

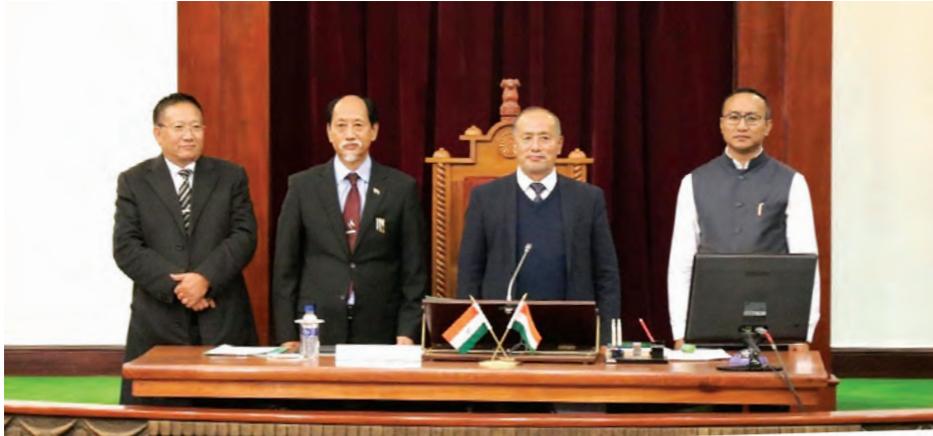
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Newly elected Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Vikho-o Yhoshü with Protem Speaker, Mmhonlumo Kikon, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang during the First Session of the 13th NLA, at NLA, Kohima on 13th March 2018.



Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya addressing the First Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 22nd March 2018.



Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio presenting the budget for the Financial Year 2018-2019 during the session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 23rd March 2018.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

Government notifies on Nagaland Road Maintenance Policy 2017

The Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya has notified the Nagaland Road Maintenance Policy, 2017 for implementation in the State.

As per the notification, the Nagaland Road Maintenance Policy, 2017 will come into force with immediate effect from the date of publication in the extraordinary Gazette and

will remain in operation till such time the State Government may consider fit and proper. The Government also reserves the right to make amendment to the policy and rules from time to time as deemed fit, the notification added. The policy has been approved by the Cabinet vide O.M.No.CAB-2/2013 on 13th December 2017.

Government reconstitutes State Advisory Committee

The Government of Nagaland has reconstituted the State Advisory Committee consisting of the following members with effect from the date of this notification:

1. Minister/Parliamentary Secretary/Advisor, Labour Department : Chairperson
2. Minister, Planning & Coordination : Member
3. Minister/Advisor (DUDA) : Member
4. Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary, Labour & Employment Department : Member Secretary
5. Joint Secretary, Labour Department : Member
6. Labour Commissioner, Labour Department : Member
7. John Kath (*Employers' Representative*) : Member
8. Ntsenthung Tungoe (*Employers' Representative*) : Member
9. Sunep Jamir (*Workers' Representative*) : Member
10. Khrievinuo Metha (*Workers' Representative*) : Member
11. Er. Richard Belho (*Representing Architect Engineers*) : Member
12. The Branch Manager, LIC, Kohima. : Member

Other than the members referred to in Serial No. 4, 5 & 6, all other members shall hold as such for a period of three (3) years from the date of this notification. This was notified by the Department of Labour & Employment.

Nodal Officer to pre-authenticate documents originating from Nagaland

The Principal Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi has been designated as Nodal Officer to pre-authenticate the documents (personal and educational) originating from the State of Nagaland.

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AHoDs/HoDs meeting

AHoDs & HoDs meeting was held on 7th March 2018 in the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima presided over by the Chief Secretary-in-charge, Temjen Toy, IAS.

Temjen Toy called upon the government officials to cooperate for proper office administration. He reiterated about the New Pension Scheme and informed the defaulting departments to submit/deposit the amount at the earliest. He also reiterated about salaries under the new revised pay scale. He further informed the departments to submit their requirements to the 15th Finance Commission.

The Secretary, Finance informed the AHoDs/HoDs to contact the department for any finance matters and also that ROP, Arrear and New Pay of February has to be drawn in March 2018, adding that any shortfall of salary has to be submitted within three days.

Principal Director, Treasuries and Accounts while speaking about the computerization of Treasury, said that computers should be provided to the districts to tie up with the system with DDOs so that transaction would be made easier. He also reiterated that no manual is required with the cash management product system.

Neiphiu Rio sworn in as Chief Minister of Nagaland

Swearing-in ceremony for the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and all the Cabinet Ministers was held at Kohima Local Ground on 8th March 2018. Governor, P. B. Acharya administered the oath amidst the presence of dignitaries from New Delhi and the neighboring states, and a huge crowd of well-wishers.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, after the swearing-in ceremony, said that for the first time, a government has been sworn in at a public place (Kohima Local Ground) because it was also the venue of the historic declaration of the Statehood of Nagaland on 1st December 1963. 'We have also chosen to conduct the function at this historic place in honour of the people we are to serve, and to also remind ourselves publicly of the responsibilities that lie upon our shoulders. We have committed in our manifesto that we will remove VIP culture from Nagaland and we will ensure that the citizens of the State are the real VIPs.'

Rio, in his speech, assured good governance, rule of transparency and commitment to bring about a culture of meritocracy. We will redraw a new roadmap of progressive development in a manner that is all inclusive and involves all stakeholders. He said the government will remain committed to the promise of facilitating the peace process. He expressed hope that both the treasury and opposition can work together in a constructive manner in order to bring about economic growth and all round development. While extending his appreciation to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister

also thanked the dignitaries present during the function – Union Minister of Defence, Nirmala Sitharaman, National President, BJP, Amit Shah, Union MoS, Home, Kiren Rijiju, BJP National General Secretary (North East in-charge), Ram Madhav and his team. He also expressed gratitude to his counterparts from the neighboring states, the Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya for their presence.

Governor, P. B. Acharya administered oath to Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton. Other Cabinet Ministers who were administered oath are C. M. Chang, G. Kaito Aye, Neiba Kronu, S. Pangnyu Phom, P. Paiwang Konyak, Jacob Zhimomi, Metsubo Jamir, Tongpang Ozukum, V. Kashiho Sangtam and Temjen Imna Along.

New Chief Minister addresses media

Addressing the media personnel, the newly sworn in Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, on 8th March 2018 expressed gratitude to the people of Nagaland for reposing faith in NDPP-BJP alliance and voting to power for a change. He said that the Prime Minister of India desires a strong and stable government which can bring change and accelerate developmental activities in the State.

Rio hoped that his government would bring transparency, stability and good governance. On Naga political issue, he said it is the topmost important agenda of People Democratic Alliance on which the State Government would act as a facilitator. He also mentioned that the first cabinet meeting

reiterated on unity irrespective of groups and asked them to come forward in order to bring an honorable and acceptable solution and to the Nagas.

Responding to a question on appointment of Parliamentary Secretary, Rio said there will be no appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries as we cannot go against the law of the land. However, he assured that they would devise a method in consultation with other political parties and also said that the distribution of portfolios will be carried out in some days.

First Cabinet meeting of PDA

The first Cabinet meeting of People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) was held at Chief Minister's Office Secretariat, Kohima on 8th March 2018.

The Cabinet at the outset congratulated and appreciated the church, civil societies, Hohos, NGOs and ECI and all other departments and agencies for the successful conduct of the election.

The Cabinet further assured the people that it will play the role of facilitators in the ongoing peace process so that a solution that is honorable, inclusive and acceptable to the people is achieved at the earliest. It also decided to implement good governance initiatives, implement transparency and promote a culture of meritocracy. Also, on anti-VIP culture, the Cabinet decided to issue notification to ban the use of name/designation plates by any government officials, Ministers and elected members. The House further discussed that except for Governor, Chief Minister, Deputy CM, Speaker

and Deputy Speaker, no other functionary of the government will use escorts and pilots within Kohima and Dimapur.

On sports and youth affairs, the Cabinet decided to rename the Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima to T. Ao Stadium in memory of the first Naga Olympian, to coincide with the centenary year of the sport legend. The Cabinet also decided to organise investment and business summit and establish a Nagaland Investment & Development Authority.

On repair and renovation of roads, the Cabinet decided that potholes in Kohima and Dimapur will be repaired within 60 days. The Cabinet deliberated to formulate new Civil Aviation Policy to provide connectivity to remote locations which includes air ambulance for which a committee will be set up to submit its report.

State Level Youth Festival held at Kohima

The event is not all about winning, but participation and meeting different people, witnessing various talents and being inspired, and thereafter setting goals, said Secretary, Youth Resources and Sports, Anenla S. Longchari, IAS. She was speaking as the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony of the State Level Youth Festival, organized by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports under the programme for Youth and Adolescent Development at Indira Gandhi Stadium on 9th March 2018.

The Youth Festival started in 1995 to remember the contributions of Vivekananda, and since then, the Ministry of Home Affairs & Sports, Government of India has been organizing the event, to bring the youth of the country together, Longchari maintained.

Winners of the district level are to represent the district at the state level, and the winners of state level to the national level, she added, lamenting that the department has not been organizing the programme at the district level due to fund constraints. Many of our youngsters are very talented, but we do not have the avenue for outlet of the talents, Longchari said, maintaining that the event is an effort of the department to provide a small outlet for talents of the youth.

Atoli Yepthomi chaired the programme and Superintendent, Youth Resources and Sports, Avonuo pronounced the invocation prayer. Students of IGS Academy presented a special song.

Training on Financial Literacy

NSE Academy, a wholly owned subsidiary of India's leading stock exchange, National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) and the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) joined hands to impart financial literacy to secondary level students throughout Nagaland. From the 2017 session, NBSE has made NSE Academy's Financial Literacy course compulsory for the students of Class IX, for all higher secondary schools under the Board. The course is further extended to Class X in 2018 session.

The Financial Literacy course called Concepts of Financial Literacy has been designed by NSE Academy and will help in familiarizing students about the basics of Finance and Financial Planning.

