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Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang releasing the 10th Anniversary Souvenir of the Nagaland Information Commission at the celebration of 'A Decade of RTI in Nagaland' at Kohima on 5th March 2016. The CM is seen here pictured with the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Nagaland, Bukchem Phom.



Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, P. Longon, Parliamentary Secretary for Economics & Statistics, Municipal Affairs, R. Tohanba and Parliamentary Secretary for Land Revenue, VG and Women Resource Development, L. Khumo at the inaugural of Noklak Town Council, Tuensang district on 3rd March 2016.



Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang, being felicitated during the inaugural of Shamator Town Council at public ground, Shamator town on 8th March 2016.



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BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO (BBBP) – An Introduction

THE BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO (*Save the Girl Child; Educate Her*) was launched by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on 22nd January, 2015 at Panipat, Haryana. This scheme aims to address the significant declining trend in the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) between 0-6 years of age.

According to the 2011 Census data of India, the CSR, calculated as number of girls for every 1000 boys between age group of 0-6 years, is at an all-time low of 918. Of the 100 gender critical districts identified across India, Longleng district in Nagaland has also been identified as one with its CSR at 885, indicating a sharp decline from 964 as per 2001 and 2011 census.

The Government of India, through the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme, therefore aims to address this serious issue through a mass campaign across the country, and focussed intervention and multi-sectoral action. The sharp decline as pointed by the Census 2011 data is a call for urgent action, as it highlights that the girl child is increasingly being excluded from life itself. Coordinated and convergent efforts are needed to ensure survival, protection and education of the girl child.

Overall Goal: To celebrate the girl child and enable her education

The State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) has been appointed as the Project Management Unit (PMU) and the National Resource Centre for women is the PMU-BBBP at the center.

Objectives:

The overall goal of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme is to celebrate the girl child and enable her education. The objectives of the scheme are:

- i) To prevent gender biased sex selective elimination
- ii) To ensure survival and protection of the girl child
- iii) To ensure education and participation of the girl child

Target Groups:

1. Primary: Young and newly married couples; pregnant and lactating mothers; parents
2. Secondary: Youth, adolescents (girls & boys), in-laws, medical doctors/ practitioners, private hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic centres
3. Tertiary: Officials, PRIs, frontline workers, women SHGs/ Collectives, religious leaders, voluntary organizations, media, medical associations, industry associations.

Components: Mass communication campaign on BBBP, Multi-Sectoral intervention in 100 gender critical districts worse on CSR

Monitorable Targets:

- Improve the SRB in 100 gender critical districts by 10 points in a year.
- Reduce Gender differentials in Under Five Child Mortality Rate from 8 points in 2011 to 4 points by 2017.
- Improve the Nutrition status of girls - by reducing number of underweight and anaemic girls under 5 years of age (from NFHS 3 levels).
- Ensure universalization of ICDS, girls' attendance and equal care monitored, using joint ICDS NRHM Mother Child Protection Cards.
- Increase girls' enrolment in secondary education from 76% in 2013-14 to 79% by 2017.
- Provide girls' toilet in every school in 100 CSR districts by 2017.
- Promote a protective environment for Girl Children through implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012.
- Train Elected Representatives/ Grassroots functionaries as Community Champions to mobilize communities to improve CSR & promote Girl's education.

MODALITIES OF SCHEME**Convergence with Line Ministries/Departments**

The PMU-BBBP will converge with the key departments, namely, the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Health and Family Welfare, and Department of School Education to implement the BBBP effectively. The implementation of BBBP requires linkages for convergence action for:-

- i. Policy and programmatic interventions
- ii. Training and capacity building and communication

Further linkages will also be established with State and District Administration for implementation.

Engagement with other Stakeholders:

Engagement with local NGOs, CBOs, Civil Society Groups, Women's Organizations working on the issue of Gender, Child Sex Ratio, and Education will be established. Linkages will be strengthened with the schools, colleges, professional colleges and universities to run sensitized campaigns on value of the girl child and enable her education. The scope and role of local CSOs may be worked out mutually through consultations with District Administration. Linkages will also be explored with corporates to leverage and mobilize resources under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in addressing the issue.

(Courtesy: Nagaland State Resource Centre for Women)

Official Orders & Notifications

ATI DESIGNATED AS NODAL CENTRE ON GENDER BUDGETING

The Government of Nagaland has designated the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) of Nagaland as the Nodal Centre on Gender Budgeting for Nagaland. The Nodal Centre shall function as an institution for overall training needs of the State and provide necessary inputs on concepts related to Gender and Gender Budgeting to institutionalize Gender Sensitive Planning & Budgeting.

K.G. KENYE DECLARED ELECTED UNOPPOSED

The Biennial Election to the Council of States was notified on 4th March, 2016. The last date for filling up of Nomination Paper was on 11th March, 2016. Scrutiny of the Nomination Paper was taken up on 12th March, 2016. There was only one candidate till the last date for filling up of nomination paper. Accordingly, no poll was conducted.

According to a press release from the Returning Officer, K.G. Kenye has been declared duly elected unopposed to fill up the vacancy in the Rajya Sabha for the State of Nagaland.

TOSHI AIER APPOINTED AS THE NEW STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Nagaland State Government has appointed former state bureaucrat, Toshi Aier IAS, Chief Secretary (Retd) as the Chief Information Commissioner and Chanbemo Lotha, Chief Engineer, PWD (H) (Retd) as the State Information Commissioner, Nagaland Information Commission with effect from 22nd March 2016.

Governor of Nagaland, P.B Acharya administered the oath taking ceremony which was held at Raj Bhavan on March 22, 2016.

Toshi Aier IAS from the 1978 cadre, retired as Nagaland Chief Secretary in 2014, after holding a number of high profile posts in various categories.

Chanbemo Lotha, who retired as Chief Engineer PWD (H) was vice-president (2008-2010) and President (2010-2013), Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Association (FONSESA), governing council member of India Building Congress (IBC), permanent member Indian Road Congress (IRC) and under Right to Information (RTI) held charges as APIO from 2008-10, PIO from 2011-12 and Appellate Authority from 2012-15 PWD (N).

GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES STATE QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

The Government of Nagaland has appointed the following Officers as Chairman and Member of the State Quality Control Board as given below with immediate effect :

- (a) Wepretso Mero, Rtd. Commissioner & Secretary - Chairman
 - (b) Er. Peter Solo, Rtd. Engineer-in-Chief, NPWD - Member
1. The Chairman and Member shall be paid a fixed honorarium of Rs. 50,000/- and Rs.40,000/- pm minus pension respectively.
 2. The Chairman and the members shall also be allotted a vehicle each for performance of official duties, and an allowance of Rs.3,450/- will be provided for engagement of fixed pay drivers. In addition, they shall be entitled to TA/DA equivalent to State Government Officers in the Grade Pay of Rs.8,900/-.
 3. They will hold office for a term of Three Years or till they attain the age of 65 years or whichever is earlier.
 4. The appointment is subject to acceptance of the officers concerned within one month.
 5. The terms of reference of the State Quality Control Board and other service conditions shall be governed by the provisions contained in notification of even number dated 18th March 2011.

This is in connection to this Department's Notification of even number dated 24th May 2011.

Districts Round Up

NAGALAND PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION TUENSANG UNIT CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

Nagaland Pensioner's Association Tuensang Unit celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 1st March 2016 at CKS Hall Tuensang. Parliamentary Secretary for Fire Services and Renewable Energy, Toyang Changkong Chang graced the occasion as the chief guest, who also released the Jubilee Souvenir.

In his speech the Parliamentary Secretary encouraged the pensioners that retirement is not the end of the world but is the starting of a new chapter in life to serve one's own community and the Nagas as a whole. He said that it is also a time to take up new responsibilities for the people. Stating that bookish knowledge alone of today's generation can never take the society forward, he said that there is a need for wisdom which we gain from one's life experiences. He further appealed to the pensioners to build the society.

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Alem Jongshi, who was the guest of honour, reminded that pensioners should be thankful to God for their old age and maintain a positive attitude to be a guiding force for the youngsters. He said that pensioners are those Government servants who had discharged their services judiciously and expressed his happiness over the attainment of 25 years and reminded the pensioners to keep growing in life.

President CKS Tuensang, Nokshang Chang delivered a short speech on the background and significance of the Pensioner's Association. He also encouraged the pensioners that they are the blessed people, who are useful in any society and exhorted them to be united and serve the people.

Brief report specifically for Tuensang Unit Pensioner's Association was delivered by Association Secretary, Thsalicho Sangtam. Obituary reference was observed for Association President, S.Ato Chang. Special number was presented by Yongkuk Lashuong Sao Church Tuensang. The programme was chaired by L.S Alemba (Rtd. Dy. Director Education) and vote of thanks pronounced by Chairman, Planning Committee T.Y Sangtam.

DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION AT TUENSANG

District Youth Convention cum cultural programme was held on 2nd March 2016 at SIRD conference hall which was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra.

In the programme SDO (C) Tuensang, Dr Manazir Keelani Samoon IAS as the special guest called upon the young boys and girls to obtain proper education for the progress of the society.

eynote address was delivered by NYC, NYK Tuensang, John Makhabo wherein he emphasised on capacity building of the youth in the field of sports, cultural activities and

entrepreneurship. A declamation contest on the topic 'Patriotism in Nation building' was held where Sechumla NYC Tuensang bagged the first prize and Chamcham NYC and Madentangba Sangtam NYC bagged the second and third positions respectively. More than 100 youth participated in the programme. Sports goods were distributed and cultural presentations were presented by the Shangphi cultural club and Vetao sporting club.

The programme was chaired by Madentangba NYC and vote of thanks was delivered by Chamcham.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEET CUM PICNIC AT SARS, YISEMYONG

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board meeting cum Picnic was held at State Agricultural Research Station (SARS), Yisemyong on 7th March, 2016. The meeting saw a record attendance of the members from all over the district including officers from central government posted in the district Headquarter.

Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman of the DPDB, Sushil Kumar Patel who presided over meeting welcomed all the members and informed them that the intention of the DPDB meet being held at SARS is to enable all the members to see themselves agricultural research activities at Yisemyong, to reactivate the Officers Club Mokokchung followed by picnic. He also introduced a few senior officers who were recently transferred to Mokokchung including Commanding Officer 44 Assam rifles Col. B.N Nayak. The 44 AR

Commanding Officer, in his short speech sought cooperation from the members and assured all possible help for the well being of the people in the district.

Project Officer, SARS, Yisemyong, Dr. D.K Chetri, while a presentation on the activities of the centre informed the members that a total of 857 Land Races of Rice in Nagaland state had been documented out of which two varieties: SARS-1 and SARS-6 are under registration with Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers Right Authority, New Delhi. He also informed the members about research works on organic farming. To preserve varieties of rice in the state SARS is drawing up a plan to open Gene Bank in the centre.

Official from District AIDS Prevention Control Unit Mokokchung presented HIV scenario from April to Jan. 2016. Upgradation of GPS Mekhuli, Registration of Society, Northeast Alliance for leadership Education & Social Transformation (NEALEAST) and renaming of Paper Nagar Post Office to Tsudikong Town Post Office were discussed and decided to forward its recommendation to the concerned departments.

After the meeting the members had discussions on reactivating the Officers Club Mokokchung and to continue its service for the welfare of the needy people in the district in times of emergency as enshrined in its constitution.

The meeting was followed by picnic at Yisemyong Recreation Park where all the members took part with great fun. Among others the meeting cum picnic was attended by Asst. General Manager, RBO, Mokokchung, G.Sekar, General Manager, Lead Bank K.Bharali and SBI Main Branch chief Manager, S.C Das.

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CM CHAIRED DPDB PEREN MEETING

The Peren DPDB was held on 7th March 2016 at DC's Conference hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, T. R Zeliang.

The house welcomed new members namely, District Urban Development Officer, Pangshang Koleba, SDO (Electrical), Er. Solomon Sekhose, EE (Irrigation & Flood Control), Ketuzo Sophie and DHO, Eyongol Angami. Chief Minister, T.R Zeliang reviewed the departmental activities of SP Office Peren and enquired about the law and order situation in the district including the activities of BSNL, PHED, PWD, Urban Development, Peren Government College, DEO Peren and LSRO Peren. The board also discussed on upgradation of GMS, DC colony Peren to high school which was brought up by DEO Peren and approved by the members.

T.R Zeliang in his remark thanked the board members for attending the monthly meeting and requested the DC and DPO to maintain attendance register of the planning board. He asked the officers to shift to the

new headquarter on completion of their office and requested the officers who do not have office in the new headquarter to submit their proposal for construction of office and staff quarter to the departments concerned as early as possible.

DISTRIBUTION OF LLINS AT MANGKOLEMBA

According to an official report by Dr. Akum Jamir, SMO, CHC, Mangkolemba, the free distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (LLINS) under NVBDCP programme by the Department Health & Family Welfare was officially launched on 5th March, 2016 for all the villages and towns under Mangkolemba Sub Division. Besides the administration officials, members of Mangkolemba Town Baptist Church and Adhoc Town Committee also attended the distribution programme.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING

The Mangkolemba SDPDB meeting for the month of March was held today at ADC office under the chairmanship of ADC & Vice-Chairman SDPDB, Imtiwapang Aier.

Welcoming all the board members, the ADC briefed on the bandh that was called by various NGOs in Assam and the recent situation relating to Assam Nagaland Border areas and further welcomed L. Koshih könyak, the new Tsurangkong SDO.



Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang addressing the Peren DPDB on 7th March 2016 at DC's Conference hall, Peren

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Deliberating on the agenda submitted by Changdang Village Council seeking assistance for construction of Agri -Link road, the Board decided that a proper physical verification will be undertaken by DBs than considering its feasibility the Board will forward the matter to the concern department. Discussing on the activities undertaken by Railtel which causes huge damage to road connectivity in the Sub Division, the Board decided that the Nodal Officer of the Agency concerned will be given 10 days time to meet Executive Engineer PWD and ADC to discuss the matter, failing which will result to suspension of work in the Sub Division.

In the meeting, ADC also placed the report regarding the vilage tour undertaken by the SDPDB members to Alongkima circle/

Changkikong range on 9th & 10th February 2016, which was discussed and after verification all the concern departments agreed to forward the findings to the Head of Departments for further necessary actions. The Board also decided that the next SDPDB Members village tour will be on 17th & 18th march 2016 covering Longchem Circle/Japukong range.

