FOOD PROCESSING

Towards Sustainable Growth Opportunities

State Profile
Meghalaya

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Abstract

Growth and Linkages in the Indian Food Processing Sector:

The Indian food-processing sector has witnessed remarkable growth, during the last 9 years ending 2023-24, Food Processing Industries sector has been growing at an Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) of around 6.55% as compared to around 6.06% in manufacturing at 2011-12 prices. The sector constituted as much as 7.93% share of FPI in manufacturing sector in 2023-2024. The sector is one of the largest employment providers in the organised manufacturing sector with 12.91% employment in the total registered/organised sector. This highlights its competitiveness and capacity to cater to global markets.

India is the world's largest producer of milk, pulses and jute and ranks as the second largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, groundnut, vegetables, fruit and cotton. It is also one of the leading producers of spices, fish, poultry, livestock and plantation crops. This abundant raw material base offers immense potential for value addition and export. Notably, India reported the processed food exports amounted to USD 10.09 billion in 2024-2025 with significant shares in processed vegetables and fruits, pulses, cereal preparations etc. Further, the sector has attracted 7.21 billion FDI inflow in the last one-decade ending 2024-25. Recognizing the sector's significance, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has extended support and incentives for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management, creation of employment opportunities, reducing post-harvest losses, increasing the processing level and enhancing export of the processed foods.

Agricultural Strength and Economic Advantages of Meghalaya:

Meghalaya has a thriving economy with a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of USD 6.21 billion[1]. It enjoys a strategic location, making it an advantageous gateway to the south-east Asia market. Meghalaya is focused on developing rail and air connectivity, along with National Highway corridors connecting it to Bangladesh. The state has received two Geographical Indication (GI) tags, showcasing the potential for horticulture development. The state is strengthening its infrastructure network through MoFPI's flagship schemes such as Pradhan Mantri - Kisan Sampada Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation Micro Food Processing Enterprises, and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme.

Meghalaya offers abundant opportunities in the food processing sector, encompassing a wide range of products, from fruits and vegetables to ready-to-eat/ready-to-cook items.

[1] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF

1. Overview

Meghalaya, literally translated as "The Abode of Clouds," became the twenty-first state of India on 21 January 1972 with Shillong as its capital city. The state strategically located between three major economies (China, East Asia, and South-Asia). The state has a location advantage for South-East Asia Market. The neighboring countries viz. Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan have been involved with the state for business and commerce. The economy of Meghalaya is predominantly agrarian, with about 80% of its work force dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Furthermore, the state holds a significant position in the production of coal and limestone in Northeast India.

Table 1: Meghalaya Overview

Particulars	**Details**
State Capital	Shillong
Geographic Area[2]	22,429 sq. km
Population (Census 2011) [3]	2.96 million
Total Road Length (March, 2020) [4]	44,241kms
Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), 2023-24[5]	USD 6.21 billion
Airport	Shillong Airport & Tura Airport
Rail Network (2023-2024)[6]	9 (Route Km)
Industrial Area	No of industrial parks: 370[7] No of operational SEZ: 3[8]
Infrastructure[9]	5 Air Cargo Terminals 5,055 MT Cold Storage Capacity
Installed power[10]	651.78 MW
Available Land[11]	235.22 ha

[2] Government of Meghalaya| About Meghalaya
[3] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF
[4] https://morth.nic.in/sites/default/files/Basic%20Road%20Statistics%20of%20India-2019-20.pdf
[5] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF
[6] https://rdso.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/stat_econ/2025/IR%20Year%20Book%202023-24-English.pdf
[7] https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1695462
[8] https://sezindia.gov.in/sites/default/files/approved_sez/State_wise_distribution_of_SEZs.pdf
[9] https://warehousingindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LEADSReport2022_13October2022.pdf
[10] https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/installed/2025/04/IC_April_2025_allocation_wise_final-1.pdf
[11] https://iis.ncog.gov.in/parks/login1

