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From the Desk

The present Quarter witnessed the preparation of Project site for the ensuring plantation season and activities related to plantation.

The Quarter also witnessed various convergence activities with the Department of Health and Family Welfare and Animal Husbandry.

A team of Support Staff from Tripura JICA Project (SCATFORM) visited various JFMCs in Nagaland. The team visited various Project villages and were explained about various components of the Project. The team interacted with JFMC and SHG members and gathered first-hand experience of the activities being carried out under NFMP.

Monitoring of the works were carried out at the level of FMU, DMU and PMU.

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World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day was commemorated by Wokha Forest Division and Doyang Plantation Division, with participation from DMU staff, FMU field teams, FNGOs and Representatives from 20 villages on 20th February, 2025. The event was addressed by Shri Suman W.M. Sivachar, IFS, DMU Head & DFO, Wokha & Doyang, on the topic, "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future". Other speakers included Smt. Zuthunglo Patton, IFS, CF (STC), Special Guest Shri Vedpal Singh, IFS, PCCF & CWLW and Nodal Officer, State Wetland Authority, along with representatives from NEEPCO, District Administration, Wildlife Institute of India and Eco-Development Committees. Certificates were handed to winners of a drawing competition held at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (VKV) school.



DMU Wokha during the World Wetlands Day

Inauguration of Tssentsü Nature Outlet

Tssentsü Nature Outlet, an initiative of Wokha Forest Division was inaugurated by Shri Vedpal Singh, IFS, PCCF & CWLW and Nodal Officer, State Wetland Authority on 2nd February 2025. Tssentsü, meaning "Precious" in Lotha dialect, serves as a common outlet for SHGs under NFMP and FBMP-KfW to strengthen market linkages, enhance production, improve packaging and facilitate nutritional testing of products.



Inauguration of Tssentsü Nature Outlet at DFO, Wokha

Awareness on Forest Fire & Cleanliness Drive

Kohima Forest Division, in collaboration with DMU Kohima under NFMP, organized an Awareness Programme on Forest Fire and Cleanliness Drive on 18th March, 2025 at Government Middle School, Phesama. The event, attended by 34 students from Classes VI-VIII and 7 teachers, aimed to raise awareness on forest fire prevention and environmental cleanliness. The session concluded with a cleanliness drive, during which the students and teachers actively participated in cleaning the school premises.



DMU Kohima along with teachers and students during the Awareness Programme

International Day of Forest Celebrated at Litsami Village

International Day of Forests was observed on 21st March, 2025 at Litsami village (Batch-III), DMU Zunheboto. The event was attended by the FMU Head, Forest Officials and DMU Staff, where an awareness message on the theme "*Forest & Food*" was shared with the community.



DMU Zunheboto observing International Day of Forest at Litsami village

CONVERGENCE

Phek: In convergence with Swasti, National Health Mission Nagaland and Entrepreneurs Associates (supported by TATA AIG), a health and welfare outreach was conducted in Meluri, Akhegwo, Kiihegwo and New Phor villages from 15-18 January, 2025. The initiative aimed to enhance enrolment in government schemes like CMHIS, Ayushman Bharat and E-Shram, to raise health awareness through screenings and improve community well-being. A total of 851 individuals were enrolled in social protection schemes, while 596 individuals benefited from health screenings for early detection and preventive care and 526 participated in awareness sessions on health and welfare services.



Health and Environment Awareness and Screening Programme at DMU Phek

Peren: DMU Peren in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Peren, organized a one-day training programme on agronomic practices and management of King Chilli and Colocasia at Peletkie village on 22nd January 2025. The training was attended by all the 3 SHGs of NFMP and JFMC members, with facilitation support from the FNGO team (C-CERP).

Dimapur: DMU Dimapur, in convergence with Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre (NTTC), conducted a 6-day training on Soap/ Lotion/ Shampoo/ Liquid disinfectant making in Hekheshe and Ruzaphema villages under NFMP. Held from 24th February-8th March 2025, the training saw active participation of 43 individuals.



