



NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT (NFMP)



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From the Desk of Chief Project Director:

As the saying goes “Every journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step”, we have managed to take the steps and are now going in strides, all out. The guidance of many, starting with the JICA office at the top, down to the implementing partners at the field level had been worthwhile during a much-needed time, when the Project Management Consultants were yet to be put in place. Improving the infrastructures and building up the capacities of the implementing agencies for the deliverables have paid off quite a dividend in putting a step further towards achieving the project objectives. The much-awaited hope of having the Project Management Consultancy in place is taking shape and our intimate co-operation with it will fulfil our expectations of all.

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PMU Office renovation: The Project Management Unit office is being set up at the ground floor of the Forest Office Complex Kohima. During the month of April 2019, setting up of Office Cubicles was completed.

Internal Audit: The project management unit had agreed to start internal audit of its Divisional Management Units for Financial year 2018-19.

RFP for GIS/MIS: The Request for Proposal (RFP) evaluation for GIS/MIS was completed on 16/04/2019 and submitted to Government for approval.

Selection of NGOs : The State Government has conveyed its approval of RFP for selection of NGOs. The RFP was published in newspaper and uploaded in the project website on 26th June 2019. The Project Management Unit had constituted the Selection Committee comprising of the following members:

*Chairman: Shri Supongnukshi, PD (HRD)

*Member: Shri Temjenyabang, CF(P&T)

*Member: Smt. LhinghoikimTouthang,
Dy.PD(DP&R)

*Member: Shri Ango Konyak, Dy.PD (AFP)

The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for Selection of NGOs has been completed by the Project Management Unit and the same has been forwarded to the Government for approval.

Plastic free Nurseries: The Project Management Unit had in its meeting on 03.04.2019 decided to phase out the use of plastics in all project nurseries as agreed during the High Power Committee meeting (held on 25th March 2019) and to use alternative materials such as cloth bags, bamboo stems etc on pilot basis and the same was intimated to all Divisional Management Units.

Convergence meeting and consultation:

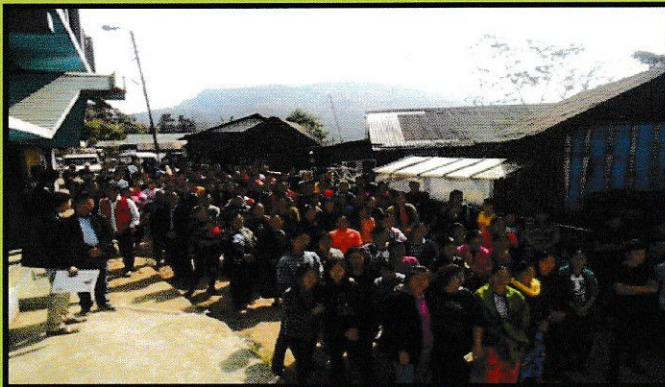
1. On the 2nd of April 2019, the PMU had a meeting with the Nagaland Honey Mission and Bio-resource Mission wherein it was discussed that activities like Beekeeping and cultivation of medicinal plants could be considered for convergence under the project.

2. Nagaland Forest Management Project also had a meeting with Development Commissioner Nagaland on matters related to convergence.

JFMC FORMATION & REGISTRATION :

Join Forest Management Committee has been formed in the entire 33 Batch I villages. The Divisional Management Unit Heads along with the Field Management Unit Head visited the selected batch one villages in their respective district and had a sensitization meeting with the villages. Once the villages are aware about the project their prior informed consent was obtained before the JFMC was constituted and registered. A general body meeting was held before the executive member for the JFMC was nominated/selected/elected as per requirement Participation of women during these meeting was encouraging and positive.

Wokha Village JFMC Members



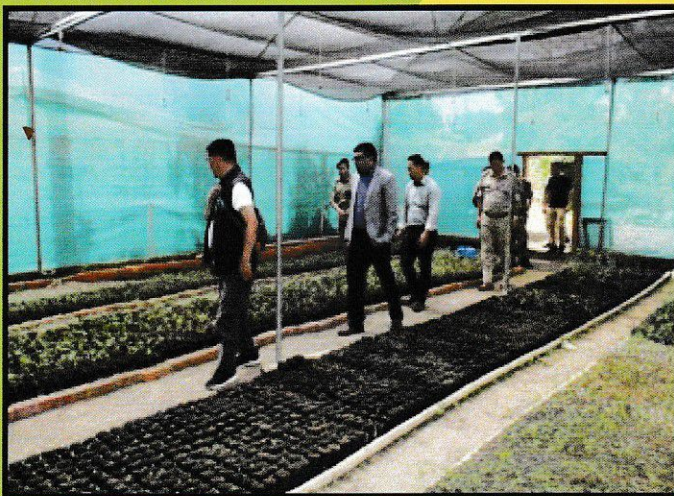
Wokha Village JFMC Executive Committee with DMU Head & FMU Head



