

PRESS RELEASE



CM Farm+ Quality Planting Materials Distributed to Farmers in North Garo Hills

Resubelpara, July 14, 2026: In a major initiative to enhance farmers' income through the cultivation of high-value commercial crops, the Office of the District Horticulture Officer, North Garo Hills, on Tuesday organized the Quality Planting Material Distribution Programme under the CM Farm+ scheme at the Multipurpose Cooperative Society Hall, Mendipathar.



The programme aims to promote the cultivation of high-value horticultural crops by providing quality planting materials, scientific production technologies and improved farm inputs, while also encouraging the preservation of indigenous crop varieties.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Fisheries & Tourism and MLA of Resubelpara, Shri T.D. Shira, shared his experiences as a farmer and emphasized the importance of quality planting materials, proper spacing, organic manure and scientific farming practices. He informed beneficiaries receiving



saplings of black pepper, dragon fruit, vanilla and passion fruit that these crops require time to mature and urged them to remain patient, dedicated and committed to good agricultural practices.

The Minister also encouraged farmers to actively participate

in the various training programmes conducted by the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to improve their skills and productivity. He lauded the State Government, under the leadership of the Chief Minister, for introducing farmer-centric initiatives such as CM Farm+, FOCUS, FOCUS+ and CM-ELEVATE, which are creating livelihood opportunities and promoting entrepreneurship across Meghalaya.

Kharkutta MLA and Chairman, MNREDA, Shri Rupert Momin, highlighted the recent dispatch of a 10-metric-ton consignment of premium pineapples from North Garo Hills to Delhi as an indication of the district's agricultural potential. He encouraged farmers to expand the cultivation of high-value crops and advised against the use of harmful chemicals that degrade soil health.



Deputy Commissioner, North Garo Hills, Smt. M.S.N. Marak, IAS, encouraged farmers to embrace agriculture as a sustainable livelihood, stating that farmers are the backbone of the economy. She urged beneficiaries to take proper care of their plantations to improve productivity and income.

District Horticulture Officer, Smt. M.L.G. Momin, informed that the CM Farm+ scheme aims to increase farmers' income by promoting the cultivation of high-value crops. She stated that over 1,000 hectares have been identified for expansion of such crops across the district over the next three years. She further informed that 4,294 beneficiaries in North Garo Hills have received quality planting materials, including black pepper, vanilla, dragon fruit and passion fruit, along with other farm inputs under the scheme.

Assistant Directors of Horticulture, Smt. S.G. Momin and Shri Carlos Sangma, also attended the programme. The programme concluded with the distribution of quality planting materials to beneficiaries by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.