



# EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRE

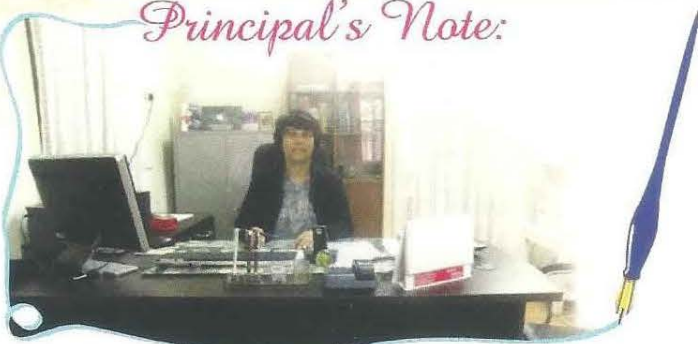
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## *Principal's Note:*



**Smti G.S Lyndem (Principal ETC)**

The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India institutionalized a three-tier process of training and capacity building for rural development on pyramidal basis, that is to say, the NIRD at the national level, the SIRDs at State level and the ETCs at the regional level. In Meghalaya the ETC is located at SIRD campus, Nongsder. The ETC caters to the training needs of all block level extension officials, beneficiaries of Rural Development programmes and projects, NGOs, CBOs, AEC and VEC members, members of local institutions and all other block and village level organizations and workers.

**Our Vision:** To be counted as the most progressive, creative and trusted ETC in the country.

**Our Mission:** To transform the ETC into a learning centre which is resilient, responsive and in tune with the changing situations. The community and rural development blocks served as nodal implementation agencies of all rural development programmes in the state and requires well-trained extension field staff particularly so since Government policies have been directed towards public private partnership in development process.

The ETC by virtue of its being the Regional level training institution has to play a crucial role in the context of imparting training to RD functionaries and members of local institutions since execution of the various development programmes actually takes place at block and village levels.

The ETC became fully functional in 2005 with the appointment of the seniormost faculty member of SIRD as the Principal followed by the appointment of faculty and staff. The ETC being the lone extension training centre in the State covers all the 39 community development blocks located within the 7 districts of the State of Meghalaya. As per the directives of the Government the ETC conducted training on Flagship Programmes with emphasis on NREGS, Local Governance, Watershed and Gender issues. Besides these, the ETC progressively conducted demand driven programmes in tune with the requirements of the government departments and the changing environment triggered by reforms and globalization. The ETC, receives annual grants under recurring and non-recurring heads from the Central and State Government on yearly basis



**ETC (ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING)**

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## *From the Pen of the Director*



**Shri A. Mawlong (Director SIRD)**

Extension Training Centre (ETC) became separated from its parent institute and became full fledged in 2005. Ever since it became an independent body, ETC has been conducting extensive in and off campus trainings on various rural development programmes. ETC has been nurturing the grassroot level workers right from VECs/AECs to Gram Sevaks/ Gram Sevikas and other block level officials so that the people who are the beneficiaries may be able to reap the benefits of centrally sponsored Government programmes. Our motive is not only to achieve the figures but to give qualitative training to the people so that they become aware of the various ongoing programmes and avail the benefits from them. The major challenges that the Centre is facing today is due to its limited manpower, having only two faculty members at present to cover the entire state it becomes a gigantic task and rather impossible to reach the target group within specified time. Proposal has been made in this regard to establish new ETC at Dakopgre Tura so that better monitoring and training can be given to those blocks located in far flung areas away from the state capital. Once approved it will be a blessing to the



people of the region as it would reduce the burden of the trainees who have to come a long way from Tura and adjoining areas to attend the programme. Whatever the hurdles may be ETC has come a long way in carving a niche for itself and having distinguished itself as one of the best training centre in the entire NE region. I would like to congratulate ETC on having achieved this feat within a short period of time and I wish that in the near future ETC will continue to work hard and make a mark for itself and be a centre of learning for the people of the state. I hope this newsletter will help the in providing the basic information about ETC and their future upcoming programmes. I wish ever good luck and success for ETC.

#### The ETC infrastructure:

The administrative building includes the Principal's room, separate rooms for Faculty members and Hostel with training hall, kitchen, dining hall inclusive of double bed rooms and a dormitory which can accommodate 25 participants

ETC HOSTEL



Front View of ETC Hostel

#### Proposal for the Establishment of ETC at Tura

Meghalaya comprising 7 (seven) districts. 3 (three) are located in Garo Hills.

