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SOIL CONSERVATION DIRECTOR ELEVATED AS INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OFFICER

It was a proud moment for the Soil Conservation family when on the 29th October, 2004, Shri K.L. Tariatng, Director of Soil Conservation was selected to the Indian Administrative Service.

Shri K.L. Tariatng who joined the Department on 28th July, 1973 rose through the ranks to gradually hold the apex post of Director of Soil Conservation on the 14th February, 1994. He is the precursor of many new projects and administrative innovations in the Department and through his leadership, progressive propensity, sheer hard work and foresight he has projected the Department as a major developmental Department in the State.

Shri K.L. Tariatng presently holds the dual responsibility as Director of Soil Conservation and Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil Conservation Department.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL LAND RESOURCES CONSERVATION WEEK

The National Land Resources Conservation Week, 2004 was observed from 14th to 20th November, 2004 in the State of Meghalaya. The observation of the week was organized by the Department in various villages in all the districts of the State. Various programmes relating to the theme of the week were held and conducted by the Divisional Soil Conservation offices in selective areas falling within their jurisdiction.

14th – 20th November, 2004 **(DSCO – Baghmara):**

The office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Baghmara (Cash Crop) Division, South Garo Hills organized a series of programmes by way of slogan and poster campaign depicting the importance of conservation of natural resources.

A public awareness campaign was organized at Guttinggre Village on the 16th November, 2004 falling under the jurisdiction of Rongmai Micro Watershed (IWDP) which was attended by the farmers community residing within the project area along with the Department officials.



Shri. R.W. Momin, Joint Director Soil Conservation, Tura, addressing the gathering during NLRCW at Guttinggre Village, South Garo Hills.

18th – 20th November, 2004 **(DSCO-RI-BHOI):**

The Office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Ri-Bhoi Soil Conservation Division observed the National Land Resources Conservation Week by organizing a series of events/programmes whereby, on the 18th November 2004 a Radio Talk on the various activities of Soil Conservation was delivered by Shri A.B.S.Swer, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer. On the 15th November, Poster campaign was organized in various school and institution in and around Nongpoh locality.

On the 20th November 2004, a Fishing competition was organized in association with the Lailad Area River Protection and Development Association at Lailad (Umtrew River) in which the Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri J.D.Rymbai, Local MLA & Minister I/c of Taxation etc and the Guest of Honour was Shri W.L.Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi Others who spoke on the occasion were Shri W.L.Mynsong, Local MDC & Executive Member KHADC and Shri F.Rynjah, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Ri-Bhoi Division.

19th November, 2004 **(DSCO – Jowai (T) & (CC)):**

The two Soil Conservation Divisions from Jaintia Hills Districts organized a cultural programme at Chiehruphi village. The one-day function consisted of an inaugural session and an inter-watershed folk dance-cum cultural competition in which 5 groups from 5 (five) watershed project areas implemented under Lumshnong S.C.Range participated. The inaugural session was chaired by Shri K.S. Thubru,

DSCO, Jowai (T) followed by an introductory speech from Shri E. Laloo, ASCO in which he explained the purpose of organizing such a programme.

Others who delivered talk during the occasion were Shri S. War, Acting Dolloi of Elaka Narpuh and Shri P. Bareh, Chairman of the Durbar Elaka Narpuh who expressed sincere appreciation to the Soil Conservation Department for the various developmental activities it has taken up over the years in promoting soil conservation practices. Shri E. Syrti, Headman of Chiehruphi village also gave a brief speech at the function.

The competition consisted of two parts - the cultural presentation and the singing competition. The Watershed communities that competed in the programme are Umtyra Village (Lunar Watershed) Chiehruphi village (Pamiong Watershed) Musiang Lamare Old Village (Umsning Watershed), Musiang Village – New Village (Thwai Tyrso Watershed) and Nongsning Village (Wah Danglun Watershed).

For cultural presentation the 1st prize went to Chiehruphi village (Pamiong Watershed), the 2nd Prize went to Musiang Lamare – Old Village (Umsning Watershed) and the 3rd Prize goes to Umtyra village (Lunar Watershed). In the singing competition the 1st prize was awarded to Nongsning Village (Wah Danglun Watershed), the 2nd Prize to Musiang Lamare – New Village (Thwai Tyrso Watershed).

The function ended with a vote of thanks from Shri L. Pohktieh, Lumshnong Range Officer.