2. Advantage Meghalaya

- Fast growing economy in North-Eastern States of India with Net GSDP growth of 11.4% (2023-24)[12].
- 'Top Performer State' at the National Startup Award 2022-23[13].
- 2nd runner-up state at ODOP (One District One Product) Award 2023[14].
- Graded Fast Mover under the north-eastern region category, as per LEADS 2024.
- As of March 2025, under the MOVCD-NER scheme, Meghalaya has developed a moderate organic infrastructure comprising 39 FPOs, 11 collection centres, 12 custom hiring centres, 10 small processing units, 12 transport vehicles, 2 IPUs, 4 cold storages and 2 organic outlets.
- 2rd largest producer of pineapple in India[15]
- Rich bamboo and forest reserves.
- Producer of the finest quality of Turmeric, Pineapple & Orange, further potential for Strawberry, Ginger, Honey, Black pepper, Potato, Jackfruit, Areca Nut and various exotic flowers.
- Locational advantage for the BBIN (Bhutan Bangladesh India Nepal) Corridor and South-East Asia market.
- Pioneering Organic Agriculture: Meghalaya aims to bring 1,00,000 hectares under certified organic cultivation by 2028 through the Meghalaya State Organic Mission, positioning itself as a leader in India's organic movement. The mission promotes sustainable farming, premium pricing, and ecosystem preservation across major value chains.

[12] Invest Meghalaya | Vision 2028
https://investmeghalaya.gov.in/resources/homePage/17/megeodb/policies/megvision28.pdf
[13] Ibid
[14] Ibid
[15] Home | Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare | MoA & FW | Government of India, India (https://agriwelfare.gov.in/en/StatHortEst)

3. Local Food System

3.1. Indigenous Produce

Agriculture plays a predominant role in the economy of Meghalaya. The state possesses diverse range of soil types, including red-loamy and laterite, that support numerous agricultural crops like rice, maize, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, mesta and jute.

There are three agro-climatic zones in the state favouring the cultivation of a multitude of agricultural crops, vegetables, and fruits around the year[16]. These zones include the Temperate and Sub-Alpine zone, Sub-Tropical hill zone and Mild-Tropical Zone.

In the year 2023-24, the gross sown area in Meghalaya was 330 thousand hectares, with a net sown area[17] of 274 thousand hectares available for production.[18]

State has received Geographical Indication (Gi) Tags for: [19]

Memong Narang (2013)

Khasi Mandarin (2013)

Lakadong Turmeric (2021)

3.2. Key Production Highlights

- Significant livestock population of 7.32 million[20], representing a considerable portion of the national total.
- Lakadong turmeric is widely acknowledged as superior quality and highly regarded across the globe. It has been determined that this strain possesses a curcumin content of 7.5% and above.[21]
- Diverse agro-climatic conditions facilitate the horticultural production of fruits including oranges, pineapple, banana, jackfruit, strawberry, dragon fruit, pomelo, peach, pear, kiwi and other indigenous fruits like *Myricanagi*, *Docinia indica*, *Pyrus khasiana*, *Prunasnepalensis*, *Elaegnuscommutata*, etc. for which the State is renowned.[22]
- Valuable cash crops, incuding potato, turmeric, ginger, black pepper, Arecanut, betelvine, tapioca, short-staple mustard, rapeseed, tea and cashewnut.[23]
- Primary commodities are Rice, Potato and Maize[24]

[16] Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare| Govt. of Meghalaya
[17] RBI| Handbook of Statistics on Indian States | State-wise Pattern of Land Use - Gross Sown Area
[18] RBI| Handbook of Statistics on Indian States | State-wise Pattern of Land Use- Net Sown Area
[19] https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/Images/pdf/State_wise_Registered_GI_of_India_15_05_2025.pdf
[20] District-wise Livestock Population as per 20th Livestock Census (2019)| Government of Meghalaya
[21] Department of Agriculture Directorate of Horticulture – Mission Lakadong 2018-2023
[22] India WRIS| Meghalaya
[23] Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare| Govt. of Meghalaya
[24] Ibid

3.3. Key Production Statistics

Table 2: Crops ('000 MT)[25], 2023-24

S.No.	Particulars	Production as per APY 23-24 (Reconciled data)
1.	Rice	283
2.	Wheat	0.447
3.	Coarse Cereals	47.9
4.	Pulses	10.8

Table 3: Livestock ('000 MT), 2023-24[26] &Fisheries

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Eggs (lakh nos.)	1,172.79
2.	Milk ('000 MT)	97
3.	Meat ('000 MT)	54.9
4.	Fish (lakh MT) (2022-2023)[27]	0.19

Table 4: Fruits ('000 MT) [28], 2023-24

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Pineapple	145.50
2.	Banana	102.70
3.	Total Citrus	61.99
4.	Jackfruit	18.27

Table 5: Vegetables ('000 MT)[29], 2023-24

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Potato	196.25
2.	Cabbage	44.58
3.	Tomato	37.10
4.	Tapioca	36.79

Table 6: Spices ('000 MT)[30], 2023-24

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Ginger	68.63
2.	Turmeric	4.47
3.	Black Pepper	2.27
4.	Coriander	2.19

[25] https://agriwelfare.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023_24_FinalEstimates.xls
[26] https://dahd.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-01/FinalBAHS2024Book14012025.pdf
[27] https://dof.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-06/Handbook.pdf
[28] https://agriwelfare.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023_24_FinalEstimates.xls
[29] Ibid
[30] Ibid

4. Production Clusters

The list below showcases the Production Clusters within the State under the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME)[31].

