



Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and other dignitaries during the Foundation Stone laying programme of Mon Medical College at District Hospital Mon on 26th February 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the 7th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 15th February 2021.



Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman along with Nagaland State Legislative Members led by Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon during their meeting at North Block, New Delhi on 23rd February 2021.



Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal along with Nagaland State Legislative Members led by Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along during their meeting at the former's official residence at 27 Safdarjung Road, New Delhi on 24th February 2021.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

J. ALAM, IAS TAKES OVER CHARGE OF CHIEF SECRETARY

J. Alam, IAS has taken over charge of Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland with effect from 1st February 2021 vide Personnel & Administrative Reforms Notification NO.PAR-A/02/2021-AIS dated 1st February 2021. All official correspondences/letters intended may be sent to/in the following:

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BROADCASTING OF VIDEO LESSONS FOR HSLC, HSSLC AND CLASS XI PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that the department will be broadcasting important video lessons for the benefit of students appearing for the forthcoming HSLC, HSSLC and Class XI Promotion Examinations on daily basis through the DIKSHA platform with effect from 8th February 2021.

The links for the video lessons will be notified through the Online Education Portal <https://doseni.in> and department's Facebook Page everyday at 6:00 am and will also be shared through the Teacher's App.

The video lessons can be accessed 24x7 either by downloading the DIKSHA App from Google Play Store or through a web browser. School authorities and teachers are requested to share the links with concerned students and assist them in the follow up studies.

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMS

In pursuance of Government Notification NO.DSE/MINORITIES/24-6/2018 dated Kohima the 15th September 2020, the Directorate of School Education has informed that all No Objection Certificates issued up to 14th September 2020 for establishment of educational institutions for the purpose of Section 10 of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004 and the Minority Status granted to educational institutions for the purpose of Section 12 B of the said Act are hereby revoked with immediate effect.

Those educational institutions established and administered by a member/members from the religious minority communities - Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsee and Jain in the State of Nagaland and fulfilling the eligibility criteria as prescribed by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions may apply for No Objection Certificate/Minority Status in the prescribed format available at the Directorate of School Education, Nagaland, Kohima.

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NAGALAND STATE CONSUMER WELFARE FUND CONSTITUED

The Government of Nagaland has constituted a fund to be called the 'Nagaland State Consumer Welfare Fund' under Section 57 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The Fund shall be operated through a Saving Bank Account by Commissioner of State Taxes, Nagaland in respect of the following items:

- i) Any amount payable by a person against an order by the Competent Authority or Court of Law under provisions of anti-profiteering activities.
- ii) The amount referred to in Sub-Section (5) of Section 54 of the Nagaland Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.
- iii) Any income from investment of the amount credited to the funds; and
- iv) Such other monies received by it, in such manner as prescribed in Rule 97 of the Nagaland Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017.

For proper utilization of the 'Nagaland State Consumer Welfare Fund' for welfare of the consumers, a Standing Committee is also constituted under Sub-Rule (4) of Rule 97 of the Nagaland Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017 as:

i)	Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner	Chairman
ii)	Officer on Special Duty (Finance)	Vice-Chairman
iii)	Commissioner of State Taxes, Nagaland	Member Secretary
iv)	Commissioner & Secretary, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Department	Member
v)	Commissioner & Secretary, Urban Development Department	Member
vi)	Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development Department	Member
vii)	Director, Information & Public Relations Department	Member
viii)	Additional Commissioner of State Taxes - 1	Member

The Committee shall exercise powers and functions as prescribed in Sub-Rule (8) of Rule 97 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

As per the Advisory dated 27.12.2020 issued by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, and referring to the Transport Department's notification of even number dated 14.09.2020 regarding extension of validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), Driving License, Registration Certificate, etc. which had expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, same may be treated to be valid till 31.03.2021.

Considering the advisory dated 27.12.2020 issued by MoRTH, Government of India, the validity of the following documents are extended upto 31.03.2021:

1. **Fitness Certificate:** Fitness Certificate of all motor vehicles which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021.

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2. **Registration Certificate of Non-Transport vehicles:** Registration Certificate of Non-Transport vehicles which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021.
3. **Driving License:** Driving License which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021.
4. **Learner's License:** Learner's License which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021 as the Driving License test has been cancelled w.e.f. 18.03.2020.
5. **Goods Carriage, Contract Carriage, Private Service and Educational Institution Bus Permit:** Goods Carriage, Contract Carriage, Private Service vehicles and Educational Institution Bus Permit which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021. Validity of authorization issued under Chapter -IV of CMV Rules, 1989 for goods carriage and tourist vehicles is not extended as it relates to payment of annual composite tax.
6. **Stage Carriage Permanent Permits:** All Stage Carriage Permanent Permits and permits issued by reciprocating States countersigned by STA, Nagaland on interstate routes which has expired since 01.02.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid.
7. **Reservation of fancy numbers:** In case where fees paid for reservation or notified fancy registration number or other than the notified number on or after 01.02.2020 and the applicant could
8. **Payment of compensation from Solatium Fund:** The applicants who have not submitted application for compensation from Solatium Fund whose limitation expired on or after 22.03.2020 or would expire by 31.03.2021, such documents will be treated as valid till 31.03.2021.
9. No late fee/fine shall be imposed during the relaxation period.
10. Validity of Insurance Certificate as the same is issued by Insurance Companies and it is not under the preview of this office.
11. Validity of Temporary Permit.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE INFORMS

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has informed that the State Medical Board consisting of the following officers has been constituted for the purpose of Confirmed Gazetted Officers (Class-I and II) 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. M&G Specialist, NHAK | - Member |

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- (In case of lady officer being a candidate)
7. ENT Specialist, NHAK - Member

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. | 2 nd February 2021 | (1 st Board) | 10:00 AM | (Tuesday) |
| 2. | 4 th May 2021 | (2 nd Board) | 10:00 AM | (Tuesday) |
| 3. | 3 rd August 2021 | (3 rd Board) | 10:00 AM | (Tuesday) |
| 4. | 2 nd November 2021 | (4 th Board) | 10:00 AM | (Tuesday) |

All the Heads of Departments have been requested to send the Name (s) and Particulars of the intending candidates for the above purpose 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.

GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer constituted a Drafting Committee for the Naga Political Issue at the 7th Session of the 13th NLA on 16th February 2021. The following members were nominated from each of the political parties:

- Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party - Toshi Wungtung and Neiba Kronu.
Bharatiya Janata Party - Pangnyu Phom and Jacob Zhimomi.
Independent - Tongpang Ozukum.
Naga People's Front - Dr. Chotisu Sazo and Imkong L Imchen.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section 3 of Section 3A of the Nagaland (Sale of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1967 (as amended), the State Government has notified that the rate of tax as prescribed under Entry Serial Number 3 and 4 of Schedule II of the Act shall stand amended as follows:-

Sl. No.	Description	Existing rate of tax	Amended rate of tax
1.	Diesel	17.50% or Rs. 11.08 per litre, whichever is higher	16.50% or Rs. 10.51 per litre, whichever is higher
2.	Petrol and other Motor Spirit	29.80% or Rs.18.26 per litre, whichever is higher	25% or Rs. 16.04 per litre, whichever is higher

This Notification shall come into force with effect from midnight of 22nd February 2021.

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Nagaland observed the launching programme of National Immunization Day (NID) on 31st January 2021 at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK). Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Vizolie Z. Suokhrie while addressing the programme, said India has remained free of polio cases since 2011 and India's unprecedented progress against polio has led to WHO certification.

Dr. Suokhrie said that about 1.50 lakh children in the age group 0-5 years are expected to be immunized and urged upon all the citizens to fight against this polio so that we shall be able to overcome this disease and give a gift of polio free world.

Dr. Ritu Thurr, SIO, H&FW said the Department of H&FW is all geared up to administer polio drops to all eligible children from 0-5 years throughout the State in 2206 polio booths, to be manned by 9096 health personnel and 441 supervisors along with vaccine and other logistics.

The programme was chaired by Managing Director, NHAK, Dr. Thorhüsie Katiry. Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawalie and other officials from NHAK attended the programme.

LONGLENG:

National Immunization Day 2021 was launched in Longleng by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), M. Shayung Phom by administering the first polio drops to a child at NST Junction on 31st January 2021.

The DC, Superintendent of Police and



SDO (C), Mokokchung, Dharam Raj, IAS administering polio drops to a child during the launching programme of Intensive Pulse Polio Immunization at Imlong Place, Mokokchung on 31st January 2021.

President of Phomla Hoichen spoke and exhorted the gathering at the launching programme.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Intensive Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) for children between 0-5 years was carried out on 31st January 2021 in Mokokchung district. In Mokokchung town, the launching programme was held at Imlong Place in the presence of SDO (C), Mokokchung, Dharam Raj IAS, who also administered the 1st polio drops. As informed by DPO, RCH & UPI, Dr. Ayangla Saku, around 7082 children between 0-5 years received polio drops.

21st TCC AND NERPC MEETINGS AT KOHIMA

The two day 21st Technical Coordination Sub-Committee (TCC) and North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) meeting started at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 3rd February 2021.

On the first day, delivering the keynote address, Chairman TCC & Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Power, Nagaland, Er. Shikato Sema said that the power sector in India has undergone significant progress since independence and has an

installed capacity of 374 GW approximately as on December 2020. He added that India has the world's largest synchronized national grid with 4,33,510 circuit KM of transmission lines at various voltage levels.

Er. Shikato also highlighted that as far as power demand is concerned, the demand met of NER Grid has increased from around 1.5 GW in 2009-10 to approximately 3 GW in 2019-20 and 690 MU/month in 2009-10 to 1360 MU/month in 2019-20 which is about 100% growth in the last 10 years. Expressing concern on the alarming situation at the figures of outstanding dues to NEEPCO, OTPC and NTPC, he urged the constituent members to take extraordinary measures to clear up the dues as the financial health of those generating companies is crucial to the sustainability of the region as a whole. He also stressed on the need to take up, with the Government of India, the PSDF funding pattern with regards to 'Reliable Communication' project for 100% funding as a special case for the North East states.

On the second day, addressing the delegates, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the North Eastern Region (NER) were carved out of political turmoil, social geography and ethnic consideration and till date, actual infrastructural development is yet to take place. Rio also said that the benefits of a growing economy of the country should be shared with the small and underdeveloped states of NER and that India as a country can truly be called a developed country only when NER prosper in every way.

Rio remarked that the implementation of World Bank funded project like NERPSIP (NER) Power System Improvement Project) undertaken by the POWERGRID through the initiative of Ministry of Power, Gol is a programme which is going to benefit all the North Eastern states immensely. He added that through this project, the much needed construction of transmission lines and sub-stations are presently in progress in many places and urge upon the POWERGRID, the implementing agency,

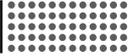
to speed up the work as the Tranche-I of the NERPSIP is already running behind timeline of completion schedule and unless it is expedited the sanction and implementation of Tranche-II will be delayed.

Rio said that most of the power projects in NER are hydro based and due to the geological uncertainties, commissioning of hydro projects are being delayed because of which the tariff are comparatively higher. Nevertheless, since hydro projects are the most potential area of power generation, he appealed to the executing agencies to take up the challenge and put up all efforts for timely commissioning of the projects. Rio highlighting on the power scenario in Nagaland, said reliable communication is a crucial factor for both system and market operation in power sector. However, the 66 kV systems in Nagaland which is about 60% of our Intra-State Transmission system have been left out in various central schemes and for this reason, we are unable to effectively manage our Intra-State Transmission system. He requested the forum to recommend the proposal to the Ministry of Power (MoP) for funding of the project under PSDF as a special dispensation.

Deputy Chief Minister, Tripura and Minister in-charge of Power, Jishnu Dev Varma speaking at the event said that NERPC since its formation has been persistently working towards making the NRE Power System operations reliable, efficient and economical. He also said that the implementation of India and World Bank funded project NERPSIP is one such major infrastructure development programme to create robust power network in the north eastern states by strengthening and augmenting the intra-state transmission and distribution system. He further hopes that the meeting will resolve many of the significant issues affecting the power sector in the NER.

Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi delivering the welcome address pointed that, as per the data, installed by the central sector generation capacity of 3000MW for year 2020 is a huge shortfall in our





generating capacity and due to which the N.E States are compelled to import at higher cost through Eastern and Northern grids. He therefore, urged for early restoration of Kopil stage I & II and upcoming generation projects such as Lower Subansiri HEPC 2000MW, Dibang Hydro Multi project 2880mw in order to mitigate the present power shortage problems faced both in short and long term measures.

Ayemi further urged the central electricity authority to consider a special dispensation for funding left out of 66kv system under PDSF for an amount of Rs 13.09 crore and to consider funding the gap after the exit of Assam from common facility in February 2021, as Nagaland share of Rs 3.12 crore per annum shall not be able to take additional financial burden. He hoped that the meeting will pave the way to truly make NER a power house and propel the region to emerge as powerful economy through power industry.

Minister for Power, Law, Forest & Environment, Taxation, Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, James K. Sangma pointed that some of the projects under NERSIP are delayed with regards to setting up of Transmission Line and requested the forum to find means to expedite the approval of projects as early as possible. Sangma also highlighting on another major issue says that north east being a seismically - active region, geological issues such as slope failure while implementing hydro

power projects causing time and cost overruns for projects. He urged the forum to explore new avenues for the excavation of surplus power from North East to Bangladesh, as it would enable Meghalaya and other NER states to trade surplus power to Bangladesh and earn additional revenue by providing a transmission corridor to Bangladesh. He also requested the Government of India to fast-track the clearance process for new proposed power projects and endorse their proposal to review the funding norm under PSDF, to facilitate expeditious execution of PSDF schemes.

MLA & Advisor, Power & Hydro Power, Arunachal Pradesh, Balo Raja, urged the Ministry of Power, GoI, to change the funding pattern under PSDF from 50:50 ratio to 100%, as the funding norms of 50:50 ratio were not able to install Optical Fibre Ground Wire. He further requested the forum to accord early sanction of the revised DPR, so that no completed arts of assets remain idle due to incompleteness of upstream or downstream works. He further proposed the planners and stakeholders to carry out feasibility study in the issue and come out with tangible policy decisions as per norms associated with international exchange electricity.

Keynote Address was delivered by Member Secretary A. K. Thakur, IES and Director, NERPC, B. Lyngkhoi and Principal Secretary, Power, K. D. Vizo pronounced the vote of thanks.

RIO TAKES CHARGE AS CHAIRMAN OF NERPC

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio took charge as Chairman, North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) on 3rd February 2021. A press release informed that the formal handing and taking over charge from the former Chairman, James Sangma, Power Minister, Government of Meghalaya, could only be done on 3rd February, 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic, though Rio had officially assumed the charge on 16th March 2020.

NERPC is the highest forum which coordinates various issues relating to Power Sector of all

the constituent states of the North East which includes Transmission and Generation Utilities. It added that it is a very important body since all the states and utilities are inter-dependent on each other in respect of generation, transmission and distribution of power. It is also responsible for monitoring of energy flow and enforcement of Grid Discipline.

The tenure of the chairmanship of the NERPC is held on a one year rotational basis of Power Ministers from among the North Eastern states, it added.



TWO DAY TRAINING-CUM-FIELD DEMONSTRATION AT KOHIMA VILLAGE

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources in collaboration with ICAR- Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (ICAR-DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand under the project 'Socio Economic Development through Scientific Fish Farming under Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme (TSP)' conducted two day training and field demonstration on various topics under the said project on 29th and 30th January 2021.

Deputy Director and Nodal Officer of the programme, Neitho-o Kuotsu highlighted on the importance of the project and the significance of scientific culture of fish farming practices. He stated that sustainable, productive fisheries and aquaculture improve food and nutrition security, increase income and improve livelihood, promote economic growth and protect our environment and natural resources.

Dr. R. S. Haldar, Principal Scientist & Nodal Officer for NEH activity, ICAR-DCFR, stressed on the importance of scientific management of fish farming activities. He urged the farmers and entrepreneurs of the State to take up scientific system of fish culture to uplift our economy and reduce our dependency on low quality fishes imported from other States.

Dr. Vimezo Kire, District Fishery Officer, Kohima speaking on common carp breeding mentioned the importance of provision of good quality fish seed and feed in order to obtain healthy brooders for a successful breeding operation.

Sub-Divisional Fishery Officer, Khriezhatto Nakhro speaking on paddy-cum-fish culture highlighted on the significance of PFC in improving the socio economic condition of the rural farmers in the State.

H&FW HIGHLIGHTS ON POLIO NID-2021

The Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation which started on 31st January 2021 has completed successfully in all districts with 100% coverage of all estimated children between 0-5 years. The booth day on 31st January 2021 was followed by intensified house to house immunisation of left out children. Altogether,

1,53,741 children have been immunised in the State with the Oral Polio Vaccine. This was informed in a press release by State Immunization Officer (UIP), Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Ritu Thurr.

The districtwise number of vaccinated children is as below:

District	No. of children vaccinated
Dimapur	45322
Mon	24309
Kohima	14901
Tuensang	13118
Wokha	10721
Phek	10429
Peren	9372
Zunheboto	8119
Mokokchung	7245
Kiphire	5828
Longleng	4377
State	1,53,741

VACCINATION FOR THE FRONTLINE WORKERS

WOKHA:

Vaccination of COVID-19 for the frontline workers for Wokha started on 8th February 2021. Three session sites have been identified at SP's Office, Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office and Home Guards & Civil Defense Office for vaccination.

DC & Chairman District Task Force for COVID-19, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha was the first person to be administered with the COVID-19 vaccine. On the first day, 113 frontline workers were vaccinated. District Immunization Officer, Wokha, Dr. Khelito Zhimomi also informed that all the frontline workers stationed at different blocks wanting to avail the vaccine have been requested to contact the concerned Medical Officer and area Administrative Officer for further information.

Vaccination of COVID-19 for the Armed Forces of the 40th Assam Rifles, Wokha Battalion and Chukitong Outpost was held on 15th February 2021 at the 40th Assam Rifles, Wokha headquarters and Chukitong, PHC respectively. Altogether, 92 army personnel (Wokha and Chukitong) and four other frontline workers were administered the vaccine.