As part of the initiative, NSE Academy conducts training of the teachers, who then teach the course to the students of Classes IX & X in NBSE registered schools. For the

2018 academic session, one day training was conducted in two batches for Class X teachers and one batch for Class IX teachers, from 7th to 9th March 2018.

204 teachers from different schools registered with the NBSE were trained at the Board's office in Kohima by NSE Academy faculty, Malhaar Majumdar. The resource person dwelt on financial planning, investments, modern day banking, borrowing, financial markets, mutual funds, etc. The basics of economics were also taken up during the training. It is expected that more

than 30,000 students will enroll for this course in 2018.

Asano Sekhose, Chairman, NBSE said that today's children need to know more about finance if they are to plan for their future financial goals. They must imbibe the value of practical saving aspects and also enhance their investment capabilities if they are to be successful. This, she believed could be taken care of through such a course like financial literacy where their financial skills can be sharpened. She also encouraged the teachers to take this task of making our children financially literate.



Members of the 13th NLA observing two minutes silence to pay homage to the three departed former members of the NLA at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Kohima on 22nd March 2018.

Obituary References made to Three Former NLA Members

Speaker, NLA, Vikho-o Yhoshü made obituary references to the passing away of three former Members - Nyeiwang Konyak, J. Maputemjen Ao and M. Chenlom Phom.

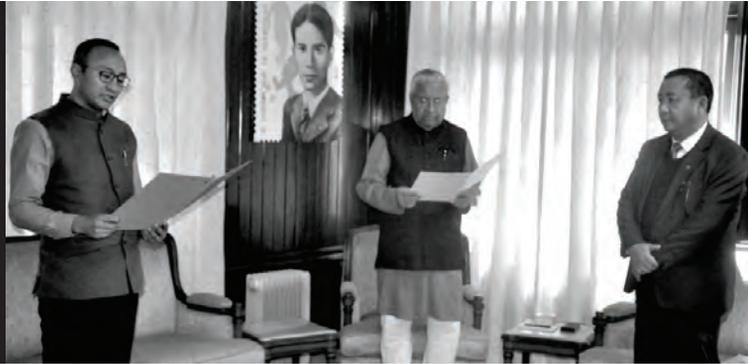
The Speaker in his obituary reference of late Nyeiwang Konyak said the former Member passed away on 31st January 2018 after a prolonged illness in Dimapur. Late Nyeiwang Konyak was actively involved in social and village developmental activities in Aboi area. He was elected to the NLA in 1974, 1989, 2003 and 2008, and served in the capacity of Minister of State, Cabinet Minister

and as Parliamentary Secretary. Late J. Maputemjen Ao passed away on 6th February 2018. He was elected to the first NLA from Aonglenden constituency in the by-election held in 1966. Late M. Chenlom Phom passed away on 13th March 2018 in Dimapur after a prolonged illness. He was elected to the NLA in 1977, 1982, 1987, 1997, 2003 and 2013 and served in the capacity of Deputy Speaker, Speaker, Minister of State and as Advisor.

The House observed two minutes silence to pay homage to the three departed leaders.

Mmhonlumo appointed Protem Speaker

Mmhonlumo Kikon took oath of the office of Protem Speaker on 9th March 2018. Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya administered the oath at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.



13th NLA elects Vikho-o Yhoshü Speaker

The first session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly was held on 13th March, 2018 at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima. All the elected members took the oath of affirmation before the Speaker Protem, Mmhonlumo Kikon.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, congratulating Vikho-o Yhoshü on being elected as the Speaker of 13th NLA, said we are fortunate to have a refined and friendly gentleman with a pleasant nature and strong integrity. He has vast experience in government and public services and his guidance will be very valuable to all with his wide experience and knowledge. Vikho-o Yhoshü has been elected for three consecutive terms i.e. 2008, 2013 and 2018.

Leader of the Opposition, T. R. Zeliang, meanwhile, congratulated the Speaker on being elected to the post. The role of the speaker is to maintain absolute neutrality and impartiality, and uphold the dignity and

decorum of the House, he said expressing his confidence in the Speaker to live up to the expectation of the members of the House. In a democracy, majority prevails and therefore the Speaker should strictly ensure that laws and the procedures are not violated, he added. He assured full cooperation from the opposition as long as impartiality in dispensing just decisions is maintained.

Speaker elect, Vikho-o Yhoshü in his speech, assured the members to be fair, unbiased and judicious cutting aside party lines. He called on the members to shoulder the responsibility and confidence that people have reposed on them to shape their destiny. He appealed for cooperation to ensure effective discharge of their assigned duties. Thanking the members for the confidence reposed on him, he assured to give his best to live up to their expectation.

T. R. Zeliang recognized as Leader of the Opposition

In pursuance of Section 2(a) of the Salary and Allowances of the Leader of Opposition in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Act 1992, the Speaker recognised T. R. Zeliang, Leader of the Nagaland People's Front as the Leader of Opposition in the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly with effect from the afternoon of the 13th March 2018.

Governor interacts with Heads of Technical Institutions in the State

Governor, P. B. Acharya called on the Principals of various technical institutions in the State to address the need of the students taking professional courses during a meeting at Naga Bhavan, Raj Bhavan Kohima on 14th March 2018.

Acharya stated that universities and institutions should play a proactive role in shaping the future of the youth of Nagaland. Students when they come out of universities and institutions should be able to stand on their feet and make the economy of the State strong, he added. The Governor called on the Principals to have dialogue between industries, trade and the education sector for the development of the State and employment of the students when they pass out.

Governor Acharya also advised the Para Medical Training Institute, Kohima to start more para medical courses for the students of Nagaland for which the institute should tie up with NITTE Medical Science University, Mangalore. The Governor assured all possible assistance for this purpose. Harping on the importance of infrastructure,

the Governor said that institutions should be well equipped with all the latest machineries and tools. He also said that proper hostel with basic facilities should be made available for students. Importance should be given on girl hostels, the Governor added.

The Principals of the technical institutions also highlighted to the Governor the various courses and programmes offered by their institutions. They also highlighted the difficulties and problems faced by the institutions. The Governor assured to take up the matter with the concerned authorities.

The meeting was attended by Dean, SET, NU, Prof. S. K. Sharma, Dean, School of Management, NU, Prof. N. Venuh, Director, NIELIT, Kohima, Er. Lanuwabang, Principal, Para Medical Training Institute, Kohima, Dr. Vibeitunuo Mepfuo, Vice Principal, PMTI, Dr. Aseno Rhetso, Principal, Government Polytechnic, Kohima, Er. Keyiekhru Rhuto, Principal, Khelhoshe Polytechnic, Atoizu, Er. M. Nakro, Principal, ICIT, Mokokchung, Er. David Tsela and Principal, Nagaland Tool Room, Dimapur, Er. Petehetuo Miasalhou.

Governor, P.B. Acharya interacting with Heads of Technical Institutions in the State at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 14th March 2018.



Department of E&S Orientation Programme

The Department of Economics and Statistics held a two day orientation programme for the employees on official statistics and office procedures on 15th March 2018 at DES Conference Hall, Kohima.

Addressing the participants, Director, Economics and Statistics, Y. Sacheo Ovung stated that the programme is being organized in order to upgrade themselves with the latest skills and knowledge. He encouraged the officials and staff to feed realistic information of statistics where wrong information would mislead the people especially in the rural areas. He further urged the employees to rededicate themselves and contribute their best efforts for the department.

Delivering the introductory remarks, Deputy Director, DES, Kezhalelhou Solo stated that the various training programmes are being conducted annually to upgrade the knowledge and skills so as to improve their efficiency.

Emphasizing on the Statistics and Planning, Resource Person, Dr. Seikh Faruk Ahmed, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Department of Statistics, Science College (Autonomous) Jotsoma, Kohima said that success of government depends on proper planning where correct data analysis and accuracy of data is required. He reminded that one should focus not only on state affairs but also on sound technique for handing and analyzing data.



Director, Economics and Statistics, Y. Sacheo Ovung addressing the employees at the Orientation Programme on 15th March 2018 at DES Conference Hall, Kohima.

Governor launches 'My Northeast App'

Governor, P. B. Acharya launched My Northeast App on 16th March 2018 at St. Joseph College, Jakhama. My Northeast App is a network of services up-to-date with all the latest news on jobs, education and infotainment.

Acharya launching the app, stated that empowerment by education is a necessity for the development of a country. Many young people with conventional degrees are not employable now, he stated, quoting the Prime Minister's statement. Exhorting the students to go for expertise in knowledge, he expressed hope that the app will help them in providing necessary information in acquiring skills required for their future.

Director, Higher Education, Kuholi Chishi during the launching of the app, encouraged the students to make the best use of the app and upgrade and update

oneself with the facilities provided by the app. She expressed optimism that the entire student community will benefit from the app.

CEO, My Northeast App, Prakash explaining the application, said that many northeast students are deprived of opportunities due to lack of information. The app will provide information on international/national entrance exams and scholarships, local, corporate and government job details. The app also has a call centre for providing information and any queries of the students, he informed.

Rev. Hopong Kip of Faith Harvest Church, Kohima pronounced the invocation prayer. Welcome Address was delivered by Principal, St. Joseph College, Rev. Dr. Sebastian Ousepparampil while, Noyingbeni Ngullie pronounced the vote of thanks.



Chief Minister, Neiphui Rio casting his ballot during the election of the Speaker for the 13th NLA at NLA, Kohima on 13th March 2018.

Nagaland CM on Twitter

Welcoming the best usage of technology for direct interaction with the people through social media, Chief Minister of Nagaland and Former Member of Parliament, Neiphui Rio joined micro blogging site Twitter.

'I look forward to a positive engagement with all sections of the people in our common endeavour to bring development and peace in Nagaland,' the Chief Minister tweeted. Some other tweets included updates of his meeting with the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on 16th March 2018. The Chief Minister can be followed on his account @Neiphui_Rio.

