

Press Release

Meghalaya Team Visits Sikkim to Learn from the Dhara Vikas Initiative

A group of trainees and instructors from the Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat, Meghalaya visited Sikkim to learn from the Sikkim Dhara Vikas initiative from 28th Oct to 1st Nov 2014. The 20 participants from the different North Eastern States of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh visited the project sites of Dhara Vikas in South Sikkim to understand the methodology of springshed development in mountain terrain. The team was escorted by the officials from RM&DD and GIZ during the entire tour program. A classroom session was organized on 29th Oct, 2014 for the visitors who then spent two days in the field followed by a de-briefing session on 31st Oct, 2014. They visited the dhara vikas field sites in Sadam, Perbing, Ramaram and Tarey bhir in South Sikkim. During the field visit the participants interacted with the panchayat and communities of Melli Dara Gram Panchayat Unit and were very much inspired by the committed leadership and their innovative works for village development. The participants expressed their satisfaction and showed keen interest on this new initiative of reviving mountain springs in the Himalayan region.