

MEGHALAYA ON THE MOVE

SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES,
SURMOUNTING CHALLENGES AND
MARCHING AHEAD



A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE ON COMPLETION
OF ONE-YEAR OF THE MDA GOVERNMENT

INTRODUCING MEGHALAYA

Area : 22,429 sq. km

Population : 29,64,007

Capital : Shillong

Literacy : 75 percent

Forest Cover : 76 percent

Administrative Unit : 11 Districts (46 Blocks)

International Border with Bangladesh : 443 kms





SHRI CONRAD SANGMA
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Meghalaya

Chief Minister's Message

I am delighted to present this report to the citizens of the state on the occasion of the completion of one-year of the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government. The report highlights some of the key achievements of the government in the last year. The title of the report- "Meghalaya On The Move- Seizing Opportunities, Surmounting Challenges and Marching Ahead"- captures in one sentence the essence of what this government has been doing and what it intends to do in the coming years.

Meghalaya has the highest GSDP among the northeastern states (excluding Assam). Our GDP growth rate at 7.2 percent for 2017-18 is slightly higher than the national figure of 6.7 percent. We have unique strengths and opportunities to foster sustainable development and to improve the standards of living for the three million citizens of the state- a salubrious climate conducive to agri-horticulture sectors and eco-tourism, human resources, mineral resources and untapped hydroelectric potential to name a few. However, we also have many fundamental challenges like inadequate infrastructure, insufficient access to markets and underdeveloped private sector. Given this, the government is crafting a development strategy that builds on our strengths and takes on the challenges head on.

In the last year, significant investments have been made toward improving infrastructure, both physical and social. The four-fold increase in allocations of PMGSY for improving road connectivity and the sanctions for establishment of 11 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) with an investment of about INR. 250 Crore are cases in point. We are also prioritizing the agri-horticulture sector with special focus on value addition and food processing. A new Directorate of food processing has been set up under the Department of Agriculture. Improving rural livelihoods is third key priority. Meghalaya is today one of the top-performing states in the delivery of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). We are also implementing externally aided projects focusing on sustainable livelihoods and market linkages. A fourth area of attention is entrepreneurship- we are working towards creating ecosystems that foster the growth of farm and household based nano and microenterprises in the areas of food processing, eco-tourism and product-specific value chain development. A crosscutting priority is to incorporate sustainability and community orientation into all the development inventions. Accordingly, integrated natural resources resource management planning is being done in a large number of villages with the active involvement of village employment councils and other grassroots institutions.

The achievement of our development goals demands both greater investments and effective utilization of available funds. We are making all out efforts to mobilize more resources from the various central sector schemes, in addition to focusing on improving the states own revenues. The state has, for the very first time, been sanctioned funds under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Our spending on MGNREGS has reached almost 1000 crores. Systematic efforts are also being made to improve delivery of services. Focused reviews of various development programs are being held regularly and ICT-based systems are being deployed to improve the effectiveness of governance.

On the eve of completing one year in the government, we would like to renew our commitment to methodically strive for the overall development of the state and to improve the lives of its citizens. In this endeavor, I seek the support and collaboration of all the citizens of the state.

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AGRICULTURE



1917 iTEAMS

The 1917 iTEAMS is an omnibus IT platform aimed at enabling farmers access to agriculture information, crop advisories, knowledge, technical advice and remunerative markets. This service is provided via a Cloud based Toll Free Number 1917. The project is a major push for easing logistics and supply chain constraints faced by the farmers and is operationalized through 21 numbers of 1917 Agri Response Vehicles (ARV) stationed at strategic places to transport agri/horti produce to markets.

- 1917 iTEAMS project is strengthened- 17,170 farmers registered and 4.2 lakhs metric tons of farmer's goods (valued at INR 1.42 crores) transported over a distance of 54,814 Kms.
- Directorate of Food Processing is created to address untapped food processing potential of the agri-horti sector.
- About 700 farmers and entrepreneurs attended a workshop on food processing opportunities.
- Comprehensive Agriculture Management Programme (CAMP) is initiated.
- Farmers' Portal (www.megfarmer.gov.in) is launched.
- Two new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have been established in East Garo Hills and South Garo Hills districts.
- Meghalaya was awarded the "States of the State Award" by the India Today Group in November 2018 at New Delhi for being the Most Improved Small State in Agriculture.
- Field extension functionaries were inducted in 39 CD Blocks through posting Block Technology Managers and Assistant Technology Managers.
- The first ever Farmers' Parliament was organized on 5th December 2018 at Shillong.