MON:

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K IAS on 8th February 2021 started the Covishield vaccination drive for the frontline workers by being the first administrator to be administered with the first dose of the vaccine in the Office of DC, Mon. The drive so far has witnessed 25 sessions of vaccination across the district with each session accommodating 100 beneficiaries. The beneficiaries for the vaccine include District Administration and staff, private healthcare workers, police personnel and other frontline workers. Till date, a total of 617 public healthcare workers from across the district have been administered with the first dose of Covishield Vaccine.

Covishield Vaccination for Mon Police started on 9th February 2021 at Police Baptist Church Mon Town. Superintendent of Police, Mon,



DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha being administered the first shot of COVID-19 vaccine for frontline workers at Wokha on 8th February 2021.



DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS being administered the first shot of COVID-19 vaccine for frontline workers at Mon on 8th February 2021.

Imnalensa Ao, IPS was the first to be administered with the vaccine. So far, 199 Police personnel beneficiaries from all ranks have been administered with the first dose of Covishield.

DIMAPUR:

The 2nd phase Covid vaccination started on 9th February 2021 in Dimapur district for the frontline workers, where a total of 165 persons got vaccinated. Leading from the front, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS, Commissioner of Police (CP), Dimapur, RothihuTetseo IPS, and District Commandant Chishi were vaccinated from respective session sites set up at Urban Primary Health Center, Duncan Basti for the district administration, CP's Office for the Police personnel and Home Guard's Office for the HG personnel. OC, Women Cell, Rose Yanthan was the first to be vaccinated from amongst the lady police officers. District Immunization Officer, Dr. Rebecca informed that there were no reports of adverse reactions.

BHANDARI:

Vaccination of COVID-19 for frontline workers Bhandari sub-division was held on 10th February 2021.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tiameren Chang led the vaccination drive for the at CHC Bhandari. The ADC was the first to be frontline workers administrated followed by the Administrative Officers, Police personnel and other frontline workers. A total of 35 were vaccinated.

KOHIMA:

A total of 1278 Health Care Workers (HCWs) and 517 Frontline Workers (FLWs) were vaccinated till date at various session sites under Kohima district. On 10th February 2021, a total of 305 FLWs from IGAR HQ, 14 AR Tsiesema and 78 BN CRPF Sechu were vaccinated.

Managing Director, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), Dr. Thorusie Katiry along with other 77 Health Care Workers (HCWs) received the second dose of COVID vaccine at NHAK on 14th February 2021. Eleven more HCWs also received 1st dose of COVID Vaccine on the same day at NHAK.

On 12th February 2021, 208 more FLWs received the Covid at session sites, set up at IGAR HQ and 93 BN BSF Chedema under Kohima district.

On 11th February 2021, a total of 297

frontline workers received the Covid vaccine at session sites of IGAR HQ, 14 AR Tsiesema and 78 BN CRPF Sechu.

Under Kohima district, a total of frontline workers and healthcare workers vaccinated reached 1,018 and 1284 respectively with a total of 43 session sites till date.



DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS being administered the COVID-19 vaccine at DC's Office, Tuensang on 11th February 2021.

TUENSANG:

The COVID-19 vaccination drive for frontline workers was conducted in the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Tuensang on 11th February 2021 with the DC, Kumar Ramnikant IAS, taking the first vaccine shot. Altogether 57 frontline workers received the vaccine. No adverse effects have been reported.

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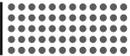
The second dose of COVID-19 vaccination was held at Community Health Centre, Medziphema on 15th February 2021 for 28 beneficiaries. A total number of 15 frontline workers also received their first vaccination dose on 15th February 2021.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The first dose of Covishield vaccination for the frontline workers was administered at session site, 8th NAP, Dynamic Eight, Battalion Hq, Naltoqa on 18th February 2021. The medical team for the vaccination drive was led by Dr. Abolu Yeptho from Suruhuto PHC, who informed that a total of 135 beneficiaries have been registered.

The vaccination session started with the





vaccination of Deputy Commandant, 2 I/C, Limasanen Longchar. He asked the public to do away with false rumours and fear psychosis and

thanked the medical team from PHC, Suruhuto and other concerned departments for making the vaccination session a success.

HANDING-TAKING OVER OF CANSSEA OFFICE BEARERS

A handing-taking over of the Confederation of All Nagaland State Services Employees Association (CANSSEA) office bearers was held at the CANSSEA Conference Hall, Themezie, Kohima on 10th February 2021.

The following were elected as office bearers of CANSSEA for the tenure 2020-23:

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| 1. President | - Dr. Ilang | 4. General Secretary | - Dr. Hovithal Sothu |
| 2. Vice President | - Zubemo Tsanglao | 5. Joint Secretary | - Yaongsanglee Chang |
| 3. Vice President | - Chubayanger Aier | 6. Joint Secretary | - Yhungsenlo Kent |
| | | 7. Finance Secretary | - Akaho K. Yeptho |
| | | 8. Press & Information Secretary | - Siewatho Nyusou |
| | | 9. Women Co-ordinator | - Visetonuo Angami |
| | | 10. Women Co-ordinator | - Toshinaro Ovung |
| | | 11. Treasurer | - Veyielo Doulo |
| | | 12. Advisor | - Dr. Talilmsong |

STF REVIEWS COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE



Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS addressing the Nagaland State Task Force at Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 11th February 2021.

The Nagaland State Task Force (STF) held a review meeting to assess the progress of the first and second phase of the COVID-19 Vaccination drive in the State on 11th February 2021 at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kohima. The meeting was chaired by Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep Singh Bhatia IAS.

State Immunization Officer UIP, Dr. Ritu Thurr presented a detailed report on the progress of the first and second phase of the ongoing COVID-19 Vaccination Drive. Several issues related to the low overall coverage percentage in the State were brought out and discussed in detail. It may be noted that the low coverage percentage can be attributed greatly due to the reluctance of a majority of the health care workers as well as the frontline workers to take the vaccine for fear of side effects. It may also be mentioned that since the vaccine can only be administered to those that volunteer themselves, the

department is working hard to sensitize the people regarding the safety of the vaccine. So far, out of the 8,948 persons vaccinated in the State, there has been zero instance of people who have suffered serious medical side effects apart from mild cases of fever and pain in the injected area which is normal for all vaccines and not just the COVID-19 vaccine.

The STF discussed in detail the steps required to be undertaken to tackle the problem of the low coverage percentage and to make sure that the number of vaccines administered increases rapidly in the remaining nine days before the conclusion of phase one and two of the vaccination drive. Several issues and problems faced by the different District Immunization Officers regarding the vaccination drive in their respective districts were also discussed at length and the STF collectively vowed to address the issues cited at the earliest and with utmost urgency.



OBITUARY REFERENCES MADE DURING THE 7TH SESSION OF THE 13TH NLA

The Seventh Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) started on the 12th February 2021. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio made obituary references to the passing away of the national leaders, namely Late Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India and Late Ram Vilas Paswan, former Member of Parliament.

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GOVERNOR ADDRESSES THE 7TH SESSION OF THE 13TH NLA

Governor, R.N. Ravi, in his speech during the Seventh Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on 12th February 2021, expressed his satisfaction with the State Government for successfully combating the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that at the start of the pandemic, the State did not have a single testing lab of its own for COVID-19, but now there are three BSL labs and 32 True Nat machines. He added that the Government took steps to increase the number of health professionals and workers in public health facilities and the overall health infrastructure of the State also saw a significant upliftment. He informed that the Department has set up a State Warehouse at Kohima and is also setting up medical oxygen generation plants in 10 district hospitals and CHC Jalukie.

The Governor said that with the imposition of the nationwide lockdown, the Government immediately stepped in and about Rs 24.75 crore relief in cash was provided which have benefitted 37,932 persons. Trains and buses were arranged for people stranded in other parts of the country and more than 25,000 returnees availed the facilities created by the Government for quarantining, he added. He said that the mortality rate due to COVID-19 remains relatively less than other states and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the medical doctors, nurses, all other frontline workers, mass-based organizations including the churches for their support to the Government in its fight against COVID-19. He informed that vaccination against COVID-19 for the healthcare workers have

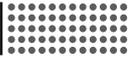
started and the 1st Phase for vaccination is expected to finish by 20th February 2021.

On the Naga Political Issue which continues to remain in focus, the Governor stated and that there is a need for efforts to build on the substantial gains made so far, and to move swiftly for the final solution.

Ravi said that the general law and order situation in the State has remained largely peaceful though there have been some localised incidents, which were contained with swiftness by the District Administration and Police. To enhance fighting crime against women, a Women Police Station at Kiphire was established, thus covering 11 districts and plan to establish one in the newly created Noklak district soon, he added. He also informed that a Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children Lab-cum-Training Centre (CCPWC) has been made operational and Cyber Cells to investigate cyber crime have been also set up in all the districts. Further, the Nagaland Police has set up Anti-Extortion Cells in all the districts of the State, which work in close coordination with other law enforcement and security agencies to contain illegal activities.

The Governor expressed his appreciation to various State and Central agencies and civil society organizations in the containment of the recent outbreak of forest fires in the beautiful Dzukou valley. He said that the Government is making long term plans to prevent such incidents in future and also further strengthen the response mechanism.





Governor Ravi said that in the Department of Agriculture, under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanizations (SMAM), the Department distributed 93 Tractors, 878 Power Tiller, 460 Brush cutters, 215 Rotary Tillers and 372 other smaller but useful machineries to the farmers both free as well as on subsidy. He also said that construction of A/C Organic Market at NE Agri-Expo 4th Mile, Dimapur, under RKVY has been completed and inaugurated, and the foundation stone for construction of Farmers Hostel at the same location has also been laid. He informed that under the PM Kisan, altogether 2,13,613 farmers were registered out of which 33,097 were registered during 2020 and the total amount received by the farmers till 4th February 2021 is Rs. 216.08 crore. He added that the Agri & Allied Department, as a pilot project, has taken up the Naga Model Integrated Settle Farming (N-IsF) with a dedicated expert Working Group drawn from all the Agri & Allied Departments, which has already started at Boke-Botsa under Kohima district.

Ravi informed that the Department of Horticulture, under Phase-III of Mission Organic Value Chain for North Eastern Region (MOVCD-NER), has targeted the formation of six Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) covering 3,000 hectares for crops such as Dragon fruit in Dimapur, Avocado in Kohima, Apple in Kiphire, Spices in Wokha, Ginger in Mon and Banana in Mokokchung covering 500 hectare area each.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services under National Livestock Mission (NLM) is strengthening two State Poultry Farms at Dimapur and Peren, and two State Piggery Farms at Tuensang and Wokha. Governor Ravi informed that fish production status, from both capture and culture sector, presently stands at 9,448.12 MT and the Fish Seed production is at 490 lakhs. The Department for the first time has successfully released the fingerling of Chocolate Mahseer, the 'State Fish of Nagaland' at Doyang Reservoir which was indigenously reared and bred at the Department's Chocolate Mahseer Hatchery Unit at Longkong village, Mokokchung District, he added.

Under the NSRLM, the key achievements during the current financial year has been facilitating

behaviour change among rural population towards Community Preparedness and Resilience to COVID-19 through Self-Help Groups (SHG) network covering 1,14,463 households in all the intensive villages across the State and under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM), the Department successfully completed, amongst others, the beautification of Sokhriezie Lake in Kohima.

Ravi said that with the imposition of lockdown, the Department of School Education came up with Online Digital Education in the State from the month of May 2020 and has also developed Online Students Evaluation Portal, Online School Monitoring System, Teacher's App and Teachers' Online Transfer Portal. He also said that the Department in association with 'Pratham Education Foundation' is implementing the Online Teacher Training and Professional Development initiative 'Gurushala' since December 2020 for all the Government School teachers throughout the State. Further, the Department is in the process of training mathematics teachers in usage of teaching tools like graphical calculators and its emulators in collaboration with M/s Casio India. He informed that the Department, after fully evaluating the COVID-19 situation, has decided to resume regular classes for students of classes 6 and above from 8th February 2021 in all the schools in the State with proper SOP in place, and also said that the decision on resuming classes for lower classes will be taken in due course of time. The Class XI Promotion Exam is scheduled to commence from 11th March 2021 and the HSSLC/HSLC board exams are scheduled to commence from 6th April 2021, he added.

Also highlighting on the activities, the Governor said that the Department of Higher and Technical Education is taking up the construction of the Professional College of Music & Fine Arts, Tsiesema, Kohima district and Science Stream Building at Dimapur Government College, Dimapur was completed and inaugurated on the 12th November 2020. Ravi said that the Department constructed 100 Bedded Boys Hostel at Dimapur Government College, Dimapur taken up under Special Plan Assistance (SPA) and the Department under RUSA 2.0, is implementing 10 new projects in



various districts across the State.

Ravi also said that the Government remains committed for ensuring regular supply of electricity to each and every part of the State, which is one of the most crucial elements for enhancing the speed of economic development. He said the Department of Power in order to strengthen its transmission ability upgraded the capacity of the sub-station at RESS Nagarjan Dimapur from 100MVA to 200MVA which was officially commissioned on 9th December 2020. He also said that the Department is further developing 220kV downstream connectivity from 400kV substation at Zhadima (Kalpataru) to the State owned 220kV sub-station at Zhadima which will greatly improve power stability in Kohima, Kiphire, Phek and Wokha districts in particular and the whole state of Nagaland in general.

Ravi said the Department of PHE under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), has provided 61 habitations with 100% Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and a total of 1,46,826 FHTC in 466 habitations are planned for coverage with drinking water supply under JJM during 2020-21.

The Governor said that the Transport Department played a significant role in the fight against COVID-19 and deployed more than 80 buses for ferrying the returnees to their respective District Headquarters and within their districts.

The Department of Women Resource Development, during 2020-21, took up production of face masks on a significant scale thereby creating a source of employment during the time of pandemic for skilled unemployed women in and around Kohima. The Governor also said that the Department plans to take up new initiatives under the Transformative Livelihood Intervention (TLI) Project and under the Integrated Development-cum-Resource centre, Dimapur, to cover more women entrepreneurs as well as rural and marginalized women in the State.

On the achievements of the Department of Science & Technology, Ravi said that the Department has completed the construction of a 50-seater Digital Planetarium and an Innovation Hub at S&T Complex, Kohima. He further added that the Department plans to finish installation of equipment at Digital Planetarium & Innovation Hub, carry out

science popularization programmes at District Headquarters and continue assisting the rural high schools by providing science equipment kits.

Ravi said that the Department of New & Renewable Energy for the Tsutsung Small Hydro Power (1MW) has completed trial run along with the construction of 33kV transmission line for evacuation of power from Tsutsung generating station to 132/66/33kV sub-station at Aolichen, Mokokchung. He added that under the Solar Study Lamp scheme, 24,000 units of solar study lamps are to be distributed to the government school students up to Class 12th standard at a subsidized rate.

Ravi said that the Geology & Mining Department's activity focuses on the updation and evaluation of its mineral resources in line with the National Mineral Resource Classification and Reporting system so as to generate data and to provide perspective for policies and decisions in exploitation of the resources. He said that the Department has also undertaken exploration of the Nickel-Cobalt-Chromium-Magnetite deposit of Mollen-Jopi-Zipu areas of Naga Hill Ophiolite in Kiphire district which has given positive results. He further added that the Department is carrying out Seismic micro-zonation of Greater Dimapur city in collaboration with NEIST, Jorhat and NSDMA. It is targeted to be completed by 2021 with an objective to establish data for sustainable urban planning and earthquake hazard mitigation measures.

The Governor said the Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) has taken up several developmental programmes in sectors such as health, education, agri & allied, infrastructure and road connectivity and further plans to implement programmes with specific focus on livelihood, human resource development, infrastructure development, and such similar economic activities in the backward areas.

Also on the tourism sector, Ravi pointed out that because of the pandemic and curbs on travel, it was difficult for the tourism sector but with the gradual opening of various economic activities and easing of restrictions on the movement of people, Tourism Department has outlined several strategies for the revival of the tourism industry in Nagaland as an eco-adventure, rural tourism destination and



also promote it as a 'Safe Destination.'

Ravi said the Department of Information Technology & Communication developed online platforms for various departments to enable Information Sharing, Monitoring, Analysis, Planning, Financial Assistance and providing State Scholarships to eligible students through a transparent online platform. He added that the Department developed COVID Dashboard for providing the latest information on the COVID pandemic.

Ravi remarked that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown imposed subsequently severely affected many economic activities, which directly affected revenue generation and receipt. He also said that sensing the huge impending revenue shortfall both at the

Centre and in the State, the Government has taken measures to reduce expenditure by effecting a 15% pro-rata cut of various expenditure items both under non-development and development outlay.

Ravi stated that the Government after suitably resolving all the impediments, created and made Noklak district functional which will go a long way in giving a further impetus to the development of people living in the bordering areas.

Governor Ravi remarked that the various achievements in various sectors and areas, and the people-oriented policies and programmes outlined is another step in the steady march towards ensuring all round progress to every community and every part of the State.

STARRED QUESTIONS RAISED ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE 7TH SESSION OF THE 13TH NLA

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio informed that the NPSC roster table is maintained subject-wise and post-wise with reference to the Advertisement no. NPSC-3/2019 dated 13th November, 2019 and Addendum/Corrigendum dated 27th January 2021. This was in reply to the starred questions raised by MLA, Yitachu on 15th February 2021 during the 7th session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA). Rio also informed that no Backward Tribe has been left out under the mentioned advertisement.

In reply to MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry's

starred question on COVID-19 vaccination drive, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom informed that around 31% of the registered healthcare workers in the State were vaccinated. Phom also informed that various sensitisation workshops were conducted.

On the question of display of National Flag on official vehicles raised by MLA, Imkong Imchen, Deputy Chief Minister informed that as per the Flag Code of India, 2002, it is up to a Minister whether to use the National Flag on an official vehicle.

DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Members of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) held the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address at the NLA Secretariat on 15th February 2021.

Taking part in the debate, the Opposition Members expressed their appreciation towards the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, however they called for the Government to improve the overall healthcare infrastructure in the State. MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu mentioned that the State has enough qualified doctors, nurses and healthcare

workers, however the healthcare infrastructure needs to improve so as to meet the needs of the public.

MLAs Vikheho and Yitachu said that COVID-19 has negatively impacted the agriculture sector and farmers have been adversely affected. They spoke on the need to restructure and legislate on the action plan to improve the agri and allied sectors with special focus so as to achieve self-sufficiency in food production.

