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Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu along with other officials after laying the foundation stone for construction of Government Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



The Committee on Public Undertakings under the chairmanship of MLA and Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and other officials during the spot verification of the Mini Cement Plant at Wazeho, Phek district from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



Members of Committee on Government Assurances, led by Chairman, MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu conducting spot verification to assess the status and quality of the ongoing road improvement works in Dimapur and Kohima city portion under NH-39, at Dimapur on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## CHIDEN YADEN TAKES CHARGE AS DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 informed that Chiden Yaden has taken charge as Director of the Office of the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

### TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

The Secretary, Transport Department, Nagaland, A. Robin Lotha on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, in a notification informed that with the Central Government making mandatory the fitment of FASTag on all motor vehicles under category M and N, sold on or after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the FASTag details will be captured while registering new vehicles or issuing fitness certificates to transport vehicles plying under national permit henceforth.

Motor vehicle of 'Category M' – a motor vehicle with at least four wheels used for carrying passengers, and 'Category N' – a motor vehicle with at least four vehicles used for carrying goods which may also carry persons in addition to the goods.

### TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO RESUME REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Transport Department, Government of Nagaland, in a Notification No. TPT/MV/05/2020 has informed that the temporary suspension of services pertaining to registration of vehicles and driving licenses is hereby lifted. The Motor Vehicles Department shall resume with immediate effect its function of registration of vehicles and issue of driving licenses. SOP on COVID-19 as issued by the State and subsequent periodical instructions as issued by the Government must strictly be adhered to.

In another notification, the Transport Department has notified that validity of Fitness Certificate, Permit (all types), Driving License, Registration of any other concerned documents whose extension of validity could not or not likely be granted due to lockdown, and which had expired since 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 or would expire by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the same will be treated as valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Enforcement authorities are to treat such documents as valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 with no late fee/fine imposed during the said period.

### GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES SLMC AND DLMC

The Government of Nagaland has constituted the State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) and the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) to facilitate the implementation of financing facility under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund:

A) SLMC:

- |   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| 1. Chief Secretary                        | - | Chairman |
| 2. Agriculture Production Commissioner    | - | Member   |
| 3. Commissioner & Secretary, Cooperation  | - | Member   |
| 4. Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture | - | Member   |

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| 5. Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development       | - | Member           |
| 6. Registrar of Cooperative Societies                | - | Member           |
| 7. Regional Director, NCDC, Guwahati                 | - | Member           |
| 8. General Manager, NABARD, Regional Office, Dimapur | - | Member           |
| 9. State Level Bankers Committee, Convenor           | - | Member           |
| 10. State Nodal Officer, Secretary Agriculture       | - | Member Secretary |

### Functions of SLMC:

1. The SLMC will implement the NIMC guidelines at the state level and provide feedback to NIMC.
2. The SLMC will guide and steer the implementation of the scheme in the State.
3. The SLMC will examine and approve the selected list of beneficiaries/projects for inclusion in the scheme in consultation with DLMC.
4. The SLMC will set the target as per OOMF format and review the progress regularly.

### B) DLMC:

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|---|---|---------------|
| 1. Deputy Commissioner  | - | Chairman      |
| 2. Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat/<br>CDO/Municipal/Town Committee | - | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. District Agriculture Officer   | - | Member        |
| 4. Project Director, Rural Development  | - | Member        |
| 5. District Horticulture Officer  | - | Member        |
| 6. Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies                                   | - | Member        |
| 7. Lead District Manager of District Level Bankers<br>Committee                   | - | Member        |
| 8. District Manager, NABARD   | - | Member        |

### Functions of DLMC:

1. The DLMC will be the first line of implementation and monitoring system within the overall framework.
2. The DLMC will identify the beneficiaries to ensure viability of the project and prepare viable project reports to support the beneficiaries in collaboration with PMU.

## TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In view of the further amendments in the Notification S.O. 444(E), dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 1989 of Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India, the Government of Nagaland has notified on the addendum of the following provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988:

1. Provided also that in all cases, the letters and figures shall be painted in reflecting colours and shall be shown.

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2. Class of vehicles mentioned in the table below shall have the alpha numeric colour and background colour as indicated in each column.

Sl. No.	CLASS OF VEHICLE	ALPHA NUMERIC COLOUR	BACKGROUND COLOUR
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Non-Transport	Black	White
2.	Transport	Black	Yellow
3.	Transport Vehicles under Rent-a-Cab	Yellow	Black
4.	Transport Vehicles under Rent-a-Cab (Battery Operated)	Black	Green
5.	Battery Operated Vehicle Non-Transport	White	Green
6.	Battery Operated Vehicle Transport	Yellow	Green
7.	Diplomat Consular/Diplomatic Mission	White	Deep Blue
8.	Consular Post (registration mark consisting of letter "CC"/"UN"/"IOC")	Yellow	Deep Blue
9.	Home based non-diplomatic official of diplomatic mission or consular post (registration mark consisting of Letter "CD"/"UN"/"IOD")	White	Light Green
10	Vehicles with Temporary Registration	Red	Yellow
11	Vehicles in Possession of Dealers	White	Red

### URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON DRAFT MODEL TENANCY ACT

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India has formulated draft Model Tenancy Act (MTA) 2020 which provides a framework to the States/Union Territories (UTs) to either align their existing rental laws in line with MTA or adopt the same in its entirety.

The Model Tenancy Act will help in addressing the challenges in rental housing sector by balancing the rights and interests of both the landlord and the tenant, and create an accountable and transparent ecosystem for renting the premises in disciplined and efficient manner. The Act will help various segments of society including migrants, formal and informal sector workers, professionals, students, etc. in getting rental accommodation smoothly.

The MTA will also form the basis for amending existing laws or promulgating new State Tenancy Laws. The MTA 2020 is an Act to establish Rent Authority to regulate renting of premises and to protect the interests of landlords and tenants and to provide speedy adjudication mechanism for resolution of disputes and matters connected therewith or incident thereto.

The draft Model Tenancy Act 2020 alongwith Background Note has been uploaded in the websites of State Government ([nagaland.gov.in](http://nagaland.gov.in)) and Urban Development (UD) Department ([ud.nagaland.gov.in](http://ud.nagaland.gov.in)).

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## **Background note on Model Tenancy Act (MTA):**

As per Census 2011, around 110 lakh houses were lying vacant in urban areas. One of the main reasons for non-availability of these houses for rental purpose is the existing rental laws of the States/UTs, which discourage renting. There is a segment of population especially migrants, who prefer rented accommodation as it offers affordability and flexibility with low entry and exit cost with option to live near their 'place of work.' The share of urban population has increased to 31.16% in 2011 as compared to 27.82% in 2001 and further urban population projected to be >50% by 2050. A significant portion of this increase can be attributed to the migration to urban areas for various purposes such as education, employment, business, healthcare and better quality of life. People also migrate from one area of the city to another area.

Accordingly, in line with the vision of the Prime Minister's 'Housing for All' by 2022, MTA has been prepared with the objective of balancing the interests and rights of both the landlord and tenant, and to create an accountable and transparent ecosystem for renting the premises in a disciplined and efficient manner. It will enable creation of adequate rental housing stock for various income segments of society including migrants, formal and informal sector workers, professionals, students, etc. increase access to quality rented accommodation, and enable gradual formalisation of rental housing market. It will help overhaul the legal framework with respect to rental housing across the country. It is expected to give a fillip to private participation in rental housing sector thereby addressing the huge housing shortage.

Existing states rental laws have long drawn legal provisions which result in lengthy litigation to resolve disputes. A ceiling on rent has further reduced the quality and quantity of rental housing stock, resulting in low rental yields, which dissuade homeowners from renting premises. This has made rental housing financially unattractive resulting into informal sub-standard rental market lacking basic amenities. Further, the affordability to own a house is a challenge especially for low-income households. Therefore, it is imperative to promote rental housing to help in bridging this gap.

MTA will enable unlocking of vacant premises for rental purpose and create a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive rental market. MTA will promote growth of rental market thereby attracting investment and promote entrepreneurial opportunities in the rental housing sector.

## **Salient features of Model Tenancy Act:**

- i. After commencement of MTA, no premises to be rented except by an agreement in writing on mutually agreed terms.
- ii. MTA to be applicable to residential and commercial tenancies.
- iii. MTA to be applicable to whole of the State/UT i.e. urban and rural areas.
- iv. Rent to be fixed by mutual agreement between landlord (lessor) and tenant (lessee).
- v. MTA to be applicable prospectively and the existing tenancies shall continue to be governed by the respective extant rental laws of the States/UTs.
- vi. MTA to provide for a fast-track quasi-judicial mechanism for adjudication of disputes.
- vii. MTA to be applicable to all tenancies with no monetary threshold.
- viii. The terms of agreement shall be binding upon successors of landlord as well as tenant for the remaining period of the tenancy agreement.
- ix. Sub-letting is not permitted without execution of supplementary agreement between landlord and tenant.
- x. If the term of tenancy ends at the time when locality (where rented premises is situated) experiences any force majeure event, the landlord shall allow the tenant to continue possession of premises for

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one month from the cessation of such force majeure event on the same terms of prevailing tenancy agreement.

- xi. Security deposit for residential premises shall not exceed two months' rent and in case of non-residential premises it shall be as per the terms of tenancy agreement subject to a maximum of six months' rent. Security deposit shall be refunded by the landlord at the time of taking over vacant possession of the premises, after making due deductions, if any.
- xii. Recovery of possession of premises by the landlord on certain grounds.

Landlord is entitled for double the monthly rent for the first two months and thereafter, four times of the monthly rent in case of default by tenant to vacate the premises after termination of tenancy.

It is expected that State tenancy laws based on draft Model Tenancy Act will be beneficial for both landlords and tenant, thus providing a win-win situation. The provisions of MTA emphasis on supremacy of rent agreement, executed between the parties on mutually agreed terms, which will minimize the possibility of disputes and in case of any dispute, same shall be resolved quickly through the speedy dispute redressal mechanism prescribed in the proposed legislation.

### IT&C DEPARTMENT EMPANELS 14 IT FIRMS FOR 2020-2022

The Information Technology & Communication Department in a notification has informed that on the recommendation of the empanelment committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, 14 IT firms are empanelled for a period of two years for supply of IT equipment and accessories.

The empanelled IT firms are M/s Smart Techies Service, Colosseumtech Solutions Private Limited, M/S Nettec Computers, M/s Computer Villa, Xplore, Ramietech Solutions, M/s Impact, M/s Eastern Computer Agencies, M/s Future Infosystems, M/s Syscom Technologies, M/s Kohima Computer Centre, Eastern Star, M/s Chabou & Co. and M/s North Eastern Power Carrier.

The meeting also decided to allow Private Ltd. companies to participate in the State for IT projects and IT solutions, and encourage IT firms and private Ltd companies for listing in the Government e Market (GeM) place portal.

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### PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19: CAMPAIGN FOR COVID-19 APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

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The latest MHA guidelines cast additional responsibilities on states as they have been authorized to permit re-opening of schools and social/cultural gatherings and also to issue detailed SOP. On the need for concerted action across the states and the urgent need to instill a sense of discipline and ownership amongst citizens for successful unlocking it is vital that some points are emphasized with perseverance which are highlighted here.

Primarily, in view of the forthcoming festive seasons and impending onset of winter, it is likely to impose significant challenges, as well as the speculated increase and rise in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the State. In this regard precaution is better than cure and COVID-19 appropriate behavior will ensure effective prevention, which mainly entails the 3Cs and 3Ws: Avoid Crowded places, Closed contact settings and Confined or enclosed spaces, Wear masks, Watch distance and Wash Hands. Scrupulous adherence to SOP in respect of Respiratory Hygiene and Environmental Sanitation will be vital.

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## COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour:

1. Greet without physical contact.
2. Maintain two meters/six feet physical distance.
3. Wear washable mask at all times.
4. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth if your hands are unclean.
5. Use a tissue or handkerchief or your bend elbows while you cough or sneeze.
6. Wash hands with soap and water frequently.
7. Do not chew tobacco, khaini, etc. or spit in public places.
8. Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
9. Travel only if urgent or unavoidable. Take all precautions during travel.
10. Do not discriminate against anyone.
11. Discourage crowd. Encourage safety.
12. Do not circulate social media posts which carry unverified or negative information
13. Seek information on COVID-19 from credible sources.
14. Seek professional counselor for stress or anxiety.
15. Helpline - 1800-345-0019, National toll free - 1075.

Early testing and treatment has become the need of the hour to prevent morbidity. Late treatment of COVID-19 positive cases leads to complications and residual damage such as lung fibrosis especially amongst younger patients and patients without co-morbid conditions.

Therefore, reinforcement of strict adherence to testing is very crucial and should be imposed attentively as well as special emphasis on care for senior citizens, elderly and children.

Discrimination is another factor that contributes to the rise of alarming cases. Also because of fear of stigma, many cases are concealed without testing and increase in resistant testing which lead to transmission of cases/uncontrollable situation.

## Negative impact of stigma and discrimination:

1. It leads to resistance or low number of testing which results in late treatment for positive cases that determines complication/dead.
2. Problems faced in contact tracing due to incorrect/invalid personal information given by the patient.
3. Localized containment (sealing of houses) which is another preventive measure of transmission has also become an issue of social discrimination.
4. Creates unnecessary psychosis and false information that prevents timely intervention to protect against COVID-19.

It is crucial to be optimistic, support and encourage each other without stigma and discrimination. Miking in all levels from village to state level should be encouraged as much as possible.

## BRIEFING ON COVID-19 BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME ON 1<sup>ST</sup> OF OCTOBER 2020

The Principal Secretary, Home informed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 that the existing guidelines with regard to the Lockdown/Unlock in all parts of the State issued on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 shall continue to remain operative in Nagaland till further orders.

Out of the 6,244 positive cases, the total recoveries so far are 5,094. The active cases are 1,078 and there have been 12 deaths. As per the severity of symptoms, 1,044 active cases are asymptomatic, 32 active cases are mild and 2 active cases are moderate.

Further, out of 6,244 positive cases, the distribution across various categories of people are 2,974 cases of Armed Forces/Police, 1,501 cases of Returnees, 1,423 cases of Traced Contacts and 346 cases of Frontline Workers.