FIRST FARMERS' PARLIAMENT

The first ever Farmers' Parliament was organized on 5th December 2018 at Shillong. This was attended by over 500 farmers of the Khasi, Jaintia and Ri-Bhoi districts. The meet was aimed at bringing the government closer to the farmers and understanding issues and problems from their perspective. A similar Farmers' Parliament is being planned for the Garo Hills region soon.



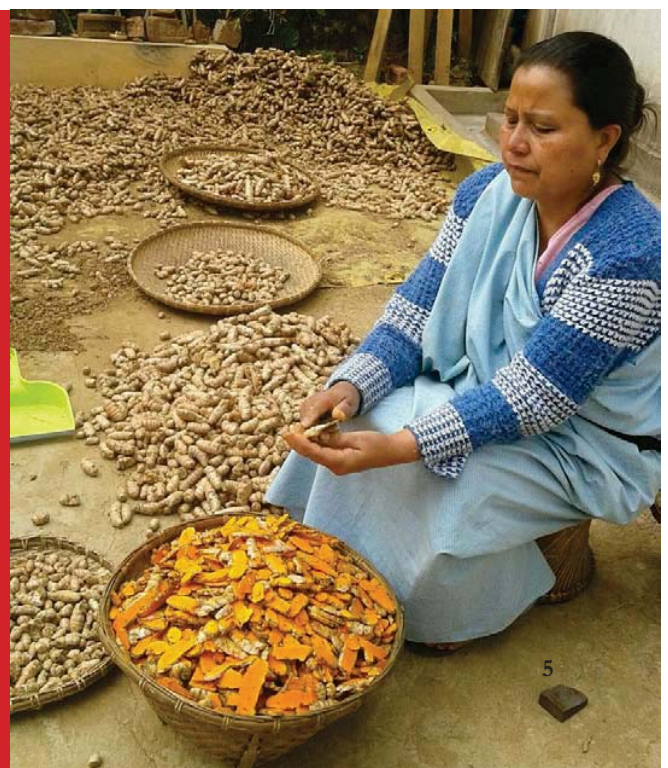
HORTICULTURE

- Lakadong Turmeric Mission with a proposed investment of INR 75 Crore and a production target of 50,000 MT is launched.
- Jackfruit Mission with a targeted investment of INR 80 Crore to generate 80,000 employment opportunities, 50 SMEs and 200 Nano Enterprises is launched.
- Mushroom Mission launched with a proposed investment of INR 50 Crore and targeting 50,000 MT production.
- Several Crop Festivals were organized during the year 2018- Jackfruit Festival, Sohiong and Biskot Festival, Mushroom Festival and Orange Festival.



MISSION LAKADONG

The Mission targets a three-fold increase in the production of the world's highest curcumin content Lakadong turmeric of Meghalaya and to make interventions across the turmeric value chain. The focus is on mobilization of growers, improving input quality, strengthening post-harvest management, IPR protection, value-addition and marketing. An amount of INR 5 Crore is already sanctioned for the mission by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.





ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY

- The Meghalaya Milk Mission with an investment of INR 215 Crore is launched.
- Piggery value chain is planned to be developed with an investment of about INR 200 Crore through the cooperative sector.
- Poultry farm at Nongpiur strengthened.
- Pig farm at Kyrdemkulai is converted into a Nucleus farm under Livestock Mission.
- Pig Farms at Pynursla and Nongpiur are strengthened.
- Artificial Insemination (A.I) in pig started with the support of National Livestock Mission of the Government of India.
- New Veterinary Training Center at Khliehtyrshi, Manai and Upper Shillong has been made functional.

MEGHALAYA MILK MISSION

The Meghalaya Milk Mission will increase the milk production of the state with the twin objectives of improving nutrition and rural incomes. 10,000 milch cattle are planned to be inducted, which will directly benefit 2,000 dairy farmers. An investment of INR 215 Crore is being made by the National Cooperation Development Corporation (NCDC).



FISHERIES

- The Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission (MSAM) 2.0 was launched on 6th November 2018 and is being implemented.
- The first modern hygienic fish market was operationalized at Saiden, Ri Bhoi district.
- First Aqua Park was operationalized at Photjaud, South West Khasi Hills- this will conserve the local Masheer species among other things.



MEGHALAYA STATE AQUACULTURE MISSION 2.0

The Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission (MSAM) 2.0 aims at taking the state to full self-sufficiency in the fisheries sector. The mission targets to create an additional 1,500 hectares of water area and achieve a production target of 27,000 MT with an investment of INR 377 Crore over a five-year period. INR 94 Crore has already been sanctioned for the various activities under the mission.





TEXTILES

- Sericulture department has been renamed Textiles department to ensure the correct focus.
- 72 handloom clusters were formed under Handloom Development Program in different districts for intensive development of handloom weaving.
- National Handloom Day cum Expo was organized at Shillong and 11 Handloom Weavers were awarded the “Weavers’ Achievement Award”
- Fashion Show Cum Expo was organized in December 2018 at Tura.





