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Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya, CM T.R. Zeliang, NLA Speaker Chotisuh Sazo, Parl. Secy. Tourism, C. Apok Jamir and other dignitaries at the inaugural function of the Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 1st December 2015.



Lokeshree Dr. S.C. Jamir, Governor of Odisha honored with the 'Quasqui Centennial Man' award for his contribution towards the progress and development of Mokokchung town at a felicitation programme, during the 125 years celebration of Mokokchung town on 16th Dec. 2015 at Imkongmeren Sports Complex.



Neiphu Rio, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and former Chief Minister, Nagaland was awarded the Bharat Scouts & Guides 'Silver Elephant Award' in recognition of service of most exceptional character to the movement by Pranab Mukherjee, President of India on 8th Dec. 2015 at Darbar Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.



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Official Orders & Notifications

GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE

In pursuance of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, the Government of Nagaland has constituted the Tripartite Committee with the following representatives of the State Government, the Newspaper Managements and the Working Journalists/ Non-Working Journalists for ensuring and monitoring the speedy implementation of the recommendations of the Majithia Wage Board in the State of Nagaland.

The Committee shall review the implementation of the recommendations and submit its report on the status and compliance of such Government orders as per recommendation of the Majithia Wage Board within six months from the date of issue of this Notification.

A) (1) GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

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| 1. Minister/Parliamentary Secretary Labour & Employment, Nagaland | - Chairman |
| 2. Commissioner & Secretary Labour & Employment Department, Nagaland | - Member |
| 3. Secretary, Justice & Law Department, Nagaland | - Member |
| 4. Director, Information & Public Relations, Nagaland | - Member |
| 5. Deputy Director General, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt, of India | - Member |
| 6. Labour Commissioner, Nagaland | - Member |
| | Secretary |

(II) NEWSPAPER MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES: PROPRIETORS OF:

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| 1. Nagaland Post | - Member |
| 2. Nagaland Page | - Member |
| 3. Eastern Mirror | - Member |
| 4. Morung Express | - Member |
| 5. Tir Yim Yim | - Member |
| 6. Capi | - Member |
| 7. Nagamese Khobor | - Member |

(III) WORKING JOURNALISTS & NON-WORKING JOURNALIST EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES: PRESIDENT & GENERAL SECRETARY OF :-

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| 1. Nagaland Press Association | - Member |
| 2. Kohima Press Club | - Member |
| 4. Dimapur Press Club | - Member |
| 4. Mokokchung Press Club | - Member |

- B) The term of the Committee shall be for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of its constitution
- C) The first sitting of the Committee should be held within 30 days from its constitution.
- D) The Committee would devise its own procedures of sitting & venue of the meeting as per convenience of the Committee.
- E) The Office of the Labour Commissioner, Nagaland, shall render secretarial assistance to the Committee.

AADHAAR CARD NOT MANDATORY FOR A CITIZEN

In pursuance of the Supreme Court Order dated New Delhi August 11, 2015 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.494 of 2012 (Justice K.S Puttaswamy (Rtd.) & Another-Versus-Union of India & Others), the Government of Nagaland has notified that it is not mandatory for a citizen to obtain the Unique Identification Number or the Aadhaar card.

The production of an Aadhaar card will not be condition for obtaining any benefits otherwise due to a citizen.

Unique Identification Number or Aadhaar card may be used for PDS Scheme like distribution of food grains, cooking fuel, such as kerosene and LPG Distribution Scheme.

The information about an individual obtained by the Unique Identification Authority of India while issuing an Aadhaar card shall not be used for any other purpose, save as above, except as may be directed by a Court for the purpose of criminal investigation.

INSKIUR VILLAGE NAMED AS YINGSHIIKU

The Government of Nagaland has changed the name of 'Inskiur' village to 'Yingshiiku' village under Kiphire District with immediate effect.

This was issued by the Home Department with the approval of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

DoSE NOTIFIES ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2016

The Directorate of School Education in a notification stated that Academic calendar 2016 has being notified to all Government and Private Schools throughout the state for strict compliance:

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| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15th (Fri) School re-opening for admission in hot region - 21st (Thurs) School re-opening for hilly region - 30. 01.2016 - All admission to be completed |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular classes to resume - 1st Meeting VEC/WEC/SMC/SMB meeting - DEO/DDEO/SDEO/JEO meeting with Heads of the Govt. Schools - 10th (Wed) HSLC/11th (Thurs) HSSLC Examination starts - Class -XI promotion exam |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Parent- Teachers meeting of respective schools - Admission for class-XII School Level sports week - District Level GHSS/GHS tournament in the last week |
| April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15th submission of students' enrolment with teachers' particulars to SDEO for Elementary schools and Secondary schools to DEOs as on 31st March and a copy to SCERT/NBSE/DSE - State Level GHSS/GHS Tournament |
| May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admission for class- XI - 1st Term examination for Elementary/Mid Term for Secondary Schools |
| June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st and 2nd RIMC entrance test - 16th - 30th Summer vacation for hilly region |
| July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st – 15th Summer vacation for hot region |
| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District Level Science Seminar - 2nd meeting for VEC/WEC/SMC/SMB - Flower show/Cultural day/Parents' Day - Mid-Term for class- XI & XII in the last week |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5th Teachers' Day - State Level Science Seminar - District Level Youth Parliament - 2nd Term examination for Elementary - 28th CEAF exam |

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- October - Parting Social for class - XI & XII students/Annual prize distribution
 - State Level Youth Parliament
- November - 2nd National Merit cum Means Scholarship exam
 - 14th Children's Day
 - 16th National Talent Search Exam (NTSE)
 - Final examination for Elementary & class- IX
- December - 1st and 2nd RIMC Entrance Test
 - Coaching/Preparatory classes till 15th Dec.
 - 1st and 2nd week-Declaration of Academic result
 - Winter vacation from 22nd (Thurs) Dec.

Note:

1. Ensure working days in compliance to RTE Act 2009.
 - (i) Class 1-5 – 200
 - (ii) Class 6-8 – 220
2. Split the whole syllabus into 3 equal sections (Elementary) one section for each Term exam in the teachers' scheme of works (covering 1-2 lessons) in a week with all academic exercises and class test as per CCE for Elementary section.
3. 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month shall be utilized for class tests/ co-curricular activities/ life skills/ social works etc.
4. All general holidays indicated in the State Government Calendar are to be observed as State/National holidays compulsorily along with 3 (three) local restricted holidays.
5. Every school is to enforce Code of Professional Ethics for teachers as per NCERT norms.
6. To cope up with the changing world the schools are directed to develop physical, moral, social, spiritual well being of the students throughout the academic year.
7. The performance of students in all the 3 (three) Term exams (Elementary) shall be taken together to determine the promotion of the students to the next higher class and the weakest students shall have to repeat the same class in the next academic session.

Districts Round Up

27th WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED IN MOKOKCHUNG

Along with the rest of the world, 27th World AIDS Day was observed at Imlong Place, Mokokchung on 1st Dec 2015 under the theme "Getting to Zero" which was organized by NMP+, DAPCU, C & SS, CCC, Guardian Angel, Grace Society and MKGUN and sponsored by NSACS. ADC Mokokchung, Rajesh S, IAS graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest stated that there is something wrong in the approach to the preventive measures taken to fight against AIDS as the statistical trend shows no decline in the infection ratio. He opined that this can be related to the huge disconnect between theory and practical approaches on the issue. He also said that discrimination against those infected can be eradicated from our society through more awareness campaigns.

The programme was chaired by Razienlung Gonmei (P/D, Grace Society), significance of the day was presented by President NMD+, T.Temsu Jamir. Short speeches were also delivered by representatives from Ao Senden, Watsu Mungdang and AKM. The programme was followed by declaration of signature campaign.

PHEK OBSERVES WORLD AIDS DAY

Along with the rest of the world, Phek observed World AIDS day on 1st December 2015 held at Phek town council conference hall under the theme 'Getting Zero to new HIV infection, Zero discrimination and Zero AIDS related death' where the Phek Deputy Commissioner, Murohu Chotso graced as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that zero point of the target should be focused and called upon everyone to take preventive measures and urged the people to fight against this target disease so that our society lives safely.

The function was chaired by Jupuvo Kezo, DPO, DABCU while invocation prayer was pronounced by Pastor PTBC Thuputhiyi Khesoh. Welcome address was delivered by Vetsuyo Vero PM, ELS, Phek and positive voice was given by Mese Lekro President PLNP+ Phek. The significance of the World AIDS day was delivered by Dr. A. Limanukshi, DHP.

INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY AT CHANGTONGYA

International Day of people with disability was held at Changtongya town on 3rd December 2015 at Multipurpose Hall, Christian Standard Higher Secondary School which was organized by Grace Society Community Based Rehabilitation Forum,

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Changtongya with the theme "Inclusion Matters, Access and Empowerment for People of all Disabilities".

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, EAC Chuchu Town, Meyiazung expressed his gratitude to the Grace Society for organizing the programme and said that 15% of the world total populations are disabled people. He said that due to the initiative of the UN, December 3 is declared as Disabled day since 1992.

Short speeches were also delivered by guest of honour, Imtiyugshi R. Aier, SMO Community Health Centre Changtongya and Changtongya Village Council Member, Imotemjen Jamir. The programme was attended by all VC Chairmen under Changtongya sub-division, all Ward GBs and Chairmen Changtongya Town, NGOs, Watsu Union Changtongya, Pastors, stake holder and the differently abled people.

INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY AT TUENSANG

Programme for observance of Disabled Day was held on 3rd December 2015 at DC's Conference Hall Tuensang. The programme was held to give awareness in voting rights to the disabled persons. ADC Tuensang, T. Nchumbemo Odyuo delivered the welcome address where he briefed on voting rights and special facilities for the disabled person.

DC Tuensang, Alem Jongshi Longkumer said that 18 years and above citizens of India, whether he or she is abled or disabled except unsound mind who cannot take right decision, has the right to vote permitted by

the constitution of India. He said everyone should participate and enroll under Election Commission of India for voting and also reminded the gathering that Government of India is providing special facilities to the disabled person.

Hundreds of disabled persons and GBs attended the programme. The programme was chaired by AEO Tuensang, Alila Chang who also delivered the vote of thanks.

NAGALAND OBSERVES WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2015 AT MOKOKCHUNG

Nagaland along with the rest of the country, Mokokchung observed World Disability day 2015 on 3rd December 2015 at town hall Mokokchung under the theme "Inclusion Matters: Access and Empowerment for people of all abilities" where Dr. Atha Vizol state Disability Commissioner Government of Nagaland graced the occasion as the chief guest and T. Merangtsungba Aier, Director Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Nagaland as the guest of honour. The state level function was jointly organized by Care & Support Society and Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Nagaland in collaboration with District Election Office Mokokchung, Mokokchung District Blind Association, Mokokchung District parents association PwDs & DMA (SSA).

The chief guest in his address stated about extended goodwill gesture to differently abled person (DAB) so that they can overcome the inhibition, fear, anxiety etc in life. He also called for proper

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implementation of disability act in order to provide better facilities and opportunities to DAB. Stressing on the schemes and programmes for DA, he said the government has been implementing schemes like schemes for implementation of persons with disability act (SIPDA), assistance to disabled persons for purchase/fitting of Aids and appliances (AIDP) through various agencies. Earlier, guest of honour, Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Sushil Kumar Patel IAS spoke on the issue of DAB.

WORLD DISABILITY DAY HELD AT PEREN

World Disability Day was observed at Peren and Albert, Vice Principal, Peren College and President RCS, Peren in his speech said that, World Disability Day is observed every year on 3rd December all over the world. He said that applications are invited for the disabled and wheel chairs are provided sponsored by Rajiv Sharma. He also said that they will try their best to provide the remaining at the earliest.