CS launches PHED's Online Water Bill Payment System

PHED's online payment of water bill system was officially launched by the Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS, at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall on 16th March 2017.

The department is proud to be launching for the first time an online water bill payment system for the citizens as part of the Smart City plan for Nagaland, said Secretary, PHE Department, Moangwati Aier, IAS, speaking at the programme. The first phase of the online billing system has been launched in Kohima for commercial establishments only, he informed, adding that all the other districts will be replicated with the same system after the database, software and hardware are downloaded. The online payment system which has been launched in the first phase for commercial establishments will in a week or so, be opened for domestic consumers, he said. Reminding that the online payment system will ease the mode of

paying water bills for consumers, he apprised that the department generated revenue of 2.5 crores between 2017-2018, with a target of 2.6 crores for 2018-19.

Inaugurating the new system, Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS, lauded the department for launching the online payment system for the consumers of the capital. The provision of online electric bill payment facility in eight towns in the State has been very helpful for the citizens, he stated. The need for payment of water bills was thus necessitated, and with the initiative and effort of PHE and technical support from IT department, the same is being launched he added. Kumar expressed optimism that the facility will be made available to the domestic consumers in the state capital and all the other districts.

Consumers can pay their bills online using their credit card, debit card or through net banking from the web site www.phedonline.nagaland.gov.in



Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS inaugurating the PHED's Online Water Bill Payment System at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th March 2018.



Governor, P.B. Acharya inaugurating the three day Symposium on Spices and Aromatic Crops at SASRD auditorium, Medziphema on 15th March 2018.

Three Day Symposium on Spices and Aromatic Crops

A three day symposium on spices and aromatic crops under the theme “Spices for doubling farmers income” was held at SASRD auditorium, Medziphema, organized by SASRD NU Indian Society for Spices, Kerala, co-organized by Department of Horticulture and Department of Agriculture, Nagaland in collaboration with ICAR, New Delhi, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, DASD, Kozhikode, NEC, Shillong, NERAMAC, Guwahati and HSNEI Medziphema. It was held from 15th -17th March 2018. The lighting of lamp and mobile app and souvenir was released by the Chief Guest, P. B. Acharya, Governor of Nagaland.

The Chief Guest, P. B. Acharya in his speech said that if we need to build India into a stronger economy, every part of the country has to grow equally and that we need more interaction to solve the problems of some villages which are still unrecognized by the government. We also need to know the constraints of the farmers, their present

income and cater to their needs. He added that universities need to play a vital role in promoting the lives of its people and it is high time to act and make a better India.

The Chief Guest also mentioned that the farmers are to be informed about the cultivation, harvest, market values and production of the crops grown in Nagaland not only for self sufficiency but for surplus, and enable commercialization for better growth of farmers and the people of the State.

Earlier, a brief note about the symposium was delivered by Dr. C. S. Maiti, Organizing Secretary, SYMSAC-IX who said that the purpose of the programme is to boost cultivation of spices and spices industries and to fulfill the programme of second green revolution. Keynote address was delivered by S. P. Ghosh, former DDG (Horticulture) ICAR on the technologies and facilities and marketing of spices aromatic plants. Prof. Pardesh Lal, Vice Chancellor, NU also enlightened the people by highlighting the ARD - Cultivate land, saying that Nagaland though a small state, has full potential to cultivate and produce spices and quality crops. A short brief remark was also delivered by Director, Agriculture, G. Ikuto Zhimomi and Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha.

The programme was chaired by Prof. Akali Sema, Convener, SYMSAC-IX and welcome address was delivered by Prof. T. Lanusosang, Pro Vice Chancellor, SASRD NU. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Zhabu Terhuja, Pastor, Baptist Church ‘A’ Medziphema and a special number by EU Choir, SASRD given by Dr. CS Maiti Organizing Secretary.

State bids Farewell to outgoing Chief Secretary

The State Government bade farewell in honour of the outgoing Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS in the presence of AHoDs, HoDs and other dignitaries on 17th March 2018 at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima.

Narrating the various incidences encountered during his tenure as the Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar maintained that each incident was testing, with weaknesses being shown on the one hand, and strength and resilience on handling the situations on the other hand. He appreciated the sincere efforts of his colleagues, specially the senior officers in working together as a team in their efforts to resolve those issues which otherwise could have gone awry. He also thanked all the stakeholders for their cooperation and support in the task of governing the State.

It is unprecedented that we have four major international externally aided projects in the State including the Nagaland Health Project funded by the World Bank, the Climate Resistance Highland Farming, the Nagaland Forest Management Project funded by JICA and the Biodiversity Conservation in Community Conserved Areas, Pankaj Kumar said, appreciating the contributions of the officers at various levels and in the departments towards the same. However, implementation of those projects in the days to come is important for the sustainable development of the State, he added.

Highlighting the problems persisting in the State over the years besides others, Pankaj Kumar mentioned that streamlining of recruitment, optimal allocation of funds for better performance and transparency



Outgoing Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS speaking during the farewell programme held in his honour at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 17th March 2018.

in awarding contracts in the State are challenging. Referring to the Centre's initiative like the Direct Benefit Transfer, Ease of Doing Business initiative, Government e- market for procurement of goods online and the Goods and Services Tax, he encouraged the government machineries to strive towards extracting maximum benefits from the same.

Returning to the State in 2014 after his deputation at the Centre, Pankaj Kumar, IAS, took over as the Chief Secretary of the State on 1st March 2015 and with the handing over of charges on 17th March, he has served in the position for over three years.

Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy, IAS speaking on behalf of the Government, said that the contributions made by the outgoing CS for the State of Nagaland and also for the government is commendable. 'Your immense contributions to the government and the system you have put in place will stay,' he added. He also stated that he has been able to captain the administrative ship very ably amidst all the political turmoil for the past few years.

Toy wished him a successful career as he is embarking to a new assignment as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Speaking on behalf of IAS Association, Principal Secretary & Agricultural Commissioner, Imkonglemba mentioned that he is a very good strategist, a brilliant coordinator and is a person who concentrated on the wellbeing of the government. During his tenure, there has been reformation in vital issues of water & land policy. He further added that Pankaj Kumar's humanity and simplicity protected and maintained the tranquility of the State.

In a short speech, Additional Director General, R. B. Kikon said that Pankaj Kumar has on many occasions, interceded on behalf of the police department, especially while dealing with political powers in some instances when the directions were given to contain situations. He further added that he was able to reason out and save the day. He thanked the CS for his guidance in maintenance of law and order in the State.

On behalf of the IFS Association, Additional PCCS, Rajat Sharma complimented the outgoing CS for providing outstanding leadership to the State through his judicious decision making with a clear sense of justice arising out of impartiality.

The NCS Association also added that Pankaj Kumar had overseen some challenges during his tenure as the CS in the State. Those who have had the privilege to work under him will remember him as a calm, kind, steady and

capable officer who will be greatly missed not only as an officer but also as a fatherly figure and as friend. The NPS Association further added that they were thankful to the outgoing CS for his patience, guidance and for acting as a consultant during time of crises that arose in the past. The NSS Association expressed gratitude to the outgoing CS for understanding their grievances and problems particularly in service matters.

Director, SIRD, Asenla Jamir who spoke on behalf of the Directorates, described him as a person who has been always approachable, loveable and easy going nature. She also mentioned that the outgoing CS displayed a truly commendable service in the State during his stint as an IAS officer in different capacities. DC, Tuensang, Jamithung Lotha who spoke on the occasion on behalf of District Administration, said that the outgoing CS is a person who is conversant in running the affairs of the State and also mentioned that he was exemplary in public dealing. He said he could be the role model and an inspiration for others to emulate in the days to come. The Grade IV staff also congratulated the outgoing CS for assuming new responsibilities and conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for his deeds, and asked him to remember and carry only the good memories with him during his stay in Nagaland.

Principal Secretary & Commissioner, Sentiyanger, IAS who chaired the programme, also delivered the welcome address. NCSA Band presented a special number titled 'One Friend.' Various Associations and Directorates felicitated the outgoing Chief Secretary.

Ek Bharat Shreshtra Bharat launched

Ek Bharat Shreshtra Bharat (EBSB) was launched by Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2015 on the occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. Its objective is to strengthen cultural relations of various parts of the country and to embolden mutual connection between people dwelling in different states.

Every state in the country is paired with another state for a year during which they have to carry out a structured engagement with one another in spheres of languages, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism etc. Madhya Pradesh is partnered with Nagaland and Manipur for the year 2017 to 2018 in which four Professors and 12 students from Madhya Pradesh visited Nagaland. On 17th March 2018, the group attended

farewell-cum- interaction cultural exchange programme at Tetso College, Dimpaur and visited Government College, Dimapur and held exchange programme at St. John College, Dimapur.

EBSB aims to celebrate unity in diversity culture of the nation and to foster sentimental bonds between people of different states under its rich heritage, culture, customs and traditions. It will also establish long term engagement which promotes learning between states by sharing best practice and experiences. Such interaction between different segments of the population of each pair of states at the cultural level would generate the vibrancy of understanding and appreciation amongst the people and forge mutual bonding, thus securing an enriched value system of unity in the nation.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Team joins Governor for breakfast

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya invited the teachers and students from Madhya Pradesh, who are on the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' tour to Nagaland and Manipur for breakfast at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 20th March 2018.

Welcoming the teachers and students, the Governor encouraged them to learn as much as they could about the people and places they visit and to strengthen national integration. Stating that India is a democratic country and that unity in diversity is the peculiarity of India, Governor Acharya called on the visitors to be the bridge in linking the people of the country.

Governor Acharya handed copies of local dialects and their meanings translated



Governor, P.B. Acharya and his wife with the teachers and students from Madhya Pradesh, who are on the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' tour to Nagaland at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 20th March 2018.

into English to the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' team. The visitors were accompanied by Director, Higher Education, Kuholi Chishi and other officers from the department.

