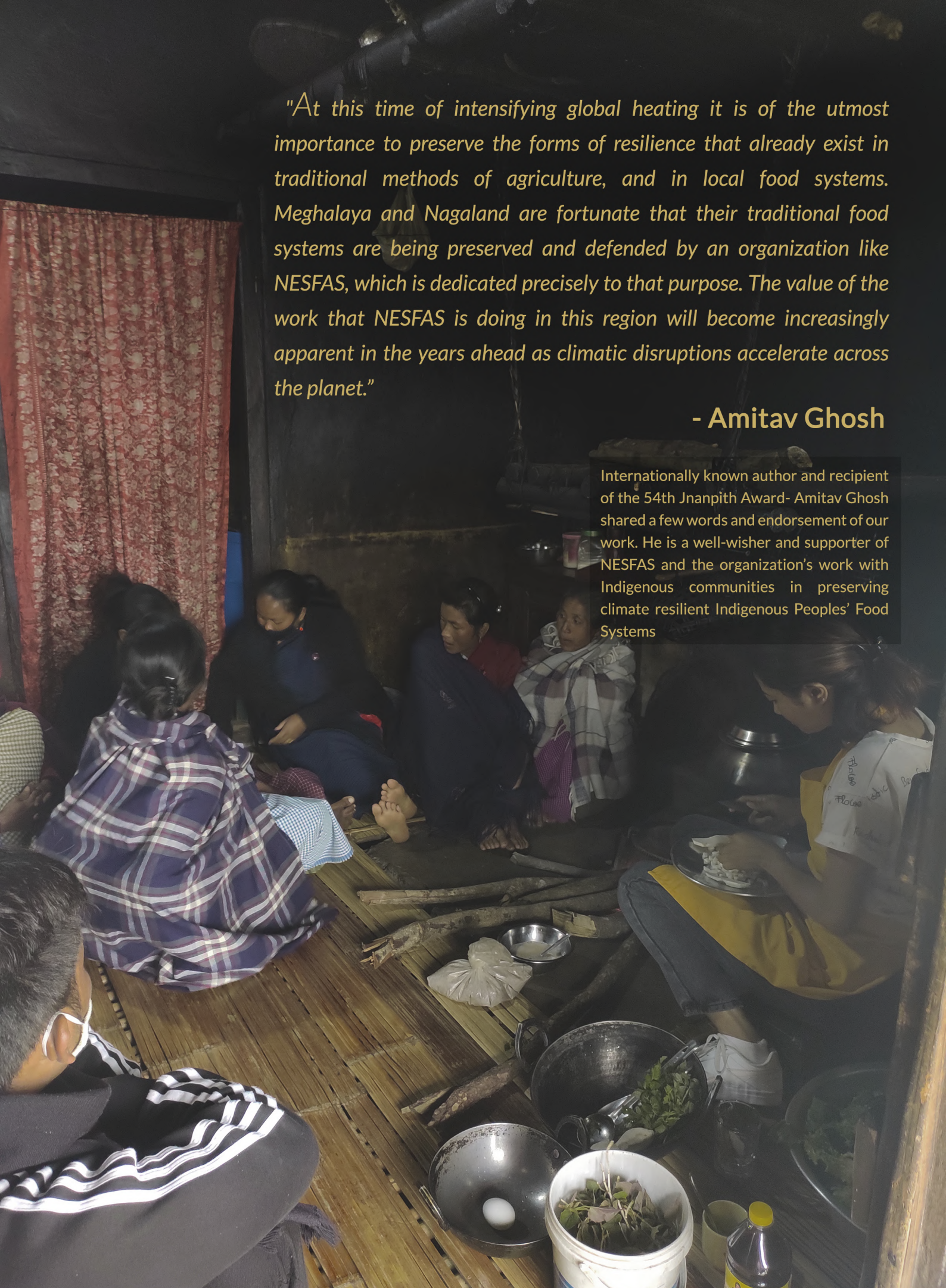


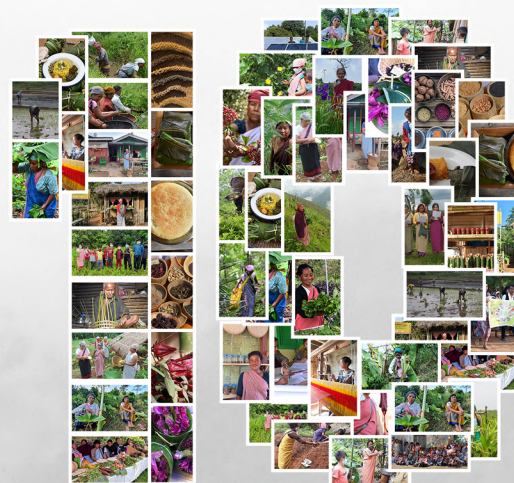
"At this time of intensifying global heating it is of the utmost importance to preserve the forms of resilience that already exist in traditional methods of agriculture, and in local food systems. Meghalaya and Nagaland are fortunate that their traditional food systems are being preserved and defended by an organization like NESFAS, which is dedicated precisely to that purpose. The value of the work that NESFAS is doing in this region will become increasingly apparent in the years ahead as climatic disruptions accelerate across the planet."