Beneficiaries of wheel chairs included Tingongpeu S/o Santos, Gaichineu S/o Sibeu, Kichunlungle Ntuk D/o Late Hupuibo and Akiabo S/o Nranthuing.

9th EDITION PEREN DISTRICT LEGISLATORS' FOOTBALL TROPHY HELD

The inaugural function of the 9th Edition Peren District Legislators' Football Trophy was held on 3rd December 2015 at Local ground, Peren Town with Parliamentary

Secretary for Youth Resource Sports, MTF and State Lotteries, Khriehu Liezietsu, as the chief guest.

The chief guest, in his speech said that, it is indeed a pleasant co-incident that the government gave him the sports department as he is also interested in games and sports. He stated that despite the poor infrastructure, Nagas are coming up with others in sports and believed that this tournament will also produce good players. He urged the people to encourage each other to take up games and sports to develop as professionals. He also said that any forms of games and sports are good for us. We have our own talents, capabilities and skills in different ways, he added. Seventeen teams participated in the tournament.

Other highlights of the programme included welcome address delivered by Ernest Sephe, President PDRA; Vote of thanks by Heikwetgong, Secretary PDRA; Oath taking by Kwetrie, member PDRA; Declaration of the tournament by the Chief Guest and Lighting of tournament torch by Haisui Lungalang, founding member PDRA assisted by best player 2014 Namteulung, Youngster Boys Tesen.

MEETING ON EXERCISING VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE DISABLED AT DIMAPUR

A meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Hall on 3rd December 2015 to discuss and indentify, if a person with disability have any genuine problem towards their electoral participations.

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ADC Elizabeth Ngullie, Dimapur while chairing the meeting said that in the past no one has given much thought and importance in this matter, but they have the right to vote. She said that the meeting is to get some idea as to how we can improve things for the disabled people.

Election Officer Dimapur, Toshi informed that the election commission of India has suggested facilitating the involvement of People with Disability in the election process. He further informed that the election commission has also come up with a concept of providing basic minimum facilities in the polling station to the People with Disabilities.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING

The monthly District Planning and Development Board meeting of Dimapur District for the month of December was held on 5th December 2015 in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner Dimapur. The meeting was chaired by Parliamentary Secretary, Flood Control & Irrigation and Chairman DPDB, Jacob Zhimomi.

During the meeting Chairman thanked the Chief Minister for his effort in implementing the four lane highway from Dimapur to Kohima and also for taking up major road repairing at Dimapur district.

District Horticulture Officer Dimapur while giving a brief profile of horticulture department Dimapur stated that in the District various developmental activities are taken up by selection of focus crops on basis of soil type and agro- climatic conditions. He also said that projects under various crops are mainly implemented through horticulture

Mission for North east and Himalayan states and vegetables production projects are being undertaken under National Initiative Urban Cluster. He also pointed out that the main activity of the department is area expansion under Mission for Integrated Development for Horticulture.

Recognition of Spring Field School, Ruzaphema Block III, shifting of Grace Foundation School from Padumpukhri to Duncan Bosti, opening of new school-Apostle Mission Residential School, Zakiesatuo colony were the agendas during the meeting which will be decided after detail examination. Recognition of Dimapur Urban Council Chairman Federation was also kept in abeyance

Power point presentation on HIV Awareness was given by District Aids Protection Control Unit. Department of Tourism and Forest Department were entrusted to give their power point presentation in the next DPDB meeting.

PEREN DPDB MEETING

The Peren monthly DPDB meeting was held on 7th December 2015 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Peren, Peter Lichamo where the whole year's DPDB meeting minutes was reviewed. Actions taken or on the process was deliberated upon where the chairman voiced strong concern over the various proposals which was sent to the higher authorities. He stated that the responsibilities lie with the concerned head of offices to pursue the matter in right earnest.

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Chief Medical Officer, Peren, Dr. Nganshimeren, who is also the convener of the recently concluded Inter-Departmental Badminton Tournament, gave a brief report on the overall performance and accounts of the committee. The meeting decided that in the future the ADC of the Hq and the DSO will be the convener and the member secretary respectively of the committee, by designation. DFO Jalukie gave a power point presentation on the activities of the department.

The board endorsed the application for repairs of road within Mhainamtsi Village to the PWD Department. LRSO, Peren later presented the activities of the Department in a magazine "Glimpse" which was released by the Chairman. The meeting was followed by the advent Christmas feast hosted by the Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, who is also the Chairman of DPDB Peren.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Kiphire District Planning & Development Board cum Advent Christmas was held on 4th December 2015 at Alihkhong, Zungki Valley under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Kiphire, A. Chumremo Odyuo.

After review of the last meeting minutes, the Board discussed the issue of two taxi permit which proposes to ply between Kohima and Kiphire. The matter was decided to be forwarded to RTO Kohima for further necessary action. Regarding the setting up of Pungro SDPDB, ADC Pungro was entrusted to forward certain information to the State Planning Department.

The Board discussed widening of approach road & construction of drainage towards new college campus. As the college is likely to be shifted in a short while the board requested the PWD (R&B) to prepare a technical estimate for submission to the Urban Development. R&B was requested to help out in maintaining the road and as when BRGF is released. Regarding the new College transformer, the board advised the college authority to pursue to the Government for permanent transformer.

The proposal for construction of drainage, power supply and repair of hanging bridge at Alihkhong, Zungki Valley was also discussed. After thorough deliberation, the board looked for the possibility on the matter under LADP. Proposal for installation of 100 nos of street light at Kiphire Town on strategic location was discussed and the Board directed SDO (Electrical) to prepare technical estimate and submit it in the next monthly meeting.

As directed by the board, Food & Civil Supplies & SDEO presented their departmental activities. Vote of thanks was delivered by Pudusul Luho, DPO & member secretary DPDB.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board meeting for the month of December was held on 8th December 2015 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC & Vice-Chairman, DPDB, Temsu Longkumer.

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The meeting discussed the upgradation of Government Middle School (GMS), Aichisaghemi to Government High School (GHS) and recommended the proposal for approval to Directorate of School Education. With regard to shifting of Sunrise School, Tokiye under Aghunato subdivision to Padumpukhuri, Dimapur, the members after thorough deliberations recommended the matter to Directorate of School Education for consideration. The meeting also approved new members of Verification Committee for implementation of LADP under various constituencies.

DC & Vice Chairman, Temsu Longkumer who will voluntarily retire from December 2015, expressed his profound gratitude to all the DPDB members for their unflinching support and cooperation during his tenure as Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB.

Superintendent of Police, Khrodi Rhetso on behalf of all members thanked the DC for his guidance and for being a good team leader, sociable, an able administrator and serving the people with dedication and honesty.

PHEK DPDB MEETING

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) of Phek District was held on 10th December 2015 at its conference hall where Murohu Chotso, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Phek as the chairman.

The meeting discussed the upgradation of Government Primary School Khusomi to Government Middle School has been approved and forwarded to higher

authority for approval. Opening of catholic school at Akhegwo and Lephori was also forwarded to the higher authorities for grant of permission

Department of Economics and Statistics highlighted their departmental activities. The proposal for up-gradation of Government Primary School, Khusomi to Govt. Middle school which was submitted by Deputy DEO (Education), Phek was also discussed. The meeting also deliberated on constitution of various committees for LADF 2015-16.

SDPDB PUGHOBOTO CELEBRATES PRE- CHRISTMAS WITH THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED

The SDPDB Pughoboto celebrated the Pre-Christmas programme with the 'differently abled' citizens of the town along with church leaders, GBs and Ad hoc town committee members on 9th Dec, 2015.

ADC Pughoboto, Avelu Ruho welcomed all members and invitees to the programme and stated that Christmas is also about giving and sharing and that we have to reach out to the differently abled and enable them to live in dignity.

Minister for R&B and Chairman Pughoboto SDPDB, Y. Vikheho Swu delivered the Christmas greetings and opined that we Nagas have to learn to plan ahead and that it is a time to look back and examine our achievements and failures and learn from them. He also stated that we have to create enabling and inclusive environments for the differently abled and that some programmes for their self employment is being initiated under LADP.

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Christmas gifts were given to 13 differently abled citizens and the oldest man and woman of the town. Special songs were sung by Topeni Shohe, Adhoc Town Committee members and NPF Wing Pughoboto. The pastors of Baptist, Revival, Nepali and Police Churches also participated in the programme. Christmas message was delivered by Rev Hotokhu Zhimomi, Executive Secretary of SABAK while the SDO Civil proposed the vote of thanks.

P. LONGON GRACES CGOA SILVER JUBILEE

P. Longon Minister Health and Family Welfare graced the Chang Gazetted Officers' Association Silver jubilee on 10th December 2015 at CBLT Resource Center Tuensang Town.

Speaking on the occasion P. Longon congratulated the CGOA for its 25th years of eventful existence, for 25 years of journey of progress and development for the welfare of the CGOA and Chang community in general. He said that history often takes a back seat as life needs to go on and we are required to keep up with the times. In our Naga context every government officer hold big responsibilities in society and this Association should take up as a challenge in the district to bring changes. A good government officer has to play a multitasking role because society greatly depends on efficient officials to deal with certain social issues which are inter-dependent on the government.

Welcome Address was delivered by Chubawati Chang, President CGOA, short speeches was delivered by C.M. Chang IAS (Rtd) MLA, Alemjongshi DC Tuensang and Changkai President ENGOA. Special song was presented by Kundang and Lole Band.

KIDIMA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY

The Baptist Church Kidima began the celebration of 75 years of Christianity in Kidima village with the theme "Arise, Shine" Isaiah 60:1 on 12th December 2015 at local ground Kidima with Senior Pastor and Chairman Platinum Jubilee, Rev. Keholeshū Tepa as the main speaker at the inaugural programme.

Highlighting as to how Christianity came to Kidima, he said that the British soldiers who were the staunch believers of God first traversed the Kidima village in 1832 from Manipur in search of a route between Manipur and Assam. However, it was only after a century that the seeds of Christianity was first brought to the village by Rev. Kevizelie Sophie from Jakhama village and the firsts Christian from the village Lt. Howel was baptized only in 1940 thereafter only Christianity was sprouted in the village. He also said that the first pastor Lt. Meswiho came from Khuzama village.

It was believed that the village was in darkness filled with melancholic when Jesus was unknown to the people of Kidima. However, with the advent of Christianity, everything has turned out from darkness to light for which he thanked the pioneers and the people who were instrumental in propagating this indomitable faith during the early part of its formation.

In the name of this remarkable occasion so many development works not only for the jubilee but also for the welfare of the village as whole have carried out for the future of tomorrow, he added.

Earlier Rev. Keholeshū Tepa inaugurated the church constructed for the Platinum Jubilee.

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WEEK LONG CELEBRATION OF MOKOKCHUNG TOWN 125 YEARS

The formal launching programme of Mokokchung Town 125 yrs celebration under the theme "Pioneering Ahead" was graced by Chief Minister T.R Zeliang on 12th December 2015 at Imkongmeren Sports Complex.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister mentioned that Mokokchung has been a venue of many important historical event in Naga history. To this, Zeliang maintained that Mokokchung has pioneered in the field of Christianity and education by spreading it with a missionary zeal to other Naga tribes.

Touching upon the contribution in the field of politics, he said the people of Mokokchung have contributed immensely in shaping the Naga society as a whole by producing some prominent political stalwarts. Zeliang further urged the people to continue the spirit of leadership.

On the occasion the Chief Minister also assured the people of Mokokchung to take necessary steps in construction at the proposed North Ring Road in the town. In this connection the Chief Minister appealed to the land owners to be liberal in parting with the land all round developmental activities.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mangkolemba Sub Division Planning Development Board was held on 14th December 2015. Chairing the meeting ADC Mangkolemba, Intiwabang Aier welcomed all the board members and introduced new member SDO, Soil Department, Hetoho. Y. Swu.

