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Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya inspecting the parade contingents during the 69th Republic Day celebration at New Secretariat Complex, Kohima on 26th January 2018.

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Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Elections and Parliamentary Affairs, Imkong L. Imchen inspecting the parade at the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Dimapur on 26th January 2018



Minister, Geology & Mining and Border Affairs, P Longon inspecting the parade at the Republic Day celebrations at Kiphire on 26th January 2018.

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A BRIEF LIFE SKETCH OF DR. T. AO

(A DIPR FEATURE)

“The fact that sports can play an important role in the education system can hardly be challenged; sports is potentially an integral part of it. Sports is considered the universal language which infuses in the people a sense of national solidarity.”

(Excerpt from the article “Sports” by Dr. T. Ao)

Talimeren Ao, popularly known as Dr. T. Ao was born to Reverend Subongwati Ningdangri and Maongsangla Changkilari on 28th January, 1918 at Changki village in the then Naga Hills of the undivided state of Assam. He was the fourth of eleven children.

Dr. T. Ao received his early education from an American Missionary School at Impur, completed his schooling from Christian High School, Jorhat and joined Cotton College, Guwahati in 1942 for his Intermediate Science. He completed MBBS from the then Carmichael Medical College (now R. G. Kar Medical College) Calcutta in 1950, becoming the first Naga to hold the degree.

From his early childhood, Dr. T. Ao displayed a strong inclination towards sports and athletic activities. He excelled not only in his studies but also in football and other sports. In 1937, he was awarded the Best Sportsperson Trophy in the Inter-High School Tournament in Jorhat and was the Individual Champion (Athletic) of Cotton College for three consecutive years. He won the Individual Championship in Athletics of Calcutta University in 1946 and 1947.

Dr. T. Ao played for Cotton College and the reputed Maharana Club of Guwahati till 1942. In 1943, he joined the renowned Mohun Bagan Club of Calcutta and played for the Club for nine years (1943-51) and captained it for two years. Established as a soccer star, Dr. T. Ao was chosen to play in the Indian team, India XI against the European teams and also led the Indian football team to the Far East to play exhibition matches in Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Dacca. With him in the team, Bengal won the Provincial Santosh Trophy in 1945 at Bombay.

Dr. T. Ao captained the first free Indian Football team to the 1948 London Olympics. At the opening ceremony, on the 29th of July, 1948 at Wembley Stadium, London, Dr. T. Ao was the Flag Bearer for the Indian

Contingent.

After passing MBBS in 1950, Dr. T. Ao joined Dibrugarh Medical College as Registrar (ENT). In 1953, he was transferred and posted at Kohima as Assistant Surgeon. When Nagaland attained Statehood in 1963, Dr. T. Ao became the first Naga Director of Health Services and held this post till retirement in 1978. Though in service, his zeal for sports did not diminish; he encouraged local football talents, organized the Medical Football Team and took a keen interest in local tournaments.

In 1968-69, he was selected as a member of the All India Football Selection Committee. In 1972, he received the rare honour of being made a member of the All India Council of Sports. He was also an Executive Member of the All India Council of Sports. It was largely due to his untiring efforts that the Nagaland Football Association and the Nagaland Badminton Association has been recognized and affiliated to the national bodies.

Dr. T. Ao passed away after a brief illness on 13th September, 1998, leaving behind a legacy of laudable achievements. He occupied a special place in the arena of sports and games, particularly football, not only in Nagaland but in the whole country. Dr. T. Ao is the embodiment of discipline, determination, dedication, sheer hard work and commitment which propelled him to great heights both in academics and sports beyond the reach of his Naga contemporaries. The first Naga Olympian left behind a rich legacy which continues to inspire the young and the old alike in Nagaland and the North East Region.

OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

STATE LEVEL MCMC CONSTITUTED

The State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) has been constituted with the following:

1. Chairman : Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland
2. Member : One Observer appointed by the ECI
3. Member : Limawati Ao, Director, Information & Public Relations
4. Member : Shahu Patole, IIS, Deputy Director, News, AIR, Kohima
5. Member : Xavier Rutsa, Senior Journalist & Correspondent, Times of India
6. Member Secretary : Khegukha Sema, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland.

The State Level MCMC shall perform two sets of functions:

- I. Deciding appeal from both District and Joint CEO Committees on certification of advertisement as per the Commission Order No.509/75/2004/JS-I dated 15th April 2004.
- ii. Examining all cases of paid news on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that they may take up suo motu, in which case it shall direct the concerned R O s t o issue notices to the candidates.

STATE GOVERNMENT APPOINTS STATE NODAL OFFICER FOR SHe-BOX

Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department through a notification informed that in the interest of public service, the Government of Nagaland has appointed Sotsula, Joint Secretary, Information & Public Relations as State Nodal Officer (SNO) to oversee the functioning of the SHe-Box in relations to complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace arising in the State.

PAYMENT OF DEARNESS RELIEF TO NAGALAND GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS

With the introduction of the Nagaland Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2017, the Government of Nagaland has granted the Dearness Relief to the State Government pensioners/family pensioners for the purpose of fixation of pension under the Nagaland Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2017 at the following rates:

With effect from 01.06.2017: 4%

With effect from 01.07.2017: 5%

Payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

The Principal Accountant General, Nagaland has been requested to circulate this O.M.

to the Accountant Generals of all states so that pensioners of the Government of Nagaland drawing pensions under their jurisdiction may be authorized for payment of this relief at the earliest.

STATE MEDICAL BOARD CONSTITUTED

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. N. Bendangyanger Jamir in a notification informed that the State Medical Board consisting of the following officers is hereby constituted for time purpose of confirmation, invalidation, commutation of pension etc. in respect of the Gazetted Officers of the State Government as well as of the Central Government staff posted in Nagaland:

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| 1. Principal Director | - | Chairman |
| 2. Managing Director NHAK | - | Member Secretary |
| 3. Medical Specialist NHAK | - | Member |
| 4. Eye Specialist NHAK | - | Member |
| 5. Surgical Specialist NHAK | - | Member |
| 6. ENT Specialist NHAK | - | |
| 7. M&G Specialist NHAK | - | Member |

(In case of lady officer being a candidate)

The Medical Board will be held on the following date in the Office Chamber of the Managing Director, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) as shown below:

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| 1. 6 th February 2018 (1 st Board) | - | 10:00 AM (Tuesday) |
| 2. 1 st May 2018 (2 nd Board) | - | 10:00 AM (Tuesday) |
| 3. 7 th August 2018 (3 rd Board) | - | 10:00 AM (Tuesday) |
| 4. 6 th November 2018 (4 th Board) | - | 10.00 AM (Tuesday) |

All the Heads of Departments are requested to send the name(s) and particulars of the intending candidates for the above propose for which he/she desires to appear before the Board to the Managing Director, NHAK before 7(seven) days of the scheduled dates as indicated above. Candidates coming to appear before the Board directly without prior information to the Managing Director, NHAK will be summarily rejected.

ADVANCE REQUISITION FOR LANDING OF STATE HELICOPTER AT ASSAM RIFLES HELIPAD

As per the circular issued by Nagaland Home Commissioner on 24th January 2018 it has come to the notice of the Government that various departments while utilizing the State Helicopter for ferrying of VIPs/VVIPs and other dignitaries visiting the State readily indicates landing at Assam Rifles Helipad without prior permission. Therefore, it is brought to the notice of all concerned that advance permission for landing of helicopter at Assam Rifles Helipad be made to HQ IGAR (North) prior to finalizing the tour programme.

Further, it has stated that the Government has a State Helipad at Lerie, Kohima as an alternative with round the clock security for landing and take off at any time. Therefore, it has been encouraged to use the State Helipad, Lerie whenever required with landing permission from the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima.

STATE ROUND UP

18 IAS OFFICERS OF 2017 BATCH VISITS NAGALAND

As part of Bharat Darshan (Winter Study Tour), 18 IAS 2017 batch officers reached Dimapur on 11th January 2018.

The young IAS officers held an interactive session on 13th January 2018 with Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS, Commissioner of Police,

Other officers who participated in the discussion included CMO, Dimapur, Dr. Vikato and officials from Social Welfare and DRDA, Dimapur.

DC, Dimapur encouraged the young officers to work with dedication, reminding them that the society looks upon young and upright officers.

DEO VISITS NAGALAND

Deputy Election Commissioner, Sudeep Jain visited Nagaland on 16th January 2018 and held a series of meeting with election officials, all the political parties, district administration, and security forces at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima in connection with the forthcoming state assembly election 2018. He also visited Wokha, Mokokchung and



2017 batch IAS officers at an interactive session held at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 13th January 2018

Dimapur, Limasunep, IPS and other district officers in the Conference Hall of DC, Dimapur.

During the interactive session, CP, Dimapur while highlighting on the present situation of Dimapur district, informed them that the level of violence in the district has come down and is peaceful.

Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Jamonger also apprised the young officers about the implementation of various schemes where foodgrains are given to the targeted beneficiaries as per the provision of the National Food Security Act.

Dimapur to have a firsthand knowledge to review the poll preparedness.

GOVERNOR ATTENDS INAUGURATION OF ALVA'S VIRASAT IN MOOBBIDRI

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya inaugurated the Alva's Virasat on 12th January 2018 in Moodbidri, Karnataka as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the 24th edition of Alva's Virasat, Acharya opined that Virasat was



Governor, P. B. Acharya lighting the lamp during the inauguration of Alva's Virasat in Moodbidri, Karnataka on 12th January 2018.

the cultural legacy of India, a country rich in art, dance and literature and that educational institutions play a crucial in propagating it further. He said that educational institutions were not just centres of knowledge, but a powerhouse for development and the students were the nodal agents to carry forward the ideals. He said that Alva's Virasat is one such institution that merges education and culture.

Acharya lauded the efforts undertaken by Alva's Education Foundation for nurturing and preserving the unique cultural diversity of North East by adopting students from the region. He encouraged the students to be an asset in strengthening the North East through education and treating them as one.

There are around 20 thousand students enrolled with the Alva's Education Foundation with over 600 students from North East in various hostels of the institute. 20 students from Nagaland are also pursuing their Nursing degree under the initiative of Governor, P. B. Acharya.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES SHILPGRAM MAHOTSAV 2018

Preserve the local culture and

languages of the North East states at all cost, urged Governor of Nagaland and Chairman, North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), P. B. Acharya. He was speaking at the inaugural programme of the Shilpgram Mahotsav 2018 at Guwahati on 17th January 2018.

Addressing the three day cultural festival, Acharya stated that we should continue to safeguard and promote our rich culture, tradition and language as they are our identity and describe who we are. Stating that unity in diversity is the peculiarity of India, he opined that emotional and national integration could further be achieved through exchange of cultural programmes between various states, and by holding such events across the country.

The three day “Shilpgram Mahotsav” was organized as part of 12th foundation day of Shilpgram at Guwahati. The main purpose of the festival is to showcase a variety of rich



Governor, P. B. Acharya speaking during the inaugural programme of the Shilpgram Mahotsav-2018 at Guwahati on 17th January 2018.

cultural diversity of the region along with the artist community of the North East India along with participation from Zonal Cultural Centres across the country. Major highlights of the festival included theatre presentation, magic show, mime show, children's painting and drawing workshop, folk fusion music by various popular artistes of Assam in addition to choreographed folk dance presentation, classical dance, food and crafts mela etc. The Ministry of Culture had set up the Shilpgram in 2006 for the promotion of local art and craft.

CEO HOLDS MEETING WITH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

CEO, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS held a meeting with all the political parties of Nagaland on 19th January 2018 at Hotel Japfu to discuss and inform about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other election related matters for the conduct of the state assembly election 2018.

Abhijit Sinha asked the representatives to seek proper permission in written from the District Administration for use of public places for meeting and rally and added that as per the Election Commission of India, one candidate is allowed to incur Rs. 20 lakh for election expenditure related matters. He mentioned that many check posts are already set up where CCTV and other fixed cameras are fitted in order to track down any illegal activities. The CEO also pointed out any person carrying cash of more than Rs. 50 thousand should have proper documentation for which purpose he/she intends to spend, moreover, any person carrying Rs 10 lakh or more should be brought to the notice of the Income Tax department. As per the direction of the ECI, there will be three types of Election Observers, namely General Observer, Police Observer and Expenditure Observer and

there will be flying squad in all the districts to get hold of illegal activities. All updated documentation related to election matters and MCC for the guidance of political parties and candidates were distributed and the CEO requested the concerned political party representatives to go through it thoroughly.

GOVERNOR INTERACTS WITH EMPLOYMENT, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP OFFICERS

Governor, P. B. Acharya directed the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship to identify the skilled labour requirements in the State and train the youth accordingly so that they may be employable within the State itself. He said this during a meeting with the department officials at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 22nd January 2018.

Expressing his concern for the youth of the State, the Governor said that unemployment is one major problem faced by the State and called on the department to focus on training the youth for the development of the State and also to make employment possible. The Governor also suggested the department to co-ordinate with universities and colleges in Nagaland to introduce skill development courses in the VI Semester which will prove beneficial for jobs, self-employment and empowerment of the students.

Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship officials also briefed the Governor on the skill development activities undertaken by the department. They informed the Governor that the State has eight Industrial Training Institutes training 21 trades. The department also informed that various programmes and trainings such as Apprenticeship Training programme, Job

Mela, Job & Career Fair, etc. have been taken up to felicitate the youth.

The department officials also mentioned that 2016-17 was declared as the “Year of Construction Workers” by the Government of Nagaland and under this initiative, skills of 550 existing construction workers in the State were upgraded.

The team of officers was led by Commissioner & Secretary, Anenla T. Soto and Additional Director & HoD, Y. Vandanshan Lotha.