- Amitav Ghosh

Internationally known author and recipient of the 54th Jnanpith Award- Amitav Ghosh shared a few words and endorsement of our work. He is a well-wisher and supporter of NESFAS and the organization's work with Indigenous communities in preserving climate resilient Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems



Embracing our ten years journey in reviving, defending and promoting Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems



WE BELIEVE:

Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems are game-changing solutions.

Indigenous Peoples value caring, sharing and consensus building for well being.

Youth are our Beacons of Hope.

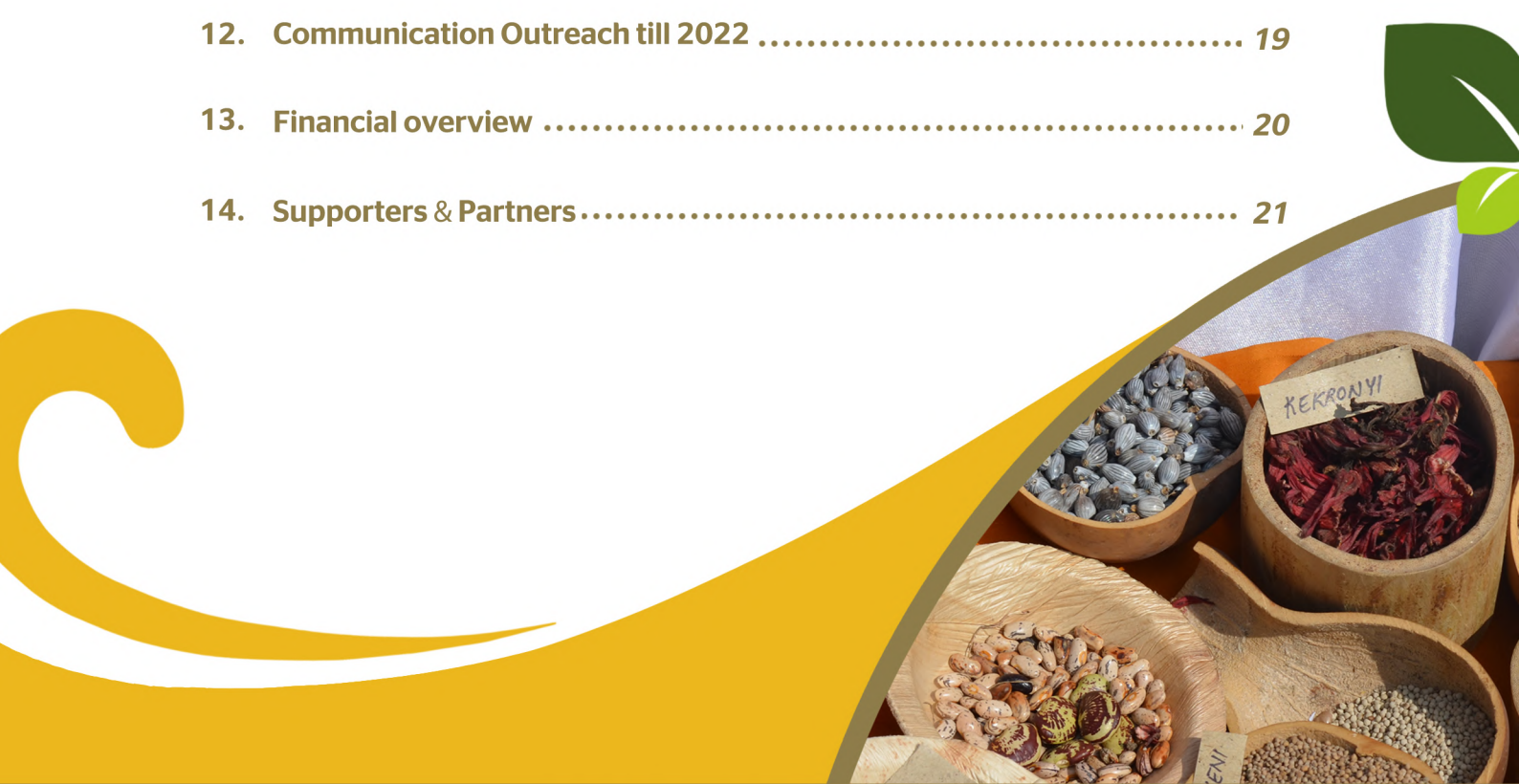
A healthy today will bring a secure tomorrow.

Women are the custodians of the biodiversity, food and nutrition.

Traditional Knowledge is crucial.