After the review of the last SDPDB meeting minutes, the ADC thanked all the officers from various departments and the people of Mangkolemba town for their contribution during the inauguration of the Additional Deputy Commissioner office and other offices held last November.

It further informed that the first project to be taken up in the year 2016 will be the replacement of the 16th KM water supply pipe lines with the new High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes under the PHED Department in Mangkolemba town.



DC Mokokchung Sushil Kumar Patel IAS speaking during the Agriculture Seminar on the 4th day of 125 yrs celebration of Mokokchung town.

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KOHIMA DPDB MEETING

The Kohima District Planning and Development Board meeting for December was held at DPDB Conference Hall on 15th December 2015. The Meeting was presided by the vice Chairman DPDB and Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Rovilatuo Mor IAS.

The Board reviewed the last meeting minutes and deliberated on the following agenda: - Renewal of Societies and New Registration of Societies. On the agenda for Renewal of Societies, the Board decided to approve the following existing Societies: Association for development Society at Lower Chandmari, Kohima; East Zone Sports & Games Development Association at Middle Chandmari, Kohima; Vimhazo Multipurpose Societies at Poterlane (Dzvuru) Kohima; Goodwill Societies at Poterlane (Dzvuru) Kohima; Youth Mission at Keyake (Seikhazou) Kohima; Christ King Church Society at P. Khel Kohima village; Tongpu Society at Lower Agri colony; Empowering Youth Association at Kohima Village; Liberty Club at Lerie colony, Kohima; Emmous Salesion Noritrat; Don Bosco Educated Society; Excel Computer Centre.

The Board also decided that the existing societies should renew their registration in three months ahead of the expiry of its registration. On the agenda of New Registration of Societies, the Board decided to approve the following applicants on condition to fulfilled all the necessary requirements filled by the applicants and verified by the verifying officers and to forward it for necessary action. The new Registration of societies included. Nagaland Baptist Church Council School Society at

Bayavu Hill Kohima; Baptist High Kohima Society at Mission Compound, Kohima; Suna Service Society at Kitsubozou, Kohima; Solidarity Women Self Help Group at Lower Chandmari, Kohima; Dzevi Society at Thizama Village; Aor Telongjem Welfare Society, New Capital Complex. The Board further deliberated on the issue and decided that the concerned screening Committee should sit once in two months for new registration of societies for verification and scrutiny process. The vice Chairman DPDB and DC Kohima reiterated on the presentation of departmental activities for the year 2016 and requested all the DPDB members to be prepared for presentation of its departmental activities in the DPDB meetings.

The meeting concluded with words of thanks and gratitude from the Deputy Commissioner.

MON DPDB MEETING

The Advent Christmas Celebration cum DPDB meeting of Mon was held at Mon View on 15th December 2015.

Quoting a passage from 1st Peter chapter 1 verse 14 to 16 Pastor Menuolhoulie Sekhose, Tenyimia Church, Mon in his message said that Holiness is the essence of God's nature and therefore as obedient children of God we should be holy in all our daily conduct.

President, Konyak Union in his greetings lauded the Government officers headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Mon W. Honje Konyak for initiating various social activities such as the Mission I Love My Mon Town launched to promote civic senses

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and sanitation, and Dist. Hospital Mon for winning of Kalayaklap award under the Mission Swachha Bharat which is laurel to the district. He also lauded the Officers club for organizing the departmental tournament which is a good gesture to strengthen the spirit of unity and oneness among the officers posted in the district. He appealed to the DPDB members to tirelessly work for peace and development of the community and brighten the corner wherever they are posted.

Delivering a message on My Vision for DPDB Mon, Aochuba DFO (Forest), Mon said that DPDB is an important platform where various policies and programs of the Government are executed for the welfare of the people. The Principal ITI Alongshe Sangtam shared his experiences as a member of the DPDB for the last 15 years of his service in Mon district.

Earlier, The DPDB meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Mon W. Honje Konyak. He lauded the officers for the cooperation and support rendered to the district administration during the past one year. The meeting concluded with review of last meeting minutes and discussion for improvement of Mon Namtola road and other agendas.

CHANGTONGYA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD

The year end meeting of Changtongya Town Council was held on 17th December at D.B Customary court under the chairmanship of SDO (C) & Administrator, Changtongya Town Council, Chumlemo Humtsoe.

Highlighting the achievement activities reports and the works undertaken by the Town Council for the year 2015 the SDO (C) thanked all for the cooperation without which nothing would have been possible. He also mentioned that the police points traffic shed and railing was donated by Toshimeren Jamir NPF President 22 Arkakong. Short speeches were delivered by Masanokdang Jamir all ward Chairmen, I. Soa Jamir, Head GB and Alemtoshi, Hd DB Changtongya.

In connection with the Swachh Bharat Mission Clean Changtongya, a certificate of commendation and a cash reward for the cleanest ward was given to PWD ward and the cleanest shop to star bakery under Changtongya Town Council jurisdiction for the year 2015. Special song was presented by Malem DB Shovi Sumi, 2nd OC CPS.

ORANGKONG UNION NYENGCHING, LONGLENG CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Orangkong Union Nyengching (OUN) Longleng celebrated its Golden Jubilee under the theme, "In Step with Vision" on 16th December 2015, in the PBCA Convention Hall, with Ex-MLA 50 A/C Longleng, M. Shami Angh, as the Chief Guest.

The day started with the unveiling of monolith in the medical junction, Longleng by the Chief Guest, after which the gathering marched to the Convention hall for the program. In his speech, the chief guest applauded the OUN for overcoming the challenges and bringing a change in the society as a whole. He also encouraged the younger generations to follow the steps of their elders in achieving greater heights.

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Speaking on the theme of the Jubilee, "In Step with Vision", Dr. B. Henshet Phom-Vice Principal Yingli Government College Longleng as the Resource person stressed on the provocative and vital role which can be played by OUN in promoting the people of Longleng District. He further encouraged the union and the younger generation to have a strong vision like our forefathers; who according to him were visionaries.

Short speeches were delivered by Y. Niamko DB, H. Leisha PPC President, Chauchei VCC Orangkong and Y. Denngan Avennoho Phom DC Longleng.

The gathering was hosted by B. Pauloi and T. Lomi started with the welcome address from the Planning Chairman H. Tenchem Phom and special numbers by Orangkong La Union (OLU) Longleng and Orangkong Students' Union Nyengching Unit, Longleng. Action Committee of the Union enthralled the gathering with a humorous and heart touching play in which they depicted the

likeminded individuals who were involved in forming the Union.

In conclusion, President OUN Longleng B. Shamkai Phom thanked the gathering, guest and invitees for their support.

55th ANNUAL SESSION OF IGHANUMI

The 55th annual session of Ighanumi Village Council and students was inaugurated by NHM (National Health Mission) Nagaland, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema as the chief guest on 17th December 2015 at Ighanumi village ground.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest urged the public and specially the students to read the Bible as it is a weapon and always seek guidance and advice from God. He urged the students to pray before studying and urged the students to set a target as one can achieve success in life only through hard. He mentioned that nothing



Mission Director, NHM, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema addressing the 55th annual session of Ighanumi Village on 17th December 2015.

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can substitute hard work citing the example of Bill Gates and former President, Late Abdul Kalam.

He maintained that the village Ighanumi occupies a very important and historical place as it is from this village where all most all the Semas migrated from and it is also the first village from where the Christianity religion was first spread to all the parts of Sema tribe.

The programme was chaired by (Ex. President) Ino Lovito P. Swu. The chief guest on his arrival hoisted the flag. Short speech on behalf of the village council was delivered by head GB Ighanu, Nikuto Swu. A special number was presented by Mughammi Melos, while vote of thanks was purposed by Ex. President Qhetoto Swu. The chief guest was accompanied by all the GBs, DBs under Pughoboto sub division and a host of public leaders, government officials and student union of the area.

PTCSU 38th GENERAL SESSION

The Phek Town Chakhesang Students Union held its 38th General session with DC Phek Muruho Chotso as the guest speaker in the inaugural session.

Speaking on the occasion he stressed on the need to preserve one's culture or laws which were handed down by our forefather where we need to control ourself in terms of good behavior and manner. He called upon the students to be broad minded in order to catch up with the rest of the world, he said and encouraged the students to give more effort in the journey of learning. He said the

need of the hour is quality education and asked the students to equip with knowledge and be ready to face with the competitive world in all respect of our career.

Welcome address was delivered by President Kudukhoto Tetso and a message was delivered by President Phek Area Mothers Association. Nukuto Shijoh gave the General Secretary report.

DLCC MON DELIBERATES ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DLCC Mon District, W. Honje Konyak expressed concern on the service being rendered by banks particularly the government sponsored schemes like PMEGP loan and said proper verification is necessary for successful implementation while proper justification in cases of rejection should be submitted to him so as to avoid denial of opportunity to the people of the district. He said this during the DLCC/DLRC/DLSC meeting held for the quarter ended September 2015-16 at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall on 16th December 2015.

The DC also urged the banks to give priority to all the Prime Minister Social Security and Insurance schemes and start creating awareness among the public. He assured full support and for which a committee has already been formed.

Rajesh E. Kamble, Manager, LDO, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), while acknowledging that there are certain problems in areas like difficult terrain and

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poor connectivity for the banks for recovery drives resulting in the high level of Non-Performing Assets (NPA), shared the need for more joint recovery drive by the bank branches.

Rajuselie Lhousa, District Program Coordinator (Financial Inclusion) NSRLM, also participated in the proceedings and stressed on the need for confidence-building and trust between the banks and the public. R.S. Mour, LDM Mon district, expressed unhappiness over the poor performance of the banks under Prime Minister Schemes and urged the banks to take these schemes very seriously. He said the Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) was 50.41% for the quarter ended September, 2015. Regarding performance of Annual Credit Plan (ACP) under Kissan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme, some branches reported that new applications are being received and the process for fresh loan are underway. Under Self Help Group (SHG), LDM said performance of the Bank branches are very poor except NSCB Mon and asked the other banks to improve under this Scheme.

Action points that emerged from the DLCC meeting included bank branches to do proper verification of PMEGP loans including spot verification before sanctioning of loans and report to the Deputy Commissioner with proper justification in case of rejection.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING

Tseminyu SDPDB year ending meeting-cum-advent Christmas Feast was held on 21st December 2015 at the ADC's Conference Hall. The Chairman of the Planning Board, Parliamentary Secretary for Housing, Er.

Levi Rengma extended special invitation to the Rengma Handicapped Union in the meeting, wherein he observed that the get-together with the differently abled and the handicapped brothers and sisters is to let them know that they are a special part of the society and they are not forgotten although all of their expectations and needs may not have been fulfilled by the people who are placed in better position besides the special agencies set up for their welfare.

During the meeting, the members recounted the hardship they faced and requested the Parliamentary Secretary to help them through the supportive agencies and also to facilitate them by granting them pensions which is yet to be given to many deserving handicapped persons. They further expressed that 5% employment opportunities as provided by the government policy to the educated handicapped must be accorded in letter and in spirit. The Parliamentary Secretary assured them that their grievances will be conveyed and discussed with the concerned agencies so that better understanding and positive developments to their grievances may be considered as requested by them.

In the meeting, Principal GHSS, Tseminyu, Khwetso Richa informed that Class 11 and 12 students of GHSS Tseminyu, whose exam is scheduled from February 7th - 29th 2016, will have their examination centre in their own school and not in Kohima as in the previous years. The chairman also thanked all the Head of Offices for their coordination and cooperation rendered during the recent visit of the Governor of Nagaland to the Sub-Division. The meeting concluded with advent Christmas Feast.