A total of 51,305 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and results of 50,330 samples have been received. In addition, a total of 28,395 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat and results of 28,319 samples have been received. Through Rapid Antigen Test, 1,777 samples have been tested.

## CEO HOLDS MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTIES

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland held a meeting with all political parties in the State on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima in view of the announcement of schedule of bye-election by the Election Commission of India (ECI), to fill up casual vacancies in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 14-Southern Angami-I (ST)AC and 60-Pungro-Kiphire (ST)AC.

The CEO and his team of officials briefed the representatives of the political parties about the broad guidelines issued by ECI for conducting elections during COVID-19, the various provisions of

Election Expenditure Monitoring, the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, about EVMs/VVPAT, and several other pertinent issues related with the conduct of the bye-elections. The various IT initiatives taken by the Commission was also highlighted in the meeting. The CEO also informed about the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls with reference to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 as the qualifying date.

The representatives of BJP, INC, NDPP, NPF, NPP, JD (U), RPI (A) were present in the meeting.



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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS****KOHIMA:**

Directorate of Social Welfare celebrated International Day of Older Persons, 2020 with the theme 'Pandemics: Do they change how we address age and ageing?' at the Social Welfare Director's Office Chamber on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

President, Senior Citizen Association Nagaland, Khekiye K. Sema, IAS (Retired) speaking at the event said that Social Welfare is an important department as much can be done towards upliftment and protecting the welfare of old age people. Sema said that senior citizens have much to contribute towards the society with their years of experiences, yet very less opportunity are given to them. He also stated that the Naga society is blessed to have a strong custom and tradition whereby we take care of the elderly people who are helpless and in need of care. Sema also reminded the younger generations to keep the traditions alive and take care of the elderly people. Sema also urged the Department to create a social order and norms to improve the

welfare services and wellbeing of the senior citizens and the society as a whole.

The Social Welfare Department also gave awards to two distinguished senior citizens commemorating the event.

**MELURI:**

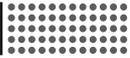
A programme to mark International Day of Older Persons was held at Meluri Village Council Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, organised by Miiluori Shefiiri Kiigharii on the theme 'Pandemic: Do they change how we address age and ageing?'

Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, as the Guest Speaker, emphasised on how older people paves the way for the young. He encouraged the senior citizens to be content with their lives and not ponder on old grudges and mistakes. Nyuthe expressed happiness that there is no history regarding the contraction of COVID-19 among the Meluri elderly people. Out of 138 older people above 75 years, 44 male and 47 females, a total of 91 attended the programme.



Joint Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi with senior citizens on International Day of Older Persons at the Directorate of Social Welfare, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.





## BLOOD DONATION CAMP HELD AT NAGA HOSPITAL BLOOD BANK

To celebrate the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, the Voluntary Blood Donors Association Kohima (VBDK) in collaboration with Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS), National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and Blood Bank, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) organized a Walk-In Blood Donation Camp at Naga Hospital Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

The programme was organized to address the needs and shortage of blood during this public health crisis where voluntary donors are needed more than ever and also to maintain safe and adequate blood supply for patients in need. All safety measures were followed during the donation drive. Altogether 15 persons turned up to donate blood.



Voluntary blood donors and members of Voluntary Blood Donors at the Blood Donation Camp at Naga Hospital Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

## 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

### PEREN:

Peren district celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier spoke on the role played by Mahatma Gandhi during India's struggle for freedom and also on the non-violence movement started by Mahatma Gandhi. He also encouraged the gathering to consider Gandhi as



Peren celebrated 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at DC's Conference Hall, District HQ, Peren on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.



their role model, and further urged them to work with utmost sincerity and zeal in their field of work in order to achieve something great in life.

EAC and Nodal Officer, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), Peren, Sukhalu Chishi speaking during the event, said that BBBP literally means 'Save the Girl Child, Educate Her,' and was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. It is also a joint initiative of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Education. Further, Chishi also highlighted the aims and objectives of BBBP Campaign.

As part of the event, Peren District Legal Services Authority, Retainer Lawyer, Asungbe also spoke on the topic 'Equality has no gender,' 'Naga women and the reservation issue' and 'Women in decision making.'

#### **NOKLAK:**

Noklak District Administration organized a programme to mark the commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak.

During the occasion, extempore speech competition was held where Tsuwing of Christian High School, Noklak, Peshing of St. Paul School, Noklak and Monghoi of Christian High School, Noklak were adjudged as the first, second and third prize winners respectively.

A short documentary on the life of Mahatma Gandhi was screened during the programme. SDO (Civil), Noklak, C. Phuniang administrated the pledge on Swachh Bharat. Officers, teachers and students from different institutions attended the programme.

#### **LONGLENG:**

In commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the District Administration, Longleng organized a quiz competition on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Longleng.

Additional Superintendent of Police,

Longleng, Atopu Sumi in his short speech shared on Gandhi's inspiring lifestyle, his teachings and referred to him as man of truthfulness. He encouraged all to follow and practice what Mahatma Gandhi started, be a lover of non-violence, remove injustice, conflicts among family, tribes and community. If all those qualities of oneness are embraced, then better society awaits, he added.

Four schools participated, where Christian High School, Longleng bagged the first position and St. Joseph High School bagged the second position. EAC, Longleng, Pichano Kikon was the quiz master of the competition.

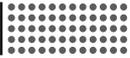
The District Administration in collaboration with Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) and District Task Force on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Longleng organised a free health check-up for women and girl child at Community Hall, Mongtikang village. As part of the programme SSA account for girl child and PMMVY forms were also distributed to the deserving beneficiaries. Altogether 65 women and girl child who were in need of medical health check-up were registered and availed free medical facilities. The DC, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom and Senior Superintendent of Police, Yanithung Ezung also joined the team. The medical team was headed by CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla with a team of doctors comprising of Dr. Avono, Dr. Khyothungo, Dr. Shamjeih Phom, Dr. Lemshikala and Dr. Chumei Phom.

#### **ATHIBUNG:**

In completion of the two year long commemoration period of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, District Administration of Peren in convergence with District Level Centre for Women - Mahila Shakti Kendra and Health & Family Welfare Department, Peren organised a free medical check up camp for women concentrating on women's hygiene at Primary Health Centre (PHC), Athibung on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

District Coordinator, MSK, Lungngaulie gave a brief highlight about the aims and objectives of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in the district and further reminded the gathering to maintain social distance





as well as to adapt a healthy lifestyle in this time of pandemic. She also said that since 1990s, empowerment of women has also been one of the primary focus of government policies.

PHC, Athibung, MO, Dr. Vezokholu Khamo apprised the women about the importance of maintaining a healthy and hygienic way of life. The various types of hygiene she talked about were toilet hygiene, nail hygiene, teeth hygiene, sickness hygiene, hands hygiene, etc.

During the programme, sanitary pads, file cover and masks were also distributed to all the participants.

#### KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Administration organized a virtual programme on the occasion of completion of two year long commemoration period of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. During the programme, a video clip on the biography of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was shown. Kohima Municipal Council, Ward representatives, officers from DC's Office and other officials attended the programme. On the occasion, the participants also took the Swachhta Pledge.

The Forest Department, Silviculture

Division, Kohima in collaboration with the Forest Colony Council organized cleanliness drive and plantation activity on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 to commemorate the two year long 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi which concluded on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. The plantation activity was carried out at the Government Middle School Campus, Forest Colony. Species of Ginkgo Biloba, Taxus Spp, Emblica Officinalis, Erythrina Variegata, Ficus Spp, Malus Sylvestris, Prunus Allium were planted. Cleanliness drive was carried out in different areas of the colony.

#### PHEK:

Online essay competition on the topic 'Significance of girl child education in Nagaland' was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The competition was organized by Phek District Administration and DLCW-MSK, Phek in collaboration with the Phek Town Chakhesang Students' Union. The online essay competition was conducted with an aim to spread the message of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao's (BBBP) tagline – 'save the girl child, educate her' in all the five sub-divisions of Phek district. BBBP logo campaign was effectively disseminated through WhatsApp social medium.

### KOHIMA SMART CITY REGISTERS FOR 'STREETS FOR PEOPLE CHALLENGE'

The 'Streets for People Challenge' is an initiative of the Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to inspire cities to create walking friendly streets through quick measures, in response to COVID-19. The challenge was launched by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 during a virtual event organized by the Smart Cities Mission, MoHUA. The Minister stated that as the lockdown is lifted, cities face many challenges in providing safe, affordable, and equitable modes of transport that enable social distancing. Limited public transport options, narrow, crowded sidewalks particularly in market places and deterioration of

mental health, are key issues that must be addressed on priority. He opined that pedestrianisation of streets for walking and creating public spaces is a crucial step towards mitigating these issues.

The 'Streets for People Challenge' is in response to the need for making cities more walkable and pedestrian friendly. Cities are required to re-imagine their streets as public spaces through the lens of economic regeneration, safety and child friendly interventions with inclusive designing, in order to ensure a green recovery from COVID-19. The challenge will support cities across the country to develop a unified vision of 'Streets for People' in



consultation with stakeholders and citizens and is open for all the 100 Smart Cities, all capital cities of States and UTs and cities with a population of over 5 lakh population. The first online workshop 'Taking the first step' was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 which included panel discussion and sharing of stories from the ground to help cities kickstart the challenge.

The challenge requires each city to test at least one flagship walking project and enhance liveability in one neighbourhood. Streets and public spaces around transit hubs, heritage zones, commercial streets, market areas, recreational corridors or any high footfall zones can be considered as potential locations for the flagship project

Cities can test quick, innovative and low cost interventions using elements such as planters, seaters, barricades, signages, paints, makeshift play equipments, and by engaging with the community through events and campaigns. Cities can also strategise shared ownership policies and activate spaces through programming. In the longer term, the MoHUA encourages cities to convert these temporary interventions into permanent ones. The challenge will run in two stages:

**Stage 1:** Pilot intervention and conceptual scale-up plan (September 2020 - January 2021)

Step 1 (September 2020 – November 2020): Identifying the pilot locations where cities select at least one pilot for flagship walking project and

neighbourhood through effective community engagement and conduct a preliminary site analysis.

Step 2 (November 2020 - December 2020): Designing pilots through a city-led design competition during which cities launch the design competition for duration of one month and evaluate and select the best design proposals through engaging with local officials, citizens, experts, and other stakeholders.

Step 3 (January 2021 - February 2021): Testing and evaluation of pilots during which cities test pilots and document learning and develop a conceptual city level scale-up plan.

**Stage 2:** Scaling up the transformation and strategizing measures for long term impact (February 2021 - May 2021)

Based on the performance in Stage 1, cities will be shortlisted for Stage 2 to further develop the implementation of the conceptual city level scale-up plan submitted in Stage 1. Cities will also strategize and initiate the implementation of measures for long term impact with inputs from national and international experts.

Kohima Smart City is one of the 113 cities that have registered for the challenge and is in the process of forming core teams with representatives from among citizens and organizations for consultation and envisioning together.

## NAGALAND LAUNCHES NADCP

Nagaland along with the rest of the states launched the Foot & Mouth Disease – Mukht Bharat under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) which was approved by the Union Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 as a new Central Sector Scheme aimed to fully eradicate Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) by 2025. This programme is the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to declare India free from Foot & Mouth Disease so that livestock are made more remunerative in terms of milk and its by-products. Under this programme, vaccination on FMD is to be carried out in mission mode in all susceptible animals followed by traceability through

ear tagging using Unique Identification Number (UID) and subsequent uploading in the NADCP portal.

Director, AH&VS, Dr. Budhi Lama, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) officially launched the programme on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by tagging, vaccination, serum collection, and successfully uploading in the portal, under the aegis of the Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB), Lerie, Kohima along with the rest of the districts. This activity shall continue in the State for another 45 days as a part of synchronised vaccination with states of North Eastern Region.



**SPOT VERIFICATION OF ONGOING ROADS AT DIMAPUR**

Committee on Government Assurances, Government of Nagaland, members led by its Chairman, MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu conducted spot verification for assessing the status and quality of the ongoing road improvement works in Dimapur and Kohima city portion under NH-39 on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020. In Dimapur, the team visited Golaghat Gate to Zion Hospital Junction under NH-39, Chumukedima Police Gate to Patkai Bridge Junction under NH-39.

During the course of inspection by the Committee members, core cutting machine was used for checking the thickness of DBM (black top) density, quality and voids in the DBM.

Later, addressing a press conference at Niathu Resort, the Chairman expressed satisfaction on the progress in the four laning road. Observing few wear and tears in the stretch from Nagaland

Gate to Zion Junction, Azo asked the contractor for repairing it before Christmas. He noted that it is high time Naga people are provided with good roads and said that the Government decided for setting up the committee for undertaking spot verification.

Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Home Guards, Toshi Wungtung emphasised on the importance of public safety besides quality work and reminded the contractor for keeping sufficient space in the tri-junctions and for avoiding sharp turns to ensure traffic friendly roads.

The present road construction work is being undertaken by TK Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd. MLAs, Eshak Konyak, Dr. Nganshi K. Ao, Keneizhakho Nakhro, Moatoshi were present during the spot verification besides PWD officials.

**STATE LEVEL AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON ELECTION MATTERS HELD**

State level awareness workshop with print/electronic media on EEM, EVM, VVPAT, MCMC and media related matters in view of bye-election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2020 was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Hotel Japfu Conference Hall, Kohima.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha; Additional CEO, N. Moa Aier; Deputy CEO, Awa Lorin and Deputy CEO, R. Mhathung spoke on Election Expenditure Monitoring (EEM), paid news/fake news, MCMC and EVM/VVPAT. The resource persons dwelt on the importance of election monitoring to ensure that candidates are aware about the proper accounting of election expenditure and that concealing the expenditure may lead to their disqualification, and to make the public aware that taking or offering bribe for their vote is an offence. The resource persons also dwelt on the types of election expenditure permissible under the law (public meetings, posters, banners, vehicles, etc.), illegal expenditure such as distribution of money, gift, liquor or any other items among electors with the purpose of influencing the

voters, major legal provisions related to election expenditure monitoring, provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and about expenditure monitoring machinery.

