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Siju PHC Achieves NQAS Certification, one more for Bakdil and Garo Hills

In a proud moment for Meghalaya, the Siju Primary Health Centre (PHC) in South Garo Hills has been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Certification by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Run under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model by BAKDIL, Siju PHC becomes the second centre in Garo Hills—after Babadam PHC—to receive this recognition, both operated by the same organization.

The NQAS framework, developed by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), evaluates facilities on patient care, cleanliness, infection control, and service delivery. In an assessment held on 21st–22nd July 2025, Siju PHC secured a remarkable 97.14% score, raising the bar for rural healthcare quality in the state.



Sixteen years ago, when BAKDIL took over the PHC, the centre faced major infrastructure and service challenges. Today, after years of sustained effort and a patient-first approach, it stands as a model of transformation in public health.

The success of Siju PHC is credited to months preparation and teamwork by the health staff, supported by the Joint Directorate Quality Committee (JDQC), the office of the District Medical & Health Officer (DM&HO), South Garo Hills, the Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project National Health (MHSSP), Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), and the National Health Mission (NHM).

"For us, this certification is not just a title but a recognition of our responsibility and our belief that quality healthcare is the right of every person," a BAKDIL spokesperson said.

The recognition is expected to inspire more health institutions across Meghalaya to pursue excellence and bring justice, compassion, and quality care to communities in need.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Siju AAM PHC becomes the second PHC under Bakdil to be awarded with Prestigious National Quality Certification (NQAS)

Mandagre and Nokatgre receives new VO Offices

Two Sub-Centre under Bakdil were honored

2nd Batch of Driving Students Graduates

Health Camp and Training at Sadolpara

Bakdil Family Gathering



Inauguration of New VO Offices at Mandagre and Nokatgre

Selsella, August 1, 2025 — Two new Village Organisation (VO) Offices were inaugurated at Mandagre and Nokatgre, marking a major step forward in strengthening grassroots rural development. The offices were built through the committed efforts of the Village Employment Councils (VECs) under the MGNREGA scheme. The occasion was graced by Shri Arbinstone B. Marak, Hon'ble MLA of Selsella Constituency, as Chief Guest, along with other dignitaries: Shri Emanuel M. Sangma, BDO of Selsella C&RD Block; Smt. Mechele Momin, District Programme Manager (MSRLS), West Garo Hills; and Smt. Jenny Frestha Marak, Block Programme Manager, MSRLS, Selsella.

In his address, Shri Arbinstone urged the community to make meaningful use of the new facilities while also tapping into opportunities through government schemes, including the CM Elevate Programme, in line with the Chief Minister's vision of building a billion-dollar economy for Meghalaya. He also highlighted the urgent need to address issues concerning the deteriorating condition of NH-127B.

The initiative was facilitated by the Selsella Block Mission Management Unit (BMMU), run by BAKDIL NGO in partnership with the Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society (MSRLS), ensuring that grassroots institutions are equipped to better serve the community.

Independence Day Honours for BAKDIL-Run Health Facilities



This Independence Day brought a moment of pride and recognition for BAKDIL as several of our health facilities were honoured for their outstanding service to the community.

 Tolegre Sub-Centre (SC) under Siju PHC was awarded under the MHIS and Wellness categories, acknowledging their commitment to accessible and holistic healthcare.



 Anangpara Sub-Centre (SC) under Salmanpara PHC received the Best Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS) Committee Award in the district, for its exemplary role in strengthening the bridge between the community and the healthcare system.

These recognitions stand as a testament to the dedication of our healthcare teams, who continue to serve with compassion and commitment in reaching the last mile.

MYPs Attend Capacity-Building Session at JICA Office, Tura

The Mobius Young Professionals (MYPs) participated in a capacity-building session at the JICA office in Tura, gaining deeper insights into the ongoing project.

The session, facilitated by Mrs. Apurva Hajong, District Project Manager (DPMU), provided a comprehensive understanding of the project's objectives, processes, and best practices. It was an interactive and enriching experience, marked by valuable knowledge exchange that will greatly support and guide the team's future work.



Health Camp and Training Held at Sadolpara under Watershed Development Programme

As part of the Watershed Development Programme, BAKDIL organized a Health Camp along with training and capacity-building sessions for the community at Sadolpara.