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About NESFAS

NESFAS is a platform that aims to revive, defend and promote the Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems while maintaining the culture and identity. NESFAS, as an indigenous grassroots organization led by local young people, works closely with indigenous communities of Meghalaya and Nagaland, and highly recognizes the role of women as custodians of biodiversity, land, people, nutrition and more. NESFAS also focuses on empowering young people because they are the beacons of hope and true change agents within their own communities in promoting Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems for enhanced local biodiversity based production, consumption and livelihood for their wellbeing.

We Work Towards

- Promoting Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems for a secure well-being;
- Encouraging the Youth to be leaders of tomorrow;
- Empowering Women as they are the custodians of our biodiversity, food and nutrition;
- Recognising Traditional Knowledge Holders as Champions of Biodiversity.



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Human Resource Development



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Sustainable Livelihoods



Clean Energy & Innovation



Health & Nutrition

NOTE FROM CHAIRPERSON



Dr. H.H MOHRMEN,
Chairperson,
NESFAS

It has been ten years since NESFAS was established and the journey has not been plain sailing but what is important is the fact that the organization has gained from strength to strength every single day. NESFAS family has also grown in size, and more importantly, the impact that it had on the community. At the outset, what needs to be noted is the conclusion of the REC funded project "No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative" - In December 2021 which NESFAS has been able to successfully complete.

Another major achievement of the NGO was in supporting the fifteen villages and other NGOs, in their protest against the efforts of the government to construct a dam at the river.

The launching of two books which includes Agrobiodiversity Book of Meghalaya and Nagaland, and the Indigenous Food Recipe Book titled "Ka Bam Tynre " marked important milestones. It is also a proud moment for everyone because NESFAS has officially become a PGS Facilitation Centre. These are some of the major achievements of NESFAS in the last twelve months and the list is not exhausted.

We are glad that NESFAS is now a household name, at least in the state, and we are also proud that in Meghalaya, the name NESFAS is now synonymous with indigenous food and farming practices of the native people of the state. It is now the one stop centre for any information about indigenous practices in the state and NESFAS has now also attracted seekers of aboriginal knowledge from far and wide.

The project that NESFAS along with its partners implement - "Empowering indigenous communities through Agroecology Learning Circles (ALCs) for resilient, integrated and innovative natural resource management" which is supported by the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency and funded by the World Bank is going to be an eye opener for the communities and it will also open new vistas for the people to share with the world our ancient practices. Implementing the project is a challenging task, no doubt, but it is also going to be a rich experience for the team and NESFAS will become a storehouse of indigenous knowledge.

As the Nesfas embarks on its journey, may the new decade and the decades to come be as fruitful as it can be and it will be able to bring change to the society and the world.

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NOTE FROM FOUNDING CHAIRPERSON

NESFAS was established in 2012 to be a platform that “connects people to the pleasure and importance of local food”. Looking back, I am glad we chose to travel on this less travelled path which is all too often a low priority for those in power, compounded by lack of appreciation of what they are, what they can offer and the threats they face. Worse still, assimilation of our local food systems to mainstream commercial agriculture has often been touted as the answer to our development, which we know will not work based on the devastating effects of past efforts.

As we all face a very grim future of climate breakdown, it is perhaps important to point out that all scientific scenarios presented by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for limiting climate change to 1.5°C, rely heavily on nature-based solutions that promote biodiversity conservation as well as the decarbonisation of the economy. This Annual Report is a humble documentation of how the small but continuing nature-based steps taken by more than 130 communities of Meghalaya and Nagaland supported by NESFAS and its partners are slowly but surely showing that revitalised Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems can be game changers towards a more climate resilient world. The attention paid to pollinators and the role of bees, the scaling of the Agroecology Learning Circles to promote nature positive agroecology, the official national recognition of NESFAS as Participatory Guarantee System facilitation centre, the stand of the Umsawwar community and NESFAS against the construction of a dam on the Umngot River that would have destroyed the rich and unique biodiversity of the Umsawwar and neighbouring communities’ landscape, are some of the small but important stories presented in this Annual Report.

NESFAS also recognises that to successfully promote local food systems that are nature based solutions for our future world, we need to support research and innovations.

This Annual Report documents several innovations that NESFAS facilitated from developing digital tools to improve nutrition through local wild and cultivated local species, vertical transportation of goods through low cost and gravity pulled ropeways to promote solar energy initiatives for building decentralised rural energy for communities . I am proud that NESFAS and its partners have done all this with the full trust of the participating communities and the support of Government Agencies, Corporate bodies through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and bilateral and multilateral Agencies. It has been a partnership of Hope that needs to be upscaled as much as possible.



Our local food systems, including the custodianship of the majority of our biodiversity by our communities, offer unique insights, practices and the empirical evidence needed to address the multiple local and global challenges we face. I hope the work of NESFAS and its partners as reported in this Annual Report will help all of us to acknowledge that Indigenous Peoples’ deep connection with land is at the core of their values of caring, sharing and consensus building which are so central to equitable food systems that work with, rather than against, nature.

Thank you for your interest in the work that is being carried out by NESFAS’ young team of Indigenous Youth most of whom we proudly proclaim are women professionals.