Farmers of Chiehruphi Village, Jaintia Hills presenting a cultural item during NLRCW

14th – 20th November [DSCO – Tura (T) & (CC)]:

The two Tura Soil Conservation Divisions jointly organized a series of events and programmes which include display of banners and posters at various points of Tura Township thereby creating awareness among the people. Talks on Television as well as Panel Discussion was conducted by 3 (Three) Assistant Soil Conservation Officers, Namely, Shri W.A. Sangma, Smti M.Ch. Momin and Shri H.R. Sangma.

On 18th November, 2004, an "Awareness campaign" was organized at Edenbari in which Smti S.N. Marak, Additional District Magistrate, West Garo Hills was the Chief Guest and Shri P.R. Marak, DFO, Social Forestry was the Guest of Honour. All the officers and staff of West Garo Hills Division attended the campaign.

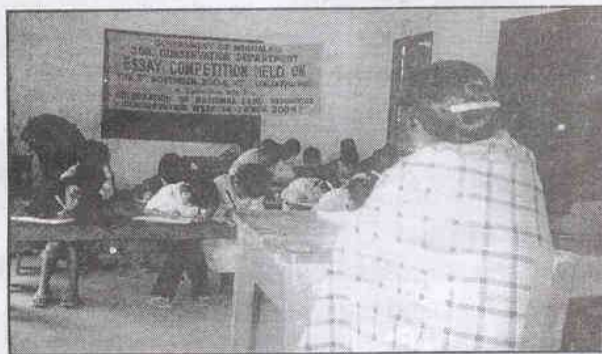
16th – 24th November, 2004 [DSCO – Shillong (T) & CC]:

The office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officers, Shillong (T) organized an Essay competition under the theme "Our Land Our Future" for pre-primary students of Umrynjah, Umjathang and Mawsiatkhnang villages in which the 1st prize

was awarded to Pdiangtisha Pyngrope of Mawsiatkham, 2nd prize to Traker Warbah of Mawsiatkham and 3rd prize was awarded to Ailynda Lyngdoh of Mawsiatkham.

On the 24th November, 2004 various cultural programmes including sports and games amongst watershed communities were organized. During the inaugural session, Shri B.Thangkhiew, Chairman of Umpling-Umrynjah Watershed Committee presided over the session and stated that such programmes were organized with a view to create awareness about the importance of conserving and preserving the natural resources. Prizes were distributed to all the winners in Sport and games competitions. Shri J.Mannar, Rangbah Shnong and president of Umpling Umrynjah Watershed Association gave the welcome address and Smti R.M. Kurbah, MCS, Project Director, DRDA, East Khasi Hills, was the Chief Guest. In her speech, Smti. Kurbah appreciated the participation of the people in all developmental works in the area.

Others who spoke in the function were Shri K.W.Marbaniang, DSCO, Shillong (T) S.C. Division and Shri G. Kharmujai, DSCO, Shillong (CC) S.C. Division. The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri J.S.Lyngdoh, Secretary Umpling-Umrynjah Watershed Committee.



School Children competing in the Essay Writing at Umjathang Village, East Khasi Hills.



Young ones exercising their might & strength during the cock fighting competition organised during the celebration of NLRCW.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

19th November 2004
[DSCO-Shillong (T)]:

Shri Dipak Singh, Director of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India along with Senior Officers from the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, visited Umpling-Umrynjah Watershed (WDPSCA) East Khasi Hills. The team inspected the work under Entry Point Activities and also had an interaction with members of various Watershed Associations and Committees. They also visited some of the houses in and around Umrynjah and carried out socio-economic survey. Different techniques of participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) were also exercised along with the Watershed Community.



Participatory Mapping exercises at Umrynjah village (WDPSCA), East Khasi Hills.

AWARENESS/ FUNCTIONS/ CELEBRATION.

July, 2004

[DSCO- Shillong (CC)]:

The Office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong Soil Conservation Cash Crop Division distributed 6000 nos of temperate fruit saplings namely Lagoon, William pear, Naspoti, Santa Rose and Peach at Umsaw Nursery created during the year 2002-2003 to 43 nos of beneficiaries.

Another seedling distribution was organized at Nonglait Nursery, which was created during the year 2001-2002 in which 35,123 nos of Arecanut and Citrus seedlings were distributed to 100 nos of farmers.



Farmers carrying the seedlings from Nonglait Nursery, East Khasi Hills.