EDUCATION

- Eleven Ekalavya Model Residential Schools are sanctioned for construction with an investment of INR. 264 Crore.
- Infrastructure of 117 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools is being upgraded under the supporting Human Capital Development Project- about 70 of these schools are constructed.
- ICT enabled teaching equipment has been installed in 36 schools.
- About 3000 Secondary and Higher Secondary Teachers have been trained.
- Construction of two new Model degree colleges at Patharkmah and Rongjeng has begun, with foundation stone being laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Two existing colleges at Mawkyrwat and Nongtalang are being upgraded to model degree colleges.
- State Education policy has been approved and is being implemented.

EKALAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

The state recently got sanction for setting up of eleven Ekalavya Residential Model Schools (EMRS) across the state- one per district. Each of these residential schools will be constructed at an approximate cost of 24 crores and can cater to 480 students (from class VI- XII) when fully operational. The setting up of these schools brings in 264 crores of capital investment and an annual recurring investment of 57 crores toward furtherance of human capital development of the state.



HEALTH



HEALTH INSURANCE

The Megha Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS), Phase IV along with the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) was launched in December 2018. These schemes provide health cover of upto INR 5 Lakh per family without any restriction on family size and age. About 3.47 lakh households are eligible to avail the benefits under these schemes.



- Megha Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS), Phase IV along with the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) was launched.
- Mission Indradhanush, which aims at immunization of all children under the age of 2 years as well as pregnant women is being implemented.
- A state-of-art diagnostic center is being set up at the Pauster Institute, Shillong with an investment of 20 crores being provided under the North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Schemes (NESIDS) of NEC
- Foundation stone for construction of AYUSH 50-bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital at Wahshari, Sohra was laid.
- Weilyngkut Nongur PHC was commissioned in December 2018.
- Major infrastructure- C.T. Scan Machine, Upgraded Laboratory, Upgraded Orthopedic OT, New Eye OT and Eye Ward Complex- is inaugurated at Tura Civil Hospital.
- Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implant Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy was set up at Civil Hospital, Shillong. Another such Pharmacy will be commissioned at Tura Civil Hospital.
- Sub-centres were inaugurated Laitkor and Killing.





PUBLIC WORKS

- Four batches of works were sanctioned under PMGSY for the financial year 2018-19, comprising of 338 works and INR 1450 Crore of investment.
- Under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) of NABARD, 36 rural roads projects covering a length of about 75 Km at a cost of INR 72 Crore were sanctioned.
- Under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) of NEC, two big projects- construction including MBT of Pynursla- Latangriwan Road towards Mawlynnong and up gradation of Mawsmat- Shella road upto Kynrem Falls- have been sanctioned with an investment of INR 45 Crore.
- Under Central Road Fund (CRF), 44 schemes comprising of 40 road works covering a length of 269 KM and 4 bridge works were sanctioned at a cost of INR 322 Crore.
- Under State Plan, 72 Km of new roads were constructed, 41 Km of Kutchra road have been blacktopped and 305 Km of RCC bridges have been constructed.

FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN PMGSY SANCTIONS

Under PMGSY scheme, an amount of 1450 crores has been sanctioned for 338 schemes covering a road length of 1803.64 Kms during the year 2018-19. The value of the sanctions this year is almost five times that of the last financial year.



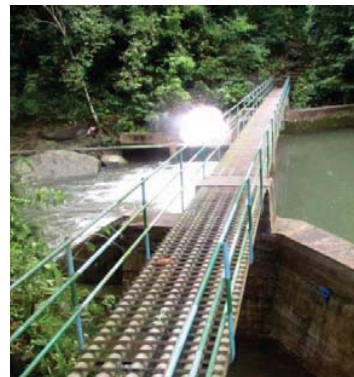
BHOLAGANJ TO NONGRI ROAD

The “Strengthening, Improvement including Metalling and Blacktopping of a road from Bholaganj to Nongri including construction of Major Arch Bridge (150 Rm span) at Tharia over river Wahrew” was taken up under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources and completed in 2018-19. Being located close to the Bangladesh border, this project is of Strategic importance; it also enables exports through Bholaganj Land Custom Station. The Bridge has also become a tourist attraction.



PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING (PHE)

- Fifty-five slipped back habitations were covered with drinking water supply during 2018-19.
- Greater Shillong Water Supply Project (Phase-III), Greater Ampati Water Supply Scheme and Nongstoin Urban Water Supply Scheme are being implemented for urban water supply.
- Under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), works under Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) have commenced.
- Two major water supply schemes- Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme and Laying of new feeder mains under Tura Phase I and II Water Supply Scheme- have been approved under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) with an investment of about INR 60 Crore.