Election Observer, CEO also mentioned on public meetings, rallies and said that there is a format to apply for permission to hold public meeting/rally in Annexure-16. The resource persons also dwelt on paid news/fake news and the strategies to counter fake news, certification, functions of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) and its functions at various levels, EVM and VVPAT, secure development and manufacturing by premium PSUs, BEL and ECIL, manufacturing of sensitive equipment critical to the safety and security of the nation, strong security protocols and administrative safeguards, secure handling and management of EVMs/VVPAT.

CEO, Abhijit Sinha and Additional CEO, N. Moa Aier stated that the media persons play a major role in keeping the citizens aware in various issues in the society and called upon the media fraternity to be neutral as they are public educators.



## SMHIK OBSERVES WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day, under the theme 'Mental health for all greater investment, greater access' was observed at the State Mental Health Institution Kohima (SMHIK) on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Stressing on the theme, Medical Superintendent, SMHIK, Dr. T. Wabang said that the World Mental Health Day was first observed in the year 1992 at the initiative of World Federation for Mental Health with overall objective of creating awareness about mental health and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health issues.

Dr. T. Wabang highlighted that, according to World Health Organisation (WHO), 450 million people live with mental disorder out of which one person out of four will be affected by mental disorders at some stage of their lives. He said 8 lakh people die of suicide every year and an average 1% of people suffer from severely incapacitating severe mental disorder and about 10% from minor mental disorders. He also highlighted the factors linked to the complication and losses due to mental illness and said even in advance and high income countries, only 50% of people with mental disorders have access to treatment and 85% mental patients in low income and middle income countries have no access to treatment.

Stressing on the WHO's Mental Health Atlas 2014 Survey, Dr. T. Wabang said the Government spend on average 3% of their health budget on mental health ranging from less than 1% in low

income countries to 5% in high income countries, and pointed out that despite the growth in mental health awareness, mental health investment has been stagnant across the globe and a greater movement and action is needed to increase access to mental health which is not only the responsibility of Government alone. The Government, Dr. Wabang said, is responsible for infrastructure, manpower development and trainings, etc. but it is everyone's responsibility to participate in the awareness campaign, taking care of mentally ill patients, removing stigma on mental illness and the misconception about mental illness.

Dr. Temsulung in his short speech said that health is needed by all, but many give more importance about one's physical health than their mental health, and added one cannot have a healthy physical health without healthy mental health. In order to maintain a healthy physical health, he stressed on how to keep one's health fit by exercising, avoiding drugs, alcohol, proper sleep, having a hobby and emphasised on showing kindness to the needy as this act helps them mentally.

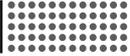
Nokpang Konyak, a patient of SMHIK in his testimony, said many of the patients are from different parts of the State and they were scared and in a state of fear when first admitted in the institute, but the kindness, love and care they receive from the doctors and staff of SMHIK have taken their fear away and have changed them.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

### WOKHA:

In commemoration of International Day of the Girl Child, a felicitation programme for girl child achievers and women achievers, and Wokha District Local Champion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was initiated by Wokha District Administration and District Level Centre for Women - Mahila Shakti Kendra (DCLW-MSK) on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan speaking on the theme 'My Voice, Our Equal Future,' said that it spoke volumes of the desires and inspirations of more than 1.1 billion young girls across the globe under the age of 18 years in asserting their rights as change makers. He appreciated the work carried out by the District Administration, Wokha and DLCW-MSK in coming



up with many innovative ideas in implementing BBBP scheme specially in creating awareness in social issues, education, health and skill development. He further emphasised on the need to educate the girl child in environmental conservation and to take up measures in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

On the occasion, many groups of achievers were felicitated. Under the literary groups, 16 winners of online essay competition under different categories and offline essay competition on the event of Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary were felicitated. Under recreational category, 17 winners of dance competition and basket weaving competition were felicitated. Under education category, top ten girls of both HSLC and HSSLC 2019-2020 examinations, two subject toppers of HSLC and HSSLC 2019-2020 examination and three schools which achieved cent per cent result during the HSLC and HSSLC 2019-2020 examinations were felicitated. Susana H. Humtsoe, local champion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was also felicitated in recognition of her contribution in promoting the cause of BBBP in all the blocks and villages of Wokha district.

Chief Guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Mhathung K. Tsanglao speaking on the occasion said that gender equality must start from home. He emphasised that parents must inculcate this concept right from the beginning in order to stop the chain of gender stereotype. He said that gender equality is a human right, so not allowing female to work outside or not given the opportunity to vote or the right to own a property is wrong. Male must listen and respect the opinion of female in every decision that involves her or her family. He further said that educating girl child is a must.

Dr. Tsanglao encouraged the individuals responsible for the implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme in utilizing the Adolescent Girls Club created under the scheme, indicating that many social issues can be disseminated to the society through the club.

### LONGLENG:

A weeklong celebration of the International Girl Child Day on the theme 'My Voice, Our Equal Future' was observed at Longleng district from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020, organized by the District Administration, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng.

Closing event of the 'International Girl Child Day' was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DC's Conference Hall. Speaking at the event, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom encouraged the gathering to give importance on quality education to both male and female child without any discrimination.

SDO (C), Longleng, Trongdiba Tongpi T. Sangtam during the event shared his commitment to sponsor a girl child's education (school and tuition fees), and also encouraged the gathering to always respect women and girls in every aspect of their life. He said that given the opportunity, a girl child can bring great change in the society in particular and nation at large. Ruokuosetuo Tetseo, EAC, Longleng Headquarter spoke on the importance and significance of the day.

The weeklong activities to mark the celebration included painting the street walls pink, Super Girl Costume competition, formation of BBBP volunteers, social work and the closing event on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

To promote the BBBP scheme widely, 10 girls each from every ward of Longleng town have been selected as BBBP volunteers. They will be assisting in all the activities under BBBP scheme in the district. Social work was also initiated by the newly formed BBBP volunteers led by the Ward Youth President on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in all the wards.

### PEREN:

Peren observed International Day of Girl Child on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 under the theme 'My Voice, Our Equal Future' which emphasizes on the adolescent girls to keep pace with the reality they face today. It is a day dedicated to amplify the voice



of the girl child to stand up for their rights.

To mark the occasion, District Administration, Sakhi - One Stop Centre in convergence with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Mahila Shakti Kendra initiated Sponsorship Scholarship with the objective to celebrate the achievement and also called for action to accelerate gender parity as well as to encourage, recognise and support meritorious girl students belonging to weaker section. Ziedibi of Class 10 and Leihacule of Class 12, both from Government Higher Secondary School, Peren received Sponsorship Scholarship with an amount of Rs. 5000 each based on their outstanding performance.

Meanwhile, as part of skill development programme, knitting set and plastic rope for making baskets were also distributed to the girl child and adolescents of Servanthood Ministry Children Home, Peren town.



International Day of Girl Child was observed at Servanthood Ministry Children Home, Peren town on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

#### PHEK:

International Day of the Girl Child 2020 organised by District Administration and DLCW - Mahila Shakti Kendra, Phek under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was celebrated at Phek on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DC's Chamber with the theme 'My Voice, Our Equal Future.' The programme was chaired by SDO (C) and Nodal Officer, BBBP, Phek, Bhavani Sri, IAS.

Highlights of the programme included releasing of musical video 'Oh Hi Hey Nagas United for Women Empowerment,' BBBP magazine by

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS, and declaration of Phek District Icon BBBP, Jessica Snock by Bhavani Sri, IAS. Distribution of baby gift hampers to newborn baby girls in celebration of girl child birth was also held at District Hospital Phek.

#### MON:

Several activities were taken up in Mon district in the week leading up to International Day of the Girl Child on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

In the first week of October, result of the 'Online photography competition of mother and daughter in traditional attire' was declared. The competition was organized as part of the Konyak post harvest festival 'La-Ong Mo,' attracting dozens of entries.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, as a mark of celebration of Gandhiji's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) logo campaign was initiated wherein netizens were requested to set the BBBP logo as their official display picture/profile picture for a day. The initiative generated support swamping social media app WhatsApp with the BBBP logo. Further, the official district website and BBBP Facebook Page floated the logo.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, a live webinar for civil service aspirants was organized with two dynamic officers of the district, Vineet Kumar, IAS and Khenpa, NCS as resource persons.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020, International Day of the Girl Child was observed throughout Mon district. In Anjanyang sub-division, an online dancing competition was organized. In Tizit subdivision, besides a painting competition for girls, an awareness programme on COVID-19 for adolescent girls was also organized. In Naginimora sub-division, girls of various high schools/higher secondary schools initiated a town cleaning drive. In Aboi sub-division, two online competitions were launched, 'Mother and daughter traditional wear photo competition' and 'An online singing competition for girls.'





## VIRTUAL MEETING ON JAN ANDOLAN COVID CAMPAIGN

A virtual meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with the State Nodal Officers for Jan Andolan COVID campaign, organised by the Secretary (Information & Broadcasting) along with Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Government of India. It was attended by the Chief Secretaries of State Governments and Administrators of Union Territories.

The meeting stressed on the words of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, that until the time, medicines or vaccines are found, wearing of masks, hand-washing and maintaining distance of two yards is necessary. Representatives from almost all the States and Union Territories delivered short presentation on how various measures are being taken to tackle COVID-19, and to ensure that the Jan Andolan COVID campaign reaches and benefits every beneficiary.

Representative from Assam reported that the Jan Andolan COVID campaign was launched in the State on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the state, district and block level. The ASHAs and Anganwadi workers are briefed on the safety measures and precautions to be taken, so that it percolates down to the grassroot level. Mobile Medical Units are set up to ensure that people in remote areas are not left out in the programme.

Representative from Chattisgarh mentioned that measures are taken to ensure that all departments, employees, visitors, beneficiaries are

involved in the programme.

Representative from Delhi reported that the Government has started focused campaign which has an impact on the decrease in the number of COVID-19 positive cases (there has been a decline by 40%) and admissions in hospitals have also gone down.

Representative from Kerala stated that besides social distancing, wearing of masks and hand washing, local committees are formed, headed by the Ward Members. Local campaign 'Your health is your responsibility,' has been started which is headed by the District Collector and involves the line departments also. Important activity such as 'Reverse Quarantine' is being taken up which focuses on elderly people, people suffering from co-morbidities, etc. The State Government also conducts regular meetings with the media.

Union Secretary, Information & Broadcasting, Amit Khare concluded the meeting by focusing on the need to follow the safety precautions diligently, as the pandemic is ongoing. He mentioned that PIB, AIR, Doordarshan have been advised to stay in touch with the State Governments, and to carry out their activities regularly. State Governments have been requested to ensure that town traders, merchants, shopkeepers put up banners about COVID appropriate behaviour, so that the public follows the guidelines and safety measures diligently.

## WEBINAR HELD TO MARK INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is celebrated every 13<sup>th</sup> October since 1989 after a call by the UN General Assembly to promote a culture of risk awareness and risk reduction.

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department also joined the rest of the country in observing the day on 13<sup>th</sup>

October 2020 under the theme 'Disaster Risk Governance,' which aims to reduce the number of people affected by disaster and also to reduce economic loss. The NSDMA collaborated with the Institution for Disaster, Emergency and Accidents (IDEA) from Gujarat in observing the day.

A webinar was held at NSDMA Secretariat, Kohima. Advisor, NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi in his



opening remarks, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted countries globally, and a clear vision is needed to act on scientific evidence which can be achieved through Disaster Risk Governance. He also stressed on the need to look into the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).

The inaugural and introductory remarks was delivered by Director, Institution for Disasters, Emergency and Accidents (IDEA), Neelay Shrivastava; launch of Community Outreach Programme (COP) was carried out by Disaster Reduction Risk Lead, IDEA, Pooja

Saxena; launch of online Disaster Reduction Risk quiz was carried out by Research Analyst, IDEA, Himani Tiwari. The Lead UNICEF from Assam, Suresh spoke on UN International Children's Education Fund, while Dr. Ritu Chauhan, Health Securities and Emergency Team WHO and SMO, Nagaland WHO, Dr. Shiela also spoke on behalf of WHO. A brief talk on Disaster Reduction Risk activities in Nagaland was also delivered by OSD, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei. During the webinar, a panel discussion by the community on Disaster Reduction Risk was also moderated by the OSD, NSDMA.

### CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE PASSES 7 POINT RESOLUTION

Minister, for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon addressed the media after the Consultative Meeting on Naga Political Issue called by the Government of Nagaland at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Minister, Neiba Kronu stated that a long and fruitful consultative meeting with various stakeholders of Nagaland was held at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. He pointed out that participants including prominent leaders, intellectuals, senior citizens and civil societies of the Naga society shared their views and thoughts on the Naga Political Issue.

Advisor, Mmhonlumo informed that more than 200 representatives attended the consultative meeting and after thorough discussion and deliberation, a resolution was passed and the House unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

1. Appreciates the Government of India for acknowledging the unique history of the Nagas and for recognising the Naga issue as a political issue.
2. Acknowledges the sacrifices and contributions

of the nationalist workers in the course of the Naga political journey and towards the Naga political cause.

3. Expresses gratitude to the civil societies and the church for consistent support towards the Naga cause and making constant efforts towards reconciliation and oneness.
4. Affirms our commitment to continuously work towards a political settlement based on Naga historical and political rights to determine our future on the unique history and position of the Nagas.
5. Urges the Naga Political Groups to honour and respect the Covenant of Reconciliation and maintain the sanctity of non-violence in letter and spirit for a 'Shared Naga Future' as members of 'One Naga Family.'
6. Appeals to the negotiating groups to come together under a spirit of oneness, mutual trust and understanding with sincerity and commitment towards achieving 'One Solution for One People' as early as possible.
7. Affirms to relentlessly work in a collective and unified manner with one voice so as to facilitate the peace process and strengthen the negotiations for early realization of the desired 'One solution in a transparent manner which is acceptable and honourable.'



**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
INFORMS ON ENQUIRY COMMITTEE**

All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU) in its representation addressed to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland, demanded for setting up of an Enquiry Committee to inquire into the fund utilisation on the implementation of North East Quality Improvement Program (NEQIP) Scheme at Khelhoshe Polytechnic, Atoizu. The matter has been considered by the State Government and it has been decided to constitute a three member Enquiry Committee headed by Kenilo Apon, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Water Resources Department as Chairman and Peter Lichamo, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto and Lhoubeizoto, Audit Officer, Treasuries & Accounts

as Members. The Committee has to submit its report within a period of three months from the date of issue of the notification.