20th July, 2004

[DSCO-Jowai (T)]:

The Jowai Territorial Soil Conservation Division, Jaintia Hills, distributed 14,000 nos of citrus and temperate fruit saplings to 140 no's of farmers residing at Nongthymmai and Kairang villages which falls under Um-pong Lower Watershed under IWDP.

On the 22nd July '04, 52,000 nos of citrus and temperate fruits seedlings were distributed to 231 nos. of farmers from the villages of (Pamiong Watershed, Musiang-Lamare (Old) Umslong Watershed (Musiang Lamare (New) (Thwai Tyrso) and Umrasiang (Umrji Watershed) all under IWD Programme Implemented by Lumshnong Soil Conservation Range.

Another Seedling Distribution Programme was organized in which 45,000 nos. of seedlings were distributed to the farmers of Myntkung and Mulieh villages (Upper Myntkung Watershed), Madankynsaw and Mookyndeng villages (Middle Myntkung Watershed) both falling under IWDP Programmes. Also about 25,000 nos of seedlings were also distributed to the farmers of Moopyut, Madantyrpait and Skhen Pysit villages (Amrayang - Umshyrpu Watershed) of IWDP implemented by Amlarem range.

8th September, 2004

[DSCO-Shg(T)]:

The Office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong Territorial Division, inaugurated the "Syntiew Rit Mini Park" at Umrynjah Village under WDPSCA. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri. P.T.Sawkmie, MLA and co-chairman of Meghalaya State Planning Board and the Guest of Honour was Shri D.P.Wahlang, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills and Chairman District Watershed Development Committee (DWDC). More than 700 nos of peoples attended the function including the District Officers from Agriculture, A.H. & Vety, P.H.E., D.I.P.R., Social Welfare, PWD, Soil

Conservation, the Rangbah Shnong, Secretary Umrynjah, along with the members of different Self Help Groups, School Children & members of Watershed Associations and Watershed Committees. Shri K.W.Marbaniang, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer and Project Leader of the Watershed Development Team (WDPSCA) in his introductory speech stated that the Mini Park for children at Umrynjah village was created as one of the felt needs of the people for creation of the demand driven village infrastructure termed as Entry Point Activity (EPA).

Shri D.P.Wahlang, IAS Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills District in his speech as Guest of Honour appreciated the people of Umrynjah and other villages within the watershed areas for their ability to improve their socio-economic condition through the project. Shri P.T.Sawkmie MLA, Co-Chairman of Meghalaya State Planning Board speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, said that he is very much delighted to see a marked improvement of the village committees within the watershed areas and all this could be achieved because people had really taken the development strategies and were actively involved in the implementation of the projects thereby creating a sense of confidence and ownership. The Welcome address was presented by Shri. J.Manar, Rangbah Shnong Umrynjah and President Umpling-Umrynjah Watershed Association (WDPSCA) and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Shri A.S.Kharlukhi, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer in charge WDPSCA.



Shri. P.T. Sawkmie, Local MLA inaugurating the "Syntiew Rit Mini Park" at Umrynjah Village.

17th December, 2004
(Dir-Soil):

The Directorate of Soil Conservation, Shillong organized a Pre-Christmas service at the Departmental premises at Cleve Colony, Shillong. A charitable programme was also organized for the next of kin of those Department personnel who died while in service by presenting them with gift hampers. The message was delivered by Rev. W.C Khongwir, Administrative Secretary PCCI whereby, prayers and songs were rendered on the occasion. The service was chaired by Shri K.C. Momin, Additional Director of Soil Conservation, Shillong.

The official attending the function include Shri G.P.Wahlang, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Shri M.S. Rao, I.A.S., Commissioner & Secretary of Soil Conservation Department, Shri K.L.Tariang, I.A.S., Director of Soil Conservation, Officers and staff of the Department and and host of invitees.



Pre-Christmas Service held at Shillong.