RURAL WATER SUPPLY

Several Rural water Supply projects are taken up in the year 2018-19. Most notable among them are-the Nongjri combined water supply scheme, Lalumpam combined water supply scheme, Upper Umsaw Urkali combined water supply scheme, Thiepiaphlang combined water supply scheme, Pormawthaw combined water supply scheme, Nongvadro water supply scheme, Nengshigre water supply scheme and the Mawsikar water supply scheme.



SWACH BHARAT MISSION (SBM)

Meghalaya was declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) State from January 2018. During the year 2018-19, efforts are being made to build on that. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) have been taken up in 1,252 villages. Grassroots foot soldiers, Swachhagrahi, are being appointed and trained for sustainability of the mission.

URBAN AFFAIRS

SMART CITY- SHILLONG

Shillong has been selected for development under Smart Cities Mission. The State Government has set up a Special Purpose Vehicle- Shillong Smart City Limited- to implement the Scheme. Expression of Interest for engaging of Project Management Consultant (PMC) has been initiated and shortlisted Project Management Consultant (PMC) is being engaged to prepare DPR for various projects under Smart City. An amount of INR 54 Crore is sanctioned for the year 2018-19.



- A Special Purpose Vehicle- Shillong Smart City Limited- was set up to implement the Smart Cities Mission Scheme in Shillong city.
- Promotion of Self-Employment ventures to the unemployed educated youth is being done under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).
- About 735 urban dwellers received benefit under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)
- Under state plan, Solid Waste Management project at Tura was commissioned and the one at Nongpoh is almost completed.
- Under ADB funding, temporary landfill site is constructed at Marten, Shillong. Construction of an additional landfill area of 8500 sq m and of a 170 TPD compost plant is underway.
- The Interstate Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Tura has been inaugurated.



POWER

- Saubhagya Scheme (Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana) was launched in April 2018.
- Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) is being implemented and an amount of INR 125 crores is released to Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited.
- Electrification of 35 remote villages through LED- based SPV Home lighting system and SPV Street lighting system was completed benefitting 2,024 households.
- 311 street lighting systems were erected under DDUGJY program
- SPV Power Plant has been installed in 2018-19 at Nartiang PHC, Namdong PHC, Sahnsniang CHC, Laskein CHC and BDO Office at Laskein.
- About 1000 SPV Street lighting systems have been installed at Amlarem Civil Sub-Division and 700 at Dangdenggre Civil Sub-division.
- Scheme for Augmentation of the 132/33 kV Mawlai substation with an investment of INR 50 Crore approved under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS).



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- The construction of the first phase of the Technology Park at Umsawli, New Shillong has begun.
- Meghalaya is selected as a pilot state for the implementation of Enterprise Architecture under the IndEA (India Enterprise Architecture) framework.
- Under the e-District project, 16 services are provided online.
- More than 1,50,000 applications were received in electronic form by the district administrations from citizens and about 1,23,000 have been disposed off electronically.
- About 750 Common Service Centres that deliver a large bouquet of e-services to rural citizens operational.

IT PARK AT NEW SHILLONG

The construction of the first phase of the Technology Park at Umsawli, New Shillong is in progress since October, 2018. The Tech Park will be a hub of several facilities including an in-house Data Centre, IT and BPO service centres, Skill Development centre and Incubation centres. It aims to provide direct and indirect employment to more than 2000 people after the completion of first phase.





COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

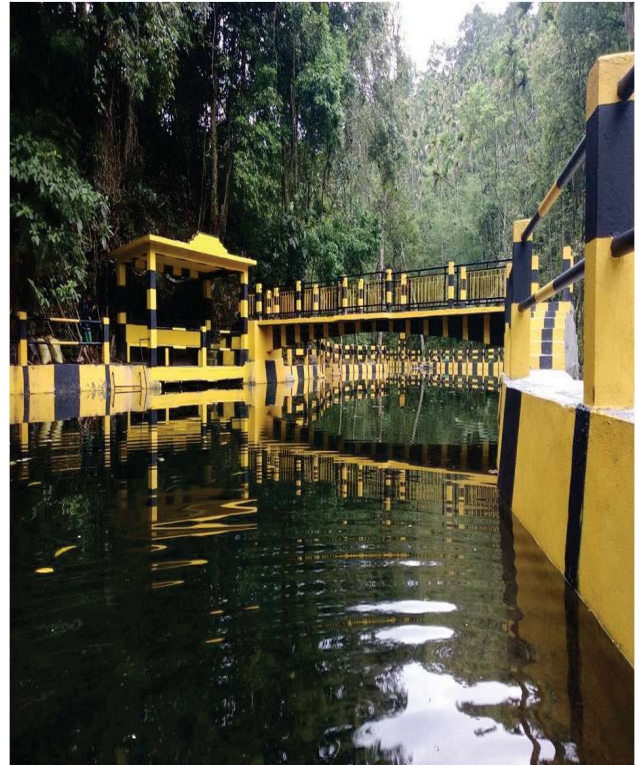
- The State is all set to achieve highest number of persondays (350 lakh) during the year 2018-19.
- The percent of wage-seekers getting timely payment went up from 42.4 in 2017-18 to 84.7 in 2018-19.
- DBT conversion in 7 blocks reached almost 100 percent, despite inadequate banking infrastructure.
- About 44,487 poor households benefitted from the innovative 'Bottom 20' approach.
- Successful convergence has been achieved with different departments- Social Welfare for construction of AWCs, AH and Veterinary and Agriculture Departments for capacity building of the Bottom 20 entrepreneurs.