The scheme was funded by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi for strengthening of institutions in terms of infrastructure, faculty competence and quality of teaching, research and consultancy, improve learning outcomes and employability of students.

The fund was received by the institute in instalments during 2013-14 to 2015-16 of a total Rs. 3,71,60,000 (three crore seventy one lakh and sixty thousand) only, the amount being directly transferred to the beneficiary institute.

**KOHIMA SMART CITY AMONGST TWO NE CITIES TO QUALIFY FOR STAGE 2  
OF THE INDIA SMART CITIES AWARD CONTEST 2020**

India Smart Cities Award Contest was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to evaluate cities on their performances and achievement of project proposals and innovations. The competition aims to reward cities, projects and ideas promoting the spirit of the Smart Cities Mission under the theme 'Building cities for people.'

A mandatory task set by the MoHUA for all

the 100 Smart Cities, Kohima is amongst the only two North East cities along with Agartala to have qualified in the top 66 cities selected for the second stage of the contest.

CEO, Kohima Smart City Development Limited, Kovi Meyase expressed hope that with this feat, Kohima will continue to move towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and towards making Kohima a more liveable city.

**DR I. ANUNGLA AIER RECEIVES DR. PANCHANAN MITRA AWARD**

The prestigious Dr. Panchanan Mitra Award for 2019 was awarded to Dr. I. Anungla Aier, former Director, Higher Education and former Principal of Kohima Science College, Jotsoma by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

The Asiatic Society was established in 1784 by John Williams and it is one of the oldest Academic Research Institutes in the country. In 1984, during the bi-centenary celebration, the Government of India recognized the Asiatic Society as an institute of national importance. The Asiatic Society is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. With centuries of quality

research works, it is a treasure house of knowledge and past history of the Asiatic region.

In March 2012, the Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College, Jotsoma and the Asiatic Society jointly organized a national seminar during which Dr. I. Anungla Aier played a central key role and the presentations of the seminar papers were published in a special edition of the prestigious Asiatic journal. Dr. I. Anungla Aier is known for her contributions to the Anthropology of North East India. The award is given in recognition of her whole research in cultural studies and prolific writings on issues of gender, development and cultural heritage.

## CEO OFFICE NOTIFIES ON INTENDING CANDIDATES FOR BYE ELECTION

At the end of the last date for withdrawal of candidatures, the following are the contesting candidates for the bye-election to fill the casual vacancies in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 14-Southern Angami-I (ST) Assembly Constituency and 60-Pungro, Kiphire (ST) Assembly Constituency:

- 1) 14-Southern Angami-1 (ST) Assembly Constituency:
- (i) Kikovi Kirha - Naga People's Front.
  - (ii) Medo Yhokha - Nationalist Democratic

- Progressive Party.
- (iii) Seyievilie Peter Zashumo - Independent.
- 2) 60-Pungro, Kiphire (ST) Assembly Constituency:
- (i) Khaseo Anar - Indian National Congress.
  - (ii) Lirimong Sangtam - Bharatiya Janata Party.
  - (iii) S. Kiusumew Yimchunger - Independent.
  - (iv) K. Shellumthong Yimchunger - Independent.
  - (v) T. Yangseo Sangtam - Independent.

14-Southern Angami-I AC:									
General Electors as per final published E-Roll 2020			Service Electors as per final published E-Roll 2020			Total Electors			Total Number of Polling Stations
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	22
6307	7281	13588	52	1	53	6359	7282	13641	
60-Pungro-Kiphire AC:									
General Electors as per final published E-Roll 2020			Service Electors as per final published E-Roll 2020			Total Electors			Total No. of Polling Stations
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	77
15393	14107	29500	101	0	101	15494	14107	29601	

**BEST PERFORMING COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICERS FELICITATED**

Best Performing Community Health Officers (CHOs) were felicitated, in recognition of their tireless efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide basic healthcare services to the general public. The awards which are based on five thematic areas were announced by Dr. Thanghoi Lam, SPO & Nodal Officer, HWC. Congratulating the winners, Dr. Thanghoi encouraged them to continue doing their job in rendering healthcare services to the people, especially at the grassroot level. He also

encouraged the CHOs to have healthy competition amongst themselves to bring about quality healthcare services.

The felicitation was done during a one-day training on Learning Resource Package on Family Planning including Family Planning Logistic Management Information System, FPLMIS through Zoom for the CHOs on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 organised by the National Health Mission, Department of Health & Family Welfare with its technical partners





USAID NISHTHA Jhpiego. Dr. Longai Phom, the State Nodal Officer for family planning in its opening remark also mentioned that family planning is not necessarily about birth control, however, it is to ensure proper spacing so that both mother and the baby are safe and healthy.

Monetary awards and certificates were given to the Best Performing CHOs along with

consolation prizes to motivate and to encourage them to do better. The awards were based on the highest number of services provided for the last three quarters on the mentioned thematic areas and timely uploading of reports in the Health & Wellness (HWC) Portal were also considered as part of the evaluation. Thematic areas and winners:

Sl. No.	Award Name	Name of the CHO	Name of the HWC	District
1.	CHO who has conducted Highest Institutional Delivery	Setuo Pucho	Ngoungchung HWC	Tuensang
2.	CHO who has conducted Highest IUCD insertion	Neivete-u Sono	Longwa HWC	Mon
3.	CHO who has conducted Highest Full Immunization	Neivete-u Sono	Longwa HWC	Mon
4.	CHO who has conducted Highest OPD	Thungbeni	Monyakshu HWC	Mon
5.	CHO who has conducted Highest VHSND	Kimneingah Singsit	Khehoku HWC	Dimapur
		Areni N Kithan	Tongtongo HWC	Wokha

Consolation Prize:

Sl. No.	Consolation Prize	Name of the CHO	Name of the HWC	District
1.	Institutional Delivery	Moainla	Chingmei HWC	Tuensang
2.	IUCD insertion	AkumlaYapang	Nyang HWC	Peren
3.	Full Immunization	Ngeplie W. Konyak	Chen Moho HWC	Mon
4.	OPD	Ngeplie W. Konyak	Chen Moho HWC	Mon
5.	VHSND	Toshikal	Phisami HWC	Kiphire
		Kavi Kiho	Pimla HWC	Dimapur



## H&FW DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES

A press briefing was held at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie briefed the media on the COVID-19 situation in the State. He was assisted by other officials of the Department.

Dr. Vizolie expressed concern over the surge of COVID-19 cases in the State particularly in Kohima and Dimapur. He said that the number of positive cases was stable till August. However, towards the end of September and beginning of October, there has been a spike in the number of positive cases and in the number of symptomatic cases. He also said that there has been an increase in mortality rate during this period.

With the process of Unlock, Dr. Vizolie said that people have become complacent and have stopped following proper measures such as wearing of masks and maintenance of social distance. He said that many people are resisting and reluctant for testing and they report very late about their symptoms, only at the later stage when it gets serious. He also said that re-infection is possible for

people who have recovered from COVID-19 and asked them not to be complacent. With the onset of winter, the situation will get more serious if the public become complacent, he added. He also expressed deep concern over big gatherings such as weddings and other festivities.

The Department reasserted that there is no 'community transmission,' even though there is 'community spread,' and asked the public not to be confused with the two terms. The problem of stigmatization and discrimination is still prevalent, and Dr. Vizolie expressed concern over the issue.

The Principal Director stressed on the importance of early testing and diagnosis. He added that there is no definitive treatment and that prevention is the best weapon. He also appealed to the public to strictly follow the preventive measures of regular hand washing, physical distancing and wearing of masks. Dr. Vizolie also asked the public to strictly observe the various SOP issued by the Government and added that the fight against COVID-19 is a 'collective social responsibility.'



A press briefing was organised by the Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie at the Directorate of H&FW on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**VERIFICATION CARRIED OUT AT CEMENT PLANT, WAZEHO**

The Committee on Public Undertakings under the chairmanship of Mhathung Yanthan, MLA and Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs conducted an 'On-the-Spot Verification' of the Mini Cement Plant at Wazeho, Phek district from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Committee inspected the Mini Cement Plant which has remained inoperative for the last 12 years, causing loss to the State Government.

During the visit, the Committee also inspected the functioning of the Decorative & Dimensional Stone Plant (DDSP), Wazeho and visited

the Mali Farm at Pfutsero, under the Department of Horticulture, Government of Nagaland.

Besides Mhathung Yanthan, the members of the Committee who undertook the tour were MLA and Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources, R. Khing; MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo; Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, Dr. P. J. Antony, and other officers from NLA and the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NSMDC) accompanied the Committee. The Committee will report its findings to the Assembly during its next sitting.

**IPR BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING DIRECTOR**

Retiring Director, Information & Public Relations, Limawati Ao giving his farewell speech during the programme held in his honour at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

The farewell programme for retiring Director, Information & Public Relations (IPR), Limawati Ao was observed on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at IPR's Conference Hall, Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Kohima.

Retiring Director, IPR, Limawati Ao in his farewell speech, narrated his journey in the Department where he first joined as an Information Officer and subsequently his district postings in Wokha and Mokokchung as District Public Relations Officer. He said that he was encouraged by the attitude of senior officers about the main objectives of the Department and having an interest in writing and reading, it motivated him to give his best service for

the upliftment of the Department. He also called it his fate that he was appointed to serve in the Department of IPR, as he enjoyed the work assigned to him to serve the Government and the people which has led him to his success.

Limawati Ao spoke about the struggles and difficulties he faced while serving as an officer in the districts due to lack of proper equipments and technologies in earlier days, but added that he had managed to perform his duties with the available resources. In the Directorate too, Limawati said there were hardships but today with the inputs and contributions from the officers and staff, the IPR Department is the frontrunner in technology to carry

out all the work through modern technologies. He also said that today, the Department is recognised and being looked up for the services rendered to the people and to the Government. This he said, was successful due to the cooperation, efforts, contributions, inputs, enthusiasm and hardwork of all the officers and staff and he called on all to be proud of these achievements, and also to enjoy the work assigned as this will lead the Department to success.

Advisor, IPR, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung in his special exhortation remarked that the outgoing Director, Limawati Ao was an inspiring Director with outstanding leadership quality and an efficient administrator. He stated that IPR has been a glamorous department under his directorship and quoted him as 'truly the captain of the ship.' He also pointed out that all these became possible because of the love, respect and teamwork that exists in the

Department. The Advisor said that the retiring Director will be leaving a priceless legacy, a legacy which cannot be bought but which can only be achieved through good personality and character.

State Transport Commissioner, Elias Lotha and Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiten Yaden also recounted their days while posted in the same district and also their association with the Director at all levels. Other speakers included Joint Director, IPR, Dzūvino Theūnuo, Deputy Director, IPR, Siewatho S. Nyusou and DPRO, Dimapur, Lolano.

On the occasion, two books published by the Department of IPR, a pictorial monograph titled 'Nagaland Album - A Photographic Journey' and a reference booklet titled 'An Insider's Guide for DIPR Officials' were released by Advisor, Toshi Wungtung and retiring Director, Limawati Ao. The programme was chaired by Deputy Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong.

### NAGALAND POLICE OBSERVES NATIONAL UNITY DAY

Nagaland Police observed 'The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or 'The National Unity Day' in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Independent India on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at PHQ with Director General of Police (DGP), Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS as the Chief Host.

The DGP in his address said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played an important role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united and independent India. He said

that the police forces in India including the CPO and Assam Rifles have contributed immensely towards various internal security challenges. It is in recognition of the galvanizing role played by the police, that the period 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October has been declared as 'Police Flag Day' which culminates on 31<sup>st</sup> October with the observance of the 'National Unity Day.'

On the occasion, the DGP also administered the Pledge of Unity and called upon the gathering to renew their oaths to uphold the integrity and security of the nation.

### BRIEFING ON COVID-19 BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOME ON 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Out of the 9,047 COVID-19 positive cases, the total recoveries as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 are 7,375. The active cases are 1,552 and there have been 33 deaths. As per the severity of symptoms 1,478 active cases are asymptomatic, 49 active cases are mild, 6 active cases are moderate on oxygen, 9 active cases are severe on oxygen, 7 active cases are critical with oxygen and 3 active cases are on ventilator.

Further, out of 9,047 positive cases, the distribution across various categories of people are

3,934 cases of Armed Forces/Police, 1,656 cases of Returnees, 3,019 cases of Traced Contacts and 438 cases of Frontline Workers.

A total of 61,874 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and results of 60,793 samples have been received. In addition, a total of 33,612 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat and results of 33,556 samples have been received. Through Rapid Antigen Test, 3,922 samples have been tested.



## KAILASH KHER ADDRESSES TALK SHOW ON 'MAKING A CAREER IN MUSIC INDUSTRY'

The District Administration and District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) - Mahila Shakti Kendra, Phek under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 organized a talk show on 'Making a Career in Music Industry' with Kailash Kher, spiritual and Bollywood Sufi singer, lyricist, and music composer as Special Guest.

Speaking through virtual platform, Kailash Kher viewed that musicians are yet to get recognition from the society, unlike other professions, except from the musicians and the music fraternity. He suggested that the aspiring musicians and artists should first win hearts and souls before earning money. Kher maintained that there is still lack of industry and market for the artist, owing to ignorance of the people regarding the benefits of music.

Kher also suggested that to take the music industry forward, the people must not be confined within their border but explore beyond one's region. He said music has miraculous powers to reform and transform souls and stated that it must be pursued with a passion for helping one another. He lauded the organisers for the initiative to enlighten and bringing the musicians and music lovers into one

platform to share ideas. Further, he advised musicians to be disciplined.

Vesato Theluo, Managing Director and founder of Nagaland College of Music and Fine Arts (NCMFA), conductor, composer and arranger, stated that music industry in Nagaland has scope. He dwelled on various opportunities and career in music and encouraged the Naga youths to take up music as a hobby as well as a profession, stating that the society is starting to appreciate and recognize the importance of music.

Mercy Tetseo, musician/folk artist and storyteller, recalling the journey of her band into music said that although it looks glamorous, it also has struggles. She said that music industry is growing with time and urged the aspiring musicians not to lose hope but maintain consistency in their efforts.