Table 7: Production Clusters in Meghalaya

S.No.	Product	District
1.	Sohiong Based Products	East Khasi Hills
2.	Honey	South West Khasi Hills
3.	Pineapple Based Products	Ri-Bhoi, East Garo Hills, South West Garo Hills
4.	Turmeric	East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills
5.	Banana Based Products	North Garo Hills
6.	Jackfruit Based Products	South Garo Hills
7.	Ginger Based Products	West Khasi Hills
8.	Cashew nut Based Products	West Garo Hills

[31] https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/sitesubsite/#/state/meghalaya

5. Agricultural Marketing

State has established the "Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Portal" for the promotion and facilitation of agriculture marketing, in accordance with the dedicated Act titled "The Meghalaya State Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020[32], with an aim to provide transparent platform to sell their produce, increase transparency in trade operations, and facilitate fair price settlements through the adoption of electronic and other innovative forms of technology.

Table 8: Agricultural Markets in Meghalaya

S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Mandis[33]	18
2.	Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)[34]	67
3.	Rural Market[35]	82
4.	Registered Commodities[36]	112
5.	Registered Markets[37]	80
6.	Regulated Markets[38]	2
7.	Food Processing Units[39]	30

The Government of Meghalaya established the Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB) in 1983 under the Meghalaya Agricultural Produce Market Act of 1980. Headquartered in Shillong, the Board's primary objectives include developing marketing infrastructure, marketing support to farmers and ensuring efficient market operations. The MSAMB launched digital tools, including the Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board (MEGAMB) portal and the MEGAMB App. These platforms offer farmers access to real-time market information, crop advisories, and other essential services.[40]

[32] MEGAMB| Meghalaya Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act,2020 https://megamb.gov.in/Documents/Meghalaya_APLM_ACT_2020.pdf
[33]Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India
[34]https://movcd.dac.gov.in/home
[35]Meghalaya State Agriculture Marketing Board Portal
[36]Ibid
[37]Ibid
[38]Ibid
[39] Annual Survey of Industries 2022-23
[40] State Government of Meghalaya

Table 9: Post Harvest Infrastructure of Meghalaya[41]

FPO	Collection Centre	Custom Hiring Centres	Small Processing Units	Transport Vehicle	IPU	Cold Storage	Organic Outlet
39	28	28	26	28	2	4	1

6. Potential Opportunities

Areas in Meghalaya receive the highest average annual rainfall in the world and agriculture plays a predominant role in the state's economy. With the combination of an agrarian economy and ample amount of rainfall, the Meghalaya is blessed with varieties of crops and horticulture production.

Considering the overview of agro-climatic and socio-economic profile of the state, sub-sectors of food processing with high potential for growth in the state can be Fruits & Vegetables, Millets & Buckwheat, Spices, Honey and Nutraceuticals.

6.1 Fruits & Vegetables

Meghalaya has appropriate agriculture conditions for horticulture products–

- Pineapple and potato are projected to yield approximately 145.50 ('000 tonnes) and 196.25 ('000 tonnes) respectively.
- The prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) designations awarded to two valuable products from Meghalaya: 'Memong Narang' (Wild Orange) and 'Khasi Mandarin' (Orange) and 'Lakadong turmeric'. This opens the door to a wealth of possibilities for economic empowerment, cultural promotion, and environmental stewardship, all while showcasing the rich natural heritage of the region.
- Dehydrated Snacks and Chips: Developing dehydrated fruit and vegetable snacks, including innovative variations like flavoured vegetable chips or fruit-based energy bars, can cater to the growing demand for healthy and convenient on-the-go snacks. For example, jackfruit chips, banana chips, tapioca chips/channa & pineapple rings offer a crunchy and guilt-free snacking option, made by dehydrating slices.
- The Department of Agriculture has promoted Kiwi plantation in temperate areas of the State since 2002 and the public nurseries are producing planting materials through vegetative propagation. Area, production and yield under Kiwi, 2022-23 is 175 ha, 1964 MT and 11225 kg/ha respectively.[42]

6.2 Beverages

Tea Cultivation and Beverage Potential in Meghalaya

The Tea Board of India delegation reported that the potential for tea cultivation in Meghalaya is immense and largely untapped. Tea, when developed as a packed beverage, offers a wide range of products that can cater to different consumer preferences.

