



**A REPORT  
ON THE  
ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES  
TAKEN UP BY THE  
DISTRICT BASIN DEVELOPMENT UNIT  
WEST JAINTHIA HILLS DISTRICT**



The Integrated Basin Development and Livelihood Programme was officially launched in the District on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 by holding a 1- Day District Level Workshop for Govt. Officials



*Shri. K.S Kropha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Planning Department speaking at the, District Level Workshop*

### **WORKSHOPS AND OUT REACH PROGRAMMES.**

A District Level workshop on IBDLP involving all Stake holders which include Public Representatives, Government Officials, Village Headmen, SHGs members, aspiring entrepreneurs, was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, at Jowai. Prof. R.C. Laloo Hon'ble Minister i/c Education, etc graced the function as the Chief Guest.



*Prof.R.C Laloo Hon'ble Minister i/c Education, etc. giving speech at the Workshop*





*Participants attending the workshop.*

### **BLOCK LEVEL WORKSHOPS**

As part of the sensitization programme on IBDLP, Block-Level Workshops – cum - Orientation Programmes had been organized in all the 5(five) Blocks of East and West Jaintia Hills.



*Shri.S.F.Lyngdoh, Project Manager, MRDS briefing the Participants on IBDLP at Khliehriat Block on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012*



*Participants attending Block Level workshop at Khliehriat on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012*



*Participants attending Block Level workshop at Thadlaskein on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012*



*Block Level workshop at Amlarem on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2012*



*Block Level workshop at Laskein on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2012*



*Participants attending Block Level workshop at Saipung C&RD Block on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012*



An Awareness Programme on IBDLP for Village Headmen & other stake holders of Amlarem Civil Sub-Division was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Ennowel Hall, Amlarem. Shri. P.S.Dkhar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District was the Chief Guest at the function. The programme was also attended by District Officials from Departments involved in IBDLP.



*Shri. P.S.Dkhar,IAS ,Deputy Commissioner receiving the Bouquet at the Awareness Programme*



*Participants attending the Awareness Programme at Ennowel Hall, Amlarem on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013*

Awareness Program for Turmeric and Ginger growers of Looksi village was organized by **Kyntu shaphrang SHG** in collaboration with the BDU on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the Community Hall, Thlongmoo, Looksi under Laskein C& RD Block. The objective of the programme is to familiarize the farmers on the concept of livelihood promotion and sustainable development.



*Shri. P.S. Dkhar, IAS Deputy Commissioner along with the team of Officials from the District attending the programme.*



*Participant at the Awareness Programme at Thlongmoo, Looksi under Laskein C& RD Block on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013*



## INAUGURATION OF ENTERPRISE FACILITATION CENTRES (EFCs):

### **Thadlaskein EFC.**



*Shri P.S. Dkhar, Deputy Commissioner giving a speech at the Inauguration of Thadlaskein EFC on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012*



*Signage at Thadlaskein*





*Smt. R.S. Manner, MCS giving speech at the inauguration of the Amlarem EFC on 22<sup>nd</sup>, November, 2012*



*Shri. S.S. Syiemlieh, MCS giving speech at the Inauguration of Laskein EFC on 22<sup>nd</sup>, November, 2012*

### Participatory Rural Appraisal:

The BDU has also taken the initiative to conduct PRA exercise in 14 villages of different C&RD Blocks in the District with the objective of having better knowledge on livelihood activities vis-a-vis the availability of resources for the purpose of interventions to all prospective activities.



*Village Plan being worked out during the PRA exercise at Mynso Village under Laskein C & RD Block*



*PRA exercise at Mawlong Village under Amlarem C & RD Block.*





*ERPs interacting with villagers at Larnai Village during PRA exercise on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

### **Livelihood mapping:**

- ❖ The consultancy firms engaged by MBDA, WEBCON Ltd. and Total Livelihood School, Hyderabad along with ERPs conducted livelihood mapping in some villages under from Laskein and Amlarem C&RD respectively. The villages that were covered were Kyndongtuber, Mowtyrshiah, Mookyndeng, Mynso-A, Mukhap, Nongkynrih, Barato, Khatkasla and Thadmuthlong under Laskein C&RD Block.



*Official from WEBCON Ltd during livelihood mapping at Kyndongtuber*

The villages covered under Amlarem C&RD Block were Amlaririm, Pdengshakap, Amladkhur, Thangbuli (Jarolod), Hawaii Bhoi, Trangbalang, Amtasam, Pamtbuh, Khliehamkhsar, Lamin, Jong-u-Shen, Kudengthymmai, Bakur, Shnongpdeng, Kudengrim, Amsohmeheleng, Mupyut, Samanong and Syndai.



*A team from Total Livelihood School, Hyderabad interacting with the villagers*

### **MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

On the occasion of the 56<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration, the District Basin Development Unit took the opportunity to showcase and display a tableau on Integrated Basin Development and Livelihood Promotion Programme in the District which depicted the 9 (Nine) missions in attaining the objective of sustainable livelihood.