Training of government employees on IT & Digital Services at NIELIT

The inaugural programme for the first Batch of Training on Capacity Building in IT and Digital Services (including Digital payments and GST) for State Government officials of Nagaland was held at NIELIT, Kohima on 20th March 2018. IGP, Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS was the Chief Guest of the programme.

Comparing Information Technology 10 years back with the present day, Tamgadge said “IT has changed so drastically in the last 10 years, now I don’t actually need to have any physical memory since my smart phone is good enough to practically remember everything.” He mentioned the importance of IT through examples of recharging Tata Sky, booking for restaurants etc. Explaining the purpose of the training, Tamgadge stated that public, government and professional life are all touched by IT. All the government activities are governed in some manner by some sort of IT; slowly, IT has taken our lives in control. In 2017, in order to make digital payment easier, the GoI introduced BHIM app which can link all the bank accounts and can make payment just through fingerprints, without cards or cash. It is our choice to remain stagnant or to move ahead and make our lives easier, he added.

Tamgadge also mentioned that the Ministry of DoNER has entrusted NIELIT to train 50,000 government employees across the eight North-Eastern states within a span of three years. Training includes the basics of office work, day to day operation of digital payment, GST etc. The training will be seven hours per day for fourteen days.

Director, NIELIT, Kohima, Er. Lanuwabang in his keynote address, highlighted the activities and the projects undertaken by NIELIT since its inception in October 2003. In order to effectively offer services to the public, the first step is to empower the employees, “unless you know how to use IT, how can you give services to the citizens?” he questioned.

Abino Mor chaired the programme and vote of thanks was delivered by Deputy Director, NIELIT, Er. Morimenba Amer. The programme was sponsored by Ministry of DoNER, Government of India. Training kits were distributed to the trainees during the programme.

DAKSHATA - An initiative for Quality Maternal & Newborn Care launched in Nagaland

Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhrü launched DAKSHATA - an initiative of the Government of India to improve the quality of maternal and newborn care during the intra and immediate postpartum period, through providers who are competent and confident (DAKSHATA) on the 20th of March 2018 at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

Addressing the representatives from the districts, Dr. Kevichusa said DAKSHATA is an initiative in reducing the maternal and newborn mortality in the country, and appealed to the gathering for taking it forward on a serious note in the State.

State Program Officer (RCH), Dr. Bendangla gave a brief note on the initiative and on how it will be implemented in the

State. She said that DAKSHATA is a pre-requisite to LaQshya - which is to do with strengthening of Labour Room and that DAKSHATA is to enable the service providers in giving high-quality services during childbirth in institutions/ hospitals.

In Nagaland, the initiative will be implemented in the four High Priority Districts of Mon, Longleng, Tuensang and Kiphire initially which will be followed by the other districts in the coming years. The launching programme will be followed by five days sensitization training of trainers from the districts. The training has been organized in collaboration with Jhpiego, an international non-profit health organization affiliated with John Hopkins University. The three member of the Jhpiego team is led by Director, Clinical Services & Training, Dr. Rashmi Asif and accompanied by Senior Program Officer, Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Sahu and Programme Officer, Dr. Apoorv Jain.

The scheme aims to address the major drivers and determinants of the quality of care provided to women during the whole process of childbirth, from the time of her admission at the health facility, to the time of her discharge. Therefore, the focus is to ensure adherence to the highest impact clinical practices during the intra and immediate postpartum period, with the labour room and the postpartum ward being the focal point of the intervention. The initiative is to build capacity of health providers to prevent and manage complications that are major causes of maternal and newborn mortality during and after childbirth.

Governor releases ASER 2017, Nagaland Chapter

The Annual Status of Education Report 2017 (ASER 2017), Nagaland Chapter was released by the Governor of Nagaland and Rector, Nagaland University, P. B. Acharya on 21st March 2018 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

ASER 2017: Beyond Basics, Nagaland Chapter was carried out in partnership with Education Department, Nagaland University.

For the first time, since 2005, ASER has focused on 14 to 18 year olds who have moved just beyond the elementary school age. Kohima district is one of the 28 districts assessed from 24 states of the country.

Looking at 14-18 year olds, the 2017 ASER report has made an attempt to look 'beyond basics,' to explore a wider set of domains, and the preparedness of this age group in applying their literacy and numeracy skills to real world situations. Four domains were considered – activity, ability, awareness

and aspirations. Besides recording enrollment and learning levels, varied tasks like telling time, purchase decisions, weights and assessments of digital, financial access were applied.

Data highlights for Kohima district show higher enrollment than all districts, with only 8% youth not enrolled anywhere, as to 14% not enrolled, for all districts. However, in Kohima, only 63% of all youth (enrolled and not enrolled) has completed 8 years of schooling as to 81% for all districts. In Kohima, 77% could read fluently but only 46% could read and follow written instructions; all districts - 75% could read fluently and 54% read and follow written instructions. Kohima - 86% could tell time on simple clock face, 49% could tell hours and minutes; all districts - 83% and 59% in the same categories. For a question about a T-shirt at 10% discount, in

Kohima - 20% answered correctly; all districts - 38%. Kohima - 78% could name their own state; all districts - 79%. Kohima - 50% had bank accounts while 23% have deposited or withdrawn money from the bank; all districts - 78% and 51% in the same categories. However, in Kohima - 15% had used ATM while all districts - 16%.

Data also showed that whether enrolled or not, in Kohima - 27% worked (including regular chores, farming) while for all districts, it is 42%. Vocational training in Kohima is 2.4%; all districts - 5%. Kohima - 51% have never used a computer; all districts - 56%. Kohima - 59% have never used the internet; all districts - 61%.

ASER 2017 reflects that many young people who have completed 8 years of schooling have difficulty applying their literacy and numeracy skills to real world situations. Overall patterns indicate that while basic foundational skills like reading and arithmetic are very helpful for daily tasks and common calculations, not everyone who has these foundational skills can correctly

complete these everyday tasks. Data also show that females perform worse than males in almost all tasks.

Since 2005, ASER Centre, the research unit of Pratham has focused on children aged 5 -16, reporting on schooling status and the ability to do basic reading and arithmetic tasks. This annual survey covers nearly every state and rural district in the country. Year after year, ASER has highlighted the fact that although almost all children are enrolled in school, many are not acquiring foundational skills like reading and basic arithmetic that can help them progress in school and life.

ASER 2017 findings suggest that we must ensure that our young people reach adulthood with knowledge, skills, and opportunities so that India's much awaited 'demographic dividend' materializes. Serious & immediate rethinking about this age group is urgently needed. ASER 2017 is an attempt to shine a spotlight on this serious situation.

For more details, visit asercentre.org or email prathamnagaland@gmail.com



Governor of Nagaland and Rector, Nagaland University, P.B. Acharya during the release of Annual Status of Education Report 2017 (ASER 2017), Nagaland Chapter on 21st March 2018 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.



Dr. Vezokholu Thenyo, Deputy Director, M&E & BSD, NSACS speaking at the Seminar on Sensitization & Training on HIV & AIDS for media persons at NSACS Conference Hall, Kohima on 21st March 2018

Sensitization & Training on HIV & AIDS for media

A one day seminar on sensitization & training on HIV & AIDS for media personnel organised by NSACS was held at NSACS Conference Hall on 21st March 2018.

Dr. Vezokholu Thenyo, Deputy Director, M&E & BSD, NSACS speaking at the seminar on HIV scenario and estimation & new programme initiative, said Adult Prevalence Rate in India is 0.25% and Nagaland is at 0.76%, Mizoram 0.79% and Manipur 1.06%.

Dr. Thenyo said that NACO provided three POC machines in January 2018 which were given to the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima – BD FACS Presto, FIARTC Jalukie – Alere PIMA, FIARTC and Phek – Alere PIMA and one CD4 PCO machine which was procured from Chief Secretary Welfare fund is installed at District Hospital, Dimapur. She also explained the new 90-90-90 initiative, a community based programme. which is an ambitious treatment target, to help end the AIDS epidemic. In the new initiative, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, she added.

Dr. Thenyo also highlighted on various new programme initiatives like SHARE (Science Health Allied Research Education), India for Lab Services – LaQSH (Lab. Quality System in HIV), Project AHANA (EMTCT of HIV & Syphilis), Second 90: UW I-Tech (International Training & Educational Center for Health, Third 90: Viral Load, PPP Mode (Metropolis), Public Sector, CBNAAT of RNTCP Settings and epidemiological investigation into the drivers of HIV & AIDS 2018.

Ainato Yeptho, Assistant Director, YA & i/c Mainstreaming Division delivering a short speech on the objective of the training, said that sensitizing the media personnel is very important so as to disseminate correct and positive information on HIV & AIDS. He also added that media is a very important tool in spreading awareness on HIV & AIDS and also help in reducing stigma and discrimination.

The programme was chaired by Thejangunuo Theunuo, Deputy Director (IEC) NSACS and welcome speech was delivered by Metevinuo Sakhrie, Joint Director (IEC) NSACS.

CM tables Budget 2018-2019

Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio presented the budget for the financial year 2018-2019 during the session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 23rd March 2018.

Congratulating members on being elected to the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Rio maintained the floor of the Assembly as the most sacred space of democracy. The House will continue to uphold the highest traditions of parliamentary conduct and responsible decorum, he stated.

On the Indo-Naga political issue, Rio said that the PDA Government is committed to play the role of active facilitator in the ongoing peace process. My Government will make all possible efforts to create a congenial atmosphere that contributes towards realization of a solution that is honorable and acceptable to the people, he stated. He appealed to all sections of the Naga people, particularly the tribal Hohos, the mass based organizations, civil societies, NGOs, churches and the people at large to come forward and support the peace process under a spirit of understanding, brotherhood and unity.

The need of the hour for Naga society is to create confidence and trust and combat the challenges of tribalism which is polarizing the society, Rio said. He also said that the Government will establish a Centre for Peace and Non-Violence, an institution which will bring together experienced minds to bring the society closer together and also strengthen ties with our neighbours.