The keynote address was delivered by Phek Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS, closing remarks was delivered by SDO (Civil), Bhavani Sri, IAS. The programme was webcast live in Youtube and Zoom, and was attended by Northeast States' musicians besides participants from the State and Phek district.

## SP KOHIMA FLAGS OFF FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN

Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Kevithuto Sophie flagged off Fit India Freedom Run organised by the Kohima Smart City in collaboration with the Kohima Municipal Council supported by the Bharat Scouts and Guides on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The rally started at 7:00 AM from PHQ junction and culminated at Local Ground Kohima, where 20 cyclists, citizens from all the 19 Wards in Kohima,

Scouts and Guides participated in the rally.

Fit India Freedom Run under the aegis of Fit India Movement organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is a nationwide campaign which commenced from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to promote a culture of fitness in the country, which also coincides with the closure of commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

## FIT INDIA WALK FOR PEACE CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Fit India Walk for Peace was flagged off from the PHQ Junction P.R. Hill, Kohima by the Director of Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S), Akumla Chuba on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Speaking at the flagging off programme, Akumla Chuba said that Fit India Movement is organized and celebrated in remembrance of the good deeds of Mahatma Gandhi who was a social reformer and laid the principle of non-violence which



*Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu and Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon briefing the media after the Consultative Meeting on Naga Political Issue, called by the Government of Nagaland, at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.*



*Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS along with other officials during the state level awareness workshop with print and electronic media in view of bye-election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2020 at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.*



*Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS administering the 'Pledge of Unity' during the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or 'National Unity Day' in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Nagaland Police Headquarter, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.*



*Medical Superintendent, State Mental Health Institution Kohima (SMHIK), Dr. T. Wabang addressing the gathering on World Mental Health Day at Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.*



*Participants along with officials during a two day farmers training on horticulture avenues for sustainable income held at Government Higher Secondary School, Noklak on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.*



*The District Administration in collaboration with Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) and District Task Force on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Longleng organised a free health check-up for women and girl child at Community Hall, Mongtikang village.*



*Minister, Higher Education, Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along with other officials during their visit to the construction site of Model College, Mangkolemba on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.*



*Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang handing over the key of the ambulance for Community Health Centre, Tening on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.*

not only made an impact for India but for the world as well, and she said that as a tribute to Gandhi for his good deeds of non-violence the walk is organized which would bring harmony.

The Fit India Movement was launched by the Prime Minister on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This movement is a nationwide movement to

encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily life.

The Fit India Walk for Peace was partaken by National Service Scheme volunteers, officers, staff of YR&S and well-wishers, and culminated at Local Ground Kohima.

### AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AT TSEMINYU

Awareness campaign on COVID-19 and solid waste management was launched at Tseminyu town on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Manpai Phom in his keynote address stressed on the need to have a proper mindset at home regarding waste management.

President, Rengma Hoho, Pollem Tep; SMO, Tseminyu, Dr. Avile Zao and IEC Consultant, PHED, Kohima Rural, Ashale Seb spoke on the occasion. The programme was chaired by SDO (Civil), Tsutsowe Kupa and attended by representatives from all wards under Tseminyu town. Dustbins were also distributed to all the wards.

### JOINT MEETING OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS HELD AT KIPHIRE



A joint meeting with all the political parties and civil society organisations for the bye-election to 60-Pungro-Kiphire (ST) AC was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

A joint meeting with all the political parties and civil society organisations for the upcoming bye-election to 60 Pungro-Kiphire assembly constituency was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

AEO, Kiphire, Olivi Thurr briefed about the election guidelines where she stated that the Returning Officer will be Additional Deputy

Commissioner, Kiphire, Nyempo Wallim and requested the political parties to take the nominations form from her office. She also stated that during the nomination time, only two persons and two vehicles will be permitted for each candidate and for holding rally/campaign, first they have to seek permission from the DC's Office. She informed that for PwDs, 80 years above and those



persons staying in quarantine, they can cast their vote through postal ballot.

ADC, Kiphire, Nyempe Wallim also urged all the political leaders to elect the right leaders who can bring changes and can benefit the district. She also appealed to the USLP and Ward Chairmen to ensure that everyone should exercise their vote whether he/she is from weaker sections to maintain democratic means and practices. She also encouraged all to have a free and fair election, and further urged all the political parties to cooperate with the District Administration and various organisations, and to abide by the guidelines till the election process is over.

Also on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, a joint meeting

with all the intending candidates and political agents of 60-Pungro Kiphire Assembly Constituency was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

General Observer, Dev Raj Dev highlighted about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), stating that MCC is a guideline for all the political parties and is a set of norms which has been evolved with the consensus of political parties to abide by the principles embodied in the said code, and also binds them to respect and observe it in letter and spirit. He said MCC is enforced from the date of announcement of election schedule by the Election Commission and is operational till the process of election is completed.

### SKILL TRAINING HELD AT LEANGHA AND GOCHING VILLAGE

A 30 day job oriented skill development programme on plumbing and two wheeler maintenance and repairing, for returnees from outside the State during the COVID-19 pandemic was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K. on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Leangha village and in Goching village, the skill development programme was inaugurated by

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Rahul Mali on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The programme was organised by Youth Action for Social Service (YASS), sponsored by NABARD. The objective of the programme is to give employment opportunity for unemployed youth under Mon district.

### TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD



Chairman, Tuensang DPDB and MLA, Toyang Changkhong Chang addressing the DPDB meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Tuensang District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Chairman, DPDB and MLA, Toyang Changkhong Chang chaired the meeting which was

also attended by MLA, Kejong Chang.

Chairman, DPDB, Toyang Changkhong Chang in his briefing reminded all the Heads of Offices (HoDs) that with the COVID-19 pandemic, business are at a standstill, but all should take up

their responsibilities and challenges. He also expressed concern on employee absentees in offices and advised to take a collective responsibility for the service of the district. He also asserted that the advice and suggestions of HoDs will be very helpful in building the district.

MLA, Kejong Chang said that the DPDB meetings are like an assembly for the districts which can pass the concerns of the districts to the State Assembly through which the districts can be developed.

The meeting reviewed the previously passed agenda, amongst which the transfer for files concerning the Chingmei range villages from the Noklak district to the Tuensang district was agreed to be forwarded for the State Government's approval.

The agenda relating to the deplorable condition of NH-202 and district roads were also discussed. EE, NH explained the failure in restoring the road due to weather condition inspite of all the efforts. He also said that the NH-202 and bridges, one of the oldest roads in the State and which was designed around 1960s and 1970s, are in dilapidated condition which needs proper upgradation. The Chairman advised both the Executive Engineers of Roads & Bridges and National Highways to convey to the contractors to comply with the Detailed Project Reports and the specifications of the contract.

Agenda on recognition of Kuthur as Model Village was also discussed and the Board decided to

forward to the Government for approval. The agenda on absenteeism of government employees in the district was also discussed in the meeting. Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS expressed concern on the matter and urged all the officers and employees to be in station and warned that failing to comply may invite stringent actions in the coming future.

Agenda on upgradation of Sangsangnyu Sub-Centre to PHC and creation of sub-centres at Maksha, Keshai, Haak, Longtoker, Kesowongto villages and Sotokur Headquarter were also discussed, and decision was taken to forward it to the Government for approval. Creation / establishment of Government Primary School at Kesowongto village, Sotokur EAC Headquarter, creation of Police Station at Sotokur EAC Headquarter, construction of boundary walls of Sangsangnyu Police Station, barrack for security personnel at Sangsangnyu, EAC Headquarter, and construction of Community Water Tank and water supply connection at Sotokur, EAC Headquarter were also discussed and agreed to be forwarded to the Government for approval.

Regarding the lack of district officers' quarters in the district, the meeting decided to write to the respective departments for necessary action. On the matter concerning the reopening of the District Hospital for the general public, Chief Medical Officer, Tuensang said that the surge of COVID-19 positive cases in the recent times has delayed reopening as per the plans.

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## PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

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The Peren District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of October was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Moa Sangtam.

The agenda discussed in the meeting included change of nomenclature of Mini-Secretariat which is to be set up at Tening town, and after taking suggestion from the members present, the Board agreed to change it to Sub-

divisional Office Complex.

The Board members also discussed on the proposal submitted by the Ntangki Forest Development Society and after deliberations, the Board agreed to approve and recommend it to the higher authority for further necessary action, including opening of New Institution at Mhaikam village.

During the meeting, International World Coffee Day was also observed wherein DPO, Land Resources gave a short powerpoint presentation.



**BCCI LEVEL 'A' COACHES CONDUCT CRICKET  
TALENT HUNT-CUM-COACHING CAMP AT ZUNHEBOTO**

Participants of the three day Cricket Coaching Camp for the Under-16 and Under-19 at Zunheboto on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

A three day cricket coaching camp for the age group of Under-16 and Under-19 concluded on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Zunheboto. A team of three BCCI coaches, under the aegis of the Nagaland Cricket Association (NCA) organized a coaching camp-cum-talent with an aim to reach the untouched areas, and to identify and nurture the budding talents across the State.

In an interaction with the District Information & Public Relations officials, BCCI coach Kechesin Keppen Rengma expressed optimism about the future of the State in sports, saying that the enthusiasm towards sports especially cricket is

clearly visible and the athleticism which is naturally gifted to the Naga people can definitely lead our youngsters to be very successful in the field of sports. Kechesin also appealed to the parents of the younger generation that it is high time we realize and change our mentality and be more cooperative towards the children's interest in sports.

The talent hunt camp at Zunheboto saw as many as 32 young talents, 26 boys and 6 girls, participate. The President of Zunheboto District Cricket Association (ZDCA), Toika Tissica expressed gratitude to the coaches for making themselves available and thanked NCA for the initiative.

**COFFEE PLANTATION HIGHLIGHTED IN LONGLENG DPDB MEETING**

The Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Shayung Phom on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at the DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

The Chairman exhorted the officers to be in their place of posting and cater to the needs of the people, and appealed to all the departments to extend full cooperation and support to the Department of Land Records and Survey Team for

successful completion of the ongoing Government's Land Survey in the district. The DC also urged those departments who have not surveyed their departmental land to write to the District Administration for conduct of survey.

On account of International Week of Coffee celebration, the DPO, Land Resources Department (LRD), Longleng, Kugalo Chishi highlighted the activities of his department for promotion of coffee plantation in the district. While briefing on the significance of coffee week, the DPO spoke on the

benefits of coffee for commercial production, its medicinal values for health and beauty. Emphasizing on the present scenario of coffee in the State and district, he asserted that earlier due to lack of market avenue and awareness, it could not be implemented properly. However, after the initiative of the LRD and signing of the MoU at the international level, coffee plantation is successfully being implemented both in the State and Longleng district.

Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Yanithung Ezung submitted a proposal for up-gradation of Police Post at Tamlu and emphasized on the urgency and its importance for up-gradation to SDPO Post as Tamlu is one of the oldest sub-divisions and shares its border with Assam and Mon.

LRSO, Yanger Imsong presented a brief report on the ongoing joint land survey by the Land Records and Survey Department in the district.

SDO Sadar, Longleng highlighted on the activities of the Officers' Club Longleng and informed the members that the Officers' Club Longleng in collaboration with Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA) is sponsoring coaching classes for the aspirants of competitive examinations called 'Konhan,' for a duration of six months. He asserted that the initiative is to assist the aspirant graduate students who cannot afford to go out of the district to avail basic coaching for various competitive exams. He also appealed to the members to extend full cooperation and support to Konhan.

**DLCC ON TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME HELD AT MON**

District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) meeting was held at Mon Town Council Committee Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. SDO (Civil), Mon, Ilika chaired the programme while District Consultant (NTCP), Mon, E. Nyeamyng Konyak delivered a brief introduction. District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi spoke on the use of tobacco and its harmful effects on health.

The committee members for National

Tobacco Control Programme, Mon are Deputy Commissioner, Mon as Chairperson; District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Mon as Member Secretary; Superintendent of Police, Mon, Project Director, DRDA, Mon, District Education Officer, Mon, Superintendent of Taxes, Mon, Superintendent of Excise, Mon, District Public Relations Officer, Mon, District Transport Officer, Mon, President, KNSK, President, ANPSA, and President, KSU as Members.

**NTCP DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION MEETING AT ZUNHEBOTO**



District Level Coordination Committee meeting under National Tobacco Control Programme was held at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

District Level Coordination Committee meeting led by District National Tobacco Control

Programme was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall at Zunheboto.



DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo while speaking at the meeting, congratulated the two villages, Natha New, Sheipu and SBAK, Nito Mount Mission Centre, on being declared a tobacco free zone. He further urged the churches and NGOs to spread awareness about the harmful impacts of

tobacco through all possible means under their capacity and work together in making Zunheboto a tobacco free district. He also appealed to the leaders present from villages to cooperate with the authorities so that, more places can be declared as tobacco free zones.

### ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo chaired the meeting. Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu was also present at the meeting.

The meeting discussed the grant-in-aid to the following schools - Step by Step School, Olympic Higher Secondary School, Bloomfield School, New Era School and Eden School. Two schools under Zunheboto district which was put up to be upgraded to Government Higher Secondary School was also discussed, and the Advisor gave assurance that he will look into the matter.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu applauded the medical team and District Task Force led by DC for doing a commendable job in containing

corona virus in Zunheboto district, but added that the virus is far from being over and asked all the members to maintain precautionary measures. He also said that he has spoken to higher authorities for more TrueNat machines in the district.

Sukhalu asked the HoDs to make aware the various government schemes and projects, both new and old ones, to the general public as majority of the people are engaged in agriculture sector and most of the time, they remain ignorant about schemes and projects. He also asked the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority not to keep files pending, as due to excessive rainfall, there has been a lot of natural calamities. The Advisor also appealed to the field officers to encourage the villagers to send their children to government schools as there are highly qualified teachers in government schools.

### 'ON JOB TRAINING' PROGRAMME CONCLUDES AT PFUTSERO

The 15 day 'Employment Oriented Training and Skill Development of Semi Skilled Operator' which was organized by National Highways Infrastructure and Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), PMU-Pfutsero, with coordination of Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), New Delhi concluded on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

During the valedictory function held at ADC's Office, Conference Hall, Pfutsero, the Deputy

Commissioner, Phek, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS distributed certificates to the participants and motivated the participants. While congratulating all the participants, he also encouraged everyone to make value addition wherever opportunity arises.

