

## **Kyrwen Primary Milk Producers' Cooperative Society**

The Kyrwen Primary Milk Producers' Cooperative Society is a group of farmers who organised themselves into a co-operative to collaboratively raise the socio-economic status of its members. The co-operative is located at Kyrwen village, 50 kms from Jowai, under the Dolloiship of Elaka Raliang of West Jaintia Hills District; it consists of six men and nine women members. The village is well connected by road, and transport plies regularly.



Bah A. Lapasam, the co-operative's Chairperson ushered in the vision of a co-operative when he began a dairy farm at Jowai, where he found little support. Moving to Kyrwen, his ancestral village, he rallied the other farmers, steering their vision towards co-operative efforts in dairy farming. The initial years were trying, but in 2006, the Kyrwen Primary Milk Producers' cum Agro Livestock Cooperative Society was formed and registered. The co-operative rears milch cows, and grows fodder and other cereals for better livestock feed. They began with five milch cows and a temporary loan. With financial assistance from the State Government, the co-operative bought more milch cows and constructed a larger cowshed. Through the RKVY Scheme from the Central Government, they further expanded their business. They now have thirty six milch cows that produce 200 to 300 litres of milk a day. This milk is supplied to the Dairy Plant at Jowai, as well as to local consumers. The co-operative has also served the purpose of the Veterinary Department; they are the largest supplier of milk to the Chilling Plant at Jowai.





They have seven paid employees who are either skilled or unskilled farmers. The co-operative's welfare practices include lending support to member farmers in cash and in kind, especially in the in the event of sickness or misfortune. At any death, Rs. 5000/- is given to the bereaved family as support.

Name	:	Kyrwen Primary Milk Producers' Cum Agro Livestock Cooperative Society Ltd. Kyrwen, Mookaiaw, West Jaintia Hills		
Year of Formation:		2006		
Membership	:	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
		6	9	15
Chairman	:	Shri. A. Lapasam		
Secretary	:	Smt. D. Lyngdoh		
Total Share Capital:		₹ 2,92,500		
Business Turnover:		₹ 14,18,257		
Working Result:		(-) ₹ 2,10,416		