State Activities

GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND INAUGURATES HORNBILL FESTIVAL

The inaugural celebration of the 16th edition of Hornbill Festival, 2015 began at Naga Heritage village, Kisama on 1st December 2015 which also coincided with the statehood day. The Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya graced the inaugural function as the chief guest while the Chief Minister of Nagaland, T.R. Zeliang was the chief host.

The chief guest unveiled the Hornbill Tree which was erected on the occasion of the 16th Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage village, Kisama.

Speaking on the occasion, Acharya said that the statehood day, which coincides with the start of Hornbill festival, is a joyous occasion when all people of Nagaland can recall with pride and satisfaction the significant achievements made by the Nagas during the past years. He said Nagaland has achieved remarkable progress over the last five decades, particularly in the education and healthcare.

He mentioned that Hornbill festival aims to preserve, promote and protect the unique cultural diversity and rich traditions of Nagaland. He expressed hope that all the visitors would experience the warm hospitality which is a tradition of the Nagas. Apprising on the different activities at Kisama, Acharya said the sixteen naga tribes and sub tribes are showcasing their beautiful

culture, dance, music and foods, handloom and handicrafts. He added that Kisama at present is a mini Nagaland.

Reiterating that peace is needed for progress and development, Acharya said 'Violence has no place in our society. Tourists must realize that Nagaland is peaceful and vibrant.'

Chief Minister of Nagaland, T.R. Zeliang, who is also the chief host, in his welcome address said that over the past 12 years the people of Nagaland made progress in various fields. He also said that the unique culture and tradition of one's individual was the hallmark of one's identity. Stressing on the importance of natural beauty and natural resources, he said that Nagaland has enormous potentiality. However, those resources are yet to be exploited, he added. He conveyed his best wishes to all citizens and tourists coming from outside to witness this festival.

Rev. Dr.P. Dozo invoked God's blessing while the Angh of Longcheng village, Mon, Y. Phonlong offered the traditional blessing. Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir proposed vote of thanks at the inaugural function.

CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES FARMER'S MELA

Nagaland Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang inaugurated the Floral Galleria and Farmers Mela at Hortiscape at Naga Heritage Village

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Kisama on 1st December 2015. The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries along with senior government officials.

The Farmers Mela, sponsored by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) Government of India, consists of stalls set up by different associations, self help groups and floral companies from within and out the state showing varieties of flowers, fruits and vegetables. In the mela, state level exhibition cum competitions for fruits, vegetables, spices and flower were also organised by the Horticulture department. Prizes for different categories in flower section such as annuals and biennials, perennial, orchid (hybrid & indigenous), bulbs and tubers, indigenous foliage and flowers, cacti and succulents, ferns and foliage, bonsai and flower arrangement on dry and fresh and in fruits section and vegetables section will also be given out during the festival.

KEJONG CHANG GRACES HORTICULTURE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Parliamentary Secretary for Horticulture, Kejong Chang graced the prize distribution ceremony as the chief guest at the Hortiscape Exhibition hall Kisama on 5th December 2015. Prizes were given to winners of 11 categories under Flower section and 24 categories under Fruits & Vegetables section.

Kejong in his address said the blessing of God in our state is the reason for the absence of natural calamities and rich biodiversity which attracts foreigners to our

land. He mentioned that the tireless efforts of farmers have made the Hornbill celebration at Kisama more beautiful through various Horticulture products.

Director, Watienla Jamir said the welcome address, Deputy Director, Dr. R.E Lotha chaired the programme and vote of thanks was given by Joint Director, Pawan Kumar. Secretary Horticulture C.M. Tsanglao was also present.

INAUGURATION OF CRAFTSCAPE AT KISAMA

The Naga craft portfolio crafts cape exhibition was inaugurated by the Parliamentary Secretary, Tourism, C.Apok Jamir at 2nd World War Museum compound Kisama at 9.00, a.m. on 1st December 2015. The exhibition is being organized by the Tribal Weave in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Art & Culture and the Department of Rural Development, Government of Nagaland.

The exhibition is a celebration of the timeless traditions that values of handmade products and it is an opportunity to meet Naga craft artisans and experience handmade distinctions of tribal craft specialties by skilled artisans who embrace dignified livelihoods in keeping alive the intangible heritage.

In the crafts cape exhibition artists from Mon, Meluri, Peren and Noklak districts demonstrated the cotton processing in the Naga textile grammar metal craft, nettle shawl, beaded necklace, bamboo basketry, woodcraft tradition in making the queens bag and bamboo mat making.

APOK JAMIR INAUGURATES HIPFEST

Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism C. Apok Jamir inaugurated the Naga Hipfest Photo competition 2015 at the Kisama Heritage village on 1st December 2015.

The Parliamentary Secretary also released postcards by the Photography club, Dimapur. A total number of 50 participants are taking part in the photo competition on the theme 'colour of Nagaland'. The winner receive a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- while the second and third prize of Rs. 15,000/- and 10,000 each. The results of the competition will be declared on 8th December 2015.

A daily smart phone contest is also being organised at the Hipfest where interested people can take photos with their smart phones. There will be different themes for each day and entries will be accepted from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Results shall be declared the same day and the winner will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-. All pictures should be taken within the confines of Kisama, the Heritage village.

Apfukru Dolie was judged winner of the Hipfest Photo competition. Dolie was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25000/- during the closing ceremony of the Hornbill Festival 2105 at Kisama, Heritage Villages on 10th December 2015. Caisli Mao and Mahong Sorie were awarded 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Consolation prizes were also awarded to Tsugporong Imsong and Zhaletuo Sachü. About 50 entries were registered to this year's Hipfest Photo competition. Judges for the competition were Tom Potisit a Thailand based Photographer, Jill Bednar the Owner of American Image New Jersey and V. Doulo Assistant Director, Tourism Department.

ARTISTS' CORNER AT KISAMA

The Hornbill Art Festival 2015 "The Artists' Corner" showcasing the last of the Tatood Headhunter: The Konyaks, demonstrative Arts, Live-sketching, caricatures, paintings, sculptures, live-music etc was inaugurated today the 1st December 2015 as part of the Festival at the World War II Museum premises, Kisama.

Gracing the inaugural programme as chief guest, Director, Art & Culture, Vevo Sapuh expressed his sincere appreciation to the participating artists where he said that, "it is the most beautiful thing ever to be in the midst of the Artists' creativity". He said creative imaginations come alive through the object, the sculpture and the art pieces the artist have made. He also said that the artistic talent promotes cultural values and traditions which propagates peace and unity.

The Convenor of the Art Festival 2015, V. Nuodi, who spoke on the concept of the Art Festival, said the event is to facilitate artists to promote and propagate with their creative talents to greater heights. He also said that the display of Tatoos Konyaks, varieties of paintings, sculpture, demonstrative arts and many more were some important features to be showcases by the artists from Manipur. Handmade bikes are also displayed at the show.

WW-II PEACE RALLY

Nagaland Adventure & Motor Sports Association (NAMSA) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland organized the 6th Edition of the World War II Peace Rally.

The WWII Peace Rally was flagged off from Dimapur Stadium on 2nd December 2015 by Asangba Chuba Ao, IAS, Commissioner of Taxes. He congratulated the organizers for taking up the initiative to organize the event year after year in spite of all difficulties faced. Asangba said that the event was not only for fun but also where we can promote peace and unity in the state as well as in the country. He also encouraged the gathering to keep the spirit of unity alive and keep on continuing the good work.

Altogether around 12 vintage WW II Jeeps were flagged off from Dimapur Stadium. The World War II Peace Rally is held during the Hornbill Festival to commemorate the Battle of Kohima and also to promote Peace and Unity. The convoy culminated at Kisama, Naga Heritage village for the grand finale.

For the third time in a row, Andrew Ahoto was awarded the best original car of the World War II Peace Rally on 2nd December 2015 at Kisama Heritage Village.

S. Lanu Jamir was awarded the second place in the best original car category. The best Dressed Unit was awarded to Tovika, Car No 7 while best Weaponry was bagged by Andrew Ahato. The most Disciplined Unit went to Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries, Shetoyi Sumi, Car No. 2. Asanuo received the award for Women Unit.

Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir and Parliamentary Secretary for Art & Culture, Eshak Konyak distributed the prizes to the winners.

BOOK ON SECOND WORLD WAR RELEASED

Writer Raghu Karnath's book "Farthest Field" was released by Parliamentary Secretary for Art & Culture, Eshak Konyak on 2nd December 2015 at Kisama at the Hornbill Literature Festival 2015 commemorating the battle of Imphal and Kohima in collaboration with the World War II Peace Rally. Raghu Karnath said that he was not a historian three years back but the life of his young uncle Bobby, who joined British Army in 1942 as an engineer, inspired him to write on the history of II World War.

He also said that many who fought the war at Kohima and Imphal did not come back and that Bobby's grave was found later at Imphal Commonwealth War Grave cemetery.

HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

Hornbill International Music festival 2015 was formally launched on 1st December 2015 by Parliamentary Secretary for Youth Resources & Sports, Music Task Force, Khriehu Liezietsu at IG stadium.

Music lovers turned out in huge number for the launching programme. The artists who took the stage included seven artists from the Naga Orpheus hunt finalist, Lovini, Atto, A Achumi, Thenon Konyak, Litsuvihru Domeh, Themshao, Imtiakum, Kizawi Zeliang. Winner of Kids for Fame 2015 Kavilvi Yephtho and the 1st runners up Lisuka Ayemi entertained the music lovers with their originals number and Vinika,

District Round Up

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education, SCERT F.P. Solo with officials and students at the State Level Kala Utsav at Ruzhukhris GHSS Kohima on 10th November 2015.



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya, Parliamentary Secretary for PWD Housing Er. Levi Rengma, President RSU Er. Meshnlo Khat along with other Officials during the unveiling of molith stone of the 38th RSU conference held at Sendenyu village of Tseminyu Sub Division of 17th December 2015.

State Round Up



Governor of Nagaland and Chief Minister, Nagaland speaking at the 4th convocation of Nagaland University at SASRD, Medziphema on 5th December 2015.



Principal Director, Z. Mesen delivering his farewell speech during the farewell programme organized in honour of the retiring officers and staff of Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts on 16th Dec, 2015

State Round Up



Parliamentary Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Amenba Yaden releasing the souvenir of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Industries & Commerce Department on 15th Dec. 2015.



The Governor with the organizers and performers of the Handshake Concert Raj Bhavan edition on 5th Dec. 2015.

Development Round Up



Commissioner & Secretary, Vety & AH, L. H. Thangi Mannen after the unveiling of Strengthening of Mini Dairy Plant and Milk Products Unit at Mokokchung town on 11th Dec. 2015



Minister for PHED Tokheho Yepthomi inaugurating the Solar Power Water Treatment Unit at KBBB Mission Centre, Mon on 4th December 2015

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winner of Voice of Nagaland also presented some numbers. Other bands who performed at the launching ceremony were Cadence, Infuse Joushua, Note Ninjas and popular band from Nagaland, the Purple Fusion.

GOVERNOR P B ACHARYA PARTICIPATES IN ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY

Governor of Nagaland & Assam, PB Acharya launched the Armed Forces Flag Day week on 2nd December, 2015 at Raj Bhavan. Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated throughout the country to honour veterans and brave soldiers who have sacrificed for the defence of the country from external aggression and also in maintaining law and order whenever called to assist the civil authorities. Flag Day is observed to enlist public cooperation and support for three basic purposes, rehabilitation of families of battle casualties, welfare of serving personnel and their families and welfare of ex-servicemen and their families.