GOVERNOR MEETS REPRESENTATIVES OF UNRECOGNISED VILLAGES AND MINORITY INDIGENOUS RELIGION

Governor, P. B. Acharya assured to look into the difficulties faced by the numerous unrecognized villages in Nagaland bordering Burma under Mon district. He said this in a meeting with representatives of Unrecognized Villages and Minority Indigenous Religion led by Dr. M. M. Thromwa Konyak at Raj Bhavan on



AHoDs and HoDs meeting held on 24th January 2018 at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

23rd January 2018.

The Governor took note of the problems and grievances faced by the people living in the concerned area and stated that he will put the matter up with the concerned authority. Acharya also appealed to the various NGOs and charity organizations to

open up schools in the border areas so that they may also participate in the development of the State.

AHoD/HoDs MEETING DELIBERATES ON ECI's MCC

The first AHoDs and HoDs meeting for the year 2018 was held on 24th January 2018 at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS. The Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS gave a

thorough presentation of the provision of Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

The House reviewed the last minutes of AHoDs/HoDs meeting and reiterated its earlier resolutions on matters including encroachment of government lands, attendance of government employees in state and national functions, on-line billing system of power and water supply, Chief Secretary's Welfare Fund, GST and PIMS.

On land encroachment related problem, the Chief Secretary said it is the fundamental responsibility of Heads of Departments to have concern and tackle the problem in solving the issues within the vicinity of the department's allotted land. In this regard, the Chief Secretary reminded the DCs to review the matter, further stating that regular reviews should be detected at various levels and corrective measures should be taken for all concerned.

The meeting reiterated and discussed further about attendance of the government employees in the State's function to which, the Chief Secretary pointed out that HoDs should take serious note of regular attendance of all the employees. He said that attendance of the employees and their

participation is as important as any other normal duties and assignments. It was also discussed that online billing system in Power Department has been increasing and improving with its implementation in eight districts. Following suit, PHE water supply e-billing system might also be soon implemented. Pankaj Kumar reiterated and requested the departments to contribute to the Chief Secretary Welfare Fund.

NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Voting right is precious and fragile, remarked Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the 8th National Voters' Day at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25th January 2018. The 8th edition of the National Voters' Day 2018 was observed under the theme 'Accessible Elections.' National Voters' Day (NVD) which started from 25th January 2011 is aimed at encouraging more young voters to take part in the political process.

Speaking at the programme, the Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar urged the gathering to exercise their right to vote for free and fair election. Good governance is linked to how we vote, he stated, encouraging the people especially the youth to participate in the democratic electoral process. As citizens of India, everyone should pledge to exercise two things i.e. 'right to vote' and 'voting responsibly,' he impressed, expressing optimism of change on proper exercise of the pledge besides bringing progress and strengthening the society.

Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his speech appealed to the citizens to rededicate themselves to pursue the objectives of greater participation as well as

qualitative participation in terms of ethical and informed voting for stronger democracy. He urged all eligible voters to know their rights and responsibility to participate in the electoral process and join hands with the Election Commission to serve the people better.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS chaired the programme. Deputy CEO, Ruokuovituo Khezhe introduced the icons. Short speeches were delivered by Miss Nagaland and State Icon, Marina Kiho and State Icon (PwD), Diethono Nakhro. Joint CEO, Khekugha Sema presented the message of Chief Election Commissioner.

Other highlights of the programme included launching and playing of SVEEP Anthem on Clean Election, 'Sapna Dongor Ase' in collaboration with Dreamz Unlimited by Deputy Secretary and OSD, Temjensangla, cultural presentation by Pfuchazunuo Cultural Group, administering NVD Pledge by CEO, Abhijit Sinha, IAS, presentation of awards and presentation of EPICs and NVD Badges to new voters and millennium voters by the Chief Guest. Deputy CEO, Vekho Vero pronounced the vote of thanks.

Winners of the various categories of awards are:

District Level:

Slogan Writing Competition held during short term SVEEP Campaign 2017

1st - Athelong, Driftwood Boys Hostel

2nd - Sangli, Kenuozou Hill

3rd - Onoungla, Jotosma.

Winners of YVF 2017 Slogan Writing Competition on Clean Election

1st - Itheka, Mount Hermon Higher Secondary School

2nd - Savita Yadav, Model Higher Secondary School

3rd - Obed KC Tsanglao, Dainty Buds Higher

Secondary School.

State Level:

Best Level Campus Ambassador, Best State Level BLO and Participants of North East Zone – National Elections Quiz 2017-18 (Merio Ngullie and Kekhriese).

MON:

The 8th National Voters' Day was celebrated at District Executive Hall, Mon DC office complex on 25th January 2018 under the theme "Accessible Elections."

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS while addressing the gathering, exhorted the young voters to exercise their franchise responsibly. He mentioned that the young and future voters are a very important focus group of the Election Commission of India (ECI). The National Voter's Day 2018 is being celebrated with the theme 'Accessible Elections' which underscores the emphasis laid by ECI on ensuring participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in the election process.

Lemei Konyak, District Icon for Mon during her speech encouraged youngsters to get registered in the electoral roll as and when they reach the age of 18 years. She also asked the newly enrolled voters to stay away from corruption during election.

Prizes were also distributed to winners of Street Play competition, Slogan Writing competition and Quiz competition. Best BLO Awards were also given away during the function.

Yanithung, EAC (Sadar) Mon read the Voters' Pledge. Electoral Literacy Club was also launched during the occasion.

The programme was chaired by



National Voters' Day celebrations held on 25th January 2018 at Mon.

Avonou Kire, EAC (Development), Mon and vote of thanks was rendered by Chisho K Swu, AEO, Mon. Demonstration of EVM/VVPAT to PwD & newly enrolled electors was also held after the function.

TUENSANG:

The 8th National Voters' Day held at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 25th January 2018 with the theme "Accessible Elections." M. P. Nokshang, President, CKS was the Chief Guest of the function. L. Jamithung Lotha who delivered the welcome address, read out the message of the Chief Election Commissioner of India.



President, CKS, M. P. Nokshang speaking at the National Voters' Day celebrations at Tuensang on 25th January 2018.

Chief Guest, M. P. Nokshang, President, CKS in his speech deliberated on democracy and the rights given to the citizens of the country. Focusing on the voters with disabilities, he said that we should render our support to them so that they enjoy their rights in the election process.

Pakon Phom, SDO (C) initiated to administer Voters' Pledge while Tuensang District Icon, Moasenla exhorted the gathering to educate the young voters on free and fair election and their voting rights along with clean election campaign. She also spoke on the electors rights as powerful right to materialize the largest functioning democracy in the world. She concluded with an appeal to unite and vote for the brighter future.

Awards for the Best BLOs were awarded constituency wise: 51 A/C Constituency - O. Ngaku chingmak, 52 A/C- Yopise, 53 A/C - Linghomong, 54 A/C- Nokching, 56 A/C - M L a n g a , 57 A / C - T Thangming and 58 A/C- Z. Kiukhum. The winners of Youth Voters Festival were also awarded. In art and painting category, Nayanika Biswas, M. Koi and Nabem Mongba were awarded first, second and third respectively and in essay category, Kheantsumong, Tsuyangla and Sangmaitola were awarded first, second and third respectively.

PEREN:

The 8th National Voters' Day was celebrated at Peren on 25th January 2018 with Smita Sarangi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Peren as the

Chief Guest with the theme, "Accessible Elections."

Speaking at the programme, the Chief Guest impressed the gathering that participating in the election processes and voting should be taken as a privilege. India is a democratic country and we should uphold this principle in every possible way. She also urged the gathering to take the privilege to elect their own leaders. Meanwhile, she requested the BLOs to motivate and encourage young voters to enroll more vigorously. She pointed out that the National Voters' Day is targeted towards the young



National Voters' Day celebrations held on 25th January 2018 at Wokha.

voters.

Awards were also given to the winners of various competitions held during National Voters Youth Festival in 2017. Speeches were delivered by Best BLO and PwDs (Persons with Disabilities), and Keyichitube enthralled the gathering with a special song. The programme was chaired by Chubawati Chang, DC, Peren and vote of thanks was delivered by Nathan Konyak, AEO, Peren.

WOKHA:

Wokha on 25th January 2018 observed

the 8th National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on the theme "Accessible Elections."

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS addressing the function, read out the message from Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland. 203 differently abled persons have been identified in 62 polling stations where minimum basic facilities will be arranged to encourage them to take part in the election process, he said. Other SVEEP campaigns and programmes will also be conducted, aimed at targeting the youth to get them engaged in the election process, he added. He further appealed to the gathering to spread the message on ethical voting so that our society can see change and prosperity.

ADC and Electoral Registration Officer, Wokha, Nokchasashi presented the keynote address, while Friends United Network (FUN) presented the theme song.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner gave away the prizes to the winners of the Essay, Painting and Quiz competitions. Rakhomo and C. Yanrenthung were awarded the Best Booth Level Officer

(BLO) under 37 A/C and 38 A/C respectively.

The function was chaired by SDO (C) Lanusenla while, EAC Hq, Wokha, Sukhalu Chishi pronounced the vote of thanks.

DIMAPUR:

The 8th National Voters' Day under the theme "Accessible Elections" was observed at the Conference Hall of the Commissioner of Taxes, Dimapur with Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patil, IAS, as Chief Guest on 25th January 2018.

Addressing the programme attended by government officials, BLOs, representatives of different parties and young voters, the DC said that election is an important requisite of democracy. He appealed to the people to participate in election process and choose the right leader for a better future.

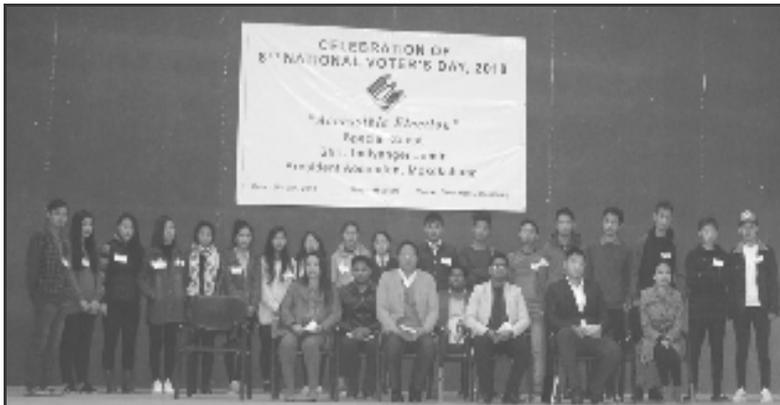
Expressing concern over the poor road condition and power, he said that there are many good houses yet the surrounding is also equally important. Calling on the youngsters to participate in fair and clean election, and choose the right person, Kumar said blogging in social media alone will not help bring positive changes in the society.

District Icon, Zehovire Avi Kechu in her speech lamented that the State is lacking behind in many things. She further appealed to the people to exercise their right to vote with responsibility and make Dimapur an example for clean and fair election.

The programme was chaired by Assistant Election Officer, Dimapur, Roland Merry. Other highlights of the programme included presentation of awards to Booth



DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patil, IAS speaking at the National Voters' Day celebrations at Dimapur on 25th January 2018.



DC and DEO, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS and other officials and newly enrolled voters during the 8th National Voters' Day, 2018 held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 25th

Level Officers, felicitating of new voters, administering of Voters Pledge and official launching of Electoral Literacy Club by the Chief Guest.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The 8th National Voters' Day 2018 was observed at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 25th January 2018. The newly enrolled voters were felicitated by Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS.

Delivering a short speech, DC and ERO, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal said the theme of the day "Accessible Elections" was quite relevant for Nagaland. He said the concept of celebrating Voters' Day is to think about what our rights are.

Message from Chief Election Commissioner was read out by the chairperson, EAC (HQ), Fithu Lichui. Welcome address was delivered by ADC and ERO, Mokokchung, W. Manpai Phom. A special number was presented by Apang Aier while, vote of thanks was proposed by EAC (HQ), Daniel Angami. In the programme, DC & DEO, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal also administered the Voter's Pledge.

PHEK:

The 8th National Voters' Day under the theme "Accessible Elections" was observed at DPDB Conference Hall, Phek on 25th January 2018. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Phek, Shanavas C, IAS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

'To vote is your right, so don't surrender your vote, and exercise your right for a better tomorrow,' said Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Phek, Shanavas C. IAS in his speech.

EAC and Assistant Election Officer, Selemla S. Sangtam chaired the programme. ADC and ERO, Phek, K. Mhathung Tsanglao highlighted on the significance of the National Voters' Day. Tsanglao in his speech maintained that the day is observed to encourage the youngsters to participate in the political process.

"Be responsible today, claim a better tomorrow; choose clean election, vote and be counted, together we can make it happen," quoted Phek District SVEEP Icon, Muluvesalu Keyho speaking at the programme.

The winners of district level essay competition, quiz competition and Best Booth Level Officer are Vesasulu Rhakho, Thujosulu and Vekulu Lohe of BAMS, and Kudupra Sapu of Part No. 8. The DC and DEO also administered the NVD pledge. EPIC/Badge of Millenium Voters were also distributed at the programme.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The 8th National Voters' Day was held

at Zunheboto on 25th January 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto whereby the Best BLOs were awarded with Commendation Certificate along with cash. Moreover, winners of essay and letter writing competition were also awarded with certificate and cash prize.

The programme was attended by the Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Zunheboto, Tridibesh Roy, IAS along with Electoral Registration Officer and Administrative Officer. Voters' Pledge was administered by Deputy Commissioner and newly enrolled voters were distributed with EPIC card. District Election Anthem was also released during the occasion.

LONGLENG:

The 8th National Voters' Day was observed with Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam as the Chief Guest on 25th January 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

Addressing the gathering, John said that the day is observed for the people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities to choose a responsible leader so as to deliver justice in return and added that if we act with responsibility, we will get a responsible government. He urged all concerned to disseminate the information back to their community to change the old attitude.