Rio stated that the Government will provide good governance, transparency and accountability in the administration and to

remove VIP culture. 'Government will also use modern information technology tools to improve governance and increase the adoption of e-governance at all levels,' he added. All departments will mandatorily have websites and portals where all information about the employees, the activities of the departments, ongoing projects, etc. will be displayed, he said. Further, to boost the use of Information Technology for Good Governance, the Information Technology & Communication Department and the National Informatics Centre Nagaland will pool their resources together to bring the State fully into the age of information technology so that efficiency and productivity of the government is enhanced, he added.

To improve the overall quality of roads for a Connected Nagaland, the first priorities of the Government is to start the repair and maintenance of roads in the State Capital and District Headquarters within 60 days for which an amount of Rs. 50 crores has been provided, Rio said. In a world of trade and commerce, good roads are the most critical factor in promoting economic growth and development. My Government will strive to ensure that all districts are connected by good quality two-lane highways and timely completion of the ongoing National Highway Road projects taken up by NHLDCI with quality, he assured. The Government is also committed to take definite steps to improve rail and air connectivity for the people of our State, which will have significant impact on our economic growth and developmental process, he added.

Rio apprised that an amount of Rs. 2 crores will be kept aside for capacity building exercises for the tourism and tourism related industry and conduct of tourism centric seminars, training of tour operators, promotions, writers meet etc. and other events like literary meets, folk and fusion events, food and music festivals will be introduced.

Also on Power sector, Rio said the transmission infrastructure of power supply in Kohima, Dimapur and Peren districts will be more stable. He appealed to the public to develop the culture of paying for what we use as huge revenue losses in the power sector is due to non-payment of bills and power theft.

The foremost priority of the PDA Government in the Rural Development sector will be to transform and elevate the lives of all rural people with gainful employment. Implementation of MNREGA will ensure not only job creation but also creation of durable community assets. Rural employment will further be supplemented through skill development and Rural Livelihood programmes by having convergence with schemes that promote arts and crafts as also animal husbandry, poultry and piggery. Online marketing of handloom and handicraft products will help augment the income of rural households. In order to prevent leakages and ensure proper targeting of benefits, instructions will be issued to all departments to link all beneficiaries of government schemes including pensions to Aadhaar and biometric systems, Rio informed.

The Government is guided by the Vision 2025 goal of achieving 'Food for All' in Agri and Allied sector. Rio stated that they will continue to focus on achieving food security

through adoption of modern technology and adoption of an integrated approach to farming and putting in place critical infrastructure for transportation, storage and processing of products. An important task that lies ahead is to bring about commercial scales of production in the Agri and Allied sector without which we will not be able to cater to the market demand.

The International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) has approved a project named "Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming Systems in Nagaland" amounting to Rs. 612.43 crores for a duration of six years. The project will commence from 1st April 2018 till March 2024, with a window for further extension. The project aims to improve the present agriculture system, promote permanent settled agriculture, create an organic marketing value chain and undertake forest conservation activities.

In the Forest sector, Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) has been approved for funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project cost is estimated at Rs. 533 crores, to be implemented in 185 villages of 22 selected Forest Ranges in 11 Forest Divisions covering all the districts of the State. The Project will seek to improve forest ecosystems and support income generation by rehabilitation of jhum areas.

Promotion of games and sports will be one of the thrust areas for the PDA Government. The Government will release a new Nagaland Sports Policy which will be formulated by engaging all sections and stakeholders including inputs from professionals, international sportspersons and experienced sports administrators. Rio further added that the Government will have to plan

a strategy where sports become an industry that provides gainful employment inside and outside the competitive arenas.

The Government will commemorate T. Ao's birth centenary with a year round calendar of sporting activities including coaching camps for youngsters involving foreign coaches, exposure events for budding footballers and conduct of tournaments, Rio apprised. The Hornbill International Motor Rally will be restored and Nagaland will host a national level Nagaland Cross Country under the aegis of the Athletic Federation of India.

Press and media fraternity of the State has made significant contributions towards the strengthening of democratic foundations in Nagaland, he stated. The press persons and media institutions, Rio pointed, has maintained a positive reputation for the fourth estate in this far corner of the country.

In the Education sector, steps will be taken to combat persistent problems such as proxy and bogus teachers and ghost employees and also to improve infrastructure and facilities for both schools and colleges. Also, to make quality education accessible to all students the Government announced a new insurance, scheme for students studying outside the State. All students who have been registered will be covered for a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs in the unfortunate event of death. The Government will release the modalities of the scheme at the earliest.

In the Industries sector, the Government will begin with key policy interventions to set up business and enterprise and Ease of Doing Business will be a priority area among the North Eastern States. At the

same time, real industrialization should be one that is locally driven and not injected from outside. He urged all the progressive farmers and young and dynamic entrepreneurs to appreciate the importance of starting big ventures with locally sourced raw materials and produce so that the benefits will flow down to the grassroots levels.

In the Health sector, the World Bank is funding a first of its kind state level 'Nagaland Health Project' implemented by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare. The project seeks to improve health services and increase in their utilization by communities in targeted locations in Nagaland, and is composed of community action on health and nutrition and health system development, Rio apprised.

The Government has committed to make special interventions to address continuing issues of imbalance in development of the Eastern Naga areas. They will be specially focusing on ensuring connectivity of all block headquarters, provision of broadband connectivity, ensuring availability of doctors in hospitals to ensure that the ENPO areas have better social and physical infrastructure.

Terming the non-election of women into the House till date as unfortunate, Rio assured all possible efforts to bring women into leadership roles at different levels. As an effort to make conscious strides for upliftment and empowerment of women, the Government as a beginning, plans on introduce 'Pink Bus' in the State capital and the commercial hub, Dimapur on a pilot basis, Rio said. The pink buses which will be pressed into service in selective routes will operate at subsidized rates and will have seats reserved for women,

he pointed. The Government will also introduce a 24 hours Women's Helpline to assist and help women in distress, victims of domestic violence, abuse and cheating etc. can call this helpline for quick and immediate reaction from the law enforcing agencies.

The Government is committed towards the welfare of the differently abled and also care for those facing mental health challenges. The Government is committed towards protecting and expanding the rights of citizens who are differently abled and will work towards full equal opportunities at work, access to education and to health services.

In order to attract investments from Private Sector and multilateral agencies in Nagaland, Rio proposed to set up the institution of Nagaland Investment and Development Authority. It will aggressively pursue investment projects, infrastructure development and take up measures that contribute towards economic growth in a sustainable manner that is acquainted and adaptable to the situation. The details of the institution and its structure will be announced soon, he stated.

A new initiative to promote a cleaner and more hygienic Nagaland will be introduced as part of the Swachh Bharat initiative. Clean and Green Nagaland will be launched so that the message of keeping the environment and habitations clean.

The Government will also introduce a new package of study tours and excursions that will take students on exposure trips to different parts of the country especially

the National Capital Region. Every year, 100 students will be sponsored to visit New Delhi and other cities to get real life experience of visiting places like the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Parliament House, Taj Mahal etc. in different batches, Rio said.

In order to ensure successful implementation of the government's policies, programmes and projects, a central monitoring mechanism in the form of a Project Management Board will be set up, Rio assured. This Project Management Board will ensure periodical monitoring of all schemes and projects for successful implementation and timely delivery.

Rio apprised that a total of Rs. 168.64 crores has been earmarked under Non-Development Plans for maintenance of existing government assets including roads. It will be ensured that this amount is judiciously distributed on the basis of actual requirements.

The budget proposal is estimated at a total receipt of Rs. 18,232.51 crores, and total expenditure is at Rs.18305.40 crores for the financial year 2018-19. Rio stated that the transaction for the financial year 2018-19 is estimated to result in a negative balance of Rs. 22.94 crores. He maintained the implementation of the 7th RoP 2017 as the main reason for the negative balance which will have a huge additional burden. In addition, with the negative opening balance of Rs. 1607.73 crores, the year 2018-19 is estimated to close with a negative balance of Rs. 1630.67 crores.



Zhaleo Rio with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio; Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Parliamentary Affairs, C.M. Chang; Speaker, Vikho-o Yhoshü and Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, N. Benjamin Newmai after being elected unopposed as Deputy Speaker at the NLA on 26th March 2018.

Zhaleo Rio elected as Deputy Speaker of the House

Zhaleo Rio was elected unopposed as Deputy Speaker at the first session of the 13th Legislative Assembly which was proposed by Minister for Forest Environment & Climate Change, Parliamentary Affairs, C.M. Chang and was seconded by Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu on 26th March 2018.

Chief Minister & Minister-in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio while congratulating the newly elected Deputy Speaker, said that the role of the chair plays a vital role in the smooth functioning of the House. The Deputy Speaker will have to carry out the responsibility of the Speaker in his absence apart from all the other responsibilities, he said.

Rio also said that Zhaleo Rio has vast experience and worked in various

capacities as NCS officer and was inducted into IAS in the year 1997. He added that he worked during the most critical times in under developed areas and rendered his services in government department and took voluntary retirement in 2013 to join public service.

In his felicitation to the newly elected Deputy Speaker of the House, the opposition leader of the House, T. R. Zeliang said that Zhaleo has been a bureaucrat for a long time and a member of the August House for the second time and respected his caliber as the Deputy Speaker. Hence, the Opposition decided not to nominate their candidate. He further stated that Zhaleo would deliver justice to the members of the August House irrespective of their political party affinities. On behalf of the Opposition party, he extended

that his members will fully cooperate in conducting the proceedings of the House and pave way for an orderly House.

Zhaleo Rio delivering his first speech as Deputy Speaker, said the responsibility that has been imposed on him is a solemn task which cannot be fulfilled without the true cooperation and assistance of the members of the August House. Therefore, he appealed to every member of the Assembly to extend their full cooperation. He added that he will discharge his functions and responsibilities in conformity in the spirit of unanimity and hoped and wished that the Members of the House would demonstrate the same by cooperating with him to transact peaceful business of the House.