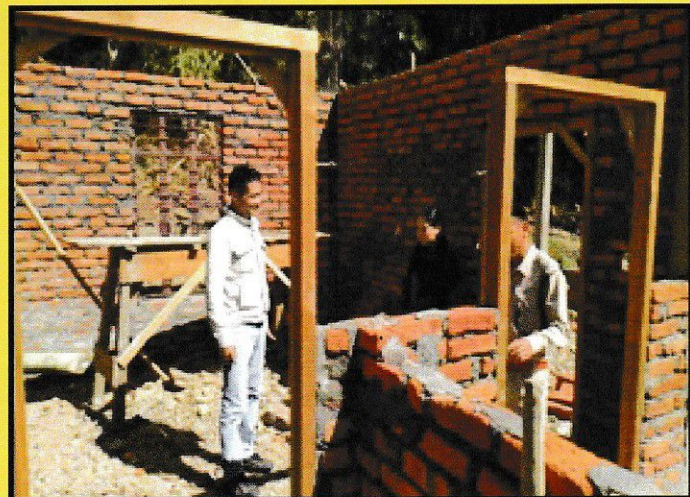
FIELD VISITS:

The Chief Project Director, the Project Directors and Chairman of the Project review committee had visited the Divisional Management Units during the month of June 2019 to oversee the progress made so far.

CPD cum CEO of NFMP visits Phek DMU



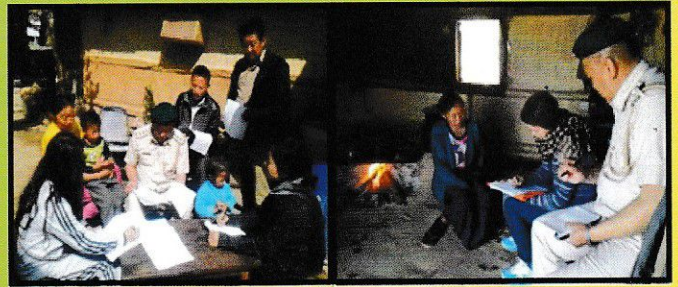
PD (HRD) visit to FMU Tseminyu



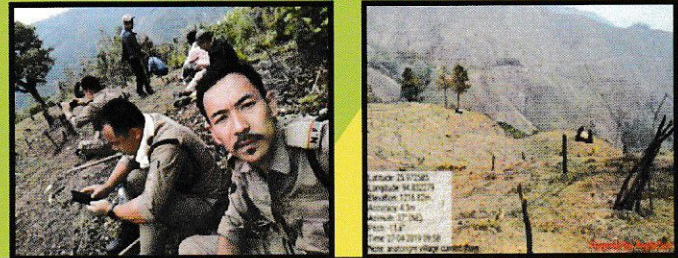
MICROPLAN PREPARATION:

For the 33 Batch I villages the micro plan preparation under progress. The Process involves household survey, a series of meeting with Village Council Members, GBs and JFMCs to sensitize them about the project. The FMUs had undertaken detailed survey of the resources available at the villages and the data collected is used to decide the best suitable Entry Point Activities for the Villages and what best activity to take up for livelihood interventions. Field Staffs also undertook surveying of the villages and taking GPS readings for accurate demarcation of boundary. This data was used as a basis for working out the best suitable Forestry Intervention Models for the particular village.