MON OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2016

International Women's Day 2016 was celebrated at Mon under the theme "Pledge for Parity", jointly organized by Mon District Legal Services Authority and the Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK), the apex



Mangkolemba SDPDB members led by ADC, T. Imtiwapang Aier during the tour programme at Japukong range.



International Women's Day 2016 being celebrated at Mon on 8th March 2016 at Council Hall, Mon town.

Women's organization of the Konyaks, on 8th March 2016 at Council Hall, Mon town. Delivering the introductory speech on 'Evolution of International Women's Day and Pledge for Parity', Secretary MDLSA, Mon, Phuleto Yephtho informed that over the years the UN has promoted the participation of women as equal partners with men in achieving sustainable development, peace, security and full respect for human rights. He led the pledge for parity of women with men.

President KNSK, Lomei Konyak proposed the welcome address where she briefed on the origin and significance of International Day for Women. She asserted that 8th March is a special day because women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

Resource person, Panel Advocate, Limasenla spoke on the topic "Domestic Violence Act & Victim Compensation Act" while APP, Mon, Temsu Masen, spoke on

"Women & Child Labour Act and Child Trafficking Act". The other resource persons, Panel Advocate, Shenyau Walim and Panel Advocate, Dominic Kaiba spoke on "Maintenance Act CrPC 125" and "Right to Education (RTE) for Girl Child" respectively. Later the World Vision felicitated 12 distinguished women of Mon district. The program concluded with interaction and vote of thanks by General Secretary, KNSK Yeihlem Konyak.

INDUCTION TRAINING PROGRAMME AT TUENSANG

Inaugural function of the induction training programme for 'Group Band C' State government employees under Tuensang District was held today, the 8th March 2016 at DC's conference Hall, Tuensang. The programme was sponsored by DOPT and the training programme will be conducted by the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) from 8th to 18th March 2016.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Nchumbemo Odyuo exhorting the trainees stated that healthy attitude is needed in the working place. He said that clerical employees are the backbone of the Office and therefore need to develop a sense of ownership and maintain good coordination. He also stressed on the importance on promoting the spirit of team work among colleagues. He further encouraged the trainees to have work culture and keep one's mind open and receptive and also make our working place clean and healthy.

The programme was chaired by Weku Zhiemi EAC Hq. Course coordinator for IPT Tuensang District, Imlibenla Jamir delivered introductory speech and vote of thanks was pronounced by Nodal Officer, ITP, Er. N. Moa Longkumer.

Y. VIKHEHO SWU EXPRESSES CONCERN ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of March was held with the Minister for R&B and SDPDB Chairman, Pughoboto, Y. Vikheho Swu at Asukiqa area (Kitami Council Hall), which is around 32 kms away from Pughoboto. The meeting was conducted by the SDPDB Vice Chairman & ADC, Pughoboto, Avelu Ruho at the Kitami village council hall on 7th February 2016.

After review of the last meeting, the agenda for opening of Non-Banking Treasury at Pughoboto was discussed where the ADC said that as per the direction of RBI, non-banking Conversion to Banking treasury

policy has been adopted. The Minister also said that opening of Treasury Office in Pughoboto town is most essential to bring more developmental activities in the area. He asked the Departments to move for Drawing Disbursing Officer (DDO) status and enclose necessary documents to fulfill the criteria to open up Treasury office.

While deliberating on the HSLC Exam Center, the Minister said that to establish the Center it requires enrollment, bank, post office and school building. He lamented that Pughoboto is one of the oldest administration set up to complete 50 years but still lacks an exam center. He also encouraged the five villages' joint village council under Asukiqa not to send their children outside their areas so as to maintain good enrollment and thereby give efforts to bring exam center in next year.

Expressing concern over climate change, the Minister said that tree plantation has been fixed on 7th May 2016. For the beautification of the area, he requested the villages to co-operate with the officials during the plantation drive and cited examples of developed countries like US which advocates country living. The Minister also encouraged awareness on rainwater harvesting. Police outpost at Asukiqa, and other proposals submitted would be taken up in the current year, the Minister said. He said that Hydro-project in Chesilemi for which he has been struggling for the last 26 years has been approved will be started shortly.

ADC, Avelu Ruho thanked the Asukiqa area people, especially to Kitami, for allowing them to conduct the meeting which is held in order to foster co-operation and to advocate departmental activities. She also highlighted on the disaster management fund.

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ANTI RABBIS VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AT PUGHOBOTO

As part of the SDPDB meeting, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Pughoboto organized Anti Rabbits vaccination for the adjoining villages of Asukiqa at its Veterinary Health Center free of cost on the 7th March 2016. About 150 numbers registered for vaccinating their domestic animals.

DCVO, Toshi Aier also informed that the same vaccination campaign would be organized in the next SDPDB meeting scheduled at Ghathashi on 6th April 2016. He asked the area people to avail this opportunity.

LEADERS NEED MORE PREPARATION TO DEAL WITH ISSUES IN NE : NEALEAST

North East Alliance for Leadership Education and Social Transformation (NEALEAST), a Society based in Mokokchung town, which came into being in 2013, has stated in a press release that leadership in government as well as in churches have been giving their best in dealing with a unique socio-political situation and resolving some of the issues in the northeast, yet leadership in general including the church leadership need more preparation to deal effectively with this developing situation in the region. The press note which was circulated in the Mokokchung DPDB meeting on 7th March said "over the last 60 years, the northeast region has been going through a time of social change and development" often compounded with a situation "full of ethnic

conflicts, social unrest and uncertainties". Keeping this scenario in mind, leadership in the region needs more preparation to give timely response to the emerging situation, the NEALEAST stated.

The NEALEAST Society, which is managed by a Governing Board comprising 11 (eleven) members from the region and beyond, headed by Dr. Rev. Takatemjen Ao thus came into being for training the leadership as an agent of social transformation in the region with its motto 'Lead to Transformation'. NEALEAST deals with assisting the state government in the development of good governance throughout the region, support churches and institutions in developing peace programmes, enhance and expand the leadership education and peace building efforts operated by NGOs, Governments, churches and other social service societies.

The aims and objectives include; to develop institutes for development of leadership in the region, give leadership education and training in the urban and rural areas, support peace initiatives leading to social transformation. The society is planning to spread its branches in the region to further their objectives.

TRAINING ON LARGE CARDAMOM HELD AT YISEMYONG

Training on large Cardamom plantation organized by District Horticulture Office & District Rural Development Agency Mokokchung under RD-Horti Convergence Scheme 2015-16 was held at Yesimyong on 8th March 2016.



Officials from the Department of District Horticulture and District Rural Development Agency Mokokchung along with farmers during the training on Large Cardamom Plantation under RD-Horti Mokokchung Convergence Scheme 2015-16 at Yisemyong on 8th March 2016.

Project Director, DRDA, Mokokchung, Liboni humtsoe while delivering the key note address, urged the farmers to take up the Convergence scheme with utmost sincerity as large Cardamom farming is low input sustainable and highly profitable venture that can be taken up in the district in existing Forest areas located within an altitude of 600-1500 msl. The programme was chaired by DHO Mokokchung, Meyasashi, who also explained to the farmers about scientific method of large Cardamom plantation including site selection, planting techniques, crop management, harvesting curing and marketing of the produce.

Resource person DR. D.K Chetri, Project Officer, SARS spoke on the use of organic input in Large Cardamom farming.

Altogether 94 trainees comprising of VDB secretaries and farmers from 19 selected villages of Mokokchung District attended the training programme.

LLIN LAUNCHED IN CHANGTONGYA

The official launching programme for LLIN was held at Changtongya on 10th March 2016 at the Community Health Centre, Changtongya with SDO (C), Chumlamu Humtsoe as the chief guest. The programme was chaired by MO (AYUSH) CHC, Dr. Temsuwapang.

SMO, CHC, Dr. Imtjungshi Aier delivered the keynote address. SDO (C) in his speech welcomed the people and thanked the Government for taking such an initiative.

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He urged the people not to misuse the aid of government. District Level Programme Officer, Dr. Marina also spoke in the programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by MO CHC, Changtongya, Dr. Yotovinu Rhutso.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING

The monthly District Planning and Development Board meeting of Dimapur district for the month of March was held on 11th February 2016 in the conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur. The meeting was chaired by Parliamentary Secretary for Irrigation & Flood control Jacob Zhimomi who is also the Chairman of DPDB Dimapur.

Presenting their departmental activities, Excise Department highlighted on the shortage of manpower as one of the main constraint. Citing that presently there are only 35 field staffs, the official stated that the department requires minimum 100 personnel to carry out their activities efficiently.

Replying to a query from the Chairman DPDB Dimapur as to how the department was taking action to those hotels in Dimapur who are serving liquor, the Excise department official cited inadequate manpower, lack of conveyance and security of the personnel as the main hindrance for failure of the department.

With regard to issuing of license, he replied that the Department is not the issuing authority and the same is being issued by DMC. He also informed that seized articles are destroyed periodically. An amount of Rs. 32,45,500 has been realised through

finances and the same has been deposited to the state Exchequer during the period from January 2015 to December 2015, the Excise official informed.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation also gave their departmental presentation highlighting the various schemes taken up by the department. The schemes implemented by the department are Integrated Land Development Project under NAPARD, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana or CSS Scheme, Integrated Water Shed Management Project(IWMP) state sector, Stream Bank Erosion Control(state sector) and plantation of lime for sustainable agricultural production.

The Soil department informed the house that presently, the state sponsored schemes are put on hold due to severe fund constraints.

In the meeting, the Board approved for opening of two new schools i.e Government Primary School, Ghokito Village, Kuhuboto, Dimapur and Beanstalk School Lengrijan, Dimapur, based on the verification report of the sub-committee. The Board also approved for recognition of Spring Field School, Ruzaphema Block III, Dimapur, up gradation of GMS, Chekiye to GHS and District Evaluation Study on Hotel Management in Dimapur District.

TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS AT TOTOK

One day training programme for frontline workers such as Angawadi workers & helpers, Asha workers, Adhar

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and community volunteers, and a Special outreach programme on centrally sponsored schemes were jointly organized by the World Vision and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Field Publicity Unit, Mon at Totok Chingnyu Baptist Church on 11th March 2016.

While proposing welcome and introduction speech CDF, WVI, Mon AP, Nockyam Wangnao briefed on the joint training programme and said that the main objective of the training is to rededicate ourselves to serve for the welfare of the community. He appealed to the village leaders and health workers to know their respective duties and responsibility to build a healthy society.

While briefing on various centrally sponsored schemes such as Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Beti Bachao/Beti Pado, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and Skill India Mission the Field Publicity Officer (FPO/DFP), Mathew SK Bengam in his speech said that the Directorate of Field Publicity is the mediator and communicator between the Centre Government and the public. He informed that the main objective of the Ministry of Field Publicity is to propagate the policies and programmes of various centrally sponsored schemes and programmes at the grass root level and to ensure that it reaches the targeted beneficiaries and to do away with corruptions. He also distributed T/shirts to all the participants.

Speaking on the duties and functions of the Angawadi workers & Helpers the CDPO, Mon Tongwang Konyak said that Angawadi centre should not be a center of distribution of foodstuffs but should be a center of all-round development of a child before schooling and urged the workers and helpers to develop love, affection and good relationship with every child to cater the needs of the children. He urged the functionaries of three Totok villages to make their Angawadi centre a model centre for learning.

Block Programme Officer, NRHM, Hingkai spoke on the duties and functions of the Asha workers while Supervisor Longshitheong spoke on the maintenance of registers of the Angawadi workers. Angawadi workers and helpers, Asha workers, Adhar and community volunteers, Pastors and other village functionaries attended the training programme.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING

Tseminyu Sub-Division & Planning Development Board meeting for the month of March, 2016 was held on 11th March, 2016 at ADC's conference hall.

ADC Tseminyu & Vice Chairperson SDPDB, Vikhweno Meratsu welcomed new member Sub Divisional Horticulture Officer, Ayieno Hibo. She appraised on the importance of SDPDB meetings and urged all the officers representing different departments not to miss the meeting.

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Agenda discussed in the meeting included construction of GMS Tseminyu (Upper) under LADF where the ADC commented and that the school is being maintained extremely well and as such the demand was genuine. Accordingly, the house agreed and decided to endorse to the concerned area Parliamentary Secretary. Ongoing project of GHS building construction at Tseminyu, which is under RMS, was discussed at length. The house decided to write the matter to Education Department for necessary action.

Agenda for creation of Tseminyu district was presented by the President Rengma Hoho, Keny Tep on behalf of Rengma Public Hoho. Members shared their views and observations in favour of the agenda. The house agreed to recommend the matter to the higher authority for consideration.

Bankers proposed for opening of bank (Axis bank) at Chunglikha block which was also deliberated in the meeting. The members discussed feasibility and advantages of opening the bank in the block.

MOKOKCHUNG OBSERVES WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

With the rest of the world 'World consumer Rights Day' was observed in four Higher Secondary Schools in Mokokchung town on 15th March, 2016 with the theme "Antibiotic off the menu", a global campaign to stop the sale of meat raised with the routine use of antibiotics in major international restaurant chains as it is a major risk to human health.

The functions in the four schools, where they have their own Consumers Forums, were sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Controller Legal Metrology & Consumer protection aiming at creating more awareness about consumers' rights.

In Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary Schools, Principal, Arenla encouraged the participants to mobilize more action to create awareness among consumers about their rights and to show solidarity with consumer movement worldwide.

ost Graduate Teacher, MGHSS, Sevolu Ringa, who spoke on the theme, called for joining hands in the mass consumers' movement against use of antibiotics in food production and the risk it presents to human life.

33rd MEET PHEK DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT PFÜTSERO

1st Athletics cum 33rd meet of Phek District Sports Association got underway at Pfütsero Sports Complex on 15th March, 2016 under Phek district with DC Phek Murohu Chotso and ADC, Pfütsero, Sangmai C. Imlong as the chief guest and guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest called upon the sports personnel to exhibit discipline and sportsman spirit. He said that discipline is paramount to excel in any sports and game and urged the sportsman to lead a disciplined life with dedication to excel in life, which is the greatest game. He congratulated PDSA officials for organizing the athletics meet in a grand manner.

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The inaugural function was chaired by PDSA Vice President, Muluvoto Medeo as Chairman. Presidential address was delivered by Thupukhrui Venuh, special number was presented by Gyate-ü marhu while vote of thanks was proposed by Shetalü Vadeo.