The DC also gave away the prizes to the winners of the essay competition, painting competition and Best BLO Award. He also administered the pledge to the gathering officers, NGOs, BLOs and the newly enrolled young voters.

Earlier, the ADC/RO & SVEEP Nodal Officer, Longleng, Temsuwati Longkumer felicitated the new voters and spoke on the

significance of the day, while the Pastor, LTB, Rev. Beau Phom spoke on clean election. Special number was presented by S. Chinglung Phom, while vote of thanks was proposed by Robi Sangtam, EAC & AEO in-charge. The programme was chaired by Vitoka, EAC, Longleng HQ.

KIPHIRE:

The 8th National Voters' Day 2018 was celebrated on the theme "Accessible Elections" with Kumar Ramnikant, IAS ADC & ERO, Kiphire as Chief Guest at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 25th January 2018.

The programme was led by Chairman, Thungchanbemo Tungoe, SDO(C), Kiphire. The winners of essay writing competition were Ariba S. Sangtam of Class XI from Zisaji Presidency College, S Tsatula of Class XII from Zisaji Presidency College, Dotsala and Pilila H Sangtam from Zisaji Presidency College and Loyola Higher Secondary School. The winners of the district level quiz competition awardees were Cholongtsala V. Sangtam and Suzi S. Sangtam from Saramati View Modern School, Kiphire.



Kiphire observed the 8th National Voters' Day on the theme "Accessible Elections" with Kumar Ramnikant IAS, ADC and ERO, Kiphire as Chief Guest at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 25th January 2018.

A short speech was delivered by the Chief Guest on the importance of voting. He encouraged all the people and the youth of Kiphire to franchise their vote for the right candidate so as to bring changes in the society.

CHANGTONGYA:

Changtongya observed the 8th National Voters' Day 2018 at the Town Hall, Changtongya on the 25th January 2018 under the theme "Accessible Elections."

Speaking at the programme, SDO (C), Changtongya, Chumlammo Humtsoe encouraged the people to participate in the election apprising them of their role and responsibility in electing the right candidate for an all round development. He thanked all the BLOs for their role in correcting the electoral roll.

Humtsoe also delivered the welcome speech besides reading the message from the Chief Election Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mokokchung. He later gave away the award for the Best BLO under 22nd Arkakong A/C to Bendangmoa from Nukshiyim village. The newly enrolled voters were also felicitated.

The programme was chaired by Supervisor, CDPO office, Changtongya, Lanu. Head GB, Changtongya Town delivered a short speech. Pastor, Tzumokkong Baptist Church, Rev. Imti Longkumer pronounced the invocation prayer.

CHEN:

SDO (C), Moa Lemtur felicitated 10 newly enrolled electors from 45 A/C Tehok. R. Kumar was selected as the Best BLO from 45 A/C. Pastor, Chen Town spoke on clean election. Government officials, GBs, NGOs, BLOs, VC members, church leaders and the general public attended the function.

TULI:

The 8th National Voters' Day 2018 was celebrated at Tuli 21 A/C under the theme 'Accessible Elections' at DB's Court, ADC office Tuli on 25th January 2018. Keynote address was delivered by ADC, Tuli. Prizes were distributed for the Best BLO and winner of essay competition. The programme was chaired by SDO (C), Tuli, L. Samuel.

MEDZIPHEMA:

Medziphema Sub-Division celebrated the 8th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2018 under the theme "Accessible Elections" at DB Court, ADC office, Medziphema.

During the function, ADC, Vikhweno Chale encouraged the gathering to participate in the electoral process and to practice the democratic rights and right to vote as a civilized responsible citizen and urged the clean election of One Man One Vote.

Earlier, EAC, Sentilong Ozukum in his keynote address, said that the significance of this day is to encourage young Indian voters to take part in the democratic political process.

TSEMINYU:

The 8th National Voters' was observed at DB Court of ADC office, Tseminyu under the theme 'Accessible Elections' on 25th January 2018. ADC, Tseminyu, Theodore Yanthan read out the message of the Chief Election Commissioner of India which was followed by Voters' Pledge by the voters and officials present at the function.

There was distribution of new EPIC numbers to the new electors which was given away by the President, Rengma Mothers' Association, Kelisha Kath. ADC, Tseminyu, Theodore Yanthan who chaired the function, encouraged the voters, particularly the new

electors to exercise their free and fair franchise for electing their leaders during election.

All the BLOs from the 44 polling stations in the 12th Tseminyu A/C, New Electors Town GBs, DBs, departmental officers and NGO leaders attended the function.

ABOI:

Aboi observed the 8th National Voters' Day at ADC's Conference Hall, Aboi on 25th January 2018 under the theme 'Accessible Elections.' ADC, Aboi, Hito



ADC, Pughoboto, Avelu Ruho along with district icon of SVEEP campaign Kaheli Chophy and other officials during the 8th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2018.

Sema distributed clean election wrist, EPIC cards for newly enrolled voters and administered the Voters Pledge at the occasion.

EAC, Aboi, Vineikho Tetso chaired the programme. Pastor, Police Baptist Fellowship, Aboi, Mongnyei pronounced the invocation prayer. Vice Chairman, Adhoc Town Council, Aboi, Shahang delivered the welcome address while, students of GHSS, Aboi presented a special song.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto town celebrated the 8th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2018 at the ADC's Office, Pughoboto under the theme "Accessible Elections." The programme was graced by the District Icon, Kaheli Chophy as the Special Guest. Earlier, the Special Guest flagged off the senior citizens procession from Pughoboto Town Hall to the ADC office.

Speaking at the programme, Kaheli called upon the Naga youths to choose the right candidates for all round development.

She impressed on the youth to make their votes count and to look beyond tribal lines and family ties. Let us stand firm and vote for the welfare of the society and the common good, she challenged.

Independent Youth, Pughoboto, Nitoka Swu and President, STH, Pughoboto also spoke at the programme. The Special Guest handed the EPICs and badges to the newly enrolled voters and distributed the prizes to the winners of essay, slogan writing and district quiz competitions. Alokali Zhimoni of Mission School emerged as the winner of both essay and quiz competitions. Luvika Sheqi of

Mission School Pughoboto bagged the 1st prize in slogan writing competition while, the second and third prizes were bagged by Friday of GHS and Toli Sheqi of GHS respectively. Among the 33 polling stations under Pughoboto Sub-Division, the Best BLO prize was awarded to Hozheto P/S 17 from Chishilimi village.

Kahuto Lohe presented the Clean Election Anthem. ADC and DEO administered the NVD Pledge. Pastor, Police Baptist Church, Pughoboto, Pasang Sherpa

pronounced the invocation prayer. SDO (C), Tiayanger chaired the programme while, EAC, Nuhuta Tunyi pronounced the vote of thanks.

BHANDARI:

8th National Voters Day 2018 "Accessible Elections" was held at the ADC's Conference Hall, Bhandari, on 25th January 2018 at Bhandari.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, ADC, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang stressed on the importance of creating awareness by the Booth Level Officers to increase electoral participation through voters registration of those who have attained 18 years and above, increasing qualitative participation in terms of ethical and informed voting and providing continuous electoral and democracy awareness to the people, etc. by adhering to the directives of the ECI.

Lotha Hoho President, Bhandari, Lisumo Jami, speaking on "Vision of Clean Election" stated that the vision is to have a clean, healthy and developed society for all. Therefore, it must be a bounden duty for all to give free vote for free development instead of extracting money from the candidates during election to compel them to recover what they have already given away.

During the programme, EPICs and National Voters Day badges were presented to some of the Millenium Voters, after which Lichanbemo Kikon, Accountant, ADC office, the chairperson of the programme led in reading the Voters Pledge. Demonstration on know-how function of EVM and VVPAT was also done by EAC, Bhandari, Bodi Kapfo as part of preparation by the BLOs under the Sub-Division.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT TAKES PLEDGE ON THE OCCASSION OF NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY

The officers and staff of Governor's Secretariat, Nagaland took pledge on the occasion of National Voters' Day on 25th January 2018. The pledge was administered by Joint Secretary to Governor, S. K. Sahoo.

NAGALAND TODAY STANDS AT THE CUSP OF HISTORY: P. B. ACHARYA

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya, on the occasion of the 69th Republic Day greeted the people of Nagaland on 26th January 2018 at Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor lauded the foresight and statesmanship of the founding fathers and architects of our nation and also saluted the freedom fighters and martyrs, who made the supreme sacrifices for the unity and integrity of our nation. He said Nagaland today stands at the cusp of history and the intense desire of the people of Nagaland has been for a final settlement of the Naga political issue. Over the years, the State Government, the NNPGs, the churches, civil societies and the NGOs have been trying their best to facilitate the resolution of the Naga political issue. He also expressed his happiness that Nagaland Churches, NGOs and Civil Societies have come out with campaigns for 'Clean Election' in all seriousness.

Nagaland is a young State with almost 60 percent of the population below the age of 25, as such the youth of Nagaland are the pride of the country. Governor Acharya said people were inspired by the legendary Dr. T. Ao, the doctor-sportsperson who was the first captain of our national football team after Independence and led Indian team in the London Olympics of 1948. Jawans and officers of Naga regiment have done the nation proud - be it at Kargil War or fighting

naxals in difficult parts of the country, the Governor added.

Acharya said that there are many more talented and spirited Naga boys and girls - from music to fashion to crafts to social work - who are making the nation proud with their accomplishments. He mentioned that development and connectivity is critical for helping Nagaland to catch up with mainland states in terms of economic development. Road connectivity along with rail connectivity for Kohima and improved air connectivity can transform the connectivity for the State. Stressing on the importance of development projects, an essential prerequisite is creation of a congenial atmosphere. Implementation of GST by Nagaland along with the rest of the country on 1st July 2017 has been a landmark. On Tourism sector, Nagaland has the potential to be an attractive tourist destination offering a unique blend of heritage and culture to the travelers in search of nature, music and cultural tourism.

The Governor also said that an important issue that needs our attention today is climate change as we are all aware of the heavy rains experienced this year which resulted in flooding in Dimapur as also loss of lives and damage to physical infrastructure. In order to enhance the resilience of farmers to climate change and to increase household agricultural income of farmers, Department of Agriculture is implementing a World Bank assisted project - Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming Systems in the North East (FOCUS) in partnership with International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The Governor said that the project seeks to increase the environmental sustainability and profitability of the farming systems practiced by the highland farmers of Nagaland. Forest Department is also implementing Nagaland Forest Management

Project (NFMP) with funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) with an objective to improve forest ecosystem and support income generation by rehabilitation of Jhum area and provision of livelihood support, thereby contributing to sustainable forest and environmental conservation and livelihood improvement.

Acharya mentioned that with an objective to provide a better quality of life for ourselves and future generations, we need to come together to address the challenges facing us. He also congratulated the people of Nagaland for participating enthusiastically in various welfare projects. He earnestly appealed to the universities and educational institutions to make skill education an integral part of curriculum, so as to develop our youth into entrepreneurs so that our youth become job givers and not job seekers.

22 PARADE CONTINGENTS PARTICIPATES IN THE R-DAY FUNCTION AT KOHIMA

The parade in the 69th Republic Day celebrations held at Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima was led by Parade Commander, Vesupra Kezo, Deputy Commandant, 10th NAP (IR) and Parade 2nd in-charge by Yambemo Humtsoe, Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP. Altogether, 22 parade contingents and two bands took part.

The contingents included 164 Naga Territorial Army, 3rd Assam Rifles Battalion, CRPF, 93rd BSF, Chedema, 6th Training Battalion, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram Police, DEF Kohima, Kohima Traffic Police, 4th NAP Battalion, Thizama, 10th NAP (IR) Battalion, Zhadima, 15th Mahila (IR), Home Guards & Civil Defence, Ex-Serviceman, 24 NL (1) Coy NCC, 1st Naga Girls NCC, No.1 (NL) Air Squadron NCC, Bharat Scouts & Guides, students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kohima,

Mezhur Higher Secondary School, Kohima, Stella Higher Secondary School, Kohima, 4th NAP Regimental School and T. M. Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima.

The bands in the parade were PTS Brass Band Chumukedima and 9th Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

LIST OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF AWARDEES ON THE OCCASION OF 69th REPUBLIC DAY AT KOHIMA

President's Police Medal Awardees announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018:

1. Joseph Hesso, SP, DEF, Kohima

Union Home Minister's Medal for the year 2014-2015 announced on the occasion of Republic Day 2018:

1. Imtiakum Pongen, DySP, Police Training School, Chumukedima
2. Yanpvuo Tsopoe, Havildar, Police Training School, Chumukedima

Governor's Gold Medal Awardees announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018:

1. Er. S. K. Dhar, Junior Engineer, PWD (H) attached to Nagaland House, New Delhi.
2. Y. Kihovi Chishi, Electrician, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Zunheboto.
3. R. Tochumong Chang, NPS, Deputy Commandant, 11th NAP (IR) Battalion.
4. R. Dibambo Zeliang, NPS, Assistant Commandant, 9th NAP (IR) Battalion.
5. Vikehieto Kenna-o, Inspector, OC, Kiphire Police Station.
6. T. L. Kiusumong Tikhir, NCS, ADC, Kohima.
7. Bhandari Town Eloehoho, NGO, Bhandari, Wokha district.
8. Rangkhamong Sangtam, VDB, Secretary, Longkhitpeh village, Chare, Tuensang.