CONVOCATION

15th September 2004
(CTI-BYR):

The passing out ceremony of the 31st batch of Field Assistant Training Course was held at the Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat. The total strength of the Trainees was 17(seventeen) numbers of which 5(five) were from Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, 4 (four) from Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, 1(one) from Soil Conservation Department, Meghalaya. 2 (Two) from Garo Hills Autonomous District Council 2 (two) from Soil Conservation Department Assam, 2 (two) from Soil Conservation Department Nagaland, and 1 (one) from Hindustan Paper Corporation, Nagoan, Assam. The function was started with a welcome song from C.T.I. School Children and a welcome address from Shri R.R.B.R Thabah Instructor of the Institute. A report on the training course was read out by Shri. D.S. Kharsyntiew, Joint Director of Soil Conservation (R&T) C.T.I. Byrnihat. A speech was given by the invited guest Shri G.P.Wahlang, IAS. Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya followed by declaration of result. The Chief Guest at the function was the Ex-Hon'ble Minister of Soil Conservation, (L) Shri C.R. Sangma who distributed the certificates and Awards to successful candidates. In his speech, the Minister urges the trainees to play an active role in the preservation and conservation of natural resources. This was followed by presentation of song and speech by the outgoing trainees and vote of thanks was offered by Shri K.C. Momin, Additional Director of Soil Conservation, Meghalaya.



(Late) Shri. C.R. Sangma, Ex-Hon'ble Minister of Soil Conservation handing over the Certificate & Award to successful trainees

TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

6th – 8th July, 2004:

Smti U.Wanshong, L.D.Asstt., Directorate of Soil Conservation, Shillong attended Training on Disciplinary Proceedings for the staff of Heads of Department at MATI, Shillong.

12-17th July, 2004:

Smti I.Nongkhlaw, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Project Formulation Cell Division, Shillong and Smti M. Diengdoh Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (Cartography), Directorate of Soil Conservation, Shillong attended the training course on RD Functionaries of the North Eastern State through the intervention of Information Technology at S.I.R.D., Nongsder.

26th – 30th July, 2004:

Shri K.W.Marbaniang, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong (T) and Shri S.K.Sangma, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Tura (T) attended the Training on Project Planning, Evaluation & Management at the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.

4th – 7th August, 2004
[DSCO – J(T)]:

The Office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai Territorial Soil Conservation Division conducted study tour cum field visit for the farmers of Saphai, Priang, Khonshnong, Biar, Khliehrangnah, Pasyih, Muthlong Rim and Thadmuthlong villages to RRTC-Umrang ICAR-Umiam and Umpling-Umrang Watershed Areas. These villages falls under the Kupli Catchment Project.

12th August 2004 :

Shri D.Langstieh, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division attended a workshop on E-Governance Master Plan at NIC office, Shillong.

31st August – 3rd September, 2004 :

The Department deputed Soil Conservation Demonstrators for participating in the Training Course on Participatory Watershed Management for Field Level Government functionaries at SIRD, Nongsder. Altogether 22 Nos. of SCD (Jr.I) from Shillong and Jowai Division attended the training.

13th – 18th September, 2004 :

Training programme on "Participatory Watershed Management with focus on Hariyali" at NIRD, Guwahati was attended by the following officers of the Soil Conservation Department:-

1. Shri D.Langstieh, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin.
2. Shri G. Kharmujai, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong (CC).
3. Shri K.S.Thubru, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai (T).

4. Shri F.Rynjah, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Ri-Bhoi.
5. Shri S.A.Sangma, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Simsanggre.

14th September, 2004
(DSCO – NT):

The Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division, West Khasi Hills conducted an Exposure trip for the members of various Watershed Association and Watershed Committee including field functionaries and members drawn from various Self Help Groups (SHG) formed under both IWDP and WDPSCA to Umpling-Umrang Watershed, (WDPSCA) East Khasi Hills. Different topics like implementation of the scheme and people participation, formation of Self Help Groups (SHG) and Community contribution were being highlighted by Shri K.W.Marbaniang Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong Soil Conservation (T) Division also the Project Leader of Umpling-Umrang Watershed. The participant were being exposed to the various activities taken up in the Watershed areas such as Entry Point Activity, Agro-Horticulture, Contour Bunding, Small dug-out ponds, Water harvesting structures and Vermicomposting including visiting of sites where stabilized Mud Blocks are being manufactured and also low cost housing constructed by the Mud Block made by Self Help Group members. Shri B.S.Rumnong, Faculty member, SIRD, Nongsder delivered a lecture on the formation of Self Help Groups (SHG). Shri B.Thangkhiew, Chairman of Umpling – Umrang Watershed Committee and Shri J.Langstieh, Rangbah Shnong Madan Mawkhar and President of Madan Mawkhar Watershed Association were also present during the programme and Shri R.W.Syiem, Chairman of Molikata Watershed Committee proposed the Vote of Thanks.