Governor, while interacting with the ex-servicemen and family members of ex-servicemen, reminded them that ex-soldiers, who have retired from their service, should not feel that they are a burden or lonely in the society. He reminded that they are the great assets and their sacrifices would be very much remembered by all at all times.

Brig KK Roy Choudhury, SM, VSM (Retd), Secretary Rajya Sanik Board, highlighted the significance of Armed Forces Flag Day. He was accompanied by about 20 members including his staff, ex-servicemen, widows and dependents.

The Governor's wife Kavita Acharya and the Governor, who is also the ex-officio chairman of Rajya Poorva Sanik Board, contributed welfare fund during the function.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH PRIORITIES AT DIMAPUR

The inaugural program of Regional Conference on National Health Priorities with special reference to the northeast organised by NEZ & Department of Health, Government of Nagaland under the Auspices of Environment Medical Association of India (EMA) was held at Hotel Acacia on 30th November 2015 with Governor of Nagaland, P.B Acharya as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor questioned that while NASA has got about 30 percent of its staff that are Indians, why India is still lacking behind? He said that we have brought our stance down though we were a thriving civilization always and had better knowledge of astronomy, literature, art and more since ancient times. He said that we still have the chance to be a super power of the world for the resources here are enormous and India has the highest population of youth.

On the North East Context, and Nagaland in particular, he said that North East has enough resources for all its power needs, but it is the mindset that is letting us down. He said running away from problems is never a solution, rather we should face it. Earlier in the programme welcome address was delivered by Advisor Health NEC

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Government of India, Dr. Bamin Tada. Keynote address was delivered by 'Health Care in India at the Crossroad' Prof. Dr. K.C. Mohanty and vote of thanks was delivered by Organising Secretary, Dr. Sedevi Angami.

ESTONIAN TEAM CALLS ON CM

Estonian team had a meeting with the Chief Minister of Nagaland along with his Cabinet members at CMO on 2nd December 2015.

The team led by Dr Liia Hannie senior expert on e-Democracy and three other presented power point presentation during the meeting. The visiting team said that Nagaland was the first state in India they are visiting to highlight and share their experience on e-Governance. Dr Liia said that e-Governance is a tool to modernize society and she wishes that Nagaland will soon be called an e-Nagaland State. The other team members also highlighted different topics on e- Governance its concepts-governance for people, transparency, electronic identification & digital signing etc.

Chief Minister congratulated the visiting team for the powerful power point presented by the team and empowering all the members present at the meeting about e-governance and their success story. He also assured the team they will follow up with the e-governance concept to be implemented in Nagaland through the IT department. He further added that the members will try to educate the citizen of Nagaland about the importance of e-Governance and if possible adopt a similar module in future.

YITACHU GRACES WORLD DISABLED DAY 2015 AT KOHIMA

World Disabled Day 2015 was celebrated with Minister for School Education and SCERT, Nagaland, Yitachu as the chief guest at The Heritage, old D.C Bungalow Kohima on 3rd December 2015. The programme was jointly organised by Nagaland Parents Association For Disabled (NAPAD) and Social Welfare Department Govt. of Nagaland.

In his speech, Yitachu termed the World Disabled Day as the celebration of what one can offer to the special category of children as they are equally important as others. Speaking on the theme, "Full participation and Equality, Yitachu said that every individual, society, organisations and Government should come out and address the special issues for the differently abled persons. He also pointed out that the set up of the entire society needs to be reflected and set up the system in place in order to tackle any issues that may arise.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Rovilatuo Mor IAS in his greetings extended his warm welcome to all the participants and expressed his appreciation to the organizers, NAPAD and Social Welfare Department for taking initiative and sacrifices in organising the event in a befitting manner.

During a brief interaction on Assistance required by PWDs during voting, the Deputy Commissioner on behalf of the District Election machinery invited suggestion from the parents of the differently abled persons on their requirements faced during Election



Minister Yitachu, DC Kohima Rovilatuo Mor, Rtd. Chief Secretary of Nagaland Banuo Z. Jamir along with NAPAD and Social Welfare Deptt. officials and others at the World Disabled Day at The Heritage, Kohima on 3rd December 2015.

process in order to highlight it to the Election Commission of India. He also informed that the Government is taking up provision for providing ramp facility to the differently abled persons to facilitate their votes and to have full participation in the election process.

OSD Social Welfare Department, Keweu Kenye delivered the key note address while special numbers were presented by the differently abled children from G. Rio School in the form of fashion show, dance and song and words of gratitude was proposed by Zalekhrulu Lohe. The occasion was also marked by Art and Singing competition by the differently abled persons from various schools where Retd. Chief Secretary of Nagaland Banuo Z. Jamir gave away the prize money and certificate to the winners.

NAGALAND POST CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE MILESTONE

Nagaland Post, the first daily newspaper of the state attained 25 years of its publication, and marking the day a befitting programme was organised today 3rd December, 2015 at Oasis.

Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya who was also present congratulated the Proprietor and Editor in Chief, Nagaland Post, Geoffrey Yaden and whole team of the paper for upholding the best tradition of journalism of being the voice of the people and the voiceless.

Chief Minister Nagaland T.R. Zeliang, in his speech lauded Nagaland Post for consistently striving for journalistic

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excellence fairly and impartially thereby moulding the opinion of the readers.

Editor in Chief Nagaland Post, Geoffery Yaden, who also shared his experiences on the auspicious occasion, said that he started Nagaland Post, driven by a sense of mission and not ambition. Recalling the days of the 90s Geoffery said that he found it quite absurd to read news about us from outside the state papers and thus took it as a mission to start a newspaper because people needed it. Various organisations/communities also felicitated Nagaland Post for reaching a milestone of 25 years.

DZIESELATUO CLINCHES HORNBILL NAGA WRESTLING

The 9th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship, 2015 organised by Nagaland Wrestling Association as part and parcel of the Hornbill festival since 2007 was held on 4th December, 2015 at Amphitheatre, Naga Heritage village, Kisama.

Altogether, 36 wrestlers from three communities such as Angami, Chakhesang and Zeliang and two from England namely Nick Voge, Graphic designer and Simon Jerrard, Mechanical Engineer by profession also participated.

The 1st position was clinched by Dzieselatuo Keretsu while the 2nd, 3rd and 4th position were won by Zasevikho Meyatsu, Seketukho Nipu and Velato Veswuh respectively. The winner fetched a cash prize of Rs. 60,000/- while the 2nd, 3rd and 4th position pocketed Rs. 40,000/-, Rs.

30,000/-, and Rs. 20,000/- respectively.

All the quarter finalists were given Rs. 5000/- each. Minister for School Education, Yitachu has also donated a sum of Rs 10,000 /- to NWA and Rs. 1000 /- each to all the quarter finalists.

Director, Tourism, Purakhu Angami, other dignitaries and former Hornbill Naga Wrestling Champions like Surhoneyi Soho, winner of 2009 edition and Vechita Khesoh winner of 2012 and 2014 editions also witnessed the day long championship 2015. Senior Pastor, Baptist Mission Church, Rev. Moa Longchari invoked God's blessing.

NORTH EAST MEDIA CONCLAVE AT DIMAPUR

North East Media conclave organised by Department of Tourism along with Nagaland Post was held on 3rd December 2015 at Hotel Shilloi Lake with Parliamentary Secretary Tourism C. Apok Jamir as the chief guest.

In his key note address, the chief guest urged the media not to create negativism but work to infuse positivism among people. Panel members included Dr. Neel Konwar, Psychologist, Akum Longchari Editor, Morung Express, Indian Express Correspondent Samudra Kashyap and Dasho Neten Functionary of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Media persons from various North Eastern States, high ranking dignitaries and experts in various fields participated in the programme.

Editor, Nagaland Post Geoffrey Yaden in his welcome address, expressed gratitude

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to the tourism department for including the conclave as part of Hornbill festival.

HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL ROCK CONTEST

The Hornbill International Rock Contest was launched by Commissioner & Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Menukhol John on 3rd December 2015 at the IG Stadium, Kohima.

A total of 25 bands including five local bands, one international band and 19 national bands will vie for the ultimate title of this year edition. The winner of the Hornbill International Rock Contest will win a cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs while the 1st and 2nd runners up will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs and 2.5 lakh respectively.

The first night of the contest saw eight bands performing for the finals. The bands were Monkey Fingers (Nagaland), Feudal Accent (Darjeeling), Shred XXX (Kolkata), Daira (Mumbai), Fame the Band (Meghalaya), Crystal and Witches (Sikkim), Sunep Ensemble Band (Nagaland) and Avengers (Nagaland).

3 DAYS HORNBILL CARNIVAL UNDERWAY

The three day Hornbill Carnival got underway on 4th December 2015 at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre (Green Circle) under the theme Bamboo Food, Art and Music.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function, Advisor, Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA)

Naiba Konyak stressed on the multi uses of bamboo and lauded the government for giving opportunity to the rural people by recognizing bamboo as agro forestry plant. He also disclosed that NBDA is trying to include the subject of bamboo in school curriculum to enable the children to be aware about the uses/benefits of bamboo. He expressed with pride that NBDA is the best in India and the 2nd in the world.

APC and Mission Director NBDA, Imkonglemba (IAS) in his brief introductory note felt that North East Region should work on bamboo as an alternative specially to Jhum cultivation to replenish the destruction of forest by introducing bamboo cultivation. He encouraged and reminded the bamboo entrepreneurs about the potentiality of bamboo market and stressed on the need to bring in more technological concept.

Marking 10 years of existence of Bamboo Agency a decadal issue of Bamboo Infomag was also released by the Chief Guest along with the Mission Director. Highlights of the day included cultural dance by Showuba cultural troupe and special song by Patkai voice ensemble.

A number of stalls selling attractive bamboo products were put up, representing various north eastern states including Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Assam.

INTERNATIONAL SOIL HEALTH DAY OBSERVED

World Soil Day, which is held every year in the 5th of December, was observed at the Directorate of Agriculture Kohima with the slogan "Health Soil Green Field".

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The programme was chaired by Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dr. Bendangyanger followed by keynote address by Joint Director Agriculture, N. Thungjamo Lotha and a speech by Director Agriculture, Bendangyanger.

In his speech, Director Agriculture stated that the International Year of Soil aims to be a platform for raising awareness on the importance of sustainable soil management as the basis for food system, fuel and fibre production, essential ecosystem functions and better adaptation to climate change for present and future generation.

In his keynote address, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dr. Bendangyanger spoke on the six key messages identified for dissemination in the international Soils Health Day, soil health management and soil health card, plant nutrients and their functions, role of essential plant nutrients, functions of essential nutrients, organisms in the soil, maintaining quality of soil resources, soil testing, fertilizer and soil health recommendation.

P.B. ACHARYA AND T.R. ZELIANG GRACES 4th CONVOCATION OF NU

The 4th convocation of Nagaland University was held today 5th December 2015 with the Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya as the chief guest and Chief Minister, Nagaland T.R. Zeliang as the guest of honour at SASRD, Medziphema campus.

In his convocation address, P.B. Acharya who is also the chief rector of Nagaland University congratulated the students who were awarded with various degrees and gold

medals. Reminding the students that getting a degree was the beginning of life, Acharya urged upon the students to be committed, dedicated and hardworking stating that learning is a lifelong process. He said that Nagaland University has made great strides in various fields of teaching and research ever since its establishment. He disclosed that Nagaland University had adopted a total of 12 villages and imparted regular training to 13,822 beneficiaries in more than 34 villages of the state with the focus on livelihood improvement of rural people by creating interface with government departments.

Chief Minister Nagaland T.R. Zeliang who graced the occasion as guest of honour, expressed happiness over the fact that Nagaland University was finally emerging out of its troubled past and steadily improving administratively and academically. T.R. Zeliang observed that although Nagaland University is a central University, it still lacks in many areas and felt that issues like infrastructural inadequacies, University administration, academic quality, relevancy of curriculum and quality of research works etc needs to be collectively addressed.