Governor's Commendation Certificate Awardees (GIST) announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018:

1. Er. Tesinho Semy, Mining Engineer & Project Director (Minor Minerals), Directorate of Geology & Mining, Dimapur.
2. Abemo Ezung, LDA, Deputy Commissioner Office, Wokha.
3. Lanuchuba Longchar, NPS, Assistant Commandant, 15th NAP (IR) Battalion.
4. Solezhol Neikha, Deputy Superintendent of Jails, District Jail, Phek.
5. Neikhotuonuo, Deputy Director, State Agri Expo, 4th Mile, Dimapur.
6. T. Supongmar Longchar, Subject Matter Specialist, SARS, Yisemvong, Mokokchung.
7. Aketo Shohe, Assistant Election Officer, Mon.
8. Langsa Hill Welfare Society, NGO, Lampong Sheanghah village, Mon.
9. Jungshi Sempo Jamir, Inspector (MIS), Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies, Dimapur.
10. Asabo Newmai, ASI, Police Commissionerate, Dimapur.
11. N. Choren Phom, Lance Naik, DEF, Longleng.
12. Achile Thong, Senior Lecturer, SCERT, Kohima.
13. Lithsithrong Sangtam, Night Chowkidar, Office of the General Manager, DIC, Kiphire.
14. Revivolu Kezo, Supervisor, CDPO Office, Kohima (T).
15. Lhoutsuvi Paphino, Chairman, VHC, Sub-Centre, Pfuchuma village, Kohima.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES EXHIBITION STALLS

As part of the 69th Republic Day celebrations, exhibition stalls were inaugurated by Governor, P. B. Acharya at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2018.

Agri and Allied departments put up stalls to showcase their products and also to highlight the various activities of the department. The exhibition stalls saw the participation of departments such as Fisheries, Land Resource and Co-operation, Industries & Commerce, Assam Rifles, NEPED etc. The main objective of the exhibition was to promote locally produced products and also to ensure wider participation of the general public.

Various self help groups from in and around Kohima displayed their locally made tools and sold products. The Department of Fisheries sold snails which were produced by the beneficiaries of the Fisheries Department from Peren, Mezoma and Kidima. They also sold fresh fishes which were brought from Deizephe and Ura villages in Dimapur. The snails and fishes were brought from the fishery ponds of the beneficiaries of the Fisheries Department. The Department of Land Resource and Co-operation displayed and sold items produced by various SHGs. The Assam Rifles also displayed weapons and equipments which attracted many visitors. State Bank of India also set up mobile ATM and distributed pamphlets promoting cashless transaction in their exhibition stall.

CULTURAL ITEMS MARK REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT KOHIMA

The 69th Republic Day celebration was marked by a special folk song and folk dances presented by Angami, Rengma, Lotha and Khiamniungan tribes at the Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima.

Fire & Emergency Services Department also demonstrated a short drill on operational techniques during small fire incidents. The drill displayed a proactive method of reducing the damages caused by

fire. They displayed steps to be taken during harmful fires and also educated the audience on how to survive during such incidents.

CS GRACES EVENING PROGRAMME OF REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT KOHIMA

The evening programme of the 69th Republic Day celebrations was held at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2018 with Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS as the Chief Guest.

In the KMC Inter-ward Tug-of-War competition, 13 teams participated where PWD Ward 11 emerged as the champion and the 1st and 2nd runners up went to Kitsubozou Ward 5 and D Block Ward 6 respectively.

The exhibition football match between the Secretariat United Football club and Nagaland Police ended in a goalless draw.

On the occasion, the following were awarded prizes in different categories as follows:

Armed Category:

- 1st - 15th Mahila (IR)
- 2nd - Mizoram Police

Unarmed Category:

- 1st - No. 1 (NL) Air Squadron NCC
- 2nd - 1st Naga Girl NCC

School Category:

- 1st - Mezhur Higher Secondary School, Kohima
- 2nd - Stella Higher Secondary School, Kohima

Exhibition:

- 1st - Land Resources
- 2nd - NEPED
- 3rd - Agri

REPUBLIC DAY REPORT FROM ACROSS THE STATE

DIMAPUR:

The 69th Republic Day celebration was held at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 26th January 2018 with Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Elections and Parliamentary Affairs, Imkong L. Imchen as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from the parade contingents.

Delivering the Republic Day speech, the Minister said that despite being faced with numerous challenges both from within and outside the country, the country has stood the test of time as a sovereign republic on the strength of democratic institutions and have become a rising power with fastest economic growth rate and also regarded as a global leader in many fields.

Imkong Imchen stated that the strength of democratic polity comes from the foresight and statesmanship of the founding fathers and architects of the nation who realized the diversity and hence incorporated special provisions for different communities and region to ensure the unity and integrity of the country. Stating that Nagaland has also been a partner in the development and progress of the nation since its creation, he called on the people of Nagaland to take due part in the rapidly growing economy of the nation.

Imchen flagged off the road safe motor cycle rally and inaugurated the exhibition stall-cum-sale. Other highlights of the day included cultural show by Reju Sporting and Cultural Club, 4th Mile Dimapur, Niu Colony, Sumi Cultural Troupe, Dimasa Kachari Cultural Club, Bamunpukhuri, Rengma Cultural Troupe, Bor-Lingri village, Tsondi Club, Trithrongse village, Sangtam Doyapur, Garo Cultural Troupe, Eralibill, an exhibition football match between Dobashis, Dimapur district and GB Union, Dimapur and beating of the retreat by Assam Rifles, 6

Sector.

WOKHA:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Wokha on 26th January 2018 with Minister for Roads & Bridges and Political Affairs, G. Kaito Aye as the Chief Guest.

Altogether, seven parade contingents took part in the march past. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the stalls put up by various departments and NGOs. Highlights of the programme included war dance by Lotsu Village Cultural Troupe, folk song by Akuk Women Cultural Troupe, indigenous games by Rena Women Cultural Troupe and special song by Youth Ministry, Wokha Town Baptist Church, feeding of jail inmates by IRCS Wokha, Mhondamo Memorial Hospital by Chambers of Commerce, Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital by Senior Noble Klan and 28th AR Hospital by Department of Land Resources.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang celebrated the 69th Republic Day at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 26th January 2018 with Y. Vikheho Swu, Minister, National Highways as the Chief Guest.

The review of parade was done by DIG (NAP), Tuensang. 11 contingents participated in the march past including DEF, NAP, VG Kejok village, VG Hakchang, ex-servicemen, NCC Higher Secondary School, GS Saramati School, GS 3rd NAP, GHSS Thangjam, Pipe Band, 3rd NAP and Pipe Band, Hauhyang Chaba. Parade commander was Repjenyangba Ao, Assistant Commandant, 3rd NAP.

The Chief Guest gave away the District Commendation Awards to 10 government officials for their outstanding duties in their respective services. The exhibition of stall was organized by ATMA

Tuensang and Lily SHG and Seri SHG were awarded first and second respectively and Eva SHG and Vegetable Retailer SHG were awarded consolation prizes. After the formal session, five cultural troupes, namely Heri Cultural Club, Chang, Khiamniungan, Sangtam and Yimchunger cultural troupes presented various cultural items.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The credit for bringing about the various factions together on a common platform for a final settlement of the Naga political issue should deservedly go to the Tribal Hohos and its apex bodies, the church, civil society, NGOs and the NNPGs, said Minister, Home, Kuzholuzo, while delivering the 69th Republic Day speech at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 26th January 2018.

Special presentation by Salukum Rogo, Ungma, Medem Ruju Cultural Club, Mongsenyimti, Phomla Hoichem, Mokokchung town and 44 Assam Rifles marked the Republic Day celebration at Mokokchung.

Altogether, nine contingents took part in the march past with SDPO, Mokokchung, Dinesh Gupta, IPS as the Parade Commander and ASI, T. E. Lotha as 2nd in-command. The Chief Guest inaugurated the exhibition stalls after the formal programme.

PHEK:

Phek HQ on 26th January 2018 celebrated the 69th Republic Day with Minister, Power, Kipili Sangtam as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest after unfurling the national flag delivered the Republic Day speech. Eight parade contingents participated at the Republic Day march past. Kusheyi Soho, Atolu and friends presented

special songs while, the Lallo group presented a folk song at the programme.

Staff of Social Welfare Department and Phek Chamber of Commerce distributed food to patients at Civil Hospital and District Jail inmates respectively to mark the occasion. Exhibition volleyball match between 5th NAP Battalion and 22nd Assam Rifles, Phek, prize distribution and beating of retreat by the 22nd Assam Rifles, Phek were the highlights of the evening programme.

LONGLENG:

Longleng District Headquarter celebrated the 69th Republic Day on 26th January 2018 at Local Ground, Longleng with Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from eight parade contingents comprising of the DEF, Longleng, 3rd NAP 'C' Coy, Village Guards, Yingli College, St. Joseph Secondary School, Good Shepherd School, Phom Lempong School and Bharat Scouts & Guides from St. Joseph School.

Presentation of patriotic song by students of JNV, Tangha, folk dance by Namching Hong Students Union, exhibition volleyball match between Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police teams, national anthem by Christian School and exhibition stall organized by ATMA and Self Help Groups were the highlights of the daylong celebration.

MON:

Minister, Cooperation, Relief & Rehabilitation and Chairman, MARCOFED, Imtilemba Sangtam unfurled the national flag and took salute from seven contingents during the Republic Day celebration at Local Ground, Mon HQ on 26th January 2018.

6th NAP, DEF, Mon, Village Guards,

Ex-Servicemen, NCC, Bharat Scouts & Guides and 6th NAP Pipe Band were the parade contingents during the occasion. Santham Walo Cultural Society, Mon and folk song “Kenkah” by the Eastory Project were also performed. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the departmental stalls.

In the evening programme, prizes were distributed and display of band which was followed by beating of retreat by 6th NAP Pipe Band.

The following institutions were visited during the Republic Day celebration at Mon: District Hospital Mon by Social Welfare Department, Mon Sub-Jail by Konyak Union, John 3:16 by Grace Ministry and Orphanage by Treasury Department, Mon.

PEREN:

The 69th Republic Day celebration was held at Peren on 26th January 2018 with S. I. Jamir, Minister, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs as the Chief Guest.

After the inspection of parade contingents, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering where he stated that, after the adoption of the Indian Constitution on 26th January 1950, we have faced numerous challenges, both from within and outside the country. He said that the people of Nagaland should come together to address our problems with the principles of democracy.

Earlier, in the entertainment programme, the Kejanglwa Village Cultural Troupe presented a festival dance and the JNV Jalukie showcased a patriotic dance.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire celebrated the 69th republic day on 26th January 2018 at Public Ground with P. Longon, Minister, Geology & Mining and Border Affairs as Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest took the salute from parade contingent comprising of 7th Assam

Rifle, DEF, Kiphire, 14th IRB, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen, Kiphire, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Trinity School, Loyola Higher Secondary School, Cambridge School, Saramati School and VG Band Party, Phelungre village.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stall set up by Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, RD Block, Kiphire, ATMA, Department of Land Resources, Kiphire, Horticulture Department, Kiphire, District Legal Service Authority Kiphire followed by cultural programme folk dance presented by Kiphire Village Town Union, Tikhir Tribal Union Kiphire town. The other highlight of the programme included exhibition football match between DC XI v/s SP XI. The day long function concluded with beating of retreat by VG Band Party and DEF, Kiphire.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Zunheboto on 26th January 2018 with Minister, Rural Development, C. L. John as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade contingents and read out the speech, signifying the good progress in our march towards development during the last 55 years of the establishment of statehood. He received Rashtriya salute from 12 parade contingents which included DEF, 8th NAP, Ex-servicemen, Home Guards and Civil Defence, NCC Zunheboto, Lovedale Higher Secondary School (Boys), Lovedale Higher Secondary School (Girls), Olympic Higher Secondary School (Boys), Olympic Higher Secondary School (Girls), Emmanuel Higher Secondary School, Cornerstone Higher Secondary School and 5th Assam Rifles Band Party.

C. L. John later inaugurated various stalls put up by various departments and Self Help Groups. As part of the celebration,

IRCS visited Civil Hospital, while STH Zunheboto visited district jail. An exhibition match was also played between 5th Assam Rifles and Home Guards.

NOKLAK:

Noklak HQ celebrated Republic Day at Public Ground, Noklak on 26th January 2018 where ADC, Noklak, Thsuvisie Phoji unfurled the national flag and took salute from nine parade contingents including 3rd NAP Noklak, Noklak VG, Nokhu VG, Holy

Angel School, CHS School, St. Paul School, GHSS, GHS and GHS Thang. National anthem was sung by Holy Angel School, Noklak.

The Chief Guest read out the Republic Day speech and inspected the arms display presented by 45th Assam Rifle, COB Noklak. Cultural dance was presented by Nokhu Village Guard. On account of Republic day celebration 2018, Indian Red Cross Society, Noklak Branch and 45th Assam Rifles visited CHC Hospital, Noklak and distributed food items to the patients.



Advisor, School Education, Yitachu taking the Republic Day salute at Tseminyu Sub-division, Kohima district on 26th January 2018.

TSEMINYU:

Tseminyu Sub-Division celebrated the 69th Republic Day at RSA ground on 26th January 2018 with Advisor, School Education, Yitachu as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech and took salute from five parade contingents which included 4th NAP Coy Tseminyu, DEF Tseminyu, 1st Naga Girls Battalion, NCC Tseminyu, BHSS Tseminyu, DBS Tseminyu in which the parade commanders were ABSI, Shanyelo Seb, Havildar, Apon and Havildar, Tali Ao.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the four exhibition stalls put up by the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences, Health & Family Welfare and Horticulture during the celebration. Highlights of the celebration included male voice by T T B C P e l u n y u , Drill/Choreography by CED, Tseminyu Old Town Baptist Church.