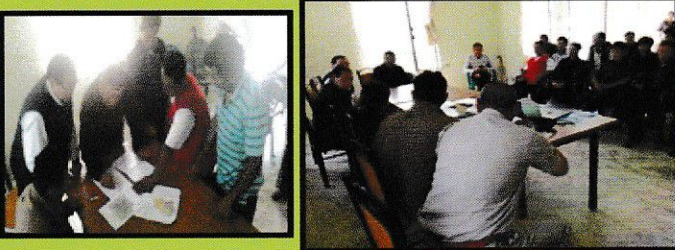
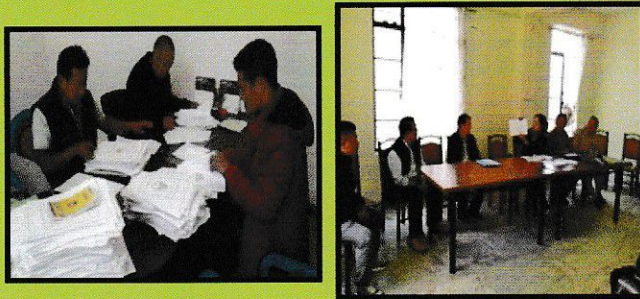
PRA Exercise



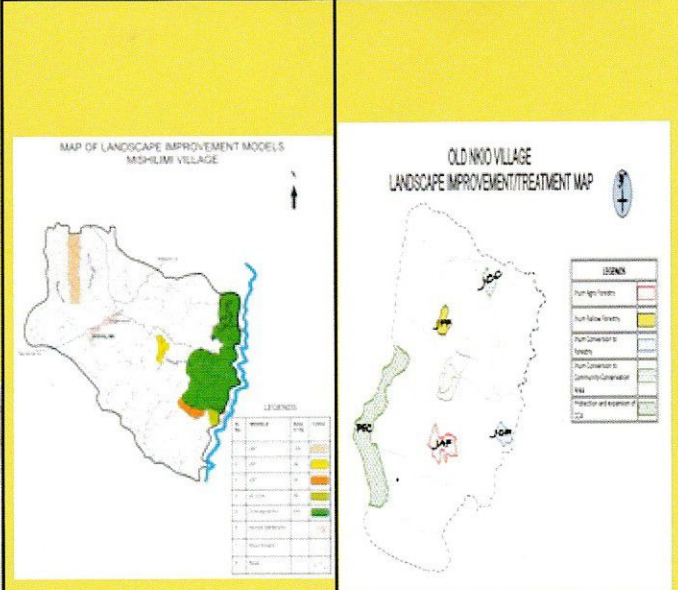
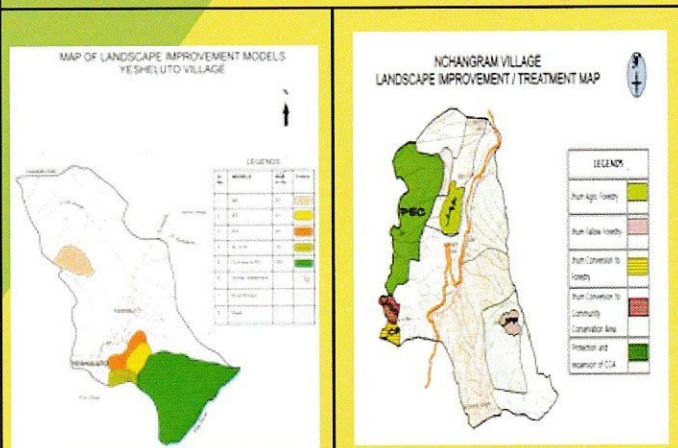
Field exercise/boundary mapping



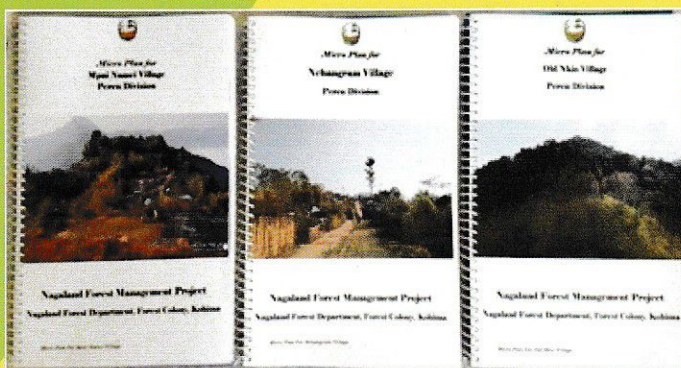
Compilation of data and micro plan preparation



Land Use Pattern & Treatment Maps:



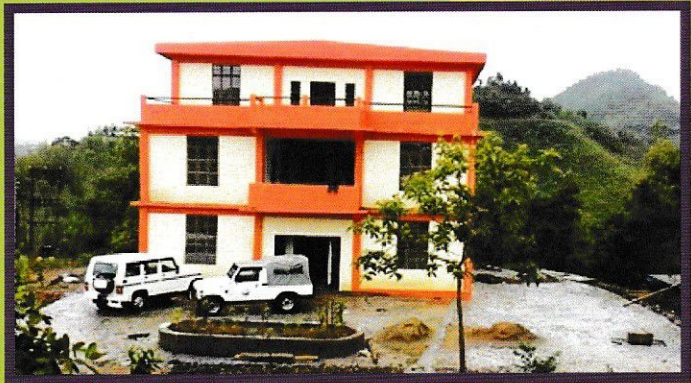
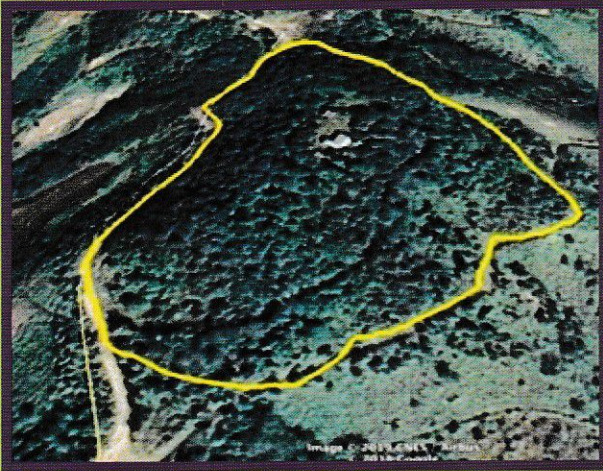
Draft Microplan of Project Villages.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADATION:

Most of the divisions are on the verge of completion of the Offices and Quarters construction, while some Divisions have completed the construction of some of the offices and quarters and has also inaugurated the new buildings. The pictures of the completed buildings of various DMUs are shown below

Construction of approach road and buildings at Longleng Forest Colony: Then & Now
Image on 22/01/2017