7th SILVER T-20 TOURNAMENT AT JAKHAMA

The 7th edition of Silver Cup T-20 Cricket Tournament organized by the Nepali Baptist Church Kohima youth department under the theme 'peace and unity through cricket' was held at Jakhama ground on 16th March with Minister for School Education and SCERT, Yitachu as the chief guest.

In his inaugural speech Yitachu thanked the youth department for organizing the tournament which is a very popular sport in the world today and called upon the participants to maintain good discipline and play with the spirit of sportsmanship. To be a good sportsman/professional in a particular field one has to work hard, he said further stating that success will come only through hard work and dedication.

He also urged the people to spread the message of truthfulness, honesty, fearing God to our society which is diminishing today. He added that we should give space to one another to create opportunities. Special song was presented by Rebecca Tiwari, welcome address was tendered by John Convener, organizing committee, Thakuri. Altogether 24 teams are taking part in the tournament.

NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT MOKOKCHUNG

The launching programme of National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Awareness Campaign at Mokokchung was held at Longkumer Kilem on 16th March 2016.

The campaign was formally launched by Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Sushil Kumar Patel as the Guest of Honor. Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged all the people present in the programme to act as Brand Ambassadors in spreading awareness to use water judiciously. He also said that it is the duty of every right thinking citizen specially the people in the PHED department to spread and ignite the minds of the people especially in the village to conserve water through preserving forest, harvesting of rain water etc.

The DC also suggested the staff in the department to take innovative steps such as community water harvesting saying that taking such steps will at least help improve the water table.

Executive Engineer, N.Yanger Pongen in his introductory speech said that the objective of the campaign is to realize and create awareness to construct and use household toilet, keeping the village clean, create awareness of safe drinking water and awareness for water conservation.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE TOURNAMENT AT JALUKIE

The inaugural programme of the Jalukie Town Golden Jubilee Football Tournament was held on 15th March 2016 with Rtd Asst Commandant (IR), G.R. Zeliang as the chief guest who was the first chairman of the full-fledged township. In his speech he acknowledged the visionary leader of Jalukie Pumling and impressed upon the gathering that every achievement begins with a small step. He emphasised that we should imbibe the values of discipline, cleanliness and hospitality with more vigour in our daily lives.

SDO (Civil), Rhosletho Nguori and convenor of the Golden Jubilee Committee in his welcome address also stated that this tournament is much more than a competition, rather it is a brotherhood game of nine wards of Jalukie Town, where players get acquainted with each other.

Special number was presented by Kezaiwi (Naga Orpheus finalist 2015) and the tournament torch was lighted by Keheinaam.

NCC COMBINED ANNUAL CAMP AT MOKOKCHUNG

24 Nagaland Independent Company NCC (24 NL (I) Coy) is conducting its Combined Annual Training Camp at DEF Colony Mokokchung from 11 March 2016. A record total of 658 boys and girls cadet are participating in the camp. The camp is being conducted by Lt.Colonel Shamsheer Singh.

On 14th March Brigadier M.S.Nikam, Group Commander Nagaland NCC Group from Kohima also visited to oversee the training camp where he complimented the NCC staff of 24 NL (I) Coy and 1 Naga Girls Battalion for being able to congregate a record attendance for the camp. He appreciated the pains taken by the cadets to reach from far flung and interior areas of whole of Nagaland covering all the 11 districts. He also complimented the school/college principal and NCC staff for organizing their transport to Mokokchung.

Apart from activities such as map reading class, drill, health & hygiene, National integration etc. the camp is laying more emphasis on firing. Six NCC cadets will be selected to participate in the North East NCC Firing Competition to be held at Shillong in the month of April after which those selected will be participating in the National Firing Championship.

DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION MEETING AT DIMAPUR

The District Level Coordination Committee Review Meeting for the 4th Quarterly 2015-2016 was held at DC conference Hall on 16th March 2016. Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Chairman DLCC Dimapur District, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS chaired the meeting.

DC Dimapur while exhorting the gathering congratulated the recipients of Tobacco Free School certificates and further encouraged them to implement it in true

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sense as many do not bother after getting the award. Yhome also felt the importance of all heads of institutions in the district to take part in anti tobacco campaign.

DC further appealed to the Dimapur Naga Students Union who were also present in the meeting to become a major stakeholder in fighting against tobacco.

The house discussed at length on "Smoke Free Dimapur" where the members present gave their views and suggestions. In regard to putting up anti tobacco sign boards in government schools, the house resolved to take up the matter with the concerned department.

During the meeting Principal, Goodwin Higher Secondary School, Chumukedima, Mhasino gave a presentation on "Being a Tobacco Free School".

Tobacco Free School Certificates were awarded to Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, C-Edge College, Dimapur, St Savio Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, Agape School, Chummukidima, Daeshin Academy, Dimapur, St Francis School, Medzephima and St Mary Montessori Higher Secondary School, Dimapur.

DC MON REITERATES ON OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE AT DPDB MEETINGS

The Monthly DPDB meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Mon W. Honje Konyak on 15th March 2016 at DC's conference hall.

After introduction of the new members the Board reviewed the last meeting minutes where the Deputy Commissioner stressed on the coordination meeting of the LADP verification committee members for proper implementation of the LDAP project in the district and urged the concerned members and technical wings of various departments to attend the meeting positively whenever notified. He reiterated all the heads of offices to identify their respective department's quarters based on record books and ascertain the position as per the format for necessary action. Emphasizing on regular attendance of officers in the place of posting the DC reiterated that quarterly attendance for the DPDB meeting would be reported to respective departments in Kohima. Honje also appealed to the DPDB members to actively participate in the meeting discussions and share their problems.

EE, PWD (R&B), Er. Talitemsu Jamir highlighted on the progress of the Mon - Namtola road after renovation of the road by the department. He informed that 14 Kms plain area road from Namtola to Tekang Bridge has been taken up by the National Highway Authority of India.

Gynecologist District Hospital Mon, Dr. Supong Meren gave a powerpoint presentation on Pre-conception & Pre-natal Diagnostic Technique Act (PNDT) 1994. He apprised the board that the Act prohibits sex selection before or after conception, misuse of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for determination of the sex of the fetus and penalties imposed for violation of the Act. The Board forwarded to the concerned authority regarding upgradation of Green Valley School, Mon and recognition of Police Unit School, Mon.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING

Tuensang District Planning and Developmental Board meeting for the month of March 2016 was held on 17 March at Deputy Commissioners Conference Hall Tuensang under the chairmanship of DPDB Vice Chairman and Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Alem Jongshi.

The meeting started with review of the last meeting minutes, where the construction of CDPO office in Sangsangyu was finalized. Registration of society namely, Tuensang District Rifle Association and Phalak Rifle Club, Yongpang Rifle Club and Yaung Foundation was discussed. Agenda for renewal of society registration in respect of Vision school society Noklak and Living Hope Society Shamator Town was also agreed by the Board to be forwarded to the Government. For construction of Chessore to Huker Road, which is about 20 kms, the Board decided to write to the Chief Engineer R & B for approval.

PHEK DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the month of March was held in its conference hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Phek Murohu Chotso on 16th March 2015. Chairman welcomed newly posted officers namely, SDEO Phek, Neichuloü Tsuzu and Sr.TO Phek, S. Pusuhu Thelu-o. After review of the last DPDB meeting minutes, Project Director DRDA Phek, Razouvolie Dozo (NCS) presented his departmental activities where he stated that

almost all the thatch roof in the district have been replaced by CGI roofing under Rural Housing Programme (IAY).

Phek Town Youth Society emphasized on the Prime Minister, Modi's Programme regarding SWACCH BHARAT and said that their tour to Sikkim has impressed them of the cleanliness of the town and surroundings. In order to keep the town clean and green, the youth society has brought out the innovative programme "Operation Clean-Green Phek". In this connection, the PTYS appealed to all the Head of Offices to morally support the society youth also requested the Heads of Offices to inform their staff to keep their office premises clean.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the noble deed undertaken by the PTYS and ensured all possible help from the administration. DPRO, Phek was entrusted to widely publish the aims and objectives of the said programme initiated by PTYS. DFO Phek expressed her concern on dumping of waste into the nullahs and drains as it damages the environment. She assured them to depute staff as resource persons during seminar. The CMO, while supporting the PTYS objectives, suggested of some penalty to be imposed to the defaulters.

EE, PWD (R&B) informed the house of the road marking process undertaken at Phek Town and sought help of the administration for its success. He said that the inauguration of the welcome gate at Phek Town will be tentatively held immediately before or after the next DPDB.

DPO Planning asked the Phek Town Youth society to avail all technical advice from the relevant departments, especially, Power

department, PHED, PWD, Forest before initiating the project on tree plantation and beneficiaries.

The Board also resolved to request the state government to open one NSCB Branch at Meluri. On the approval of the elected representative the next DPDB meeting may be held at Shilloi Lake. DPO, Land Resource Department was asked to present his departmental activities in the next meeting.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of March was held at DPDB's Conference Hall on 16th March 2016 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Rovilatuo Mor IAS.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes followed by presentation of Departmental activities by Executive Engineer (NH) PWD, S. Lanu Jamir where he gave an introduction of the Department and highlighted the various jurisdiction of Sub-Divisional wise road length under Kohima district. He also gave some ongoing major development activities which are presently in progress besides various developmental programs and schemes being carried out by the department.

Assistant Director, Urban Development Department, Kevilenuo Solo in her departmental activities presentation, gave the background of her Department's profile. She also highlighted on the Department's various activities being carried out under Centrally Sponsored Scheme and State Sponsored Scheme.

On the agenda for Registration and Renewal of Societies, the chairperson highlighted the list for new registration and renewal of Societies which have been verified by the concerned verifying Officer and scrutinised by the Screening Committee for approval of the DPDB where the Board decided to approve and forward it to the department for further necessary action. The approval list for Registration of societies are as follows:- Nagaland Police School Society, Police HQ, PR Kohima; Agro Foundation, BOC, Below Hotel Japfü, Kohima; Kohima Phiro Ekhung, Officers' Hill Colony, Kohima and Rashtrabhasha Sansthan welfare Society, Tseminyu. The approval list for renewal of societies are as follows:- The Nagaland Jesuit Educational and Charitable Society, Jakhama, Kohima; The Nagaland Jesuit Society, Jakhama, Kohima; Progressive Society, Merhülietsa colony Kohima; Tabitha Enabling Society, Sepfüzou colony Kohima; National Academy Society, PR Hill Colony, Kohima; St. Joseph College Society, Jakhama Kohima; Go Light Your World P&W Healing Ministry, High School Colony, Kohima; Kevvusheng Logwa, Tesophenyu Tseminyu, Kohima and Youth Care Home Society, Lerie Colony Kohima.

Reviewing the trend of the DPDB attendance, the DC appreciated the Members who had been attending the DPDB meeting regularly, however conveyed serious concern to those regular absentees to be regular and further ensures that all the members should share their ideas in executing their duties and activities within the district.

Beside the agenda, the DC also raised some important issues on road's maintenance and widening, pipelines leakages, and culvert blockage to be addressed by the concerned departments.

NRDW & SANITATION AWARENESS WEEK AT MON

National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week launching cum rally was held at council hall, Mon on 18th March 2016 with President KNSK, B. Lomei Konyak as the chief guest.

Lomei Konyak, in her short speech, appealed to the students to learn from the program and disseminate and share with others what they have learned from the program. She asserted that 70% – 80% of various human diseases are related to waterborne diseases due to lack of proper sanitation and safe drinking water. She urged the students to focus more on development of sanitation and safe drinking water besides other development because it is related to human health and its wellbeing.

In his keynote address Executive Engineer, PHED Mon, Er. Leyang Khamniungan, highlighted the importance of observing the awareness week. He said that National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week is a national program to create awareness on sanitation and safe drinking water. He said students are being targeted to attend the program because they are the future and an important source of disseminating information to their friends and parents back at home.

Stressing on conservation of forest he said deforestation and jhum cultivation causes shortage of drinking water and urged the students and teachers to encourage and adopt tree plantation. He also emphasized on sanitation and hygienic living with reference to the Holy Bible.

Resource person & Chemist, Watinaro spoke on the importance of water & human health. Around one thousand students including teachers from various schools and college attended the program cum rally. After the launching program the students marched from the venue to helipad ground holding banners and placard. The program was chaired by S&H Consultant, S. Aochuba Longchar.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Kiphire District Planning & Development Board was held on 5th March, 2016 at Deputy Commissioner Conference hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Kiphire, A. Chumremo Odyuo.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present including newly posted members Principal GHSS, Arvind Kumar and DHO, Medemshiba. After reviewing the last month meeting minutes, the Board discussed registration of Shukyurhu Pekhuwuba Society, Kiphire which was recommended for forwarding to the concerned authority. Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department presented its departmental activities.

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RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION AWARENESS WEEK AT WOKHA

National rural drinking & sanitation awareness week was held on 19th March 2016 at LTC Hall, Wokha, with SDO (C), Wokha Thavaseelan (IAS) as the resource person. The programme was organised by WSSO (PHED) Wokha. WATSAN members and village representatives from 19 villages attended the programme.

The resource person said that the primary aim of the programme is to accelerate and increase awareness in the villages across our district on sanitation and drinking water. He also said that almost half of the world's hospitals are filled with patients suffering from water and sanitation related diseases. To make safe drinking water and sanitation available on sustainable basis, we need to involve the water user community and create awareness, educating them to have discipline apart from constructing infrastructure, he said.

Every person should act as a brand ambassador in spreading awareness to use water judiciously, it is the duty of every right minded citizen especially staff in the PHED department to spread and ignite the minds of people in the villages and elsewhere to conserve water through preserving forests and harvesting of rain water. He also stressed on the importance of safe disposal of human waste, water and solid waste management which can help control vector borne diseases.

IEC Consultant, Nisa also gave a brief highlight on the programme and other follow up programmes to be held. The inaugural function was chaired by SD (PHED) Wokha while vote of thanks was delivered by SDO (PHED) Sanis.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP AT PFUTSERO

Under the initiative of Governor of Nagaland, P.B Acharya, free medical camp was held at Pfütsero on 21st March 2016 with Prof. Dr Salil Bendre Chest Physician and Bronchoscopist head of department of Chest medicines and Prof. Dr. R.M. Sundrani MD (BOM), Department of Pulmonology, G.T Hospital Mumbai, organized by Environmental Medical Association Mumbai and Indian National Fellowship Centre.

