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Villgro Innovations Foundation Team Visits Rangpo Municipality to Explore Waste Management Initiatives

Rangpo, October 12: Rangpo Municipality welcomed a team from Villgro Innovations Foundation, one of India's leading social enterprise incubators, today, to interact with municipal representatives and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and gain insights into the municipality's ongoing waste management initiatives.

Villgro has been working at the intersection of innovation, entrepreneurship and public systems to address complex environmental and social challenges. The organisation supports innovators and social enterprises across diverse sectors, including Agriculture and Food Systems, Climate-Smart Livelihoods, Impact Finance, Waste and Water Management, and Healthcare.

The visiting team comprised Mr. Anshu Raina, Senior Manager, Circular Innovations; Mr. Purushotham Shivkumar, Manager, Impact Measurement & Research; and Ms. Unnati Sharad, Senior Associate, Programs and Partnerships.

Upon their arrival, the Municipal Executive Officer (MEO) warmly welcomed the visiting team. An interactive session was subsequently held with the Board of Councillors and representatives of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), focusing on waste management practices, challenges, and opportunities for strengthening sustainable waste management systems in Rangpo.

During the visit, the Villgro team also toured the Organic Waste Composting Management (OWCM) facility and the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to observe the municipality's waste processing, resource recovery and waste segregation initiatives.

The visit provided an opportunity to understand the existing waste management infrastructure and the role of municipal authorities and community-based groups in promoting responsible waste disposal and environmental sustainability.

The interaction highlighted the importance of collaboration among local governments, social enterprises, innovators and community institutions in developing practical and sustainable solutions to waste management challenges.

The engagement also opened avenues for knowledge-sharing and exploring innovative approaches towards improving waste management practices at the municipal level.

Rangpo Municipality reiterates its commitment to strengthening sustainable sanitation, promoting waste segregation at source, encouraging community participation and advancing resource recovery initiatives towards building a cleaner, greener and more sustainable Rangpo