FMU Office cum Forester Quarter: Sitap

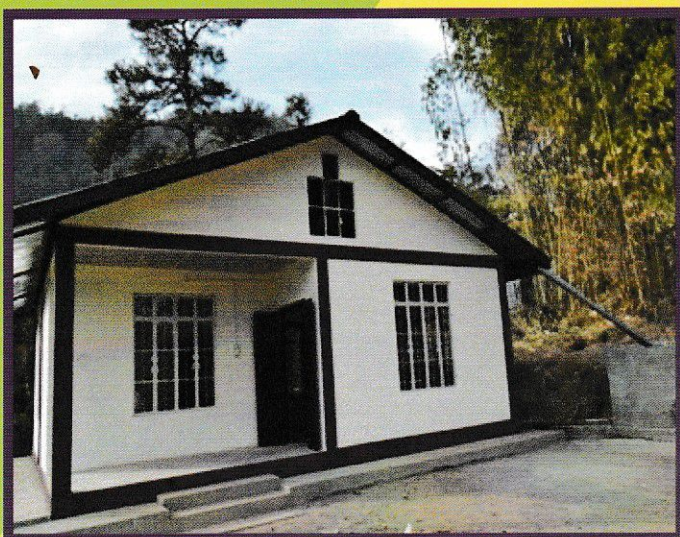


Image on 05/02/2019

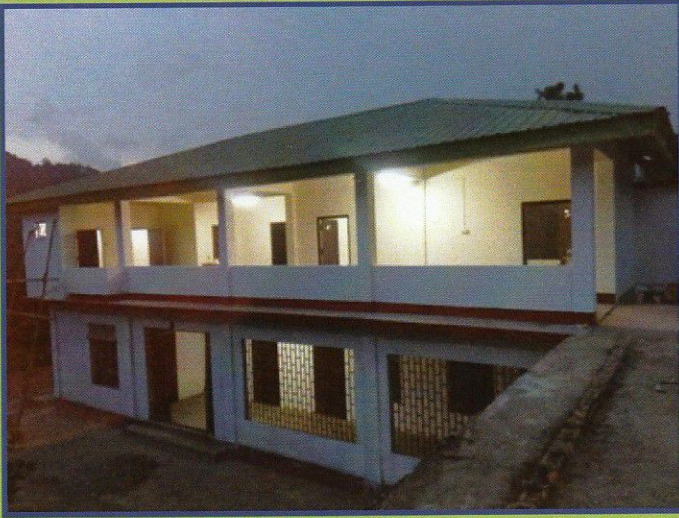


Forester Quarter: Kohima

Forest Guard Quarter: Longleng

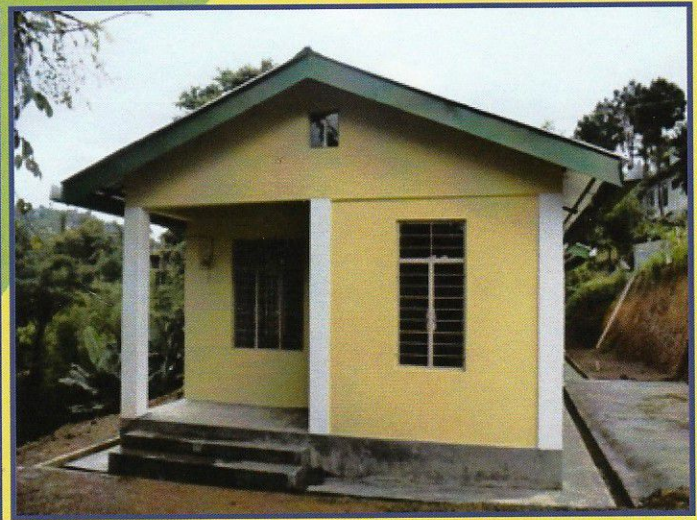
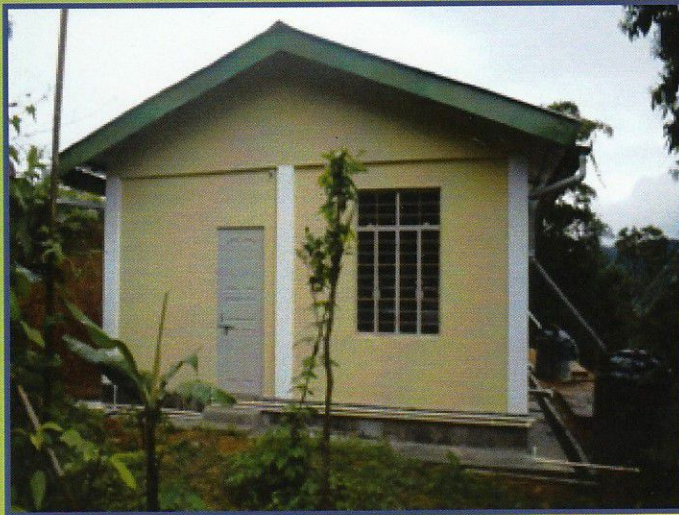


