

**“Workshop on Controlling and Mitigating Air Pollution for Obtaining Clean Air’
on the occasion of ‘International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies’ held on 06th
September, 2024, at Aranya The Merian Resort, Killing Road, Ri-Bhoi**

On the occasion of ‘International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies’ the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), Forest & Environment Dept., Govt. of Meghalaya, organized a ‘Workshop on Controlling and Mitigating Air Pollution for Obtaining Clean Air’ on 06th September, 2024, at Aranya The Merian Resort, Killing Road, Ri-Bhoi. The event emphasized on the theme "Invest in Clean Air Now", concentrating actions for air quality improvement. This initiative aligns with the goals of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), launched in 2019, and sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi. About 60 officials, staffs from concerned Depts./Agencies and representative from industrial units and association participated in the workshop.

The workshop started with the welcome address by Shri M.N. Warbah, Scientist-B, MSPCB, and followed by Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) pledge. During his introductory speech, Dr. G.H. Chyrmang, MFS, Member Secretary, MSPCB emphasised on importance of ‘International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies’ and reiterated the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India’s judgement i.e. the right to a clean and healthy environment which is incorporated as a fundamental right under Article 21. Shri M. K. Choudhury, Regional Director, CPCB, Regional Directorate (North-East), Shillong delivered a short speech about NCAP and collaborative approaches where each dept./stakeholder is to take preventive measure in order to control air pollution. The event was graced by Smt. B. L. Pakyntein, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District. During his speech, Shri. Eric Kevin Dkhar, MCS, Assistant Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District and the BDO, Umling, emphasised the waste management plan and other actions to be taken in holistic approach for air quality improvement in Byrnihat. The session was then followed by presentations from various departments:

- 1) ‘Overview of NCAP and Air Quality scenario in the state /Byrnihat, and Mission LiFE activities’

By Shri S. Swer, Senior Scientist, MSPCB

- 2) ‘Emission Inventory & Source Apportionment study along with mitigation action plan’

By Dr. Deepanjan Majumdar, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head, CSIR-NEERI, Kolkata Centre

- 3) ‘City Air Action Plan, PRANA portal, Physical & financial progress and convergence of funds from various schemes’

By Dr. Gaurav Singh, Consultant-A, NCAP-CPCB

- 4) ‘Control of industrial emission, norms/compliances, and action plan’

By Smt. D. Syiemlieh, Sr. Env. Engineer, MSPCB

- 5) ‘Best practices for achieving clean air’

By Shri A. Mandal, Scientist B, CPCB, RDNE, Shillong

- 6) ‘Presentations on relevant activity by implementing departments.

By concerned official(s) from DAO, DFO, PWD, Nongpoh

After a short group discussion, the programme ended with closing remark and vote of thanks from Shri Y.F. Laloo, Environmental Engineer, MSPCB, Shillong.





Fig.: Glance of the Workshop held on 06th September, 2024 at Aranya The Merian Resort, Killing Road, Ri-Bhoi