While appreciating the School Education



Department on conducting online classes, creating portals for students during the pandemic, Vikheho also raised issue on the need for improving the internet and communication facilities for far flung areas so that students all across the State can benefit equally.

The Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang stated that the fight against COVID-19 was a common fight, and he appreciated and congratulated the healthcare workers, civil societies, churches and frontline workers. However, he questioned the State's ability to face any major pandemic in future.

Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi, participating in the debate said that the COVID-19 badly affected the tourism industry worldwide and due to which 2020 Hornbill Festival could not be held physically and was done virtually. However, he stated that, looking back at the huge success of 2019 Hornbill Festival, the footfall of tourism has increased to 3 lakhs. He highlighted that the tourism industry has achieved another milestone, where Nagaland has received the prestigious award as the 'Most Promising New Destination' 2019 at the Travel & Tourism Fair, Mumbai.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom replying to the issue raised by the opposition on the lack of infrastructure in healthcare system said that the Government has taken all necessary infrastructure development, increased the number of doctors, nurses, technicians, scientists to fight COVID-19 pandemic resulting in low mortality rate in the State. He mentioned that infrastructure at District Hospitals, CHC, PHC and Sub-Centres has improved significantly and three BSL Labs have been built at Kohima, Dimapur and Tuensang for COVID-19 testing.

The Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his concluding remarks, appreciated all the participants on the debate of motion of thanks for their healthy,

positive and corrective measures pointed out, which he said will be noted. On the COVID-19 pandemic, Rio said that the world was taken over by surprise, none was prepared for it, and admitted some mishaps in handling the pandemic during the initial stage, however lauded the State's response with the co-ordinated action of healthcare workers, NGOs, churches, frontline workers and various government agencies.

On the Leader of Opposition's question on what measures the Government has taken to prevent future fire occurrence at Dzükou Valley, the Chief Minister replied that the following measures have been taken to prevent fire in the valley - Construction of permanent Fire Control Line around the valley and maintaining it annually; Installation of foolproof surveillance system for tourists entering and leaving the valley in co-ordination with village community, Village Council, District Administration; Capacity building and environment of local community, first responders in preventing as well as taking swift response in preventing fires; Putting in place technology driven Fire Alert System. Rio also added that if all stakeholders agree, the Government intends to declare the valley as Government Reserve Forest and approach Central Government or international agencies to support conservation.

On the issues faced in the power sector, Rio said that the Government is unable to complete hydro power projects in the State due to land owner issues, and on revenue loss due to unwillingness of consumer to pay, he said that the Government plans to outsource metre reading, revenue collection for improving revenue collection.

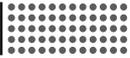
Metsubo Jamir, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Kashiho Sangtam, Imkong Imchen, Kezhienyi Khalo, Amenba Yaden, M. Yollow Konyak also took part in the debate. The Chief Minister moved for the adoption of the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address after the

SARFAESI ACT, 2002 FORWARDED TO SELECT COMMITTEE

Minister for Planning & Coordination, Neiba Kronu initiated the discussion on matters of urgent public importance pertaining to 'SARFAESI ACT

2020' during the Seventh Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) where he stated that SARFAESI Act, 2002 empowers banks





and financial institutions to take possession of the mortgaged assets against default in repayment of loan and realize their money by selling the secured assets without the intervention of Courts, which is in conflict to the Article 371A (1)(a)(iv) of the Constitution of India which provides that no Act of Parliament in respect of ownership and transfer of land and its resources shall apply to the State of Nagaland unless the legislative Assembly of Nagaland by a resolution so decides.

Kronu further explained that non-implementation of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 has been detrimental to the overall economic growth of the State as it has restricted flow of credit to the people. Banks have been reluctant to provide loans

in the absence of secured assets and an effective mechanism for expeditious recovery of dues in case of default in loan repayment, he added.

Leader of the House and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that no resolution had been passed regarding the Act and a meeting headed by the Finance Commissioner was held to discuss the implementation of SARFAESI Act, 2002 where the suggestions were forwarded to the State Cabinet. Rio also suggested that the matter be put forward to the House Select Committee, to take further discussion and seek further legal consultation before adopting the resolution.

Speaker of the House referred the matter of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 to the Select Committee.

VARIOUS REPORTS AND BILLS LAID DOWN DURING ASSEMBLY SESSION

MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro, Member of the Assurance Committee presented a copy of the 96th and 97th Reports of the Committee on Government Assurances. Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings laid down a copy of 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd and 93rd Report on the examination of the Audit contained in the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for 2012-13, 2015-16 pertaining to Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts and Commerce & Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

Further, Advisor, School Education, K. Tokugha Sukhalu presented a copy of 123rd and 124th Report for the year 2014-15 to 2015-16 on the State of Finances Audit Report and Audit reports on the Social, Economic, Revenue and General sectors.

Member and Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings, Mhathung Yanthan, presented a copy of the following reports – 94th and 95th Reports on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 relating to the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDC) under the

Department of Industries & Commerce; 96th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Comptroller & Auditor General of India's Report for the years 2011-2016 pertaining to the Nagaland Industrial Raw Materials Supply Corporation Limited (NIRMSC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce; 97th & 98th Reports on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2014-16 relating to the Nagaland Hotels Limited (NHL) under the Department of Industries & Commerce; 99th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2015-16 contained in the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC) under the Department of Commerce; 100th Report on Action taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations made in the 84th Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2011-2012 pertaining to the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NSMDC) under the Department of Geology



& Mining; the 101st Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the recommendations made by the Committee in the context of its observations relating to the functioning of the NH Ltd. NHHDC Ltd. NIRMSC Ltd. and NIDC Ltd. under the Department of Industries & Commerce and the NSMDC Ltd. under the Department of Geology & Mining.

On the fifth day of Seventh Session of Thirteenth Assembly Session, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio laid on the table the State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March 2019 (Report No. 1 of 2020), Finance Accounts (Vol-I & Vol-II) 2018-19.

Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio, moved the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill and the Nagaland Appropriation (No.1, No. 2, No. 3) Bill 2021 and passed the Bills.

Member and Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2020-21), Dr. Imtiwapang Aier presented a copy of the following reports: 62nd and 63rd Report on the Nagaland Agricultural Produce Marketing (General) Rules, 2006 (62nd Report) and Nagaland State Biological Diversity Rules, 2012 (63rd Report); 64th Report on Nagaland Information and Public Relations Service Rules,

2013; 65th Report on the Nagaland Government Printing Press (Technical) Service Rules, 2015.

Member and Chairman of the Committee on Estimates (2020-21), Pukhayi Sumi, presented copies of the following reports: 141st Report on Action taken on the Observation/Recommendations contained in the 136th Report of the Committee on Estimates Pertaining to Technical Education Department (State Technical Scholarship & Minority Scholarship); 142nd Report on Action taken on the Observation/Recommendations contained in the 137th Report of the Committee on Estimates Pertaining to Public Health Engineering Department (Rural & Urban Water Supply); 143rd Report on Action taken on the Observation/Recommendations contained in the 139th Report of the Committee on Estimates Pertaining to the Transport Department (Motor Vehicles Department & Nagaland State Transport).

Supplementary Demands for Regularisation of Excess Expenditure for the Year 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2020-21 were passed by the House.

The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2020 was passed by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

ASSEMBLY SESSION DELIBERATES ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE

MLA, Toyang Chang while discussing on the Naga Political Issue, highlighted the various problems created by the Naga conflict. He stressed on the need to rebuild and adapt to changes and move forward. Chang called upon everyone to be united and work with utmost sincerity.

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along participating in the discussion expressed that it was heartwarming to see for the first time a yearning from among the Naga people for an early solution to the Naga Political Issue and to see that the cry for an early and amicable solution is being heard from every nook and corner of our land. He acknowledged the positive efforts of the Government of Nagaland and considered the 15th October 2020 consultative meet

and the adoption of the seven point resolution as a leap in the right direction. In conclusion, he called upon all the elected members to come together under the Joint Legislative Forum and intervene so that a peaceful and amicable solution is achieved at the earliest and that every elected member must consider it as his sacred duty to do so.

MLA, Vikheho Swu participating in the discussion called for a different approach to dealing with the Naga Political Issue and said that it is time for everyone to change their mindset and not focus on who is right but on what is right and what is good for the Naga people as a whole. He also emphasized on the need for human understanding and a human touch in bringing about a solution to the Naga Political Issue, to be more understanding



towards each other's needs and respect and honour one another.

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry also participating in the discussion said that the delay in bringing about a solution to the Naga Political Issue is causing psychological damage in the society and stressed on the need to expedite the Naga peace process and that it is the duty of the elected members to ensure a positive outcome at the earliest. He also shed light on the current political scenario in South East Asia and said that India cannot afford to say that the ball is in the court of the negotiators. He called for all the Legislators to stand united and come across party lines and work collectively and act as facilitators for a higher common cause.

Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD and Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak participating in the discussion on the Naga Political Issue called upon all the Naga people to unite so as

to bring about an early Naga solution.

MLA Yitachu also taking part in the discussion said 'Naga Political Issue is nothing but a fight to defend and secure Naga history and Naga identity for the future generations'. He added that Naga people wanted a definite undiluted identity and through a peaceful representation. He stated that Nagas took up arm struggle in order to keep the history alive and to keep the identity for the younger generation. He called on all the elected members to be free from all prejudices while talking about Naga political issues and to be more proactive.

Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye participating in the discussion said that at the present juncture, people want peace and permanent solution and called on the members to continue JLF and pursue together and not to capitalize the issues at one's own interest. He further appealed to the GoI to expedite the ongoing Naga political peace process.

DEPUTY CM, Y. PATTON GIVES STATUS UPDATES ON THE FOOTHILL ROAD

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Roads & Bridges Department, Y. Patton stressed on the importance of the foothills of Nagaland which has the potential to bring about changes in the socio-economic front. He said that the main reason for the incompleteness of the foothill road is the lack of the State owned resources and added that the State Government is committed to see that this is made into reality, and have been taking up this issue with the Government of India.

During the third day of the Seventh Session of Thirteenth Assembly on 16th February 2021, Patton said that a proposal for covering the State with a major road across the foothill areas traversing the existing roads to the best possible extent and connecting habitations of the State to provide single lane foothill connectivity was proposed as 'Construction/Improvement of road along Tizit-Naginimora-Tuli-Yajang C-Longtho-MI Project-Sumito-New and Old Wozhu-Changpang-Yimpang-Bhandari-Governor's Camp-Ralan (O)-Niuland-Dimapur,' covering a total distance of 342 Km amounting to Rs. 235 crore.

Patton added that the proposal under the Special Plan Assistance (SPA) was approved by the Government of India during 2013-14 and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 235 crore under the SPA. Accordingly, works were taken up from 2013-14 onwards as per the budget allocation only and not as per the approved amount:

•Approved Budget Provision:

2013-14: Rs. 4000 lakh

2014-15: Rs. 2700 lakh

Total: Rs. 6700 lakh

However, Patton said that the SPA funding discontinued from 2015-16 onwards and therefore, all items of work projected in the proposal could not be taken up.

On the present status of the road, Patton said since the road is now affected by landslides, subsidence and thus, not pliable, in view of the fund constraints, no new works have been taken up since 2015-16. However, in order to make the road pliable, the Department has submitted a proposal estimate for clearance of landslides, construction of side drains, cross drains i/c minor bridges. He further



said that the State Government is continuously pursuing with the Central Government for release of the balance funds under the SPA so that the incomplete works are completed.

During 2014-15, Patton informed that the State Government submitted the proposal to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) for declaration of foothill road as National Highway. However, the MoRTH suggested to change the nomenclature to Trans Nagaland Highway (Two Lane) to be taken up in a phased manner. The details are as follows:

Phase I: Tuli to Dimapur By Pass- 180,65 Km

Phase II: Tizit to Tuli - 68 Km

Phase III: Jalukie-Khelma- 71.60 Km (Dimapur to Jalukie is connected by National Highway 129A)

Total length - 320.25 Km

Patton stated that the feasibility Report of Phase I and II and DPR amounting to Rs.4463.56

crore have been submitted to the MoRTH for approval. The report and alignment has been approved during December 2018 and the State is awaiting the approval for declaration of the Trans Nagaland Highway as a National Highway. The issue of declaring the stretch of road as National Highway has also been taken up with the Prime Minister of India on 3rd September 2020 by the Chief Minister, Nagaland. He informed that with regard to Phase III works, the feasibility study for Jalukie to Athibung is completed, and from Athibung to Khelma is yet to be finalized. However, he said that the policy for further declaration of New National Highways is yet to be finalized. Meanwhile, this proposal was taken up again with the Union Minister, Road Transport and Highways by the Chief Minister, Nagaland on 19th January 2021 to be taken up under the Bharatmala Pariyojna project on priority.

BRIEFING FOR NITI AAYOG MEETING



CM, Neiphiu Rio along with senior government officials during the briefing for the 6th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held at the Residential Office of the CM on 17th February 2021.

A briefing for the 6th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog was held at the Residential Office of the Chief Minister on 17th February 2021.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio was briefed by the Chief Secretary and other senior government officials on various agenda such as reducing compliance burden at State level, thrust on

creation of jobs, reimagining agriculture with emphasis on the Naga Model Integrated Settled Farming, and improvement of physical infrastructure. Agenda on human resource development, improvement of service delivery at grassroot level and healthcare sector were also taken up during the briefing.





RIO PRESENTS BUDGET FOR 2021-22

The Chief Minister of Nagaland who is also the Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphu Rio presented a Budget proposal estimating the gross receipt at Rs. 22,451.28 crore and gross expenditure at Rs. 22,816.61 crore for the financial year 2021-22 during his Budget speech at the Seventh Session of the Thirteen Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 18th February 2021.

The Chief Minister stated that the lockdown had severely affected the State's finances and with the freezing of all economic activities during the lockdown period, transactions were largely restricted to essential commodities that were mostly non-taxable. As a result, both State tax revenues as well as GST receipts (State and Central GST) were severely affected including Central Government's revenues which in turn led to fall in the State's Share of Central Taxes.

Rio further added that going by present trends, the State revenue is expected to fall by Rs. 86.19 crore from the BE figure of Rs. 1,283.36 crore to 1,197.17 crore, which is a reduction of 10%. The State's share of Central Taxes and Duties are expected to reduce by Rs. 1,341.99 crore based on the Revised Estimates figures of the Union Budget, however, with the resumption of normal activities, the State's GST revenue has picked up, he added.

The Chief Minister informed that fearing a financial crisis, the Government decided to adopt austerity measures to curtail expenditure. The measures included freezing of three instalments of Dearness Allowances/Relief in line with the decision of the Central Government. Cut expenditure on items such as Motor Vehicles, Office Expenses, Travel Expenses and Maintenance under Non-Development were also made. The Government also decided to cut down the Developmental Outlay (State Programmes) by 15%. All fresh appointments have been kept on hold except in unavoidable cases, he stated.

Rio clarified that owing the various measures to reduce expenditure, the year 2020-21 is estimated to close with a deficit of Rs. 2,314.13

crore. This is an improvement of Rs. 44.68 crore over BE figures. The austerity measures have paid off well and the Government is likely to continue the measures to reduce avoidable expenditure, he added.

Rio congratulated the Press and Media community for their positive contribution and for upholding the spirit of democracy and for rendering commendable service during the COVID-19 pandemic. He further added that this year, the Government would introduce special capacity building and exposure programmes for the media in collaboration with central agencies and international institutions under our innovative programmes initiatives.

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services has been provided Rs. 300 lakh. The Department is presently working to establish a Regional Emergency Management Training Institute (REMTI) and Regional Response Centre at Chiechama, Kohima for the State as well as the region for disaster management and its mitigation. The Department of Treasuries & Accounts has been provided Rs. 150.41 lakh for construction of staff quarters. The Department of Border Affairs has been provided Rs. 200 lakh for construction works. The Department of Parliamentary Affairs has been provided Rs. 100 lakh for construction of staff quarters. The Taxes Department has been provided Rs. 90.56 lakh for construction of staff quarters. The Village Guards have been provided Rs. 300 lakh for construction of training ground, for prefabrication infrastructure and firing range. The Election Department has been provided Rs. 150 lakh for construction of warehouse for storage of EVMs and VVPATs. The Home Department has been provided Rs. 150 lakh for the State Houses, and Rs. 50 lakh for disaster management. The Department of Tribal Affairs has been provided Rs. 50 lakh for construction of directorate building and staff quarters. The Department of Minority Affairs has been provided Rs. 75 lakh for various construction works in Dimapur area.



With the inauguration of Nagaland's newest district Noklak on 20th January 2021, Rio congratulated the people of Noklak district who have come a long way, making significant contributions towards the progress of the State. Rio said that the roots of the formation of the now legendary Village Guards took place under its jurisdiction and hence he has given it the name of 'Frontier District.' He added that the State Government will undertake all possible measures to elevate the district on human and infrastructure development especially in the fields of Administration, Police, youth empowerment, education and healthcare and to begin with, the Government would undertake construction of office complexes for Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, a Town Hall and a godown for food grains. He also added that to improve healthcare facilities, the linked Anti-Retroviral Therapy Centre of CHC at Noklak is being upgraded to Anti-Retroviral Centre and will upgrade the 30 bedded CHC at Noklak to District Hospital by adding another 20 beds under NHM.

Rio mentioned that a large number of assets is created every year from our own developmental funds as well as CSS funds and it is of utmost importance to ensure that adequate provision is made for their maintenance and upkeep so that these assets do not deteriorate and accordingly, despite the resource constraints we are faced with, a provision of Rs. 147.62 crore during 2021-22 for maintenance of assets is being made.

Coming to the employment sector, Rio said that the COVID-19 pandemic had adversely affected the functioning of the IDAN but during the pandemic, the IDAN turned its attention to the serious issue of almost 20,000 people who had returned to the State in the wake of the pandemic. Along with designing a 'Digital Employment Exchange' in collaboration with the Information Technology & Communication and the Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Departments, it has also launched an e-commerce platform called the 'Yellow Chain' to help the 'returnees' to try and start their own business online. To explore the potential and establish an organic fibre industry in the State, Rio

said IDAN enabled creation of a consortium of private entrepreneurs already engaged in the sector and is making efforts to link them to financial institutions as well as the global market.