General Manager (P), PMU-Pfutsero, NHIDCL, A. K. Singh gave the welcome address. The training programme was attended by 30 participants from EPC Contractor, Pfutsero-Phek Road.

### GOVERNMENT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTED IN WOKHA DPDB MEETING

The monthly Wokha District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The

meeting was conducted by Vice-Chairman, DPDB and Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha.

During the meeting, the Board highlighted the performance of school education in the district with officials of School Education Department led by Director, Wothungo Tsopoe, Joint Secretary, Nokchasashi, Deputy Director, Emilo Patton and Assistant Director, Nellayappan B, present as special invitees.

Involving all the stakeholders of the district, the Board reviewed on the dismal performance of government run schools in the district and discussed on how to introduce corrective measures to produce good results.

Director of School Education, Wothungo Tsopoe while expressing his concern on the dismal performance of the district, suggested some measures to address the problem - improve infrastructure of schools such as science labs with necessary equipments, libraries, internet services, drinking water facilities, school auditoriums, increase number of trained teachers, introduce GPS based bio-metric attendance for teachers, accommodation for teachers in the rural areas,

establishment of residential schools or tribal hostels and strengthening of monitoring and inspection involving administration department, etc.

Advisor, Horticulture, Border Affairs and Chairman, DPDB, Wokha, Mhathung Yanthan thanked the School Education Department for their active participation and for their concern of the performance of the government run schools in the district.

While reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the Board also reviewed in detail on the activities and the work progress undertaken by the various departments for the four aspirational villages. Other agenda included proposal for upgradation of Bhandari sub-division to district, and creation of sub-centre of health care facility at Khumtsu village which were discussed and forwarded to the Government for approval.

Later in the day, the Board members also visited one of the aspirational villages, Wokha village and highlighted the projects undertaken by various departments for the benefit of the village.

### **MP TOKHEHO HOLDS MEETING AT ZUNHEBOTO**

Member of Parliament (MP), Tokheho Yepthomi visited Zunheboto district on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and held a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Residence with Heads of Offices of some of the departments having centrally sponsored schemes, benefitting the general sector and developmental activities at the district.

Speaking at the meeting, the MP reminded that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision is to see a developed nation, for which he encouraged proper implementation of Central Government schemes and sternly warned against mismanagement of the same. The MP added that

the purpose of his visit is to oversee completed and ongoing developmental activities and management of government schemes directly benefitting the general public in the district. He lauded the efforts put together by all the frontline workers, headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Peter Lichamo, in tackling the ongoing pandemic.

Heads of Offices of DRDA, Women and Child Development, Food & Civil Supplies and Public Works Department presented detailed report on the ongoing activities and implementation of central schemes managed through their respective departments.

### **DTF PEREN HOLDS MEETING**

Peren District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Chamber, District Headquarter, New Peren. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang

Aier who is also the Chairman of the Peren DTF.

Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Lanuakum presented a detailed account of the present COVID-19 status and activities being undertaken including contact tracing. Due to lack of further funding,



utilization of Center Point Hotel for medical staff quarantine in Jalukie could not be continued for which Dr. Hedungkiebe and EAC, Jalukie, C. Wangan were entrusted to negotiate for alternative arrangement at the earliest.

The Board also directed all the Sub-Division Task Force to issue advisories to all concerned village authority/ward chairman in their respective jurisdiction for immediate reporting of arrival of those who have bypassed the screening process and ensure that existing SOP are adhered to.

The DTF nominated SDO (C), Kemciyile as the Officer in-charge of COVID-19 in Peren district and entrusted her to look out for additional COVID Care Centre (CCC) at New Peren, District

Headquarter area as a part of preparedness to face any eventuality.

Concerning market congestion in Jalukie town, ADC, Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang was entrusted to work out necessary measurements for adherence of SOP. The Board notified that free COVID-19 test will be done on case to case basis and random free test shall not be provided to any institution in the district.

After deliberation on the need to start alternative non-COVID essential services in Jalukie, the DTF decided to resume OPD and other essential services at the Community Health Centre, Jalukie besides the COVID Hospital.

## KOHIMA DPDB REVIEWS RECASTING OF ICONIC PROJECT

The monthly meeting of Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of new Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS.

Welcoming the members in his first DPDB meeting, Ali Shihab said that it is a privilege and honour to work with all the dedicated and sincere officers of Kohima district. He said that DPDB is an important platform where various issues can be discussed with holistic views by the members, and requested them to take it seriously and attend the meetings regularly. He further sought full cooperation of each member in the present task of combating the COVID-19 pandemic and conducting

the bye-election and also in all the development activities of the district.

The Board also took up the agenda on recasting of Iconic Project under 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 and further decided to approve as follows: under 15<sup>th</sup> Southern Angami-II AC - 'Construction of Rostrum at R. Khel, Viswema' to be replaced with 'Construction of Waiting Shed,' under 10<sup>th</sup> Northern Angami-I AC - 'Children's Park at Ziekezou Kohima village' to be replaced with 'Approach Road from Kohima Village Ground to Government Primary Health Centre at Ziekezou Kohima village,' and under 2020-2021 'Connection of road from Potter Lane to A.G road' to be replaced with 'Completion of Pay and Use Toilet, Opposite Ao Church' under 9<sup>th</sup> Kohima Town AC.

## AWARENESS SEMINAR HELD AT PEREN

Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) under the Department of Social Welfare, Peren, organised an awareness seminar at Police New Reserve, Peren town on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The programme was led by Women Coordinator, Police Baptist Church, Recasile. District Coordinator, PMMVY Cell, Peren, Keyizieteing Nandang gave a brief introduction about

the PMMVY scheme and also spoke on the importance of getting timely medical check-up during pregnancy and after childbirth. Nandang in his speech said that consumption of alcohol and use of tobacco during pregnancy increases the chance of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disability. He also dwelt on the importance of exclusive breast feeding for the first six months after childbirth and its advantages, and

the importance of timely vaccination and how it helps in reducing infant mortality rate.

IT Staff Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC), Akosi Khate gave a brief highlight about what OSC and 181 are, its functions and the services they provide. He also spoke on the 10 legal rights of women and how women should be aware of them to stand up for themselves in the future.

Pastor, Police Baptist Church, Peren, Dr. Hiazuheing Nidang thanked the Social Welfare team

for coming and enlightening the police community on the various schemes that the Government is providing to help women in the society.

Case Worker, Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Peheilusile Haisobe and Counsellor, Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Grace Newmai enlightened the police personnel about the various schemes for women, Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Women Helpline 181, the 10 legal rights for women and how to avail the services provided.

### **NEW DISTRICT CHIEF COMMISSIONER BS&G WOKHA INDUCTED**

The Wokha district Bharat Scout & Guides (BS&G) inducted Kepelhouzo Terhuja, District Education Officer (DEO) as District Chief Commissioner, BS&G and Thungrhomo Odyuo, Senior SDEO as District Secretary, BS&G on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Senior SDEO's Office Chamber, Wokha.

Kepelhouzo Terhuja during the induction programme said he will perform his duties for the welfare and promotion of BS&G activities in the district. As a new entrant to the fold, he said, he wants to learn more about the BS&G association and its activities.

Thungrhomo Odyuo in his speech said he joined as a scout during his school days. He thanked the district association for inducting him as District Secretary on the verge of his retirement and also assured to help the association.

The programme was chaired by Adeno Ezung, ADOC (Guide), BS&G, induction session was led by Orenpomo H Ngullie, DOC (Scout), BS&G and Zuchanthung Ezung, ADOC (Scout), BS&G. District officials of BS&G, staff from both DEO and Senior SDEO Office attended the induction programme.

### **DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE FOR NMBA HOLDS MEETING AT MON**

The District Level Committee for Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), Mon held its monthly review meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at the DC's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, District Level Committee, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The DC informed the Board about the constitution and function of the State Level and District Level Committees, as well as the aims and programmes of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan. Since the constitution of the District Committee in the month of August, the Committee has initiated various awareness activities and video lectures. As per the guidelines, Mon district has also identified 26 Master Volunteers from various fields who will be trained and carrying out various activities of the Abhiyaan across the district. Various IEC materials have also been developed in addition to a theme song for NMBA. Under this campaign, Mon district has also activated a

dedicated 24X7 Helpline for easy access to information, services and any kind of assistance.

The District Level Committee is collaborating with the Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Banjum (KBBB), Apex Konyak Baptist Churches Association to form Youth Clubs in all the villages and towns of the district. The concept of the 'Yes to Life' Clubs is to engage the youth in various positive and constructive activities in an effort to keep them away from substance abuse. The calendar of activities to be undertaken till March 2021 was also placed before the Board for discussion and approval.

The DC reminded the Board that Mon district is one among the only three districts in Nagaland (among 272 districts in India) selected for this campaign and that all stakeholders should strive to take this opportunity and reap the benefits of the campaign. Dimapur and Kohima are the other two districts in Nagaland chosen for NMBA in Nagaland.



**AWARENESS AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME  
ON EVM/VVPAT AT KOHIMA**

District Level Master Trainers, Bodevi Shūya and Pikato Jimo imparting training to Presiding and 1<sup>st</sup> Polling Officers at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

An awareness and demonstration programme on EVM/VVPAT machines for the conduct of bye-election to the 14-Southern Angami-I (ST) Assembly Constituency (AC), which began on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 concluded on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The awareness programme was conducted in all the 22 Polling Stations under five sectors of the 14-Southern Angami-I AC. During the programme, first time voters were briefed and introduced to the voting machines and its process by the Sector Officers along with District Level Master Trainers.

**EE (R&B) ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING**

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting for the month of October was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, SDPDB, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Board welcomed new SDO (C), Longasen Ezung. As part of Pughoboto cleanliness awareness campaign, the Board deliberated the cleaning of colony/wards in Pughoboto town and asked the citizens to clean up their vicinity.

The ADC directed the Heads of Offices to organize social work in their respective surrounding. On behalf of EE (R&B) Office, Pughoboto, JE, Moa presented powerpoint presentation on various ongoing CSS project under Pughoboto sub-division as on October 2020. The ongoing projects are construction of road from Kijumetuoma to Ghathashi via Phuyeqa,

Chishiqa and Tkuliqa including two 25m span bridge (Phase-I under EI Scheme); construction of road from Kijumetuoma to Kughu river via Iphonu, Ghathashi, Mukali, Shesulimi and Kichilimi (Phase-II from Ghathashi to Tsuyi river); construction of RCC Bridge over Tsuyi river between Asukiqa and Pughoboto under economic importance; construction of RCC Bridge over Tsuyi river between Ghathashi and Hebolmi under economic importance, and construction of RCC Bridge (20m span) over Khughu river.

SMO, CHC, Pughoboto, Dr. J. Hokugha Sema also presented healthcare set up of Pughoboto block and highlighted about the occurrence of scrub typhus in the sub-division, apprising the citizens to keep their vicinities clean. He further encouraged the people to come forward to test for HIV/AIDS, etc. from the lab service available at Pughoboto.

**TRAINING ON YOUTH CENTRIC CLUB HELD AT MON**

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS addressing the trainees on 'Yes to Life' campaign at Mission Center Mon Church on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Konyak Bumeinok Bangjum Youth Ministry in collaboration with Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, Mon held a one day training on 'Yes to Life' at Mission Center Mon Church on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS as Special Guest.

The DC said that the 'Yes to Life' will be a youth centric club with the aim to promote a healthy, addiction free lifestyle. The club through activities like discussions, awareness programmes, sports, traditional activities and other social and religious programmes will act as a means to encourage one another to lead a clean and healthy live. Members of this club can also be

nurtured and taught life skills, communication skills, leadership skills, through various activities at the village, sub-divisional and district levels, thereby grooming them to become productive members of the society.

The Youth Directors of the villages/towns will be given responsibility as the supervisors of 'Yes to Life' Club. The Supervisor once trained will initiate the formation of the clubs in his/ her village/town with the support of the Village Council, various civil bodies like students union and faith based organisations in colonies/khels/morungs to ensure closeness and feeling of oneness within the members from the same locality.

**SAINIK SCHOOL COACHING CLASSES AT NOKLAK**

As an initiative to assist the young generation and aid them in achieving their dreams, Shamator Battalion of Assam Rifles, under the aegis of HQ 7 Sector, Assam Rifles has commenced the coaching classes for Sainik School aspirants at Noklak. The classes commenced from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and a total of 13 students have joined the classes so far, and more students are enrolling on daily basis. The aim of these classes is to coach the students and prepare them to appear and clear the entrance exam which is scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Apart from coaching, the Assam Rifles is also assisting the students with online registration process which is mandatory to appear in the exams. Last year, eight students had joined the classes and all successfully cleared the entrance exams. This year, after carrying out thorough analysis, a civil instructor has also been arranged to supplement the coaching.

The measures taken by the Assam Rifles have been commended by the public, and have assisted in strengthening the bond of bonhomie and trust amongst the force and villagers.



## DC DIMAPUR CAUTIONS FOR MORE STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 MEASURES



Dimapur DTF meeting in progress at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Observing the lackadaisical attitude amongst the general public and some traders in Dimapur, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS has cautioned that more stringent enforcement of COVID-19 precautions will be carried out.

Addressing the Dimapur District Task Force meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the DC advised the members to keep on providing awareness from one's own level. The DC further directed the outpost administrative officers under Dimapur district for conducting meeting in consultation with the village authorities for more stringent enforcement of

COVID-19 measures, adding that the current enforcement teams in place, headed by administrative officers would intensify the various enforcement activities

CMO, Dimapur, Dr. Mereninla briefed on the COVID-19 situation in the district and reminded the public to follow the three golden rules i.e. wearing mask, maintaining social distance and sanitising hands in order to stay safe from COVID-19.

Director, Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Dimapur, Dr. Sedevi, Director, Airport Authority Dimapur, Shikuto from DCCI, Pastor, Yanbemo and several others shared their views and concerns in the meeting.

## MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB DELIBERATES ON VARIOUS MEGA PROJECTS

Mangkolemba Sub-Division Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DB's Court Mangkolemba under the chairmanship of Minister, Higher & Technical Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along.