Parliamentary Secretary, Economics & Statistics and SCERT, Er. Kropol Vitsu gracing the Republic Day celebrations at Pughoboto, Zunheboto district on 26th January 2018.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto town celebrated

the 69th Republic Day at the Local Ground on 26th January 2018 with Parliamentary Secretary, Economics & Statistics and



Parliamentary Secretary, New & Renewable Energy and Fire & Emergency Services, Toyang Changkong Chang taking the salute at the Republic Day celebrations at Chozuba, Phek district on 26th January 2018.



Parliamentary Secretary, Industries & Commerce, NIDC, Amenba Yaden delivering the Republic Day speech at Tening, Peren district on 26th January 2018..

SCERT, Er. Kropol Vitsu gracing the programme as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took the salute from the three contingents which included 8th NAP 'F' Coy Pughoboto, PPKK and Mishilimi Students' Union. GHS Pughoboto sang the national anthem. The parade commander was ABSI, Sanglim Chang from 8th NAP 'F' Coy, Pughoboto. Kahuto Lohe enthralled the gathering with a special song titled 'Think About it' (Kumsujulo).

The parade contingents were reviewed by SDPO, Pughoboto, Vekhrolo Koza. The Chief Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls of SHGs under the initiative and supervision of the Agriculture Department led by SDAO, Pughoboto, Myanthung Patton, Functional Manager, Hojeto, VAS, Dr. Teka and BDO, Ghathashi, Obed.

CHOZUBA:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Chozuba town on 26th January 2018 with Toyang Changkong Chang, Parliamentary Secretary, New & Renewable Energy and Fire & Emergency Services as the Chief Guest. A host of dignitaries, Heads of Departments, GBs and public leaders attended the function. Parade inspection was led by OC, PS Chozuba town. A special song was presented by Transcend Voice, Chozuba village and folk song by Chozuba Town Women Welfare Society.

TENING:

The 69th Republic Day celebrations was celebrated at ADC HQ, Tening with Parliamentary Secretary, Industries & Commerce and NIDC, Amenba Yaden as the Chief Guest on 26th January 2018.

Highlights of the programme included hoisting of national flag in



Minister, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, S. I. Jamir delivering the Republic Day speech on the occasion of the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Peren on 26th January 2018.



Minister, Power, Kipili Sangtam inspecting the parade at the Republic Day celebrations at Phek on 26th January 2018.



Minister, Rural Development, C. L. John inspecting the parade on the occasion of the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Zunheboto on 26th January 2018.



Deputy commissioner, Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam inspecting the parade at the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Longleng on 26th January 2018.



Minister, Roads & Bridges and Political Affairs, G. Kalto Aye inspecting the parade on the occasion of the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Wokha on 26th January 2018.



Minister, National Highways, Y. Vikheho Swu delivering the Republic Day address at Tuensang on 26th January 2018.



Minister, Home, Kuzholuzo Nienu inspecting the parade at the Republic Day celebrations at Mokokchung on 26th January 2018.



Minister, Cooperation, Relief & Rehabilitation and Chairman, MARCOFED, Intilemba Sanglam taking the salute from the parade contingents during the Republic Day celebrations at Mon on 26th January 2018.

government offices, institutions and educational institutions. The Chief Guest also unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech and the national anthem was sung by Zeliangrong Heraka School. Special number was presented by Baptist High School and a folk song was presented by Tening Town Women Welfare Society.

LONGKHIM:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at ADC office, Longkhim town on 26th January 2018 with Kikumsungla Jamir, ADC, Longkhim as the Chief Guest. During the occasion, she unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech.

TULI:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated in ADC's office complex, Tuli on 26th January 2018 with ADC, Tuli, Rhosietho Nguori as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from DEF, Tuli. National anthem was presented by Little Garden School, Tuli.

MELURI:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Meluri Sub-Division on 26th January 2018 with Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, ADC, Meluri as the Chief Guest. Nine parade contingents took the salute which was led by Mhunchumo Lotha, ABSI.

The contingents participating in the parade included 5th NAP, Meluri, VGs of Meluri Sector, VGs of Phokhungri Sector, VGs of Phor Sector, VGs of Lephory Sector, Christian Mission School, Meluri, St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Meluri, NCC Girls St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Meluri and Band Party VGs of Meluri.

A colourful choreography was

performed by Children Sunday School of 5th NAP, Meluri and a cultural dance by VGs of Akhegwo. Stalls were also set up where products of different items were on sale.

PFUTSERO:

Pfutsero Sub-Division celebrated the 69th Republic day at Pfutsero Local Ground



ADC, Pfutsero, Zeneikhonuo Vimero taking the Republic Day salute at Pfutsero Sub-division, Phek district on 26th January 2018.

on 26th January 2018 with ADC, Pfutsero, Zeneikhonuo Vimero as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and took salute from six parade contingents led by Parade Commander, ABSI, Rabenthung Lotha and 2nd in-charge, Havildar, Zanusa. The parade contingents included DEF, Pfutsero, Pfutsero Government College, TMT Higher Secondary School, Christian Mission Higher Secondary School, Nazareth School and JNV, Zuketsa. The programme concluded with the demonstration on the working of Voters Verifiable Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT).

MANGKOLEMBA:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Mangkolemba ADC HQ with Razouvolie Dozo, ADC, Mangkolemba as the Chief Guest on 26th January 2018.

After unfurling the national flag and delivering the speech, the Chief Guest took salute from parade contingents consisting of 2nd NAP 'C' Coy, Baptist Higher Secondary

School, Mangkolemba and Town Higher Secondary School led by Parade Commander, ABSI, Wati Jamir. During the programme, SDO (C), Mangkolemba demonstrated the usage of EVM/VVPAT.

Exhibition volleyball match was played between Sporting Club, Mangkolemba and Mangkolemba Youth Organization.

BHANDARI:

Bhandari Sub-Division celebrated the 69th Republic day on 26th January 2018 at Local Ground, Bhandari town with ADC, Tiameren Chang as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic day speech and took salute from four contingents led by ABSI, 7th NAP, T. R. Kumzuk. Other highlights of the day included presentation of folk song by the Bhandari Town Eloehoho.

ABOI:

The celebration of the 69th Republic Day was held at Aboi Local Ground on 26th January 2018 with Hito Sema, ADC, Aboi as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from the parade contingents including VGs and Paramount School, Aboi. National anthem was sung by Emmanuel School, Aboi. Other highlights of the programme included cultural display by upper range womenfolk and cricket final match between Mascot and Valley Cricket Club.

THONOKNYU:

At Thonoknyu Sub-Division, the 69th Republic Day was celebrated at SDO (C) office with Tuchithong Tikher unfurling the national flag on 26th January 2018.

MEDZIPHEMA:

The 69th Republic day was celebrated at Local Ground, Medziphema Sub-Division, on 26th January 2018 with Advisor, Higher & Technical Education, N. Thomas Lotha as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag, took the salute and inspected the parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech. Seven contingents took part in the march past which was led by Parade Commander, Sunep Ao, ABI, 11 IR. The parade contingents included 11th IR NAP, NCC SFS (Girls) Higher Secondary School, Medziphema, SFS Higher Secondary School (Boys), Medziphema, Modern Christian School, Medziphema, GHSS, Medziphema, King David School, Medziphema, Rivenburg School, Medziphema along with 41 AR Pipe Band.

To commemorate the occasion, an exhibition football penalty shoot was played with the participating team including Men's Team comprising of Government Employees Team, Chakhro Public Organization Team, Medziphema Town Youth Organisation Team, Dobashi Team, Medziphema Town Mechu Krotho Team, Medziphema Area GD



Advisor, Higher & Technical Education, N. Thomas Lotha taking the Republic Day salute at Medziphema, Dimapur district on 26th January 2018.



ADC, Tobu, A. Zibenthung Kithan taking the salute at the Republic Day celebrations at Tobu, Mon district on 26th January 2018.

Union Team, Taxi Union Medziphema Team, Auto Union Medziphema Team, Medziphema Trade Union, Medziphema Town Pastor's Union Team and Women's Team comprising of Government Employees Team, Medziphema Town Women Organisation, Chakhromiapfu Mechü Krotho, Medziphema Town Women Pastor Team and Medziphema Trade Union Women Team.

Other highlights included cultural

dance by Kuki folk dance by Molvom village, special number by Excel School of Music, Medziphema and Pipe Band Display by 41 Assam Rifles.

TOBU:

Tobu celebrated the 69th Republic Day at Local Ground, Tobu HQ with ADC, Tobu, A. Zibenthung Kithan as the Chief Guest on 26th January 2018.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. Six parade contingents comprising of 6th NAP 'E' Coy Pokyang Post, VG Tobu village, two contingents from Newman Higher Secondary School, Tobu, Government High School, Tobu and M. S. Tobu village participated in the celebration. Sweets distribution in the ground was done by Social Welfare Department, entertainment by TTSU and exhibition volleyball match was played between ADC Team Vs Police Team and TTSU Vs TVSU.



Advisor, Irrigation & Control and SIRD, Tovihoto Ayemi gracing the 69th Republic Day celebrations at Jalukie, Peren district on 26th January 2018.

JALUKIE:

Jalukie celebrated the 69th Republic Day at Government Higher Secondary School, Jalukie on 26th January 2018. Advisor, Irrigation & Flood Control and SIRD, Tovihoto Ayemi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Unfurling of the national flag by the Chief Guest, presentation of the national anthem by students of JNV, Jalukie, special song by Pautingaule, cultural dance by Mhainamtsi village, JNV, Jalukie and students of the College of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences, Jalukie, and Taekwando exhibition by Taekwando Association, Peren were the

highlights of the day.

LOTSU:

Lotsu EAC HQ observed the 69th Republic Day on 26th January 2018 by hoisting the national flag in all the government offices.

AGHUNATO:

The 69th Republic was observed on 26th January 2018, at the Public Ground, Aghunato town with Advisor, Labour & Employment & Skill Development, R. Tohanba as the Chief Guest.

The other highlights of the programme were cultural folk dances presented by PWD, Medical and Forest colonies and Shevishe village, songs and entertainments by St. Joseph Catholic Church, Aghunato Town Baptist church 'A' (Aizuto) & Aghunato Town Baptist Church (Nitomount).

The Chief Guest hoisted the national flag and took salute from 'C' Coy 8th NAP parade group, Aghunato followed by national anthem which was sang by Don Bosco School, Aghunato.

NIULAND:

Niuland Sub-Division celebrated the 69th Republic Day at Niuland Public ground, with Parliamentary Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports and Music Task Force, Khekaho Assumi as the Chief Guest on 26th January 2018.

Highlights of the programme included choreography by Shepherd Montessori School, cultural dance by JNV, Nihokhu, folk dance by Pihekhu village (men), Project Colony (women) and Tug of war.



Advisor, Labour & Employment & Skill Development, R. Tohanba delivering the Republic Day speech at Aghunato, Zunheboto district on 26th January 2018.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator celebrated the 69th Republic Day with ADC, Shamator, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi as the Chief Guest on 26th January 2018.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag which was followed by Republic Day speech and march past. Parade Commander was ABSI, Yanghori Sangtam, TES Tuensang and 2nd Parade Commander was Halvidar, Humtsoe Yimchunger, 3rd NAP,



Parliamentary Secretary, Youth & Sports Resources and Music Task Force, Khekaho Assumi taking the Republic Day salute at Niuland, Dimapur district on 26th January 2018.

Shamator. The contingents included 3rd NAP, Shamator, Village Guard Rural Village, Village Guard Council Village, Sangphur village, Christian Higher Secondary School, Shamator followed by band display by 45 Assam Rifles, Shamator. Inauguration and inspection of the exhibition stall was done by the Chief Guest. Other highlights included cultural presentation by Dhopuer Federal Group and Mongvsuwong cultural group and football match between 45 AR and Shamator town.

ATOIZU:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Atoizu HQ with ADC, Atoizu, Arikumba as the Chief Guest at ADC office, Atoizu on 26th January 2018.

Flags were hoisted in all the government offices, educational institutions and business establishments. On arrival, the Chief Guest took the salute and delivered the Republic Day speech.

An exhibition match was played between Team ADC and Team AR, tug of war and beating of the retreat by IC OPDS, Atoizu.

NAGINIMORA:

Naginimora celebrated the 69th Republic Day at Local Ground on 26th January 2018 with Parliamentary Secretary, CAWD and Taxes, Dr. Benjongliba Aier as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade contingents, delivered the Republic Day speech and took salute from parade contingents consisting of 6 NAP 'A' COY and students from various schools. The national anthem was sung by Carewell School.

Other highlights of the day included cultural show by Konyak Union, Naginimora and KNSK,

Naginimora Unit and tug of war.

SATAKHA:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Satakha on 26th January 2018 with ADC, Satakha, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa as the Chief Guest who unfurled the national flag, read out the speech and received salute from parade contingents.

As part of the celebration, entertainment items were presented by New Horizon School, Merryvale School, Evergreen School and Highland School. An exhibition volleyball match was also played between SRSU and STYO.

CHANGTONGYA:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Changtongya Sub-Division at the SDO (C) office complex on 26th January 2018 with SDO (C), Changtongya, Chumlamu Humtsoe as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest unfurled the national flag, took the salute from DEF Police Contingent, Changtongya and delivered the Republic Day speech.

On the occasion, commendation



Parliamentary Secretary, CAWD and Taxes, Dr. Benjongliba Aier inspecting the parade contingents at the Republic Day celebrations at Naginimora, Mon district on 26th January 2018.

certificates for meritorious service was awarded to Imkongsowa Jamir, Head GB, Changtongya town for his outstanding service rendered to the administration and

officials, GBs, NGOs, and public of Chen town.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES EDUWORK JAPAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya inaugurated the Eduwork Japan Centre of Excellence on 29th January 2018 at De Oriental Grand, Kohima as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor said that the youth are the assets to the society and should work for the development of the State. He called on the universities and colleges to introduce skill development courses which will prove beneficial for jobs, self-employment and empowerment of the students. Acharya, stating that the future of the nation belongs to the youth, encouraged them to take up the challenges that lie before them and to come successful. Our education should empower us to be job givers and not job seekers, the Governor opined.