Kohima: As part of Tata AIG & Integrated Livelihood Programme- Phase 2, a series of Animal Health and Service Camps were organized at NFMP villages in Tseminyu district during February and March 2025. Camps were conducted in Batch-II villages of Terogvunyu and Phenwhenyu, Batch-III villages of Ehunnu, Tseminyu and Tsosinyu and Batch-IV villages of Gwachonlo and Zisunyu. The initiative aimed to provide accessible and timely veterinary services, focusing on pig and poultry health management. Key objectives included preventive and curative care, promotion of biosecurity measures against African Swine Fever (ASF) and Avian Influenza (AI) and awareness on feed management, medication and hygiene practices in pigsties and backyard poultry houses. The Programme was attended by farmers and SHG members.



Animal Service Camp at Gwachonlo & Zisunyu villages

TRAININGS

Value Added Training: DMU Tuensang conducted trainings on value-added agri-products across Sanglao, Kingjung, Peshu and Chimonger villages (Batch-III) in February 2025. The trainings covered topics on Preparation of Cabbage Nursery, Millet Cake Baking and Banana Chips Production.



Preparation of Cabbage Nursery



Value added-Training at DMU Tuensang



Basket Weaving Training: DMU Tuensang organized a hands-on basket weaving training at Chimonger village (Batch-I) under FMU Longkhim on 28 February 2025. The training focused on creating marketable handicraft products.



Hands-on Training on Basket Weaving at Chimonger village



GIS Capacity Building across DMUs

A series of GIS Training Programmes were conducted by GIS Cell, NFMP at PMU, Kohima in March 2025 for various DMUs. The training focused on WEB GIS mobile application, GPS handling, data collection, analysis and field demonstration at Zhadima village (JAF area).

- A three-day GIS Training from 11-13 March 2025 was conducted for DMU Longleng.
- Four-day GIS Training was held for DMU Peren from 15-18 March 2025.
- DMU Wokha attended a two-day GIS Training from 20-21 March 2025.
- A two-day GIS Training was organised for DMU Zunheboto from 24-25 March 2025.



Participants from DMUs during the GIS Training

Traning on Product Branding, Packaging and Book-Keeping: A one-day training was conducted at Zisunyu village on 26th March, 2025 under NFMP to strengthen SHG capacities in branding, packaging and book-keeping. DMU Kohima oriented members on maintaining cash books and registers and distributed record-keeping materials. Ms. Catherine, CEO of Nzon FPO, conducted a session on branding, packaging and FSSAI registration, emphasizing hygiene, product identity and food safety. SHG members from 6 NFMP villages participated.

Cutting and Tailoring: A training on Cutting and Tailoring was conducted on 27th March, 2025 at Sirhi Angami (Batch III under Medziphema Beat) in collaboration with Ascend Skills to enhance livelihood skills. A total of 17 participants attended the training.



DMU Kohima, FNGO & SHG members during Training on Product Branding, Packaging & Book-Keeping



Participants during the Cutting & Tailoring Training at Sirhi Angami

Detergent and Dish Wash Training: DMU Peren organized Detergent Powder and Liquid Dish Wash Making Training for SHG and JFMC members from 27-29 March, 2025 at Upper Sinjol, Old Nkio and Nchangram villages.



Detergent Powder & Liquid Dish Wash Making Training at Upper Sinjol, Old Nkio & Nchangram villages

Republic Day 2025 Celebration

DMU Kiphire, Kohima, Wokha and Zunheboto on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day on 26th January 2025 set up stalls and organized Sales Day to showcase and sell SHG products of NFMP villages. The Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change set up an exhibition stall at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, featuring SHG products from Kohima, Tuensang, Wokha and Dimapur, departmental publications and eco-friendly alternatives to hornbill feathers to promote conservation awareness. DMU Kiphire organized a Sales Day for SHGs of Yingshikiur village (Batch III) and DMU Wokha promoted “Freshly Wokha” products at the Wokha local ground. Zunheboto DMU also participated by setting up a stall to promote SHG initiatives.