Examples of Beverage Options Made from Tea:

Diverse Processed Products – Tea leaves can be processed into various value-added products such as as Black tea, Oolong tea, CTC, White tea (silver needle).

Moreover, value added products of tea are also produced such as:

- **Tea Bags (Quick and Flavourful Beverage):** Tea leaves can be processed and packed into convenient tea bags, allowing for easy brewing and consumption.

[41] Ibid
[42] Ibid

- **Tea Concentrates:** Concentrated forms of tea can be produced and used as a base for making tea-based beverages like drink mixes.

- **Ready-to-Drink (RTD) Tea:** Brewed tea can be packaged and sold as ready-to-drink beverages, available in various flavours and formulations, such as:
    - **Bottled Iced Teas** (carbonated or non-carbonated)
    - **Flavoured Teas** (e.g., peach, lemon, or raspberry)
    - **Tea-Based Energy Drinks**

These product lines provide vast scope for **tea processing enterprises** in Meghalaya and align with the growing demand for **healthy, ready-to-consume beverages**.

6.3 Nutraceuticals

Nutraceuticals are considered foods by the FSSAI Act, 2006[43] and turmeric is used to treat various skin, respiratory tract, joints, and digestive systems[44]. Meghalaya is a producer of the finest quality of turmeric 'the Lakadong turmeric', which provides Meghalaya with an inherent advantage in turmeric processing. The Directorate of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has set up oleoresin and curcumin extraction unit at Laskein village under West Jaintia Hills.[45]

Turmeric Extracts and Supplements: Extracting curcumin, a compound known for its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties to formulate turmeric-based supplements such as capsules, tablets, or powders provides immense potential. Organic Turmeric Farming and Processing: Meghalaya's favourable climate and abundant rainfall make it suitable for organic farming. Establishing organic turmeric farms and processing units can cater to the increasing demand for organic and sustainably sourced turmeric products.

6.4 Millets & Buckwheat

• The favourable climate and rich agricultural heritage of Meghalaya, hold great potential for millet and buckwheat as key agriculture crops. They are hardy and resilient, making them well-suited for the hilly terrain and variable rainfall patterns of Meghalaya.

• Millets are a nutritional powerhouse, providing high levels of protein, fibre, and essential minerals. Buckwheat is a nutritionally dense, gluten-free grain rich in high-quality protein, dietary fiber, antioxidants, and essential minerals like magnesium and zinc. Its low glycemic index and bioactive compounds give it medicinal properties.

• The increasing global demand for millets and buckwheat as a super-food creates economic opportunities for farmers in Meghalaya to reach broader markets.

Value Addition :

Millets offer a range of value-added products that are both delicious and nutritious for consumers. These include:

Millet Malt: Perfect for brewing refreshing beverages or enhancing the flavor of baked goods.

Millet Flour: A versatile ingredient ideal for crafting gluten-free bread, pancakes, and pastries, providing a healthy alternative to traditional wheat flour.

Millet Snacks: Options like chips and granola bars offer a wholesome and satisfying treat.

[43] https://www.fssai.gov.in
[44] Turmeric | NCCIH (www.nih.gov.in)
[45] State Government of Meghalaya

Buckwheat has a high potential for processing into noodles, tea, cookies, and flour can stimulate rural entrepreneurship, particularly among women, youth, and self-help groups (SHGs).
These value-added products not only highlight the nutritional advantages of millets and buckwheat but also promote sustainable agriculture while supporting local farmers.

6.5 Spices

ODOP/PM-FME has formally notified West Jaintia and East Jaintia Hills for turmeric and West Khasi Hills for ginger, unlocking a 35 % credit-linked subsidy for micro-processing projects and common incubation centres at forthcoming Food Parks.[46]
Examples include: Turmeric oleoresin / curcumin, Capsaicin / capsicum oleoresin, Cardamom oil & powder, Dehydrated garlic flakes & powder and Composite spice blends (curry masala, jal-jeera, etc.)

6.6 Honey

The state has already set up two fully equipped honey-processing plants (Tura & Shillong) with filtration, moisture-reduction and bottling lines, and is adding a third unit at Jowai to service the central hill belt[47]. Meghalaya's dense sub-tropical forests (76 % of land area under tree cover) host multifloral sources such as litchi, wild citrus and Schima—yielding niche monofloral honeys with higher invert-sugar and antioxidant profiles that fetch export premiums in the Gulf and East-Asian natural-product segments. Relevance: room for branded functional honey and propolis lines.

