

## Activities undertaken by the District Basin Development Unit from January 2014 to February 2014/

1. **Exhibition-cum-sale of traditional Handloom and Handicrafts and Flower Show:-** The BDU, West Khasi Hills District had organised an Exhibition-cum-sale of traditional Handloom and Handicrafts and Flower Show at DC's Office Campus, Nongstoin on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014 with assistance from the District Arts and Culture Society and Nongstoin Officers' Club. The objective was to provide the partners with recognition, access to local market as well as exposure to general public. Thousands of people witnessed the potential of our registered partners, thereby, motivating the partners. The partners were also able to sell their products during the exhibition/show.





2. **Training on making of Traditional Handloom and Handicrafts at Mairang C & R D Block:** With financial assistance from the District Arts and Culture Society, the BDU organised a one-week training programme for its registered partners in making of Traditional Handloom and Handicrafts at Mairang C & R D Block from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The training was provided by Resource Persons from Wellspring Social Service Society, Mairang. The female partners are now being linked up for financial assistance under the scheme Women Economic Empowerment through Financial Inclusion (WEEFI). Efforts are also on to motivate them to form into SHGs.





3. **Training on making of Traditional Musical Instruments (Handicrafts) at Nongstoin C & R D Block:** A similar training programme making of Traditional Musical Instruments (Handicrafts) was also organised at Nongstoin C & RD Block wef 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 with funding from the District Arts and Culture Society. The training not only provided the partners with the opportunity to improve upon their skills but also to learn the basic skills of playing traditional musical instruments.





4. **Distribution of IEC materials:** As per the direction of the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) to circulate the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to our partners, partnering institutions, Headmen/Sirdars, Traditional Heads, etc, two separate programmes were held at Nongstoin and Mairang. After a brief speech by the Nodal Officer (IBDLIP) about the purpose of distributing the IEC materials, the same were distributed by the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, Basin Development Unit and SDO(Civil), Mairang.





5. **Awareness Programme on need to preserve and maintain the environment at 4<sup>th</sup> MLP Battalion, Sohpián:-** Sohpián, a village about six kilometres from Nongstoin is endowed with natural landscape. However, environmental degradation is rampant affecting flora and fauna. As an initiative to Green Mission and with the objective to spread awareness amongst the residents about the need to preserve the environment, an awareness programme was conducted at 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion campus, Sohpián which was attended by police personnel. Thereafter, fishes were released into the ponds at the Battalion as a step towards preserving the environment.