On the occasion Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.K. Konwar presented a report about the activities of the University while Chancellor of Nagaland University and Chairman of the Convocation Prof. D.N Buragohain delivered the welcome note.

Besides the galaxy of scholars and members of the University, Minister School Education, Yitachu and Parliamentary Secretaries, Dr. Benjongliba, Amenba Yaden, S. Chuba, Panteang, Deo Nukhu, Er. Levi, and MLAs Tovihoto and Zhaleo Rio also attended the convocation programme.

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HANDSHAKE CONCERT AT RAJ BHAVAN

As a part of the Celebration of the Hornbill festival, Rattle and Hum Music Society Nagaland presented Handshake Concert Raj Bhavan edition, at Raj Bhavan Kohima on 5th December 2015.

Evening highlights of the programme include performance by various artists from both mainland India and the state, the artists such as Indian classical Tabala virtuoso performer Pandita Anuradha Pal, Anindita Odisha, Voices of Hope, Tetseo Sisters and Chakessang Cultural Institute.

The programme was attended by Governor of Nagaland & Assam P.B. Acharya, Chief Minister of Nagaland T.R. Zeliang, Consulate General of France Kolkata Damien Sayeed and host of invites.

3rd FRIENDSHIP MOTORCYCLE RALLY

The 3rd Friendship Motorcycle Rally was flagged off by Abu Metha on the 7th December 2015 at Dimapur. The Friendship Rally is organized by the Nagaland Motorcycle Club in collaboration with the department of Tourism.

Around 110 Royal Enfield riders, including 40 national riders, rode from Dimapur to Khonoma where they stopped for lunch. The pack then left for Kisama Heritage Village and then to Kohima Village. The event, coinciding with the Hornbill festival, is held with an aim to promote tourism in the state and also to include motorcycle riders from India and abroad to be a part of the Hornbill festival.

LT. GEN. PRAVEEN BAKSHI AT HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Lt. General Praveen Bakshi AVSM, VSM General Officer, Commanding-in-charge-in-chief, Eastern command graced the cultural extravaganza of the Hornbill festival at Kisama Heritage Village on 7th December 2015,

Praveen Bakshi in his short speech congratulated the Department of Tourism for organizing the festival of festivals to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of the rich Naga culture. He said that he came to the Hornbill festival to spread the message of peace and wished that the most popular and important festival is celebrated successfully. Parliamentary Secretary, Art & Culture, E. Eshak Konyak in his concluding remarks said that army can play an important role in the society and save the people. He wished them to build strong friendship and unitedly solve problems through mutual understanding and bring peace development in the state.

REVERSE TRAGEDY FROM MIZORAM WINS HORNBILL INTERNATIONAL ROCK CONTEST 2015

Out of the 24 Bands competing for this year Hornbill International Rock Contest 2015 held at the Hockey Ground IG Stadium Kohima on 6th December 2015, 9 bands Crystal and the Witches (Sikkim), October (Delhi), Reverse Tragedy (Mizoram), Grey Shack (Chennai), Tune Up Channel (Nagaland), Run Pussy Run (Pune), Rune

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Legacy (Nagaland), Ron and Me (Kolkata) and Avancer (Nagaland) took the stage for the mega finale.

The winner of this year's Hornbill International Rock Contest 2015 was awarded to Reverse Tragedy from Mizoram who received a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakhs and will also be offered a free band exam by Trinity College of London, the resource partner of this year's Hornbill International Rock Contest 2015. The first runners-up bagged by October from Delhi while Grey Shack from Chennai bagged the second runners-up. Both received a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 2.5 lakh respectively. The band with the best song lyrics was awarded to Run Pussy Run from Pune while the band from Meghalaya fame the band was declared the best potential the band while Tune up Channel from Nagaland bagged the best band award for the local band.

Under the individual awards, the Best Guitarist was bagged by Bishal Gurung from Reserve Tragedy (Mizoram) while the Best Vocal was won by Sherry Mathews, October from Delhi; Best Bassist by Sayar Mitra from the Buddha Therapy (Kolkata); Best Drummer by Thupen Bhutia from Crystal and Witches (Sikkim) and the Key Board by Pritam Boro from 2 Square (Assam).

Project Director Music Task Force Nagaland Gugs Chishi declared the results and thanked all the sponsors and others participants for the successful competition of the Hornbill International Rock Contest 2015. Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang along with the sponsors and judges gave away the prizes.

R.N. RAVI GRACES CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA AT HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Joint Intelligence Committee & Interlocutor of Naga Peace Talks, R.N. Ravi graced the morning session of the Hornbill festival at Kisama as the chief guest on 8th December 2015 where cultural performances of various naga tribes were displayed.

R.N. Ravi in his address said that the Nagas have all the reasons to be proud of their unique culture, at the same time, the obligations to preserve it. He urged the Nagas to extend their unity beyond culture and other aspects of Naga life.

He said that as an Interlocutor, his biggest concern is the division in the society and finding the solution to the problem of division in the society and finding the solution to this problem is the biggest challenge. He added that the solution has to be "inclusive" taking all the stakeholders.

Stressing on the signing of the "Framework Agreement" Ravi said "it is a historic opportunity and the moment has come". He added that the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has a deep respect for the Naga political issue and he is determined to solve the issue on the principal of equality and mutual respect.

Urging the Nagas to come together, Ravi said "we have a lot of bitter memories, do we remain hostage to those memories or look forward to meet our destiny. Although it is not easy, it will be unfair for future generation if we don't fulfill our dreams," he added.

While appreciating the efforts of R. N. Ravi, for his sincerity and commitment to realise the dream of the Nagas, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, Apok Jamir, in his brief speech, said that it is the collective effort of the Nagas that will ensure the fulfillment of dreams. Cultural performances were presented by various groups and troupes.

NBDA AND NRL SIGNS MOU FOR SOURCING BAMBOO

Numaligarh Refinery Limited, a Government of India Public Sector Enterprises under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency has today the 8th December 2015, signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) for sourcing 2 lakh tonnes of semi processed bamboo Annually. The MOU was signed by APC and Mission Director NBDA, Imkonglemba IAS representing the Government of Nagaland and General Manager (Marketing and business development) NRL, Golaghat B.Ekka in the conference hall of NBDA Dimapur.

Imkonglemba in his brief address said that NBDA was established with a commitment and target to sustain the propose rejuvenation of Tuli Paper Mill and presently availability of bamboo in the State is around 9 lakh metric tonnes. With the fact that bamboo needs to be harvested in 3 years the NBDA has decided to tie up with NRL as their requirement is 2 lakh metric tonnes per annum, mission director of NBDA stated. He further informed that Nagaland would be sourcing bamboo semi products to NRL and was hopeful that semi processing

units would be started in Nagaland. He said that NBDA will be working on promoting bamboo entrepreneurs and hinted that more than 200 people will be given indirect employment when sourcing of Nagaland bamboo to NRL takes shape.

General Manager NRL, Ekka informed that NRL is implementing a Bio-Refinery in Assam for producing bio-ethanol from available non-food bio-mass feedstock Bamboo to be implemented within 3 years time. NRL has joined hands with a Finland based technology provider M/s Chempolis who has 3rd generation technology to convert bamboo to ethanol in commercially viable basis which is much ahead of other established technology providers for conversion of bamboo to ethanol, the official from NRL informed. He also said that for the proposed project NRL would be sourcing bamboo from Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. He was optimistic for availing long term supply of Bamboo for the Bio Refinery on mutually beneficial terms for both Nagaland and NRL with the signing of the MOU.

Team Leader NBDA Khrienuo Metha, NBDA members, Managers Business Development, Atanu P.Sharma and Rajiv Changkakoti from NRL were also present during the signing of MOU.

The signing of MoU today between the two parties would enable to identify bamboo catchment area for primary processing by the communities for converting into bio-fuel. The project would enable to set up bamboo processing clusters in the state of Nagaland which would ultimately help the farmers to promote bamboo plantation and processing for value addition.

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FINE ART TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION ORGANISES PAINTING COMPETITION AT KISAMA

The traditional Visual Art Motifs of Nagaland manifested in the architecture, woodcarving, dress, textile, utensils, weapons etc are a charming identity of the state visual art motifs shared commonly by all the tribes of Nagaland. Besides the prominent common motifs such as a mithun head, hornbill feather etc there are art motifs with varying level of popularity and uses among all the tribes, interpretation of which vary from village to village. The motif used by the artist is a mean for expression which reflects their mental creative and moreover beliefs and creating awareness and appreciation for all the artists and to promote unity as an underlying binding force.

In order to showcase the rich culture, the Department of Art & Culture Nagaland in collaboration with the All Nagaland Fine Art Teacher's Association organised a painting competition on 5th December 2015 at Kisama under the theme 'visual art motifs of Nagaland for the students from class V-X all over Nagaland. Altogether 60 students turned up for the competition.

Briefing the media, President, All Nagaland Fine Arts Teachers, Hetoi thanked the Department of Art & Culture for taking the initiative and organising the completion and said that the competition will go a long way in nurturing the creative

talents and moreover inferring awareness of our cultural value in the field of arts. K. Chella of Mt. Hermon Hr. Sec School and 2nd Runners Ruopfuzhazo Dzuvichu of North Field received a cash prize of Rs. 5000 and Rs. 2500/- respectively with certificates.

CHEDIE KHIAMNIUNGAN WINS NAGA KING CHILLI EATING COMPETITION

P. Chedie Khamniungan won the Naga King Chilli eating competition by consuming six chillies. 2nd place went to Prem Saikia from Kohima who also ate six chillies and lagged behind the winner by few seconds. Khumong, Mongtsa and Shanyu David shared the third position.

The Naga king chilli eating competition was organized by XL Nagaland and sponsored by the Department of Horticulture. 19 contestants participated in the event. The winner from the tourist category was Ghao Debajil from Assam.



P. Chedie Khamniungan wins the Naga King Chilli eating competition at Kisama on 10th December 2015.

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HORNBILL FESTIVAL CULMINATES WITH WAR CRY

The grand finale of the 16th edition of the Hornbill festival culminated in a glittering ceremony on 10th December, 2015 at the main Arena, Naga Heritage village, Kisama.

Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, C. Apok Jamir in his closing speech expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all for coming to grace the closing ceremony. The 10 days long cultural extravaganza showcased how the Naga rich culture and tradition evolved, he said. He also thanked the people of Nagaland coming from various districts to showcase their unique cultures and traditions thereby inducing the inflow of tourists to a much higher level as compared to that of past years.

In order to showcase that Nagaland is known as the land of festivals and to uphold that we live in 'Unity in diversity' the Hornbill festival is usually held in a common platform at Kisama where all the tribes can exhibit their rich culture and tradition not only to other tribes but also to outsiders.

'Hornbill festival is not only to earn revenue but also to promote and propagate our comradeship and also to extend our well known hospitality to others', he said. He also acknowledged the various departments, NGOs, cultural troupes etc. who were instrumental behind the success of the Hornbill festival.

Colored Keys & Dreamz Unlimited enthralled the crowds with their marvelous presentations. Certificates were given to winners and all the 17 tribes during the closing programme.

Pastor, Bethel Masiha Church, Br. Sankara Narayan invoked blessing while Secretary Tourism, Angau I. Thou, IAS gave the concluding remarks followed by lighting of Bon fire by the reigning Miss Nagaland, 2015. Unity dance round the bon fire and display of fireworks followed the main function.