Examples include: Composite spice blends (curry masala, jal-jeera, etc.), Beeswax cakes/pellets, Royal jelly (fresh or freeze-dried powder/capsules), Bee-pollen granules, Honey-based wine (mead / fruit-honey wine) etc.

Table 10: Taste of Meghalaya – Ready to Eat Range[48]

Sl No	Product Name	Description
1	Vanilla pods	Premium-grade, aromatic vanilla pods ideal for culinary and confectionery use.
2	Bay leaf	Naturally dried bay leaves, perfect for flavoring curries and stews.
3	Spicy pineapple chunks	Sweet and tangy pineapple pieces infused with local spices.
4	Classic/Sweet Pineapple Chunks	Juicy, naturally sweet pineapple chunks preserved for snacking or desserts.
5	Pineapple core candy	A unique treat made from the core of pineapples, sweetened and spiced.
6	Mushroom Powder	Finely ground dried mushrooms for soups, sauces, and seasoning.
7	Dry Mushroom	Sun-dried local mushrooms, rich in umami flavor and nutrients.
8	Turmeric Powder	Pure Lakadong turmeric powder with high curcumin content.

[46] https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1982734&utm_
[47] https://www.des.megplanning.gov.in/documents/Meghalaya-Socio-Economic-Review-2020.pdf
[48] State Government of Meghalaya

9	Cinnamon sticks	Fragrant whole cinnamon sticks sourced from Meghalaya's spice farms.
10	Finger Millet / Ragi (whole)	Nutrient-rich whole grain ideal for traditional and health recipes.
11	Finger Millet / Ragi (powder)	Ready-to-use flour for nutritious porridges, rotis, or baked goods.
12	Coffee	Aromatic, locally grown coffee beans, perfect for a robust brew.
13	Multiflora Honey	Natural honey harvested from diverse floral sources across Meghalaya.
14	Black pepper powder	Ground black pepper with a bold aroma and strong heat profile.
15	Plain Cashew	Lightly roasted, unsalted cashew nuts for a healthy snack.
16	Chocolate Cashew	Crunchy cashews coated in smooth, rich chocolate.
17	Masala Cashew	Spiced cashew nuts with a bold, savory flavor
18	Salted cashew	Cashews lightly seasoned with salt for a classic taste
19	Caramel cashew	Sweet and crunchy caramel-coated cashew nuts.
20	Turmeric powder	Vibrant turmeric powder packed with earthy flavor and health benefits.
21	Ginger powder	Finely milled ginger powder ideal for teas, cooking, and baking.
22	Tapoica chips	Crisp, savory chips made from locally grown tapioca roots.
23	Tapoioca powder	Smooth tapioca starch for thickening, baking, or gluten-free cooking.
24	Turmeric powder	A second batch of high-quality turmeric powder from the region.
25	Ginger powder	Aromatic ginger powder with a strong, warming taste
26	Pineapple juice	Refreshing juice extracted from Meghalaya's sweet pineapples.

7 State Government Initiatives and Schemes

State Government has undertaken several reforms to offer an enabling and investor-friendly business climate for investors keen on setting up business in the State.

Some of the key EoDB initiatives by the State are included below:

- **Single Window Portal (Meghalaya Investor Facilitation Portal)**

One-stop portal for investors to digitally access all State-related business approvals and apply for them as per their business requirements. The portal is designed to assist investors in a transparent, time-bound and hassle-free manner. There is an online system to provide information regarding all approvals required by the industries to set up their businesses.

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- **Central Industrial Land Bank Portal**

Industrial parks serving as a one-stop repository of all infrastructure-related information, such as, connectivity, infra, natural resources and terrain, plot-level information on vacant plots, and contact details.

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- **PM-DevINE SCHEME**

This scheme is aimed at rapid and holistic development of the North-East Region by funding infrastructure and social development projects, based on felt needs of the States. It will strive to fill the gaps in various sectors and will not be a substitute for existing Central and State Schemes.[49]

- **Meghalaya Start-up Policy 2018-23**

Government of Meghalaya has launched the Meghalaya Start-up Policy in August 2018 by which the objective of the State is to, "emerge as one of the leading 'Start-up Hubs' in India by 2023 through strategic partnerships, conducive ecosystem, investment, and policy interventions".[50]

iis.ncog.gov.in/parks/login1

Meghalaya is a State with untapped opportunities, with high levels of socio-economic development. The State has a favourable business environment for setting up food processing units and offers investors robust infrastructure, support for capital investment and technology upgradation, a strong marketing network, rich and diverse human capital.

