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On 3rd October 2024, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, officially launched the Green Meghalaya+ (Payment for Ecosystem Services) initiative for the Garo Hills region at the District Auditorium, Tura, West Garo Hills. The event was further honored by the presence of Shri. Rakkam A. Sangma, Hon'ble Education Minister of Meghalaya, along with other dignitaries and participants.

As part of the Green Meghalaya+ launch, cheques were distributed to beneficiaries under the CM Elevate, FOCUS (Second Tranche), and PES programs. A total of ₹60 crore was sanctioned under the **CM Elevate program, benefiting 2,278 individuals** across the Garo Hills and Khasi-Jaintia Hills regions. Additionally, ₹17.59 crore was disbursed to **3,777 Producer Groups (PGs) under the FOCUS program**, and ₹2.77 crore was allocated to **146 beneficiaries** covering 3,133.64 hectares under the **PES scheme**.

During the event, the Chief Minister also introduced the “Nokma Ice-Cream” brand to attendees from all five districts of Garo Hills. This new product, developed by Tikrikilla PRIME Hub and MeghFarm Processing Unit, is supported by Muktidata Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd., Tikrikilla. Nokma Ice-Cream features **20 distinct flavors**, including ginger, orange, vanilla, pineapple, butterscotch, strawberry, and jackfruit.



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Highlights of Trainings



A one-day meeting and **training** session on **Service Providers' (SP) Credit Linkage** for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was organized by the District Project Management Unit, **East Jaintia Hills District**, on **9th October 2024**.

The session focused on several key areas, including a review of performance and achievements in the SP Credit Linkage program. Participants discussed targets and strategies to drive further progress in achieving credit linkage goals. The importance of timely and accurate report submission was emphasized to ensure transparency and efficiency. Additionally, a plan for an overdue loan recovery drive was introduced, highlighting the need for diligent follow-up to recover outstanding loans.

Highlights of Workshops & Meetings



The DPMU, West Garo Hills, in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, organized an **Interaction Programme for CM Elevate applicants** from **West Garo Hills** on **4th October 2024** at the SMELC Building, Tura. A total of 150 applicants participated in the event, where they had the opportunity to engage directly with officials.

Dr. Blessa Ch. Momin, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, was present to address queries and provide guidance on livestock management, particularly focusing on piggery, poultry, and goat farming. Deputy Project Manager, Shri. Valentine Hembrom, also spoke during the programme, offering a detailed explanation of the funding structure, which includes government support, bank loans, and beneficiary contributions.



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Nursery Management Training for Khaidong and Lumbangla VPIC

The training session on Community Nursery Management for Khaidong and Lumbangla VPIC members, held on October 2, 2024, emphasized the collective dedication to environmental conservation and sustainable practices. Village leaders highlighted the community-wide benefits and the importance of collaboration. A Project Associate, Forestry, MegLIFE provided a detailed guide on nursery establishment, covering land acquisition, site preparation, nursery bed construction, and seed sowing, with a focus on managing one species per bed. Practical demonstrations on soil preparation, irrigation, and seedling transplantation were conducted. Future goals include completing fencing, installing shade nets, and continuing management practices to foster biodiversity and community involvement.



Microplanning and PLUP in Moolasngi Village

The PLUP and microplanning activities in Moolasngi village, East Jaintia Hills District, took place over four days starting on October 4th, 2024. Day 1 involved an orientation to microplanning, a transect walk for landscape assessment, identifying vulnerable areas, and documenting seasonal patterns and historical events. On Day 2, the focus was on mapping community structures, available resources, and assessing the condition of forests, along with gathering insights through a focus group discussion. Day 3 addressed forest resource management, land ownership mapping, and analyzing shifts in resources and population. The activities concluded on Day 4 with intervention mapping and a presentation summarizing the findings.



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Post-Plantation Ground Verification in Zikzak Block

Field visit for post-plantation ground verification in five villages conducted by SPMU staff, along with PA-Forester and PA-IGA, in Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills District.



Preparation of Community Nursery bed in Ajasiram village





Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



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Highlights of IC & SPMU team visit to Umiew Catchment



FPA Contest 2 on Sustainable Livelihood was held on October 3, 2024, at Mawlmeng Rangsyiun village under Myllem Block East Khasi Hills District in the presence of the Implementation Consultant (IC) and the SPMU team. During the contest, team have witnessed six contestants who have come up with innovative ideas that can be used to target village-level livelihood improvement. Following are the winners :-

- 1st- Barilinsha Kharkongor for the Proposal on Polyhouse for nursery
- 2nd- Letmira Kharkongor for the Proposal on Polyhouse for agriculture plantation and organic farming.
- 3rd- Arjunbalin Kharkongor for the Proposal on Poultry including egg incubation.

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Highlights of SPMU & IC Team visit to Ganol Catchment

A visit to Mandal Nokat Village under East Garo Hills District on the 7th Oct 2024 to conduct VLMAP(village level micro action plan) and to have a feedback on the FPAs conducted from the community



Team visit to Dura Kalakgre Village under Rongram Block, West Garo Hills District on the 8th Oct 2024 to witness the event of FPA Contest 3



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