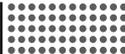
Rio stated that the Planning & Coordination Department has been provided Rs. 500 lakh and under the Chief Minister's Corpus Fund, he said the Department has sponsored Naga students to undergo training in skill development at Ishwarpuram Institute, Fugoan, Pune. State Council of Educational Research & Training has been provided Rs.100 lakh where Polytechnics at Aboi, Peren and Wokha, already set up and academic sessions is to become functional from July 2021 in all the three institutes.

Department of Youth Resources & Sports has been provided Rs.790 lakh, of this, Rio said Rs. 300 lakh was earmarked for capacity building for youth empowerment by launching a Career & Employability Skill Development Programme designed for students pursuing 12th standard in all Government Higher Secondary Schools. He also mentioned that funds will be earmarked for sports academies in prioritised disciplines to be established in collaboration with the sports federations, and local leagues will be launched to create a positive atmosphere of sports culture that will contribute to the economy and create gainful careers in the sports and related industry.

The Department of Urban Development has been provided Rs. 350.16 lakh for construction of office at Kiphire, construction of P. Shilu Ao Memorial Park at Mokokchung and upgradation of marketing centre of Development Authority Nagaland since the district headquarters have developed into urban spaces with hardly any common space for physical activities, social interaction and recreation the Government has decided to create public parks in all the district headquarters equipped with outdoor exercise equipment, walking tracks and aesthetically landscaped spaces.

Rio remarked that the entire world was deeply affected due to COVID -19 pandemic stating that the main impact of the pandemic is in the





economic sector, as it has seriously impacted the livelihood and income of the people as well as the income and financial health of the Government.

On the Naga Political Issue, Rio mentioned that the early resolution of the Naga Political Issue remains at the top of the Government's political agenda. He added that the unanimous adoption of the seven-point resolution in the meeting sent the right message of unity and solidarity to all sections, especially to the negotiating parties of the Indo-Naga political dialogue. He said that the members will continue to collectively play the role of active facilitator in the political negotiations and appealed to the negotiating parties of the political dialogue to expedite the negotiations and bring about the much desired solution which will pave the way for a new era of growth, development and all round progress.

Rio also mentioned that in the gloom of the pandemic civil society, tribal hohos, church organisations, student and youth bodies, NGOs, traditional institutions and individuals joined hands with the State Government and its agencies to combat the pandemic. He pointed out that the healthcare workers put in extra hours every day and worked with extraordinary dedication to make our citizens feel safe and secure. He added that churches came forward and prepared food for quarantine centres, day in and day out and youth volunteers, students and traditional institutions came forward, to work with frontline workers. He also appreciated the establishment of the Central Integrated Control Room which operated as the War Room was a model for many other states. He said that the crisis gave us the opportunity to improve the

overall health facilities and infrastructure all over the State.

Rio also extended sincere appreciation to the generous contributions and support from corporate houses, private companies, government institutions, service associations, NGOs and individuals from all walks of life towards fighting the pandemic and for donations to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

On sectorial allocation, Rio said that the budget for the year 2021-22 is affected by the financial crisis caused by the pandemic. However, seeing the steady pace of recovery of the country's economy, he said that the State Developmental Outlay for 2021-22 has been fixed at Rs.700 crore which is an increase of 9.55% over the Plan size of 2020-21. He also said that to ensure a smooth flow of Central funds, Rs. 250 crore has been allocated towards State Matching Share for Central Schemes including that of DoNER and NEC. The Government has also made efforts to tap funding for roads and other key infrastructure projects under the scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure with Rs. 200 crore interest free loan assistance. Further, he said that under 15th Finance Commission Awards, several projects for improvement of health infrastructure, road maintenance, construction of High Court Complex, new Raj Bhavan, mini landing strips and improvement of facilities for fire services in the districts will be taken up from 2021-22 onwards. Rio also mentioned that a provision of Rs. 307.31 crore is kept in provision for Externally Aided Projects.

INITIATIVES OF SCHOOL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTED AT THE ASSEMBLY

On the fourth day of the 7th Session of the 13th NLA on 18th February 2021, while replying to an unstarred question raised by MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio informed that Nagaland received 477,569 Qtls under PHH and 84,306 Qtls under AYY of rice from April to November 2020 from the Government of India for free distribution to Ration Card holders in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the State

received 8,548.02Qtls of Dal from April to June 2020 and 14,246.7 Qtls of Channa from July to November 2020.

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang also replied to Sazo and stated that there is no major irrigation project in the State, however the Department is presently implementing 270 Surface Minor Irrigation Projects.

Replying to Dr. Chumben Murry's unstarred



question, Minister in-charge of School Education gave the details of the performance of the Government Schools in HSLC examination. He informed that the overall pass percentage of GHS in the State was 28% in 2016, 31% in 2017, 30% in 2018, 36% in 2019 and 42% in 2020. He further informed on the various initiatives of the Department which include Remedial Teaching Programme for the students of Government Schools for Science and Mathematics subject for class 9 and 10, introduction of 'The Teacher's Diary,' taking up of monitoring and inspection and orientation programs for the heads of

the institutions and subject teachers. The Department has also introduced various innovative programs such as Tele/Radio Online Education, Online School Monitoring System, Online Teachers Transfer Portal, Teacher's App, Free India 4.0 Education, DHIKSHA Coherent Access Project and Gurushala Teacher Training Programme, he added.

In an unstarred question raised by MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Minister for Rural Development stated that the MGNREGA wage rates for the year 2019-20 was Rs. 191.99 and Rs. 205 for 2020-21.

NLA ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE

On the fourth day of the Seventh Session of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio moved for consideration and adoption of Assembly resolution on 18th February 2021.

It was decided by the August House that it will endorse and reiterate all the past resolution of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on the Indo-Naga political issue, and resolve to work unitedly in facilitating the Indo-Naga political negotiations. The August House appreciated the continued efforts made by the Government of the Union of India to resolve the Indo-Naga political issue through peaceful

means by upholding the Naga political talks. Further, the August House acknowledged and appreciated the efforts made by all Naga political groups, political parties, civil society organization, the churches and NGOs towards finding a peaceful resolution of the Indo-Naga political issues and appealed all to come together for larger interest of the Naga people. It also urged the Government of the Union of India and the Naga political groups to sit across the table for the conclusion of the political negotiation that is honourable, inclusive and acceptable to the people as 'One Solution' without any further delay.

NLA DELIBERATES ON POWER REFORM IN THE STATE

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the discussion on matters of urgent public importance pertaining to Power Reform in Nagaland at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat on 18th February 2021, said the discussion was done to create public awareness. He informed the House that on 9th February 2021 during a cabinet meeting it was unanimously decided that there is need for reform in power sector. Rio stated that reform is needed particularly in billing and revenue sector.

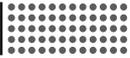
While stating that land issue is one of the major problems faced in production and generation of power, Rio said that in revenue sector there is need for privatization and the State needs to start outsourcing in all revenue related departments. He

added that the Power Department is taking the first step in outsourcing meter reading, and if required a Consolidated Outsourcing Act should be brought out covering all revenue related department and said that its time the consumers pay for the services provided.

Pointing out that the Nagaland Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002 and the Electricity Act 2003 are contradictory, as in Electricity Act 2003 all consumers are required to be metered mandatorily, Rio said that an Act to reform this contradiction is required in near future.

Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi informed that the Department of Power has proposed an action plan to improve the revenue and the cabinet





has approved the outsourcing process to be implemented where outsourcing process will be done through a well registered company with sound financial and management capabilities; Department of Power to work out detailed procedures and technicalities including vigorous monitoring mechanism; selection of firm through e-tendering process; outsourcing to be targeted in Dimapur, Kohima, Wokha, Mokokchung initially; communitisation based revenue collection system should not be allowed for electricity and existing meter reader/billing assistant will be redeployed for various vigilance, monitoring activities.

Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum participating in the discussion, highlighted that the power requirement in our State is 250MW and as per the available statistics our State does not generate even 15% of power requirement in the State. It need a big push in power sector and come up with comprehensive plan to develop more power plants for higher production and high distribution and more revenue generation. The immediate step for our State is to improve the revenue collection system by adopting certain measures and mechanization, he added. Further he pointed that non-payment of bills is the major factor for the unprecedented loss of power revenue in Nagaland. Our State is making huge loss year after year, henceforth, it needs to ponder upon the loopholes in revenue collection and find out the factors for less revenue generation and

review the commission policy, also to streamline the system by further educating and sanitization our people to be more sensible and responsible power consumer.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu, participating in the discussion pointed that, the State Government should be given due consideration in the rural areas and need a paradigm shift for structural change. He mentioned that Nagaland has many rivers for which there is a high potential for setting up more hydro project in the future if timely intervention is been taken by the Department and the Government. He added that, strict and prompt accountability by the Department will improve the revenue collection.

Leader of Opposition, T. R. Zeliang, taking part in the discussion called for the use of technology at various levels in the functioning of the Department such as electronic billing system. He also suggested for the promotion of solar energy to tackle the shortage of power in the State. He further suggested the Power Department to come up with a concrete plan so that the House can deliberate on it and give suggestions.

Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu expressed concern over the huge gap in the amount spent and collected in the Power Sector in the State. He also stated that Nagaland has many sites with potential for hydro projects and suggested for setting up of more hydro projects.

NLA DELIBERATES ON GENERAL BUDGET 2021-2022

The general discussion on the budget presented by CM, Neiphiu Rio began on 19th February 2021.

MLA, Imkong L Imchen commenting on the budget 2021-2022, Imchen said that in all the successive terms, the Government had presented deficit budget but not as alarming as this year's budget. He stated that Naga people have every right to expect better financing, disciplining and management. However, he lamented that the

budgetary and financial management were never as per exception of the people which needs serious introspection. On the sectorial allocations, he said that the allocations are mostly spent on construction activities adding that the departments have not proposed any developmental initiatives but on assets and constructions. Imchen also highlighted on Kelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu and pointed out that it was the first Polytechnic institution the Government established and therefore he reiterated





Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer conducting the concluding day of the 7th Session of the 13th Assembly at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 19th February 2021.

that it should be made a full-fledged Engineering College of the State. Imchen also drawing the attention of H&FW said that cost of COVID testing is on the higher side and called on the Department to clarify on the high cost of the test. He also highlighted on various issues of state finance and power sectors.

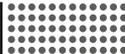
MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry, participating in the budget discussion pointed that, the year 2020 has been unprecedented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He appealed the Government of the day to prepare for future pandemic. He mentioned that, the Department of Water Resource need reforms as it is an important area that is directly related to health and economy. The amount of manpower spent on fetching water and purchasing from private source can be channelised to other resources and other activities, he added. He also highlighted that, as per the Union Budget 2020-22, the centre has planned to rationalise and downsize all centrally sponsored Schemes on the recommendation of the 15th Finance commission and for which Nagaland do not see a promising day ahead. He stressed on the need to work upon and improve the tax and non-tax revenue collection.

MLA, Amenba Yaden, participating in the session appreciated the initiative taken by the Government on an innovative model of cluster agri development called 'Naga Integrated Settled Farming' and stated that Nagaland farming holding is entirely different from mainland area, therefore requested the Department to properly research and validated in considerable area before applying in mass scale.

IT&C, Science & Technology, NRE, Mmhonlumo Kikon, participating in the discussion, stated that the Government has shown the leadership by safeguarding the interest of the citizen of all during the pandemic. He said that good governance has come back despite facing the pandemic and economic challenges. He stated that the government of the day is willing to discuss on good and constructive suggestions and take it positively.

MLA, Y. M. Yollow Konyak called upon the Government to give equal importance to the development of all districts and not just concentrate on few. MLA, Dr. Imtiwapang Aier expressed his view that underdeveloped areas of all districts





should also be included under Department of Under Developed Areas so that parity is maintained. MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer raised concern on State's dependence on import of important commodities from outside the State and frequent economic blockades imposed by neighbouring states from time to time.

MLA, Yitachu, participating in the budget discussion, called on the need for industrialisation in the State so as to improve the economic state and solve the unemployment problem in the State. He also suggested for opening of the State to other regions of the country and even other countries for the trading purpose, with special reference to the South East Asian countries in line with the Act East Policy. Yitachu suggested for proper planning while constructing roads in rural areas so that they do not create problems to the existing National Highways and State Highways. He stated that governance is for all and called for balancing of the Government's exchequer as it is needed for the State to progress. He suggested for bringing in investors and promoters in various sectors to improve the economic condition of the State. On the Naga Political Issue, Yitachu opined that there is no ruling and opposition party. He said that his party will give their full assurance and cooperation for the final solution.

MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, while appreciating the Government for providing various machineries to the farmers, called for equal distribution of machineries to all the districts. He extended his appreciation to the Department of Information Technology & Communication and the IT sector, however he requested the service providers to provide better services as their services has drastically increased due to the restrictive measures of the COVID-19 pandemic. While pushing for outsourcing of various services, Sazo suggested for improvements in the revenue earning departments of the State.

Participating in the discussion on the budget for the year 2021-2022, Toshi Wungtung, Advisor IPR, SCERT and Village Guards said that the welfare of the state and its people revolve around its

economy. He highlighted the success story of the State in many aspects under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and how the State has successfully sailed through one of the toughest times courtesy of the COVID-19 pandemic. He further congratulated all the departments under the Government of Nagaland for their impressive performance during the pandemic. He stated that although Nagaland is a dependent State with little or no revenue sources of our own, the budget has clearly covered all available avenues that has potential especially the Agri and Allied sector. He also acknowledged the austerity measures adopted by the Government for the good of the State as a whole.

During the general discussion on the Budget for the year 2021 -2022, held on 19th February 2021, the Leader of Opposition T. R. Zeliang said that the Budget presented by the Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio, is a 'Contract Oriented Budget' focused only on construction of infrastructures for various Government Departments. He also pointed out that according to the 15th Finance Commission, our state has the second highest debt in the entire country since the State has projected to end up with a staggering deficit of Rs. 2,679.46 crore during financial year 2021-22. He said that the unemployment rate is rising rapidly in the State but Budget 2021- 22 has no provisions to ease the alarming situation faced by the unemployed educated youths as unemployment is growing every single day and unless, employment avenues are created for the unemployed youth, government jobs alone will not be able to solve the ever increasing unemployment rate in the State.

Zeliang also pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected all sections of the society but there is no mention of the efforts made by the State to redress the grievances of the people, particularly the farmers and the business sector yet there is little mention of the assistance the government plans to provide to help rehabilitation. He also highlighted that the Nagaland Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules 2019, was issued after a delay of



three years. He said that the Government had failed to bring any new Mega Projects for the State, to which they should be sincere to implement and complete within specified period on what was made available to them. Like the four-lane road Dimapur to Kohima road that was supposed to be completed during 2019-20, the Kohima Smart City, JAICA external aided project and the Chiethu Airport project.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while delivering his concluding remarks on the discussion of the

budget on 19th February 2021, stated that the House discussed the needs to bring reforms in the Power, Transport, Water and Mining sectors so as to reduce recurring expenditure of the Government. The Government will also focus on right sizing and rationalize the large manpower in the Government sector. The time has come to curtail Government expenditure and give more importance to revenue generation so that resources are available for development, he added.

OVER 10,000 GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINED ON POST LOCKDOWN STRATEGIES

The Department of School Education, Nagaland in association with the Pratham Education Foundation conducted four days online training programme 'Gurushala' for nearly 10,000 Government School teachers. 'Gurushala' is an initiative of Indus Towers Limited and Vodafone India Foundation. Nearly 8,700 Government School teachers of classes 1-8 were trained on the theme 'Remote techniques for parent and student engagement, assessment methods and post lockdown strategies' on 15th and 16th January 2021 and over 1000 teachers of class 9-12 participated in the training on 18th and 19th January 2021.

The training discussed teaching strategies that will help teachers transition smoothly from

Remote/Online teaching to classroom teaching. Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland, Shanavas C, IAS during the inauguration session said 'Let this be a beginning, because it is high time for our State to venture into alternative methods of education and teaching.' The online teacher portal 'www.gurushala.co' launched by Gurushala curates free and high-quality content for teachers. Gurushala is now available both as a website and as an application that can be downloaded from Google Play Store. The website works for capacity development of teachers to improve student learning and achieve holistic development of students even with remote teaching.

FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR KEKHRIESILIE RIO

Felicitation programme to honour the achievement of Kekhriesilie Rio, who won the World Jumping Championship 2020 (South Zone) in Category A, was held at the Directorate of Youth Resources & Sports (YRS), Kohima on 23rd February 2021.

Delivering the welcome address, Commissioner & Secretary, YRS, Alun Hansing highlighted the achievements of Kekhriesilie Rio, said that he has been ranked No. 2 by the International Equestrian Federation and the first Indian to achieve the highest rank till date.

Advisor, YRS, Er. Zale Neikha while

congratulating Kekhriesilie Rio for winning in various categories, encouraged him to work harder and to bring more laurels to the State and nation. He mentioned that there are only two Olympians in Nagaland so far - Dr. T. Ao and Chekhrovölü, and encouraged the young achiever to aim to participate in the Olympics.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio who is also the President of the Equestrian Association Nagaland and father of Kekhriesilie Rio, hopes that the achievement of Kekhriesilie Rio will help in promotion of Equestrian activities in the State. He said that Nagas have the





potential in the field of sports but do not get the right platform and appreciation, and even at the national level also, young Naga athletes and sportspersons are not getting much support, and to this, he wishes that in the future, there will be more sponsors for promotion.

Kekhriesilie Rio stated that being the lone Equestrian in the State, it motivates him to strive to work harder. He looks forward to motivate more youth in this discipline, and to bring more laurels to the State and nation. He attributed his success to God, his family, Equestrian Society Nagaland, the State Government and the Department of YRS. Mentioning that he will be participating in the Asian Games 2022 trail, which will be held in Germany, he looks forward to make a mark in the

future as well.

Kekhriesilie Rio has participated in the Junior National Equestrian Championship (Endurance) (40-45 Km) 2014-15, Dibrugarh and secured the third position in the Individual Category; Junior National Equestrian Championship (Show Jumping) 2018, Kolkata and secured the first place (National Champion - Individual); FEI World Show Jumping Challenge (Category A) 2020, Bengaluru, and with this feat, he was ranked No. 2 in the world and No. 1 in Asia and India; National Equestrian Championship (Senior), Delhi 2021 and secured the place position in Pussiance Jumping; and Asian Equestrian Federation Junior/Young Jumping Challenge 2019 and secured second in the Individual Category.