After reviewing of the previous meeting minutes by the Vice Chairman, SDPDB and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mangkolemba, Razouvoulie Dozo, the Board discussed on the matters relating to the financial assistance for major repair and renovation of Community Hall at

Changdang village, of which the Chairman informed that it has already been approved.

The Chairman also apprised the members about the various mega projects to be taken up in the sub-division and urged upon them to come back to work and develop work culture in their respective departments for all round development and progress in the sub-division.

After the meeting, the Minister visited the ongoing construction of Model College and renovation work at Community Health Centre.

## MP RAJYA SABHA ADDRESSES MEETING AT PHEK

K. G. Kenye, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Co-Chairman, DISHA Nagaland who is

also the Parliamentary Standing Committee Member on Food, Consumer Affairs & Public



Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Co-Chairman, DISHA, Nagaland, K. G. Kenye addressing the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee meeting at Phek on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Distribution and Consultative Committee Member on Rural Development, addressed the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee meeting at Phek on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Kenye called upon the District Officers to take defined roles while serving the people in the district. The MP also urged the officers to utilise the

opportunity and implement effectively the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Recalling the popular VDB programme conceptualised by A. M. Gokhale while serving as the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, he appealed to all the officers to maintain the good works done by officers in the past.

## TRAINING ON OYSTER MUSHROOM CULTIVATION IN KOHIMA

Two day training programme on mushroom cultivation under RKVY-RAFTAAR, 2019-2020 organized by the Department of Horticulture started with the inaugural programme at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Horticulture, Kohima on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Additional Director, Horticulture, Qhutovi delivering the keynote address said that the training was necessitated due to drastic fall in the economic activity across the world and the State, due to the ongoing pandemic, adding that the training on mushroom cultivation will not only help to generate immediate income but uplift the economic sustainability of farmers. He remarked that mushroom cultivation is one of the shortest, low cost and fastest viable income generating among the horticulture enterprises as the farmer can start harvesting mushroom within 21 days. He

therefore, urged all the participants to make the best use of what they have learned from the training and start generating income to become self-reliant.

Trainers for the technical session, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Meyasashi and Assistant Horticulture Officer, T. Eluba, presented on the method and process of oyster mushroom cultivation, hands-on demonstration, judicious management of mushrooms unit, and cost and benefits of mushroom cultivation.

Due to the pandemic, trainings for the farmers were carried out in two batches strictly following all the SOP. Altogether six districts - Zunheboto, Longleng, Mon, Kiphire, Tuensang and Phek attended the first day training programme and beneficiaries were given materials to cultivate mushroom.



## EXPENDITURE OBSERVER FOR BYE ELECTION HOLDS MEETING WITH INTENDING CANDIDATES AT KOHIMA

Expenditure Observer held a meeting with all the intending candidates for bye-election to 14-Southern Angami-IAC on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Briefing on the importance of keeping a proper expenditure record, Observer, S. K. Pradhan requested the candidates to maintain evidences to support expenses in order to have a clear accounting process.

Deputy Commissioner and DEO,

Kohima, Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS while interacting with the intending candidates, requested the attendees to sensitize the citizens that all COVID-19 related guidelines such as maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks, hand wash or sanitizing will be mandatory during the public gatherings or rallies. He sought full cooperation from all the candidates for the successful, free, fair, safe and peaceful conduct of election.

## POLICE COMMISSIONERATE DIMAPUR OBSERVES POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

Police Commissionerate, Dimapur observed the 59<sup>th</sup> Police Commemoration Day on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at Commissioner of Police's Office, honouring those policemen who have sacrificed their lives while protecting the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner of Police (CP), Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS informed that around 35,600 policemen have laid down their lives while safeguarding the nation and security of the citizens from 1947 till date. One among them was Lt. UBC, Thiubuibo Zeliang who was in SOT, and who laid down his life on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 during the operation. On behalf of the personnel of Police Commissionerate, Dimapur, Rothihu handed over cash incentive to the wife of Unit Martyr, Lt. Thiubuibo Zeliang, who was present on the occasion with her daughter.

Commemorating the day, CP, Dimapur received the general salute, read out the Roll of Honour, thereafter the Nishan Commander placed the Roll of Honour on the Cenotaph. A two minute silence, 'Samarak ko Salami' was observed, reveille played and salute was given by all present. This was followed by laying of wreaths by family of Unit Martyr, followed by CP, Dimapur and other officers/police stations. Assistant Pastor, PBC, Dimapur read scripture passages and invoked God's blessings.

The National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21<sup>st</sup> October for paying homage to 10 policemen killed in firing by Chinese troops in 1959 at Ladakh Hotspring, and other policemen who laid down their lives in the service of the motherland.

## MON DPDB MEETING HELD

Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DRDA Conference Hall, Mon on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 under the chairmanship of Chairman, DPDB, Thongwang Konyak, MLA.

The MLA expressed concern on employee absentees and advised all to take collective responsibility for the district. Agenda discussed included registration of Yeinyak Welfare Society in Yei

village; augmentation and retrofitting of drinking water supply to Yakshu village by gravity system with functional household tap connection under Jal Jeevan mission 2019-2020 in Mon district; proposal for approval of district specific study for the year 2020-2021; filling up the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary post for OCM; collection of yearly membership fee, and one time registration fee from new members, including 2019 collection.

**FARMERS TRAINING HELD AT NOKLAK**

To empower Self Help Groups, a two day farmers training on horticulture avenues for sustainable income was held at GHSS, Noklak on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS expounded on the scope and potential of the agri and allied sector in the region, and shared on the prospect of market avenues for the farmers. He assured that the District Administration will give full support to any kind of life changing activities, and expressed hope that the training provided to farmers and Self Help Groups will help in value addition in farming. The DC also said that there is plenty of cardamom, ginger, tapioca, etc. in the region and for this, funding is necessary to start Agri Processing Unit and Model Agri Farm at Noklak, and initiative in this regard is ongoing, he added.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS stated that the farmers have to shift from traditional style of farming into a scientific method in order to increase the production and also to enhance the quality. Encouraging the Self Help Groups, she said that farmers are the backbone of the society.

AHS, Central Institute of Horticulture, Dr. Moasosang Longkumer stated that horticulture is one of the important aspects for sustainable livelihood, and encouraged the trainees to start Kitchen Garden in every household so that it will add nutritional security to the farmers.

Post Harvest Technologist, Vinika Aomi explained in detail on processing and value addition of horticulture crops, and also imparted knowledge on mushroom cultivation, making kiwi candies and mango pickles.

The two day programme was organized by Central Institute of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Medziphema under the initiative of Police Department led by Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS.

Altogether, 54 trainees attended the programme from the representatives of Self Help Groups and Thang Range Public Organization. Onion seeds and guava saplings were also distributed to the farmers during the training.

**WEBINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH HELD AT MON**

The District Level Committee for Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan organised a webinar on 'Mental Health and Substance Abuse' on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at National Informatic Centre (NIC) Room, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mon.

The resource persons were Director of Serendip Guardians, Rini Ghose and Psychiatric Social Worker of Serendip Guardians, Rugozevou Khate. Serendip Guardians is one of the few NGOs in Nagaland working in the field of mental health. They aim to create awareness on mental health and

advocate for improving psychological support for individuals and provide counselling to individuals/groups, and also offer programmes to deal with mental health issues.

The webinar was attended by 26 Master Volunteers of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, Mon district. Master Volunteers have been selected from various fields including education, student bodies and NGOs working in the related sectors. These Master Volunteers will be spreading message of the Abhiyaan, and implementing various activities under the programme.

**CP DIMAPUR RELEASES HANDBOOK ON BASIC FORENSIC SCIENCE**

Commissioner of Police (CP), Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS released a handbook on Basic Forensic Science compiled by Inspector, John

Mukho Phom on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Forensic Science Laboratory Office building, Dimapur.

On the occasion, Tetseo congratulated



John Mukho for taking the initiative of bringing out the booklet which he said would be of immense help for the investigating officers. Highlighting on the importance of forensic science in this scientific age, Tetseo observed that time has come for Nagaland also to lay more emphasis on scientific investigation as courts cannot give final verdict without proper forensic report. Tetseo also noted that the presence of Forensic Science Laboratory in the State saves the State's economy to a great extent as sending samples for scientific investigation outside are very expensive.

Describing Forensic Science Department as the main backbone of Nagaland Police in the field of scientific investigation, Tetseo added that even the role of constables are very important in Forensic Department as expert opinions becomes the most important evidence in the process of investigation. Further, the CP advised the Forensic

Science Laboratory staff to subscribe to the latest journals to keep themselves updated.

Also speaking on the occasion, UBI, John Mukho Phom said that his main intention of bringing out the handbook is to make the investigating officers aware of the potentialities of various physical evidences in their course of investigation and also to be used as guidelines and reference purpose by the investigating officers of Nagaland Police.

Joint Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Khekali Sumi, NPS observed that the State has pool of talents in the field of forensic science and felt the need for promoting the available human resources. She informed that the Government has approved and sanctioned five more divisions namely Documents, Cyber Forensic, Biology, Chemistry and Polygraph divisions, which she said is in the recruitment process.

### FIRST MEETING OF DPDB NOKLAK STRESSES ON DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

The first District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Noklak district was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Noklak DPDB Chairman and Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying. Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, L. Khumo also attended the meeting.

Advisor, H. Haiying called upon the members to have a positive mindset for the development of the district and mentioned that strict attendance should be maintained. To make Noklak district better, he said it is the responsibility of the officers in the departments for bringing all round development and urged them to be in station. Advisor, L. Khumo stated that DPDB is a platform to bring the problems and issues of the respective

departments and to discuss and debate all developmental activities and encouraged the members to endeavour wholeheartedly in their duties. Vice Chairman, DPDB and Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS stated that a well formulated vision and good initiative for the new district are expected from all, for the progress of the district, and he added that for nurturing such good initiatives, the presence of the officers in the district is compulsory. Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS also called for united effort for the upliftment of the district.

The meeting tabled the 'Master Plan for Development of the District,' a comprehensive document with more than 600 plus big and small proposals covering all the administrative circles under the district, categorized according to the



departments. The plan was prepared by District Administration in coordination with tribal bodies and public organizations, and was submitted to DPDB for addition and modifications through respective departments. The Board decided to reconsider and reallocate LADP funds for the current year to give impetus to the district upgradation related priorities.

The Board discussed on the functioning of departments from Noklak focusing on operationalization of Noklak departmental offices, allocation of office space for departments and submission regarding manpower required by various departments. Improvement of basic amenities in the district with preparation on comprehensive plan on Jal Jeevan Mission, power connectivity for all, town road upgradation were also discussed. The Board decided to prioritize the NREGA projects for the year 2021-2022 to ensure rural road improvement. Roads & Bridges Department was given the mandate to prepare a project for prevention of road deterioration through priority installation of hume pipes and culverts.

On banking sector, the Board discussed and felt the need for enhancement of banking services and DLCC formation, Treasury and Currency Chest at Noklak, bank account for all families, increasing the sanctioned strength of PMEGP and SEP beneficiaries to promote livelihood and self-employment.

With regard to the land acquisition, land acquisition for town expansion, land patta issues in the headquarters, land for District Hospital and land for Police Reserve were discussed and approval was given to constitute a DLLA committee.

The agenda on improving postal facility; establishing EBRC at Thonoknyu; SANKALP Skill Development project; Nirbhaya special project on Safety and Security of Women; FCI Godown at Noklak and Departmental Stores at Noklak, Panso and Thonoknyu Headquarters; proposal for

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas; proposals for improving health facilities in the district; proposal for establishment of Official Club and Badminton Court, and inclusion of Noklak into IFAD project and society registrations were discussed and approved for follow up action to be taken with the concerned authority and the Government.

The Board deliberated on proposals to be undertaken by various departments as part of their routine activities and approved the list of projects and proposals expected from various departments in the subsequent DPDB meetings. In regard to Biodiversity Documentation, Community Reserves, Heritage Biodiversity Area and Village Bio-diversity Register were discussed thoroughly and the Board requested the concerned department for necessary initiatives. KVK and NABARD were identified for proposing a comprehensive agricultural development plan for the district for rural rejuvenation.

To redress the connectivity issues, the Board approved the proposal for inclusion of Chendang Saddle to ITC Dan (Pangsha) Road under NH and proposal for GB's and DB's Court Construction at Noklak Headquarter, and also a proposal was made to request the NSDMA for JCBs to address the frequent road clearance necessitated due to landslides. During the meeting, the Board approved a proposal to request the Government for provision of an ambulance for Red Cross Society, Noklak.

Regarding town expansion, the Board decided to propose for projects available under Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, and to write to the Department of Municipal Affairs for assistance in planning for a Greenfield Township. The Board also approved and recommended to the Government for upgradation of Thonoknyu, SDO (Civil) Headquarter to ADC Headquarter.

DC, Noklak appraised the Board on Ground Truth Surveys and tabled reports on mithun rearing,



differently abled persons, elderly and widows, road connectivity, Aadhaar and financial inclusion, drinking water facilities, streets lighting, agriculture productivity, village level libraries, mobile connectivity and human resources pool of all the

villages under Noklak district. The DC requested the respective departments to verify the survey results and submit verification report at the earliest along with proposals for redressing the gaps highlighted in survey reports.

### PROGRAMME ON BANK SAKHI HELD AT NOKLAK

Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), Block Mission Management Unit (BMMU) under Rural Development, Noklak Block held a programme for Bank Sakhi at SBI Noklak Branch on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Block Programme Manager (BPM), S. Chillio Khamniungan in his introductory remarks spoke on the concept, roles and responsibilities of Bank Sakhi. He stated that a Bank Sakhi is a woman SHG member, having a good rapport and liaison with the bank staff, SHGs and Village Level Organisation (VLO), and is assigned to sit at the Bank Branch to assist SHGs and its members to complete different types of transactions and complete documentation work, etc. which can reduce the workload of banks having limited staff in their branch.

The role of a Bank Sakhi has become

very important with the implementation NRLM 'Deen Dayal Antyodaya - National Rural Livelihood Mission,' its strategy has become central to the financial inclusion strategy of NRLM in Nagaland, the BPM informed. The Bank Sakhi, Tsujang of Friendship SHG under Longdon, VLO will be attached in the bank, he added.