The camp was assisted by Medical officers of Pfütsero Community Health Centre where hundreds of patients from nearby villages availed the services including medicines which were provided free of cost.



Resource persons with participants at the National Rural Drinking & Sanitation Awareness Week at LTC Hall, Wokha on 29th March 2016.

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INAUGURATION OF WEBCASTING OF KRISHI MELA AT MON

Three days webcasting programme of Krishi Mela Pusa, New Delhi was inaugurated on 19th March 2016 at the conference hall of the DRDA office, Mon organized by the ATMA Mon.

Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Mon, Subenthung Odyuo gave the keynote address where he informed the farmers that Krishi Mela is organized by the Ministry of Agriculture to provide information on new farm schemes and technology for farmers. It is a large gathering of farmers, scientist, policy makers and stakeholders to engage in discussion, participate in live demonstration of various crops, highlight success stories of farmers and interact between farmers and scientist for better income, he said.

Welcome address was delivered by Asstt. Tech. Manager, ATMA, Mon, Nemchaba Jamir. Participants of 2014 Krishi Vasant, Wangyem Konyak of Chen Block, Yukjun Konyak of Phomching Block and Yanyak Konyak of Wakching Block respectively shared their views and experiences of the Krishi Vasant. Vote of thanks was given by Asstt. Tech. Manager ATMA Mhonchumo Khvung. The inaugural programme was followed by webcasting and interaction with the resource persons.

DPDB MEETING KIPHIRE

The monthly meeting of Kiphire District Planning & Development Board was held on 5th March, 2016 at Deputy Commissioner

Conference hall Kiphire under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Kiphire, A. Chumremo Odyuo.

The Chairman welcomed newly posted officers, Principal GHSS, Arvind Kumar and DHO Medemshiba to the Board and reviewed the last month meeting minutes. Agenda on the registration of Shukyurhu Pekhuwuba Society Kiphire was discussed for forwarding to the concerned authority. Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department presented departmental activities.

WORLD WATER DAY OBSERVED IN MOKOKCHUNG

Coinciding with the culminating programme of National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Awareness campaign (16th 22nd March 2-016), World Water day was observed at Longkumer Kilem Mokokchung on 22nd March 2016 with SDO(C) Mokokchung, T.Lemlila Sangtam as the Chief Guest. The programme was organized by PHED Mokokchung and sponsored by Water & Sanitation Support Organization (WSSO) PHED, Kohima, Nagaland.

The Chief Guest in her speech stated that since World Water Day is celebrated each year to increase the awareness among the people about the importance, need and conservation of water, the community needs to come forward and work hand in hand with the Department in promoting clean water conservation. She also stressed on the need to educate the village functionaries and especially the youth as they play an important role in the society.

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Water status of the district was presented by E.E, PHED Mokokchung, N.Yanger Pongen and Sanitation Pledge was administered by Alemjungla Longchar, Chemist.

NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION AWARENESS WEEK CULMINATES AT MON

The National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Awareness Week from 16th - 22nd March, 2016 concluded today, the 22nd March, 2016 with the observance of World Water Day at Executive Engineer PHED Office at Mon.

The week-long National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Awareness was observed for sensitization and appraisal of the mission. In the concluding function, speech on the importance on quality water was delivered by Watnaro. Short speech was also given by Tamal Datta. Vote of thanks was proposed by S. Aochuba Longchar. The programme was chaired by Medoseto Kiso.

SCIENCE SEMINAR AT TUENSANG

District level science seminar on the topic "Raise Public appreciation on scientific issue for the Development of Nation" was held today, the 22nd March 2016 in the GHSS auditorium, Tuensang.

DDEO Tuensang, I. Sashi Ao stated that without scientific education a nation

can never solve the problems of today's technology. JEO Shamator, N.G Saha emphasized on "National Science Day" celebration and importance of raising public appreciation on scientific issues for national development. He stated that human life from cradle to the grave is influenced by scientific development. Appreciating entrepreneurs like Dimul for milk production, he said Nagaland is still lacking behind in production. He mentioned that India is far ahead of many developing countries in the field of agriculture, space technology, medical sciences, small and heavy industries etc. He also said that Government should encourage the local talents to take up research projects as per the need of society.

Five schools in Tuensang participated in the programme where Prince Kumar, Class-X of St. John H.S.S Tuensang was the winner and Shamina Begum, Class-X of Akum Imlong School and Shongmo Khiam, Class-X of GHSS Tuensang were placed in the second and third positions respectively.

SDPDB MEMBERS TOUR LONGCHEM CIRCLE/ JAPUKONG RANGE

All the concerned Heads of Offices under Mangkolemba Sub Division headed by ADC, T. Imtiwapang Aier visited 11 villages under Longchem Circle/Japukong range on 17th & 18th March 2016.

The main purpose of the tour programme was to get first hand information of the functioning of the Government departments and to discuss urgent needs of the villages. During the visit, the team was informed by the different village committee

members about the non availability of Medical officer(MO) at Longchem PHC for the last one year, with the MO on study leave. After much deliberation the two MO posted at Lakhuni village has assured to provide volunteer service for 15 days in a month alternatively at Longchem PHC.

It was learned that in most of the villages there are shortage of teachers, need for medical health care service, shortage of labour in Power Department and proper road connectivity which are the basic needs of the people.

Agenda discussed during the village tour will be taken up during the next SDPDB meeting and further steps will be taken up accordingly for better functioning of the various departments. The team also visited the 13 (NAP) IR Battalion located at Yajang C and had an Informal meeting with the Commandant N. C. Jami and his officers.

BICYCLIST ON MISSION TO RAISE CANCER AWARENESS REACHES KOHIMA

A young cyclist, Anirban Acharya from Kolkata who has embarked on a multi-nation cycle journey with a mission to raise cancer awareness reached Kohima on 20th March 2016 riding his bicycle to create awareness on cancer. Anirban, who wanted to do something challenging since his schools days has undertaken a pledge to create cancer awareness on bicycle with a plan to cover more than 100 countries in the world by 2020.

Anirban said that his mission is to spread the message that 'Cancer is

preventable and curable but it needs awareness' as the primary goal of such awareness is to significantly reduce the illness and death caused due to this dreadful disease. 'The World Cancer Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection and treatment', he added.

Starting his journey from New Delhi on June 6th 2015, with a motto 'Around the world on bicycle for a cause of cancer awareness', Anirban has now covered a distance of 140000 Kilometres till date covering Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Chennai, Kerala, Kanyakumari, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam before reaching Nagaland on 19th March 2016. After covering the Seven North Eastern States he would set out for South East Asian Countries and Europe.

Before embarking on this mission, Anirban was working as a Marketing Executive in an MNC in Kolkata and also undertook training at the Indian Cancer Society, New Delhi.

FREE MEDICAL CHECK UP AT CHIEPHOBOZOU

A free multidisciplinary medical check up and treatment camp under the initiative of Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya was conducted on 23rd March 2016 at Community Health Centre, Chiephobozou. The medical camp was organised by Environmental Medical Association Mumbai and Indian National fellowship Centre and supported by the Government of Nagaland. A team of five specialised Doctors including

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Dr. K.C. Mohanty, TB and Chest Specialist as their team leader conducted the medical camp. The other team doctors included Dr. Agam Vora, Chest Physician; Dr. Satish Vaidya, Cardiologist; Dr. R.M Sundrani, Chest Physician; Professor & Dr. Varsha Phadke, Paediatrician along with a Social worker, Smita Mohanti.

The team of doctors were also assisted by Medical Officer, Chiephobozou, Dr. Esther and her ten Nursing and Dr. Kerekugumle from Primary Health Centre Touphema, and Dr. Thejavinuo Kreditsu from PHC Zhadima, 9 AR Chiephobozou also assisted the medical camp by putting up tent and chairs for the patients while ADC Chiephobozou, Linda Solo and her staff arranged refreshment for the medical team involved in the camp.

Altogether a number of 273 patients from the area and neighbouring villages attended the camp and availed free medical services and free medicine, which were distributed to them during the camp.

WORLD TB DAY OBSERVED AT MON

Along with the rest of the world, World TB Day was observed at Mon on 24th March 2016 with Deputy Commissioner, Mon W. Honje Konyak as the Guest of Honour at District Hospital Complex, Mon.

Exhorting the gathering, Honje said that the main focus of observing the day should be to unite and to organize awareness campaign to reach out to the people to

eradicate TB from the society. He appealed to the Department concerned and the NGOs to play a vital role to work harder and walk an extra mile to disseminate the information to the people. He further urged to take the help of the Churches and the civil societies and come up with a proper strategy to create awareness campaign.

Briefing on the significant of the day and activities of the TB Control programme in the district, DTO Mon, Dr. M. Imyangluba Ao, spoke on symptoms and treatment of TB and said that irregular use of medicines results in drug resistance and prolong its treatment. He appealed to jointly combat TB through awareness campaign and to end social stigma and discrimination.

President KNSK, Lomei Konyak in her short speech said that TB is curable but fatal if untreated and urged the students to carry the message to the parents back at home. Acknowledging the high TB detection rate in Mon district, she urged the district administration and the department to propose for a separate TB hospital in Mon District.

Sashi Imchen, TB Forum Mon in his vote of thanks appealed to the NGOs and the civil societies of Mon to extend cooperation and support the TB Control Program.

DCO, Project Axshya CHAI, Kehile Semp gave away the prizes to the winners of the essay competition. Motivational speech was delivered by Langwang. The program was chaired by DCM Mon, Eunice Thalih.

TOHANBA ADDRESSES YGOA ANNUAL MEET

The 12th annual meeting of the Yimchungrü Gazetted Officers' Association (YGOA) was held on 24th March at Old Showuba village, Dimapur district.

Speaking on the occasion, Parliamentary Secretary for Municipal Affairs and Economics & Statistics, R Tohanba, called upon the Yimchungrü gazetted officers to be role models in terms of work ethics and to be agents of change in the society. He said that sincerity, devotion, obedience, integrity, honesty and humility are some of the important qualities that every public servant should possess and as public servants, gazetted officers should never exhibit haughtiness or arrogance while discharging their duties but try to gain the trust and respect of fellow officers and subordinates by way of practicing what one

preaches. In this way, the officers would be able to inspire co-fellow workers which in turn would allow the respective departments to deliver the goods for public welfare and overall development of the state, he added. The Parliamentary Secretary also called upon the Yimchungrü gazetted officers to play a pro-active role in maintaining inter-tribal harmony and to cultivate the art of working and living together. Tohanba said the YGOA, which was formed in 1993, had remained defunct for some years due to various reasons. He said after YGOA was reorganized in 2014 at the Pungro session, the association has undertaken various activities including social welfare measures, humanitarian and charitable works, career guidance and counseling to encourage students. He also said YGOA has closely coordinated with other NGOs to promote better understanding among the Yimchungrü people and Nagas as a whole.



Parliamentary Secretary for Municipal Affairs and Economics & Statistics, R. Tohanba along with members of Yimchungrü Gazetted Officer's Association (YGOA) at the annual meeting held at Old Showuba village on 24th March 2016.

District Round Up



Minister for R&B, Y. Vikheho Swu addressing the SDPDB meeting at Asukiqo area (Kitami Council Hall), around 32 kms away from Pughoboto on 7th February 2016.

NAGALAND PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION TUENSANG DIST. UNIT SILVER JUBILEE 1991 — 2016

Chief Guest: Shri TOYANG CHANGKONG CHANG.

HON'BLE PARLIAMENTARY SECY. NRE & FES NAGALAND

GUEST OF HONOR: Shri ALEM JONGSHI, HON'BLE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, TSG.

VENUE: CKS. HALL. DATE: 01-03-2016. TIME: 11:00 AM.



Parliamentary Secretary for Fire Service and Renewable Energy, Toyang Changkong speaking at the Nagaland Pensioner's Association Tuensang Unit Silver Jubilee on 1st March 2016 at CKS Hall, Tuensang.

State Round Up

Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya addressing the Eleventh Session of the Twelfth Assembly of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 15th March 2016.



Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang presenting the budget speech at the assembly sessions on 17th March 2016.

State Round Up

Parliamentary Secretary for Irrigation and Flood Control, Jacob Zhimomi with Union Minister for Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharati at her Office chamber at Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi on 4th March 2016.



Advisor Cooperation, Imtilemba Sangtam with the Union Ministers of State for Agriculture, Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai Kundariya at New Delhi on 4th March 2016.

Development Round Up



Minister for PWD (R&B), Vikheho Swu inaugurating the bailey bridge at Phangsa on 29th March 2016.



Minister for National Highway, Mechanical and Election, Nuklutoshi inaugurating the CBNAAT machine at District TB Centre Mokokchung on 24th March.

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Dr. W Punsokiu, CMO Kiphire; K Janger, former NPSC member and president Yimchungrü Tribal Council (YTC), Keozhih, also exhorted the gathering. President YGOA, Murelim, delivered the welcome address and General Secretary, YGOA, K Showuba, proposed vote of thanks.

PEREN OBSERVES NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

National science day was observed at Peren under the theme 'Raise Public appreciation on scientific issue for the Development of Nation' on 29th March 2016 at Town Hall, Peren with EAC Tsidi Hairang as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the EAC gave a brief introduction where he stated that National Science day is being celebrated across India to harness the scientific temper among the young generation. After Independence India concentrated mostly on nuclear and space development which led to neglect of our basic needs like food grain, he said further stating that changes in mindset and focus on agriculture using scientific method will lead to rise in economy for the country. He said that science need people who are more interested in questioning and reasoning and encouraged the students to adopt themselves with modern technology. The programme was chaired by DDEO Peren, L. Toshimenla Imchen, special number was presented by GMS DC Colony and vote of thanks was delivered by SDEO Peren, Zuponi.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY 2016 AT MOKOKCHUNG

National Science Day 2016 under the theme "Raise Public Appreciation on Scientific Issues for the Development of Nation" was observed on 29th March at Mokokchung with Asstt. Prof. Nagaland University, Dr. Neizo Puro as the guest speaker on the theme.

Altogether 20 students, representing different schools, participated with their innovative models based on the theme. The first prize was bagged by Jubilee Memorial Higher Secondary School on the topic 'working model on use of alcohol to produce electricity', second prize by Queen Mary Higher Secondary School on the topic 'roof top farming in future cities' and third prize by Town Higher Secondary School on 'conversion of waste to electricity and heat'.