GOVERNOR FELICITATES DR.YINGNGAM WANGNAOLIM

Governor, R. N. Ravi felicitated Dr. Yingngam Wangnaolim for her outstanding academic achievement in Medical Post Graduation during a function held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 22nd February 2021. Dr. Yingngam secured the third position in Masters Course for Obstetrics and Gynaecology from Kerala University of Health Sciences in 2020.

Governor hailed Dr.Yingngam for her achievement through resolve and hard work. Coming from a modest background, she has proved that with determination and hard work, nothing is impossible. He called her an inspiration for the youth of Nagaland. The Governor advised her to be a

mentor to the aspiring students of the State.

Dr. Yingngam shared her inspiring journey to becoming a doctor. Expressing gratitude to the Governor for felicitating her, she said nothing is more fulfilling than getting recognition for one's achievements. Whatever she has achieved, she attributed to the Almighty God and thanked her parents, relatives and friends for support throughout her journey.

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom delivered an appreciation speech in which he called Dr. Yingngam, a daughter of Nagaland, and thanked her for making the State proud.

COVID- 19 VACCINATION CONSULTATION WORKSHOP HELD

COVID-19 vaccination consultation workshop with civil society and church organizations was held on 24th February 2021 at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kohima.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Medikhru Kevichusa in his address said that COVID-19 vaccine provides an opportunity to shorten and to end the pandemic. He said that vaccination is the safest route back to our normal lives and urged all health workers to avail the vaccine. He encouraged

the gathering to be an influencer to support the need to get the vaccines done and at the same time to play an active and meaningful role in promoting the COVID-19 vaccination process. He mentioned that a safe and effective vaccine is being made available for all but will be made in a phased manner.

Welcome remarks and introduction was made by Dr. Longri Kichu, importance of COVID-19 vaccine was addressed by State Immunization Officer, Dr. Ritu Thurr and updates of COVID-19



status was given by State Nodal Officer, IDSP, Dr. Nyan Kikon. SMO, WHO, Dr. Sheila Longkumer gave an overview and strategy of the vaccination drive. Dr.

Temsu Longchar, SPO, UNDP spoke on COWIN portal. FAQ/Discussion was also held with the consultant UNICEF and with IEC team members.

DGP NAGALAND ENCOURAGES COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR POLICE PERSONNEL



DGP, Nagaland, T. J. Longkumer, IPS being administered the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine during the vaccination drive organized at Police Headquarter on 24th February 2021.

COVID-19 vaccination and sensitization programme was organized at Police Headquarter on 24th February 2021. Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. J. Longkumer, IPS was administered the first dose during the vaccination drive. Altogether around 100 police personnel comprising of officers and men were vaccinated during the drive.

Speaking on the occasion, the DGP

Nagaland encouraged all ranks and files to undergo vaccination, as the nature of police duty and service require the personnel to be prepared against the COVID-19 pandemic. The vaccination programme was organized by Limasunep Jamir, IPS, IGP (Range), and conducted by Nodal Officer for COVID-19 related activities for Police Department, Dr. John Khuvung, RMO.

UNION MINISTER DR. HARSH VARDHAN LAYS MON MEDICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION STONE

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan laid the foundation stone of Mon Medical College at District Hospital, Mon on 26th February 2021.

Addressing the occasion, Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of Mon for the heartwarming welcome shown towards him upon his arrival. The Minister stated

that as part of Narendra Modi's Cabinet, he has seen how committed the Prime Minister is for the people of North East and that hardly any meeting concludes without the PM raising concern for the development of North East Region (NER). The laying of the foundation stone shows the commitment of the Government to ensure that the people of the most remote and interior parts of the country are not deprived of development, he added.





Dr. Harsh Vardhan congratulated Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Minister of (H&FW), S Pangnyu Phom for the proactive steps taken towards bringing the project into reality. Since coming into power in 2014, there are 157 medical colleges across the country under various stages of development, with Mon Medical College being part of 75 medical colleges approved by the Centre in 2019, he stated. He stated that the vision of creating 75 new medical colleges was to improve the healthcare facilities in areas which have been deprived of development over the decades.

The Minister further stated that in five to six years, the Government has been able to increase the number of MBBS seats from 50,000 to 80,000 and 20,000 more Post Graduate seats. He also stated that 1,50,000 Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) are in process of development across the country with 370 such HWCs under progress in Nagaland. He also urged upon the people and the State Government to ensure that all the poor are covered under Ayushman Bharat.

The Minister also took time to highlight the great work done by COVID-19 warriors who risked their own lives for the safety of all. He stated that because of their contribution, India has the highest recovery rate and the lowest death rate. He also appreciated the ASHA workers and urged upon the Government to provide full support to such grassroots field workers. He further acknowledged the State Government for tackling the crisis appropriately.

The Minister also expressed the vision to eliminate Tuberculosis (TB) from the country by 2025 which is five years prior to the global goal 2030 and added that India despite being a big country, if it could eliminate smallpox and polio, and survive COVID-19, it can definitely eliminate TB by 2025. He further urged upon the CM to make a commitment to eliminate TB in the State much before 2025. The Minister also spoke about the problem of maternal mortality and urged upon the Government to reduce the maternal mortality rate.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while addressing

the gathering stated that he was privileged to be part of this historic occasion and on behalf of the State, expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and Union Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. He stated that his presence exhibits the Government's concern and commitment for the region.

Rio stated that when Kiphire got the 'Aspirational District,' he thought of doing something for Mon. The opportunity came when PM came up with the brilliant idea to set up 75 medical colleges in regions which were earlier deprived of development in various parameters and for which Mon district was eligible, he stated.

Rio stated that with the completion of Mon Medical College, it would not only benefit Mon and Nagaland but also the neighbouring states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and across the border of Myanmar. The CM stated that with the completion of the college, it will not only solve the problem of shortage of healthcare manpower but also provide the region with better healthcare facilities. Rio urged upon the people to make the college a centre of excellence and also think of ways to attract people to work and study there.

Rio stated that the Mon Medical College would be completed on a turnkey basis where only one company will execute all the work to ensure timely completion. He also stated that the college would function/operate in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Rio also highlighted about the 390 appointment made during the pandemic in order to address the shortage of healthcare manpower in the State although fresh appointments had been banned. He appealed to the people and the NGOs and CSOs to cooperate and support the project in order to make the long cherished dream into a reality.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Tokheho Yephthomi in his speech stated that Mon district was chosen from among all the other districts and urged upon the people to fully cooperate and support the project.

S. Pangnyu Phom while addressing the gathering stated that Nagaland has never had the





*Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology, Earth Sciences,
Dr. Harsh Vardhan during the site visit of Kohima Medical College on 27th February 2021.*



*Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha addressing the gathering during the Sekrenyi celebration at
Angami Ki, Kisama on 25th February 2021.*



Governor, R. N. Ravi, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and other officials with Dr. Yingngam Wangnaolim who was felicitated for her outstanding academic achievement in Medical Post Graduation during the felicitation programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 22nd February 2021.



Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports (YRS), Er. Zale Neikha felicitating Kekhriesilie Rio during a programme held at the Directorate of YRS on 23rd February 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom handing over cash to the Convenor of Dikhu River Construction Committee contributed by District Planning & Development Board, Longleng to assist in the construction of Dikhu River Bridge on 6th February 2021.



A child being administered polio drops during the launching programme of Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation at NST Junction, Longleng on 31st January 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang along with other officials after inaugurating the State Data Centre at the Chief Engineer's Office, Water Resources Department on 17th February 2021.



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS and others during the inauguration of the Noklak Town Council's Office-cum-Facilitation Counter Building at DC's Office Complex, Noklak on 6th February 2021.

privilege of having two medical colleges being sanctioned by the Centre. He stated that the desire to establish medical college was not only to produce more manpower but also to enhance healthcare delivery. He stated that the State at the time of statehood inherited a deplorable state of healthcare facility, however over the years healthcare in the State has improved although much is needed to be done. He stated that most of the private healthcare is concentrated in Kohima and Dimapur and the rest are dependent on public healthcare. He stated that due to lack of facilities and equipment in public healthcare, most people from the other parts of Nagaland are not able to avail proper healthcare services. However with the completion of Mon Medical College, he expressed confidence that healthcare delivery in the region would greatly improve.

Giving an overview of the project, Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep S. Bhatia, IAS stated a project cost of Rs. 325 crore. He stated that 30 acres of land had been acquired and contour survey and

sub soil strength/ geological survey has started and likely to be completed within a month.

Speeches by Konyak Union and Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation was also delivered by representatives from both organisation. Both KU and ENPO expressed gratitude and appreciation to the PM, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and the State Government and assured full support and cooperation towards the completion of the project.

Advisor of Social Welfare, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Noke Wangnao delivered the vote of thanks where he appealed to the people for cooperation and support and on behalf of the people of Mon, expressed gratitude to Government of India, CM and Minister of H&FW, Nagaland for giving Mon the opportunity to set up the medical college. The event was attended by Nutan Goel, wife of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Cabinet Ministers of Government of Nagaland, Advisors, Members of Legislative Assembly, District HoDs and other invitees.

LOKAYUKTA BIDS FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR AND SENIOR SP



Retirement programme in honour of outgoing officers of IGP & Director, I. Meyionen and Senior SP, L. Temsunungsang was held at the Nagaland Lokayukta Premises, Kohima on 26th February 2021.

Retirement programme in honour of outgoing officers IGP and Director, I. Meyionen and Senior SP, L. Temsunungsang was held at the premises of Nagaland Lokayukta Kohima on 26th

February 2021.

Nagaland Upa-Lokayukta, Mayang Lima in his speech said the retiring officers have come up from certain rank to the highest level through



dedication, hard work and sheer determination. Lauding the retiring officers for rendering their best service to the organisation he said that the legacy and inspiration they are leaving behind will be remembered and will guide the officers and staff of the department in days to come.

I. Meyionen delivering his farewell message remarked that in his entire 35 years service career, he was never hospitalised nor availed a single penny on medical reimbursement. He stated that his formative years career was full of enthusiasm and commitment, not realising that in the system, all decisions are taken at the higher level and many a times ending with disappointments. He went on to say that unlike other developmental departments, the officers in this department during their line of duty are most likely to come into conflict with other departments because of the nature of the work.

I. Meyionen also cautioned the officers that there are high chances of being subjective in their approach during investigations rather than being objective and therefore a balanced approach is required to achieve the desired results while performing one's duty. He stated that as long as

power is in the hands of few, corruption is here to stay adding that unless there is a political will to fight corruption, there will be no accountability, transparency, delegation and decentralization of responsibility in the system. He therefore, encouraged the officers not to lose hope but fight relentlessly the menace of corruption in our society.

Temsunungsang also speaking at the programme lauded the officers and staff for their continued support and cooperation during his entire career. He requested the officers in the investigation wing to prioritise and focus while discharging their duties. He also encouraged the officers to keep the love of God, family, work and to cherish others and one self.

Short speeches were also delivered by Secretary, Kuko Mero, Public Prosecutor, Vikhozo Vitsu and Oponlumi Humtsoe. Senior SP, T. Holtoh chaired the programme and also highlighted in brief the profile and achievements of the outstanding officers. The programme was attended by family members, well-wishers, friends, officials and staff of Lokayukta.

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON AIR CARGO HELD AT DIMAPUR



Upon receiving the approval of Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security for security clearance of domestic cargo operation from the main terminal building of Dimapur Airport, a stakeholders meeting was convened to deliberate on sending of Nagaland produces through air cargo to different destination of the country at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 26th February 2021.

Agricultural Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, addressing the first session, termed 2020 and 2021 as very important years for the State as after 57 years of statehood the State could get Soil Testing Lab in all districts and also get the security clearance from the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Reminding Nagaland as the only State formed out of political agreement, APC said that people all along invested their energy in fighting each other even after statehood rather than investing in social and economic development and it has been only a few years that there is peace on the land which he hoped would continue.

Regretting the lack of large and medium industries in the State, Sema said that the only scope that the State have is agri and allied activities for which the State is blessed with favourable climatic conditions where everything can be grown. However the hindrances that APC mentioned were the landholding system and the traditional way of cultivation such as jhum and shifting which were not economically viable nor ecologically sustainable but which cannot be

stopped also as all the festivals, folklores and folksongs will have no meaning without it.

On the approval given by the Ministry, APC stated that the big question ahead is whether the produces would meet the demand. He pointed out that all agri and allied were doing individually and the villagers are also doing the same which will not be sustainable and therefore need to relook and reimagine the system and do differently instead of doing different things.

The APC emphasized on cluster integrated approach manner which can be done by all agri and allied departments that will be sustainable and can also attract young people to get involved in farming.

Director, AAI Dimapur Airport, M. Zhimomi, in his keynote address mentioned that in India, air cargo is permitted only through dedicated cargo terminal and the permission from the Ministry of Civil Aviation to start cargo operation from Dimapur is the first time any airport has been given approval. He hoped this would help the farmers, consumers as well as the airport and the airlines which is a win-win situation for everyone.

Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture, Anenla T Sato, IAS appreciated the Airport Authority, Dimapur, especially Director, M. Zhimomi for all the logistic support. On behalf of DGM Cargo NER, AAI, Nazeer AS Basha, Director, AAI Dimapur Airport highlighted some of the approved SOP for cargo operation.



UNION HEALTH MINISTER VISITS DIMAPUR

Union Minister, H&FW, S&T and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan along with officials during his visit to CIHSR, Dimapur on 25th February 2021.

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, accompanied by his wife, arrived at Dimapur on 25th February, 2021. Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangnyu Phom, MP, Tokheho Sema, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS, officials from Health & Family Welfare Department and party workers received the Union Minister from Dimapur Airport.

At Dimapur, the Union Minister paid a visit to Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dimapur and had a brief interaction with

the department officials from School of Nursing. He was impressed with the infrastructure set up at CIHSR and commented that the achievements within the years shows a bright future.

Asserting that Modi Government has huge focus on the health sector, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted that Ayushman health scheme has become one of the most ambitious programmes. Talking about India's huge potential in terms of manpower and infrastructure, he opined good strategy as the key to achieving goals.

At CIHSR, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited the Administrative Block, Radio Therapy Centre and the laboratory.

UNION MINISTER, DR. HARSH VARDHAN VISITS KOHIMA

KOHIMA VILLAGE:

A reception programme in honour of Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and his wife was held on 27th February 2021 at Kohima Village Council Hall.

Dr. Harsh said that it is an honour and privilege for him to visit the second biggest village in

Asia with the beautiful landscape, favourable climate and to interact with Naga people. He mentioned that the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Modi is seriously working with complete focus for the upliftment of the poor people and to develop the North Eastern Region at par with other developed states of India. Many new schemes which are required for the



development of the region has been taken up and many more such new projects are in the pipe line which will be taken up as per the requirements of the region for the benefit of the people, he stated. He informed that the representation which was submitted by the Kohima Village Council to him is noted and will take into considerations the things which are required for implementation.

Chairman, Kohima Village Council, Helievio Solo in his remark expressed profound gratitude to the Union Minister and his wife for visiting their village and requested the Union Minister for early completion of the ongoing medical college construction for improvement of healthcare system in Nagaland.

KOHIMA MEDICAL COLLEGE:

Stating the main purpose of the site visit of the Kohima Medical College is to review the works being carried out, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Government of India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, on 27th February 2021, said that though there has been delay in the past, he is keen to take up the project at a good pace, post COVID-19. Also present at the site were Minister, Health & Family Welfare, PangnyuPhom, Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. KevichusaMedikhru, and a host of government officials.

Addressing the media, Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that the project could not be taken up on time and has been delayed because of land ownership issues, which has now been resolved at the village level. Post COVID-19, things are progressing and he informed that the year end of 2021 has been set up as the proposed date for the completion of the

project, and also few things to be completed by the middle of 2022.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that on 26th February 2021, he, along with the Chief Minister, Nagaland and Minister, H&FW laid the foundation stone of another Medical College at Mon, to ensure that the people of Nagaland should benefit and avail the health services like proper healthcare, medical education etc.

On the timely completion of the project, Dr. Harsh Vardhan informed that the Minister, H&FW will personally review the project works, assisted by the Secretary, H&FW, and the Centre will be coordinating with the State Government to check the progress of the project.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that in this year's budget, there is huge increase in the healthcare spending, in systems like availability of potable water, sanitation, nutritional issues which will ensure in providing good healthcare services. He reminded that Prime Minister, NarendraModi is emphasising to strengthen the infrastructure in the North East states including Nagaland, not just in the health sector but in all the other sectors like connectivity etc. and to make sure that the North East states progress in all fronts like the rest of the country.

WW-II CEMETERY KOHIMA:

During his visit to the Kohima War Cemetery on 27th February 2021, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan paid homage to the Indian and British soldiers who sacrificed their lives while fighting in the Battle of Kohima in 1944. He also laid a wreath at the War Memorial along with his wife.



2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEET OF TUENSANG-NOKLAK VLE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY HELD



The 2nd Annual General Meet of VLE Cooperative Society held at Nokyan B village, Noklak on 29th January 2021.

The 2nd Annual General Meet of the VLE Cooperative Society was held on 29th January 2021 at Nokyan 'B' village, Noklak.

Assistant Manager, CSPV, Nagaland, Alemnungsang highlighted on the services of Common Service Centre.

Special Guest, Superintendent of Police,

Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS acknowledged the VLEs for providing their services in rural areas. She said that the Department will also co-ordinate with VLE to set up skill training, LED bulb manufacturing unit and also encouraged all to provide awareness camp at village level to train the educated unemployed youth for self-sustenance.

16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF VDB ASSOCIATION HELD AT PUGHOBOTO



Participants during the 16th Annual Conference of Village Development Board Association, RD Block, Ghathashi held at Town Hall Pughoboto on 30th January 2021.

The 16th Annual Conference of Village Development Board (VDB) Association, Pughoboto, Rural Development Block, Ghathashi was held on 30th January 2021 at Town Hall, Pughoboto. The Chief Guest, Y. Vikheho, MLA, 13th AC Pughoboto credited the success of the VDB model to A. M.