Watershed Committee members from West Khasi Hills District visit to Umrynjah Watershed (WDPSCA)

22nd September, 2004:

Shri K.C. Momin, Additional Director of Soil Conservation attended a workshop for "Developing Landslide Hazard Mitigation Strategy" held at the Indian National Science Academy Hall, New Delhi.

29th September, 2004 [DSCO-JOWAI (T)]:

The Office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai Soil Conservation (Territorial) Division conducted a one-day Farmer's Training at the Farmer Training Centre of the Agriculture Department, Jowai. About 40 nos. of farmers drawn from 4 (four) Watershed Areas which fall under the Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation areas (WDPSCA) participated in the programme. The inaugural session was chaired by Shri K.S.Thubru, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai (T) Division and a welcome address was delivered by Smti V.Papang, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai Soil Conservation (CC) Division. The Chief Guest at the function was Shri K.L.Tariang, Director of Soil Conservation, Meghalaya. The Chief Guest stressed on the very important role that the Watershed

Committee has to play because every decision on the implementation of the scheme has to be taken by the Watershed Committee. He also stressed that the regular meetings of the Watershed Committee and the implementing officials is imperative prior to taking up any work in the area and called upon each farmer to come forward and co-operate whole heartedly with the Department so that overall development of the Watershed can be achieved. The Resource persons for the training session were Shri R.Kyndiah, Agriculture Inspector, Dr.W.Ryngkhlem, Veterinary Officer, Shri E.Laloo, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer and Shri H.Thubru, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (Cash-Crop) Jowai. Vote of Thanks was given by Shri D.K.Khonglah, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai Soil Conservation (T) Division.



Shri. K.L. Tariang, IAS, Director of Soil Conservation as Chief Guest during the Farmer's Training at Jowai

4th – 15th October, 2004 :

Shri N.Das and Shri. A.B.S. Swer both Assistant Instructor, Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat attended Training Course on Direct Training Skills (DTS) and Design of Training (DOT) respectively at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara.

12th October, 2004:

The Shillong Territorial Soil Conservation Division organized a one day Exposure trip-cum Training as part of skill upgradation for the farming community of Khadar Shnong Watershed (WDPSCA) to ICAR, Umroi, Ri-Bhoi. Altogether 51 (Fifty One) farmers from 8 (Eight) villages of Khadar Shnong attended the programme. The farmers were exposed to different farming units/systems/like Agro-Forestry systems including vermi compost, improved agricultural implements and Machineries, Horticultural System, Piggery and Rabbitries in the animal production farm.



Farmers from Khadar Shnong Watershed (WDPSCA), East Khasi Hills attending training session at ICAR, Research Complex.

14th October, 2004
(DSCO – Baghmara):

The office of the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Baghmara Soil Conservation Cash Crop Division, South Garo Hills, organized Training Programme for the members of Rompa Bisik, Rongme, Rongmai and Adap Chiring Watershed Committees at Ampanggre Village. The participants were apprised of the role and importance of watershed management by the officers drawn from social Forestry, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Horticulture and Fishery Departments including officials from the Soil and Water Conservation Department.



Training Programme for Watershed Committee members at Ampanggre village.

15th October, 2004
(CTI-BYR):

The Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat conducted the 3rd Batch Advance Training course of Forester – I, which is of 4(four) months duration. Altogether 8 no's of trainees participated in the training. Field visit to many places has been organized during the training programme and during the passing out ceremony, certificate to the trainees was distributed by Shri D.S.Kharsyntiew, Joint Director of Soil Conservation (R&T) Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat.



A trainee receiving certificate from Shri. D.S. Kharsyntiew, Joint Director, C.T.I., Byrnihat.

15th – 20th November, 2004:

The following officers of the Department attend the training course on "Database Management for R.D. Functionaries" at NIRD Guwahati.

1. Shri D.Langstieh, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin.
2. Shri K.W.Marbaniang, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong (T).
3. Smti V.Papang, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Jowai (CC).
4. Shri S.Ch.Marak, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Tura (CC).
5. Shri L.N.Marak, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Baghmara.
6. Smti H.T.Lyngdoh, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong (CC).

15th to 20th November, 2004:

Shri D.Langstieh, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division attended a training course on "Database Management" at NIRD. Guwahati.