Inauguration of FMU Office Mokokchung



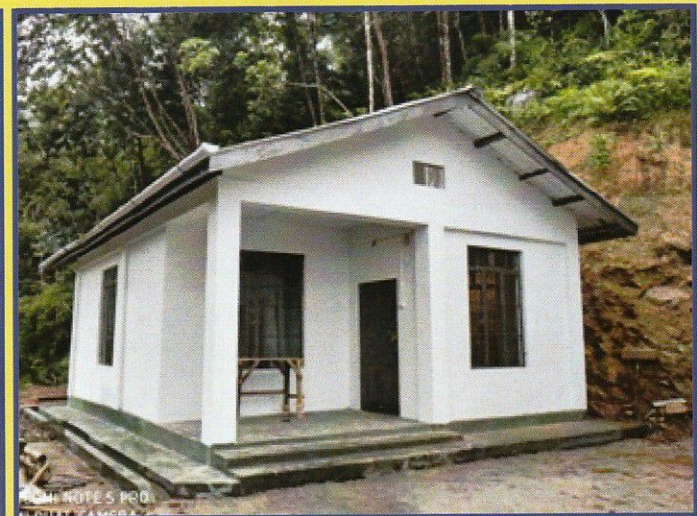
Forester Quarter: Mokokchung

Forest Guard Quarter: Mokokchung



Ranger Quarter: Changtongya

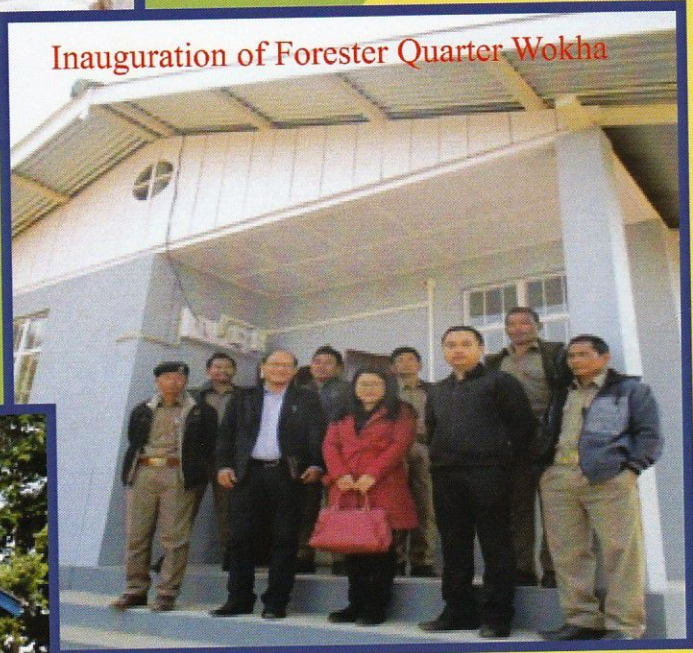
Forest Guard Quarter: Changtongya



FMU Office: Naginimora



Inauguration of Forester Quarter Wokha



Forest Guard Quarter: Mon



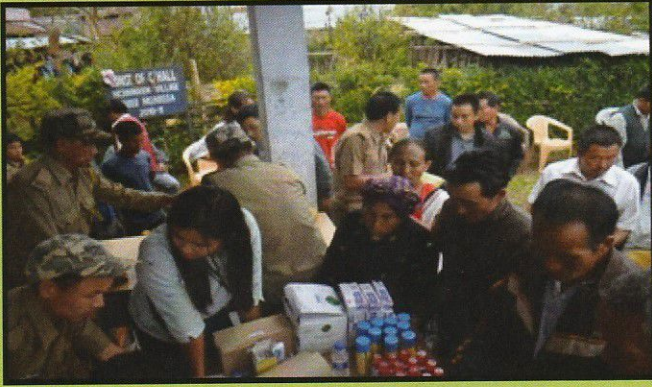
FMU Office : Mon



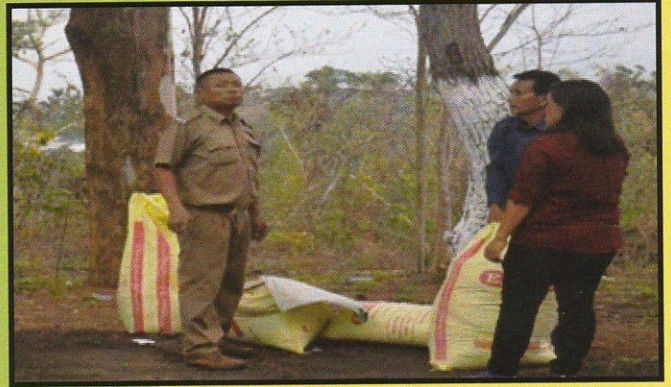
INNOVATIONS FROM THE DIVISIONAL MANAGEMENT UNITS:

Peren: During its visit to the project villages the DMU head and field staffs found that even though the households were equipped with gas connections their consumption of fire wood as a fuel source has not gone down. This was attributed to cooking of pig food using fire wood and almost all the households were engaged in rearing pigs. thus for the purpose of sustainable livelihood and conservation of forest the forest officials conducted an awareness programme to switch to dry feed for the pigs as well as a training programme on animal healthcare

Awareness training on Animal Healthcare

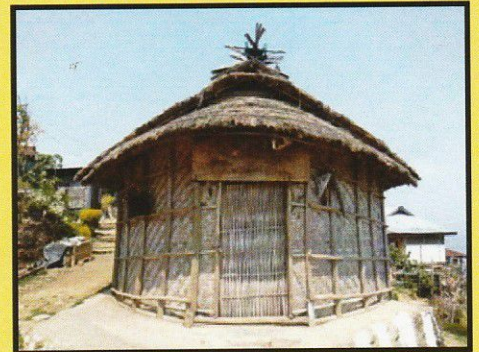


Distribution of Concentrated Dry Feed for Pigs



Zunheboto:-linking of traditional weaving centers with e-commerce initiative for Emlo and Yesheluto Village. Converging with Division website which is under construction (To be developed free of cost using small CSR) Convergence with Union ministry of textiles. Promoting home stays in Community Reserves. Promoting Ecotourism through digital marketing for Mishilimi especially during Tuluni festival in Pughoboto.

