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## PRESENTATION ON MEGHALAYA FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MBDA, GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA



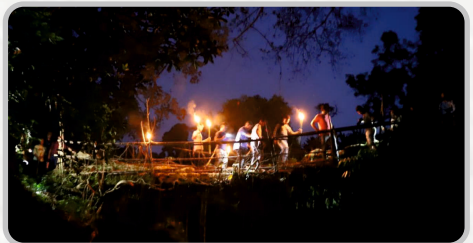
Mr. A.B.S. Swer, Director, Meghalaya Basin Development Agency from Government of Meghalaya gave a holistic view of the state of Meghalaya and various opportunities that is available in the state. Along with Mr. Swer, Mr. Wankit and Mr. Vanshan from the department were also present to share their experiences and the various areas of partnership that is required.

### MEETING WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MEGHALAYA



Inspiring meeting with the Chief Minister of Meghalaya. We discussed how this already very green state can plant more trees, conserve water better, do mining and agriculture in sustainable way and go renewable. Further, the Chief Minister shared the aspirations and massive opportunities that the state has to offer. Along with other state officers, Mr. Sampath Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary briefed about various key initiatives and projects that are already being implemented in the state to address climate change.

### VISIT TO JINGKIENG JRI (LIVING ROOT BRIDGES)



Living Root Bridges are Ficus-based rural connectivity and livelihood solutions within dense subtropical moist broadleaf forest eco-region of Meghalaya in the eastern extension of the Indian Peninsular Plateau. It is the only kind that is present only in the state of Meghalaya. The community preserves the Living Root bridges have more than 100 such LRBs across the state.



## INAUGURATION OF NATURE HOUSE



Inaugurated the Nature House in Meghalaya as it is leading the usage of Nature Based Solutions.

This house is built using indigenous solutions of the community and tribe and comprises of four rooms and is completely Eco-friendly. It will act as a community Center for the village! Every villager in the state is using Eco-friendly products.

No single-use plastic!

Meghalaya has been using bamboo glasses & leaf plates & packaging for more than 1000 years.

## MEETING WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS & VILLAGE COMMUNITY FACILITATORS



14000 people appointed across the state in driving the key agendas to conserve & preserve environment - an initiative led by young Chief Minister of Meghalaya to revive the ecology through economy.

## VISIT TO MAWTIEHBAH VILLAGE



Sacred Groves are such a great way to preserve Mother Nature!

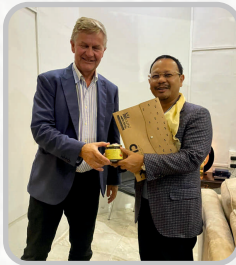
Thousand of trees planted by the people in the beautiful state. Environment is protected by the communities as 76% of the forest belongs to the people!

## MEETING THE MAWTIEHBAH VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND OTHER VILLAGE HEADS



The village has more female literacy than men and have been key drivers in bringing the community together in implementing projects to preserve and conserve the environment.

## MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT STATE APPROACH WITH JAMES SANGMA, MINISTER OF FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA



It was a great meeting with James Sangma who has brought forward a fresh green new thought process of an "Environment State" emerging indigenously from North-Eastern Region that will set its own parameters & standards for the world. Along with him were present other state officers who are the patrons in driving such an idea forward.

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**Conrad Sangma** @SangmaConrad

A pleasure to have Mr @ErikSolheim in the Climate Change Council meeting

Look forward to his guidance to support the team in ongoing interventions on climate change & his expertise to supplement our efforts to maintain a balance between environment & development

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**James K Sangma** @JamesSangma1

Humbled to be getting a vote of confidence on our innovative climate action initiatives and radical green thinking from @ErikSolheim.

Thankful to our senior officers in the forest department and the @mbda\_meghalaya for helping us in our mission towards a forest-first future.

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Thank you @ErikSolheim for sharing such mesmerizing glimpses from the magnificent Meghalaya.

A rich repository of nature's best secrets, the state offers a myriad of experiences for travelers.

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The beauty of the state of Meghalaya is amazing!

I have been taken aback during my visit the last few days. ❤️

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