Tura, the Head Quarter of West Garo Hills is by far the most accessible to all these three districts. The long distance to Shillong, the Capital of Meghalaya, has been a bane rather than a boon for the people in the rural areas especially those living in the interior parts of Garo Hills who had to come to Shillong for trainings at SIRD or ETC located at Nongsder, near Shillong. The trainees would have to undergo on a 10 (ten) to 12 (twelve) hours of journey via Assam to participate in these trainings and this had proved to be a major impediment to successful implementation of training programmes since many trainees would rather forego the trainings due to the distance and cost involved. The Government of Meghalaya recommended setting up the Extension Training Centre of the SIRD at Tura. A plot of land required for the purpose has been provided by the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills in the office complex of the

Commissioner of Division at Dakopgre, Tura. Since non-recurring grants for the purpose of construction has to be borne by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, the proposal for the construction of ETC has been submitted to the Ministry for approval and sanction. With the establishment of ETC at Tura participants from the districts of Garo Hills will be highly benefited with immense saving not only time but also expenditure as regular and timely trainings can be conducted for the benefit of the community members and officials involved in rural development.

#### STAFF INFORMATION:

Academic Staff Name	Designation	Qualification
Smti G. S. Lyndem	Principal	MA, M. Phil (Economics), LL.B
Ms. E. Lyngdoh	Lecturer	M.Sc, Rural Development & Agricultural Production (RDAP)
Ms. R. Sangma	Lecturer	M.Sc, Rural Development & Agricultural Production (RDAP)

#### Personnel Strength of ETC:

Faculty Members



Administrative Staff



#### TRAININGS CONDUCTED BY ETC FROM APRIL 2010 – NOVEMBER 2010

Sl. no	Name of the programme	Number of trainings conducted	Total man days	Total number of participants
1.	Formation & Functions of VMC under MGNREGA	9	18	956
2.	TOT-III on Planning & Implementation of SGSY	7	35	205
3.	Marketing of Rural Products	1	3	27
4.	Capacity Building for the Watershed Committees	4	8	213
5.	Training programme on Book Keeping – I	2	8	122
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1523</b>





Trainees posing for photo session at ETC



Off campus training conducted at Rongara Block (South Garo Hills, Meghalaya)

#### NIRD-ETC Relations:

The ETC has been entrusted by MoRD and NIRD to conduct the TOT-III on Planning and Implementation of SGSY/NRLM and since 2009-2010 and 2010-11, 313 numbers of trainees have been covered. The trainings followed the modules prescribed by NIRD, Hyderabad. Two more programmes under IAY have also been entrusted on ETC.

#### Upcoming Programmes:

Sl. no	Name of the programme	Venue	Target groups	Expected no. of participants	Date
1.	TOT-III on Planning & Implementation of SGSY	ETC Campus	SHG members	30	13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010
2.	Planning and management of IAY	ETC Campus	Accntnt/ J.Es/ Gram Sevaks/ Gram Sevikas	35	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011
3.	TOT-III on Planning & Implementation of SGSY	ETC Campus	NGOs/ SHG members	25	21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011
4.	Planning and management of IAY	ETC Campus	Accntnt/ J.Es/ Gram Sevaks/ Gram Sevikas	35	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011
5.	Training on Book Keeping	ETC Campus	NGOs/ SHG members	25	22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011

#### Visitors to ETC:

Dr. Sridhar Seetharaman (Asst Professor, NIRD, NERC)

Mr. Rohit Joshi, Training Manager, NIRD Hyderabad

Mr. Vrijesh Maharana, NIRD Hyderabad

#### Feedback from the participants:

**Veronica Khriam (Block Coordinator, Nongstoin Social Service Society):** "Training on Book Keeping conducted by ETC was really good and helpful, trainings on other aspects particularly **Marketing on Rural Products**, that I have attended was very enlightening but I still need to avail again in future for better understanding"

**Distar Syiemlieh:** In relation to the training I attended at ETC on Book Keeping it was really helpful to me not only in maintaining records

of the group but also in maintaining accounts, records of the village under MGNREGA Scheme in our village.



Mr. Teibor Syiemlieh with SHG members



Veronica Khriam (Block Coordinator NSSS): Giving the first lesson on Accounts Maintenance after attending training at ETC

#### Success stories:

Mr. Teibor Syiemlieh, Animator NSSS Mawkyrwat C & RD Block, Mawkyrwat: I have been working as an animator for an NGO "Nongstoin Social Service Society (NSSS). As an animator my job is to form and monitor the SHGs in the place where I was posted. The training which I attended in ETC Nongsder on 'Book Keeping' had really helped me a lot. Prior to the training I did not know much about Book Keeping especially maintenance of cash book and ledgers and sometimes I hesitated whether the information that I was giving to the SHGs on maintenance of accounts was accurate or not. After attending the training, I feel really encouraged and I also have the confidence to train the SHGs who have not yet attended such kind of training.



## Photos of off campus training :



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