National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)

- 80,000 households were mobilized for the formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- 1,592 SHGs have been provided with the Community Investment Funds in order to increase lending to the members and to enhance their credit absorption capacity.
- SHGs have been federated into around 399 primary level federation called the Village Organizations (VOs).
- 673 SHGs has been credit linked successfully.
- More than 1000 women farmers (Mahila Kisan) have been trained

BOTTOM 20- REACHING OUT TO THE POOREST

Under the bottom-20 model, the VECs were asked to select the poorest 20 percent of the households in the village and to take up individual benefit schemes for them using the MGNREGS resources. About 44,487 poor households benefited from the program through construction of critical infrastructure required to start livestock and plantation related activities. This initiative particularly focuses on supporting young people from among poorest households to facilitate their upward social and economic mobility.



BANK LINKAGE FOR SHGs

The Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society (MSRLS) implements the NRLM. To facilitate credit linkages, the society undertook a program for orientation of bankers across the 11 Districts and was able to reach out to 93 bankers. INR 31.93 Crore was disbursed to the SHGs and VO's as Community Funds in the year 2018-19. SHGs Bank Linkage has also reached a milestone this year when 2,297 SHGs loan proposals have been submitted to the banks for an amount of INR 18.69 Crore.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT (M-LAMP)

- The implementation structure of the project has been strengthened.
- 879 number of villages completed PRA exercises through a community-oriented process involved 1,17,220 people in 21,469 households.
- 250 villages are implementing Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans (INRMP).
- 281 infrastructure projects related to water security were executed by communities.
- 103 Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) have been registered for facilitating Rural Finance.
- 1722 lead farmers were trained under Integrated Production and Marketing component of the project.
- Food Processing Technology Manual covering 14 major commodities has been published.
- 165 kilometers of rural roads were constructed to link production clusters to markets.

INTRODUCING MLAMP

Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (MLAMP) is aimed at improving the livelihoods of citizens in 1350 villages spread across 18 blocks. The project targets to create new market-linked livelihood opportunities for about 50,000 households and to develop value chains for 11 products in a cluster mode. It is jointly funded by the Government of Meghalaya and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and implemented by the Meghalaya Basin Development Agency (MBMA).



INTEGRATED VILLAGE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES (IVCS)

An IVCS is like a village level SHG and this institution is being created through the MLAMP project to make credit available at the village level. 103 such cooperatives covering 6,976 members (52 percent of the members are women) in 14,227 households are registered. About INR 37 lakh has been raised as share capital by these newly registered cooperatives.



RURAL ROADS CONNECTING MARKETS

To connect the production clusters to markets, 165 kilometres of roads were constructed across the MLAMP project. These roads were made using cutting edge “Plastic Cell” technology—roads are constructed in a honeycomb like grid with the aid of plastic cells. Using this technology, the cost of maintenance of the road is reduced and the longevity of the road is increased.

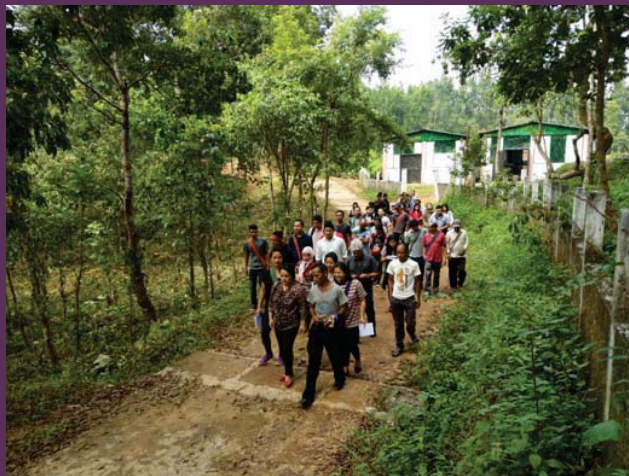


COMMUNITY LED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (CLLMP)

- Project launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on May 2018.
- 93 villages sensitized on the project.
- 61 villages have formed Village Natural Resource Management Councils and Executive Councils for implementation of the project
- 24 villages have completed preparation of Community Natural Resource Management Plans (CNRMP).