1st – 21st December, 2004:

Shri R.R.B.R.Thabah, Instructor, Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat and Shri O.T.Lyngwa, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Directorate of Soil Conservation, Shillong attended Training Course on "Land Resource Evaluation & Land Use Planning using Remote Sensing & Geographical Information System" at the National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land use Planning, Regional Centre, Jorhat, Assam.

14th December 2004:

Shri L.Shabong, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division attended an Awareness Programme on the celebration of the year for scientific Awareness, 2004 at Pariong as a resource person on the topic "Soil Management".

17th December 2004 (DSCO – Nongstoin):

The Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division, West Khasi Hills organized a one day training programme on "Capacity Building" for the Umyiap and Kynhiew River Valley Project Implementation Committee members and Wahlawang Watershed Committee members under NABARD and IWDP projects respectively which was held at the office premises. The Guest lectures were delivered by Shri R.Sohmat, Chairman Iatreilang Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Phlangwanbroi and Shri D.Snaitang, Chairman Umyiap River Valley Project II and the Chief Guest was Shri E. Kharmalki, Additional District Magistrate, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District. The different topics covered during the training programme are (a) "Community participation in Rural Development Projects", deliberated by Shri. R. Sohmat, Iatreilang Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Phlangwanbroi. (b) "Conservation and Management of Natural Resources" deliberated by Dr. O.P. Singh, faculty members, Centre for Environmental Studies, NEHU Shillong. (c) "Multiple Cropping through judicious use of irrigation water" deliberated by Dr. M. Khonglah, District Horticulture Officer, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.

Altogether 39 Nos. of trainees participated in the training and of these, five Nos. of trainees were women.

TRANSFER AND POSTING

- Shri L.N.Marak Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Soil Survey transferred & posted as Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Baghmara.

- Smti. B.Syiern Assistant Soil Conservation Officer Shillong (CC) Division transferred and posted as Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Nongstoin
- Smti.H.T.Lyngdoh Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (Engg) Directorate of Soil Conservation transferred and posted as Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Shillong (CC)
- Shri. Augustine N.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger Baghmara transferred and posted to Tura (CC)
- Shri Oziush R.Marak, Soil Conservation Ranger Tura (T) transferred and posted to Simsanggre
- Shri Luhotsing K.Marak, Soil Conservation Ranger, Tura transferred and posted to Simsanggre.
- Shri Waran N.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger, Simsanggre transferred and posted to Project Formulation Cell.
- Shri Gujalson K.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger, Tura (CC) transferred and posted to Baghmara.
- Shri Birendra S.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger, Simsanggre transferred and posted to Tura (T).
- Shri Bustu Mohan Rabha, Soil Conservation Ranger, Baghmara transferred and posted to Tura (T).
- Shri Overland K.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger, Project Formulation Cell transferred and posted to Tura (CC).
- Shri Pronansing N.Sangma, Soil Conservation Ranger, Nongstoin transferred and posted to Tura (T).
- Shri L.P.Sungoh, Soil Conservation Ranger, Shillong (CC) transferred and posted to Ri-Bhoi
- Shri D.R.Tariang, Soil Conservation Ranger, Shillong (T) transferred and posted to Nongstoin.

- Shri N.S.Sukhlain, Soil Conservation Ranger, Project Formulation Cell transferred and posted to Jowai (T)

Promotion:

- Shri D.Challam, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer promoted as Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Soil Survey, Shillong.
- Shri Hemingthon R.Marak, Soil Conservation Ranger promoted as Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Simsanggre Division.
- Shri W.R.Marbaniang, Soil Conservation Demonstrator (Sr) promote as Soil Conservation Ranger, Project Formulation Cell.
- Smti.Silmodoris Lyngdoh, Accountant promoted as Head Assistant, Nongstoin Division.
- Smti.R.Shylla, Accountant promoted as Head Assistant cum Accountant, Jowai (CC) Division.
- Smti A.Rymbai, U.D.A. promoted as Accountant Jowai(T) Division.
- Shri N.Thongni, U.D.A. promoted as Accountant Nongstoin Division.
- Shri D.R.Marbaniang. L.D.A. promoted as U.D.A. Nongstoin Division.
- Smti.D.Lyngdoh, L.D.A. promoted as U.D.A. Jowai (CC) Division.
- Shri Standing Syiemlieh, plantation mali promoted as Soil Conservation Field Worker, Shillong (CC) Division.
- Smti. laslin Mawkhap, plantation mali promoted as Soil Conservation Field Worker, Shillong (T) Division.
- Shri Molis Khymdeit plantation mali promoted as Soil Conservation Field Worker, Shillong (CC) Division.

