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Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma today inaugurated the first rural PRIME Hub at Songsak in East Garo Hills in presence of Advisor to Chief Minister Thomas A Sangma, Govt Chief Whip Marcuise Marak, Siju – Rongara MLA Rakkam Sangma and Rongjeng MLA Jim Sangma.



Inaugurating the PRIME Hub at Fables Spark Hills, a skill training organization managed by Bakdil, a missionary social organization, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said that PRIME Hub is an initiative of the government to ensure skill based learning to the youth of the State.



He informed that in the next few years 50 such PRIME Hubs will be launched across the State that would cater to the needs of skill based education.

The objective of Promotion and Incubation of Market Driven Enterprise or PRIME is to make entrepreneurship a preferred career choice for the youth of the State through creation of a dynamic and collaborative ecosystem that enables easy availability of credit, relevant technology, skilling and mentoring support and access to high leverage markets.

Lauding the efforts of Bakdil for empowering SHGs and creating livelihood opportunities in over 2500 villages of Garo Hills, the Chief Minister expressed that a collaborative approach with social organization and government will go a long way in enhancing the livelihood and income generating activities for the people.

He expressed confidence that PRIME Hub under the able leadership of Fr. Sunny Mavelil will cater to the local youth of Garo Hills in skilling them and ensuring them access to different job opportunities.

Informing that 25 lakh people in Meghalaya is below the age of 20 years, the Chief Minister said, “It is a challenge for the government to create educational facilities, skilling institutes linked to job opportunities, however, we have prioritise this sector and PRIME Hub is one such initiative of the government to enable our youth to access to different income generating opportunities.”

He also said that through PRIME Hub, the government will accord thrust on promoting entrepreneurship and act as a facilitator to ensure that different activities are linked to opportunities as access to market and credit facilities are provided for setting up of enterprises.