INTRODUCING CLLMP

The Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP) is aimed at strengthening natural resource management (NRM) in critically degraded landscapes of the state. It aims to restore the land to its productive state, build climate resilience and generate opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. The project will support the implementation of NRM interventions in 400 of the most critical landscapes across the state. The project is jointly funded by the Government of Meghalaya and the World Bank and implemented by the Meghalaya Basin Development Agency (MBMA).





MEGHALAYA INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP



- An Entrepreneur of the Month (EOTM) program has been instituted to provide focused support to entrepreneurs of the state.
- 397 partners were capacitated through trainings and exposure covering diverse enterprise sectors.
- 82 partners sent for exposure both within and outside the state.
- Under Apiculture Mission, local production of queen bees has begun post the training of 17 Master Beekeepers at Himachal Pradesh.
- 4 workshops were organized targeting the sectors of Food Processing, Turmeric, Mushroom and Jackfruit, which saw the participation of 1465 partners.
- Under the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP), 3 trainings for 27 Community Resource Persons - Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP) were held.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE MONTH (EOTM)

The Entrepreneur of the Month (EOTM) program identifies and recognizes successful entrepreneurs of the state through the Meghalaya Entrepreneurship Recognition Award (MEG-ERA). The program started in November 2018 and till date 3 entrepreneurs- Mr. Perastill R. Sangma, Miss. Dasumarlin Majaw and Mr. James Evantis Dkhar- have been presented the awards by the Chief Minister. A one-year program for handholding and mentoring of these entrepreneurs to enable them to scale up their enterprises is also in place.



MEGHALAYA INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES (MINR)

- Several environment campaigns were launched on World Environment day 2018- One Citizen One Tree, Reduce Reuse and Recycle, Nature Education Campaign.
- Popularization of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants is being done to reclaim degraded landscape and acid mine spoilt areas.
- One hundred living-root-bridges were mapped by National Geographic Society in collaboration with the MINR in the Khasi Jaintia Hills.
- 3 Hydrorgers were installed on a pilot basis and funds sanctioned for setting up another 200.
- First Action Research Project on treatment of acidic water from coal mining areas was taken up in Mookhaialong, East Jaintia Hills.
- Action research project on grey water recycling was taken up at Raj Bhavan. Guidelines for the sustainable use of greywater in small-scale agriculture and gardens were developed.

ONE CITIZEN, ONE TREE

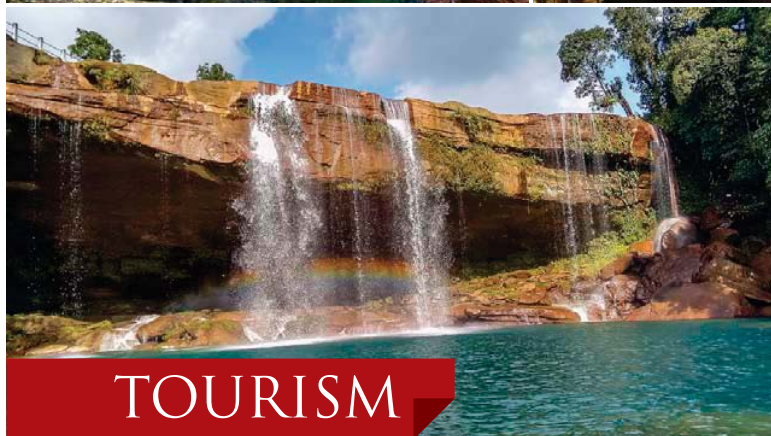
Meghalaya's forests are declining at an alarming rate due to anthropogenic activities and natural calamities. To combat this, the MINR under the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) launched a statewide campaign to encourage every citizen to plant and adopt one tree each so as to achieve the plantation of 2 million trees by 2022, when Meghalaya celebrates 50 years of statehood.



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION USING HYDROGER

MINR has installed 3 hydrorgers, which are small (10 kilowatt) hydro electrical power generation devices at Nongriat, Wahsohra and Mawlongbna villages. The sustainable hydropower thus generated is used for lighting and other domestic purposes. Hydrorgers have proven to be of great benefit, especially to the community at Wahsohra, which was not electrified. NABARD has now sanctioned funds for setting up of 200 hydrorgers in villages across the state.





