

HAMIDA Kharmawlong



MEGHALAYA



Like every mother, **Hamida Kharmawlong**, 45, also wanted her children to have the best life. However, due to limited resources, it was difficult for them to make ends meet. Hamida is married to **Donboklang Wahlang** and the couple is parents to four children. The family lives in Lumsokhlur at Mairang Town, **Meghalaya**. Hamida runs a small tea shop to support her husband in running the family. Her husband is a primary school teacher.

The only dream the couple saw was giving a home to their children so that they could continue with their studies. The family of six used to live in a house with only one bedroom, a hall and a kitchen. The house was too small to support the family. The children faced a lot of difficulty in studying, especially during the rainy season. They had to share one room which made it difficult for the children to prepare for their exams.

The life of Hamida Kharmawlong's family changed the day when they came to know about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] from the Meghalaya Urban Development Authority. Donboklang encouraged his wife to apply as a beneficiary under PMAY(U) and together, they decided to work hard to be able to construct their own home.

Hamida Kharmawlong now happily lives in her home with her family. The children can properly study while she could also continue with her gardening hobby. One of her sons has gone for higher education and their only daughter is in eleventh standard. Additionally, owing to the location of their house, their tea-shop is also doing brisk business.

Hamida Kharmawlong is a proud PMAY(U) beneficiary. She also often participates in the awareness programme of Angikaar campaign, which is conducted by the City Level Technical Cell (CLTC), Mairang. Along with other beneficiaries, she is also learning waste management, water conservation, cleanliness and use of LED bulbs.