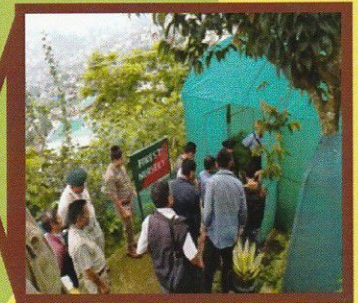
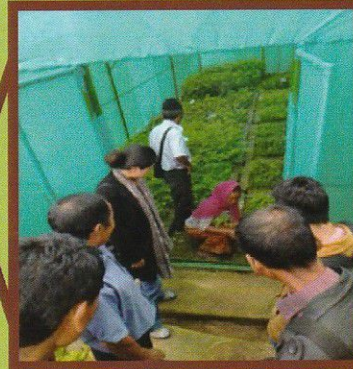
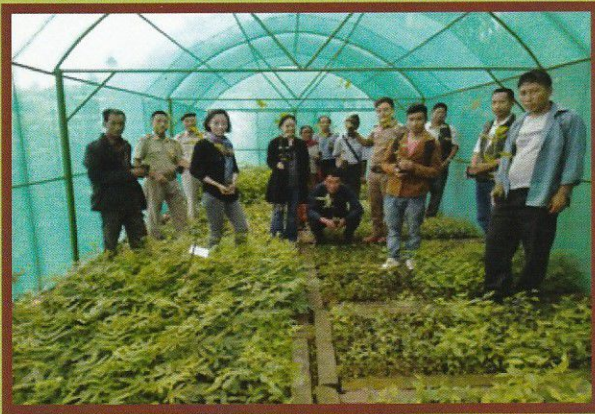
A Traditional Learning Centre



Kiphire : The Divisional Management Unit Kiphire had visited the entire selected villages under its division and conducted a sensitization program. Two villages were taken up amongst the batch I village. The remaining 16 villages were visited by the officials as a part of pre-sensitization and plantation drive during the month of June 2019 was undertaken. They had distributed and planted one tree per household as a JICA Tree in all the project villages.



Kohima: DMU Kohima had invited the JFMCs of the project Villages under the division to its Central nursery for handholding on plastic free nursery. The staffs gave a demonstration for raising of seedlings in plastic free nurseries for the benefit of the JFMC members

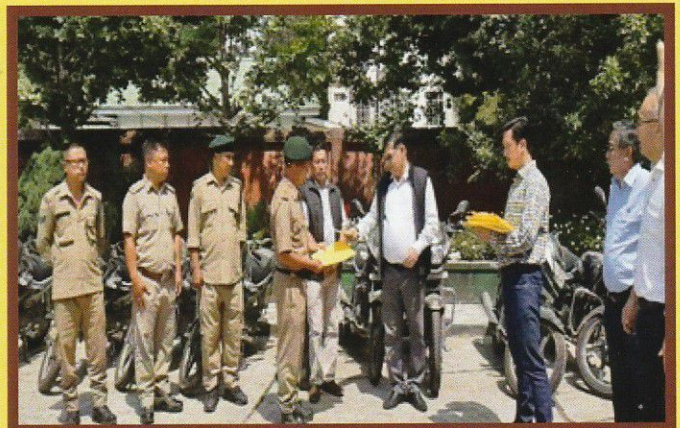
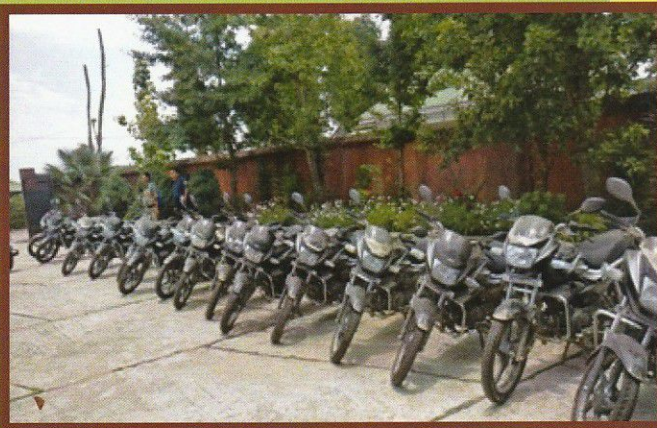


MOBILITY:

The road condition of most of the interior parts of the Districts and Villages are unfriendly and non motorable due to the unruly terrain. The only way to access these areas is through two wheelers. Keeping these situations in mind and to meet the connectivity needs of the field officers, the Project Management Unit had purchased 22 two wheelers and 2 each per Divisional Management Units was distributed at the Office Complex of the PCCF & HOFF Kohima.