PHRANG ROY,
Founding Chairperson,
NESFAS

NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PIUS RANEE,
Executive Director,
NESFAS

Within this Annual Report, you will find the story of an indigenous non-profit organisation which has thrived for the last ten years.

NESFAS is ten years old. As I look back on the past decade, it is remarkable to see what we have achieved. From gaining recognition and appreciation globally to achieving support from some of the policy makers in the State, and from joining hands with initial 7 communities and then 40 and presently 130, to expanding partnerships with like minded organisations and individuals, NESFAS has really come a long way.

In NESFAS, we believe that our communities are our true pillars. Our goal of reviving, defending and promoting the Indigenous Peoples Food Systems would not be achieved completely without our true pillars. We are also forever grateful to our partner NGOs, funders, well wishers, friends, family and supporters for their faith in us.

The year 2021-2022 has taught us many lessons. Most importantly it taught us the values of caring, sharing, consensus building inspired from our indigenous communities. CARING for everyone around us - our team, our communities, their wellbeing and comfort, our environment and above all, caring for Mother Earth. We must constantly be SHARING - sharing the traditional knowledge, beautiful and innovative ideas, happiness and joy, and not to forget, the sharing of food because food is our connecting rod. We value CONSENSUS BUILDING in everything that we do - the teamwork among the staff, the collaborative efforts along with the communities, and the partnerships with other individuals, institutions and organisations, have truly shown us the importance of coexisting in harmony.

It's the year 2022 now! Our ingenious initiatives have been appreciated by the communities, recognized by the media, promoted by local policy makers and inspired the public. But we still have a long way to go.

We have a dream to bring positive impacts around us - we hope women become the ultimate leaders in everything because we believe that they are the true nurturers and custodians of the planet. We aspire to change the mindsets of the people that this is the time we must value the practice of growing our own food for a food secure and sovereign world. We plan to do this for as long as we can and eventually pass the baton by building a cadre of young people who will be the future champions in the Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems.



OUR TEAM MEMBERS



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WE ARE 10



NESFAS, along with TIP, and Slow Food International, Italy, co-organised the second International Terra Madre, an international gathering of indigenous food communities at Shillong in 2015. The event, known as the International Mei-Ramew 2015 was co-hosted by 41 indigenous communities from Meghalaya.

ITM 2015 gathered over 600 delegates representing indigenous food communities, academia, youth, UN agencies, and other global supporters from 62 countries.



Two NESFAS team members were part of the first batch of the 2017 Fellowship that was hosted by TIP partner, Bioersity International, in Rome, Italy along with fellows from other countries.



2017
1ST INDIGENOUS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



2014

KIDS KITCHEN INITIATIVE

The Kids' Kitchen Initiative focused on capacity building through consistent training in basic culinary skills like cooking demonstrations and DIY assignments and other activities like kitchen garden management, for the residents at the William Lewis Boys' Home in Mawphlang

2015
ITM

The 2-day Mei-Ramew Festival 2013 saw over 10,000 visitors from different regions. The festival had over 200 delegates from 28 communities from as close as Mawphlang and Sohra and as far as from Bhutan, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram,



2013
1ST MEI-RAMEW FEST

Tripura, and Meghalaya to share and exchange their knowledge about rich diversity. 200 varieties of local foods like grains, millets, vegetables, fruits, roots, wild edibles were displayed and their own special ways of cooking them were shared. There were also handicrafts, pottery and textiles.

2018

NESFAS-REC INITIATIVE

No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative 2018-2021



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Since NESFAS inception in 2012, the organisation has played a vital role in safeguarding Indigenous Food Systems and traditions in the North East of India, especially in Meghalaya.



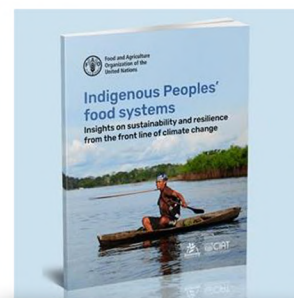
2019 NESFAS-GIZ project
 Enhancing nutritional diversity as a means of supplementing the mid-day meals of primary school children using local resources



Khasi people from Nongtraw and NESFAS among recipients of the Prestigious Hallbars Sustainability Publication Award 2021

NESFAS "Leaves No One Behind" as its project wins recognition on a Global Platform

The Khasi Food System recognized in UN-FAO Publication



2021



2nd Indigenous Youth Fellowship programme

NESFAS hosted the 2nd Indigenous Youth Fellowship Programme with two fellows from the NESFAS team



2020

Safety Homes for the Elderly



NESFAS launched this project for elderly members of its partner community to provide a safe space and combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic since last April.

