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DC Visits Organic Bio-fertilizer and Beekeeping Units in South West Garo Hills

AMPATI, August 20, 2026: Deputy Commissioner of South West Garo Hills, Kum. Anendya Raajsshre, IAS, along with officials from the Agriculture Department and Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), visited Larry Organic and Mellim Beekeeping Society to interact with local entrepreneurs and farmers and understand their activities, achievements and challenges.



At Larry Organic, proprietor Shri Biswambhor Paul Moirangthem informed the visiting team that the unit is currently the only biofertilizer unit in the Garo Hills region. The unit produces biofertilizers and biopesticides suited to the acidic soil conditions of North-East India, with a focus on organic agricultural inputs. It currently employs six people but faces challenges in sales and marketing.



The unit has recently been empanelled with the Directorate of Agriculture and has supplied biofertilizer to MBMA for Lakadong Turmeric cultivation. Shri Moirangthem also highlighted the need for proper certification and licensing to strengthen the credibility of its products and expand into markets in other States.

Appreciating the initiative, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments, particularly Agriculture and MBMA, to explore suitable procurement opportunities and institutional market linkages for the unit, subject to applicable Government norms and quality requirements.

The team then visited Mellim Beekeeping Society, established on July 16, 2022, and interacted with its office bearers and members. The Society informed that around 280 farmers are currently engaged in honey production. Its newly completed dedicated beekeeping unit is equipped with machinery and separate rooms for honey processing and storage.



The Society collected around 2,500 litres of honey in 2025, while production has declined to approximately 900 litres this year due to unfavourable weather conditions. Members explained that during the rainy season, bee colonies require resources for reproduction and the formation of new colonies, resulting in reduced honey extraction.

The Society has two Master Trainers who provide technical support and training to beekeepers across South West Garo Hills and also supply bee colonies to other districts.



Appreciating the efforts of the Society, the Deputy Commissioner advised the members to strengthen production, farmer mobilisation and market linkages through convergence with PRIME Meghalaya and the Horticulture Department. She also suggested developing suitable quality parameters for honey procurement from farmers to ensure consistency, build consumer confidence and enhance the market value of locally produced honey.

The field visit highlighted the potential of local enterprises and farmer-based organisations to promote entrepreneurship, sustainable agriculture, value addition, employment generation and livelihood opportunities in South West Garo Hills. It also emphasised the importance of institutional support, quality assurance and stronger market linkages in enabling local enterprises to grow.



The visiting team included Shri T. Sangma, Joint Director of Agriculture, South West Garo Hills; Shri G. Marak, DPM, MBMA, Smt. M. Momin, DRF, South West Garo Hills, and the Field Engineer, MBMA.