MGHSS, MOKOKCHUNG EQUIPPED WITH BIO TECHNOLOGY LAB

Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School which offers Science, Commerce and Arts to Higher Secondary students is now equipped with the much needed Biotechnology laboratory. Sponsored by the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology (North East Region), the newly established Biotech Lab at MGHSS would inspire science students to have research mind on exploitation of biological agents/their components for generating useful products and services.

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According to officials, a total of 88 Higher Secondary Schools were benefited under this programme in the North East region. Nagaland state had sent proposal for five schools out of which three schools benefited in the first phase. It was learnt that Assam state took the lion share by establishing biotech Labs at 55 higher secondary schools followed by Manipur state.

Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Sushil Kumar Patel formally inaugurated the laboratory. In his speech DC thanked Professor Dr. Chitta Rajan Deb, Department of Botany, Nagaland University for making all the efforts to make the Lab a reality at MGHSS. He said that the setting up a new lab would not only benefit the students of MGHSS but it would greatly help science students of Queen Mary Higher Secondary School and Senayangba Government Higher Secondary school. He appealed to science students to take full advantage of well equipped Biotech lab at MGHSS.

Prof Dr. Chitta Rajan Deb made a presentation on introduction to plant tissue culture and biotechnology.

WOMEN WELFARE SOCIETY, MELURI CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

Women Welfare Society, Meluri Town celebrated Silver Jubilee on 30th March 2016 at Town Hall Meluri with ADC Meluri, John Tsulise Sangtam as the chief guest.

The chief guest in his speech said that women play an important and central role in the society as well in the family. The most important and biggest role in the society is administered by a mother, he said asserted that a mother has to show good attitude to their children and bring them up to become responsible and successful citizen in the future.

Virhothsu Nyuwi was the speaker on the topic "Be a real woman" and said that a woman's job is not easy as she has to take care for everything starting from the kitchen to binding a family together and shaping the society. Gracy Nyuwi, Convener Jubilee Committee chaired the function and Shikaholi pronounced vote of thanks. The programme was attended by thousands of women folk including government heads of offices and public leaders.

State Activities

T. R. ZELIANG INAUGURATES "A DECADE OF RTI IN NAGALAND" CELEBRATION AT KOHIMA

The Nagaland Information Commission celebrated "A Decade of RTI in Nagaland" with Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang inaugurating the celebration at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 5th March 2016. The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Ministerial Colleagues, Parliamentary Secretaries, Advisors and MLAs. The function was also attended by the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, State Bureaucrats and Former Chief Information Commissioners and Members.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang released the "10th Anniversary Souvenir", "the Impact of RTI in Nagaland during the last 10 years" and "the Audit of Proactive Disclosures of Public Authorities in the State for 2015-2016 (showing level of transparency)". The Chief Minister in his inaugural address congratulated the Nagaland Information Commission for completing ten years of functioning in the State and urged the Commission to take the Mission forward for the people of the State. He regarded the RTI Act 2005 as landmark legislation to bring about transparency in public offices and reduce corruption and stated that the Act is the empowerment of the common people. The Chief Minister stated that the RTI Act mandatorily requires every public office in maintaining proper

records in all transactions and furnish information through a format of standard disclosures to the citizens. Therefore desired that all Government Departments evolve a systematized record keepings. He simultaneously cautioned against misuse of RTI Act by unscrupulous people with ulterior motives and in that regard cautioned the Commission in distinguishing genuine and non-genuine information seekers. The Chief Minister urged all PIOs to be well conversant with the provision of the RTI Act so as to be able to effectively perform in providing the services to the people of the State.

The Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Bukchem Phom in his keynote address recounted the Commission's activities of the last decade. The Information Commission in the State has been working under the policy of "Trust Through Transparency" and has involved NGOs such as Nagaland Voluntary Consumers Society to undertake the assignment of RTI Impact Analysis.

The Commission also conducted a quick audit on proactive disclosures which revealed that the State has achieved a degree of discipline and transparency. The Commission is rated as one of the best Commissions in the country today by recording one of the lowest rejection rates of RTI applications in the country. Nagaland State Commission along with Chhattisgarh have conducted gender break-up records and also the economic profile of applicants through the RTI applicants. The State Commission has no pendency record for the last five years, however few pending cases

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have been due to lapses caused by some PIOs and Appellate Authorities for which Officers responsible have been taken to task in 36 cases.

The CIC divulged that in the past 10 years the total applications under RTI was 16,026 and the highest number of queries were received from 2006 to 2015, out of which 60% were on Districts, 25% were on Directorates, 9% were on Secretariat and 7% were on other units. One notable aspect on the queries was that from 2012 onwards, the number of RTI queries received from outside of the State surpasses the queries from within the State.

The Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar IAS in his vote of thanks added and assured that the Government would strive to provide further improvements wherever required in respect of RTI.

The inaugural function was followed by a plenary session with Editor, Tir Yimym & President Nagaland Press Association, K. Temjen Jamir as the Moderator and the following as the Panellists, former Chief Secretary & former CIC, Lalhuma, IAS (Rtd); former State Information Commissioners, Rev. Dr. Pongsing Konyak and Dr. Kuhoi K. Zhimomi. The Plenary session concluded with the closing remarks by Secretary Nagaland Information Commission, Worhonthung Ezung.

PARL. SECY, IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL CALLS ON UNION MINISTER

Parliamentary Secretary for Irrigation and Flood Control, Jacob Zhimomi called on the Union Minister for Water Resource,

River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharati at her office chamber at Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi on 4th March, 2016.

During the meet, the Parliamentary Secretary briefed the Union Minister on the ongoing schemes under the Ministry in the State and requested for release of central grant in respect of ongoing minor irrigation projects included under AIBP during 2014-15 and the committed liabilities for completed schemes under FMP taken up in 2014-15. He also submitted a Concept Note to the Minister on Dhansiri River Development and Rejuvenation for consideration under her Ministry.

The Union Minister assured the Parliamentary Secretary for release of fund for the ongoing projects. She also said that for Dhansiri River she will take up the matter with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as the Conservation of Rivers is under that Ministry.

IMTILEMBA SANGTAM ATTENDS CONGRESS AT DELHI

Advisor Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, Imtilemba Sangtam attended the "6th National Labour Cooperatives Congress at Conference Hall of IAPDD, Siri Institutional Area New Delhi on 4th March, 2016 under the theme "Role of Labour Cooperatives in Make in India, Skill India and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan".

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Sudarshan Bhagat graced the function as the Chief Guest. The main

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focus of the congress was the Role of Labour Cooperatives in Make in India, Skill India and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan as per appeal made by the Prime Minister of India. The Congress reviewed the implementation of recommendation of 5th National Labour Cooperatives Congress and also considered the achievements, problems of Labour Cooperatives in details.

Delegates from Labour Cooperatives and special invitees from Central and State government, NABARD, National Cooperatives Organizations, NGOs, International Organizations participated in the Congress. The Advisor was accompanied by Velasa Nakhro, Registrar of Cooperatives Societies and Department Officers from the State.

Advisor Imtilemba Sangtam also met Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai Kundariya and discussed department projects like ICDP, NCDC and other projects. The Union Minister assured to extend all possible help to the State. The Union Minister is planning to visit Nagaland in the first week of May 2016.

LET YOUR SACRIFICES BEAR FRUITS, CM TELLS NPGS

Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang today exhorted various leaders of Naga Political Groups to have more consultations, deliberations and discussions on how best to solve the protracted Naga political problem so that the sacrifices made by generations of Nagas including the present leaders may bear fruit for the future generations to harvest.

"Let your sacrifices bear fruit for our children to reap the benefits. We should not bequeath our children with an unsolved political problem. Nagas have suffered for too long and we must find a solution that is honourable, acceptable to all sections of the society," the Chief Minister said today while addressing the Consultative Meeting of Nagaland Legislators' Forum on Naga Political Issue, with all Naga Political Groups at Police Complex, Chumukedima.

"We, as elected representatives of the people, have sworn allegiance to the Constitution of India and therefore, we cannot take part in the negotiating table. And we have made it very clear to the Government of India that we can only facilitate early solution of the problem; we can only suggest; we can only ask that the interests of all are taken into consideration while bringing out a final solution," the Chief Minister elaborated.

The Chief Minister also said that though the Election Manifesto of every political party in Nagaland mentions early solution to the Naga political party if voted to power, the matter is kept in the back-burner once elections are over.

"However, my Government has taken up the issue with all seriousness and in July last year, the Parliamentary Working Committee took a step forward by sending a delegation to the national capital to meet the Prime Minister, the Home Ministers and the Interlocutor RN Ravi. Last month another team of the PWC met national political party leaders and requested for support in the Parliament for an early solution which is all-inclusive, honourable and acceptable to all sections of the Naga society," the Chief Minister pointed out.

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He expressed confidence that the Government of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was sincere and determined to solve the Naga problem and pointed out that the Interlocutor RN Ravi enjoyed much more confidence of the Prime Minister than his predecessors Padmanabhaiah and RS Pandey.

He said the Home Minister told a delegation of the PWC that RN Ravi was entrusted not only to talk to the Naga people but also to solve the Naga problem, and added that "future generations will praise us if we choose wisely and take timely decisions now."

The meeting was well-attended by representatives of three NNC groups barring the Adino group and the NSCN Kholi/ Kitovi and Reformation groups.

Y. PATTON CALLS ON UNION HOME MINISTER

Home Minister for Nagaland, Y. Patton called on the Union Minister of State for Home Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary at his office North Block New Delhi on 11th March, 2016.

In a meeting with Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary, Union Minister of State for Home, Y. Patton apprised him of over pending proposals on Police Modernization with the Home Ministry. Minister of State for Home has assured to sanction the pending proposals very soon. Y. Patton also invited him to Nagaland to which Union Home Minister of State has agreed. The programme of MoS(H) will be finalized soon. Principal Resident Commissioner Joyti Kalash accompanied the Minister.

PAIWANG CALLS ON UNION TRANSPORT MINISTER

P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Transport Information, Technology and Communication Government of Nagaland had called on Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Shipping Government of India at his office chamber Transport Bhavan New Delhi on 11th March, 2016.

During the meeting Paiwang requested the Union Minister for construction of road from Tizit Mon (Nagaland) state to Zangkhom Puma via Sangsa (Arunachal) (48.00 km) under I.S.C. scheme for the better connectivity between two states. The Union Minister said that, the proposal submitted under I.S.C. will be take up priority and assured him that the project will be sanctioned in the month of March 2016 or by new Financial Year April 2016. He also asked Paiwang to announce the assurance of the project.

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

The inaugural function of the ten-day workshop on Research Methodology for Ph.D students in Social Sciences was held at Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema on 14th March 2016 with Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pardeshi Lal as the chief guest and former Pro. Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. Lanu Ao as the guest of honour.

The workshop's primary objective is to define research problem and formulating research design, designing data collection

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instruments, hypothesis framing and testing, hands on training with suitable software packages and Research report writing and presentation.

The course was sanctioned under the ICSSR special component plan for ST category and preference was given to the applicants belonging to ST category from the state of Nagaland and its neighbouring states.

The chief guest expressed happiness over the availability of training provision for students which started in 2009. While stressing on the basic issues of research he said that the problems lie in finding in the area of interest, need for review of literature and the need for assumptions. He said that research is a formal, systematic and intensified approach of a subject matter in a scientific manner.

Research is important for development but it also gives side products which can be harmful like nuclear energy, Prof. Lal added. He urged the researchers to work without fear has a moral responsibility to be free and fair.

Course Director, Department of Commerce, NU, Dr. Ratan Kaurinta mentioned that the workshop on Research Methodology is being organised with the aim to facilitate the Research Scholars, where knowledge can be shared through interactive sessions and discussions with eminent experts in the field. He also said that the workshop will improve the research skills and theoretical knowledge and give them hands-on training via plethora of learning modules.

The workshop was organized by Department of Commerce NU, Meriema campus and sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). Dr. N. Martina Solo said the welcome address. Course Co-Director, Dr. Amrendra Kumar gave the vote of thanks. Prof. A.K. Mishra also spoke during the occasion. Students from the Department of Commerce presented a special number.

NAGC HOLDS CAREER GUIDANCE

The Nagaland Adolescent Girls' Club held a career guidance programme on the theme 'Inspiring Young minds, Inspiring future' on 14th March 2016 at Mezhr Higher Secondary School auditorium, Kohima.

EAC Phek, Thejakhrienuo Nisa speaking on the topic "Dreams don't die; How to work towards your goal", encouraged the students to work hard so as to become a successful person in life. Nowadays "the competition become very competitive where only the best few will be selected among thousands", she said. She also shared her experience, failures and disappointments with special emphasis on NPSC. While encouraging the students she asserted that the four principles such as hard work, strong determination, perseverance and prayer are indispensable to become a successful person as such one should learn to inculcate these principles. Sharing on the importance of strategy for preparation of civil services exam, she urged the students to have thorough planning, proper time management, smart reading and most importantly to have clear understanding of fundamentals.

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Assistant Planning Officer, Kekhrie Mezbur spoke on the topic "Journey to success; competitive exams and success" where he encouraged the students to take time to identify one's own strength and weakness as being good was not enough in this cut throat competition. He said that success could be achieved irrespective of sector provided one is passionate on what is into. Stressing on the definition of success, he said success is all about hard work, sheer determination, perseverance and accumulation of sweat and blood.

In the second session, the resource person Assistant Professor, Science College Kohima, Dr. Ruokuovikho Tase spoke on "Courage strength and passion; A perspective on Science stream while Chief Analyst, Youth Net, John Meyase spoke on "A perspective on the role of commerce". Assistant State Coordinator, SRCW, R. Juliana Medom spoke on the topic "The challenge; The role of young people in good governance".

Secretary, NSSWB, Daisy Mezbur delivered the welcomed note while NAGC of Mewi and Modern Schools presented special numbers. Assistant Coordinator, NAGC, Medochunuo Chielie chaired the programme while NAGC Coordinator, Ruovinuo Kiewhuo concluded the programme.

NBSE CONDUCTS THIRD ANNUAL TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Nagaland Board of School Education in collaboration with the Trinity College, London had conducted the Third Annual Teachers Training Program in English

communication skills from 11th – 12th March 2016 at NBSE office conference hall, Kohima with Dr. John Bentley (Trinity Academic Support Specialist, India and Soma Podder (Trinity faculty, India) as the resource persons. There were 32 participants from 22 institutions affiliated for this program.

