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### Tree Plantation Drive and Awareness Programme organised at Rangthong Village to mark World Environment Day 2026

**Mawkyrwat:** The Office of the Divisional Soil & Water Conservation Officer, Mawkyrwat Division, South West Khasi Hills District, observed World Environment Day 2026 on the 8th of June 2026 by organizing a Tree Plantation Drive and a brief awareness programme at the Rangthong Community Hall. The programme was conducted under the theme, “Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.”, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable action for future generations.



The initiative aimed to promote environmental conservation, enhance green cover, and raise public awareness about the importance of protecting natural resources and addressing the challenges posed by climate change.

The programme witnessed active participation from villagers, students, teachers, and officials from the Forest and Agriculture Departments of South West Khasi Hills District. Among the distinguished attendees was Shri I. Lawrynñiang, MCS, Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat C&RD Block, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.





Shri. J.J. Lakiang, Divisional Soil & Water Conservation Officer, South West Khasi Hills District delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the theme “Spring Conservation and Rejuvenation Works,” emphasizing the importance of protecting and restoring water sources to ensure sustainable environmental management and Shri. Polin Lyngdoh from the Forest Department, South West Khasi Hills District also addressed the gathering and spoke on the significance of environmental conservation.



During the programme, special cultural performance was presented by Ri Maram Folk Academy, Mawlangwir.





Drawing competition was also held as part of the programme, Smt. Emily Iawphniaw of Rangthong Christian Higher Secondary School secured the first prize, while Smt. Baiakmenlang Thongni, also from the same school, won the second prize, and Smt. Balawanshwa Syiemlieh of Umpohliaw Jingtip Lower Primary & Upper Primary School was awarded the third prize.