures Environmental Initiatives in Ri-Bhoi District

KM team from SPMU and District team from Ri-Bhoi, collaborated to support the JSW Earth Care video team in documenting best practices and intervention sites. The primary objective of this joint effort was to showcase these accomplishments upon receiving an award.

The video shoot commenced at the Training Centre cum Bee Museum of Bah Stephan Shadap, a grassroots innovator.

Subsequently, the team transitioned to the Mawkyrdep intervention sites, where they focused on capturing practices such as vermicomposting, nursery management, and the cultivation of medicinal plants. The shoot also included coverage of a polyhouse dedicated to medicinal plants, emphasizing community contributions to these initiatives.

Later that day the team paid a visit to Byrwa, where the team documented intervention sites

under the Aroma Mission. This segment highlighted the multifaceted efforts involved in preserving and promoting biodiversity. The collaborative initiative between the SPMU and the Ri-Bhoi District team underscored the commitment to recognizing and celebrating exemplary practices in environmental sustainability.

## CLLMP, WKHD Officials Assess Progress at Dom Mawkhan, Umlipoi



DPM and Field Engineer of DPMU-CLLMP, WKHD, inspected the under-construction check dam at Dom Mawkhan, Umlipoi CTF-DPMU. The check dam is set to be completed before the end of January.

## Progress Meeting with GFA: Updates and Timelines for PES Activities and UC Submission



A meeting with the GFA was convened at the office of the DPMU-CLLMP, WKHD. The DPM initiated the meeting to follow up on the progress of the GFAs regarding PES and its beneficiaries. Representatives from all four blocks were present for the meeting. The GFAs have already collected UCs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Batch 1.

However, for Phase 2 Batch 2, the GFAs are yet to collect UCs as the beneficiaries' activities have not commenced. The DPM proposed a timeline, suggesting that all activities by the beneficiaries and the submission of UCs by the GFAs should be completed by the 31st of January 2023.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)





On January 11, 2024, GFA Raymosh S Marak visited the Rangsa Mahari Forest Reserve in Gokolgre village for a field inspection.



On January 15, 2024, an informative session about Agroforestry-based carbon credit schemes was conducted at DRDA Hall 1, Williamnagar, EGH. 🌱💡 The main focus was on empowering individuals, businesses, and industries to take action against climate change, safeguard the environment, and reduce carbon emissions. 🌍🌿 Participants were briefed on carbon credit trading, a method to counter emissions by purchasing credits. 🌳 Forest owners, whether they are individuals, communities, or clans, are poised to benefit, as the funds generated will be directed back to them. 🌲💰 Remember, 1 ton of carbon equals 1 carbon credit.

### 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)



"Collaborative Vigilance: Anogre, Manggakgre, and Gindopara Village Community Facilitators Unite for Environmental Preservation"



Anogre, Manggakgre, and Gindopara Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) joined hands on January 10, 2024. Their collective efforts swung into action, focusing on inspecting and mitigating potential hazards in the fireline zone. The collaboration among these devoted VCFs underscores their shared dedication to preserving our natural environments.



Recently MegLIFE DPMU concluded a productive session with Village Community Facilitators (VCF) to evaluate the advancement of the current project. Accompanied by Ivan Areng, Deputy Project Manager (DPM) of West Garo Hills, and Sir Chakraborty on January 10, 2024, in Tikrikilla Block.



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.

## "IVCS Awareness Program Empowers Simseng and Nengkongkil Clusters"



🌐 Spreading IVCS Awareness! 🌐

On January 11, 2024, Raisa Momin, BPM of Rongjeng block spearheaded an impactful awareness program on IVCs in the Simseng cluster, comprising 8 vibrant villages. The objective was to empower the community with crucial insights into IVCs, fostering a shared understanding.

Recognizing the power of unity, the representative proposed dividing responsibilities, with each of the 4 villages actively participating in the awareness drive. This collaborative approach is set to enhance the impact, ensuring that every corner of the community is well-informed.

📌 Building on this momentum, on January 12, 2024, another enlightening Awareness Programme unfolded in the Nengkongkil cluster, embracing 5 villages. The engaging session provided a platform for residents to delve into the intricacies of IVCs, fostering a sense of collective responsibility.



Thrilling Announcement Unveiled!

Members of the VPIC from Resubelpara, C&RD Block, recently actively participated in an invigorating IVCS Workshop led by Shri. Changte Marak, Central Manager at FOCUS!

A total of 14 VPIC members enthusiastically engaged in the program, which unfolded at the Mini Secretariat Building in Resubelpara on January 15, 2024.

On the same day, an IVCS Awareness Programme unfolded at the Rongchek Akong cluster, encompassing four dynamic villages.

A heartfelt appreciation to Newborn R. Marak, MLAMP official, for spearheading this insightful initiative!

This dynamic event not only showcased the active involvement of VPIC members but also highlighted the broader impact with the extension of the IVCS Awareness Programme to the Rongchek Akong cluster. The collaborative efforts led by Shri. Changte Marak and the dedicated leadership of Newborn R. Marak have undoubtedly contributed to the success of these initiatives, fostering knowledge sharing and community engagement. Kudos to the participants and organizers for making this a remarkable milestone in community development!



## 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.



# Institute of Natural Resources

(INR)



## AWARENESS PROGRAMME/MOBILISATION OF MEGHALAYA AROMA MISSION



The Bio-Resource team organized an awareness program on the Megh Aroma Mission in Amtapoh village, Amlarem block, and Sahnsiang village, under Laskein block, East Jaintia Hills district. The primary objective of the program is to involve farmers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the Megh Aroma Mission, encouraging them to cultivate aromatic plants and promoting sustainable farming practices in Meghalaya. A significant level of participation, especially among women, was observed. The mission aims to reach even the most remote villages, contributing to income generation and community development.



The Bio-Resources team supplied Geranium saplings to Mawkyrdang village in Mairang Block, WKH, and Jingkymen Skhem in Mynthlu, EJH. These saplings were distributed to farmers in these villages to initiate planting. Additionally, a demonstration was conducted to illustrate the proper techniques for geranium cultivation, and the farmers received training on effective harvesting methods.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project  
In Partnership With IFAD

## The Government of Meghalaya (GoM) achieved distinction as the Top Performer in the States' Startup Ranking 2022



The Government of Meghalaya (GoM) achieved distinction as the Top Performer in the States' Startup Ranking 2022. This commendable recognition is attributed to various initiatives, notably the establishment of Prime-LIFCOM and Prime-MBMA. These initiatives stand out for providing crucial financial support to startups and enhancing the capacities of ventures dedicated to sectors such as renewable energy, sustainability, climate change, and rural impact.

Dr. D. Vijay Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary of the Planning and Finance Department, and CEO, MBMA, received the award from Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles at an event held in New Delhi at Bharat Mandapam, today the States' Startup Ranking is a periodic capacity-building exercise created and released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to evaluate all of India's States and Union Territories (UT) on their efforts to build an ecosystem conducive to startup growth.

## OTHERS:



**Team members of the KFW Development Bank-funded Sustainable Land Management Project (SLM) along with the consultant from Environmental and Social Management Framework making visits to various project villages including stops at Collective Marketing Centres (CMC), PRIME hubs, and Tertiary Centres.**

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