

# MARSHA Wahlangsyillei



## MEGHALAYA



**Marsha Wahlangsyillei** was born and raised in Mawkawah locality in Nongstoin Town in the West Khasi Hills district of **Meghalaya**. After her marriage she moved to Nan-bah, a neighbouring locality, where she stayed in a rented house with her husband and four children.

Marsha always dreamt of having a home of her own one day, but due to limited resources, it was difficult for her to achieve that dream. Meanwhile, Marsha, with her husband's support, was able to purchase a small piece of land in her old locality Mawkawah. However, in 2016, when she came to know about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)], she quickly applied for it. After submitting her application, she was registered as one of the beneficiaries of PMAY(U) in Nongstoin town.

After receiving her work order, Marsha started to lay the foundation of her new house. In a few days, the PMAY(U) staff came to visit the site and geo-tagged the first level. Soon, she received the first instalment to construct her home.

Like this, Marsha was gradually able to complete her house. Initially, when she decided to build her house, Marsha was told by people to give up on her dream. However, despite all odds, she decided to continue striving forward at her own pace with only one thought in mind that whatever happens she will achieve her goal.

After a long wait, Marsha finally was able to achieve her goal by completing the construction of her own house which has only been a dream at the beginning. And now, as she looks back to where her journey began and the struggles she had to endure, she finally feels proud of her achievement.

Interestingly, now that Marsha has a home of her own under PMAY(U), those who questioned her move at first are now seeking advice from her so that they too can have a permanent place of shelter.