2021 NESFAS-MBMA-WORLD BANK PROJECT

Empowering Indigenous Communities through Agroecology Learning Circles (ALC) for resilient, integrated, and innovative natural resource management

NESFAS-FAO PROJECT

Implementation of the Indigenous Peoples' Biocentric Restoration Project and the Food Insecurity Experience Scale Unit

NESFAS-TATA COMMUNICATIONS-GHE PROGRAM

Climate resilient village program

RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE 'BEACONS OF HOPE' BY THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF FOOD

REC entered into an agreement with NESFAS in April 2018 to fund the “No One Shall be Left Behind” initiative for three years. The project was a follow-up to the International Mei-Ramew held in Shillong in November 2015. It was developed through interaction with communities in Nagaland and Meghalaya and the technical support provided by Bah Phrang Roy, Founding Chairperson NESFAS, and his international associates.

The overall goal of this project was to enhance Indigenous Food Systems to significantly contribute to improved nutrition, food security, and sustainable livelihoods of about 3000 households in 130 remote indigenous communities of Meghalaya and Nagaland with a focus on adolescent girls, school children, youths, women’s groups, and community elders. The project also had the unique aspect of promoting community seed banks for locals, the mapping of nutrient-rich and climate-resilient local species, advocacy of increasing the dietary diversity and “eat traditional” approach to food consumption, and promotion of innovation and capacity building at the community level. The project won the best indigenous peoples project for the year 2021 awarded by UN-IFAD.

Project Outputs:

- Production of Micro-nutrient rich and climate resilient species increased by 30%
- Consumption of Micro-nutrient rich and climate Resilient species increased by 30%
- The average income of about 1000 community Members increased by 20-30%
- Pilot initiatives of renewable energy for Improved rural community wellbeing

During the course of the project, NESFAS and its partner organisations, NEN, SURE and SSC have been able to bring increased awareness and appreciation about the importance of agrobiodiversity for securing food, health and livelihood of the community. The COVID-19 pandemic did bring a disruption to the activities but it also brought opportunities for NESFAS to reiterate the project goals. The goals of the project have been proven to be very relevant in this environment of uncertainty and NESFAS has used the project to intensify its advocacy. NESFAS, along with the partners, have also been able to achieve the targets that had been set out in the beginning of the project. It has in the process enhanced and strengthened the initiatives so that people are empowered and can continue to live in harmony with nature while living a healthy and prosperous life, the importance of which this COVID-19 pandemic has strongly brought about.

The Journey of "No one shall be left behind initiative" 2018-2021





"No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative"

STAKEHOLDERS:

- 13793** Community members
- 3899** Children
- 5410** Women
- 4296** Students
- 228** Local cooks
- 10** Chefs
- 3358** Youths
- 40** Local Researcher
- 6918** Farmers

PROJECT OUTPUTS:

- 50** Community halls beautified
- 13** Community Seed Banks
- 10** Bamboo Schools
- 6** Mei-Ramew Cafes
- 140** Households
- 40** School Gardens
- 21** Analysis of reports
- 2226** Kitchen Gardens
- 37** Simple Renewal Energy
- 261** Press Release/ Stories/ Articles
- 100** Information, Education and Communication materials (IEC)



Projects in FOCUS:

1. Empowering indigenous communities through Agroecology Learning Circles (ALCs) for resilient, integrated and innovative natural resource management

The project “Empowering indigenous communities through Agroecology Learning Circles (ALCs) for resilient, integrated and innovative natural resource management” is funded by the World Bank and supported by Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA). ALCs combine agroecology with participatory research and aims to empower indigenous communities to recognize, revive, practice, and eventually further develop traditional agroecology technologies and practices and stimulates local innovation for sustainable local food systems. Natural resource management investigated through ALCs include:

Natural resource management investigated through ALCs include:

- Land planning and seed selection for community resilience;
- Increasing Yield by reducing loss through Pest Management;
- Reversing soil degradation.

The project area also includes 100 villages from all three major indigenous communities in Meghalaya (Khasi, Garo and Jaintia) across 7 of the 12 districts in Meghalaya.



Projects in FOCUS:



2. Implementation of the Indigenous Peoples' Biocentric Restoration Project and the Food Insecurity Experience Scale Unit



Five Indigenous Peoples' communities in East Khasi Hills, namely, Umsawwar, Nongwah, Dewlieh, Nongtraw and Ladmawphlang, began to work on restoring some of their degraded land with due assistance from NESFAS and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) in early November 2021 in a project titled "Implementation of the Indigenous Peoples' Biocentric Restoration in Meghalaya". Following the global efforts framed on the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, these communities have been hard at work, collating exhaustive lists of the flora and fauna in the area, creating community nurseries and fostering saplings and gradually working up to actual execution of the plan.

The Indigenous Peoples' biocentric restoration initiatives are active in four countries, Ecuador, India, Peru and Thailand. It is led by Indigenous Peoples and FAO. Its main objective is to restore degraded land in Indigenous Peoples' territories through the recovery of Indigenous Peoples' ancestral knowledge, territorial management and Indigenous Peoples' values and relations with the territory. The activities look to restore the territory, considering all the species and living things that have inhabited it, not only those that have a function for human beings, to guarantee the protection and respect of Mother Earth.

3. Climate resilient Village Programme

This initiative is funded by Tata Communications and is being implemented in collaboration with the Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE). This project focuses on improving access to clean energy, health and carbon offset.

