

SUCCESS CONVERGENCE PROJECT WITH INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MEGHALYA & COMMUNITY UNDER MGNREGS



Khliehrangnah Village



Mynska Village

HOW THE PROJECT STARTED

The inception of this project arose from the expansion of the settlement area in Khliehrangnah, resulting in a concerning reduction of cultivable land. Mynska village, a significant coal hub within the Laskein block, relies heavily on coal-related livelihoods, primarily involving marginal farmers and laborers employed in coal stockyards. Historically, the village had generously provided space for settlement and cultivatable land to landless families. However, with evolving future needs and demands, the community has proactively initiated a land reclamation project to address the alarming decline in cultivable land.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The implementation process involves a collaboration between the Institute of Natural Resources, Meghalaya (INR) and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGS). Under this partnership, MGNREGS oversees the implementation of land development activities, while INR is responsible for the provision of planting materials of Citronella and Lemongrass and conducting training on the utilization of Field Distillation Unit (FDU).





As part of a convergence project between the Institute of Natural Resources, Meghalaya and MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) an inauguration program of Installation of Field Distillation Unit (FDU) was conducted on 12th July 2023 under the Laskein C&RD (Community & Rural Development) block in West Jaintia Hills District.

The event was graced by the presence of Shri K.N Kumar, IAS, Chairman of the Meghalaya Farmers (Empowerment) Commission, Shri H.C Chaudhary, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Environment Department, Shri L Shabong, Director (INR), and officials from the BDO (Block Development Office) of Laskein block, ADC (Additional Deputy Commissioner) and Project Director DRDA (District Rural Development Agency) of West Jaintia Hills District.

The event celebrated the accomplishments of the women in the Laskein block community who obtained a 500 Kg distillation unit through exceptional contributions from female job card holders. In addition, the entire setup of the Working Shed was provided by MGNREGS.



At the event, Shri K N Kumar honored a woman farmer for her significant contribution in providing her own land for the establishment of the Distillation Unit. The farmers also received financial assistance for purchasing a vehicle from Shri K N Kumar, the Chairman of the Meghalaya Farmers Empowerment Commission.

Following the event, officials carried out a site inspection at the land reclamation site in Mynska. Witnessing the remarkable progress in the development of highly degraded land in Khliehrangnah and Mynska, the officials commended the dedicated efforts and valuable contributions made by The Megh Aroma Mission and MGNREGS. This convergence had a transformative impact on the entire community.