Pangnyu Phom visits Directorate of H&FW

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, made his maiden visit to the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on the 27th March 2018. He was accompanied by Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW, R. Ramakrishnan, IAS.

Pangnyu visited various sections in the Directorate and interacted with the officers, encouraging them to work with sincerity and dedication as the department deals with human lives. He expressed concern on the health status of the State especially in the far flung areas. He mentioned his commitment to press upon the Government of India for strengthening the Health Infrastructure in the State.



Minister, H&FW, Pangnyu Phom with Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. M. Kire and other officials of the Department during his visit to the office on 27th March, 2018.



DC, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam addressing the 5th SAC meeting of KVK Longleng at the Conference Hall of the DC on 6th March 2018.

Scientific Advisory Committee meeting, Longleng

The 5th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of KVK, Longleng was held at the Conference Hall of the DC on 6th March 2018 with Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam as the Chief Guest.

Exhorting the farmers and lauding the team KVK Longleng, the DC, John Tsulise asserted that with change of time and climatic condition of nature, scientists and researchers too have been putting an effort to replace the traditional method of farming with new scientific methods suitable for farmers to promote our livelihood and boost rural economy. Therefore, the DC appealed to the farmers to constantly update their skills for wider knowledge on modern system of farming in order to promote their income. He

also urged the KVK scientists and researchers to provide high yielding seeds suitable to soil and climatic condition of the region with market avenue so that the hard earned labour and the production of the farmers do not go in vain. The DC also stressed on amicable relationship between the farmers and the department concerned for maximum benefit to the farmers.

Dr. D. J. Rajkova, Joint Director, ICAD, Nagaland Centre informed the farmers that the department have been trying their best effort to provide best service to the farmers since its inception in the district. He said that the farmers of Longleng have been responding faithfully and they have been exposed to different parts of the nation and

have also been awarded for their good work. However, he mentioned that he expected more participation from the farmers and Agri & Allied department to improve agriculture for livelihood and added that income of farmers cannot be doubled as envisaged by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, without the participation and coordination of farmers and departments.

Dr. Azeze Seyie, Scientist (Species, Plantation, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants), ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, Medziphema in her speech lauded the team KVK for their success stories and achievement towards development of farmers. She informed that research was done based on the reports of the SMSs and

scientists from different fields. She urged the participants to disseminate the information, skills and knowledge learned from the resource persons back to their community for mass awareness and healthy production.

Presentation of Progress Report (2017-18) and presentation of Action Plan was proposed by Dr. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agronomy) and Dr. K. L. Meena, Senior Scientist & Head respectively.

Earlier, welcome address was delivered by Dr. Lily Ngullie, SMS (A/Sc) who also delivered the keynote address on the SAC meeting and its importance to the farmers. The programme was chaired by Thungchano S. Ezung, Programme Assistant (H/Sc), KVK Longleng.

Longleng DPDB meeting

The monthly Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam on 7th March 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

The Deputy Commissioner welcomed the members present and extended his appreciation to all the government employees of the district for extending their cooperation and support to the district administration and the Election Commission of India for the successful conduct of election in the district. The DC asserted that conduct of peaceful election in the district signifies the hard work, sincerity and dedication of the government officials, civil societies, NGOs and the churches of Longleng district.

The DC also acknowledged the PWD for maintaining the roads at various places and pointed out that polling parties had no problems during their journey to their respective polling stations. However, the DC & DEO asserted that action shall be initiated as per the provision of the law against those erring officials who neglected election duty. He informed the officials that Parliamentary Election would be conducted after six months and asked the officials to be aware and prepare for the same.

The DC appealed to all the members of the DPDB to be active and present in all official programs and functions in the district and said that disciplinary action shall be taken against those members found absent consecutively for three times.

Mokokchung DPDB meeting

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held in the ADC (Planning) Conference Hall on 7th March 2018 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS.

Addressing the meeting, Sachin Jaiswal congratulated Mokokchung team for carrying out duties effectively in making smooth conduct of the election. He expressed his thankfulness towards the members and all others involved during the entire electioneering period for their co-operation, contribution and efforts through which everything could be conducted peacefully, the DC added.

SDO (C), Mokokchung, M. Chaitanya Prasad, IAS who shared his experiences of election also asked all the DPDB members to

pen down their experiences or suggestions as to what could have been better, what went well or what went wrong and to submit it so that these suggestions or critiques can be complied and kept for references, saying that this would throw light in doing things more effectively in the future.

Verification report on upgradation of Sapangya Compound to Urban Station was presented by UDO, Mokokchung and the House decided to forward it to the Government for necessary action. Upgradation of Primary School, Lejaba Lijen to Class-IV was also discussed, for which the DC entrusted the SDEO for verification and to submit the report for further action.



DC Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS addressing the DPDB meeting at ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 7th March 2018.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Longleng

Weeklong Swachh Shakti Week at Longleng district culminated with the celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March 2018, organized by DWSM, PHED, Longleng at ABCL, attended by more than 100 women sanitation champions. The programme was organized to highlight the role of women in SBM and to felicitate their leadership.

Activities undertaken during Swachh Shakti Week was highlighted by S. Walling, Chemist, PHED, Longleng who congratulated the local Sanitation Champions for their active participation and contributions towards SBM and for bringing sanitation awareness to

the community and for motivating women, children and society, thereby improving hygiene and sanitation.

Resource person, M. Atula Jamir, Counselor, OST Centre, District Hospital, Longleng emphasized on the importance of women's role in water & sanitation. She encouraged women to come forward and work relentlessly by spreading awareness on sanitation and hygiene and keeping the surrounding clean so as to stay safe from diseases. Sanitation and Health programme was chaired by Akala Jamir, S & H Consultant, while closing remarks was delivered by Phaknyu Phom, HA, PHED, Longleng.

Wokha

Witter Theological College, Vankhosung, Wokha celebrated International Women's Day at the college campus on 8th March 2018. APRO, Bhandari, Lily Ngullie was the speaker of the celebration.

Lily Ngullie in her exhortation maintained that nations and world leaders have been working ambitiously to the committed effort of achieving a common ground and common future for women all over the world, a world where gender based violence, exploitation, injustice and discrimination against women will be ended. In response to the clarion call for progress, and to help build a better world for women

across the globe, Ngullie urged for change and progress within the level of our homes, neighborhood and churches.

A short video on 'Struggle and Achievements of Women - Then and Now,' directed and produced by Lozilo and Abilan was screened during the programme. Zuchanbeni and Shanchobeni performed poetry in motion 'I am a Girl.' Special song presented by Renjanbeni and Keyipeule, skit by BD and OC years, and choreography by Janbeni and friends were other highlights of the programme. The programme was chaired by Sarah Ovung.



District SBM Ambassador, Tsukti Longkumer along with officials and participants during the International Women's Day Celebration at Mokokchung on 8th March 2018.

Mokokchung

Weeklong Swachh Shakti Week was held from 4th-8th March 2018, culminating with the celebration of International Women's Day, organized by PHED, Mokokchung Division at Longkumer Kilen, Mokokchung with District SBM Ambassador, Tsukti Longkumer as the Guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion, Longkumer said Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) should not be taken as an occasional social work exercise but it should be a continuous process, both

inside and outside the house. He said unless people understand the core concept of SBM, the mission cannot materialise in practical.

The programme was chaired by SDO, PHED, Masachuba Ozukum and Temjenyanger, DAO, PHED invoked God's blessings. Welcome address was delivered by Er. Kilen Jamir, SDC, PHED, a special song was presented by Lendi, presentations was done by EE, PHED, N. Yanger Pongen and vote of thanks was proposed by EE, PHED, Moamenla.

Training on Modern Techniques in aquaculture at Dimapur

A training on "Modern techniques in Aquaculture," organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Kolkata Centre in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Nagaland was held Training Centre Brooders Fish Farm, Half Nagarjan, Dimapur on 8th March 2018.

On the first day of the training, technical employees of the Department of Fisheries and Progressive Farmers of Dimapur district were trained on Fish Production with Polyculture and Integrated Fish Farming. Practical demonstrations of water testing by using portable testing kits developed by the Centre were also given during the programme.

Principal Scientist, S. Dasgupta and Scientist, Sujata Sahoo from ICAR-CIFE, Kolkata Centre were the resource persons for the training.

Dimapur DPDB meeting

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Dimapur was held on 13th March 2018, at the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur.

DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS who is also the Vice Chairman, DPDB, Dimapur welcomed all the members to the meeting and thanked all the HoDs and district administrative officers for rendering their services efficiently during the recently concluded elections. Further, he reminded the HoDs to keep their offices open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and also directed them to inform him if they are to go out of station.

With regard to the agenda for opening a secular college at Livingstone Foundation Higher Secondary School, the House decided to forward to the

Government, as the required documents were found ready in all aspects. The Board also approved forwarding the proposal for registration of PHINJEM to the Government.

In the meeting, a representative from Toka Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd. Dimapur informed the House of the society's CSR projects of setting up Mini Science Centres and establishing sanitary vending machines at Dimapur as pilot region. If the concerned authority provides space and electricity, the projects can be implemented by the society with the other expenses being borne by them, the society informed. The DC directed the DEO to see for available class rooms for setting up of mini science centres.



DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS presiding over the DPDB meeting in the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 13th March 2018.

Wokha DPDB meeting

The monthly Wokha District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13th March 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman & DC, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS.

The Chairman thanked the Heads of Offices, Superintendent of Police, Sector Magistrate, Flying Squad teams and District Administration and all others involved in the peaceful and successful conduct of the 13th Nagaland State Assembly election.

Kiphire DPDB meeting

The monthly Kiphire Peren District Panning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 14th March 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire. The meeting was chaired by SDO(C) HQ, Thungchanbemo Tungoe.

Welcoming the members, the Chairman extended his appreciation to all the members for their valuable contribution and co-operation in the successful and peaceful conduct of elections to the 13th Nagaland State Assembly. He also mooted an idea for formation of an Officer's Club in the district to bring members and officers closer to one another.