Gokhale who was the Secretary in the Department of Rural Development during the government of regional party, UDF under the leadership of Vizol Angami in the 1970s.

Swu said that the elected VDB Secretaries from 24 villages under Pughoboto sub-division have

a very important role to play for the development of the rural masses in the region and asked them to set long term, mid-term and short term targets to uplift the economic condition of their respective village. He advised and urged the VDBs to start vegetable farming as short term goals, animal husbandry as mid-term goals and to take up various trees and other plantation as long term goals as Pughoboto sub-division has close proximity to the State capital and shares border with four different districts. He also reminded that the role of the VDB Secretary is not only to disburse the funds to the beneficiaries but they are to assist, supervise and assure that the funds are utilized judiciously for the development of the sub-division.

Project Director and DPC, DRDA, Zunheboto and Guest of Honour of the occasion, Inavi Chishi spoke about the various programmes that the department is implementing and asked the VDB Secretaries of the 24 villages to avail the facilities and to utilize them judiciously for the benefit of the rural population.

The report of the association was presented by Vikato M. Swu, President, VDB Association Pughoboto, RD Block, Ghathashi. He also highlighted the major achievements such as the construction of the VDB Conference Hall which he said is amongst the best assets among the eight blocks under DRDA which was completed and duly inaugurated by the MLA, 13th AC Pughoboto in 2017.

SEMINAR ON ROAD SAFETY HELD AT NOKLAK

A seminar on Road Safety was held at Thang Old Council Hall, Noklak village on 1st February 2021 under the theme, 'Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha.'

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS during the seminar explained about driving license, registration, insurance, emissions test certificate, and the dangers of mobile and alcohol usage during driving. She added that in case of transport vehicles, certificate of fitness and all necessary permits should be

properly maintained. She also elaborated on signs, symbols and traffic rules, dos and don'ts and punishment under Indian Penal Code and Motor Vehicle Act. Demonstrations on first aid responses were also given. Later, SP, Noklak flagged off the Bikers Club Rally of Frontier Royal Enfield RE Enbloc.

Free medical camp for drivers was also held in the venue by the 45th Assam Rifles, Noklak. The programme was organised by Noklak Police as part of the National Road Safety Month.

PHYSICAL VERIFICATION OF EVM AND VVPAT CONDUCTED AT PHEK

As per the direction of Election Commissioner of India, Phek Headquarter conducted a physical verification of M-1, M-2, M2M3 and M3 of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) by using mobile app from 1st February 2021 to 10th February 2021.

SDO (C) and AEO, Phek, Namang Sepong Chang in the presence of various recognized political parties representatives under Phek district, observed and witnessed the opening of the warehouse of EVMs and VVPATs and physical verification exercise at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Phek.

NTCP, MON CONDUCTS ENFORCEMENT DRIVE

An enforcement drive against sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions was carried out under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Mon on 1st February

2021 at Mon town. The team consisted of members from District Administration, Excise & Prohibition Department, Mon Town Council and police personnel. The team was led by District Nodal



Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi. The drive was conducted to ensure the proper implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. 34

shops were found selling tobacco products near educational institutions. The team seized the products and destroyed the items at the outskirts of the town.

CHILDLINE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MON

Mon's Childline Advisory Board (CAB) held a meeting on 2nd February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Conference Room, Mon under the chairmanship of DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

Childline Mon is part of a national programme which was launched in Mon in August 2020 to assist, aid and rescue children in distress through a 24/7 toll free number, 1098. Childline teams on receiving a distress call, arrives at the destination within 60 minutes and depending on the case, rehabilitation and constant follow up on the well-being of the child is provided. Childline reaches

out to children from 0 to 18 years of age and in extreme emergency cases, upto 25 years of age.

Mon Childline team gave a presentation about the basic concept and functioning of the programme and its achievement since its inception which include one child abuse case and support to 28 families during the pandemic. The Childline team also made an appeal to all the line departments to help them in their various capacities so as to make the programme more visible and efficient. DC, Mon addressed all the issues raised by the team and assured them full cooperation and support to resolve them.

FREE DRIVING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER BBBP AT WOKHA



MVO, Wokha, Masetshilong Longkumer and EAC, Wokha, Imtinungla Longkumer giving away the driving license to the beneficiaries at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 4th February 2021.

The Wokha District Administration and District Level Centre for Women-Mahila Shakti Kendra (DLCW-MSK) in collaboration with the District Transport Office, Wokha on the occasion of Road Safety Month, organised a distribution of free driving license for girls under Beti Bachao Beti

Padhao (BBBP) on 4th February 2021.

The initiative for the same started in the second week of October 2020, where interested girls/candidates wanting to obtain driving license were enlisted and certain laid down procedures like driving class, driving test and other

requirements were imparted to the beneficiaries and the culmination programme was held on 4th February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's, Conference Hall, Wokha with Motor Vehicle Officer (MVO), Wokha, Masetshilong Longkumer as the resource person.

Altogether, 83 Smart Cards (driving license) were issued to the beneficiaries. The MVO, while giving away the cards to the beneficiaries, highlighted about the Motor Vehicle Acts, the basic rules while driving and urged them to always carry the required documents while on the road.

DTF FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION AND IMI 3.0 HELD AT WOKHA

To discuss matters relating to vaccination for COVID-19 for frontline workers and Mission Indra Dhanush IMI 3.0 a meeting was convened with the members of the District Task Force (DTF) for immunization at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Chamber on 5th February 2021.

Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, District Immunization Officer, Wokha informed during the meeting that till 5th February 2021, 1,994 (one thousand nine hundred ninety four) frontline workers under Wokha district have registered their names to get the vaccine. Zhimomi also informed that vaccination for the frontline workers will be completed by the end of February 2021, and for the success of the vaccination, all the Health Care Centres and Health

Care Units under Wokha have been activated for administering the vaccine.

Dr. Khelito Zhimomi also highlighted to the members about the Mission Indra Dhanush IMI 3.0 which will commence from 22nd February 2021. The purpose of this mission is to increase full immunization coverage, and cover those who have missed any kind of immunization (LODOR group - Left Outs/Drop Outs and Resistance). The targeted group for this mission are pregnant women and children from 0 to 2 years.

DC and Chairman, DTF for COVID-19, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha urged all concerned to extend support for the successful implementation of the vaccination.

MEETING ON JAL JEEVAN MISSION HELD AT TUENSANG

District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) members held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 5th February 2021. The meeting was chaired by Chairman, DWSM and DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS

The meeting was conducted on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The objective of JJM is to enable all the rural households to have access to safe and adequate drinking water within their premises. For the verification of the implementation a third party is empanelled and for Tuensang, Tolen Thangjam has been nominated for the purpose. JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connection by 2024 to all the household in rural India.

Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Er. Kedolhuto highlighted on the records of the department for

2019 - 2020 in which the JJM project was in seven inhabitants out of which three projects are completed and four almost completed and verification is left. For 2020 - 2021, the project proposal is for 50 inhabitants in the district out of which 10 inhabitant village will be implemented under Rural Development department and the rest will be under PHED. He also highlighted on the compulsory implementation of water connection to the Primary Health Centres/Community Health Centres, schools and Anganwadi Centres in the village under the scheme.

The importance of inclusion of Health & Family Welfare Department in the committee to check the quality of drinking water was also highlighted. Er. Kedolhuto also informed that under JJM there will be three kind of schemes which are new construction of water line, extra line to already existing water connection as supplement to meet



the demands and the third is retrofitting.

The DC and Chairman also urged the

members to give cooperation so that the JJM scheme will be successfully implemented in the district.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang chaired the monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board meeting for the month of February which was held on 6th February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren.

With regard to shifting of Peren Government College, the Principal was entrusted to work out the requirements and the Advisor also requested the HoDs of different departments to remain supportive for the proper and effective implementation of the proposed Peren Government College shifting programme.

The board also discussed on establishment

of District Jail at Peren Headquarter and entrusted Deputy Superintendent of Jail, Peren to come up with a proposal on Land Possessing Certificate and forward to the concerned department for further necessary action.

Technical Assistant (REB), Peren, Vivian Solo and District Sericulture Officer, Yingsungbeni Ngully enlightened the board members with their respective departmental activities.

In the meeting, Urban Planning activities which were undertaken were also highlighted by SDO (C), LRSO and Urban Development Officer.

TUENSANG DTF MEETING FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 Vaccine held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 6th February 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC and Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The District Immunization Officer (DIO) highlighted that a total of 335 healthcare workers were vaccinated in 10 sessions and another nine more sessions will be carried out for the healthcare workers in the first phase.

The DIO said that a total of 5,052 frontline

workers have registered for the second phase vaccination process. For the first round of second phase, employees of DC Office, Police and Urban Department are earmarked, she said and further asked the departments to submit the beneficiary list who are already registered for the approval for the session, where 100 beneficiaries will be immunized per session.

The members also discussed on the loopholes in the vaccination processes and the DC and Chairman also stressed on awareness campaigns in local platforms.

ZHALEO ADVISES DPDB MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY

The Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of February was held on 6th February 2021, in the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Dimapur under the chairmanship of Advisor, Sericulture, Excise, and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio who is also the Chairman of DPDB, Dimapur.

In the meeting, Zhaleo impressed upon the members for attending the DPDB meetings regularly, reminding them about the importance of the forum where the policies and programmes of the

Government are implemented through the DPDB meetings. Zhaleo also expressed gratitude to the members for their participation and encouraged them for sharing their constructive ideas freely. He also advised the members for conveying the right information to the public with regard to the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination as responsible officers and also stressed on the need for compulsory use of face masks.

Mentioning about the funds given by the Government of India particularly towards Agri and



Allied sectors for livelihood and employment generation, Zhaleo asked the departments of Horticulture and Agriculture for highlighting the activities undertaken, during the next DPDB meeting.

In the meeting, DC, Dimapur, also the Vice Chairman, DPDB, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS requested the HoDs to ensure that their staff gets vaccinated when their turn comes. The number of COVID-19 cases are decreasing generally, but we should not think that the pandemic is over, he maintained. He reminded that the focus of the vaccination would be served only when the majority of

population gets vaccinated. He further advised the HoDs to go for cloth banners during any programmes to be held as per the direction of the Government banning use of flex banners.

Highlighting on COVID-19 updates of Dimapur district, CMO, Dimapur informed that the total cases stands at 6,474 with 6,312 recoveries and 28 active cases. She further informed that the second phase of vaccination drive will kick off on 9th February 2021 with 12,000 registered beneficiaries. The board members also reviewed the previous meeting minutes and also recommended the proposal for registration of societies.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), M. Shayung Phom on 6th February 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla highlighted on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine and appealed to the members to sensitise the people and make them understand to avail the vaccine provided by the Government. She also informed that vaccine is given in phased manner, beginning with healthcare workers and frontline workers above 18 years of age after registration. For registration of beneficiary to avail the vaccine, she informed that one must submit their name and ID card for online registration in the portal site.

The Additional Superintendent of Police, Longleng apprised the members regarding the meeting held with the Assam counterpart at Sivasagar for the maintenance of law and order in the border and for smooth conduct of forthcoming Assam election. He asserted that the meeting was fruitful and both sides agreed to extend full

cooperation to each other for peace and tranquility in the border.

The Principal, JNV Tangha, Longleng, Mukul Talukdar briefed on the problems and grievances faced by the students and faculty of JNV due to scarcity of water. He informed the board that the JNV School is ready with all safety measures on COVID-19 for reopening of the school and sought the permission from the district administration.

The SDO (Roads & Bridges), Longleng highlighted the status of ongoing wooden bridge construction at Dikhu river by the villagers in between Mongtikang and Salulamang. EAC, Longleng, Ihoilung informed on the registration and membership fees of the Officers' Club and Officers' Meet, which is likely to be held in the month of March.

The board also discussed and decided to assist the bridge construction at Dikhu with contribution and collection from the DPDB members. The DC along with SDO and EAC, Longleng visited the bridge construction site and handed over the cash to the Convenor of the Construction Committee on behalf of the DPDB.

PHEK DTF ON COVID-19 MEETING HELD

The District Task Force Committee on COVID-19 Vaccine held a meeting on 8th February, 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference

Hall, Phek and discussed issues pertaining to COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.

DC, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo, highlighted on



the importance of advocacy programme and asked the public to continue with the precautionary measures in the fight against COVID-19.

Government officials from various departments, NGOs, church leaders and well-wishers attended the meeting.

MON DTF HOLDS MEETING

Mon District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting on 8th February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Room, Mon for proper implementation of Covishield vaccination drive in the district.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Shasinle Tep provided the meeting with updates on the datas of various immunization drives that have been conducted in the district. With regard to COVID-19 vaccination, Tep highlighted that Nagaland had the highest vaccine wastage figures and proposed for session sites to be set only when there are sufficient numbers of beneficiaries in order to avoid vaccine wastage.

The vaccination drive is divided into three phases. In the first phase, a total of 623 healthcare workers have been administered with the first dose and the second dose has been scheduled for 17th February 2021. The second phase started on 8th February where the targeted group includes all frontline workers. The third phase will target persons above 50 years of age from the general public. Data collection and other necessary actions for successful implementation of the third phase was deliberated in the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. Various district HoDs and members of the DTF attended the meeting.

ATMA GHATHASHI BLOCK CONDUCTS BLOCK ACTIVITIES

ATMA, Ghathashi Block conducted three demonstration programmes at Winter Crop Farm School, Pughoboto on 8th February 2021.

Planting, growing and harvesting of peas and nursery bed (raised bed) and preparation of tomato was demonstrated by the resource person, Kaboli Wotsa, ATM. Demonstration on bio-pesticide preparation was conducted by Kerilhoulie Rulu, ATM and he demonstrated the use of neem leaves, garlic and aloe vera in its preparation. The use of chillies and ash as repellents in the field was also advised.

The programme concluded with a group interaction among the Farm School Teacher, Livi, farmer's friends, progressive farmers and ATMA staff followed by distribution of seeds. A total of 20 participants attended the programme.

Demonstration on preparation of vermi-composting and cultural/indigenous weed control was conducted at Integrated Farm School, Lazami on 9th February 2021 with John Belho, ATM as the resource person. Emphasis was laid on organic practices and sustainable use of resources. Demonstration on organic production practices of king chilli, green chilli was also conducted by the resource person, Wellson Shitio, BTM. Importance on the layout and plant spacing was highlighted and demonstrated on a demo plot. The Farm School Teacher, Botoshe also shared about the practice she follows at the farm and experiences as a progressive farmer. The programme concluded with a group interaction and distribution of seeds among the farmers.

POSTAL BANKING HIGHLIGHTED AT WOKHA DPDB MEETING

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of February 2021 was held at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 9th February 2021. Vice

Chairman, DPDB and DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

Assistant Manager (IPPB), Nabin Kar gave a presentation on the benefits of Indian Postal

Payment Bank (IPPB). He also highlighted on the products offered like regular and basic saving account and current accounts, doorstep banking (bank services to be provided in the village itself), DBT and remittance (student scholarships and government schemes), fund transfers, IMPS, NEFT, RTGS, etc. AEPS money withdrawal from any bank (SBI, Allahabad Bank, etc.) through Aadhaar

number and DTH recharge and mobile recharge.

Chief Executive Officer (NRSO), Surenthung Enny highlighted on the establishment of the Nagaland State Research Organization Office. The board after deliberation recommended and forwarded to the State Government for approval for establishing the Office of Nagaland State Research Organization.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The meeting started with the review of previously discussed minutes on registration of societies for Persons with Disabilities and Eastern Nagaland Agri & Allied Farmer Association, on the recommendation and verification of the concern department and it decided to forward it to the government for further procedures.

Agenda discussed included upgradation of SDO (C), Noksen to Additional Deputy Commissioner, resumption of NST Bus Service from Tuensang to Noksen, invitation of All Wards Union, Tuensang town during the town road construction to which the TTC, Administrator and ADC, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, highlighted the need for

temporarily shifting of water pipelines and the vegetable vendors of the daily market during the market area road construction activities.

DC, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS announced taking over of portion of NH-202 by NHIDCL where he also mentioned the need of sitting with NHDICL authorities for planning and execution. Executive Engineer, National Highways, Tuensang sought the public's cooperation for swift execution of the work.

The DC also highlighted on the district's COVID-19 vaccination drive activities headed by Health & Family Welfare Department where he also updated the number of registration of frontline workers done so far, and also asked for cooperation to the department since it is a huge task.

The Agriculture Department and Tuensang Town Council gave a powerpoint presentation on all its schemes, programmes, activities, implementations and management.

DISTRICT LEVEL TASK FORCE MEETING HELD IN KOHIMA

The District Level Centre for Women-Mahila Shakti Kendra (DLCW-MSK), Kohima held its quarterly District Level Task Force meeting at the Office Chamber of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) on 9th February 2021, chaired by DC, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie Sote, who is the chairperson of the District Level Task Force, DLCW-MSK. Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao was appointed as the Nodal Officer for the MSK and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

Supervisor, NWWSB, R. Juliana Medom gave an introduction of the overall implementation of

the scheme and also gave a brief explanation on the budget status of the scheme. Neipechau Mepfhuo, Women Welfare Officer, MSK gave a presentation on the activities of the DLCW, Kohima. Kesoneinuo Kense, District Coordinator, MSK presented the district action plan while Vikeduozo Sorhie, District Coordinator, MSK presented on the activities carried out by the DLCW-MSK, Kohima during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Kohima, SDO (C), EAC, Kohima, representatives from State Resource Centre for Women, Social Welfare Department and Labour Department.



9TH EDITION OF H. L. SINGSON MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2021 AT AHTHIBUNG

The 9th edition of H L Singson Memorial Football Tournament 2021, organised by Recreation Club Ahthibung (RCA) began at Public Ground, Ahthibung under Peren district on 9th February 2021 with Commissioner & Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports (YRS), Alun Hangsing as the Special Guest. He was accompanied by officials from YRS department and SDO(C), Ahthibung, Aleympang Longchar who was the Chief Host of the event.

The opening match was played between

NMT Ahthibung versus KYSU Medziphema, wherein NMT defeated KYSU by 2 goals.

Late H. L. Singson, son of Late Lalkhosei Singson was an elected representative from 6th Tenning AC for three consecutive terms in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. He was a Minister for Forest, a sports enthusiast, and a pioneer in students' activities. The RCA is a body established by Late H. L. Singson to facilitate youth activities and skills and a memorial Indoor Stadium was also dedicated in his honour.