The training focused on vital topics such as personal hygiene, sanitation, safe drinking water, prevention of seasonal diseases, nutrition awareness, and basic first aid. Participants were also guided on maintaining good health during agricultural activities and preventing occupational hazards.

During the Health Camp, beneficiaries received free medical check-ups and essential medicines, ensuring access to basic healthcare at the village level.



Driving Graduates

A valedictory programme was recently held at the Bakdil Training Centre (BTC) to celebrate the achievements of students from the Driving School who successfully completed their three-month training course.

The event was graced by Ms. Chonchy Sangma (LDA, D.C. Office, Tura), along with Rev. Fr. Kurian (Vice President, Bakdil) and Fr. Benoy (Director, Bakdil). During the programme, all 29 graduating students were awarded Diploma Certificates and Learner's Licenses, marking the successful completion of their training journey.

The BTC Driving School runs 3 batches every year, with around 30 students graduating per batch. In total, nearly 90 students graduate annually, each equipped with both a Driving Diploma and a Learner's License, opening new opportunities for livelihood and self-reliance.





PLTDC Meeting Held at Warima Songital, Chokpot

A Project Level Tribal Development Committee (PLTDC) meeting was held at Warima Songital, Chokpot, with the active participation of around 40 members.

The session reviewed the project's progress to date, highlighting both physical and financial achievements, and also mapped out the way forward. The DDM of NABARD shared detailed insights into the project's goals, key components, and expected outcomes.

Beneficiaries also spoke about their personal experiences, successes, and challenges, while the team assured that necessary steps would be taken to address the issues raised. An open discussion further generated new ideas and suggestions for upcoming activities.

In his address, the DDM encouraged all participants to complete the pending activities by December to ensure timely and effective implementation of the project.



23rd On August, the **BAKDIL** family came together at the Pastoral Centre, Tura, for a heartfelt gathering that was more than just a meeting—it was celebration of unity, shared purpose, and new beginnings under the leadership of our new Director, Fr. Benoy.

The day began with a warm welcoming address by Shri Francis A. Sangma, Chief Programme Manager, who set the tone with words encouragement and togetherness. The gathering was further blessed by the presence of Rev. C.J. Most Jose, Auxiliary Bishop of Tura, whose message of faith and motivation inspired all present.

Distinguished guests included Shri Roni Sangma, Megh Farm Brand Ambassador, Riya, Programme Health Manager, Shri Rakseng Marak, Deputy Director, along with senior staff, team leaders, and project members from across various districts.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Rakseng Marak, expressing deep appreciation for the collective efforts that made the event so meaningful. Filled with warmth, joy, and renewed energy, the day powerful reminder that at BAKDIL

renewed energy, the day served as a powerful reminder that at BAKDIL we are more than colleagues—we are a family, united in purpose and service to the community.



Special points on the program:

- History of Bakdil shared by the Vice President
- Reviving the unity & shared purpose
- Introductory
- Discussions & sharing (Grievances were made and points were noted down for solutions)







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Established in 1987, BAKDIL is a registered non-governmental organization headquartered in Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Dedicated to the sustainable development of indigenous communities, BAKDIL works across 22 blocks, reaching nearly 20,000 farmers and their families. Our initiatives span health, education, agriculture, women empowerment, disaster response, micro-finance, entrepreneurship, and skill development. With a committed team on the ground and in the office, we deliver holistic, community-driven support to the most marginalized populations.

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Ongoing BAKDIL Projects

- Integrated Tribal Development Program (ITDP IV & V)
- Micro Entrepreneurship Development Program (MEDP)
- Springshed based Watershed Development Program
- Micro Enterprises Promotion Program (MEPP)
- National Urban Livelihood Mission
- National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- Management of 5 Government AAM Primary health Centers (PHC)
- Social Welfare Department, South West Garo Hills (Short term Trainings)
- Young Professionals Program

- Meghalaya Early Childhood Development Mission (MECDM)
- Dairy Farm at Mebon Rongsep
- Financial Literacy (FLC)
- Meghalaya State Skill Development Society (MSSDS)
- FARM IV

Training Centres of BAKDIL

- BAKDIL Training Center, Walbakgre
- BAKDIL Training Center, Baghmara
- BAKDIL Training Center, Dadenggre
- Spark Hills, Songsak
- BAKDIL Training Center, Zikzak.

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