On account of the present DPDB meeting hall becoming too small to accommodate all members, the members

The Chairman requested the District Transport Officer to urgently convene a meeting with members of the Road Safety Committee to work out the modalities for improvement of the town's road extension from Police Point to DC's Office junction. PWD (R&B) presented powerpoint presentation of the department's activities.

Taking note of the poor attendance during the meeting, the Chairman warned of notice and action on any member, failing to attend two consecutive meetings.

proposed on refurbishing the same with contributions from board members and after due consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and Minister from the concerned district. The House also deliberated on the problem of water scarcity problem faced by the citizens in Kiphire town District Headquarter.

District Planning Officer and the Nodal Officer of 'Aspirational District' called on the members to make District Action Plan 2018-2022 available as and when the central Pharbari Officer for Kiphire district arrives. The DEO also apprised of the various problems faced by the examinations centres for HSLC and HSSLC examination at Pungro, on account of the requirement to bring all answer scripts to Kiphire Post Office on a daily basis, due to the absence of Post Office at Pungro.

Free Library at DC's Office, Mon for exam aspirants

DC, Mon, K. Thavaseelan, IAS has informed UPSC/NPSC/Other competitive exam aspirants in Mon district that a free library has been opened at DC's Office to aid them in their preparation. Aspirants can make use of the library during office hours on all working days, the DC added.

Phek DPDB meeting

The monthly Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 14th March 2018 at DPDB Conference Hall, Phek under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Shanavas C, IAS.

Mon DPDB meeting

The monthly Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15th March 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon. The meeting was chaired by K. Thavaseelan (IAS), Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, DPDB, Mon.

The DC thanked all the officers and employees of Mon district for the successful and smooth conduct of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly elections 2018. Despite innumerable hurdles due to rain and pathetic road conditions, the hard work and sincerity of the ROs/AROs, Police, Polling Officers and the various teams ensured that the elections went off peacefully.

The DC asked the HoDs to remain in the station and to be present in person during

Initiating the meeting, the DC urged the members to be serious in attending the meetings for the upliftment of the district, lamenting the poor attendance of the members is a matter of concern.

SP, Phek, Dr. Naieem Mustafa Mansury, IPS gave a presentation of the departmental activities in the meeting.

the DPDB meetings. The HoDs who have been absent during two consecutive DPDB meetings will be served a Show Cause Notice. Any HoD leaving station must inform the DC in written and obtain prior permission. If it is found that a HoD is out of station without prior permission, disciplinary action will be initiated against him/her. The DC further informed that a discreet monitoring mechanism is in place to check on a daily basis whether a particular HoD is in station or not. Such measures have been necessitated by the fact that many HoDs are absent in departmental meetings called by the DC.

The House resolved that the Verification Committee for LADP shall submit the latest report on the progress of field works.



(From R-2) K. Thavaseelan, IAS, DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB Mon during the DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 15th March 2018.



DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS chairing the Kohima DPDB meeting at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2018.

Kohima DPDB meeting

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2018. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kohima Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS.

The DC welcomed the new members to the Board and also the members present in the meeting. On the agenda of pre-monsoon preparedness of all concerned departments, the DC urged the concerned department to take up necessary maintenance works in the alternate routes which are in bad shape in order to avoid the past experiences of roads being cut off in the Kohima, Dimapur and Imphal highway. He requested the SDRF team to be ready and vigilant in the event of any disaster and reminded the departments which are yet to submit the current status of respective offices on office area and assets

availability at the earliest, as it has to be updated yearly in order to keep track on the record.

The DC & DEO thanked all the Heads of Departments and government officials for extending their services to the district administration during the recently concluded elections. He further said the success of elections would never have been possible without the help and support extended by the officials from different departments.

The DC also informed the House on the following constituted various committees under DPDB for the year 2018-19, namely Core committee, Village/Ward committee and Verification committee for LADP.

CMO (H&FW), Dr. Ritu Thur also informed the House that anti-malaria week is to be observed in the 2nd week of May and requested the esteemed members to extend their help and support.

World Consumer Rights Day

Phek:

The Department of Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection observed the World Consumer Rights Day on 15th March 2018 at PTC Hall with Shanavas C, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Phek as the Special Guest.

While delivering the keynote address, the Chief Guest, Shanavas highlighted about the significance of observing World Consumer Right Day and emphasized that more attention should be given to local consumers so that they are ensured of their rights. He urged all the consumers to be more responsible in the days to come.

The programme was attended by DBs, GBs, Colony Chairmen, Frontal Organizations, students and teachers from different schools of Phek town. Pastor, PTBC, Nusakho Cheiro invoked God's blessing on the occasion.

Kohima :

World Consumer Rights Day was held at New Market Area, Panchayat Hall, Kohima with the theme 'Making digital market places fairer' on 15th March 2018.

The programme was organized by New Market Area Panchayat and New Market Youth Organisation and sponsored by Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Department, Kohima. The aim of this year's theme is to promote digital market places that are accessible, safer and fairer for consumers across the globe.

Kezhokhoto Savi, President, NVCO while addressing the gathering, said that as a consumer, one should be aware of one's rights and whatever we buy, one must check

the quantity, quality and the expiry date. He also cautioned the consumers that with all the benefits of the digital market, one needs to be aware of the scams and fraud cases which have become very common in the digital market. He appealed to the Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Department to be more effective in creating awareness on consumer rights. He also highlighted the importance of GST and Consumer Rights acts.

The programme was chaired by Vikholie Yiese, President, NMYO and Kuotsuwhelie Kehie, Chairman, NMAP delivered the welcome address. Invocation was pronounced by Roukuolhoulie Solo, Pastor, Flames of Fire Church, New market and a special song was presented by Justin & Sam. Haikam Zeliang, Joint Controller, LM&CP in his short speech, highlighted the activities of the department and exhorted the participants on the importance of consumer rights day. The programme was also attended by school children.



President, NVCO, Kezhokhoto Savi speaking at the World Consumer Rights Day at New Market Area, Panchayat Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2018.

Peren DPDB meeting

The monthly Peren District Panning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th March 2018, at DC's Conference Hall, Peren. Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Smita Sarangi, IAS chaired the meeting. She congratulated the employees of Peren district for sincerely carrying out the assigned duties during the recently concluded general election.

The Chairperson reminded the Heads of Offices to display signboards for easy identification of office by the public. Warning of jungle fire and its hazards, she requested the

Heads of Offices to clear foliage in and around their office premises. DFO, Peren, Sentitula, IFS apprised the House on the formation of 'watchers' from vulnerable villages for forest fire. She also reminded the members of the standing orders of ban on hunting and fishing in the district.

The Board also deliberated on annual road clearance between villages which are not under the purview of PWD. The House entrusted Project Director, Peren, Keyirangding Hegui to take necessary action for the same.

Peli No.11 Golden Jubilee 'Kiahe Rütso' celebration

Commemorating Peli No. 11 Golden Jubilee celebration and Sekrenyi festival, a two day celebration hosted by Peli No. 11, P. Khel, Kohima village began at P. Khel, Kohima village on 16th March 2018 under the theme 'Kiahe Rütso.'

Jubilee is a time of celebration, a year of happiness and goodwill, stated the Chief Guest, Head GB, P. Khel, Kohima village, President, Kohima District GB Association & Finance Secretary, Nagaland GB Federation, Vineipra Pienyü. Enlightening the gathering of various festivals observed by the Angamis, he pointed on the need to preserve and promote our traditional and cultural heritage among the younger generations. Maintaining that Sekrenyi festival is a time to purify oneself, he appreciated the Peli No. 11 for coming together and hosting the event.

Khrietho Peli No. 11 was formed in the year 1987 with 103 members, and has 86 members at present including 50 female and 36 male. Since its formation, the group has been involved in various activities, promoting its cultural heritage through folk songs and dances at different platforms. The group has been featured in National Geographic channel too.



Vineipra Pienyü, Head GB, P. Khel, Kohima village, speaking as the Chief Guest at the Golden Jubilee celebration - cum - Sekrenyi commemoration of Peli No. 11 at P. Khel, Kohima village, on 16th March 2018. Members of the Peli can be seen behind him.

Phek observes World Hearing Day

World Hearing Day was held at Government Middle School, Phek on 19th March 2018. In the programme, Dr. Kruni maintaining that hearing disability is a risk for children in the future, urged the parents to be more serious in preventing the same.

Awareness programmes and talks on hearing disability, and prevention on control deafness are organized under national programmes, she appraised, calling on the parents for cooperation in dealing with the matter.

DC Kohima holds Pre-monsoon Preparedness meeting

A review meeting on various activities relating to pre-monsoon preparedness for maintenance of roads, strengthening of various bridges, culverts etc. was held with the various departmental officers under Kohima district on 21st March 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima

Interacting with the officers, DC, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS highlighted the condition of the roads in the past years and the problems faced by the people and urged them to prepare maintenance plans,

schedule and take responsibility in ensuring timely completion of the works.

Issues relating to road maintenance, retaining walls along the National Highways, power line, repairing of potholes etc. were deliberated in the meeting. General Manager (Project), NHIDCL, BO Dimapur, ADC, Chiephobozou, SDO (C), Sechu Zubza, EE, PWD (NH), Kohima and EE, Power, Kohima also raised issues of concern and their plans to the House.

Mokokchung Marathon 2018

Mokokchung Marathon 2018, an event to commemorate World Water Day on the theme "Nature for water" was held on 22nd March 2018 at Mokokchung with people from all walks of life and ages taking part with great enthusiasm. The event was organized by Mokokchung Press Club (MPC) in collaboration with Water Sanitation and Support Organization (WSSO) PHED, Mokokchung.

Thungdi won the race in men's category followed by Longtsuthong and Temjenwapang in second and third places respectively. In the women's category,

Chemdila won the race, while Sungjemyala and Walentola came in the second and third positions respectively. Merentemsu (12 Years) and Sentilemla (9 Years) in men and women categories respectively were the youngest participants who walked away with special prizes for completing the race.