DTF-BBBP WOKHA MEETING HELD

Wokha District Task Force-Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (DTF-BBBP) conducted a meeting on 10th February 2021 in the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha.

Nodal Officer, DTF-BBBP Wokha, EAC (Headquarter), Imtinungla Longkumer highlighted the activities and achievements of BBBP under Wokha district.

Chairman, DTF-BBBP and DC, Wokha,

Orenthung Lotha congratulated the DTF on BBBP for conducting the commendable activities in the district under the scheme. He urged all the line department to reactivate all the activities undertaken by various department as last year's activities were done online due to COVID-19 pandemic. He further urged them to come forward with innovative schemes and incorporate with the BBBP programme for the benefit of the girl child.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

DC, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo addressing the Phek DPDB meeting at DPDB's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th February 2021.

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10th February 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo at DPDB's Conference Hall, Phek. He encouraged the members to attend DPDB meeting

regularly and share their departmental problems.

The board discussed the naming of Conference Hall at Phek Civil Hospital as Late Dr. Wetshelo T. Mero, which was approved and recommended to the higher authority. DIO, Phek, Dr. Kolhitso highlighted the status report of vaccination in the district.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB HOLDS VIRTUAL MEETING

The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10th February 2021 through video conference under the chairmanship of the Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Chairman, DPDB, Mokokchung, Sharingain Longkumer. The members present included Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor, Industries & Commerce, NIDC, Imnatiba, MLA, Imkong L Imchen, ADC, Mokokchung, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, administrative officials and the District Heads of Offices and members from civil organizations.

The board decided to set up a committee to work on translation of the Village Council Act, Nagaland to Ao dialect so as to ensure empowerment and greater understanding of the Act to the village administration. The meeting also stressed on the importance of disseminating information regarding all the schemes and projects, both Central and State, being implemented in the district.

The board discussed on the augmentation of water supply to Mokokchung town on which Er. Yanger, Public Health Engineering Department, Mokokchung submitted the proposal which was approved and forwarded to higher authority. Other agenda discussed included intervention to develop dairy under Mokokchung district which was put up by the Mokokchung District Dairy Farmers, setting up of a committee under the chairmanship of

Chairman/Vice Chairman, DPDB with Dr. Simon, representative from the District Veterinary Office as member.

The board also reviewed the construction of P. Shilu Ao Park, Mokokchung and directed the Urban Development Officer to bring out a detailed report on the expenditure and fund requirement.

ADC, Tuli, Imsongmeren reported on the dilapidated condition of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tuli where he was asked to prepare and submit a detailed status of the school to the Chairman, DPDB for further steps. The board approved the Cassava Cultivation Project at Ungma village to be sent to the concerned department for further necessary steps. The nomenclature of Oriental School to Bridges Academy, Changtongya was also approved.

The board approved the registration of the two new societies, namely Mokokchung Sumi Community and Asem Tsuru Rogo Society, Lirmen village.

The DPDB reviewed the plight of traffic congestion in Mokokchung town on which the board recommended for bringing out a proper road mapping by the Urban Development Office to ease the traffic congestion. The Chairman, DPDB recommended for setting up of a committee under the MMC, Mokokchung to look into the possibilities of road widening and expansion and another committee was set up under SP, Mokokchung to work out modalities and plan for parking arrangement.

WORKSHOP ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM HELD AT WOKHA

A two day workshop on Skill Development for Employment in Hospitality and Tourism Industry was held at Mt. Tiya College from 9th to 10th February 2021, sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

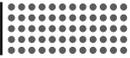
Director, RGNIYD, Professor, Sibnath Deb highlighted on the importance of the training for

career growth and employment opportunities for younger generations.

Resource persons for the workshop, Dr. K. Zumomo Ovung, Ikavi Zhimomi, Henry Gonmei and M. Chumrenthung Ezung gave practical demonstrations on numerous topics related to the theme of the workshop.

Sharing their experiences, the resource





Resource persons along with participants during the two day workshop on skill development for employment in hospitality and tourism industry held at Mt. Tiyi College from 9th to 10th February 2021.

persons stated that corporate learning and skill training is required which is a key to help students prepare and equip themselves to face challenges in life.

On the second day, the speakers included Professor Vasanthi, Registrar, RGNIYD, Dr. Meribeni Patton and Sentimenla Jamir, Associate Professor, Mt. Tiyi College.

'BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO BETI KHELAO' BADMINTON TOURNAMENT HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG



ADC, Mokokchung along with tournament officials and winners of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Beti Khelao' Badminton Tournament at Mokokchung on 11th February 2021.



'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Beti Khelao' Badminton Tournament for girls and women kick started at Mokokchung on 11th February 2021, organized by the District Administration and DLCW-MSK (BBBP), Mokokchung district and co-hosted by Mokokchung District Badminton Association.

The tournament was held on 11th and 12th February 2021 at the Indoor Badminton Stadium, Mokokchung under the category of under 11 years, under 15 years and open category.

Special Guest during the opening

programme, SDO (C), Mokokchung, Dharam Raj, IAS spoke on the importance of the BBBP and its initiatives and programmes for the development of the girl child in the country. He called upon every girl child to take active interest in sports for their physical development.

In the closing programme held on 12th February 2021, ADC, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS gave away certificates with cash awards to the winners and runners up in the tournament.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB DELIBERATES ON COVID-19 VACCINATION

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 11th February 2021 under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman, DPDB and DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo.

DPO (RCH & UIP), Dr. M. Nukshisangla Jamir briefed the board on the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination in the district and informed that a total of 491 healthcare workers has been vaccinated out of the targeted 771 beneficiaries.

The second phase of vaccination which began on 10th February 2021 at the 32nd Assam Rifles Battalion achieved 88 out of 97 targeted

beneficiaries, she added. During her briefing, Dr. Jamir also talked about the recently concluded IPPI and Indradhanush schemes.

CMO, Zunheboto, Dr. K. Akaho Sema, appealed to the board to sensitize the need of being vaccinated, to trust the efficacy of the vaccine and that the pandemic is far from over, and not to believe in hearsay going around in social media and other platforms.

The board meeting also deliberated on the ongoing State and Central projects under PWD, Agri and Allied department, NST Bus Services connecting Zunheboto and Mokokchung districts and Zunheboto and State Capital, Kohima.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON TOBACCO AT MON

District Tobacco Control Cell, Mon under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) conducted an awareness programme on tobacco on 11th February 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Mon. Resource person of the event, Nodal Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi presented a talk on 'Adverse effects of tobacco on

human body.' A short video clip on the harmful effects of tobacco and its products was also displayed.

The programme was attended by ADC, Mon Headquarter, Rahul Mali, IAS, SDO (C), Ilika Zhimomi, EAC, Chubasanen, Dobashis and staff of DC Office, Mon.

SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS APPEARING HSLC EXAM 2021 AT NSONG AND TENING

A programme to support the students of Government High School, Tening and Nsong appearing the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exam, 2021 was held under the flagship of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme led by

EAC, Tumben P. Tsanglao of Block Task Force, Tening on 11th and 12th February 2021.

Tumben P. Tsanglao asked the young students to work hard with determination and urged the students to maintain daily routine for the





EAC, Tening, Tumben P. Tsanglao interacting with students of Government High School, Tening and Nsong who will be appearing the HSLC Exam, 2021 at Tening on 11th February 2021.

forthcoming HSLC Examinations, 2021. The academic support scheme includes a set of stationery along with rations and cash incentives for teachers who give special coaching to the students, he added. The EAC expressed gratitude to the teachers for their dedication and

sacrifices for the students despite the limited facilities.

As the Government High School, Nsong does not have a hostel, the teachers are managing makeshift hostel in the unused classrooms under the supervision of teaching staff.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PCPNDT ACT AND FREE MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT OLD RALAN

The Wokha District Administration and DLCW-MSK in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare and SAKHI- One Stop Centre (OSC), Wokha organised a one day awareness programme on Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act and a Free Medical Camp under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at Old Ralan, Panchayat Hall on 13th February 2021. Around 200 participants took part in the programme. During the programme, baby kits to newborn girl child were distributed and sanitary pads were also given to the participants. Also, free medical checkup, free medicines were also distributed to the participants.

SDO (C), Ralan who chaired the programme thanked the team for visiting the area and conducting such kind of programme. Advocate, Thungbeni Kikon, Case Worker, OSC enlightened the gathering about the activities of SAKHI - One Stop Centre and the various beneficial activities relating to the welfare of women and girl child.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C. W. Tungoe briefed the participants about the PCPNDT Act and the on-going COVID-19 vaccination in the State. The CMO encouraged everyone to avail the COVID-19 vaccine and appealed to all to follow the guidelines and SOP even after taking the vaccine.

ROAD SAFETY MONTH OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

MON:

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, Mon in collaboration with District Administration and

Transport department held an 'Awareness Scooty Rally' at Mon on 15th February 2021. The rally was flagged off from NST Junction, Mon by ADC, Mon



ADC, Mon Headquarter, Rahul Mali, IAS flagging off the 'Awareness Scooty Rally' at Mon on 15th February 2021.

Headquarter, Rahul Mali, IAS.

Altogether, there were 20 female riders escorted by the District Administration. Slogan for the rally, 'Yes to Life, No to Substance Abuse' aimed at creating awareness among the masses about the negative impacts of substance abuse. The rally also distributed pamphlets with Helpline Number - 8415967564 to address persons struggling with addiction or substance abuse.

Coinciding with Transport Department's Road Safety Month, the rally also witnessed messages and slogans in placards about various road safety measures.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Observing the Road Safety Month, a walkathon was organized by District Road Safety

Committee, Mokokchung on 15th February 2021, from Sewak Gate to Imlong Place, Mokokchung where personnel of DEF, Mokokchung, 23 Assam Rifles, NCC Cadets, members of Run Mokokchung participated.

Addressing the participants at Imlong Place, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Vishal, IPS said that in India, thousands of people die every year in road accidents, road safety should be made a social movement. He urged the participants to make a pledge to go and educate people around them on road safety saying that everyone must come and work together to create road safety awareness so that many lives can be saved.

The walkathon was flagged off at the Sewak Gate by the Commandant, 23 Assam Rifles, Mokokchung, Raj Kumar.

SPECIAL HANDLOOM EXPO, SEKRENYI, NERTPS AT DIMAPUR

The Special Handloom Expo, Sekrenyi, NERTPS organised by Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland and funded by Ministry of Textiles, Government of India was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan at Urban Haat on 15th February 2021.

Altogether 30 stalls have been put up for showcasing rich collection of handloom products

of different tribes. General Manager, District Industries Centre, P. Tokugha Achumi in his address stated that the 14-day expo is being organised with an objective to generate employment, to help weavers to showcase their products and to generate revenue. The inaugural programme was attended by officials of NIDC, Weavers Service Centre, Dimapur and department officials.



DC DIMAPUR CONVENES ATMA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING



DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS with ATMA Governing Board and non-officials members of the Governing Board after a meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 16th February 2021.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS who is also the Chairman of ATMA Governing Board, convened a meeting of the Governing Board members on 16th February 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur.

In the meeting, Rajesh advised the members for focusing more on Agri and Allied convergence activities in order to achieve the target programmes for the welfare and benefit of farmers. Further he impressed upon the members to create more awareness for establishing integrated farming and also expansion of the existing ones to bring more synergy. Regretting about the wastage of time

due to the pandemic, Rajesh encouraged the members to focus on the ongoing activities so as to compensate the time loss and to carry forward the activities successfully.

In the meeting, agenda including review of ongoing activities, DAP preparation status were deliberated.

District Agriculture Officer who is also the PD (ATMA) and Member Secretary-cum-Treasurer Governing Board, Dimapur, Atoi Sema, Governing Board members from Agri and Allied sectors and non-official members of the Governing Board attended the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN DPDB MON MEETING

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 16th February 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Room, Mon under the chairmanship of DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. The meeting started with a brief moment of silence in honour of the recently departed ADC, Tobu, Late Mudongoyi Chuzho.

The agenda for the meeting included the development of public parks in all District

Headquarters in Nagaland and shortage of Mathematics and Science teacher in Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Mon. With regard to development of public park in Mon, KNSK representatives suggested the board to earmark Fishery Area, Mon for the park. The board decided to hold a meeting with all the NGOs and Tribal Hohos at the earliest to identify a suitable spot for the park. With regard to the shortage of teachers at GHSS, Mon, the board assured the school representatives



that the matter would be forwarded to the Principal Director, School Education Department with immediate urgency.

SDO, PHED, Mon, Atoka Jakha gave a powerpoint presentation on the activities undertaken by the PHE Department Mon including two NLCPR projects, providing water supply to Mon and four neighboring villages, the status of the project stands at 100% completed for civil structure and 15% for pipelines and providing water supply to Aboi Headquarter and Longching, EAC Headquarter, the status of this project stands at 100% completed for civil structures and 70% for pipelines.

Atoka also highlighted to the board about the department's ongoing activities under JalJeevan Mission (2019-2020) funded projects which includes nine villages. Atoka also briefed the board about the present water supply in Mon town which stands at a capacity of 5.4 lakh litres per day drawn out from four sources. However, he pointed out that as per the national average, the town's required water supply stands at 23 lakh litres per day. In order to bridge the gap of demand and supply, Atoka highlighted that the department has proposed for a fifth source of water supply which when completed will boost the supply from 5.4 lakh litres to approximately 19 lakh

litres per day.

Assistant Urban Development Officer, Y. Kunyangse also presented a powerpoint presentation about the various activities undertaken by the department of Urban Development. The activities include setting up of 15 Self Help Groups under National Urban Livelihood Mission, employment of 24 male and 26 female through training, sanction of collateral free loan of Rs. 10,000 under PM SVANidhi to seven beneficiaries, works under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme (State Plan) which includes a sanctioned amount of Rs. 10 lakhs for Mon and Rs. 5 lakhs for Tobu.

Kunyangse also highlighted about a project for the construction of Patient Attendant Lodge which is stalled due to land ownership issue. He made an appeal to all the board members and NGOs to put their minds together for a solution at the earliest since the project is a concerted effort for the welfare and benefit of the common people. Kunyangse also highlighted the board about the upgradation of four stretch of urban roads in Mon town at an overall estimate of Rs. 5.8 crore.

The board also deliberated about the top priorities of development for the district in order to send proposals through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON COVID-19 VACCINATION HELD AT KOHIMA

Sensitization on COVID-19 vaccination was conducted on 17th February 2021 at Superintendent of Police's (SP) Office premises, Kohima.

Briefing the Police personnel on Covishield vaccination, CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu stated that Covishield vaccine has undergone various tests where the first phase vaccination was given to healthcare workers and in second phase vaccination was given to frontline workers. She urged the attendees to do away with rumours and fake messages on social media and requested them to avail the vaccine

without any doubt. She mentioned, that 1,300 Police personnel under SP Office, Kohima have registered their names on the COVID-19 Vaccination Portal and she requested the Police personnel to sensitize about the Covishield in their respective units.

Deputy CMO and Immunization Officer, Kohima, Dr. Robert also stated that the Covishield vaccine is safe for use, however the vaccine would not be encouraged to be used for people below 18 years of age, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers.



KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th February 2021 in the presence of MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, on registration of new societies applied by Jotsoma Nature Conservation Eco Tourism (JNCET), MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro clarified on the issue and added that the primary objective is to conserve and protect the environment by maintaining the community reserve forest area for the interest of everyone. In this regard, the board decided to direct the area administration officer to verify and get required clarification and the Screening Committee to verify the rest of the applicants and present their reports in the next meeting.

On the agenda for registration of societies and opening of a new school, the board decided to approve and forward the matter to the government for necessary action basing on the Screening Committee's recommendation on fulfilling all the criteria and presentation of their aims and objectives by the respective representatives. The applicants for societies included Agriculture Officers Association,

Nagaland, Directorate of Agriculture Department, Beautiful Minds Centre for Child Development located at Lower Bayavü Colony, Kohima and Pfushang Zie Cultural Society, Tesophenyu village, Tseminyu and opening of a new school by Beanstalk Pre-School at D. Block Colony, Kohima town.

On the agenda of development of Public Park in all District Headquarters in Nagaland, District Planning Officer and Member Secretary, Kohima, Pudusul Luho informed the board on the Cabinet decision for construction of Public Park at Botanical Garden and Nagaland University Campus under Kohima district, where the board also decided to forward it to the government for further action.

In regard to the construction of Sub-Centre at Mengujuma village, submitted by the Chairman, DPDB, MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro informed that considering the necessity of Public Health Centre in the area and in order to facilitate their basic requirements, the proposal has been submitted based on the DPDB guidelines, where the board also decided to recommend it to the Government.

Powerpoint presentation on National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) was given by District Project Officer Tuberculosis, Dr. Asuno while EE, R&B (South), Er. Vizotuo Seletsu also presented on its departmental activities.

WEEKLY FRIDAY BAZAAR RE-OPENED AT KIPHIRE

The Mahila Shakti Kendra, Kiphire Weekly Friday Bazaar was officially re-opened on 19th February 2021 at Bamboo Hut, KTC Market Complex. The District Administration, DLCW- Mahila Shakti Kendra, Kiphire Town Council in convergence with National Rural Livelihoods Mission successfully mobilized and invited various SHGs and women from Longmatra Block and Sitimi Block to sell agro products at the Weekly Friday Bazaar. Apila Sangtam, President, Akehda Sangtamlaru Thsingmujang

inaugurated the Weekly Friday Bazaar.

The weekly market under the banner of MSK is aimed at facilitating women SHGs from all eight blocks on rotation basis to sell their produce at the urban market with the help of the network of SHGs under NRLM.

The MSK weekly market aims at providing platform to the rural farmers by providing transport to sell their produce at the nearest urban towns like Kiphire and Pungro.



VAC KIGWEMA CONDUCTS ACTIVITIES



Resource persons and trainees during the one day training on baking held at Village Council Hall, Kigwema on 19th February 2021.

The Village Adoption Committee (VAC) for Southern Angami-1 AC under the aegis of Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) organised a one day training on baking and also held an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Camp at Village Council Hall, Kigwema on 19th February 2021.