The training focused on orienting teachers to prepare students for Trinity College's Graded Exam in Spoken English (GESE) as well as on classroom management and ways to integrate communication skills into their classrooms.

The GESE exams, which are highly sought-after qualification with international validity, being accepted for entry into university throughout Europe and the US, has a unique form of assessments, focusing on 1-1 interactions between the examiner and the examinee with graded approach to language acquisition. In the last two years, students of Nagaland who took this exam have a record 100% pass percentage.

GOVERNOR ADDRESSES ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE TWELFTH ASSEMBLY

The Eleventh Session of the Twelfth Assembly of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly got underway on 15th March 2016. The list of business for the first day included Governor's Address, obituary references and motion of thanks on the Governors address.

Addressing the Eleventh Session of the Twelfth Assembly, Governor of Nagaland, P.B Acharya said that the State government shall continue to take active part in

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facilitating the peace process amongst the various stake holder groups and appealed to all sections of the society to be large hearted and supportive of the peace process for the sake of the future generation. He said that the abrogation of the ceasefire by NSCN (K) in March 2015 has caused much anxiety among the people and the state government along with civil societies has been appealing to the Government of India and NSCN (K) to resume the ceasefire. The Governor also said that consultation process amongst the various stake holder groups is also going on actively with the signing of the Framework agreement by the Government of India and the NSCN (IM) on 3rd August 2015.

Dwelling on the unfortunate murder of an innocent couple near Shamator on 6th February 2016 which has led to problems in Kiphire, Pungro and Shamator areas, the Governor said that the situation has been brought under control due to the collective efforts of government agencies, civil societies and members of the house, he added. Stating that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by a DIG of Police has been set up, he appealed to the people of the state to cooperate and assist with the SIT in apprehending the culprits. He also said that safety of the minority community in any area should be the prime concern of the majority community in that area and the tendency for enacting revenge must be avoided and the law be allowed to take its own course.

Highlighting the house on various development and progress of the state, the Governor said that the new 14th NAP (IR) battalion Hq at Okhezong, Kiphire has been

inaugurated on 25th January 201+ while construction of 12th NAP (IR) battalion Hq at Chingtok, Longleng and 13th NAP (IR) battalion Hq at Yachang, Mokokchung are nearing completion. He also said that a 240 personnel State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was launched on the occasion of the R-day 2016. The SDRF personnel will be deployed at eight strategic district Hq with the objective to respond quickly to natural calamities across the state he added.

The Governor said that video conferencing facility with all district courts and district jails has been installed and the Kohima bench of the High court has been provided wi-fi and local area network (LAN) connectivity. He also announced that the financial assistance to the living WW II veterans of the state have been enhanced from Rs 3000/- to 6000/- per month with effect from 2015-16.

The Governor also added that the department of Power has completed and commissioned the 1 mw Tehok Mini hydro electric project on 29th January 2016 in Chen, Mon while the New & Renewable Energy department has commissioned the Mayemong Hydro Electric project on 21st May 2015 which is a stand- alone project in the remotest part of the state supplying power to Choklangan and Wui village under Noklak sub-division.

Under NST construction of Inter State Truck Terminus (ISTT) at Kohima has been completed and that the construction of the Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Kohima and Inter State Bus & Truck Terminus (ISBTT) at New District Hq., Peren are nearing completion.

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Under the Science & Technology Department, the construction of the Innovation Hub, along with a Planetarium is expected to be completed by March, 2016. Under Youth Resources & Sports Department three young Naga footballers have been selected for special coaching at the All India Football Federation Football Academy at Goa to participate in the FIFA 2017 under 17 World Cup to be held in India. In the Information Technology & Communication sector Nagaland became the first State in the country to successfully take over the State Portal and State Service Delivery Gateway (SP & SSDG) Mission Mode Project. Nagaland also became the first State in North-Eastern Region to start the pilot project for National Information Infrastructure (NII) at Peren district. Applications for NPSC examination have been made fully online with online payment facility for the 2nd consecutive year.

In the Cooperation sector, the Marketing Complexes at Signal Basti, Dimapur, Medziphema and Mon have been completed. The Department of Tourism participated at the China International Travel Mart held at Kunming, China from 13th-15th November, 2015. The Commissionerate of Sales Tax has computerized almost all areas of its functioning to reduce the interface between the Department and the taxpayers. Using these e-services, 10,723 dealers have been registered under various Acts, and Rs. 297.35 crores collected through online e-payments since the e-payment module went live from January, 2012 onwards.

The Municipal Affairs Department has notified Town Councils for Aboi, Shamator,

Noklak and Meluri Town on 10th July 2015. The Department completed preparation of Smart City Plan for Kohima Smart City which was submitted to the Government of India for the Stage-II City Challenge competition under the Smart City Mission. The Department has completed survey on Housing Demand in all the 23 ULBs of the State under Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana (Housing for All by 2022).

In the Urban Development sector the Solid Waste Management Facility at Lerie, Kohima having a 50 tonnes per day Compost Plant, including Sanitary Landfill to accommodate 42,000 cubic meters of waste and Leachate Treatment Plant of 75,000 litres per capacity was inaugurated and commissioned on February 11, 2016.

MLA, Vikho-u Yhosu moved the motion of thanks on the Governor's address which was delivered on 15th March 2016 during the Eleventh Session of the Twelfth NLA. MLA Namri Nchang seconded the motion.

ASSEMBLY SESSION MAKES OBITUARY REFERENCES

Obituary reference was delivered by the Chief Minister and the Speaker on the Eleventh session of Twelfth Assembly this morning, the 15th March, 2016. Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang made obituary reference on the passing away of former Governor of Nagaland Late General (Retd) K.V. Krishna Rao who passed away on January 30, 2016. He was born on July 16, 1923 and served as an Indian Army in 1942. He was retired

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as Chief of the Army Staff in 1983 and was appointed Governor of Nagaland in June 1984.

The Chief Minister also made obituary reference of the former Lok Sabha Speaker and sitting MP from Meghalaya Late Purno Agitok Sangma who was born on 1st September 1947 and passed away on 4th March 2016. In 1996 to 1998 he was a Speaker of the Lok Sabha and was also the Chief Minister of Meghalaya from 6th February 1988 to 25th March 1990.

The Speaker also made obituary reference to the former Member of NLA, Late L. Nokzenketba who passed away on 5th February 2016. L. Nokzenketba joined Indian National Congress party in 1973, he was elected as MLA from the constituency of Koridang in the year 1982 till 1989. The Speaker also made reference to the passing away of the former member of NLA late Lalkholam Kuki who passed away on 9th February 2016, Peren. He was elected as member of the first NLA from 11th February 1964 to February 16, 1969 from the Assembly constituency of Tening. Former member of NLA Late Er. T. Sakusangba Aier was also referred by the Speaker who passed away on 24th February 2016 Dimapur. He was the founder of Subordinate Engineers Service Association in the year of 1965. He also joined as an INC member in the year 1955, and was the Parliamentary Secretary in charge of Housing, Labour and Employment in 2008 and was also the founder of Saku Mission college, Dimapur which he founded in 1994.

FP ORGANIZES AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CENTRAL SCHEMES

The Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India organized a special Outreach programme on the flagship Programmes of the Central government at Thekrejuma village on 13th March 2016.

Addressing the gathering as resource person, Tekraj Sharma from the Indian Postal Department emphasized the need to create more awareness on all central government welfare schemes so that the real beneficiaries and the targeted communities can avail and reap its benefits. He said that the central government has launched several Schemes so as to help the common people. The resource person highlighted on the various central government schemes and its components such as PMJDY, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Sukhanya Samridhi Account. Speaking on the occasion, L. Casavi, FPO, DFP pointed out that the main purpose of the programme was to sensitize people living in rural and media shadow areas on the various welfare schemes launched by the centre and to empower stakeholders through knowledge and information.

Expressing the hope that through this programme the villagers are being benefited with information of numerous Central government schemes under one platform, Casavi urged upon the gathering to exercise the knowledge that they have gain during the programme and start availing the

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benefit by approaching the departments concern. He also dwelled on the subject of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and the newly introduced scheme such as Skill India. The second session of the programme included question and answers sessions and quiz competition. A public rally was also held as part of the programme.

TOKHEHO LAUNCHES STATE LEVEL NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION AWARENESS WEEK

The seven-day National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week was launched at the PHED Conference Hall on 16th March 2016 with Minister for PHE, Tokheho Yepthomi as the chief guest. The awareness campaign is being organized by

the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation throughout India.

Tokheho said that the creation of water and sanitation facilities alone are not enough unless people are well informed on proper usage and maintenance of such assets, and conservation of water in our daily usage. He added that the awareness week also gives a two way-interaction with the villagers which will help in the administration.

Tokheho stressed on the conservation of forest since any effort to conserve water cannot be successful if there is no rainfall. Although with limited resources and grant from the centre, he said that the Department will do its best to provide safe and adequate drinking water to the citizens and achieve total sanitation by 2019. He urged all the stake holders to take active part as the PHE department alone cannot sanitize the state. Parliamentary Secretary for I&PR, Khekaho Assumi in his short address lauded the



Minister for PHE, Tokheho Yepthomi speaking at the National Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Awareness Week at the PHED Conference Hall on 16th March 2016.

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PHED for doing well as of late. He asked the Department to stress more on traditional water system like traditional well since it is more reliable during the draught period. He also urged the department to tie-up with forest department for afforestation in the catchment areas to increase water supply.

Chief Engineer, PHED, Er. Kevisekho Kruse in his keynote address said that half of the world's hospitals are filled with patients suffering from water and sanitation related diseases. To make safe drinking water and sanitation available on a sustainable basis, he said that we need to involve the water user community and create awareness, educating and organizing them to have discipline apart from constructing infrastructure.

Deputy Speaker, NLA Imtikumzuk and Parliamentary Secretary, Art & Culture, E. Eshak Konyak attended the programme. Secretary, PHED Anenla S. Longchari (IAS) chaired the programme. Director WSSO, PHED, Er. K. Ghushito Sumi proposed the vote of thanks.

GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND INDUCTS NPSC MEMBER

Nagaland State Governor, P.B. Acharya administered "Oath of Secrecy" to S. Chonta Khim as the board member of Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) on 16th March, 2016 at Raj Bhavan Kohima. The proceeding was initiated by the Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar IAS.

S. Chonta Khim is the son of Lt. Shouchiu from Choklangan village under Tuensang District from Khamniungan tribe. His educational qualification is BA, LLB and is an advocate and a Social worker by profession.

S. Chonta has rendered social services in different organization such as General Secretary Choklangan Students' Union 1991-96, President Choklangan Students' Union 1997 -2000, Finance Secy Khamniungan Community Union Mokokchung 1995 -98, General Secretary Khamniungan Students' Union 1999-2001, Joint Secretary NPF, 56th Noklak A/C 2003-05, General Secretary Nokhu Range Students' Union 2004-06, General Secretary Khamniungan Union Kohima 2005-07, Information Secretary Mokokchung Law College Students' Union 2004-05, President Khamniungan Students' Union 2009-till date, Vice President International Border Area Peoples' Welfare Organisation (IBAPWO) 2015- till date, Junior Divisional Accountant (Treasuries & Accounts) 2004-06, VEC (GPS Choklangan village) 2014 Till date, Member Secretary Liaison Committee for Unification of National Workers under Khamniungan Region 2012 to 2015. He is also a Member of Nagaland Bar Association, Guwahati High Court Kohima Bench.

GOVERNOR RELEASES NAGAMESE FILM

Cinema is a mirror of the society, how we live, what should be our life, what are the aspiration and what we dreamed of all can be seen through the cinema, said the Governor of Nagaland and Assam P.B. Acharya while releasing the Nagamese Film "Maiki Manu Dukh Laga Kahani -part 2" at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan on 16th March 15, 2016. He said that a film is an educational medium which can change our mindset.



Governor, P.B. Acharya, his wife and others at the launching of the Nagamese film 'Maiki Manu Dukh Laga Kahani - Part 2' at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan on 16th March 2016.

While congratulating the film producer and the artists for a grand success, the Governor said that the film depicted the life of the producer who suffered in real life and through that event she portrays social life of our community.

Speaking about the film, the Governor said that the suffering and oppression of a women where she is unnecessarily discriminated and justice being done by fighting back is a bold enough medium of expression, whereby the Governor urged the producer that the movie be screened in school and colleges across Nagaland.

The film is produced and directed by Esther Bano.

NBSE CONDUCTS INTERACTION PROGRAMME

The Nagaland Board of School Education, Kohima conducted an interaction programme with the newly appointed head of institutions of Secondary and Higher

Secondary Schools on 15th March 2016 at Ura Academy Hall, Kohima. A total of 146 heads attended the meeting.

This is an annual program of the Board where the newly appointed heads are apprised on the different expectations as heads of an institution and also briefed about their duties and responsibilities.

In the programme, Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose dwelled on the importance of administration in the school and on the role and leadership aspects of the head.

She urged the heads of schools to partner together to bring about positive change in the system. Controller of Exams, Rangumbung spoke on examination matters and reforms initiated by the Board, Coordinator (IT) Kekhrielhoutuo gave a power point presentation on the use of technology and connectivity and Sr. Academic Officer, Iluheing spoke on the academic aspects, the essence of an institution. The meeting concluded with an interactive session where many doubts and queries were clarified.

CM GRACES GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF KOHIMA SCIENCE COLLEGE

Chief Minister TR Zeliang graced the Golden Jubilee celebration of Kohima Science College Students' Union, at Kohima Science College on 16th March 2016.

Speaking the programme he congratulate the student community both past and present for having contributed and

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for being part of the great achievements of this college during the last 55 year of its existence. He also added that the Science College being a government college has shining achievements provides a heart warming and encouraging trend and the credit equally goes to both the faculty the students. He also expressed his joy on the assessment of the College by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2011, the college managed to get A-Grade which he added is a remarkable achievement. Another crowning achievement of the college is being conferred Autonomous College Status by the UGC in 2014 but he remarked that Autonomous status is not only a matter of pride but also a matter of greater responsibility for all those connected with the college.

Zeliang complimented the students' Union for their discipline and being responsible union for the past 50 years and also ensuring peaceful and congenial atmosphere in the campus has enabled the college to achieve great heights.