President, Ao Senden, Imliyanger gave away certificates of merit and cash award to the winners during the presentation function at Imkongmeren Sports Complex. The marathon was earlier flagged off from Police Point by Executive Engineer, PHED, Mokokchung, Er. Yanger Pongen.

NTCP Review meeting

N a g a l a n d Tobacco Control Programme Coordination Committee review meeting for the 4th quarter 2017-18 for Dimapur district was held on 27th March 2018 at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur.

ADC, Dimapur, Sara Jamir who chaired the review meeting welcomed all the officers and representatives from schools and colleges.

During the meeting, Tobacco Free Certificates were awarded to three schools and one college including G. Mhinsiu School, Burma Camp, St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Naga Gaon, St. Francis De Sale School, Phiphema and Yemhi Memorial College, Nepali Basti. The certificates were handed over by ADC, Sara Jamir, DPRO, Dimapur, Lolano Patton, Deputy CMO, Dr. Antoly and Liaison Officer, DMC, G. Sharma.

Dr. C. Tetseo (DNO, NTCP) highlighted on Global Adult Tobacco Survey, 2016-17 through powerpoint presentation. He reminded that Tobacco Free Campaign is a continuous journey which needs to keep improving.

He wished success to the schools and colleges in their campaign to make their institutions Tobacco Free Zones.

Principal, St. John High school, Diphupar, Johnny Abraham while sharing his experiences, said that with the awards, responsibilities of the schools/ colleges increases too. He suggested forming of committee by robbing in parents, teachers and members from village authority in order to create more awareness amongst the children about the health hazards as a result of consuming tobacco items. Maintaining that students are in school for a maximum of six hours, he said change should start from home to make Tobacco Free Child, Tobacco Free

Family and Tobacco Free Family a reality.

In her concluding remarks, the Chairperson congratulated all the tobacco free schools and encouraged them to continue in their campaign. "If schools provides tobacco free atmosphere to the children, then we can have tobacco free generation very soon," she remarked. If Dimapur district can be tobacco free, other districts would follow suit, she added.

IRCS, Wokha conducts Medical Camp

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Wokha district branch organized a Multi Specialty Health Camp at Yanthamo village (PHC, Niro) covering seven villages on 27th March 2018.

Chairman, IRCS and DC, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS interacting with the participants, highlighted the objective of the camp and said the camp is aimed at facilitating patients who are unable to avail medical facilities at medical centres of the government health care system. The IRCS Wokha branch has been organizing medical camps every year, he said, calling on the same to be carried forward. He however pointed on the need to diversify the activities of the camp from disbursing medicines to choosing doctors from across the state or country and organize surgical camps.

The main aim of organizing such camp is to bridge the gap between the patients and the hospital especially for people living in remote areas, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon stated. Your participation shows your commitment and dedication towards the welfare of the district, he said, appreciating the team of doctors who participated in the camp. He expressed optimism that IRCS will organize such camps in the remotest areas.

Besides other Multispecialty Health checkup, other vertical programme such as Leprosy, NUBDCP and Aids Control Society were also involved. Free HIV blood test and Malaria blood test besides free medicine were given to the patients at the camp. The Red Cross Society also provided water tank for PHC, Niro and Chukitong. BP instrument were provided to PHC, Wozhuro, Humtso and Elumyo. The programme was chaired by Secretary, IRCS Wokha branch, Dr. Z. K. Ovung.

Chizami Co-ordination meeting

The newly elected MLA of the 17th Chizami A/C, Kezhienyi Khalo held a coordination meeting with all the Heads of Offices under Chizami Sub-Division on 28th March 2018. The meeting began with an invocation pronounced by Phukhuyo, Head DB and presided over by SDO (C), Chizami, Renbomo.

The MLA expressed his gratitude for the response and encouraged the people to work wholeheartedly for the upliftment of the society. He called upon all government servants posted under Chizami circle to be more dedicated and sincere in their respective duties. The MLA said that his priority will be to serve people like any other government servant and he will give cooperation and assistance wherever needed. He also assured to look into the shortage of staff and facilities like quarters, water and electricity.

Meeting for PwDs at Tuensang

The first meeting of the Tuensang District Level Consultations for Inclusion and Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) held on 28th March 2018 under

the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Tuensang, Albert Ezung.

The ADC appraised the House on the directives given by the Election Commission regarding providing facilities to Persons with Disabilities. The Election Commission focuses specially on PwDs to participate in the election process with their inclusion in the electoral roll and encourage them to exercise their franchise, he added. He further urged the members to have an action plan in the district level and make its basic fundamental responsibility to identify the PwDs.

The meeting was attended by the District Administration, Chief Medical Officer, Welfare department, Education department, DPRO, Tuensang and Assistant Election Officer Tuensang.

Changtongya SDDC meeting

Changtongya Sub-Divisional Departmental Co-ordination meeting was held on 28th March 2018 at the office chamber of SDO (C).

The Chairman, SDO (C), Changtongya, Chumlamo Humtsoe welcomed all the members present at the meeting including the new members namely, OC, Thana, Sietuo Kiri , I/C SIB, Vch Roa Karamsetti, and SDO (Power), Er. Imkong Wati.

The Chairman briefed the new members about SDDCF meeting which is to have better co-ordination among all the departments. He further encouraged the members to be responsible to serve the public as per our capacity/ability by performing our duty. The Chairman reminded all the members for documentation of their respective office boundaries and submit it to his office.

The following agendas were discussed which was put forward during the meeting with Ward Chairman and Ward Goan Bora under Changtongya town:(a) Construction of waiting shed inside the Treasury office. The House entrusted STO, Changtongya to write to the concerned department (Urban Development) and the Chairman will recommend it on behalf of the SDDCF. The Chairman will also write to the concerned MLA for financial assistance through the LADP for the construction of the waiting shed if the former doesn't materialize, (b) Repairing & maintenance of the roads at the town: Er. Wapang, JE, PWD (R&B) informed the House that the work proposal has been submitted for 2018-19 financial year for the same, (c) The House after thorough deliberation suggested the attached doctor at Community Health Centre, Changtongya to be recalled. SMO informed the House that he has written to the Head of Department but no action has been taken. The House decided that the Chairman re-forward it to the concerned MLA for necessary action, (d) For installation of solar light in the town, the House decided to write to the concerned department (New & Renewable Energy) to submit a copy to the concerned MLA, (e) The House decided to open a Bank Account of the SDDCF Welfare Fund at NSCB Ltd. and (f) The House discussed at length & decided to host the SDDCF Football Tournament by the year end.

The following members were selected as the Fund Raising Committee:

- Convenor* - Temsuwapang,
RC Chiten Memorial Government High School.
Member - Er. Wapong, JE, PWD (R&B)
Member - Sietuo Kiri, OC, Thana
Member - Meyisusu Jamir, APRO

New Quarantine Check Post inaugurated at Kidima

Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Dr. I. P. Khala formally inaugurated a Quarantine Check Post at Kidima which borders with Manipur on 27th March 2018.

Dr. I. P. Khala addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest said he visited the site in the year 2003 when he was in the capacity of a Veterinary Surgeon. The Quarantine Check Post would control communicable animal diseases that can be spread to human beings, the Director added. He appealed to the people for effective participation so that the department would provide medicines judiciously and added that the department doctor at Khuzama will take dual charge with Kidima.

Additional Director, Dr. Viral Yore presented a brief history on the establishment of the Quarantine Check Post at Kidima. Yore appealed to the villagers to provide electricity and water for adequate maintenance and function of the Quarantine Check Post which will monitor and check the disease of animals which spread while being transported from one place to another.

Deputy CVO, Kohima, Dr. Joseph M. Angami chaired the programme and the invocation was pronounced by Pastor, CRC, Kidima, Vidise Pucho. Secretary, VDB, Kevizeho Rote proposed the vote of thanks and Secretary, Kidima Village Council, Kethozeho Kiso delivered speech on behalf of the village. The department officials and village leaders including media fraternity attended the inaugural ceremony.



Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Anenla S. Longchari, IAS speaking at the opening ceremony of the State Youth Festival at IG Stadium, Kohima on 9th March 2018.



Commemorating Peli No. 11 Golden Jubilee celebration and Sekrenyi festival, a two day celebration hosted by Peli No. 11, P. Khel, Kohima village was held at Kohima village on 16th & 17th March 2018 under the theme 'Kiahe Rütso.'



Director of AH & VS, Dr. I.P. Khala and other officials at the Quarantine Check Post Inauguration programme at Kidima on 27th March 2018.



Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS with the outgoing Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS after taking over the charge of Office at Chief Secretary's Office Chamber, Kohima on 17th March 2018.



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Women participants at Swachh Shakti Week-cum-celebration of International Women's Day 2018, at Longleng on 8th March 2018.



Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Team from Madhya Pradesh along with students and teachers of Tetso College, Dimapur during the farewell-cum-interaction cultural exchange programme at Tetso College, Dimapur on 20th March 2018



Governor Acharya addressing the 'My Northeast App' launching programme at St Joseph's College, Jakhama on 16th March 2018



Director, SIRD, Asenla Jamir presenting a Naga Shawl and a memento to outgoing Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS during the farewell programme in honour of the outgoing CS at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 17th March, 2018.



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya hosted a high tea in honour of outgoing Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS on 14th March 2018 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima. They are pictured here with other senior bureaucrats of the state on the occasion.



IGP, Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS, Director NIELIT, Er. Lanuwabang, trainees and other officials during the inaugural programme for 1st Batch of Training on Capacity Building in IT and Digital Services at NIELIT, Kohima on 20th March 2018.



E.E, PHED, Mokokchung, Er. Yanger Pongen flagging off the Mokokchung Marathon 2018 at Police Point, Mokokchung on 22nd March, 2018.



Chairman, IRCS and DC, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS along with the medical team and participants of the Multi-Specialty Health Camp at Yanthamo village (PHC Niro), Wokha on 27th March, 2018.