- **Schemes of the NEC**

In February 2020, the Union Cabinet earmarked 30% of NEC's allocation for developing deprived areas, neglected communities, and priority sectors in the Northeast. The Schemes of NEC is now a 100% centrally funded Central Sector Scheme.[51]

[49]Prime Minister 's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)
https://mdoner.gov.in/contentimages/files/PM_Devine.pdf
[50]Meghalaya Startup Policy 2018
[51] https://nesetu.mdoner.gov.in/projects/

- **Mega Food Park project**

Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd is implementing a Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) under PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA sanctioned by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India for providing modern infrastructure facilities for food processing along the value chain from farm to market located at Industrial Growth Centre, Mendipathar, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills District.[52]

- **Meghalaya Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (MIIPP) 2024** [53]

The policy offers tailored incentives in 16 priority sectors including food processing. Aligned with the Government of India's UNNATI scheme, promoting green technologies and investments above Rs 100 crore. It also encourages infrastructure like zero-discharge facilities and renewable energy integration.

- **Financing agri-value chains**[54]

To support the scaling of agriculture and value chain activities, Meghalaya has put in place targeted financial mechanisms to provide working capital, de-risk agri-businesses, and ensure financial inclusion for farmer collectives. The key financial interventions are outlined below:

- FOCUS Program: Rs 5000 for every farmer belonging to producer groups
- LIFCOM Loans: Interest free working capital loans to farmer collectives.
- CM-ASSURE Scheme: Market intervention scheme for non- perishable commodities to support small and marginal farmers.

These financial measures help bridge liquidity gaps, reduce the dependency on informal credit, and empower farmers and cooperatives to invest in productivity-enhancing technologies, value addition, and organized market participation. As the agri-enterprise ecosystem matures, accessible finance is becoming a critical lever for inclusive rural growth and risk mitigation.

- **Promoting Value Addition**[55]

Meghalaya is transitioning from raw produce to processed goods using a hub-and-spoke model, backed by public-private-community collaboration. Here's a snapshot of current infrastructure:

Table 11: Current Value Addition Infrastructure

Facility Type	Units/Details
Primary processing units (Spokes)	**155** village-level units (drying, cleaning, slicing, packaging)
Secondary processing centres (Hubs)	**32** PRIME Hubs identified
Operational PRIME Hubs	**8** PRIME Hubs active
Farmers impacted	**13,500+** farmers supported by operational PRIME Hubs

[52] State Government of Meghalaya
[53] Ibid
[54] Ibid
[55] Ibid

Table 13: Industrial and Investment promotion scheme in Meghalaya

Key Initiatives	MEGHALAYA INDUSTRIAL & INVESTMENT PROMOTION SCHEME 2024[56]	
	Category of Enterprises: Micro/Small	**Category of Enterprises: Medium / Large / Mega Large / Ultra Large**
Capital Subsidy	Eligible for availing the subsidy @30 % (thirty percent) on cost of plant and machinery (for the manufacturing sector) or for construction of building and installation of other durable physical assets (for services sector) with a maximum limit of Rs 10 crore for Priority Sector Units and Rs 8 crore for others.	Eligible for the subsidy @30 % (thirty percent) on cost of plant and machinery (for the manufacturing sector) or for construction of building and installation of other durable physical assets (for services sector) with a maximum limit of Rs 15 crore for Priority Sector Units and Rs 12 crore for non-Priority sector.
Interest Subvention	Eligible at 5% (priority) / 4% (non-priority) for up to 7 years on loans up to Rs 250 crore; on disbursed amount, post commercial production.	Same terms apply as for Micro/Small units.
Rainwater Harvesting System	50% subsidy up to Rs 2 lakhs	50% subsidy up to Rs 10 lakhs.
Power Generating Sets (Subsidy)	50% subsidy up to Rs10 lakhs (Conventional) / Rs25 lakhs (Renewable).	50% subsidy up to Rs 50 lakhs (Conventional) / Rs 1 crore (Renewable).
Power Line Drawl Reimbursement	100% on 11 KV+ lines incl. transformer cost up to Rs10 lakhs	
Zero Discharge Facility		50% subsidy up to Rs 5 lakhs (Medium) and Rs 10 lakhs (Large).
Wastewater Recycling Facility		50% subsidy up to Rs 5 lakhs (Medium) and Rs 15 lakhs (Large).