*Tableau on IBDLP on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.*



## DIALOGUE WITH PARTNERS PROGRAMME.

The Dialogue with Partners Programme had been organized in all the 3(three) EFC's of West Jaintia Hills with the objective to work out feasible intervention programmes for improving the livelihood of partners in the various sectors.



*Shri. E.Shanpru, OSD, MIE interacting with partners during the DPP at Amlarem EFC*



*Partners at the DPP Programme at Amlarem EFC on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013*



*Officials from DCIC Jowai briefing partners during the DPP Programme at Laskein EFC*



*Dialogue with Partners Programme at Thadlaskein EFC.*



## OTHER INITIATIVES TAKEN BY BDU

### **1. Development of Sericulture at Saphai Village.**

A convergence effort was initiated by the District Basin Development Unit, WJHD in collaboration with the Sericulture Department, WJHD and Bellefonte Community College for the development of Eri farmers of Saphai Village. The BDU proposed for the setting up of a Training cum Spinning center in the Village. Before initiating the proposal, an Awareness cum-Training Programme on Eri Spinning was organized for the farmers of the Village.



*Smt. A. Passah, District Sericulture Officer, giving speech during Awareness cum Training programme on eri spinning at Saphai Village.*

Eri farmers of Saphai Village were taken for an Exposure visit to the Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute Berhampur, West Bengal with a view to familiarize them on the method and process of spinning and weaving. The visit was sponsored by Meghalaya Basin Development Authority.



*Partners from Saphai village on an exposure visit to Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute Berhampur, West Bengal.*

## **2.Establishment of Fish Sanctuary at Syntu Ksiar**

A convergence effort was also initiated between the BDU, Office of the Superintendent of Fisheries Jowai, BDO Thadlaskein and the Jaintia Fishing & Environment Society, Jowai for the establishment of the Sanctuary on the water pool already created by the Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Objective:

- ❖ To conserve the Indigenous and Endemic species
- ❖ To create an un-disturbed breeding ground for Mahaseers
- ❖ To promote and boost tourism.
- ❖ To enhance the livelihood promotion within the area.
- ❖ To create proper sanitation facilities.
- ❖ Gap funding by MBDA has been sanctioned and work will be taken up shortly.



*The waterpool at Syntu Ksiar*

## **3.Development of Piggery at Nartiang.**

The objective of the program is to ensure self sufficiency in meat demand. The success of the programme would be replicated in other areas as well. A model for convergence is being worked out between BDU and AH & Veterinary Department. The BDU has organized Awareness cum Interactive Session with the Partners from the Village on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Till date 13 partners have been sent by MIE for training at SIRD, Nongsder.





*Shri. K.Hynniewta, Nodal Officer, BDU interacting with pig farmers at Nartiang*

### **3. Reviving the Pottery of Larnai Village.**

The BDU conducted the PRA exercise in the village to work out viable possible interventions.



*Villagers interacting during a PRA exercise at Larnai Village*

An interactive session with the Partners involved in the trade was organized at Thadlakein EFC where it was decided that artisans from the village would be sent for an Exposure visit, the task of which was handed over to Shri. I.Z Wreang, FM, DCIC, Jowai.



*Officials of BDU along with the artisans of Larnai village on an Exposure visit to Andretta Pottery Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh.*



*Artisans from Larnai Village putting hands on at Andretta Pottery Training Centre, Himachal Pradesh.*

#### ❖ **Promotion of Herbal Soap produced by Sahnsiang Cluster Level Federation**

The BDU will be working on the possible intervention in providing trainings and technical inputs to the Partners who are presently involved in the production of Handmade Herbal Soap. The Proposal will be sent to MIE for working out plans for the project. The objective is to encourage entrepreneurship among rural folk.

#### ❖ **Proposal for setting of a Handicraft Training Centre at Mookyndeng**

The BDU has submitted a proposal to MIE for utilizing the facilities of the Women's Group and Handicraft Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd. Mowkyndeng as the training Centre on handicrafts for Artisans of the State.



### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MONTH.**

Sustainable Development Week was observed in the District whereby the BDU along with other Departments organized Cleaning Drive along the river Myntdu, cum Tree Plantation Programme at Syntu Ksiar on occasion of World Environment Day 2013.

The programme was attended by Prof. R.C Laloo, Deputy Chief Minister who also graced the function as the Chief Guest. The participation was overwhelming as over a thousand people including Schools and College students, NGOs, Local people and Govt officials attended the programme. The programme culminated with a Tree Plantation and the release of fingerlings at the Myntdu River by the Department of Fisheries.



*Cleaning drive at Syntu Ksiar as part of Sustainable Development Month*





*Release of fingerlings at Myntdu River by Prof. R.C.Laloo*



*Prof. R.C.Laloo planting a sapling on the occasion.*



*Planting of sapling by Shri.P.S. Dkhar, IAS Deputy Commissioner West Jaintia Hills District on World Environment Day 2013*