The project aims to electrify 350 households and 7 Public Health Centres (PHCs) with solar power and support 5000 households with clean cookstoves in Garo Hills. Under this project, as of March 2022, 140 households and 2 PHCs have been solar electrified, and 1950 households have received clean cookstoves. This support from Tata Communications opens the door for NESFAS to play a proactive role in a future Decentralised Green Energy plan.



TATA COMMUNICATIONS



2021-2022 Highlights:

Clean energy and innovations embraced for community well-being



The “No One Shall Be Left Behind” initiative funded by the REC has been towards the preservation of indigenous food practices and traditions in 130 partner communities. In this endeavor, development of simple renewable energy saving and generating innovations to help further the comfort, livelihoods and economy of the partner communities have been undertaken during the project duration. The initiatives under the innovation component include the implementation of Himalayan Rocket Stoves at Community Halls and Mei-Ramew Cafes to cut down the excessive use of firewood as well as to provide an alternative and a better source of heat in community halls during winters, solar power for households and various facilities, vertical transportation and beautification of community halls.

Read related articles

NESFAS' Solar Power Initiative officially launched at Mawpynthymmai, village finally electrified.

Beautification of community halls - Creating comfortable and safe spaces for community wellbeing.

Himalayan Rocket Stoves keep the fire burning in Community Halls and Mei-Ramew Cafes with minimal firewood.

NESFAS launches Vertical Transportation in Nongtraw

Seeing things in a different light: NESFAS Solar Electrification Initiative brings a new dawn for partner communities in rural Meghalaya

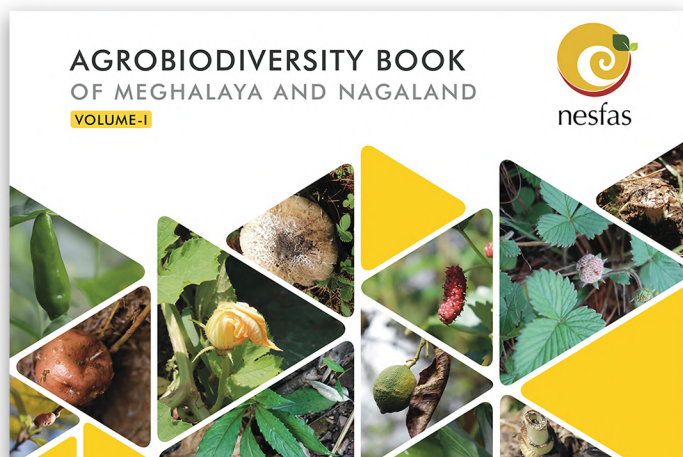
Highlights:

NESFAS becomes a PGS Facilitation Centre



The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) is an internationally applicable organic quality assurance system. 18 PGS groups from different areas under Khasi Hills, Ri-Bhoi, Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills of Meghalaya received the organic certification in 2019. NESFAS is also now an institutional member of PGSOC from 2021-present.

Agrobiodiversity Book of NESFAS launched by Hon'ble MLA George B Lyngdoh



The ABD Book of Meghalaya and Nagaland was launched at the "Dissemination workshop on findings of Micro-nutrient rich and climate resilient crop species" in Khweng on November 9, 2021. Bah George Lyngdoh, MLA Umroi Constituency, Bah Clifford Warjri, BDO, Bhoiryabong graced the event as chief guest and guest of honour respectively. The book is considered an encyclopaedia of food plants that are found in the Indigenous Food Systems (IFS) of Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Read related article

Agrobiodiversity Book of Meghalaya and Nagaland launched by MLA George Lyngdoh at dissemination workshop

Umsawwar community and NESFAS stood tall to defend Umngot river



NESFAS has been supporting Umsawwar and 12 other communities in the fight to defend the Umngot river and fight against the construction of Umngot Hydro-power Project in and around the river.

Read related articles

Ummsawwar community and NESFAS stand tall against Umngot Hydroelectric Project construction

Save Umngot Today, Save a Generation Tomorrow

lada iaka Umngot mynta, pyllait iaka pateng ba lashai

Meghalaya communities stand in unison to Defend River Umngot

Indigenous Youth Fellowship Programme



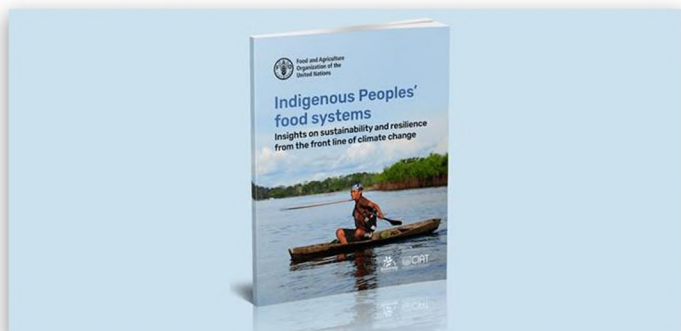
NESFAS inaugurated the 2021 Indigenous Youth Fellowship Programme on April 6, 2021 at the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) Nongsder, Umiam. The training programme was for a period of one month, in three main venues; SIRD, Umsawwar (East Khasi Hills) and Khweng (Ri-Bhoi), to train 27 grassroots youth to work towards reclaiming their autonomous food and livelihoods systems and in the process to defend their Indigenous Food Systems (IFS) and identity.