[56] https://megindustry.gov.in/policy/MIIPP-2024.pdf

8 Regulatory Framework: Registration / NoCs / Licenses

The table below represents the indicative information regarding Regulatory Mechanism available in the state.

8.1 For starting operations

Table 14: Regulatory Mechanism For starting operations

S.No.	Name of Service	Authority/ Agency/ Office/ Department officer granting approval
1.	License for Cold Storage	Directorate of Food Processing
2.	Registration under FSSAI Act,2006, regulation 2011	FSSAI, Health & Family Welfare Department, & Food Safety
3.	License under FSSAI Act,2006, regulation 2011	FSSAI, Health & Family Welfare Department, & Food Safety
4.	License under Contract Labour Act, (Regulation and Abolition), 1970	Labour Commissionerate
5.	Registration under GST (Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017)	Department of Commercial Tax
6.	Consolidated Consent & Authorization under Water Act, 1974, Air Act, 1981 & Authorization under The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016	Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
7.	Application for Pre-Operational Fire NOC (National Building Code, 2005)	Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services

8.2 For setting up of business

Table 15: Regulatory Mechanism For setting up of business

S.No.	Name of Service	Authority/ Agency/ Office/ Department officer granting approval
1.	Land allotment in departmental industrial estates	Director of Commerce & Industries
2.	Application for Land / Plot Allotment	Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Limited
3.	Application for new connection LT / HT line non-domestic / industrial	The Meghalaya State Electricity Board
4.	Application for Water Connection	Shillong Municipal Board
5.	Application for Water Connection	Department of Urban Affairs and Department of Water Resources
6.	Application for building plan approval	Labour Department
7.	Application for Completion cum Occupancy Certificate	Department of Urban Affairs, Meghalaya
8.	Consent to Establish under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974	Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
9.	Consent to Establish under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981	Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
10.	Consent to Operate under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981	Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
11.	Application for Pre- Establishment Fire NOC (National Building Code, 2005)	Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services
12.	Site Plan Approval under the Factories Act, 1948	Labour & Employment Department

9 Major Players in Food Processing and Allied Sectors

9.1 Details of projects approved under PMKSY Scheme of MoFPI, Government of India[57]

9.1.1 Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) Scheme

Table 16: Details of projects approved under CEFPPC Scheme

Name of the firm	Location	Sector
M/s Seshu Nutrition Pvt Ltd	Ri-Bhoi	Consumer products
M/s Himalayan Spices	Ri-Bhoi	Consumer products
M/s Shaidalin Wanniang	East Khasi Hills	F&V processing
M/s Meghalaya Fruits & Vegetables Processor	Ribhoi	F&V processing

9.2 Beneficiaries under PMFME Scheme of MoFPI, Government of India

Table 17: Beneficiaries sanctioned under PMFME scheme [58]

State/UT	Meghalaya
Number of Micro Enterprises	202
Approved Subsidy (in Rs Crore)	3.36
Number of SHG Members	4285
Approved Subsidy (in Rs Crore)	13.06
Number of Approved Incubation Centre	0
Approved Subsidy (in Rs Crore)	0.00
Number of Approved B&M Projects	0
Approved Subsidy (in Rs Crore)	0.00
Net Enterprises-PMFME	4487
Total Subsidy under PMFME (in Rs Crore)	16.42

[57] https://sampada-mofpi.gov.in
[58] https://www.mofpi.gov.in/sites/default/files/636.pdf

10 List of Farmer Producer Organisations

A total of 25 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) are present in the State of Meghalaya and out of these the following indicative list represents FPOs with major crop/produce production of the State. The following indicative list represents the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) with major crop/produce production of the State.[59]

Table 18: Indicative list of FPOs in Meghalaya – Given by the State Government of Meghalaya

Sl. No	District	Block Name	IA Name	CBBO Name	Crop/s
1	East Garo Hills	Samanda	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Consortium for Training, Research and Development (CTRD)	Pineapple
2	Ri Bhoi	Umsning	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Pineapple
3	West Jaintia Hills	Laskein	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Pineapple
4	South Garo Hills	Gasuapara	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Jackfruit
5	West Garo Hills	Dadenggiri	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Cashew
6	Eastern West Khasi Hills	Mairang	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Vegetables
7	Eastern West Khasi Hills	Mawthadraishan	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Vegetables
8	West Garo Hills	Demdema	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Pineapple