Training on baking of cakes and cookies was organised for the promotion and benefit of the youngsters and SHGs in the village. The training

was organised under the initiative of District Youth Resources Officer, Chubarenla Longchar with Pelong Konyak of Peecee Bakers as the resource person.

CVO, Rokoza Dolie took the initiative in organizing the mass anti-rabies Vaccination camp programme. VAC, Convenor and SDO (C), Jakhama, Ruopfukuotuo Noudi briefed the gathering on the purpose and importance of the

DRUG FREE INDIA CAMPAIGN HELD AT BHANDARI

Sensitization workshop to address 'Substance Use-Prevention and Treatment' was organized by Social Welfare Department in collaboration with ARK Foundation and Bethesda YWC on 19th February 2021 at Bhandari Town Hall.

The programme was conducted with representatives and delegates from the civil society organizations, NGOs and drug users where the resource persons deliberated on various subject matters concerning substance use and the role of the local stakeholders.

SDO(C), Bhandari, Sulanthung appealed to the youngsters to abstain from drug and tobacco

products which affect our health mentally, physically and spiritually. He also said that due to addictions many drop out students are ignored by their own families and society.

President, ARK Foundation, Ketho Angami spoke on understanding drug use, its three prone strategies which are, drug use and the law, prevention and treatment. Executive Director, Bethesda YWC, W. C. Humtsoe spoke on the issue of substance use at Bhandari area. Moang Jamir apprised on the role of stakeholders and challenges/issues related to drug abuse and alcoholism.



THIRD INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEET AT BHANDARI

The third edition of Bhandari Inter-Departmental Sports Meet, 2021 in support of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao started on 23rd February, 2021 at Local Ground, Bhandari with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang as the Special Guest.

The inaugural programme was followed by a football exhibition match between MLA XI and ADC XI where the MLA XI team won. Around 21 departments under Bhandari sub-division were divided into eight teams for the inter-departmental sports meet.

The sports meet concluded on 25th February 2021. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha graced the closing day as the Special Guest.

Applauding the Civil Administration, Bhandari for holding the sports meet, the DC said that it has become an event to look forward to and a platform for government departments and the public to converge together with the objective to cooperate and strengthen their good relations for good governance and delivering efficient services to the public for collective progress.

Expressing gratitude, EAC, Headquarter, and Convenor, Organizing Committee, Dr. Riku Khutso thanked Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon and DC, Wokha for their support and contributions towards the sports meet.

MLA KENEIZHAKHO INAUGURATES MONOLITH TO COMMEMORATE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN KHONOMA AND JOTSOMA

MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro along with elders from Tholo and Merhü clan during the inauguration of the Friendship Monolith at Jotsoma on 23rd February 2021.

A monolith to commemorate the friendship between the Tholo clan, Jotsoma and the Merhü clan, Khonoma was inaugurated by MLA, 8th Western Angami Assembly Constituency, Keneizhakho Nakhro at Tholoma Tsiepfhe, Jotsoma on 23rd February 2021.

Tholo clan in Jotsoma village consists of

Nakhro, Nagi and Peseyie, and Merhü clan of Khonoma village consists of Lievüse, Gwizan and Meyase. MLA, Keneizhakho during the inauguration said that in the annals of history between the two clans, there were hostility between the two but as situation changed and due to necessity, friendly relations developed between the two. He added that

there is need for more co-operation and stronger bond for progress and prosperity.

Sievi Iralu, an elder from Merhü clan shared about the history between the two clans and called for the younger generation to build and strengthen the relationship further.

Rügolie Nakhro speaking during the

commemoration function said that the friendship between the two clans is an example which shows that it is possible to attain peace and reconciliation even if they may have a hostile past. Megorzo Chase expressed hope that the friendship monolith will further cement and foster stronger ties between the two, in generations to come.

ANGAMI SEKRENYI 2021 CELEBRATED AT KISAMA

Sekrenyi 2021, a major festival of the Angamis was celebrated at Angami Ki, Kisama on 25th February 2021 with Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha as the Special Guest.

Er. Zale in his speech stated that the Angamis are blessed geographically with a population of around 2,68,000 as per the 2001 Census. He called upon the gathering to be united and assist one another in respective areas for the upliftment of the community. He said educated youth should venture into business sectors especially in the State capital, Kohima and commercial hub, Dimapur instead of waiting for government jobs. He called upon the elders to encourage the youth to take up entrepreneurial activities/business for their livelihood and also to pass on the heritage of one's culture and tradition

to the upcoming generation.

Advisor, Angami Public Organization, Dr. Vilhusa Seleyi who spoke on the significance and meaning of Sekrenyi narrated how it was celebrated in the past involving number of rituals and ceremonies. He said Sekrenyi festival, locally known as 'Phousanyi' is a purification festival held to wipe out all the past sins. The main objective of the festival is to renew and make holy by cleansing the body and soul of an individual and the village as a whole to bring forth unity among the community.

The Sekrenyi festival was hosted by Angami Youth Organization in collaboration with the Chakhro Youth Organisation, Northern Angami Youth Organisation, Southern Angami Youth Organisation and Western Angami Youth Organisation.

ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS BY LOTTERY SYSTEM HELD AT PEREN



SDO (C), Peren, Vejoyo Swuro speaking at the programme for allotment of plots by lottery system at DC's Complex, Peren on 26th February 2021.



Under the initiative and supervision of District Administration, Peren led by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier following the procedures as laid down in Nagaland State Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, allotment of plots at Peren Government College site and Zeliangrong Baudi Hall area by lottery system was done at

District Headquarter, Peren on 26th February 2021.

NZPO, President, Kevipelie Iheilung said in order to keep up the prospect for immediate human habitation as well as to give some facilities to college students and working staff of the college, a total of 20 plots was allotted at Peren Government College site to plot holders and the rest at Zeliangrong Baudi Hall area.

BSG MOKOKCHUNG INDUCTION PROGRAMME HELD



DC, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir being inducted as the President, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Mokokchung district during the induction programme held at DC's Office Chamber, Mokokchung on 26th February 2021.

Induction programme of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir as the President, Bharat Scouts & Guides (BSG), Mokokchung district was held in the Office Chamber of the DC on 26th February 2021 in the presence of State and District Officials of BSG.

The DC while interacting with the officials extended his full co-operation and also expressed his desire to fulfill the principles and duties as the

President, BSG, Mokokchung.

Officials from the State Headquarter Office of Nagaland State BSG led by John Tochimong, State Organizing Commissioner (Scouts) while welcoming him to the family of Scouts & Guides, highlighted some of the activities of BSG and briefed him on Free Being Me (FBM) programme being held at Queen Marry Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung.

NABARD CONDUCTS JOINT FIELD INSPECTION AT TUENSANG

A joint field inspection was conducted by NABARD, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department and Sericulture Department, Tuensang on 26th February 2021 at Phir Ahi and Chungtor village, Longkhim Block for the ongoing NAGCC project.

The respective departments were

represented by S. Amarjit Mangang, DDM, NABARD, Mokokchung, Rongsenkumzuk, DFO, Fisheries, Tuensang and Longyangkumba, ASO, Sericulture, Tuensang and accompanied by department staff and village committee members of NAFCC project.

SEED DISTRIBUTION AT LONGLENG

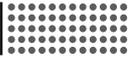
Seeds distribution under 'Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East' - (FOCUS) Nagaland, an externally aided project funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was conducted at Longleng.

S. Yongchang Phom, DAO and DPM of FOCUS - IFAD, Longleng encouraged the farmers to

be more self-reliant in the food sector. He also emphasized on seed preservation for the next season and to do crop cutting experiment to assess yield and crop productivity.

The farmers expressed their gratitude to the project for supporting them with good quality Kharif and Rabi seeds as per their needs since the inception of the project.





STUDENTS WAITING SHED INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE



Alumni Centre-cum-Students Waiting Shed was inaugurated at Dimapur Government College on 6th February 2021.

Member, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Moatoshi Longkumer inaugurated the Alumni Centre-cum-Student's Waiting Shed at Dimapur Government College on 6th February 2021 which was constructed by Dimapur Government College Alumni Association in collaboration with Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC).

Moatoshi in his short speech congratulated the Alumni Association and the DMC for the construction which he said is the perfect example of giving back to the society and it will benefit all the students. He stressed on the changes we need in Nagaland, like better roads, better infrastructure,

improved economy, peaceful coexistence and mentioned that the act of philanthropy is the need of the hour in Nagaland.

Administrator, DMC, Albert Ezung expressed his gratitude to the Dimapur Government College Alumni Association for constructing the community asset. He stressed on the need to broaden our thinking and to inculcate a sense of social responsibility.

Project Report was presented by President, DGC Alumni Association, K. Temjen Jamir. The programme was chaired by Treasurer, DGC Alumni Association, Mahesh Agarwal.

NTC OFFICE-CUM-FACILITATION COUNTER BUILDING INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS, inaugurated the Noklak Town Council's (NTC) Office-cum-Facilitation Counter Building at DC's Office Complex, which is an undertaking of Municipal Affairs and implemented by District Administration at Noklak on 6th February 2021.

DC, Reny Wilfred while speaking on the occasion as Special Guest stated that the concept of the building is to exhibit the potential to bring low cost housing in remote areas for officers, medical staff and teachers who suffers a lot due to lack of proper accommodation. DC also said that the district

has a scope to improve sectors in agri product marketing, aquaculture, weaving, handicrafts, bead making and tourism among others.

The DC also suggested starting start taxi services in the district by Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam in order to empower women in the district and further welcomed all to visit, suggest and even criticize without hesitation so that improvements can be made in the future projects. Further, he called upon the corporate firms to come and to be a part of the district building through various projects.

SDO (C), Noklak and Administrator,



Noklak Town Council, C. Phuniang expressed gratitude to the DC for completing the project within a short time of 10 days and requested all to use the building in a productive way.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou requested all the people of Noklak district to co-operate with the District Administration and the Government for all round development in the district.

EAC, Yithachu Thur highlighted on the achievements and works which are under process within six month's time of Noklak being a district. He requested all to strive with renewed strength and work together in the days to come.

Executive Secretary, Khamniungan Baptist Church Association, Hempao pronounced the dedicatory prayer for the building.

CM INAUGURATES NLA'S AUTOMATED LIBRARY, TRAINING ROOM

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the fully automated library and state-of-the-art training room of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on 9th February 2021 at NLA Secretariat, Kohima.

In his address, the CM said it was important to note that the role of the library, in a broader perspective, is not just a repository of books and other information from which the elected members can draw, but a qualitatively different service which would attend to information management as well as facilitating information access.

Rio stressed that the vision for a good library for the legislators should be to transform itself into a professional, knowledge based, technologically updated institution, providing quality service to the members. He added that this is also another step in the direction of paperless governance.

Also addressing the occasion, Deputy Chief

Minister, Y. Patton said that libraries are traditionally seen as a source of information. However, a modern library with internet connectivity provides access to so much more within a very short time, he said.

Patton expressed hope that the automated library and training room will go a long way in facilitating all responsible people within and outside the Assembly Secretariat. He therefore urged all stakeholders to make proper use of the facility.

NLA, Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer informed that the library besides having a huge collection of books also houses important and historic documents from the time of the interim period.

Sharingain also said the state-of-the-art training room will now enable legislators and officials to interact and be trained on customized applications by trainers and resource persons from the Parliament.

COMMUNITY HALL INAUGURATED AT UPPER KHOMI

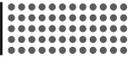
Inauguration programme of newly constructed Community Hall, Upper Khomi under Phek district was held at Upper Khomi village on 13th February 2021, with Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Neposo Theluo, IAS as the Special Guest.

Village Council Chairman, Upper Khomi, Husucho Nienu, in his welcome address stated that the construction started in 2016 and was completed in December 2020. Village Development Board, Secretary, Kuveyi Huzhu in a brief building report

stated that, the two storey building was constructed out of 176 job cards under the flagship programme of MGNREGA. He also informed that an approximate amount of Rs. 65 lakh was spent for the construction of the Community Hall.

Kuhucuyi D. Vadeo, BDO, Phek called on the villagers to unite, as development comes through cooperation and encouraged them to appreciate the village leaders for their hard work and strong determination for the success of the programme.





Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Neposo Theluo, IAS speaking at the inauguration programme of newly constructed Community Hall at Upper Khomi village, Phek on 13th February 2021.

DC, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo encouraged the village community to preserve the flora and fauna and informed that total ban of hunting and burning of jungles will be issued by the administration at the earliest.

Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Neposo Theluo, IAS, called upon

the villagers to be self-sufficient through agricultural activities and asked the upcoming leaders to be ready with a master plan for village development. He also stressed on the importance of bio-diversity and urged the villagers to go for massive tree plantation every year.

STATE DATA CENTER NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT INAUGURATED

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the State Data Center (SDC), constructed under the National Hydrology Project on 17th February 2021 at the Chief Engineer's Office, Water Resources Department, Kohima.

Speaking on the occasion, Rio said that setting of SDC will have positive impact and mentioned that the main objective of the National Hydrology Project is to improve the extent, quality and accessibility of water resources information and to strengthen the capacity of water resources management institution all over the State. He further said that with the SDC in place, it will serve as a hub for real-time and long-term data management, and operational control

system. He called on the officials of the Water Resources Department to take the lead in educating the people for proper management as Nagaland receives one of the highest rainfall in the country.

Advisor, Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang in his speech stated that with the setting of SDC, the department will be collecting and compiling all the manual data from all the centres on daily basis and will exchange with other agencies under the National Hydrology Project and stakeholders.

The Technical Report was presented by Executive Engineer, Water Resources, Er. Wapangaro Imchen.



SHINNYU VILLAGE MON ELECTRIFIED THROUGH CSR FUNDING

Mon District Administration in collaboration with Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) completed the electrification of a hitherto unelectrified village Shinnyu under Mon district. A total of 60 households, churches and community halls have been electrified using solar power. The entire cost for the project is Rs. 23 lakh which was borne through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding and executed by GHE. GHE works towards providing clean energy access through solar power to remote communities and has also won the United Nation Global Climate Action Award 2020.

DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS expressed his gratitude to GHE for taking up the project and further stated that they are working on electrifying more villages in addition to several health units and schools. He also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Advisor, Department of Under Developed Area, N Bongkhao Konyak for his continuous support and guidance. The DC further acknowledged the service of Shinnyu, Village Teacher, John, Shinnyu Village Council and the people of Shinnyu village for their heartwarming community mobilization and participation.



ROAD SAFETY MONTH

(A DIPR feature by Zubenthung, IA, Wokha)

The Department of Transport Office conducted various programmes and activities during the Road Safety Month 2021, which was held under the theme, 'Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha' - 'Road Safety-Protect Life.'

Starting from 18th January 2021 the department erected six Road Safety Banners at different locations around Wokha town. And on 20th - 21st January 2021, the staff of the District Transport Office (DTO) distributed Road Safety Pamphlets to road users at various locations in the town.

On 25th January 2021, awareness programme was conducted by DTO in coordination with Traffic Control, Wokha, Nagaland. During the programme, personnels from DTO Enforcement and Traffic Control distributed copies of reading materials on Road Safety to road users. During the programme COVID-19 SOPs on passenger vehicles was also enforced.

From 27th January 2021, checking of materials dumped along the roadside. As decided at the District Road Safety Committee meeting on 29th October 2020, a joint inspection by the DTO Enforcement staff and Traffic Control was conducted for dumping of building materials and machineries on the roadside causing obstruction of traffic. During the inspection four sites were identified and verbal notice was issued to the owners.

On 29th January 2021, an awareness programme was conducted by DTO Office in coordination with NST Office and Traffic Control. The DTO Office in collaboration with NST and Traffic Control organized a programme on Road Safety awareness at NST Traffic Point. Flyers on road safety, use of seat belts, ban on use of mobile phones while driving, danger of drinking and driving, etc. were distributed to road users.

On 4th February 2021, a Road Safety Interactive Seminar was conducted by the DTO Office with the executive and unit leaders at All Nagaland Taxi Association (ANTA), Wokha unit. During the programme, messages on road safety awareness was given and various sections of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 were discussed.

The Wokha District Administration and District Level Centre for Women-Mahila Shakti Kendra (DLCW-MSK) in collaboration with the

District Transport Office, Wokha coinciding with the occasion of National Road Safety Month, organised a programme for distribution of Driving Licence for girls under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on 4th February 2021. The initiative for the same started in the second week of October 2020, where interested candidates/ applications were enlisted and certain procedures were laid down like imparting basic traffic regulations, undergoing driving test and other driving etiquettes requirements were imparted to the beneficiaries. A culmination programme was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 4th February 2021.

The District Transport Department while giving away the Driving Licence highlighted the Motor Vehicle Acts, Road Safety Awareness and basic traffic rules and urged them to always carry the required documents while driving.

On 5th February 2021 a seminar with Local Taxi Drivers, Chukidong Range on Road Safety Awareness was given by the Enforcement Wing of the District Transport Office. Messages on road safety, defensive driving, driving etiquettes, maintenance of vehicles, documents to be carried, etc. were conveyed at the seminar.

On 9th February 2021, a Road Awareness Campaign at Police Point, Wokha was held where the staff of the District Transport Office distributed Road Safety Pamphlets to road users at various locations in town.

On 12th February 2021, a seminar on Road Safety Awareness was given to the local taxi drivers of Bazaar-Hospital Line, Town-Longsa Village Line, Niro Range Line by the Enforcement Wing of the District Transport Office. Messages on road safety, defensive driving, driving etiquettes, maintenance of vehicles, documents to be carried, etc. were conveyed at the seminar.

On 15th February 2021, an awareness programme on the issue of protruding cargo was conducted with the transporters and drivers of commercial vehicles at Merapani as most of the commercial goods transported to the district originates at Merapani. Section 184 (dangerous driving), Sub-Section (a) of Section 194 (driving vehicles exceeding permissible weight) and other relevant sections of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 were discussed.





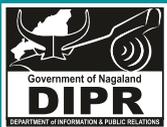
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Observing the Road Safety Month, Commandant, 23 Assam Rifles, Mokokchung, Raj Kumar flagged off a walkathon at Sewak Gate, Mokokchung on 15th February 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio takes charge as Chairman, North Eastern Regional Power Committee from James Sangma, Minister, Power, Government of Meghalaya at Kohima on 3rd February 2021.



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