

REPORT ON THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR PROMOTING MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS UNDER THE AROMA MISSION IN MEG-LIFE VILLAGES

The Institute of Natural Resources, Meghalaya, in collaboration with the District Project Management of Meg-Life, organized an awareness programme. During this initiative, members from the Village Plantation Implementation Committee (VPIC) and Village Community Facilitator (VCF) were identified and engaged.

The primary **aim and objectives** of the programme was to create awareness about medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) among the participants and to promote the cultivation of high value crops, their processing, value addition and marketing of essential oil for providing additional income to farming communities and encouraging agri-business for people of the state. Throughout the extended week-long program, a total of 25 sessions were held at the block level, where 1194 participants enthusiastically attended the programme, out of which 887 were males 307 were females. Detailed information regarding each session is provided in the table below.

SL No	Date	District	Block	Expected no. of Participant.	No. of participants		Resources Person	Output
					Male	Female		
1	25-04-2024	Eastern West Khasi Hills	Mairang	69	32	32	Baniaraplang Syiemiong	93
2	24-04-2024	North Garo Hill	Resubelpara	66	50	13	Easterlina M Sangma	95
	23-04-2024		Kharkutta	57	53	4	Easterlina M Sangma	100
3	25-04-2024	Ri Bhoi	Umling	63	15	18	Mr. Besterly Marwein	52
	24-04-2024		Umsning	66	36	9	Mr. Besterly Marwein	68
4	25-4-24	East Garo Hills	Songsak	66	63	3	Mourdome B Marak	100
	24-4-24		Samanda	63	55	5	Mourdome B Marak	95
	02-05-24		Dambo rongjeng	63	56	7	Mourdome B Marak	100

5	25-04-2024	East Jaintia Hills	Saipung	54	28	8	Paka I Yoo Suja	67
7	23-04-2024	South Garo Hills	Gasuapara	66	31	7	Victor M Marak	58
	30-04-2024		Baghmara	57	36	9	Victor M Marak	80
	26-04-2024		Rongara	54	36	4	Victor M Marak	75
8	29-04-2024	South West Garo Hills	Betasin	69	47	12	Chuckle CH Marak	85
	30-04-2024		ZikZak	66	38	7	Chuckle CH Marak	68
9	26-04-2024	South West Khasi Hills	Mawkyrwat	67	32	35	Riker M Kharsahnoh	100
10	27-04-2024	West Garo Hills	Gambegre	57	31	7	Ajay Ch Momin	57
	29-04-2024		Rongram	81	56	6	Ajay Ch Momin	77
	23-04-2024		Tikrikilla	66	51	3	Ajay Ch Momin	82
	25-04-2024		Dalu	66	60	6	Ajay Ch Momin	100
	26-04-2024		Salsella & Dadenggre	33	0	30	Ajay Ch Momin	91
11	24-04-2024	West Jaintia Hills	Laskein	30	15	9	Paka I Yoo Suja	80
	26-04-2024		Thadlaskein	60	30	18	Paka I Yoo Suja	80
12	30-04-2024	West Khasi Hills	Mawshynrut	27	15	9	Baniaraplang Syiemiong	89
13	29-04-2024	East Khasi Hills	Mawryngkneng	39	39	9	Riker M Kharsahnoh	69
14	30-04-2024		Mawkynrew	63	63	10	Riker M Kharsahnoh	65

During the interaction session, participants raised several questions and expressed their doubts. Some of the feedback received includes:

- Inquiry about the required land area to commence plantation.
- Concerns regarding the mission's assistance in marketing their oil.
- Query about individual and group participation in the mission.
- Interest in whether the mission would provide funds for fencing, land development, etc., to facilitate plantation.

- Concerns about the potential impact of grazing on aromatic crops.
- Question regarding the frequency of crop harvesting per year.
- Inquiry about whether the mission would cover labor fees during plantation.
- Interest in whether the department would provide a Field Distillation Unit (FDU) for oil extraction.
- Concerns about potential challenges in marketing.
- Inquiry into how the mission would facilitate marketing.



Rongara Block, SGH



Gasuapara Block, SGH



Baghmara Block, SGH



Resubelpara Block, NGH



Kharkutta Block, NGH



Dalu Block, WGH



Gambegre Block, WGH



Rongram Block, WGH



Salsella Block, WGH



Titrikilla Block, WGH



Umling Block, Ri Bhoi



Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi



Mairang Block, EWKH



Mawkyrwat, SWKH



Mawshynrut Block, WKH



Mawryngkneng Block, EKH



Mawkynew Block, EKH

Saipung Block, EKH



Thadlaskein Block, WJH



Laskein Block, WJH



ZikZak Block, SWGH



Betasing Block, SWGH



Songsak Block, EGH



Samanda Block, EGH



Dambo-Rongjeng Block, EGH



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Elevation: 394.9433 m
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Note: Dambo Rongjeng Block Awareness programme on MAPS