Exhibition stalls set up by DMU Kiphire, Kohima, Wokha & Zunheboto during the 76th Republic Day, 2025

VISITS

Exposure visits by Tripura JICA Project

As part of their exposure tour from 11-18 February 2025, a team from Tripura JICA Project (SCATFORM) visited various DMUs under NFMP in Nagaland. On 13th February, the team visited DMU Wokha and interacted with DMU/FMU staff, FNGOs and SHGs. They toured the “Freshly Wokha” Tssentsü Nature Outlet and the JAF model site at New Wokha village (Batch-II). On 14th February, the team visited Zhadima 'A' village (Batch-I under Chiephobozou Range), Water Harvesting Structure (EPA) and JAF plantation site. Discussions were focused on species diversity, survival rates and community-led forest protection. The team also interacted with SHGs involved in Income Generating Activities (IGAs). On 15th February 2025, the team visited Piphema Old village (Batch-II) under DMU Dimapur. The team interacted with SHG members and viewed products developed through IGAs. The visit included a field tour of EPA and WHS sites implemented by the JFMC. Later, the team also visited Medziphema village (Batch-I) to observe traditional weaving practices of Juli SHG. The exposure tour concluded on 17th February with a visit to DMU Peren. The team participated in an interaction session at the Forest Resource Centre, Jalukie, and conducted a field visit to Peletkie village to observe EPA initiatives, nursery activities and SHG enterprises. They also visited the FNGO office to inspect the chilli dryer unit, gaining insights into value addition and income generation.



Tripura JICA Project (SCATFORM) Team with DMU Kohima, Wokha, Dimapur & Peren

PMC and ROJB visit to DMU Phek and DMU Wokha

A team from Project Management Consultant (PMC) and Resource Organisation on Jhum and Biodiversity (ROJB) visited villages under FMU Pftusero and DMU Wokha on 22nd and 24th February 2025 respectively. The team accompanied by DMU support staff, FNGOs and FMU Officials visited Tsupfume and Zhavame villages. At Tsupfume village, a meeting was held with JFMC focused on reviewing village model site plans and discussed forest conservation strategies under the PECCCA approach. The team also visited the PEC site to assess improvements in local forest management. In Zhavame village, discussions with JFMC Chairman explored the potential for eco-tourism development at Kapamodzu. At DMU Wokha, the team held discussions with FMU Heads, DMU support staff, FNGOs and field staff on preparing management plans for PEC model sites in Batch-I and II villages, site selection and model expansion (PEC, JAF, JFF, JCF, JCC). Strategies to mitigate human-elephant conflict were also discussed. The visit concluded with an interaction at Old Changsu village (Batch-II).



PMC & ROJB team with DMU support staffs, FNGO, FMU staffs at DMU Phek & DMU Wokha

Livelihood Cluster Development Visits by PMC Expert

As part of the ongoing support to strengthen cluster-based livelihoods, PMC Livelihood Expert Shri Shailendra Kumar undertook a three-day visit to DMU Peren from 27-29 January 2025. A meeting was held with the DMU Head, ADMU, FMU Heads and FNGO team to discuss strategies for cluster development. The visit included a field inspection of the King Chilli Dryer Unit at Old Tesen village. The team also visited Kuda Tech Centre in Dimapur to explore advanced chilli drying technologies suitable for enhancing value addition. Subsequently, on 13th March 2025, Shri Kumar visited DMU Wokha to review livelihood initiatives and held discussions with FMU Heads, DMU staff and FNGO on implementing cluster-based institutions, including effective use of challenge funds, business plan development and SHG identification for enterprise promotion.



Shri Shailendra Kumar, Livelihood Expert from PMC during his visit to DMU Peren & DMU Wokha

Activities undertaken under DMUs

DMU Dimapur:

- Renovation of Community Hall under EPA at Sirhi Angami was completed in January 2025.
- FMU Head Medziphema and staff inspected NFMP Nursery at Sirhi Angami (Batch-III) and WHS site at Ruzaphema village (Batch-III) in January and February 2025.
- Kekhrie SHG of Piphema Old village (Batch-II) undertook oyster mushroom cultivation under IGA during January 2025 and harvested around 10 kgs of oyster mushroom.
- FMU staffs, JFMC and farmers of Piphema Old village (Batch-II) carried out monitoring and survival assessment of saplings in JAF plot-2 and JFF treatment models from 10- 11 March 2025.



**Oyster mushroom cultivation by
Kekhrie SHG under IGA initiative**



**FMU Head Medziphema & staff at
Ruzaphema village WHS site**

DMU Kiphire:

- Nursery inspection was carried out by FMU Head Kiphire along with Executive staff of Kiphire Forest Range at Yingshikur village (Batch-III) on 14.02.2025.
- DMU Head Kiphire, FMU Head and Executive staff of Kiphire Forest Range visited New Longmatra village (Batch-III) for JFMC meeting, EPA, WHS, JFF, JCF model inspection and GIS work on 20.02.2025.
- GIS data for Advance work was carried out at New Longmatra (Batch-III) and Anatongre villages (Batch-I) in JCF, JFF and JAF models in February and March 2025.
- FMU executive staffs of DMU Kiphire visited Penkim village (Batch-II) for field verification of JAF model destroyed by wildfire on 06.03.25.