Eduwork Japan runs an ELE (Earn Learn Earn) programme in collaboration with O-Hara School of Business with a vision of empowering the youth to build a future of their choice along with financial freedom while achieving their goals. O-HARA believes in making its students employable and hence has designed diploma programmes that incorporates part time jobs from the third month of their academic year in Japan, which results in students earning more than their expenditure (tuition fees and living expense) and also gives the students an opportunity to get hands on training and a better understanding of the Japanese work culture. In the process of promoting the programme in Nagaland, Eduwork Japan in partnership



SDO (C), Changtongya, Chumlamso Humtsoe reading out the Republic Day speech at Changtongya, Mokokchung district on 26th January 2018.

also the welfare of the public.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated at Chiephobozou on 26th January 2018 with Advisor, Soil & Water Conservation and NSDMA, Pukhayi as the Chief Guest. He unfurled the national flag and took salute from the contingents and read out the Republic Day speech which was followed by a cultural presentation. The programme culminated with beating of retreat.

CHEN:

Chen HQ celebrated the 69th Republic Day by hoisting the national flag at Mini SDO (C) Complex, Chen town on 26th January 2018. SDO (C), Chen, Moa Lemtur took salute from Chen Town VG. The programme was attended by government

with Youth Net launched the first Centre of Excellence in the North East Region in Kohima.

YEARLONG CELEBRATION OF DR. T. AO'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY KICKSTARTS AT RAJ BHAVAN

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya unveiled the portrait of Dr. Talimeren Ao, popularly known as Dr. T. Ao on the occasion of the inaugural function of the yearlong celebration of 100th birth anniversary of Dr. T. Ao on 28th January 2018 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

Speaking on the occasion, Acharya expressed his delight to host the programme to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Dr. T. Ao, the football icon from Nagaland. He described Ao as a man who excelled not only in studies but also displayed a strong inclination towards sports and athletic activities. Acharya mentioned some of his achievements in the field of sports such as the best sportsperson trophy in the inter-high school tournament in Jorhat in 1937, the individual champion of Cotton College for three consecutive years and the individual championship in athletics of Calcutta University in 1946 and 1947. Dr. T. Ao was not only the captain of the Indian football team in the 1948 Summer Olympics in London but also the flag bearer of the Indian contingent, Acharya added. He said his footprints have encouraged and inspired the Naga people and the football lovers and that his contribution to the society and country as a footballer and as a doctor is highly commendable.

The Governor also mentioned that in honour of his contributions, the Raj Bhavan has instituted awards in the field of sports, academics and extra-curricular activities in schools, colleges and universities. Stressing on the importance of sports, he felt that the

State is in need of infrastructure facilities so as to cater events of both national and international levels. On this great occasion, he also conveyed deep appreciation and love to the family members of Dr. T. Ao for upholding and encouraging him in his profession.

Er. Lanu Toy, a friend of Dr. T. Ao, speaking on the occasion said that it is a great satisfaction and treasure to honour and remember the worthy son of Nagaland. He said no Naga deserves this kind of honour and respect more than Dr. T. Ao. He described him not only as a great sportsperson but also a great person with humility. He was admired by people of all ages and known even to the remotest during the peak of his career. His success could be attributed in many ways as his talents and capabilities excelled amongst many, as such, he was the undisputed choice to be the captain of the Indian football team in 1948. He also excelled in other disciplines such as hockey, volleyball, basketball, table tennis and athletics.

Er. Indianoba Tally, the youngest son of Dr. T. Ao spoke on behalf of the family members and expressed gratitude and delight for honouring and remembering Dr. T. Ao on the occasion of his 100th birth anniversary. He believed that his father's stupendous achievements in the field of sports would ignite the minds of young upcoming sportspersons. He described his father as a person who never tried to promote himself, rather he left all his achievements to the Almighty God.

On behalf of Nagaland Olympics Association, Meren Paul offered a tribute to Dr. T. Ao and conveyed profound homage to Dr. T. Ao on the occasion of his birth centenary. He also described him as a person who was not only a legendary footballer in the history of Indian football but also a great physician. He further said that he was more popular in Bengal than in Nagaland.

Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Anenla S. Longchari delivered the welcome address, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Principal Secretary, School Education, F. P. Solo and Senior Pastor, BMC, Rev. Moa invoked God's blessing. A special number titled "Jai Ho" was presented by DG Band and Medley: Jubilate Deo/My song was presented by TNCC.

On the occasion, a documentary on Dr. T. Ao was screened by the Department of Information & Public Relations.

GOVERNOR RELEASES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya released a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the birth centenary of Dr. T. Ao at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 28th January 2018. The stamp was simultaneously released in Guwahati, Assam to mark the occasion.

Acharya appreciated the efforts put in by the Postmaster General and his team and thanked the Department of Post for the wonderful initiative taken in such a short time. The Governor also expressed his pleasure at Assam celebrating the birth centenary and honouring of Dr. T. Ao.

The stamp valued at Rs. 5 will be available at the Kohima Head Post Office.

FOLKLORE OF EASTERN NAGALAND BOOK RELEASED

A book published by the Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA) titled 'Folklore of Eastern Nagaland' was released by Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Nagaland at Hotel Vivor on 30th January 2018.

The book 'Folklore of Eastern Nagaland' is an insight into the poetry, songs, story, and life of six tribes of

Eastern Nagaland (Konyak, Phom, Sangtam, Yimchunger, Chang and Khamniungan) collected and translated by author Anungla Longkumer and commissioned by DUDA. The book was edited by Temsula Ao and illustrated by Vineizotuo Z Tase and Vithuse Temi.

Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS releasing the book 'Folklore of Eastern Nagaland,' said that Nagaland has a special distinction that has so many tribes, and this makes Nagaland so colourful and interesting. All these tribes reflect one's history and culture and to be documented for prosperity, reflection and understanding from where the people have come, and to be in touch in a richer detail with the meaning of history. He also apprised that, folklore is an important part of the culture and it reflects through its various meanings how generations have progressed and how they lived in the past and how things have changed over a period of time. He further appreciated the great effort that DUDA and Anungla Longkumer has done to promote and reflect the history and understand the roots of where we all come from.

Author Anungla Longkumer sharing a brief account on the book, said that the



Anungla Longkumer speaking at the book release function of her book "Folklore of Eastern Nagaland" at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 30th January 2018.

project is a blessing and an awesome experience to know her roots and how it was in the not so distant traditional past. She also said that the project started on Nagaland Statehood Day on 1st December 2016 during Hornbill Festival, where she met all the troupes of Eastern Nagaland and collected all the information and insights needed for the book. She said that throughout the project during data collection, editing and compilation, the team faced many challenges. She thanked all the story tellers, singers, translators, guides, village heads, GBs for their immense contribution and also for making the idea of a book into fact.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Anungla Imdong Phom, Programme Officer & Joint Director, DUDA. Konyak folk song was presented by Angam Khong and Apong Yimchunger delivered a short speech on behalf of ENSF. The book launching event was attended by Hohos of Eastern Nagaland, ENSF, ENPO, HoDs and well wishers.

CEO BRIEFS MEDIA ON ELECTION NOTIFICATION

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS briefed the media persons on the upcoming General Elections in the State at CEO's Office, Kohima on 30th January 2018.

Abhijit mentioned that 2194 polling stations are there in the State and two Auxillary Polling Stations have come up because of the presence of more than 1400 voters. Training for polling personnel have already commenced, all polling personnel are given atleast three rounds of training. Display of VVPAT machines in all the villages have been carried out since it will be used in all the places from this general elections onwards, he said. Postal Ballots for Service Voters called ETPBS system will be

used where postal ballot paper will be sent to them through emails and it will return through post.

He further informed that there are 55 ROs for the 60 Assembly Constituencies. AROs can do all the duties of ROs except Scrutiny which can be carried out only in special unavoidable circumstances by the AROs. Form 1 will be issued for filing of nomination.

Sinha said there are 555 polling stations where live webcasting will be carried out, and in those polling stations where internet connectivity is poor, fixed cameras will be installed in order to check electoral malpractices. 55 Election Observers will be in the State for the elections.

DR. SHURHOZELIE LIEZIETSU INAUGURATES HALL OF AMK BUILDING-CUM-GENERAL CONFERENCE

Former Chief Minister of Nagaland and President, Ura Academy, Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu appreciated the Angami women for their hard work and able leadership in the society today inspite of their responsibility in the family as mother or wife. He maintained that the Angami womenfolk enjoy a high status even though there could be some communication gap in catching up with modernity and the old ways of their society.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the Annual Conference of the Angamimiapfü Mechü Krotho (AMK) on 31st January 2018, Dr. Liezietsu called upon the womenfolk to properly educate their children saying their role as mothers is very important in shaping the lives and future of their children.

Dr. Liezietsu highlighted on the need to preserve one's own cultural identity inspite of the fact that there are many changes in our

society. He stressed on the need to look back at the past, particularly the womenfolk and mother to teach their children with the winnowing and pounding of rice and to teach them with the weaving skills as traditions. Stressing on the importance of one's roots, Dr. Shürhozelie said that if we forget all our past and only look at the future, things may go wrong. Hence, he said it is important to look at the past and adopt the good practices and move towards the future.

Finance Secretary of APO, Kevissekho Khro also gave a brief word of greetings and sought for the continuous support of womenfolk.

A brief report was given by the General Secretary, AMK, Kevinguno Meyase and the Convenor, Audit Committee, Medoselhou Keretsü.

DISTRICTS ROUND UP

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 5th January 2018. The meeting was chaired by DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha.

The DC, Tuensang directed all the departments of Tuensang to submit the employees' list for election purpose at the earliest. He also informed the PWD (RD), Power, PHE departments to be prepared for the necessary renovations of the necessary respective fields for the pliable status for the state assembly election 2018.

The DC also encouraged the departments who have not submitted the preparation of the statement of District Vision 2022, to submit at the earliest.

SPORTS MEET AT TENING

The 24th Sports Meet of Tening Village Youth Organization 2018 was held at Tening Village Local Ground on 4th and 5th January 2018 under the banner of 'Unite in Development.'

In the inaugural programme, President, VDB Peren district, Kinkari lung Nrak graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraged the younger generation to be humble in every aspect of their lives. He also advised the participants to play with discipline, in order to set an example for the upcoming youth.

The opening football match was played between Chandmari colony and UCC colony.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Mangkolemba Sub-Divisional Planning and Developmental Board (SDPDB) meeting was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mangkolemba on 6th January 2018 under the chairmanship of EAC, Mangkolemba, Kedale Sebu.

During the meeting, with regard to the application submitted by VEC Akumen for the upgradation of Government Primary School, the Board decided to discuss the matter in the next SDPDB meeting in presence of SDEO, Mangkolemba.

42nd VK RANGE STUDENTS UNION CONFERENCE

The four day event of the 42nd VK Range Students Union was hosted at Phushumi village from 3rd to 6th January 2018.

In the introductory session on 3rd January, Holuvi Chophy, former President, SKK and Auditor General, NSF spoke on the theme "Specialization, the essence of the era."

The inaugural function on 4th January was graced by Khekaho Assumi, Parliamentary Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports and Music Task Force as the Chief Guest. Khekaho exhorted the students to know the value of education and love it, and also be responsible for their own future.

The final day also consisted of seminar on the theme "Self reliance on agro based economy" by Dr. Visakho Shunyu, SMS Genetics and Plant breeding, KVK, NU, Lumami. Naro Anichari, Program Assistant,

Home Science, KVK, NU, Lumami and Kakuho Assumi, GB and national award holder for coffee plantation were the experts for the seminar.

Sastami Students Union emerged as the overall champion and Izheto Students Union emerged as the runners up, while Litta New Students Union was awarded the Best Disciplined Unit for 2018.

PEREN DPDB MEETING

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Peren was held on 6th January 2018 with Deputy Commissioner, Peren and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Smita Sarangi, IAS as the chairperson.

Addressing the Board, she requested the departments of Power, PWD and School Education to give status report every Thursday, to assess the situation for the election in advance. She informed the Board about the webcasting of polling process for about 40 polling stations in the district and requested the concerned officers to ensure that work is done as per the assignment.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung District Planning and Developmental Board (DPDB) was held on 8th January 2018 at the Conference Hall of ADC (Planning), Mokokchung. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS.

Addressing the meeting, the DC informed all the departments to appoint a nodal officer and activate at the earliest by submitting the names and contact numbers at the election department so as to effectively disseminate and collect information in connection with the election.

The Chairman asked the Executive

Engineer, PHED and Executive Engineer, Power Department to make necessary arrangement in all polling stations and asked the Power department to make necessary steps by putting up adequate electrification around the strong room which is located at the Treasury Office, Mokokchung.

The DC sent a strong message to all the Heads of Offices to refrain from sending subordinate officers to attend different committee meetings without proper intimation. He said whoever is notified should attend the meeting.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th January 2018 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, DPDB, Tridibesh Roy, IAS.

Welcoming all the members, the DC asked all the Heads of Offices to submit staff list and attached vehicles at the earliest for state assembly election 2018. District Planning Officer, N. Zhasa reviewed the minutes of the previous DPDB meeting.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING

The monthly Dimapur District planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th January 2018, in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur.

DC, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS who chaired the meeting welcomed the members and reminded them to be regular in attending the DPDB meetings stating that pertaining issues in connection with Dimapur district are discussed during such meetings.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th January 2018 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman, DPDB & DC, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, the Board felicitated medal holders who participated during the 1st Nagaland Olympics held from 12th to 16th December 2017 at Dimapur. The Chairman reminded the Heads of Offices who have not submitted the list of drivers, government vehicles and employees list to submit the same at the earliest.

