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Springshed management

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Roadmap approved

A Statewide Roadmap and Action plan for springshed management has been approved by the State Government of Manipur in September 2025.

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ICIMOD support continues

The successful training cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) on springshed management has entered 2nd phase.

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Field work progressing

COSFOM springshed interventions including hydrological surveys and physical interventions like contour trenches/percolation tanks completed for 10 villages.

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Roadmap approved

As a paramount achievement of the inter-departmental roundtable in Manipur, the Government has officially approved the roadmap for state-wide implementation of springshed management.

The approval sets the stage for meaningful action on the ground. Guided by a detailed 18-month implementation plan, the initiative will align and energize collaborative efforts across departments and universities turning strategy into sustained impact for water resource management in the state.

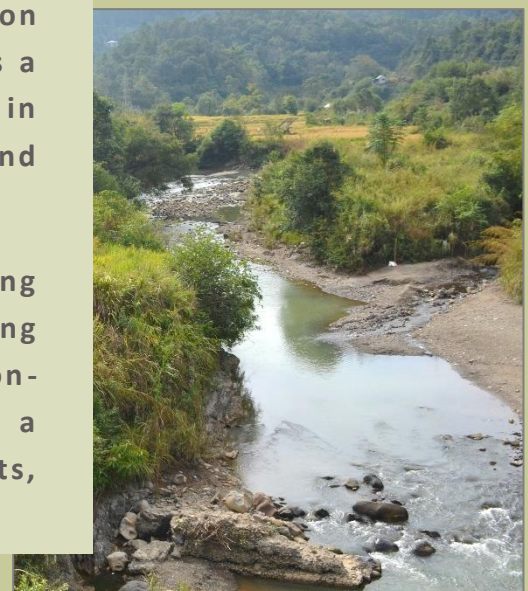
<https://cosfom.mn.gov.in/roadmap/>



Roundtable institutionalised

With the recently approved roadmap as its foundation, the inter-departmental Roundtable on Springshed Management is formally established as a legal entity. This marks a major milestone in Manipur's journey toward water security and ecosystem resilience.

The Roundtable is set to play a pivotal role by aligning state efforts with national water and spring management missions. From strategic planning to on-the-ground implementation, it will serve as a platform for coordinated action across departments, research institutes and communities.



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ICIMOD cooperation continued

Following the fruitful 1st phase of the Project cooperation with ICIMOD (May 2024 – Aug. 2025), a 2nd phase has been agreed. The 2nd phase is scheduled until December 2026, aiming to consolidate training inputs for a pool of around 35 para-hydrogeologists.

At a long-term perspective the institutionalisation of the approach for springshed rejuvenation will be promoted through this cooperation.

Para-hydrogeologists

A total of 46 trainees successfully attended the Training on the Six-step Protocol for Springshed Rejuvenation by ICIMOD. Combining theory with actual field implementation, trainees were provided all required skills to become an independent para-hydrogeologist that can support communities in all steps required to conduct their springshed revival.

The 2nd phase of the training cooperation will focus on digital mapping skills and impact monitoring.



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Field work is progressing

Although springshed field work began only in 2024, hydrological surveys have been completed for 23 project villages in Ukhru. Physical interventions such as contour trenches, percolation tanks, horticulture plantation have been completed in 10 villages, benefiting 21 springs.

First positive impacts are seen in Teinem village, where a full monsoon cycle has passed since implementation, and villagers stated that 4 out of 7 springs have shown increased water availability and sustained flow well into the lean season.

Monitoring Success

Communities are trained to monitor spring water quality, discharge rates, and rainfall data. Through this capacity-building approach, they are empowered to become stewards of their local water sources and equipped with both the knowledge and a strong sense of ownership to ensure their sustainable management of springs well beyond the project's duration.

When aggregated at the district level, this data will also provide valuable insights into the broader impacts of springshed interventions. Notably, such a database has not yet been developed at the State level, highlighting the project's potential to contribute to long-term water resource planning.

