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VILLAGE REPORT OF POMKANIEW

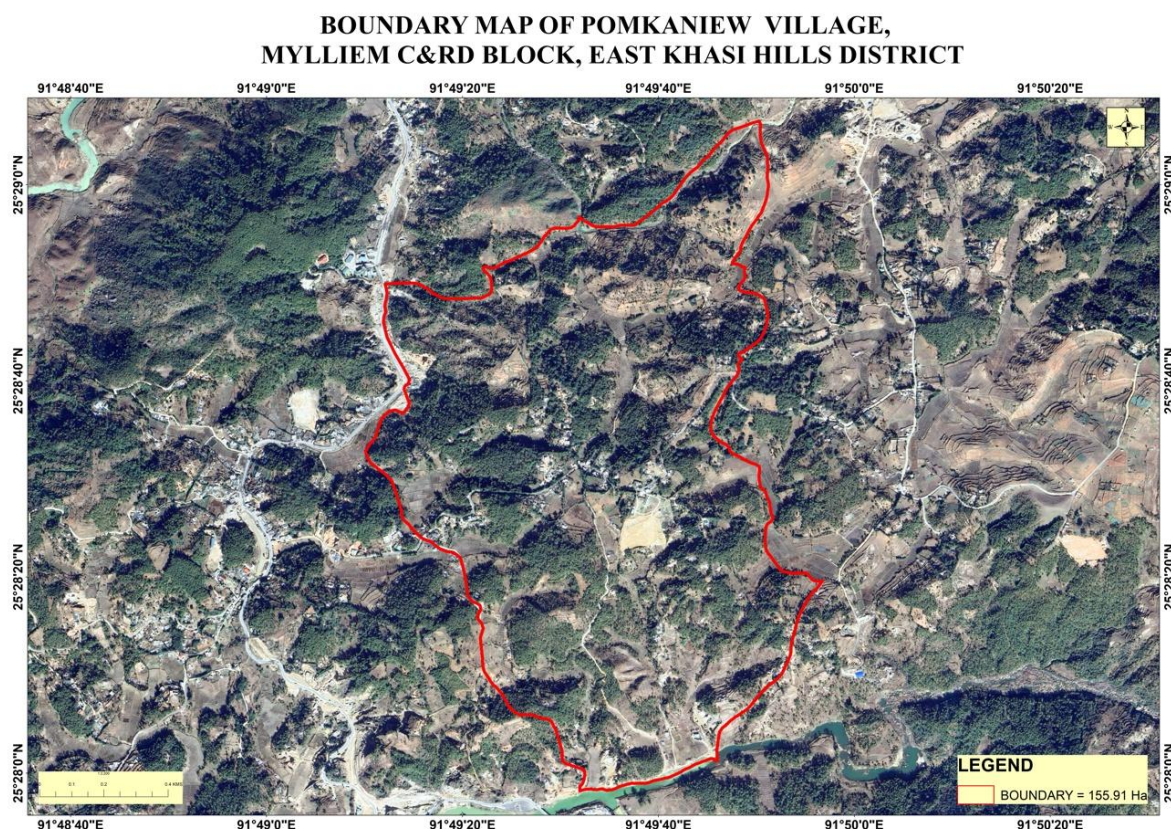
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VILLAGE FORMATION

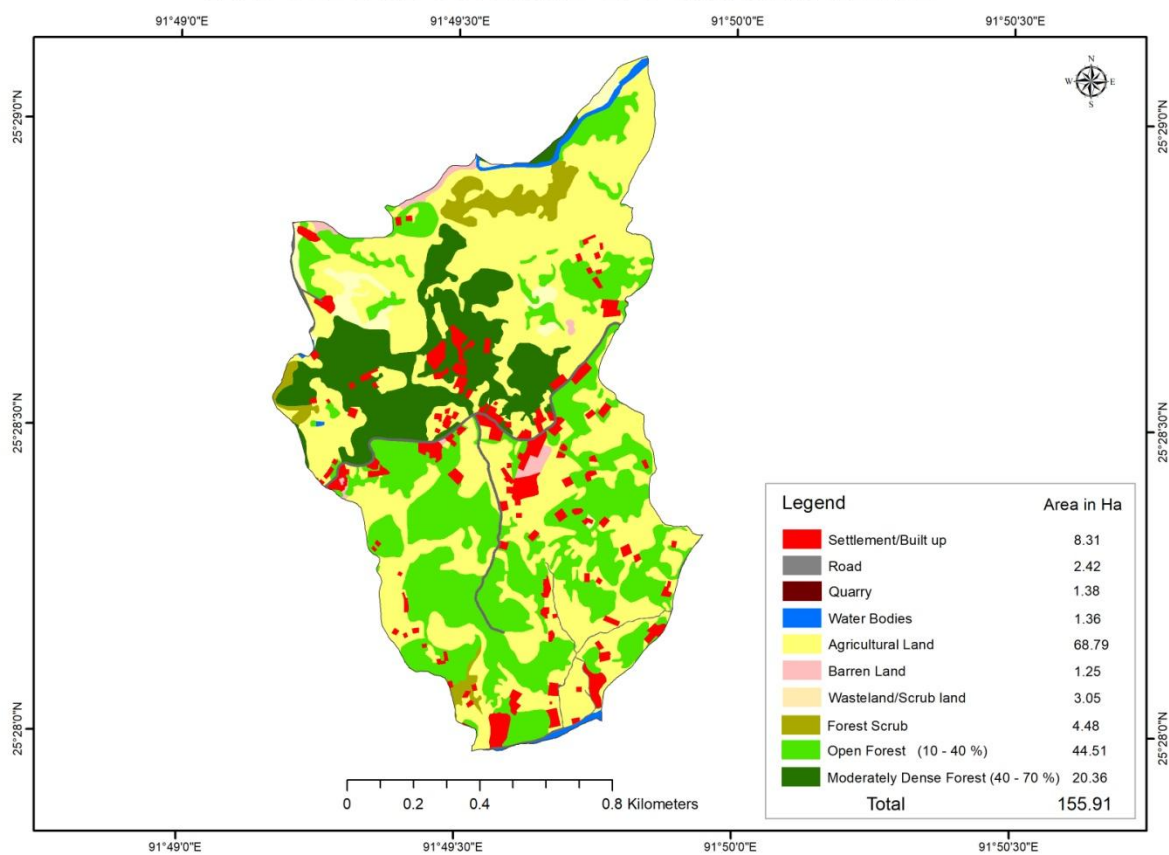
Pomkaniew is a village located in the Myllem Block of East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya, India. Situated approximately 13 kilometers from the sub-district headquarters in Myllem and about 21 kilometers from the district headquarters in Shillong, Pomkaniew is accessible yet maintains its rural charm.