Also congratulating the Kohima Science College Students' Union for setting up a Jubilee Trust he said the Trust will go a long way in helping deserving students from poor family backgrounds to pursue their studies and to achieve their dreams.

Zeliang launched the jubilee trust and donated 2 lakhs towards the fund and called upon all to come forward and donate for the cause which will help the deserving students to achieve their dreams.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Seyiekhrielie Whiso and Sentila I. Longkumer. Alumni who gave short speeches were Dr. N.R. Newmai, Dr. Benjongliba Aier and Avelu Ruho.

Greetings were also given by Subenthung Kithan, President NSF, Zhokhu Thuluo, President ANCSU and Rokophrezo Rino, President JSU. Special songs were presented by Jubilee choir and Impochang Pongen. Welcome speech was delivered by Dr. I. Anungla Aier, Principle Kohima Science College.

GOVERNMENT ABLE TO RELEASE ALL PENDING CIVIL DEPOSITS : CHIEF MINISTER

For the first time since the 13th Finance Commission said the government has been able to release all pending civil deposits in the current financial year and have a positive balance from current revenue (BCR) of Rs 71.62 crore for 2016-17. This was stated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland T.R Zeliang while addressing a press conference at the Assembly Secretariat after presenting his budget speech for 2016-17 on 17th March 2016.

The Chief Minister stated that he wishes to maximise the over-all development of the state but at the same time maintain strict financial management. T.R. Zeliang also maintained that for the first time, the accumulated deficit has been brought down through internal management which is a commendable achievement. He also expressed his gratitude to the 14th Finance Commission for awarding reasonable to the state, particularly with respect to the grants made to cover the revenue gap.

The Chief Minister also stated that no new taxes will be imposed for the current

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Financial year, however the tax collection system in the state will be improved. The Chief Minister presented a gross total budget of Rs. 13658.75 crore.

CHIEF MINISTER APPRISES ON SALIENT FEATURES OF BUDGET

With the replacement of the Planning Commission by NITI Aayog and the change in the pattern of fund flow from the Centre to the States, State Chief Minister, T.R.Zeliang stated that with the new system and for the first time after many years the House is presenting a full budget for 2016-17.

Delivering his budget speech, the Chief Minister said that the annual Plan outlay for 2016-17 has been projected at Rs 3924.47 crores which consists of Rs. 2882.41 crores as CSS, Rs. 117.06 crores as NEC, Rs. 230.00 crores as NLCPR, Rs. 115.00 crores as EAP and Rs. 580.00 crores as untied or flexible fund. The annual Plan outlay for 2016-17 is 8.35% higher than last year. Out of the Annual Plan Outlay of Rs. 3924.47 crores, allocation for the Social Sector is Rs 1519.38 crores, which is 38.72% of the total outlay, for the Economic Sector, it is Rs. 1903.01 crores, which is 48.49% of the total outlay and for the General Sector, it is Rs. 502.08 crores, which is 12.79% of the total outlay. He also briefly mentioned of an achievement that has been made in the area of budgeting that will have significant impact in the coming years. In continuation of the process of rationalization and codification of the Demand for Grants from 2015-16, more improvements have been made in the

2016-17 budget, where there is no separate column for Plan and Non Plan funds, but which can be identified by use of the classification code. In addition, an abstract of headwise detailed fund provisions has been indicated for easy and ready reference, he stated. The Chief Minister said that this is a fulfillment of the rationalization and codification process, which will facilitate the computerization of the transactions of all DDOs and Treasuries in the near future. This in turn will help improve the quality of Accounts, and also improve monitoring and control of expenditure.

With better monitoring and control in place and also with the various austerity measures being worked out, the Chief Minister was hopeful of reducing the deficit by Rs. 225.00 crores by the end of 2016-17. However, he said that this will be subject to the Government of India providing us grant under share of Central Taxes as projected in our budget for 2016-17, at the level of Rs. 3016.31 crores.

The Chief Minister informed the House that during the current year, the deficit has been reduced by a projected amount of Rs. 123.36 crores from the opening deficit of Rs. 1542.71 crores. This is the first time in the recent history of our State where the deficit could be reduced to this extent during a single financial year. For this, the Chief Minister thanked all his colleagues, departments and particularly the Finance Department for making this possible. To bring down the overhead expenditures the Chief Minister stated that the following measures will be undertaken :-

- i. Departments having excess employees shall not be allowed to recruit new employees even against resultant vacancies as was done in the case of School Education Department.
- ii. Rationalization of man power management, and relocation of employees from departments that have surplus to departments that require more manpower.
- iii. The Government spends about Rs. 85.00 crores annually for payment of leave encashment to retired employees. It is observed that most of the retired employees get full benefits of 300 days of leave encashment although many may not be regular in their duties. This has a huge financial impact on the State Government. The Government will, therefore, be examining the possibilities of either reducing the entitled number of days for leave encashment, or the option of allowing retiring employees to avail the entitled leave before retirement.

For internal revenue collection during the current year, the Chief Minister said that the target has been put at Rs. 665.06 crores as against last year's, that is, RE 2014-15 target of Rs. 593 crores, an increase of 12.15 per cent. However, because of improvements made in some sectors, this figure has now increased by Rs. 17.96 crores to Rs. 683.02 crores in the Revised Estimates for 2015-16, which is an improvement of 15.18%. For the financial year 2016-17, the internal revenue collection is being estimated at Rs. 776.90 crores, which is an increase of 16.82% over RE of 2015-16.

As regards the budget proposals, gross receipts have been estimated at Rs. 13,870.98 crores and gross expenditure at

Rs. 13,645.98 crores for the financial year 2016-17. The broad item-wise statement of the estimated gross receipts and gross expenditure is as under:

A: RECEIPTS:		(Rs in crore)
(i)	State's Own Tax and Non-Tax Revenue	776.90
(ii)	State's Share in Central Taxes	3016.31
(iii)	Central Assistance (Grants & Loans)	6775.69
(iv)	Internal Debt (including WMA from RBI)	3299.20
(v)	Recovery of Loans and Advances	2.88
	Total	13870.98
B: EXPENDITURE		
(i)	Non-Plan Expenditure (excluding Servicing of debts)	6129.32
(ii)	Servicing of Debt (including repayment of WMA)	3592.19
(iii)	Plan Expenditure	3924.47
	Total	13645.98
C: Balance (A-B)		225.00

The Chief Minister stated that the transaction for the year 2016-17 is estimated to result in a positive balance of Rs. 225.00 crore. With the negative opening balance of Rs. 1419.35 crores, the year 2016-17 is estimated to close with a negative balance of Rs. 1194.35 crores.

Chief Minister and Minister in charge of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, T.R. Zeliang introduced the Nagaland Backward Tribes Commission Bill, 2016 and also presented Supplementary Demand for Grants for the years 2015-2016. He also tabled the Review of trends in receipts and expenditure for the first, second and third quarter of the year 2015-16 as required under section 11 of the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2015.

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MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN MOTION OF THANKS TO GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Taking part at the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address on the second day of the Assembly sessions this morning, the 17th March, 2016, MLA Imkong L. Imchen felt the need to settle the boundary related issue between Nagaland and Assam. Stating that good fences make good neighbours, he urged the government to give more focus on the Nagaland and Assam boundary and to work out a solution at the earliest so that the two states can prosper.

Parliamentary Secretary, Toyang Chang while appreciation the Governor's address felt that more roads in the state needs to be taken up and the existing roads should be improved for the upliftment of the economy of the State. He also encouraged the Department of Industries & Commerce to take a more pro-active role so as to facilitate young local entrepreneur to stand on their own feet.

Minister PHE, Tokheho Yepthomi expressed his concern on the recent killing of the innocent couple near Shamator. He said we have to find ways to live together and has to forgive. He also said that no tribes should form forces to defend themselves and the Members of the House should encourage people not to have such sort of arrangement.

The Minister also congratulated the SCERT for coming up with a textbook on Naga Heritage to be used in lieu of Alt English. He also congratulated the government on

introducing the bio-metric attendance in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat. He felt that other departments should also follow suit so that government officials are more regular in their duty.

Er. Levi Rengma, while dwelling on the Naga Political Issue, said that the Parliamentary Working Committee (PWC) despite going to Delhi to apprise the different National Political Parties and holding several rounds of talks with NPGs, NGOs and others, would not achieve its objectives unless the Nagas change their mindsets, develop a sense of responsibility and be true to themselves.

On Agriculture, he suggested that the government should find a market place for the surplus productions of the farmers. On skill development, Er. Levi said that instead of the rural people coming to the ITIs for training, skills should be imparted to them from the rural areas and local working centres.

Toyang Changkong Chang in his speech mentioned that the lack of coordination among different departments has hindered progress and development, he suggested imparting value oriented courses right from the early age. He also stressed on the importance of roads to improve the economy.

Deo Nukhu said that more emphasis should be given to the youths and he urged the YR&S department to include more rural people in various sports disciplines since rural youngsters are comparatively tougher. Imtiwapang, while speaking on environmental issues, suggested that every legislator should go to his respective constituency and plant thousand trees to help fight against global warming.

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Chief Minister, T.R Zeliang in his concluding remark on the address by the Governor commented on different issues pointed out by various legislators during the debate.

T.R Zeliang stated that Nagaland always looked for amicable solutions outside the court to resolve the Assam – Nagaland border issue. He added that boundary commission and mediators were suggested for resolution by the centre, however Assam rejected those proposals and opted for judgement of the Supreme court.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that Kohima will be included in the next list of 23 smart cities selection. On oil extraction in our state, T.R Zeliang said that on his request the Centre has accepted to keep in abeyance the questioning of oil blocks at Chumukedima and Changpang and in return the state has agreed to keep in ambience the Nagaland Petroleum & Natural Gas regulations 2012.

T.R Zeliang said that the Prime Minister is very serious on the Naga political issue and that if a modality is worked out, the Parliament will not have a problem to pass it. He mentioned that the government will do its best to develop facilities for Agriculture products marketing and also train the youths with skills to be more employable.

On the issue of parking lot construction at Old NST Kohima, the Chief Minister said that a proposal was moved under AMRUT for completion of the project since the centre has scrapped the earlier scheme under which it had been constructed.

The motion to the address by the Governor was finally passed by the August house.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET 2016-2017

In the General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2016-2017 this morning, the 18th March 2016 at the Assembly Sessions, participants included member of Legislative Assembly MLA, P. Pohwang Konyak, Minister for School Education SCERT, Yitachu, Minister for Rural Development, REPA, C.L. John and Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir,

During the Budget Discussion P. Pohwang mentioned that nagas should rethink the positive solution and led by Chief Minister T.R.Zeliang, Pohwang said that if nagas unitedly come forward and solve the Naga political issue the good result will be credited to the present Government. MLA Pohwang urged the august house to come forward and approach the Khaplang group to come to the mainstream of Ceasefire Agreement to bring peace to the State.

Minster for School Education, SCERT, Yitachu said that no opposition does not meant that NPF Government will not look for the welfare of the people. He said opposition less Government will go into the binding rule of the country and bring development to the state in the interest of the people and also play a vital role to bring a solution to the Naga political issue. Yitachu also stated that the state has 72.415 educated unemployed in the live register seeking for jobs, many of whom are engineers, architects, and diploma holders. Yitachu appealed the members to take concrete steps to solve the unemployment problem in the state and also expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister T.R.Zeliang for the improvements made in the budget 2016-2017.

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Minister for Rural Development & REPA, C.L. John expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang for his budget speech decided to declare the current year as the Year of Construction workers 2016-2017 with focus on encouraging the youth to take up construction work as a profession. Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir said that with the announcement of NITI Aayog the participation and involvement of the state policy making will improve the relation between the State and the Centre. He said this policy will lead the State forward in the developmental works and that with a youthful and vibrant population with a high percentage of literacy the State of Nagaland is blessed. Apok also mentioned on the improvement made in the budget.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, T.R. Zeliang while replying and proposing the concluding remarks for the general discussion on the budget for the year 2016-2017, expressed his appreciation to all the esteemed members who participated on the budget discussion. He urged all the members not to speculate the framework which is yet not publicised before the public domain. He also added that the present government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi reckoned Naga issue as unique and so the solution would go according to uniqueness of its history as such the final agreement should be honourable and acceptable to all Nagas.

Zeliang said for the first time in the history of NLA, the government has been functioning without opposition as all the members have unanimously agreed to have mutual understanding among themselves in order to amicably settle down the long Naga political issue. In this regard, he also

appealed to all the Nagas to join hearts and do away with differences for the interest of Naga people so as to bring peace and lasting solution that would encompass all the groups which would bring honourable and permanent solution.

While replying to members, he also urged all the AHoDs and HoDs to be truthful while preparing non plan expenditure as there was no distinction between plan and non plan since the introduction of NITI Aayog. The Chief also expressed his appreciation to all the members for the smooth and orderly proceeding of the House thereby maintaining decorum and dignity of the House.

'EKARIKTHIN-2016' AT DIMAPUR

A two-day Techno-Cultural festival of National Institute of Technology Nagaland 'Ekarikthin-2016' got underway at its campus on 18th March 2016. Governor of Nagaland, B. P. Acharya graced the inaugural function as chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, Governor stressed on the importance of preserving one's identity and said that language is the first identity of a person. Therefore while aiming for higher education, mother tongue should not be forgotten he stated. He further said that in a democratic and secular country like India where there is freedom of expression, no one is secondary to the other. Every religion teaches to be a better man and in the name of freedom slogans against the nation is not acceptable, he said.



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya at the inaugural of two-day Techno-Cultural festival of NIT Nagaland "Ekarikthin-2016" on 18th March 2016.

He also said India where 68 percent of its population is youths and rich in natural resources has the ability to become the greatest nation. He said that wealth of the nation in the hands of few is not acceptable and the change should come through democratic means.

Governor also challenged the institute to produce employable person and also the students to come out of the institution to become job givers and job seekers to make a strong and wealthy India.

Welcome address was delivered by Director NIT Nagaland, Dr. V. Ramachandran. Other highlights of the programme included lighting of lamp, Indian Classical Dance, Chorus, Fusion and vote of thanks.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES ROTARY RAHAT MEDICAL MISSION

The Rotary Rahat Medical Mission (Free Surgical camp) sponsored by Rotary

International district 3080,3240 and supported by Govt. of Nagaland, CIHSR (Referral Hospital) and Rotary Club of Dimapur was formally inaugurated by Governor of Nagaland P.B Acharya as the Chief Guest and Principal Director, H& FW, Dr. Sukhato Sema as the guest of honour on 28th March 2016 at District Hospital Dimapur.