The BPM thanked the Branch Manager, SBI, Noklak and his staff for cooperation, and said that the engagement of Bank Sakhi in the bank will be eight days in a month, twice in a week (every Tuesday and Thursday).

Branch Manager, SBI, Noklak Branch, Neikhoto Tachu assured to work alongside and give a helping hand to the NSRLM-BMMU, Noklak. He informed that so far, 10 SHGs have linked bank account and got loans from the bank.

### COVID-19 AWARENESS RALLY HELD AT SHAMATOR

Shamator Town Students' Union in association with District Administration, Shamator organised a COVID-19 awareness and Peace Rally from 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP Out Sector to Local Ground, Shamator maintaining proper SOPs under the guidance of COVID-19 Task Force to educate the public of Shamator about the importance of using mask, social distancing, personal hygiene and responsibilities of

going out for any work within the community.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, Lankonsen Tsanglao and President, Shamator Town Students Union, Topung were the star campaigners. St. Xavier School, Shamator, Christian High School, Shamator, Government Higher Secondary School, Shamator, public leaders and NGOs in Shamator took part in the rally.

### DC KOHIMA LAUNCHES NASHA UKT BHARAT CAMPAIGN

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Nasha Mukh Bharat Kohima, Mohammed Ali

Shihab A. formally launched the Nasha Mukh Bharat campaign for the district of Kohima in his Office

Chamber on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa; District Welfare Officer, Akali Sema; Child Development Project Officer, Kohima, Hebou Rio; SA, Neikesonuo from Social Welfare Department along with other members were present during the launching of the programme.

Launching the campaign, the DC said that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has prepared Nasha Mukh Bharat Annual Action Plan 2020-2021 to be implemented in 272 districts, which are identified as most vulnerable in terms of substance and alcohol abuse. Three districts from Nagaland, namely Kohima, Dimapur and Mon district were also listed based on the inputs received from Narcotics Control Bureau and the findings of the comprehensive National Survey done by the Ministry.

The DC said that the District Level

Committee has to ensure the formulation and implementation of the Nasha Mukh Barat campaign in the district, and for which, he called upon all the members to have proper coordination in order to take forward the campaign activities successfully. He also asked the concerned officials to work out the Action Plan of the campaign for the district and submit it to the State Nodal Officers at the earliest for further implementation of the programme.

On various functions of the Committee, the DC pointed out that aggressive sensitisation programme of the campaign is required to reach out to all the educational institutions, university and community levels. The DC also stressed on the importance of using social media platform for the district campaign and implementation of the same, and also for collective efforts with all the implementing agencies for the successful implementation of the campaign.

## KOHIMA DTF ON COVID-19 PREPARES FOR CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTION 2020



Polling officials in Personal Protective Equipment suit facilitating electors casting their vote through postal ballots at 14-Southern Angami-I (ST) AC on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held an emergency meeting with regard to safe election in the upcoming bye-

election to the 14-Southern Angami-I (ST) Assembly Constituency. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner





(DC) and Chairman, Kohima DTF, Mohammed Ali Shihab A. in his Office Chamber on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Chairing the meeting, the DC appreciated the tireless efforts contributed by all DTF members especially the medical teams in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and bringing the district thus far. He encouraged every member to continue with the good work and fight collectively to contain the spread of infection in the district. He also called upon the members to focus on election related activities and perform respective roles as per the ECI guidelines, and further urged the members to be prepared with the post-election plan.

The meeting deliberated on the new challenges with regard to surge in COVID-19 positive cases in the district, with CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu apprising the members on the status of positive cases reported from the block levels besides the town. She also pointed out that strategic planning for medical teams from the blocks who have been engaged in taking care of Quarantine Centres till date, needs to be worked out to enable them to resume back their works in their respective assigned blocks for early detection of the infection.

DSO, Kohima, Dr. Aseno also informed that considering the spike of positive cases outside the Quarantine Centres, the Department is giving priority for early testing and early

detection of positive cases in order to contain the spread of infection in the district.

With regard to the conduct of safe election in the district, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa informed that various activities relating to election process have been conducted till date, as per the ECI guidelines by maintaining all the safety protocols. She also informed that Postal Ballots from senior citizens, People with Disabilities and COVID-19 positive persons under the constituency were collected by the election officials on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. More sensitization and awareness on precautionary measures and safety protocols will be disseminated through public announcement and also sanitization of Polling Stations and other measures will be carried out before the day of the poll, the ADC informed.

Deputy CMO, Kohima, Dr. Rupert Peseyie and Drug Inspector, Kohima, Ethungbemo Ezung also shared on the set up of medical teams put in place in each village under the constituency. The Sector Health Regulators along with medical teams in collaboration with COVID-19 Committee of each village and Village Council, Chairman, under the supervision of Sector Officers, on monitoring safety protocols carried out in all election related activities under the constituency till date, and preparedness level for the poll day were also highlighted.

### **F&AR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS TRAINING AT TUENSANG**

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Tuensang district conducted a training/skill development programme on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Fish Training Centre, Tuensang town. The training was held on value addition of fish

and fishery products, for the welfare of the women fisherfolk community in the district, earmarked under gender budgeting for the year 2020-2021. Altogether, 30 members participated from different church associations.



### CHEGA GADI CELEBRATED AT TENING

Tening Village Namsan (New Tening village), under Peren district celebrated Chega Gadi, which is the most important festival of the Liangmai Naga, on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The festival falls in the month of Chagahiu i.e. October 30 and 31 every year. Earlier, the forefathers observed this festival for four to five days, however the duration was reduced to two to three days.

The President of Village Development

Board (VDB), Peren Unit, Kinkariulung graced the festival as the Guest of Honour. The festival marks the people's belief that, on this day, the Almighty showers His blessings and brings good harvest, good health, riches and good luck. The celebration is marked by feasting and merry making till the end of the festival.

The festival highlights included long jump, wrestling, cock fight and other traditional games.

### MINI MARATHON HELD AT NOKLAK



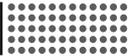
Officials of Police Department with winners of the Mini Marathon held at Noklak on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

To mark the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, a Mini Marathon was organized by the Police Department on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur said that National Unity Day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of 'Iron Man of India,' Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel who played a major role in the integration of India. To acknowledge the efforts in uniting the nation, the nation celebrates National Unity Day on his birth anniversary. She advised the students and youth to set aim in life, work hard to achieve it and also encouraged them to contribute to the society in whatever ways possible.





The Mini Marathon race started at Government Middle School Junction (Penshe Sector) and culminated at GHSS, Noklak (High School B Sector), where the prize distribution ceremony was held. Participants in the Unity Run/Mini Marathon race comprised of students, teachers, Red Cross Society, Health & Family

Welfare Department, Khamniungan Baptist Churches Association, Police Department, District Administration and well-wishers.

Dr. Pritpal Kaur gave away the cash prize and certificates to the winners and participants, and SDO (C), Noklak, C. Phuniang administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge.



**SEMI-AUTO ANALYZER MACHINE INAUGURATED AT PHC ATHIBUNG**

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang inaugurated the Semi-Auto Analyzer Machine for the entire Athibung Block at Primary Health Centre (PHC), Athibung town on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Speaking during the inaugural programme, the Advisor lauded the medical staff of PHC, Athibung who have been working relentlessly for the welfare of the public and requested the members present to cooperate with the medical staff for proper use of the installed machine. Namri also said that despite shortage of manpower, experts and medical equipments, they have been trying to make the best use of available resources to provide good healthcare services to the public.

The Advisor was accompanied by District Administration headed by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, H&FW officials and Police Department headed by OC, Athibung

The programme was chaired by BPM, Athibung Block, Temsumenla Kipgen and short speeches were delivered by DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, DTO, RNTCP, Dr. Supongmenla Walling, President, Kuki INPI, L. L Kuki and MO I/C Athibung, PHC, Dr. Thangmang Thomsong. Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. K Singsit and vote of thanks was delivered by Vice Chairman, Athibung town, Legit Singson.

**SBI ATM INAUGURATED AT NAP TRAINING COMPLEX**

DIGP (Training), Aotemsu, IPS inaugurated State Bank of India ATM booth at the NAP Training Complex, Chumukedima on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

State Bank of India ATM was inaugurated by IPS, DIGP (Training), Aotemsu at the NAP Training Complex, Chumukedima on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in the presence of Commandant, NAPTC, Ben Longkumer, AGM, SBI, Abinash Hemdrom, host of police officers, bank officials and others.

Welcome and introductory remarks were

delivered by the Commandant, NAPTC. AGM, SBI and the Special Guest, Aotemsu, IPS, DIG (Training) also spoke on the occasion. The SBI ATM will deliver and bring banking services right at the doorstep and will serve and cater to both the police personnel and their families within the Police Complex, and the civilians residing in the adjoining localities.

**CHIEPHOBOZOU PUBLIC LIBRARY INAUGURATED**

Chiephobozou Public Library was inaugurated at Marketing Complex, Chiephobozou town on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Chiephobozou Public Library, a public library comprising of recreational as well as educational books was inaugurated at Marketing Complex, Chiephobozou town on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The inauguration was carried out by PS to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiketouzo Kengurüse as the Special Guest, who apprised the crowd on the importance of a public library in the town and appreciated the efforts of the team working behind in putting the library together. He also expressed his delight in having such library in the area as it is an asset for the community as a whole.

During the inauguration programme,

keynote address was delivered by EAC, Chiephobozou, Dziesengunuo Mere while concluding remarks was shared by ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang,

The library has been initiated with a vision to make it into a learning hub for the people of the area. All the books in the library have been sourced purely through donations from philanthropists and well-wishers. With more than 1000 books in the library, the collection consists of recreational and educational books for school children, competitive exam books and materials for aspirants preparing for competitive exams and a whole section of books by Naga authors.

**NAGALAND ART CENTER INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR**

Coinciding with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nagaland Art Festival which started from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Pastor, DCF, Supong Jamir inaugurated the Nagaland Art Center at IMC, Dimapur on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

During the inaugural programme held at IMC Hall, Coordinator of Eastern Art Council, Myingthungo Ababe Ezung said that the purpose of opening the art gallery is to provide a platform for artists to showcase and to promote their works. He

said that Naga artists get very less opportunity or platform except during Hornbill Festivals. Thanking Chuba Pongen and his wife for lending a space at IMC for setting up the art gallery, Ezung informed that the art gallery which opened last year at Super Market would now be operating at IMC, Dimapur. Altogether, 31 artists participated, and their works were priced at the range of Rs. 3000 to Rs. 1,50,000.

## ADVISOR NAMRI NCHANG HANDS OVER AMBULANCE FOR CHC TENING

Laboratory installation-cum-handing over of ambulance for Community Health Centre (CHC), Tening was carried out by Advisor of Water Resources, Namri Nchang on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The Advisor inaugurated bio-chemistry machine and ambulance for CHC which was funded through the Local Area Development Fund. In his address, he highlighted the various developments in the State, headed by Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio, and called upon the people for unity for future

development.

Short speeches were delivered by Deputy Commissioner, Sentiwapang Aier, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Lanuakum and Aku Nhai.

The formal programme was held at the Government High School Auditorium. Medical Officer, CHC, Dr. Neilasakuo Linyu chaired the ceremony and vote of thanks was proposed by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rhosietho Nguori.

## DC WOKHA INAUGURATES BALING MACHINE UNIT AND COMMISSIONS NEW JCB EXCAVATOR AT WOKHA

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha inaugurated a Baling Machine Unit and commissioned a new JCB Excavator on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at Wokha.

Addressing the inaugural function, the DC said that the approach towards finding a solution to manage waste should be scientific as it can boost safe use of waste. He also stated that



DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha along with other officials during the inauguration of a Baling Machine Unit and commissioning of a new JCB Excavator at Wokha on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

segregation of waste is very important and essential as waste generated cause immense problem and urged the citizens to separate waste into wet and dry waste so that sanitation workers do not find it difficult to separate waste.

ADC and Administrator, Wokha Town Council (WTC), K. Mhathung Tsanglao who chaired the function said that the Department of Urban

Development has provided the machineries with the intention of beautifying the town and to do away with waste menace. He urged the people to dispose off waste properly.

Dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor, Wokha Town Baptist Church, Rev. Abemo Jungio, while vote of thanks was proposed by HA, WTC.



## DC INAUGURATES PETROL PUMP AT NOKLAK

The first Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Filling Station was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Nokak, Remy Wilfred, IAS on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Noklak Headquarter located at Pangsha road below Nokyan village.

Speaking on the occasion as Guest of Honour, Remy Wilfred stated that Noklak Filling Station of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. is the first milestone achieved after the formation of the district. Till date, all customers have been dependent on private sector for petrol and diesel where the District Administration have not been in a position to effectively control over the private parties with frequent shortage situations, he stated. The DC expressed his appreciation to

NGOs and civil organizations for their support and hoped that the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. will flourish in Noklak district.

Proprietor of Noklak Filling Station, H. Thangsoi, President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, Ngon and President, Thang Range Public Organization, Hangthing also spoke during the occasion. Dedicatory prayer was led by Pastor, Longdon Baptist Church, Rev. B. Chilia. The programme was chaired by P. Khumo and was attended by SDO (C), C. Phuniang, EAC, KTC, KSU, KMH, TRPO, DBs, GBs and various representatives from different sections of Noklak town and neighbouring villages.

## FRESH LOCAL FISH STALL INAUGURATED

M & N Fish Enterprise, under the aegis of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Nagaland, opened its Fresh Local Fish Stall at the Fish Kiosks on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Secretariat Road, New Capital Complex, Kohima. The stall was inaugurated by Deputy Director, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Ketuselie, in the presence of Assistant Director/District Fishery

Officer, Dr. Vimezo Kere, owner of M & N Fish Enterprise, A. Angami, and well-wishers.

The Fish Kiosk was constructed by the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department to promote local entrepreneurs and encourage fish farming at commercial scale. Fresh local fish and seafood products will be available at the stall on all working days.





Senior citizens during a programme held to mark International Day of Older Persons at Village Council Hall, Meluri, Phek district on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.



International Girl Child Day was observed at Longleng district from 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung and Retiring Director, IPR, Limawati Ao releasing two books published by DIPR, a pictorial monograph titled 'Nagaland Album - A Photographic Journey' and a reference booklet titled 'An Insider's Guide for DIPR Officials' at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.



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