TOURISM



- Infrastructure was inaugurated at Lake View and Orchid Lake Resort, Umiam under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of circuits in East Khasi Hills and Ribhoi Districts.
- An amount of Rs. 84.96 crores was sanctioned for development of circuits in West Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
- Financial assistance was provided for important state festivals like Nongkrem Dance, Wangala Dance and BehdeinKhlam.
- A Workshop on Responsible Tourism was organized in collaboration with the Outlook Group.
- Meghalaya Tourism was the first Runners up in the Iconic Landscapes Category in the India Today Tourism Awards 2019.
- A Famtour of twenty Bangladesh Tour Operators was organized in February, 2019.
- A Tourism Information System for online collection of statistics was launched in March, 2019

SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, log huts, cafeteria, cultural activity centre and traditional shops were inaugurated at Lake View and Orchid Lake Resort, Umiam by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Sanction has recently been accorded for the development of circuits in Garo Hills, Jaintia Hills and West Khasi Hills districts.



ARTS AND CULTURE

- Proposal for setting up of Tribal Research Institute has been cleared by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The “Kiang Nangbah Indigenous Knowledge and Culture Centre” at Syntu Ksiar, Jowai and the “Pa Togan Sangma Indigenous, Knowledge and Culture Centre” at Williamnagar, East Garo Hills will also be operationalized soon.
- A Coffee Table Book titled “Sifting through the clouds” and a Picture Story titled “Re-visiting Traditions” along with 12 (twelve) documentaries have been made.
- A detailed documentation of the history of the state through colonial times, pre- statehood and after emergence of the state in 1972 till date is being planned.



TRIBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The proposal for setting up of a Tribal Research Institute (TRI) at Babadam, West Garo Hills district with a cost of 40 crores has been approved by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The institute will focus on research and documentation work relating to tribal art and will be developed as a center of excellence on all aspects relating to the varied cultural practices of the state.



SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS



- Under Mission Football, the State Level Mission Football Meghalaya Open Tournament 2018 was organized.
- Construction and development of football ground at Saitsnad, Mawlangwir, South West Khasi Hills District is underway.
- Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme was organized to shortlist young people to represent the State in the Inter State Youth Exchange Programme, National Youth Festival and North East Youth Festival and State Level Quiz & Debate Competition.
- The Chief Minister's District Level Inter School Athletic Meet 2018 was conducted at J.N. Sports Complex, Shillong where 50 schools actively participated
- The Chief Minister's Under 12 Years Boys and Girls Football Tournament were organized from the Block level was held in Shillong.
- The State is gearing to host the 39th National Games in 2022 and over 9700 Athletes are expected to participate in 36 sports disciplines.





LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- Minimum wages revised to INR 300, 340, 380 and 420 per day for Unskilled, Semi-Skilled, Skilled and Highly Skilled categories of Workers respectively with effect from 1st October 2018.
- No cases of child labour were detected in the year 2018.
- 2480 inspections have been conducted during 2018-19 in accordance with the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.
- Number of trainees admitted in ITIs almost doubled in 2018 compared to over the previous year.
- 2774 youth were trained in Market Linked Skill Development (State Plan) in sectors like Tussle Crafting, Financial Services and Insurance, Grooming and Life Skills for Hospitality and Customer Relationship Management. Out of these 1100 have been placed.
- Model Career Centers are approved- centre in Shillong is ready to operate and civil work is in progress at Tura.
- Under Supporting Human Capital Development in Meghalaya project, 25,000 youth are targeted to be trained by March 2020.

SKILL CHALLENGE FUND

The state is implementing the “Supporting Human Capital Development in Meghalaya” project, which is jointly funded by the Government of Meghalaya and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Skill development is one the key components of the project. Accordingly, a Skill Challenge Fund is set up under which skill training providers from across the country are engaged to train local youth in various employment related skills.