DMU Head, FMU Head, Executive staff & JFMC Members at NFMP Nursery, New Longmatra village



On-site supervision by DMU Head during GIS assessment of JCF Model at New Longmatra

DMU Kohima:

- JFMC members of Seiyhama village (Batch-II under Chiphobozou Range) and Ehunnu village (Batch-IV, Tseminyu) carried out maintenance work at the nursery and plantation area from January-March 2025.
- Three SHGs of Zhadima 'A' village (Batch-I under Chiephobozou Range) took up piggery as their Income Generation Activity in January 2025.
- On 29th January 2025, an inspection was carried out by the Conservator of Forests (STC), DFO & DMU Head Kohima, FMU Head Tseminyu, RFO, Forest Guard and DMU Support Staff at the proposed sites for DMU Office and Forester Quarter at Tseminyu Forest Colony. The team also visited the Forest Range Office, nursery and inspected the EPA Resting Shed at Tseminyu village (Batch-III).
- A Monitoring Committee comprising of CCF (M&E), CF (STC) and DCF conducted field inspections at Tuophema (Batch-I, Chiephobozou Range), Tseminyu and Ehunnu villages (Batch-III) on 10-11 February 2025. The team reviewed Forestry Intervention Model Areas, assessed EPA activities, nursery maintenance, records and interacted with JFMC and SHG members.



JFMC members of Seiyhama village during maintenance work at plantation area



Inspection of Forestry Intervention Model area at Ehunnu village

DMU Longleng:

- DMU Longleng, FMU team and FNGO carried out GIS mapping of JAF-3, JFF, JAF and JAF-1 model areas at Pongching, Sanglu and Mongtikang villages from January-March 2025.
- FMU Team and JFMC of Sitap Range inspected JFF-1, JCC, JAF-1, JAF-2 and PEC areas of Sitap village on 24th January and 12th February 2025.
- FNGO Team and FMU members visited and inspected Hukhphang, Sanglu, Tamlu and Ametchong villages in February 2025 to review SHG monthly activities.
- On 5th March 2025, FMU team and JFMC members inspected various forestry intervention model sites in Kangching village.
- On 26th March, FMU Team visited Yachem village to review the nursery and plantation site.



**FMU team during nursery inspection
at Yachem Village**



**FNGO Team, FMU & SHG members at
Ametchong village**

DMU Mokokchung:

- DMU Mokokchung Head, ADMU Head, FMU and DMU Staff inspected the ongoing activities under EPA, WHS, Nursery sites and maintenance work at Liroyim, Mangmetong and Satsu villages (Batch-IV) in January 2025.
- On 27th January 2025, DMU Mokokchung and FMU Staffs visited Longkhum village (Batch-IV) and inspected the EPA of repair and black topping of village road and nursery establishment under JFMC.
- JFMC Chungtia (Batch-III) and Liroyim (Batch-IV) carried out maintenance work at JCF Model, nursery maintenance and advance work in model areas in February and March 2025.
- Construction of Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) and School under EPA at Mangmetong and Satsu villages (Batch-IV) commenced in February 2025 and were completed by 22nd March 2025.
- Area for JAF Model at Longkhum village (Batch-IV) was surveyed and demarcated on 24th March 2025.



**Nursery inspection by DMU & FMU at
Mangmetong village**



**DMU Head, ADMU Head, FMU & DMU Staff during
inspection of retaining wall (EPA) at Liroyim village**

DMU Mon:

- Inspection and maintenance of JAF Model under JFMC Chingphoi village (Batch-III) were carried out in January 2025.
- FMU Head Mon Range and Staff inspected the PEC Models and EPA of of Mon village (Batch-I) and Tuimei village in February 2025.
- Under IGA, SHGs under DMU Mon carried out activities such as garlic farming, fuel wood, piggery, ginger and chilli farming, mushroom cultivation, broom cultivation and poultry in February 2025 and harvesting of betel nut leaves, wage-toiling at tea garden, mushroom cultivation and sale of poultry meat were carried out in March 2025.
- FMU Staffs of Naginimora Range inspected JAF, JCF, JFF and JCC Models under JFMC Wakching (Batch-II) and JFMC Tanhai villages (Batch-II) in March 2025.