Project Director, DRDA presented their departmental activities and programmes during the meeting.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING-CUM-EXIT CONFERENCE OF VILLAGE ADOPTION PROGRAMME

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-Exit Conference of Village Adoption programme was held on 9th January 2018 at DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima.

Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, DPDB, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS appreciated and thanked all the Village Adoption Committees and Adopted Village Chairmen for their commendable jobs carried out and co-operation extended to the visiting team. He stated that the successful culmination of Village Adoption Committees is a classic example of how we can achieve together as a team. The



DC, Wokha, Dr. Menazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS, District Sports Officer along with some of the medal winners of the 1st Nagaland Olympics who were felicitated during the DPDB meet at Dc's Conference Hall, Wokha on 9th January 2018.

DC also gave away the awards to the winners.

ADC, Planning and Member Secretary, Ketoho Luho while delivering the introductory remarks, stated that the Village Adoption Committees have been formed with a vision to see the living conditions of the grassroot level including some urban sectors. He appreciated the DPDB Kohima for coming forward to uplift the weakest and remotest villages in the district. He further



DC and Vice-Chairman, DPDB Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS giving away the prize to the Best Village Adoption Committee during the DPDB meeting-cum-exit conference of village adoption programme at DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima on 9th January 2018.

urged the members to work harder for the upliftment of the villagers.

The D-Block Ward Adoption Committee with their theme “Fostering development through people's participation” under 9th Kohima Town A/C was adjudged the Best Performing Team among the six Adoption Committees while Zhadima village under 11th Northern Angami bagged the second best team.

All the Convenors of the Village Adoption Committees presented their reports on the developmental activities taken up in their respective adopted villages and wards. ADC, Kohima, T. L. Kiusumong Tikhir who is also the Convenor of the Core Committee, declared the winners and also delivered the vote of thanks.

MEDZIPHEMA SDDC MEETING

Medziphema Sub-Divisional Departmental Co-ordination meeting was held at ADC's office on 9th January 2018. The meeting was chaired by EAC, Medziphema, Sentilong Ozukum who extended gratitude to all Heads of Departments present in the meeting. ADC, Medziphema, Vikhweno Chale highlighted the new system of Electronic Voting Machine.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting of Tseminyu Sub-Division was on 10th January 2018 at DB's Conference Hall, Tseminyu. EAC, Tseminyu, Er. Kevungoto Kulnu chaired the meeting.

The Chairman further requested all Heads of Offices to effectively carry out their responsibilities while discharging their duties.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING HELD AT BHANDARI

The ADC, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang held a co-ordination meeting with all the Heads of Departments under Bhandari Sub-Division on 10th January 2018 at the ADC's Conference Hall.

During the discussion, the PHE Department stated that two main water reservoirs were washed away by the heavy rains due to which water is now being tapped directly from the source which needs to be looked into for more sufficient supply to the public.

Progress of works by departments, their performance and requirements etc. were also deliberated in the meeting.



ADC, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang speaking at the departmental co-ordination meeting at Bhandari on 10th January 2018 at the ADC's Conference Hall, Bhandhari.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the

chairmanship of SDPDB and Minister, National Highways, Y. Vikheho Swu at the ADC office, Pughoboto on 11th January 2018.

ADC & DEO, Pughoboto, Avelu Ruho reviewed the previous meeting minutes and directed all the election Sector Magistrates and nodal officials to study thoroughly their assigned subject matter and to render their duties and responsibilities with sincerity.

Minister, Vikheho Swu highlighted his five initiative projects in Pughoboto sub-division under LADPF and said that he will be bringing more programmes to uplift the people while targeting Pughoboto as the 'Best Constituency.' He also said that the benefits of the department has been taken up in the sub-division and acknowledged the officers for contributing their services with much enthusiasm.

SCIENTIFIC RUBBER TAPPING AND PROCESSING TRAINING HELD

The Department of Land Resources in collaboration with the Rubber Board Regional Office, Dimapur conducted four days training from 9th to 12th January 2018 at Lilen village on Scientific Rubber Tapping and Processing for IWMP-1 (Batch-1). The training covered eight villages including Lilen, Phaijol, Vongkithem, Inbung, Peilhang, Bongkolong, New Beisumpui and New Chalkot.

Resource person, Arup Gogoi from Rubber Board Regional Office demonstrated the scientific method of rubber tapping and processing.

President, Kuki INPI, L. Gangte graced the concluding ceremony as the Guest of Honour. Encouraging the participants to minimize the practice of Jhum cultivation, he advised them to take

up plantation of rubber and other commercial crops for their sustainability. He appreciated the farmers for their contribution to the socio economic development of the society. Altogether 31 trainees from the different villages attended the training.

MECH KACHARI OBSERVES MAGH UTSAV

Mech Kachari community, Purana Bazar, Dimapur celebrated Magh Utsav, post-harvest festival on 13th January 2018 at Mandevilla Garden, Dimapur.

Speaking as the Special Guest on the occasion, Literacy Secretary of United Boro People's Organization, Prodig Swargiary extended Magh Utsav greetings to the Mech Kachari community. He noted that Boro and Mech community has different culture and traditions but shares a brotherly relationship and exhorted them to live in peace and unity.

Chairman, Mech Kachari Development Council Assam, Krishna Kanta Mech who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, congratulated them for preserving their tradition and culture. Informing that the present cultural dress of Mech Community has been discovered from London Museum,



Chief Guest and Guest of Honour along with other dignitaries at Magh Utsav celebrations at Purana Bazaar, Dimapur on 13th January 2018.

he called upon the Mech community for preservation of the unique cultural traditions.

Mech Advisor, Mech Kachari Jatiya Parisad, Assam, Kushal Mech was the Guest of Honour. Cultural programme including dances and songs marked the day.

CHANG COMMUNITY CELEBRATES POANG LUM

The Chang community celebrated Poang Lum (Winter Festival) at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang on 12th and 13th of January 2018. The Guest of Honour was C Ebou Chang, Vice President, Chang Gazetted Officers Association. The celebration was hosted under the theme “Enveloping peace in oneness,” organized



A Chang Cultural Troupe performing a Chang traditional dance during the Poang Lum festival at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang on 13th January 2018.

by Chang Khulei Setshang.

Ebou Chang said that the Poang Lum celebration marks the celebration of self-sufficiency and referring to the past history, he said the celebration of the bountiful harvest marks the academic success, profitable business and prosperous living. He added that the celebration is also a way to

nurture our rich culture and tradition through which we can preserve our culture and tradition. Poang Lum is a festival of gift exchange and merry making.

I. L. Chingmak, former Minister, NLA and N. Chingmak, PA to DC also delivered short speeches. The welcome address was delivered by M. P. Nokshang, President, CKS, while B. Tabitha Chang and Music Team (BYE TTBL) graced the programme with special numbers. The programme was followed by cultural extravaganza.

72nd VYO WRESTLING MEET HELD

The 72nd Viswema Youth Organisation (VYO) Wrestling Meet was held on 19th January 2018 at John Government Higher Secondary School Ground, Viswema. Registrar, Soil & Water Conservation, Tebul Neikha graced the inaugural programme as the Chief Guest.

Vitsoto Vitsu emerged as the champion under the senior category and walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 20,000. Kevime Vitsu, Zhavito Rhütso and Keselvi Mekro claimed the second, third and fourth prizes respectively.

Avi Chaya emerged as the champion in the junior category (Under 17) and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5000. Keletho Sothu, Vikrükho Koso and Kikrokhrito Khrieo claimed the second, third and fourth prizes respectively.

A total of 20 wrestlers participated in the senior category and 15 wrestlers in the junior category. The invocation for the inaugural programme was pronounced by Rev. Hosato Kiso, Senior Pastor, Viswema Baptist Church. The oath was administered by Vikekul Sothu, Games & Sports Secretary,

VYO and vote of thanks was delivered by Puthuto Vitsu, Information & Public Secretary, VYO.

RIO GRACES NAGAMESE BIBLE RELEASE CEREMONY

19th YOUTH RALLY OF LBES

The 19th Youth Rally of Lotha Baptist Ekhumkho Sanrhyutsü (LBES) was held from 12th to 14th January 2018 at N. Longidang under the theme 'Audacious Faith.' The Rally took off after Rev. Ezanbemo Odyuo, Pastor, Lakhuti Baptist Church inaugurated the Rally Bandal House.

Rev. Ellis Lotha, Pastor, UBC Doyang who was the speaker on the second day, encouraged and called on the youngsters to live true, exemplary and steadfast Christian lives. Rev. Viko Rhi, Youth Secretary, Nagaland Baptist Church Council in his greetings, stated that LBES has a commendable number of members which is among the largest number and can be the agents of change for our better future and the guardians of our faith in the changing times of today.

In the seminar session, Thungjamo Odyuo, Joint Director, Rural Development spoke on the topic "Overcoming poverty while inhabiting a fertile land as ours," and Longshithung Ezung, District and Sessions Judge, Phek spoke on legal awareness. The topics "Back to the Land" and "Youth in the culture of materialism" were taken up by Khyothungo Kikon, Youth Director, Purana Bazar and Dr. W. Athungo Ovung, Professor, Sociology Department, NU, Lumami respectively.

The rally was hosted by Tiyi Longchum Range Baptist Churches Fellowship and was attended by around 1700 youth of Wokha district and other districts.

We will find peace when we live a true believer's life based on Christian values and ethics which can be studied from the Holy Bible, said Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Neiphui Rio. He was delivering a brief exhortation at the 3rd Convention of the Nagamese Christian Revival Churches Sub-Council on the 14th of January 2018 at Dimapur.

The worldwide Christian population is about 33 percent whilst, in India, it is about 2.5 percent of the country's population, stated Rio. However, he said that the Bible is the only book that could transcend all boundaries.



MP, Lok Sabha, Neiphui Rio exhorting the 3rd Convention of the Nagamese CRC Sub-Council on 14th January 2018 at Rūveba, 7th Mile, Dimapur.

Averring that translating the Bible's New Testament into Nagamese is by no means an easy task, Rio congratulated the Nagamese CRC for tirelessly working towards the end for the word of God can reach farther out to all the Nagas particularly in far flung areas, and also in Myanmar.

After prayer over the new Nagamese Bible (New Testament), Mission Director, North East CRC, Rev. Dr. Neivotso Neikha released the Bible. President, NCRC, Rev. Dr. Neikeduozo Paphino delivered the main message.

MON DPDB MEETING

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

Reiterating the fact that election duties take precedence over all other tasks, the DC apprised the members of the preparations done for the state assembly election 2018. He urged those drafted for election duty to put in all possible efforts for the successful conduct of the elections.

The House was also apprised of Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) centres for de-addiction. A programme involving NGOs and other stakeholders are being planned for de-addiction, the DC stated, and added that these programmes will have livelihood training component.

Executive Engineer, Power, Mon Division, Er. S. I. Asangba Tikhir highlighted about the power situation in the district. The House later deliberated on power theft situations, transmission and distribution losses.

The DC later informed all members to attend the monthly DPDB meeting without fail. He warned of show cause notices on those absenting the meeting regularly.

NOKLAK SDPDB MEETING

The monthly Noklak Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held at KTC Hall, Noklak on 15th January 2018. ADC, Noklak, Thsuvishie Phoji chaired the meeting. The chairman urged the members to be sincere in their duties and also to be present during the state assembly election 2018.

DC, MON INFORMS PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO COLLECT AUDIO VISUAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS has informed the Primary Schools in the district to collect the Audio Visual Educational materials from the Development Branch during office hours, starting from Monday i.e. 15th January 2018.

The Audio Visual content, which is expected to be of assistance to teachers in effective pedagogy, was procured by the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Mon for the primary students in the district. The content may be displayed to students using computers/laptops and wherever such is not available, mobile phones could be used. As for mobile phones based audio visual classes, 'USB memory adapter' will be provided on 'demand basis,' Thavaseelan K added.

The DC has further informed that the content for English, Mathematics and Environmental Science for classes 1-4 (one to four) will be available free of cost, and the same can be collected from the Development Branch, Office of Deputy Commissioner, Mon.

SOP 3rd QUARTER (2nd PHASE) HELDAT HAKCHANG VILLAGE

The Special Outreach programme, 3rd quarter, second phase was organized by

Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of I&B at Community Hall, Hakchang village, Tuensang on 16th January 2018. EAC, Tuensang, Tshelhi-ü graced the programme as the Chief Guest.

FPO, Tuensang, Lhouzotuo Casavi in his keynote address apprised of the directive issued by the Ministry of I&B to conduct the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao outreach programme especially in Hakchang village on account of the decline in sex ratio to 85 percent.

DCPO, Tuensang, N. S. Khaki in his short speech exhorted the gathering, using statistical data of the declining sex ratio.



EAC, Tuensang, Tshelhi-ü addressing the Special Outreach Programme, 3rd Quarter, 2nd phase at Community Hall, Hakching village, Tuensang on 16th January 2018.

Highlighting the possible causes of the declining status of sex ratio in India, he pointed the problems of female discrimination, female child foeticide, also the importance of female child education and female health care to uplift the female status in the society.

Junior Engineer, PHED, P. Ngaman speaking on Swachhata Abhiyan highlighted the necessary components for successful implementation of the programme. He

stressed on issues including the use of safe drinking water, sanitary toilet, personal hygiene and open defecation and its related diseases.

The programme emphasized on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Swachhata Abhiyan. Council members, student leaders, church leaders of the village attended the programme.

PHEK DPDB MEETING

The monthly Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th January 2018 at DPDB Hall, Phek. The meeting was chaired by Chairman, Phek DPDB and Advisor, Social Welfare, Chotisuh Sazo.