Read related article

NESFAS Initiates the Indigenous Youth Fellowship Programme to Defend Local Food Systems

Highlights:

The Khasi Food System recognised in UN-FAO publication



The Khasi Food System gained recognition in an international publication "Indigenous Peoples' food systems: Insights on sustainability and resilience from the frontline of climate change". This book is by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and was officially launched on June 25, 2021 through an online event.

Read related article

The Khasi Food System recognized in UN-FAO Publication
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Participatory Video fellows win prizes in Film Competition



Four NESFAS PV Fellows bag prizes in the Short Videography Competition on Indigenous Technologies of Meghalaya'. As part of the 'Festival of Scope for all Science Communication Popularisation and its Extension the State Council Science Technology & Environment (SCSTE), Meghalaya celebrated National Science Day a 'All Saints Hall Shillong, on the 28th of February 2022. The fellows produced films titled Eñ Khnam (fish trap) and Millet story which showcase an in-depth documentation of the traditional food systems practice in this region

Read related article

Participatory Video Fellows win prizes in film competition

Celebrating the revival of Khneng Embroidery



To celebrate and strengthen the 200 year old Khneng Embroidery that is unique to Meghalaya, a series of programmes were held. One of them include the collaboration between NESFAS and the Department of Arts and Culture along with the Department of Textiles, Govt of Meghalaya, during the India@75 celebrations.

Read related articles

Khneng Embroidery Training Programme in Mustoh

Celebrating the revival of Khneng Embroidery

Khneng embroidery competition concludes on National Handloom Day

Revival of Khneng embroidery in Mustoh village

NESFAS' No One Shall Be Left Behind Project wins recognition on Global Platform



NESFAS was honored with the 2021-IFAD Indigenous Peoples Award on Monday, the 15th of February 2021. The other finalists were Safari Doctors from Kenya, Africa and Cabildo Indigena de Guambia, Columbia. Pius Rane, Executive Director of NESFAS, represented the organisation in a virtual award ceremony which was organised by IFAD during the 5th Global Meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Forum at IFAD in Italy.

Read related article

Nesfas leaves no one behind as its project wins recognition on Global Platform

2021-2022 Highlights:

Meghalaya Beekeepers on World Map



On the occasion of World Bee Day 2021 (May 20th), Bah Phrang Roy highlighted the roles of the local beekeepers of Meghalaya at a virtual event organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), under the theme “Bee Engaged: Build back better for bees”.

Read related article

Meghalaya Beekeepers on World map

The Bee Effect: Bees role as pollinators, producers of a superfood, and the impact of climate change

Ka Jingiaid lynti ki nongri Ngap Meghalaya ha FAO, United Nations

A transparent look into beekeeping: Voices from Indigenous beekeepers of Meghalaya



Khasi people from Nongtraw and NESFAS among recipients of the Prestigious Hallbars Sustainability Publication Award 2021

The Indigenous Partnership (TIP), NESFAS, and the Khasi People of Nongtraw were among the 58 awardees for their contribution towards the award winning publication “Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems: Insights on Sustainability and Resilience from the front line of climate Change.”

Read related article

Khasi people from Nongtraw and NESFAS among recipients of the prestigious Hallbars Sustainability Production Award 2021

Stories from the ground

- NESFAS and NEN join hands to strengthen women Self help Groups
- Nongwah farmers motivate PGS groups from across Khasi & Jaintia Hills.
- NESFAS facilitates academic publication of Mr. Nkululeko Nyoni
- Lakadong Tumeric & one district one product (ODOP) Scheme- Implications on Agrobiodiversity
- This Earth day, Away from pollution, Towards solution.
- NESFAS takes active steps to combat Covid-19 in local communities
- Mid Day Meal training programme at Pashang cluster by NESFAS
- NESFAS and Partners Plan for community resilience during Covid-19
- The voices behind our local biodiversity movement
- Strengthen biodiversity at the grassroots
- Nutrition Month 2021: Bridging the gap of Malnutrition and Nutritional Deficiencies at the community levels
- The voices behind our local biodiversity movement
- Village Institutions lead in covid-19 response
- NESFAS reaches out to its partner communities to combat the pandemic
- Na ka Kper Syntiew sha ka kper Jhur
- Generation Restoration from the youth, for the youth
- From Flower gardens to Vegetable gardens
- Webinar on Indigenous Food System by St. Mary's College and NESFAS
- NESFAS and Partners review COVID-19 in Meghalaya and Nagaland; monitors partner communities and lend a helping hand
- Prevention is better than cure: The Ladmawphlang case in point
- DW Media Germany highlights contribution of communities in Meghalaya towards preserving Indigenous food traditions in India
- Ka jingiada ka kham bha ban iaka jingpynkoit: Ka nuksa babha na ka shnong Ladmawphlang
- Local food systems highlighted at a global webinar
- NESFAS partners with nurses to support communities during pandemic
- Eat Different, a podcast series by Anupama Chandrasekaran highlights the importance of foraging in Khasi communities in Meghalaya
- Empowering youth to strengthen Indigenous Food system