P.B Acharya in his address said that it was a big day today that, doctors enriched with knowledge and commitment have come together from different parts of India as part of Rahat Medical Mission to Nagaland. The Governor encouraged the team of visiting doctors to work with an open heart and serve the people without fear. The Governor also expressed his appreciation to Rotary Club for taking the initiative to bring the Medical Mission to Nagaland and wished the Medical Mission a grand success



Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya along with Rotary Club Dimapur members and the Rahat Medical Mission team at District Hospital Dimapur on 28th March 2016.

Principal Director, H&FW, Nagaland, Dr. Sukhato Sema in his address expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club Dimapur for their continuous support and help extended to the people of Nagaland. He also said that the Department of H&FW would extend all help and co-operation towards Rahat Medical Mission in order to make it a grand success. Dr. Sukhato also thanked Rotary District for their willingness to donate all ICU equipments for two beds, which District Hospital Dimapur does not have.

The Rotary Rahat Medical Mission was conducted at Dimapur District Hospital and CIHSR simultaneously from 28th March to 5th April 2016. Renowned doctors of various specialties like Ophthalmology (Eye), Plastic Surgeons, General Surgeons, Genealogy, Ortho, Anesthesia, Dermatology and Urology were available for consultation and surgery, free of cost.

AWARENESS DRIVE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Nagaland Adolescent Girls' Club (NAGC) under the aegis of Nagaland State Social Welfare Board (NSSWB), in collaboration with the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), conducted awareness programs in various schools in Kohima. The main focus was creating awareness on Child Sexual Abuse.

The schools visited were Government Middle School (GMS) L. Khel, Kohima (March 9, 2016); Modern School, Kohima (11th March, 2016); and Bayavū School, Kohima (18th March 2016). The awareness programs were attended by teachers in charge along with their students numbering around 150 in each school respectively.

During the awareness drives, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme (save

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the girl child, educate her) was introduced to the students by Juliana R. Medom (Assistant State Coordinator, State Resource Centre for Women) and Vekhwüsalü Dawhuo (Assistant District Coordinator, Mission Poorna Shakti). In relation to the said Scheme, students were encouraged to empower themselves with education, and also to complete their schooling, and go for higher studies, because, "It is only when you are educated, you will be empowered."

In all these school awareness drives, Thejapfütuo Khezhie, panel lawyer, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) explained the legal perspectives on child sexual abuse and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) 2012 to the students gathered. He informed that out of 1 billion population in India, 40% are under the age of 18 years and the most alarming thing happening is that of this 40% population, 53% of children have experienced sexual abuse in one form or another. He also encouraged the students not to remain silent when such things happen to them, and always make it a point to share it with someone they trust and report to the police or call the Child Line toll free no 1098.

Khezhie further elaborated three aspects of child sexual abuse - sexual harassment, sexual assault and penetrative sexual assault of a child. He further told the students not to feel guilty if such things happen to them but to confide in someone they trust since it is not their fault. He informed that it is always the attacker

who is at fault. Komal, the National Award winning movie on child sexual abuse by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India was screened at all the schools, following the speech.

The awareness drives conducted have so far been successful in reaching out to the school children of Kohima. More schools will be visited in the near future in order to generate awareness amongst young students on this very serious issue.

STATE LEVEL SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS & ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN 2015-16

SLSMEE exhibition for children 2015-16 was conducted by the Department of School Education at RGHSS, Kohima on 30th March 2016 in collaboration with NCERT, New Delhi under the theme "Science and Mathematics for Inclusive Development". Director of School Education, Senthang inaugurated the programme while Co-ordinator of SLSMEE, NCERT, New Delhi R.R. Koirang was the guest of honour.

Esther Longchar and Chubainla Jamir LFHSS, Kohima with the sub-theme 'Organic Capsicum, Spy Relapse medicated spray & Aeroplast blanket' got the first position in the competition while Nitish Kumar Chaudry of Zakiesato Memorial HSS Dimapur with the sub-theme 'Earthquake alarm' was placed at second.

Development Activities

CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES NOKLAK TOWN COUNCIL

Nagaland Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang made a clarion call appealing to the Naga people and various Naga political groups to maintain unity and brotherhood so as to resolve the protracted Naga political issue with the Government of India.

Inaugurating Noklak Town Council in Tuensang district on 3rd March 2016, the Chief Minister said for peaceful resolution of the nearly century-old Naga political problem the most important aspect is to maintain Naga unity and brotherhood amongst the various Naga tribes and political groups.

"If we do not have brotherhood and unity, we will never be strong, and we will not be respected and taken seriously by other people," he said. "It is also time for all Naga political groups to unite for the common Naga cause, and they should now learn to speak in one voice as one people. Many people believe that our disunity is the main stumbling block to the solution of the Naga problem. And when the Government of India headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ready to work out a final resolution for the political issue through peaceful means, the ball is now in our court."

Elaborating on the Naga political problem and the Framework Agreement signed between the NSCN (IM) and the Government of India on August 3 last year the Chief Minister maintained that this is

not the time to point fingers at each other and start the blame game, but time to contribute positively by all sections of the Naga society so that a peaceful, acceptable and honourable solution can be brought about without delay.

On the need for communal harmony amongst the various Naga tribes and communities, the Chief Minister appealed to all tribes, particularly the tribes in the districts of Tuensang and Kiphire to maintain peace and harmony.

Highlighting the principal objectives of setting up town councils, the Chief Minister said it was to establish local self-governance which is to empower the people to take over development of their towns and to manage the same.

On 33% reservation issue, the Chief Minister had this to say: "Negotiation between the Naga Mothers' Association and the Government is going on and I am hopeful that the matter will be resolved amicably very soon. Only then, can elections to the Municipal bodies and Town Councils take place so that you have your own elected representatives. There should not be conflict and differences between men and women. We should understand each other's interests so that together we can work for the betterment of the people and the State. Times have changed and we should change our mindset along with the changed times and realities of modern-day world."

Guest of honour, Parliamentary Secretary for Economics & Statistics,

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Municipal Affairs, R. Tohanba in his speech urged for proper utilization of government fund and public co-operation while executing the activities.

Short speeches were also delivered by Minister Health & Family Welfare, P. Longon, Parliamentary Secretary for Land Revenue, VG and Women Resource Development, L. Khumo, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang and President KTC, Mongchua.

As per Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001, Town Councils can be set up in towns where population is between 5,000 and 20,000. According to 2011 Census, Noklak has a population of 7,674.

Noklak is the headquarters of the Khamniungam Naga tribe and is strategically located close to the International boundaries of Myanmar close to Pangsha where an International Trade Centre is established. The watershed ridges of Pangsha ITC are identified as the International borders of Myanmar and India.

Noklak is located 50 km from Tuensang and 320 km (via Mokochung) from the State Capital Kohima, and is 1,524 metres above sea level.

CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES SHAMATOR TOWN COUNCIL

Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang said Nagaland needs smart plans for the townships considering the fact that urbanization in the State is taking place at a rapid pace.

Inaugurating Shamator Town Council on 8th March 2016 at the public ground,

Shamator, the Chief Minister said people are thronging to the towns from villages and the need to have smart plans for basic civic amenities in Nagaland is strongly felt. Urbanisation is a global phenomenon and the Government of India, realizing the need for building smart towns and cities have come up with "Smart City" projects, the Chief Minister said. Even those towns and cities which are not eligible for this Central Smart City project equally need smart plans and development. The chief minister also called upon the people to cooperate with the authorities for the overall development of the towns. He urged the people to maintain peace and tranquility in the area stating that peace is a necessity for all round development. He appealed to all the leaders to be more responsible in setting up the Shamator town and said that through this inauguration Shamator has gone one step ahead in bringing more development.

Minister of RD and REPA, C.L John was the Guest of Honor at the programme. Earlier the Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed ADC Office Complex and Town Council Office, Shamator.

ATM RECYCLER MACHINE INAUGURATED AT CHANGTONGYA

Chief General Manager, NE-Circle SBI P.V.S.L.N. Murty, inaugurated the ATM Recycler Machine at SBI Changtongya Branch on 17th March 2016.

Speaking on the occasion, Murty emphasized on the importance and the facility that can be avail through the bank.



Chief General Manager, NE-Circle SBI P.V.S.L.N. Murty inaugurating the ATM Recycler Machine at SBI Changtongya Branch on 17th March 2016.

He encouraged all to use the bank for the upliftment of the people. He said that the bank operates through deposits, through which loans are provided and called upon the people to make the bank the best in Nagaland. He was also first depositor of the ATM Recycler Machine. He was accompanied by K. Sinha (CDO, NE-Circle SBI), N.K. Malvya (DGM, Jorhat South Module SBI) and G. Sekar (AGM, Regional Business Office, Mokokchung SBI)

The programme was chaired by Branch Manager SBI Changtongya, Sashilemba Longkumer who also delivered the vote of thanks. Word of appreciation on behalf of public was delivered by Retd. Deputy Director School Education, Government

of Nagaland, C. Lima Jamir. The inaugural program was attended by Akhoya, Yaongyimsen, Changtongya Village Council Chairmen and members, all Ward GBs and Chairmen, public leaders and government officials.

MOKOKCHUNG TB HOSPITAL GETS EQUIPPED WITH CBNAAT MACHINE

The much needed Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) machine was installed at District Tuberculosis Centre Mokokchung on the occasion of World TB Day on 24th March 2016. With the installation of CBNAAT at

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district TB centre, sending sputum samples to other states for Multi Drug Resistant Test has now become a thing of the past. The TB patients who are undergoing treatment can now undergo CBNAAT testing at the TB centre itself whether the TB Bacilli with the patient becomes resistant to the regular medications or not.

The CBNAAT machine at the District TB Centre was formally inaugurated by Minister for National Highway, Mechanical and Election Nuklutoshi. The inauguration was followed by the observance of the World TB Day at IMDH OPD Hall.

Addressing the function, Nuklutoshi expressed hoped the CBNAAT machine would immensely help in combating the TB not only in Mokokchung district but those nearby districts. He urged upon Doctors and nurses to be more committed to fight against the dreaded disease saying that inspite of advanced technology, human touch and compassion can never be replace in the healing process.

Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung Dr. S. S. Aka in his welcome speech highlighted the achievements made by Mokokchung TB Centre in the fight against TB and hoped that with the installation of CBNAAT machine the achievement rate would be further improved saying that TB is curable disease. The world TB Day was observed with the theme "Unite to end TB."

MINISTER VIKHEHO INAUGURATES BAILEY BRIDGE AT PHANGSA

Minister for PWD (R&B), Vikheho Swu formally inaugurated bailey bridge

at Phangsa over River Yeangmon on 29th March 2016. It is located at Ukha Yangching, Longleng road under PWD R&B Aboi Division, Mon. It is the longest bailey bridge in the state with a span of 137.16m.

Vikheho Swu appealed to the people to have ownership of the bridge and other public properties and to uphold the age old good relationship between the people of Phom and Konyaks. He also urged the gathering to support the peace process to find permanent peace and development in the state.

Lamenting that 65% of the state's fund is utilized for salaries of the Government employees while only 35% are reserved for development of welfare scheme, and at the same time inflow of special grants and packages has stopped from the center he urged the people to transform from welfare state to independent state through priority base planning and quality execution of works. He also said that in the absence of priority basis planning Nagas are weak in maintenance of the existing roads and finally resulted in deterioration of roads and bridges in the state.

Parliamentary Secretary for Sericulture, CD & Home Guards, E.E.Pangteang in his short speech said that construction of the bridge was a dream yesterday but a reality today and added that inauguration of the bridge is a dream come true for the people. He asserted that roads and bridges are basic needs for all-round development and it would benefit everyone and not particular section of people alone. He informed that this is the third bridge that connects Longleng and Mon district and asked the public to judge their leaders by their deeds but not by their words.

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Lauding the contractor for completing the bridge in time despite paucity of fund Advisor, NBDA & NEPED, Naiba Konyak said that the purpose of constructing the bridge is to connect 200 KMs road to International Trade Centre, Pangsha from Amguri, Assam. He apprised the people that it is the shortest distance to ITC, Pangsha and said that a proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of National Highway to convert this 200 KM road to National Highway.

The president of the Konyak Union (KU), Manlip Konyak and the President of Phom People's Council (PPC), Keisha also spoke and exhorted the people. They also thanked the Contractor, the department concern and the Government for their initiatives and completing the project for the welfare of the people.

Additional Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Mokokchung Zone, Er. K. Rhetso presented technical report of the Bridge. He said

initially the DPR was prepared for Rs. 889.07 Lakh (for a span of 90.50m) but was revised due to changing of the river course at the location and the estimate cost was enhanced to Rs. 2261.11 Lakh (for a span of 137.16m) in July 2013.

Earlier, invocation was proposed by Yongyei Pastor Yakshu village and welcome address by A. Neangba Class-1 Contractor & Supplier, Ukha. The highlights of the day were cultural dances by Wangshu men and Yangching female troupe and special numbers by Yakshu Students Union and Yangching Students Union. Vote of thanks was pronounced by Er. Atoba EE, Aboi Division.

The inaugural function was attained by administrative officers, government officers, village Council Chairmen & head GBs, GBs, party workers, NGOs and general public of Mon and Longleng district.



Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang with legislators and Principle Kohima Science College at the Golden Jubilee celebration at Jotsama on 16th March 2016.



Director, IPR, Pausui Zeliang and senior officials with filmmaker Sesino Yhoshu at DIPR, Kohima with the award for Best Short Film at the film festival 'Film, Northeast 2016' held at IG Park, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh from 17th to 20th February 2016. Nagaland's official entry in the Short Film section – Clapperboard segment – 'Story of a House' produced and directed by Sesino Yhoshu and Sophy Lasuh won Best Director Award. The Film tells the story of the residents of a house who live in India during the day and sleep in Myanmar at night and reveals why.



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya with the new CIC Nagaland, Toshi Aier IAS and SIC, Chanbemo Lotha at the oath taking ceremony at Raj Bhavan on 22nd March 2016.



Governor, P.B. Acharya administering 'Oath of Secrecy' to NPSG member, S. Chonta Khim on 16th March 2016 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

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