NUKLUTOSHI RELEASES BOOK TITLED 'NARENDRA MODI AND NAGA PEACE ACCORD'

Nagaland Minister for National Highways; Nuklutoshi formally released a book titled Narendra Modi and Naga Peace Accord; written by senior journalist and Editor of North East Press Service Okenjeet Sandham on 13th December 2015 at Hotel Japfu Kohima.

Addressing on the occasion Nuklutoshi congratulated the author for coming out with a book on the Naga Political Issue and described him as a man with a brave heart admitting the fact that the Naga Political Issue was a very complex subject. He observed that various signed accords after accords failed due to lack of unity amongst the Nagas and failure to consult the whole section of the Naga Society. He seriously felt the need that we ought to go back to the grassroots and make the people understand with the slogan "Unity for Solution."

Kohima Press Club President Xavier Ruts a in his short speech congratulated Okenjeet and said that he was a source of inspiration specially to the media persons. Stating that media persons could contribute

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to the society in many aspects he encouraged the media persons to write on various issues and support the society.

Author of the book termed the day as a momentous occasion of his life saying that his dream to write a book on the Naga Political Issue has been fulfilled. Enlightening the gathering on the sequence of Political history of Nagaland since 1929 Okenjeet remarked that Naga people have political issue with the Government of India and felt that we need to present the correct picture of the Naga political history to the world. He expressed hope that the book would provide some kind of input to those who are currently trying to find solution to the Naga Political Issue.

OBITUARY REFERENCES MADE IN THE ASSEMBLY SESSION

During the 10th Session of the 12th Nagaland Legislative Assembly this morning, the 14th Dec, 2015, the Chief Minister of Nagaland T.R. Zeliang made obituary references on the passing away of the following:

Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, he said that Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam passed away on 27th July, 2015 at Bethany Hospital in Nongrim Hills, Shillong after a heart attack during a lecture in the IIM, Shillong. Zeliang said that he worked at DRDA and was involved in launching of Rohini Satellite, PSLV and PRITHVI Mission. He also authored many books. Dr. Kalam became the 11th President of India on 25th July 2002, he added. T.R. Zeliang mentioned that Abdul Kalam was a man of integrity and genuine simplicity with

an abiding concern for the well being of fellow human beings.

T.R. Zeliang said that Late Lt. Gen V.K. Nayar was born on 5th October 1931. He played active role in the Army, he was also conferred various awards such as SM and PVSM and he also authored a book titled "Threat from within".

Zeliang said that Lt. Gen. V.K. Nayar became the Governor of Nagaland with effect from 2nd October 1993 and in his short tenure of 10 months he was able to win the heart of the people by his impartial and non partisan conduct along with efficiency and dignity.

While making obituary reference of Late Khekiho Zhimomi, former Minister and serving MP (Rajya Sabha), T. R. Zeliang said that Zhimomi passed away on 26th November 2015 at the AIIMS, New Delhi after a massive cardiac arrest.

Zeliang mentioned that he was deeply involved in social and community works and served in many social organizations such as NSF, Nagaland Contractors & Suppliers Union and Nagaland Timber Association. He added that Khekiho held the portfolio of Minister of Industries & Commerce, Geology & Mining, Sericulture and Border Affairs and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).

The Chief Minister said that with his passing away, the state in general and the Sumis in particular have lost a distinguished Parliamentarian and a dedicated social worker.

Speaker NLA, Chotisuh Sazo also made obituary reference to Late Bongnao, Late L.J. Toshi Sangtam and Late T. Sentichuba Jamir, all former Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

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ASSEMBLY SESSION ASSENTS BILLS

Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Benjamin Newmai reported on the assent of the following bills:

- i) The Nagaland Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Bill, 2014.
- ii) The Nagaland State Legislative Members (Removal of Disqualification) first Amendment Bill, 2015.
- iii) The Nagaland Appropriation (No. 8) Bill, 2015.

Neiphrezo Kreditsu presented a copy of the Eighty-ninth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (2nd Session of the 12th Nagaland Legislative Assembly).

GOVERNOR ATTENDS SCOUTER & GUIDER REUNION CLOSING FUNCTION

The Nagaland Bharat State Bharat Scouts & Guides conducted the Scouter & Guider Reunion (Adult leaders in scouting & Guiding) at Kohima from 12th - 14th December 2015. The objective of the reunion was to impart and to update scouting and guiding skills to all trained unit leaders and district officials, meet to renew old friendship and make new friends and to renew one's promise.

Governor of Nagaland & Assam P.B. Acharya, who is also the Chief Patron Nagaland State Bharat Scouts & Guides, graced the reunion closing function as the chief guest where he said scouting /guiding

is an international movement and is the largest voluntary uniformed youth force in the world. Acharya said, our state has produced a lot of Governor Awardees and the state has received Rashtrapati awardees too. The Governor also assured that he would come forward and assist for new construction of state unit office building.

Following are the winners of various category, the best guider 2015 was won by Kienuo Suokhrie, Mezbur HSS Kohima, best scouter by Mhonbemo Kikon Cistus School, Wokha, best DOC(G) Tovili Wati Mokokchung, best DOC (S) Khuyivi Achumi, Zunheboto, best unit Alpine open troop, Kohima scout master Imlisnup & Don Bosco HSS Dimapur, best district 2015 Mokokchung & Kiphire. The winners were awarded with certificate with a cash prize.

Altogether 46 Scouters & Guiders from nine districts attended the training programme which was held at State Headquarters, life members building Bayavu hill, Kohima.

GOVERNOR ADDRESSES MON PUBLIC AT CIVIC RECEPTION

Addressing the people of Mon at the civic reception at council hall, Mon and interacting with the civil societies, public leader, Government officers and villagers of Mon village on 11th Dec. 2015, the Governor of Nagaland and Assam P.B. Acharya stressed on the need to have a strong and vibrant society for a strong nation. He said

education is the backbone of development and according to him empowerment of education is the first and the most important aspect in strengthening and developing any society.

He pointed out that as per the newspaper report 68% of the Government Teachers are proxy teacher and that only the poor children of the society go to the government school. Asserting that the ultimate goal of education should not be self centered, the Governor said everyone is part of the society and therefore development of society is strengthening the individuals. He lamented that the concept of empowering the society is lacking in the present education system. He also emphasized on 3 Es - Education, Electricity and Employment for every aspect of development in the modern world.

On his first day, the Governor visited Mon Village and Mon Sub-jail, where he had interaction with the Village elders, jail staff and the prisoners. He also had meetings with Civil Societies, Senior Citizens, Parents of Children studying/working outside Nagaland, District Administration and head of Departments at Walo Guest House.

Public reception program in honour of the Governor was organized by the Konyak Union at Council Hall Mon Town. Earlier, Governor of Nagaland and Assam, P.B. Acharya along with his lady wife, who were here on two days visit was received by the District Administration and Konyak Civil Societies at Helipad with Guard of Honour from the Village Guards.

GOVERNOR GRACES MON DISTRICT HOSPITAL GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

While delivering speech at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the District Hospital Mon, the Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya congratulated all the Doctors, nurses and staff members for their commitment to serve the sick and needy wholeheartedly. DHM is most commendable when it comes to service and dedication for providing 24 hrs services to the needy and the sick people. According to him, DHM is the only hospital in the state providing evening shift, which is a model for other district hospital to follow. Congratulating the DHM for bagging the Kayalap mission 2015, he said when many hospitals in Nagaland are facing hygiene and waste management problems DHM has achieved it. Lamenting that despite the up gradation from 50 to 100 bedded hospital, it is yet to be materialized in terms of equipments, manpower and building, he said time waits for no one therefore we should hurry and fulfill the promise by providing the facilities needed for the 100 bedded hospital. Acknowledging that many Nagas from Myanmar come over to Nagaland to avail medical and education facilities, he said setting up of Medical College in Mon district would be befitting for the Naga brothers from Myanmar.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner, Mon Honje Konyak in his welcome address delivered a brief account of the DHM while the Director of Health, department of H&FW Kithan presented overall performance of

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the DHM. The Chief host of the Golden Jubilee N. Thongwang Konyak, Advisor DUDA also spoke at the gathering. Greeting was proposed by the President KNSK Lomei Konyak. Jubilee Monolith was dedicated by Rev. Zapovil Sophie, President ABCC. The program was chaired by Dr. U.K. Konyak, CMO, Mon while the vote of thanks was proposed by Medical Superintendent of DHM. Special number was presented by the Hospital staffs.

MP NEIPHIU RIO AWARDED BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES 'SILVER ELEPHANT AWARD'

Neiphiu Rio, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and former Chief Minister Nagaland was awarded the Bharat Scouts & Guides 'Silver Elephant Award' in recognition of service of most exceptional character to the movement by Pranab Mukherjee, President of India on 8th Dec'2015 at Darbar Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides investiture of the award for Distinguished Service "Silver Elephant Award" is the highest National Award of the Scouts & Guides Movement in India.

From Nagaland State thirteen Scouts and thirteen Guides were awarded the Rashtrapati Scouts & Guides Award 2014. During the award ceremony (2) two Scouts and Guides along with the State Chief Commissioner Scouts & Guides, Khyomo Lotha were present to receive the award on behalf of the awardees.

DEPT OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Department of Industries & Commerce celebrated its 50 years on 15th December 2015 with a function at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima. The Department came into being in 1965 and is one of the major departments in Nagaland which has been playing a leading role in the development of the State.

Parliamentary Secretary for Industries & Commerce, Amenba Yaden graced the celebration as the chief guest where he said that the Directorate and the Department as a whole has a pivotal role to play in ushering in the much needed economic growth and prosperity for the State. He congratulated all the officers and staffs of the past and present for their contribution in bringing department so far. He called on the staffs to continue with more dedication for the State with renewed vigour. The chief guest mentioned that the issue of unemployment has to be addressed where Industries & Commerce has to play a vital role with a renew approach and a clear vision to tap the potentialities of the state. The chief guest also unveiled the monolith and released the Jubilee Souvenir.

Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Hushili Sema in her speech said that looking back at the Industries scenario in the state we have to relook for the process of industrialization and commerce of the state. She called on all the officers and the staff of the department to work on an approach which should be inclusive, resource based, industry conducive, investor friendly and

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environmentally sensitive. She also added that skill development and entrepreneurship development is also required to be addressed seriously in today's technology driven age.

Director, Industries & Commerce Nagaland, Bendangliba in his speech on the mentioned that since 1965 there has been radical changes in the Department of Industries & Commerce and is one of the major leading assets of the state. He emphasised that the theme 'Industries – The Wheel that Changes the Fortune of a Nation' is designed to record the progress of the department, to emphasise the growth, to recognize to those men, women and organization who have played a leading role in the process of the department.

Additional Director (A), Medemsutung Longkumer chaired the programme. Short speeches were delivered by Rtd. Director Er. G. Keppen Rengma and Rtd. Director Keneilel Angami.

NENGHOILHING CROWNED MISS NAGALAND

Nenghoilhing Hangsing was crowned Miss Nagaland 2015 after beating the other five contestants at RCEMPA Jotsoma organized by BASN. Miss Nagaland 2015, who hails from Kohima district aspires to become an IPS officer. Miss Sumi, Alicia Zhimomi was adjudged fist runner-up while Yangeryungla Pongen representing Mokokchung district was adjudged the second runner-up. Nenghoilhing also won Miss Photogenic Subtitle while Yangeryungla won Miss Perfect 10. Schanchobeni Y. Jungio won Miss Talent Subtitle and Zehovire Avi Kechū was

adjudged Queen of Heart Subtitle. Miss World Beauty India 2015 Imlibenla Wati who appeared on stage highlighted the events of the organizer BASN.