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9	North Garo Hills	Kharkutta	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Salt Range Foods Pvt Ltd	Banana and Honey
10	South West Khasi Hills	Mawkyrwat	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Salt Range Foods Pvt Ltd	Honey
11	West Garo Hills	Dadenggiri	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Black Pepper
12	East Khasi Hills	Pynursla	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Salt Range Foods Pvt Ltd	Honey
13	West Garo Hills	Salsella	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Cashewnut
14	West Garo Hills	Tikrikilla	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Black Pepper
15	West Garo Hills	Tikrikilla	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Black Pepper
16	Ri Bhoi	Bhoirymbong	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	ICAR-ATARI-KVK Ri Bhoi	Ginger
17	Ri Bhoi	Umling	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	ICAR-ATARI-KVK Ri Bhoi	Pineapple
18	West Garo Hills	Rongram	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Clover Organic Private Limited	Orange, Cashewnut
19	West Garo Hills	Ralsella	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Clover Organic Private Limited	Cashewnut
20	West Garo Hills	Rikrikilla	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Clover Organic Private Limited	Black Pepper
21	West Jaintia Hills	Thadlaskein	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Vitro Biotechnologies Ltd.	Turmeric

22	East Khasi Hills	Mawryngkneng	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Tomato
23	East Khasi Hills	Pynursla	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	Environment Conservation society (ECS)	Bay leaf
24	West Garo Hills	Rongram	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Orange, Squash, Large Cardamom, Ginger, Turmeric
25	East Garo Hills	Songsak	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Ginger, Pine-Apple, Banana
26	East Garo Hills	Dambo Rongjeng	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Tapioca, Ginger, Banana, Pineapple
27	North Garo Hills	Resubelpara	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Ginger, Turmeric, Banana, Jackfruit
28	West Garo Hills	Gambegre	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Cashew, Black Pepper
29	West Khasi Hills	Nongstoin	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Paddy, Ginger
30	Ri Bhoi	Bhoirymbong	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Ginger
31	Ri Bhoi	Jirang	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Banana
32	East Khasi Hills	Mawphlang	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Potato
33	East Khasi Hills	Mawsynram	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Bayleaf
34	East Khasi Hills	Sohiong	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Vegetable

35	South Garo Hills	Baghmara	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Jackfruit
36	West Garo Hills	Sadenggiri	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Cashewnut
37	East Khasi Hills	Mawkynrew	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Khasi Mandarin
38	South West Khasi Hills	Mawkyrwat	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Spices
39	East Khasi Hills	Mylliem	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Potato
40	West Garo Hills	Demdema	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Cashewnut
41	West Garo Hills	Dadenggiri	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Cashewnut
42	South West Garo Hills	Betasing	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Consortium for Training, Reasearch and Development (CTRD)	Black Pepper
43	North Garo Hills	Bajengdoba	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Black Papper, Banana, Pineapple, Orange
44	South West Khasi Hills	Ranikor	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Black Pepper, Tezpata (Bay Leaf), Pineapple
45	West Garo Hills	Dalu	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Cashew, Black Papper
46	East Jaintia Hills	Khliehriat	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Khasi mandarin, Raddish, Cucumber, Beans

47	East Jaintia Hills	Saipung	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Khasi Mandarin, Beans, Cucumber
48	East Khasi Hills	Shella Bholaganj	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Bay leaf
49	East Khasi Hills	Mawlai	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Ginger
50	East Khasi Hills	Khadarshnong-Laitkroh	National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Associated Tea & Agro Management Service Pvt Ltd (ATMS)	Vegetables
51	West Garo Hills	Salsella	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC, DoNER)	Clover Organic Private Limited	Cashewnut
52	Ri Bhoi	Umsning	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)	East Khasi Hills District Milk Cooperative Union Ltd	Dairy
53	West Khasi Hills	Ri-Muliang	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Ginger
54	West Khasi Hills	Shallang	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Banana
55	West Khasi Hills	Mawshynrut	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	Divine International Foundation	Ginger, Broomstick
56	West Khasi Hills	Rambrai	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Ginger
57	West Jaintia Hills	Amlarem	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Turmeric
58	South Garo Hills	Chokpot	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
59	East Khasi Hills	Mylliem	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Vegetables
60	South Garo Hills	Rongara	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices

61	South Garo Hills	Siju	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
62	South West Garo Hills	Zikzak	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
63	West Garo Hills	Batabari	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
64	West Jaintia Hills	Namdong	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
65	East Jaintia Hills	Wapung	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices
66	North Garo Hills	Adokgre	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Banana
67	East Jaintia Hills	Lumshnong	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	The Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	Spices

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