

NERCRMS BRINGING WAVES OF TRANSFORMATION IN NORTH EAST REGION OF INDIA

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Phase

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860

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460

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Tea Factory at Rongram, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya

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**Water Hyacinth Craft Products developed by SHGs
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya**



Bakery Unit in West Garo Hills, Meghalaya

Manipur



**Pineapple Plantation in Phungkilhar village
Ukhrul, Manipur**



**Banana Plantation in Nungoum village
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**Piggery Unit in Nomjang village
Dima Hasao, Assam**

**Poultry Unit at New Ningthiching
Churachandpur, Manipur**



**Mushroom Cultivation at
Chandonpokpi village,
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Arunachal Pradesh

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Large Cardamom Fibre Craft (Initiative to convert waste into wealth) at Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh



**Vegetable Cultivation in
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this component was to provide communities access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation.

T h i s w a s t o b e a c h i e v e d b y constructing drinking water storage tanks, piped supply of water from a nearby

spring or stream and construction of low cost toilets (LCL) with community participation.

Manipur



Drinking Water Supply at Ukhrul, Manipur

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Drinking Water Supply at West Khasi Hills Meghalaya

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**Seipei Kong Bridge at Nungshong Khullen
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**CHC in Riha Village, Ukhrul
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Home Solar Unit, Dima Hasao, Assam



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Community Conserve Area (CCA) of Thingkeu NaRM-G in Churachandpur, Manipur

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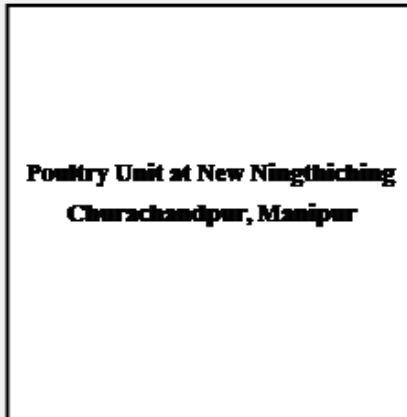
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