FMU staff inspecting JAF Model at Wakching village



Wage-toiling at Tea garden by SHG members of Tanhai village

DMU Peren:

- FMU Head Peren, DMU Support Staff and FMU staff held a consultative meeting with Gaili Village Council and stakeholders at Gaili village (Batch-IV) on 31st January 2025 for discussion on micro plan exercises.
- JFMC Peren village carried out maintenance work at JAF model in February 2025.
- FPIC & MoU was signed at Gaili village and Azailong village (Batch-IV) in February 2025.
- JFMC Peletkie village under the supervision of ADMU Head cum FMU Head Peren and field staff carried out jungle clearance works at JAF, JCF and PEC forestry intervention model from 27-28 March 2025.



Maintenance work carried out by JFMC members at Peren village



Signing of FPIC & MoU at Azailong village

DMU Phek:

- From 28-31 January 2025, the DFO cum DMU Head, ACF cum ADMU Head and FMU Head Meluri conducted a field visit to Batch-III villages under FMU Meluri. The visit included interactions with JFMC members and inspection of nurseries, Entry Point Activities (EPA) and Water Harvesting Structures (WHS). Under Batch-III, four villages New Phor, Akhegwo, Kukeygwo and Yisisohta have been selected for implementation.
- On 20th March 2025, DFO cum DMU Head, FMU Head Meluri, FMU and DMU support staff, inspected JFMC nursery sites at Meluri and Akhegwo villages, Village Guest House construction under EPA and the completed Water Harvesting Structure at New Phor village and interacted with JFMC Akhegwo.
- Kikruma JFMC renovated their nursery in March 2025.



Inspection of Guesthouse kitchen (EPA) at Akhegwo & Village Guest House (EPA) at New Phor villages

DMU Tuensang:

- Micro-Plan was prepared at Phir Ahir and Longtang villages in January 2025.
- JAF, JFF, JCF, JCCA and PEC Model areas were inspected at Longtang village in January 2025.
- CF NTC inspected the various NFMP activities at DMU Tuensang Office, Noklak (Batch-III), Angangba (Batch-II), Mangakhi (Batch-III) and Chare (Batch-III) villages in February 2025.



Preparation of Micro-plan at Phir Ahir village



Inspection of JFF Model at Longtang village

DMU Wokha:

- JFMCs monthly review meeting cum SHG meeting for Phiro and Yanthamo villages were conducted in January 2025.
- Doyang Beat FMU Field Staff and FNGO representatives conducted a treatment area survey at PEC model site in Mungya village (Batch-IV) on 21st February 2025.
- Wokha Range, FMU Head, DMU Support Staff, FMU Field Staff and FNGOs visited Longsa, Longsachung, Wokha, New Wokha, Nungying, Riphyim, New Riphyim, Old Changsu and Yikhum to discuss the management plan for expansion of model areas and implementation of cluster IGA from 13th -15th March 2025.
- DMU Support Staff and FNGO team visited Wokha and New Riphyim villages (Batch-I) and Longsa village (Batch-II) on 18th March 2025 to facilitate the preparation of cluster-based business plans for SHGs in the respective villages.



DMU Wokha at Longsa village with JFMC & SHG members during the planning meeting



DMU Support Staff & FNGO with SHG members during Cluster business plan preparation

DMU Zunheboto:

- SHGs from Shesulimi, Vekuho and Hebolimi villages were engaged in IGA such as poultry, piggery and ginger cultivation during January 2025.
- Field Inspection of WHS and Nursery, 5 forestry Models and EPA was conducted at Ighanumi, Sukomi and Litsami villages in February 2025.
- SHG Booking Keeping was inspected at Sukomi village in February 2025.
- DFO cum DMU Head, FMU Head and DMU staffs inspected Nursery, EPA and WHS at Vekuho Old (Batch-III) and Hebolimi (Batch-III) villages in March 2025.



Inspection of Nursery at Hebolimi village



Field Inspection of Forestry Models at Sukomi Village



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