



**Field Work of 4th Sem Students under the supervision
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The students of 4th sem 2022-2023 4th Semester Geography Honours, Department of Geography, Darjeeling Government College, West Bengal have undertaken the survey titled “Socio-Economic study of Mawlynnong “Asia’s Cleanest Village” in the Pynursla C.D. Block of East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya from 9th April 2023 to 14th April 2023 for the partial fulfillment of the syllabus of 4th semester Honours examination under the University of North Bengal.

The main aim of the project is to understand the socio-economic condition of the village Mawlynnong. The understanding the social and economic construct of an area gives a general idea of the society and the changes it has endured through the times. This chapter deals with the social and economic condition of Mawlynnong.

Mawlynnong is a village in the East Khasi Hills district of the Meghalaya state in North East India. Mawlynnong is located 90 km from Shillong, along the India-Bangladesh border. Mawlynnong is known for its cleanliness and also was chosen by Discover India magazine as Asia's cleanest village.

The objective of the survey are as follows:

1. To assess/understand the socio-economic condition of the residents of the village.
2. To understand the reason behind the “the cleanest village of Asia” tag.
3. To understand village tourism in Mawlynnong.

The study area is the “Cleanest Village” of Asia, Mawlynnong, Meghalaya. The total number of Households of Mawlynnong was 77 as per 2011 Census and the total population of Mawlynnong is 414 as per Census 2011. The households increased to 118 and the population increased to 561 as per the data from the Village Council. The Random Sampling technique was used to do the questionnaire survey coupled with interviewing the respondents. The sample of 85 households amongst the 118 (as recorded and received from the local village council) was selected based on the Random sampling method.

To understand the socio-economic condition of the village, the parameters used were family size, age-sex pyramid, language, religion, education, ownership of houses, types of houses, types of roof material and ground material, electrification, type of fuel used, sanitation and drinking water, livestock, assets and median income and expenditure.

After understanding of the waste segregation method in the village, we can say the cleanliness is their way of life, Nobody forces them to clean, rather they do it voluntarily. The Village Council has a Cleanliness Committee with twelve members who are all female, dedicated with the duty of cleaning the village premises all day long. They take turns for the overall cleanup. When asked about sustaining the tag of the Cleanest Village in Asia (**How do you sustain the tag of cleanest village of Asia?**) Ditar Son Iawin said ‘By cleaning it regularly and 3 members of the durbar sweep the roads every day. 20 works of durbar are for the maintenance.

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Total No. of Students undertaking field survey.	Boys	Girls	44
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