Bikes for Distribution

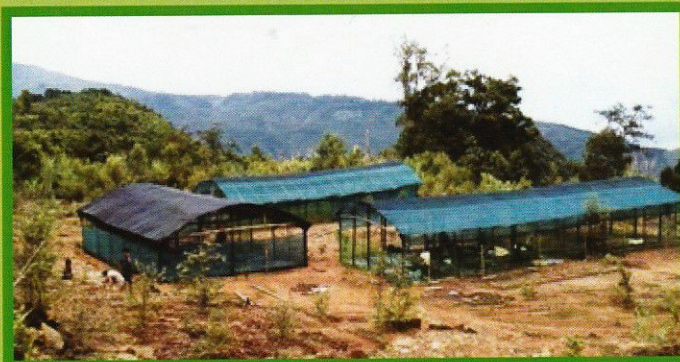
PCCF & Hoff and Chairman GB Shri. Rajat Pal handing over bike documents to FMU heads



JFMC NURSERIES

As mandated in the project document, all nurseries for the forestry intervention models are to be set up at the villages by the Joint Forest Management Committee. The nurseries for the batch I villages has been set up at the respective villages by the JFMCs with technical guidance from the department officials. The seedling requirements for a particular village have already been worked out and are now part of the Microplan. The nurseries have been set up keeping in mind the need to use fewer plastics. Thus alternatives like cloth bags, banana stems and bamboo culms were used for raising of seedlings.

Structure of JFMC Nursery



Terraced nursery beds



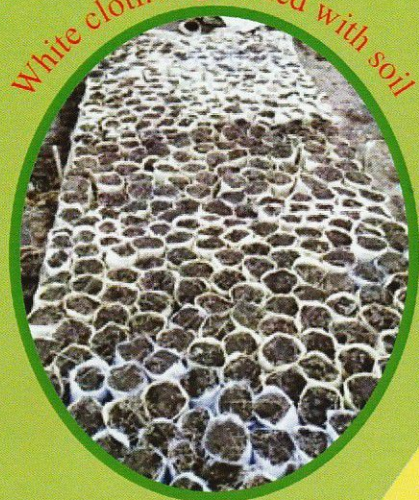
JFMC members preparing germination beds



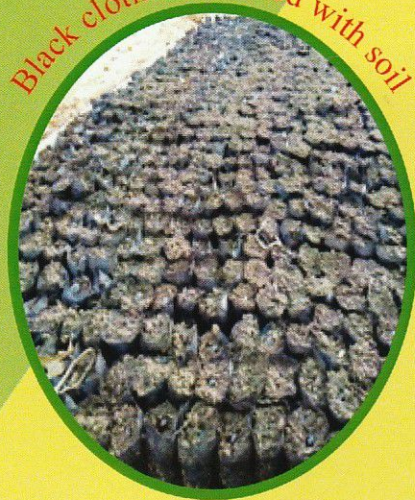
JFMC members sowing seeds



White cloth bags filled with soil



Black cloth bags filled with soil



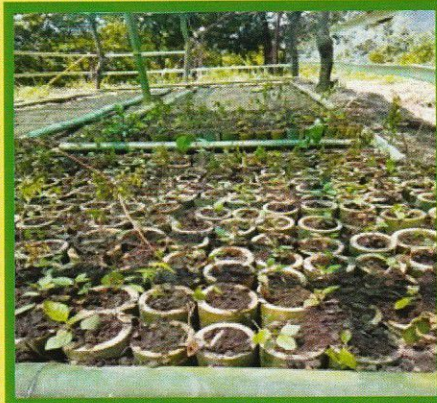
Bamboo culms filled with soil



JFMC members processing locally collected seeds



Seedlings transplanted to bambooculms



Germination bed mulched with banana leaf



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