Stories from the ground

- SURE, NESFAS extends helping hand to elderly lady in Mulum
- Ki Jinghikai ba la ioh- Kumno ki shnong Khweng-Liarsluid ki ialam lynti ha ka jingiaxhun ia ka Covid-19
- Laitsohpliah -Laitumiong ALC starts an ecological garden
- Celebrating achievements and progress on natural farming in India
- Indigenous Peoples at the forefront of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit: “Indigenous Peoples’ food systems are a game-changing solution to ensure more sustainable food systems
- Game-changing dialogue at UN Food System Pre Summit: Bah Phrang Roy highlights the value of Indigenous Peoples food systems
- Ka jingiakren na ka bynta ban wanrah jingpher ha ka Pre-UN Food System Summit: I Bah Phrang Roy i kren shaphang ka jingkordor ka rukom rep tynrai
- What the PM-KISAN Scheme reveals about landlessness in Meghalaya
- Game-changing dialogue at the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit
- International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples: NESFAS, “No one shall be left behind initiative’ strengthens Indigenous communities at grassroots level
- Youth for Indigenous Food System: Handing over the baton to the next generation
- How can youth contribute in transforming local food cultures: Integrated Mountain Initiative webinar
- Dr. Bhogtoram Mawroh calls for the defense of Indigenous Food System to secure livelihoods and move Indian Agriculture forward
- Farm on Wheels Initiative: A boon for customers and producers in two communities of East Khasi Hills
- Farm on Wheels Initiative continues to support local livelihood in Garo Hills
- Farm on Wheels Initiative receives local grassroots support in West Jaintia Hills
- Cocoon Dyeing Training Programme for larger and faster Eri Yield
- Where traditional practices meet modern science: Technical Workshop on Agroecology with local farmers
- Sustainable Development Goals & Palm Oil Cultivation: A paradox
- Virtual District level workshops on Micronutrient Rich and Climate Resilient Crop Species concludes
- Nutrition month 2021: Bridging the gap of malnutrition and Nutritional Deficiencies at the community levels
- These five local crops are vanishing from India’s field’s
- UN-Pre COP26 side event: Climate resilience insights from the White Whipala Paper with reference to the Khasi Food systems
- Exchange visit as learning and networking tool for the communities
- Value Addition and Food Processing training for strengthening community entrepreneurs
- CFS Side event on Advancing Equitable Livelihoods for food system workers: Bah Phrang Roy speaks on behalf of Indigenous communities
- Community Led Food Processing and Value Addition training
- Amidst the pandemic, local foodpreneur notches a step ahead



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- Jhum based Indigenous Food System can combat climate change
- Event- Agrobiodiversity Tour with the Indigenous Communities of Meghalaya
- Research and Documentation of indigenous knowledge: Workshop by Tara Douglas
- NESFAS makes waves at the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity
- Aman A song Cafe owner Hendri participates in three day Me gong Festival
- School garden for combating malnutrition in Meghalaya
- Agroecology learning Circles step up to defend traditional food systems
- Resilience of the Khasi Food System in times of Covid-19 presented at FAO webinar
- Food safety and standards: Backdoor entry of GMO
- Dewlieh's school garden curriculum focuses on Traditional Jhum cultivation
- Community seed bank exchange visit at Mulum
- Mei Ramew Cafe: A vehicle to promote NUS (Neglected & Underutilized Species)
- Local farmers work together, solve problems on agricultural obstacles
- The inception of Agroecology Learning Circles and local methods of composting
- Recipe book on Indigenous Food Launched
- Tackling day to day agricultural problems, hand in hand: Testimonies from the ground
- Custodian farmer from Jaintia Hills successfully promotes traditional method for pest management
- Farmer from Mawbri advocates for return to traditional farming
- Participatory Video Fellows win prizes in film competition
- Millet: A neglected crop making a comeback
- International Women's Day- Honouring Indigenous Food Sheroes
- Women empowered to play active roles: 28 Village Councils include women as members
- Bah Grossful Pariong and his 20 ducks: A story of an unconventional way of pest management
- Madanrtiang spearheads community led indigenous seed preservation
- Back to their roots: Farmers from Pyrda bring change in the food system



Communication outreach till 2022

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Social Media Reach



1,20,979

Website Visitors



56,897

Videos



12

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Grant and other income

5,75,55,466.52

Capital

1,92,19,948.00

Fixed Assets

36,89,063.03

Current Assets and Receivables

1,55,34,884.98

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