LAND USE LAND COVER (AREA IN HECTARES)

- Settlement / Built-up Area: 8.31 hectares
- Road: 2.42 hectares
- Quarry: 1.31 hectares
- Water Bodies: 1.36 hectares
- Agricultural Land: 68.79 hectares
- Barren Land: 1.25 hectares
- Waste Land / Scrub Land: 3.05 hectares
- Open Forest (10-40% canopy cover): 44.51 hectares
- Moderately Dense Forest: 20.36 hectares

LAND USE LAND COVER MAP OF POMKANIEW VILLAGE



DEMOGRAPHICS

- Households: 196 HHs
- Population: 533 Females & 543 Males

LIVELIHOOD & INCOME SOURCES

The residents of Pomkaniew primarily depend on:

- Settled Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Daily Wage Labor
- Private Jobs
- Service Sector Employment
- Firewood Sale and Charcoal Making

FUTURE PROSPECTS & POTENTIAL INTERVENTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES:

To ensure sustainable resource management, the village prioritizes water conservation measures, including:

- **Rainwater Harvesting:** Collection and storage of rainwater for household and agricultural use.
- **Spring shed Development:** Protection and rejuvenation of natural springs to ensure year-round water availability.
- **Loose Boulder Wall Construction:** To control sediment flow and reinforce land stability.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- PRA: 10th September 2024
- FPA 1: 12th September 2024
- FPA 2: 6th February 2025
- FPA 3: 26 Feb, 2025

FPA 1 (Community Development Contest):

Category 1 Winners:

- 1st: Restarwell Kharkongor
- 2nd: Balarihun Kharkongor
- 3rd: Bawankmenlang Tariang

Category 2 Winners:

- 1st: Idalinsha Marbaniang
- 2nd: Martina Kharkongor
- 3rd: Riaplang Kharkongor

Storytelling Competition:



The winning story was narrated by Idalinsha Marbaniang. She shared how, in the past, the village held a traditional dance that involved the entire community. The village was once lush and green, surrounded by dense forests, where there was harmony between nature and human beings. However, due to changes over time, more houses have been built, forests have degraded, and the traditional dance is no longer performed annually. She urged the community to recognize the importance of environmental conservation before it is too late.

FPA 2 (Sustainable Livelihood Contest):

A total of 10 participants presented their proposals aimed at improving livelihoods in the village. The winners were:

- **1st Place:** Matina Kharkongor – Proposal for Establishment of a Polyhouse
- **2nd Place:** Tasmika Kharkongor – Proposal for Establishment of a Polyhouse
- **3rd Place:** Idalinsha Marbaniang – Proposal for Wholesaling within the Village.



FPA 3 (Community Infrastructure for Soil and Water Conservation):

A total of 7 participants presented proposals focused on soil and water conservation. The winners were:

- **1st Place:** Transing Kharkongor – Proposal for a Protection Wall along a Motorable Road and Drainage Line. The proposed wall would be approximately 60 feet long and 7 feet high, benefiting the entire community.
- **2nd Place:** Jusnica Kharkongor – Proposal for Canal Lining and Protection Wall Construction.
- **3rd Place:** Ibusta Kharkongor – Proposal for Fencing around the Community Forest.



Other Notable Proposals:

- Matina Kharkongor: Spring Protection & Water Tank with Pipe Connectivity
- Idalinsha Marbaniang: Protection Wall in Plantation Area
- Intilang Kharkongor: Afforestation in Private Forests
- Krishalin Marbaniang: Water Conservation & Composting.

