

## Mendipathar Multipurpose Co-operative (MMCS)



The Mendipathar Multipurpose Co-operative (MMCS) was registered in 1998, with its headquarters at Mendipathar, East Garo Hills, to empower marginal farmers through Information, education, knowledge, and skills training; generate economic empowerment through agriculture, farming and marketing. Marketing of farm produce like rubber, black pepper, corn, turmeric, and others by MMCS has freed people from the manipulation of money lenders and middle men. All items in their consumer shop are sold at less than MRP. All the farm produce are bought at price a fair and reasonable to farmers. Thrift-saving is encouraged and the co-operative received Rs. 57.5 lakh in deposits in 2010-11.

The co-operative collaborates closely in implementing government schemes like Community Led Total Sanitation and social audit of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. MMCS has also implemented IFAD and NABARD projects, especially in creating Self-Help Groups. They have formed 153 SHGS.

MMCS is conscious of climate-change, the need to protect the environment, and careful use of non-renewable energy. People are encouraged in the practice of organic farming, bio-gas use, recycling of waste, and judicious water and electricity use. They have a model farm at Jampara village where people given exposure, and training.



The co-operative has dealt in essential commodities like consumer goods, stationery, utensils, clothes and the like since 2000. They started poultry farming in 2003. In 2008, the co-operative started dairy farming with the objective to provide pure milk at cheaper rates than the market, to educate people in eco-friendly and organic farming, recycling of waste water, and production of bio-gas.



They provide fax, computer print, photocopy, lamination, color passport photography, atta chakki, and rice mill services. They also rent out their community hall, plastic chairs, water pumps, vehicles and power tiller at reasonable rates. In this connection the co-operative recently procured another rice mill.

Name	:	Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. Mendipathar, East Garo Hills						
Year of Formation:	:	1999						
Membership	:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Male</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Female</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">182</td> <td style="text-align: center;">78</td> <td style="text-align: center;">260</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Male	Female	Total	182	78	260
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Chairman	:	Shri. F. Areng						
Secretary	:	Sr. Rose Kayathinkara						
Total Share Capital:	₹	56,02,900						
Business Turnover:	₹	7,08,37,085						