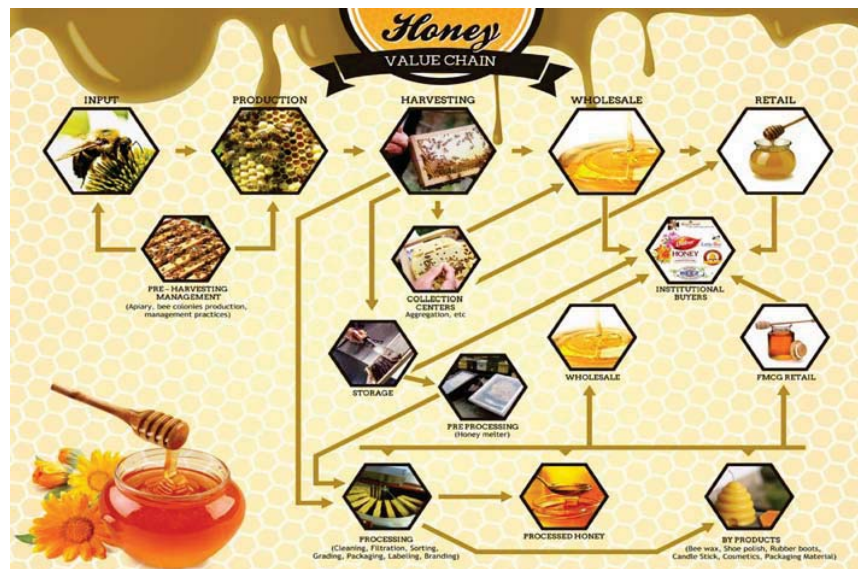
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- 5th Act East Business Show, 2018 was organized in July.
- 457 new industrial units were promoted with a registered investment of INR 40.43 Crore, generating employment for 1,982 people.
- 1510 individuals trained in the trades of tailoring and embroidery, carpentry, cane and bamboo and blacksmithy.
- Upgradation of Departmental Training Centres at Nongstoin and Mawsynram is completed.
- Two Honey Processing Plants are set up at Tura and Shillong and handed over to the Meghalaya Khadi and Village Industries Board.
- Five local artisans were awarded under the State Award Scheme for Handicraft Artisans and provided with the cash award of INR 50,000 each.
- 4 New Border Haat projects are sanctioned.
- Land acquisition is completed for the construction of Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Tamabil - Dawki, West Jaintia Hills and the construction work is in progress.



BORDER HAATS

Border Haats at Kalaichar, West Garo Hills District and Balat, East Khasi Hills District are successfully functioning. Now the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has sanctioned an amount of INR 18 Crore for construction of four more border haats at Bholaganj East Khasi Hills; Nalikata, South West Khasi Hills; Shibbari, South Garo Hills and Rynku, East Khasi Hills.





SOCIAL WELFARE

- Two years of pension for about 12,000 Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) was sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme.
- Juvenile Home at Mawdiangdiang was commissioned in July 2018- 2 types of Observation Homes, 2 Special Home and 2 Shelter Homes have been identified separately for children, young boys and girls with total capacity of 400 in total.
- Two Swadhar Grehs were sanctioned and are being run at Shillong and Nongpoh.
- Beneficiaries under the Social Assistance to the Infirm and widows had increased from 70,468 during 2016-17 to 83,857 in 2018-19.



FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

- Achieved target for identification of 70,200 households under AAY category in 2018.
- All components under End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations are completed.
- Digitized information on wholesalers- Wholesale Depot, Fair Price Shops and beneficiaries' database- is now available on the department's website <http://megfcsc.gov.in/>
- Online allocation and supply chain management of food grains started since April 2018.
- Implementation of fair price shop Automation is in progress.
- Consumer Awareness Programs have been organized at the State, District/Sub-division and Block Levels.

CONSUMER AWARENESS

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government and the Khasi Jaintia Welfare Association (KJWA) for setting up of the State Consumer Helpline in April 2018. Citizens can now lodge their grievances and know more about their Consumer Rights through the following means.

- Toll Free No. - 1800-345-3687
- Website - www.meghalayaconsumerhelpline.org
- E-mail - schmeghalaya@gmail.com



PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

- Systematic Review System to assess the implementation of various flagship programs was initiated and the reports are uploaded in the department's website <http://megpiet.gov.in>
- Evaluation Study on (i) Irrigation Projects of Soil and Water Conservation Department and Water Resources Department under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (A.I.B.P). (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) (iii) Rural Housing Scheme were approved and uploaded on the department's website.
- Field inspection of schemes under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) were undertaken.
- Comprehensive Review Meetings of the State Government Programme Implementation and Monitoring Committee (SGPIMC) were conducted in respect of Water Resources Department, Soil and Water Conservation Department, Public Works Department, Commerce and Industries Department, Mining & Geology Department.
- Various field visits, inspection and review meetings were conducted in respect of PMGSY roads, Hydroger Projects and Rain Harvesting structures.
- State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) were directed to take action on clearing the arrear annual accounts and placing the same before the Legislative Assembly.

OTHER MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Meghalaya assembly building project sanctioned at a cost INR 141 Crore.
- North Eastern Council has released an amount of about INR 38 Crore for the implementation of various schemes during the year 2018-19.
- Under the North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), INR. 175 Crore is being provided for six key infrastructure projects.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has for the first time, sanctioned nine projects under the component Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme at a cost of INR. 34 Crore.
- INR 35 Crore was released under Article 275 (1).











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