The judges of the competition were Miss Nagaland 1998 Tokaholi Shohe as Chief Judge, Youth Net Strategist LezoPutsure, DC Mokokchung Sushil Kumar IAS, Mr International 2015 Halley Laithangbam and Miss Nagaland runner-up 1999 Bethel Tsuzu as Co-Judges. Nenghoilhing will become the State Icon to help spread the importance of Clean Electoral Roll.

DIRECTORATE OF T&A BIDS FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR AND OFFICIAL

The Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts bade farewell to its Principal Director Z. Mesen, Director L.N. Konyak and Store Keeper Sofuru Tetseo on 16th December 2015 at the Directorate Conference Hall, Kohima.

In his farewell speech, the Principal Director, Z. Mesen thanked the Almighty God for attaining the superannuation in good health which he described as an achievement for a Government servant. Mesen joined the department of Cooperation on 21st December 1980 as Sr. Inspector and thereafter he joined the Department of Treasuries & Accounts as Junior Accounts Officer on 21st December 1983 through NPSC. He said that he had been posted ten times during his 35 long years service. He said government servants were fortunate to serve for the people as

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such one should sincerely serve the people with absolute integrity. He also thanked the Government for the facilities and benefits extended to him throughout his service career. With regard to department, he urged the present officers and staff to cooperate and face the challenges posed before the Department such as New Pension Scheme, computerization of working system as the Department has to cope with the advancement of Science & Technology.

Director, L.N. Konyak also expressed his gratitude to Almighty God for attaining the superannuation in good health. He conveyed his thankfulness to the Department for showing their love and care for the retiring officials by organizing such a grand farewell in honour of them. He added that the Department as of today was due to the sacrifices and dedicated services rendered by the senior officers.

Parliamentary Secretary for Treasuries & Accounts, Dr. T.M. Lotha speaking on the occasion said that the outgoing officers were sincere and committed in their duties for the interest of the people. He said that "it is not how long you serve but it is how much you have contributed". He wished them a happy and prosperous retired life.

OSD (G) Finance, V. Kezo also congratulated them for attaining the superannuation. He also acknowledged them for their services as they have contributed immensely for the growth of the department.

President ASOTN, ASAN, NF&ASA, Directorate Ministerial staff were also delivered short speeches. The Director and the Incoming Principal Director, K. Tiayanger

Tzudir gave farewell speech on behalf of the Department. Neilhiu Mero, Vizo and Imna presented special numbers. Additional Director, Zhekheto Zhimomi chaired the programme while vote of thanks and benediction were proposed by Additional Director, Zübemo Odyuo and Joint Director, Vahine Thisa respectively.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP FOR NGOS, NPOS, CBOS & SHGS AT DIMAPUR

A one-day workshop for NGOs, NPOs, CBOs and SHGs was conducted on 17th December, 2015, at NBDA Conference Hall, 6th Mile, Dimapur. The objective of the workshop was to encourage the local organizations to have an online presence and improve global trust and visibility for non-profits in the ever crowded digital space.

As the chief guest, Kesonyū Yhome, DC Dimapur, in his address shared how NGOs play such an important role in building society. He highlighted that although there are so many NGOs within our state, only a handful are engaged in meaningful work. He encouraged the NGOs to develop trust amongst the people just like governments and other similar bodies.

He also stressed on the need for NGOs to use technology to reach out to more people and to be able to share stories. The eNGO workshop was organised by DEF (Digital Empowerment Foundation) with local partner YouthNet.

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GOVERNOR GRACES 38th RSU CONFERENCE AT SENDENYU

Governor of Nagaland and Assam, P.B. Acharya graced the 38th general conference of Rengma Students' Conference as the Chief Guest on 17th December 2015 held at Sendenyu village. Addressing the conference, the Governor said that Naga people are talented as well as gifted in art, music, dances and in many others, but added that it is not enough. He urged the Naga people to change their mindset in which the students' community has to take up the responsibilities.

A memorandum was given by the RSU to the Governor for opening of Government College in Tseminyu which the Governor gave assurance that he would look into the demand of RSU and announced that there will be a Government College in Tseminyu Sub-Division by next year.

Parliamentary Secretary, Er. Levi Rengma in his short speech as guest of

honour urged upon the students' community to let the rural people know of what is right and wrong, so that students would be real changers of the present corrupt society.

NSF president Supenthung Kithan, Rengma Hoho President Keny also gave short speeches. President RSU, Er. Meshenlo Kath, delivered the presidential address. The leader of the program was Zentilo Tep.

Highlights of the program included special songs by Azen Rengma, Folk songs and dance by Tseminyu Lojvu students union and CED Zumpha respectively. The program was attended by Binchilo Thong IAS Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner Nagaland, D.C Kohima, ADC Tseminyu, Heads of Offices in Tseminyu Sub-Division, village leaders and students.

Earlier, Governor P.B Acharya inaugurated the Governor's View Point at Khinru in Sendenyu which is situated in the area of Sendenyu Community Bio diversity and Wild Life Conservation. The Monolith erected in commemoration of the 38th conference of RSU was also unveiled by the Governor on the occasion.



Development Activities

DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICE AT MOKOKCHUNG INAUGURATED

The new office building of the District Welfare Officer, Mokokchung was inaugurated at Mongsenbai Ward on 3rd December 2015. The two storied building was inaugurated by Director, Social Welfare, T. Merangtsungba Aier dedicating the new office for the welfare of the people of Mokokchung.

Addressing the officers and staff of the district office, Merangtsungba expressed deep gratitude to the state government for enabling the department to have a new office building of its own for Mokokchung district after functioning the DWO office in rented Houses for the past 45 years since its creation in 1970. He expressed hope that the officers and staff of the department in the district who deal with providing financial assistance to those needy people specially the senior citizens would perform better with commitment.

The Director said that Social Welfare Department is responsible for providing assistance to senior citizens, pregnant women, widows, disabilities etc for the past 47 years in the state. He said that out of more than 1,25,000 senior citizens in the state the department could extend assistance to little over 57,000 leaving nearly 70,000 uncovered who are eligible to receive the assistance. Referring to financial assistance for disabilities, Director said

there are about 29,000 people identified as disabilities but department could extend assistance to about 3000 disabilities. He said the department is making all efforts to make understand the centre to extend more funds under the various welfare schemes for the state of Nagaland.

The function chaired by District Welfare Officer, Mokokchung, Bendangkokba was also addressed by Mongsenbai Ward secretary who assured cooperation with the department.

KBBB, MON GETS SOLAR POWER WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Minister for PHED Tokheho Yephthomi formally inaugurated Solar Power Water Treatment Unit at KBBB Mission Centre, Mon on 4th December 2015 in the presence of the Joint Secretary Akumla and Chief Engineer Er. Kevisekho Kruse.

In his inaugural speech Tokheho said that Solar Power Water Treatment Unit is an alternative arrangement to provide water supply to places where gravity of water supply is impossible. He also informed that the department is rejuvenating traditional wells to serve as alternative arrangement to provide water supply to every village and town.

He further informed that if the Solar Power Water Treatment system functions smoothly without any hindrance than the department would encourage and extend it

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for introducing in other places. He said the system is very convenient and it functions automatically with advanced technologies without requiring an operator to operate the system. He said due to extinction of forestry there is scarcity of water from the sources and the department is looking forward to work jointly to redress the problems together with the active participation of the people.

In his technical report the Chief Engineer PHED, Er. Kevisekho Kruse said that Solar Power Water Treatment Unit is a new technology which is safe and can be used for human consumption without boiling it. He informed that three units under Kohima district is functioning without any complain so far after it was established.

He apprised that the sanction cost of the project is Rs. 50, 00,000 (Fifty Lakhs), with one year of implementation period. The project is expected to cover a population of 410 souls with 43,200 liters of water discharged at the sources per day. The Distance from the sources to sump well is 1116 meters with pumping heads of 93 meters up to main reservoir.

Earlier, Chemnyu, Executive Secretary KBBB, Mon proposed words of appreciation. Citing that since Mission Center is a common platform for the people of Konyaks where various trainings and functions are conducted he said the project would benefit not only the community residing at the center but the entire Konyaks in general. He lauded the department for redressing the problems of the Mission centre.

Earlier the team visited Mon village and held public meeting with the villagers. Later the Minister inspected the PHED store and interacted with the departmental staffs. S.E. (M&I) of Chief Engineer office and S.E. of Dimapur Circle also accompanied the team.

DISTRICT CUSTOMARY COURT INAUGURATED

The District Customary Court at the District Hq. was inaugurated on 4th December 2015 by Deputy Commissioner Peren, Peter Lichamo, as the Chief Guest.

Speaking after the formal inauguration of the Customary Court, the Chief Guest impressed that, the court should be respected and honoured because it concerns us all. He also made a point that, the DB's should be well versed in the laws and customs of the land and update themselves with legal matters in relation to the practices and functioning of a judiciary system among



Deputy Commissioner Peren, Peter Lichamo with DBs and others at the inauguration of District Customary Court at the District Hq. on 4th Dec. 2015.

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others. Meanwhile, he also called upon the DBs of the district to be united for an effective and a dignified body.

The programme was chaired by Kurangbe, President PDDA and short speech was delivered by Namtsi Zeliang, District Head DB.

THANGI MANNEN INAUGURATES MILK PRODUCTS UNIT AT MOKOKCHUNG

Commissioner & Secretary, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, L.H Thangi Mannen inaugurated the Strengthening of Mini Dairy Plant & Milk Products Unit at Mokokchung town on 11th December 2015. The strengthening of the Dairy plant and the Milk Products Unit was sponsored by Nagaland State Dairy Co-operative Federation Ltd. (NSDCF) and Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB).

In her inaugural speech Thangi Mannen said even though the department is making a small beginning by launching the Milk products Unit along with strengthening the existing dairy plant, it would go a long

way in giving a boost to the economy of the district. She said that the Department is in the process to strengthen the Milk Plant and to further enhance the newly launched milk products unit.

DC Mokokchung Sushil Kumar Patel in his short speech said that the potentiality of promoting milk products would be a part in the vision document of Mokokchung by 2040. He also thanked the Veterinary & Animal Husbandry for launching the Milk Products Unit ahead of the celebrations and said this would not only benefit Mokokchung but its neighboring districts.

Additional Director V & A H Dr. N. Rongsen who chaired the function said the newly launched Milk Products Unit will initially go for manufacturing lassi but in due course of time it would also manufacture paneer and dahi for which the department is in the process to procure bigger and double machine.

The function was also addressed by Additional Director, Dr Viral. Joint Secretary, V.A H Temsunaro and senior officers of the Department from Kohima and Mokokchung, farmers and Salangtem Ward representatives attended the function.



WHAT TO DO BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE

- ☐ Repair deep plaster cracks in ceilings and foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.
- ☐ Anchor overhead lighting fixtures to the ceiling.
- ☐ Follow BIS codes relevant to your area for building standards
- ☐ Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- ☐ Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- ☐ Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- ☐ Hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, settees, and anywhere that people sit.
- ☐ Brace overhead light and fan fixtures.
- ☐ Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks.
- ☐ Secure water heaters, LPG cylinders etc., by strapping them to the walls or bolting to the floor.
- ☐ Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.
- ☐ Identify safe places indoors and outdoors.

Under strong dining table, bed.

Against an inside wall.

Away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over.

In the open, away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines, flyovers and bridges.

Know emergency telephone numbers (such as those of doctors, hospitals, the police, etc).

Educate yourself and family members.

(Source: National Disaster Management Authority)



Chief Minister Nagaland T. R. Zeliang with Estonian team and Cabinet Ministers at CMO on 2nd December 2015.



Advisor NBDA, Naiba Konyak releasing the decadal issue of Bamboo Infomag during the Hornbill Bamboo Carnival on 4th Decemver 2015 at Dimapur.



The 'Hornbill Tree' which was unveiled on the occasion of the 16th Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage village, Kisama by the Governor of Nagaland.

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