- Shri Klosly Sakra, plantation mali promoted as Soil Conservation Field Worker, Jowai (T)
- Shri Joymela Binong, plantation mali promoted as Soil Conservation Field Worker, Jowai (CC).
- Shri Louis Thyrniang Tractor Hanyman promoted as Tractor Driver, Shillong (T).
- Shri Onthu Ch. Marak, Soil Conservation Demonstrator (Sr), Tura (T) on the 31st October, 2004.
- Shri Pearlydon Dkhar, Soil Conservation Field Worker, Jowai (T) on the 31st August, 2004.
- Shri Bollan Sangma, Rubber Tapper, Tura (CC) on the 30th September, 2004.

LEST WE FORGET MESSAGE

On behalf of the Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Meghalaya, the Directorate of Soil Conservation, Shillong wishes to convey its sincere condolences through this issue of the Newsletter to all members of the bereaved families of the following soil and water conservation staff who passed away in the line of duty from July to December 2004.

1. Late Shri Blio Wanjee, Bulldozer operator, Nongstoin Soil Conservation Division who expired on 13th June, 2004.
2. Late Shri R.K. Lyngwa, Soil Conservation Demonstrator (Jr), Shillong Soil Survey who expired on 19th August 2004.
3. Late Shri Jerrington Mawphniang, Soil Conservation Field Worker, Ri-Bhoi Division who expired on 18th November 2004.

RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

- Shri F.R. Marak, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Baghmara (CC) Division on the 31st August, 2004.
- Shri Thomlin Shullai, Soil Conservation Demonstrator (Jr II), Shillong (T) on the 30th June, 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATTITUDES DIFFER

Two brothers stayed in Toronto. One was a drug addict, a drunkard who frequently beat up his family and children. The other one was a very successful person who was respected in society and had a wonderful family. Some people wanted to find out why two brothers from the same parents, brought up in the same environment, could be so different.

The first one was asked, "How come you do what you do? You are a drug addict, a drunker, and you beat your family. What motivates you?" He said, "My father." They asked, "what about your father?" The reply was, "My father was a drug addict, a drunker and beat my mum and us. What do you expect me to be? That is what I am".

They went to the brother who was doing well and respected in society and asked him, "How come you are successful? What is your source of motivation?" He said, "My father." They asked, "What about your father?" the reply was, "When I was a little boy, I used to see my dad drunk and doing all the wrong things. I made up my mind that is not what I wanted to be".

THEY SAY

- "Winners don't do different things. They do things differently".
- Reach for higher ground and they slap your hands keep reaching
- Expect to be successful and they call you a dreamer dream on.
- Tolerance is often mistaken for weakness be tolerant anyway.
- Notice a strength in every one you meet you will become stronger
- Jump at a good opportunity and be labeled unstable Jump higher
- "All things are possible to him who believes"
- When the dream's big enough, the facts don't count.
- Whether you believe you can or believe you can't you're right.
- You can do amazing things if you have strong faith, deep desire, and just hang in there.
- A hero is a man who does what he can.
- Tough time never last. Tough people do.
- As you sow, so shall you reap.
- Winners never quit. Quitters never win.

HUMOUR:

A motorist stopped at a stream and asked an elderly man sitting nearby whether the water was deep."

Only a few centimeters," replied the man. Seconds later the car was bonnet-deep in water.

"Hey!" the motorist turned to the elderly man. "You said the water is only a few centimeters deep!"

"Funny," said the elderly man. "That water only goes halfway up our ducks."

When US President George Bush visited Jerusalem, Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took him to the Wailing Wall "Oh God" Bush prayed "Please help the Arabs and Israelis find peace.

"Amen" said Sharon.

"And please God let the Egyptians and Israelis live in peaceful co-existence"

"Amen" said Sharon.

"And please tell the Israelis to return to the Palestinians all the territories they occupied in the 1967 war".

"I would like to remind you Mr. President" said Sharon "that you are talking to a wall".



Upon this HANDFUL OF SOIL our survival depends Husband it & it will grow our food, fibre, fuel & surround us with beauty. Abuse it, the soil will degrade & collapse taking mankind with it.