SDO (C), Phek, Neilezo Tep reviewed the previous meeting minutes. The newly posted officers were also introduced to the House.

Chairman, Chotisuh Sazo delivering New Year greetings, urged the members to be sincere in their works. He also asked the officers to be present at their place of postings for the convenience the people.

Food & Civil Supplies Department and Youth Resources & Sports Department, Phek gave reports of their departmental activities.

PHEK AREA 25th WRESTLING TOURNAMENT HELD

Phek area 25th Wrestling Tournament was held at Phek Town Local Ground on 19th January 2018 with Minister, Home, Kuzholuzo Nienu as the Chief Guest of the inaugural function.

Speaking on the occasion, Nienu called upon all the people to give cooperation

in all the fields so as to shape the future generation.

The inaugural function was chaired by Kedechoyi Venuh, invocation prayer was pronounced by Nusakho Chiero, Associate Pastor, Phek Town Baptist Church and a special song was presented by PTBC Christian Youth, The presidential address was delivered by Zechete Mekrisuh and the tournament torch bearer was Surhoneyi Soho. Earlier, 25th PAWA tournament anniversary souvenir was released by Hukhoneyi Soho, former champion,



DC & DEO, Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS along with Methaneilie, District Administration and DBs after launching the SVEEP Mobile Van and District SVEEP Election Anthem at DC's Office, Kohima on 29th January 2018.

Nagaland.

In the closing ceremony, Yitachu, Advisor, School Education graced the function as the Guest of Honour.

DC & DEO KOHIMA LAUNCHES SVEEP MOBILE VAN AND DISTRICT ELECTION ANTHEM

DC & DEO Kohima, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS officially launched the SVEEP Mobile Van and District SVEEP Election Anthem at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th January 2018

Launching the programme, the DC & DEO said that the main objective of the

launch is to spread awareness about the election process by demonstrating EVMs and VVPAT and distributing the related election posters. He said that the intention was to reach out to the citizens and grassroot level to clarify their doubts on election process and to spread awareness on clean election for the forthcoming election. He also stated that there are ranges of activities under SVEEP where the launching of this programme was a part of the activities.

The composer of the District SVEEP Election Anthem, Methaneilie who is a renowned singer, in his short speech hoped that through the anthem, the message on clean election would reach every individual for better result in the coming election and further assured to extend his support and blessing in this endeavour. Methaneilie also presented the District SVEEP Election Anthem in Tenyidie and Nagamese which was composed by him during the launching programme.

Assistant Election Officer, Kohima, Toshimeren Aier in his introductory speech said that as part of SVEEP activities, the programme of launching SVEEP Mobile Van and SVEEP District Anthem has been initiated.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

CHC, SHAMATOR INAUGURATED

Advisor, Labour & Employment & Skill Development, R. Tohanba inaugurated the Shamator Community Health Centre (CHC) on 3rd January 2018 near Police Point, Shamator. He said the long-awaited desired dream of the area has become a reality with the inauguration of the PHC which is upgraded to CHC. He lauded the efforts put in by the leaders of the area and its concerned department. He also advised the land owners to change their mindsets from obstruction of development and always be ready to contribute plot of their land for development.

The programme was chaired by EAC, Shamator, Limakumla Pongener and dedication prayer was pronounced by Pastor, Rev. R. Thsankiu. Short speeches were delivered by R. Thongthong, Executive Vice-Chairman, ATCS, Y. Tokyo, President, NPF and representative from the department of Health & Family Welfare, SDMO, Noklak, Dr. Victor.

PROGRAMME HELD FOR UPGRADATION OF NOKLAK SUB-DIVISION TO DISTRICT HQ

A programme was held on 8th January 2018 at Noklak Public Ground for the upgradation of Noklak Sub-Division to that of District Headquarter. Executive Secretary, KTCA, Rev. Noksa dedicated and unveiled the monolith in the presence of Minister, Geology & Mining and Border Affairs, P. Longon.

Short speeches were delivered by Minister, P. Longon, former Minister, Pungon, Convener, Noklak District Demand Committee, W. Chuba, and President, GB Union Noklak area, Monglon. All the speakers expressed their gratitude to the Government of Nagaland for upgrading Noklak Sub-Division to that of District Headquarter.

The function was chaired by President, KTC, L. Ngon. Special songs were presented by Pongkhao group and Mungthong Chai. Thousands of Khamniungan citizens from various villages under Noklak area witnessed the inaugural function.

SDO (C), JAKHAMA OFFICE INAUGURATED

The new Sub Division Officer (C), Jakhama office was inaugurated by SDO (C), Jakhama, Alemyapang Longchar on 10th December 2017. The new office is designated as RO office for the State Election 2018 under the two assembly constituencies of Southern



SDO (C), Jakhama, Alemyapang Longchar along with other officials inaugurating the new SDO (C) building, Jakhama on 10th January 2018.

Angami (14 Southern Angami - I and 15 Southern Angami - II).

AKULUTO UPGRADED TO ADC HEADQUARTER

Akuluto town was officially upgraded to ADC HQ on 13th January 2018 with Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang gracing the occasion as Chief Guest at Akuluto town. Speaking on the necessity for upgradation of Akuluto town to ADC HQ, T. R. Zealing said the presence of Nagaland University HQ at Lumami which is the backbone for higher studies for the Nagas and which falls under Akuluto Sub-Division compelled the Government take the matter on priority.

Expressing his happiness on the upgradation, T. R. Zeliang also expressed gratitude to former Chief Minister, late Dr. Hokishe Sema and other pioneers who contributed immensely in laying the foundation of Akuluto town. The Chief Minister exhorted the citizens to renew their spirit to move forward with better vision and development saying the upgradation is taking place after so many decades since it was upgraded to SDO (C) in 1974. Zeliang urged the citizens to make use of the National Highway that passes through both Akuluto and VK towns, stating that the area is rich and fertile and is ideal for cultivation.

Earlier, Minister, Roads & Bridges and Political Affairs, G. Kaito Aye and Parliamentary Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports and Music Task Force, Khekaho Assumi also spoke during the programme. The Chief Minister was accompanied by a host of his cabinet colleagues, DC,



Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang along with his colleagues and other officials during the inauguration of the up-gradation monolith of Akuluto town to ADC HQ on 13th January 2018.

Zunheboto, SP, Zunheboto and other officials.

T. R. ZELIANG LAUNCHES DIMAPUR CITY ROAD PROJECT

Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang laid the foundation stone for improvement of city portion of Dimapur city on 17th January 2018 at Purana Bazaar junction, NH 39, Dimapur.



Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang unveiling the foundation stone for improvement of city portion of Dimapur city on NH No.39 at Purana Bazaar junction, Dimapur on 7th January 2018.

Launching the two important projects for improvement of Dimapur city roads which are part of NH 39, (two laning of 4.4 Km of new field check gate to Zion hospital and four laning of 12.90 Km from Zion Hospital to Chumukedima), Zeliang was optimistic that traffic jam would be eased and would give relief to the city dwellers of Dimapur on completion of these works. The contract value of Rs. 509.08 crore will cement a concrete road, he informed. Zeliang expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for sanctioning the projects which he said was a long felt need of the people of Dimapur. Citing the example of Western Angami area, Zeliang called upon the concerned public leaders and village authority to take responsibility in respective areas for passing village authority resolution so as not to create problems for road development.

Zeliang regretted that four laning of Dimapur - Kohima road which was to be taken up from NH 36 in Karbi Anglong through Rangapahar Army Cantonment to 7th Mile area by by-passing the main town area did not materialise due to objections from various quarters. Nevertheless, he mentioned that Nagaland is fortunate to be able to have permanent by-pass from Khatkati/Lohorijan to Patkai area via Showba Niuland-Seithekiema. Saying that the dream for a modern four lane highway from Dimapur to Kohima would soon be a reality, he appealed for ensuring availability of land extending cooperation to enable timely completion of the projects with quality.

Minister in-charge (National Highways), Vikheho Swu, in his brief address reminded the gathering about Prime Minister Modi's vision of changing Look East Policy to Act East Policy since

2014, where 10 Southeast Asian countries would be linked.

A host of Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Advisors, DC & Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Village Council members and public attended the programme.

SANIS SDO (C) HQ UPGRADED TO ADC HQ

Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang inaugurated the newly upgraded ADC HQ Sanis, GHS, Sanis to GHSS and establishment of SDEO office, Sanis on 18th J a n u a r y 2 0 1 8 . Zeliang in his address said the upgradation marks the fulfillment of the long cherished dream of the people of Sanis and Wokha district in general. He expressed hope that the upgradation will usher a new era of growth and prosperity of the people in the area and urged them to plan new vision and dream to create a conducive atmosphere.

Stressing on the importance of bringing development, Zeliang appealed to the land owners to co-operate and not hesitate to part with their lands when it comes to any



Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang arriving for the inauguration of up-gradation of Sanis SDO (C) HQ to ADC HQ, Wokha on 18th January 2018.

kind of development for the interest of the public. Sanis is one of the hubs of increasing economic development in the State, he stated, calling for support to explore and extract the available resources so as to create employment and job opportunities.

Advisor, Higher & Technical Education, N. Thomas Lotha who also spoke on the occasion, said the process for upgradation started in January 2000. After 18 long years, the same has become a reality, he stated, coining the inauguration a 'book making day.'

Chairman, Potina Kub Village Council Union, N. Nchumbemo Lotha also spoke at the programme. SDO (C), Sanis, R. Noudi chaired the programme and Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon (IAS) delivered the welcome address. Evangelist, Lotha Middle Range, Longshithung Mozhui dedicated the monolith.

SHRIVASTAVA INAUGURATES HI-TECH VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS PRODUCTION UNIT

Additional Secretary, DAC & FW, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, Jalaj Shrivastava, IAS on 23rd January 2018 inaugurated a Hi-Tech Vegetable Seedlings Production Unit at State Horticulture Nursery, Dimapur.

Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, Shrivastava called on the gathering to be proactive to cope with variation of seasons and weather patterns. Products have to be good, he said, adding that prices of the commodities should at the same time be affordable. He impressed the gathering of the importance of post-harvest management and packaging.

The State is doing relatively well in horticulture sector and farmers have been earning a lot besides the many success stories

through the implementation of Technology Mission programmes under the Ministry of Agriculture, said Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha, delivering the keynote address. Nagaland has the potential of exporting organic produces, he said, pointing that many buyers have expressed and shown interest in the same.

Elithung said that Dimapur having a population of over 3-4 lakhs, the demand for vegetables and fruits is high. He pointed on the importance of having such a unit to produce quality planting materials to meet the demands. He also apprised of the Department's plan to send officers and young educated youths with interest in horticulture sector for skill development training to run the unit on a Public Private Partnership mode.

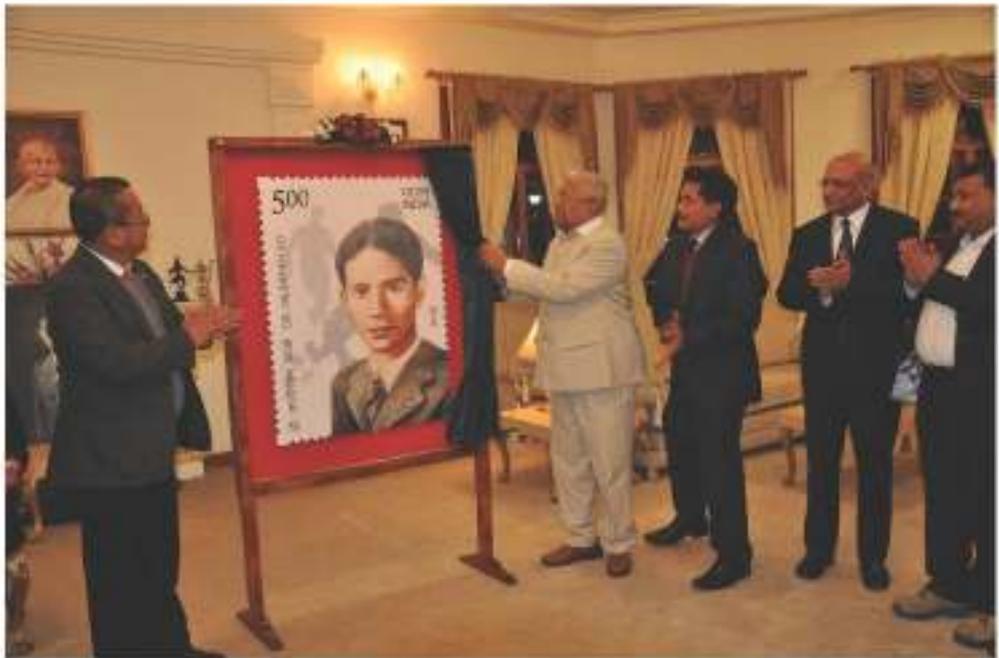
The Hi-Tech Vegetable Seedlings Production Unit at State Horticulture Nursery, Dimapur was constructed at a cost of two crores by Saveer Company. Secretary, Horticulture, Alan Gonmei, IAS chaired the inaugural programme and Deputy Director, Horticulture, Jerry Patton pronounced the vote of thanks.



Chief Secretary, Pankaj Kumar, IAS speaking on the occasion of the 8th National Voters' Day at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25th January 2018.



Additional Secretary, DAC & FW, Ministry of A & FW, GOI, Jalaj, IAS and other officials inaugurating the Hi-Tech VSPU at State Horticulture Nursery, Dimapur on 23rd January 2018.



Governor, Nagaland, P.B. Acharya unveiling a commemorative stamp featuring Dr.T. Ao on the occasion of the birth centenary of Dr. T. Ao at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 28th January 2018.



Governor, Nagaland, P.B. Acharya unveiling the portrait of Dr.T. Ao on the occasion of the birth centenary of Dr. T. Ao at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 28th January 2018.