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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio delivering the Inaugural Address during the virtual inauguration of the new State Banquet Hall at Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 29th July 2020, and (below) the exterior view, left, and the interior view, right, of the new State Banquet Hall.



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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the State level meeting on monsoon preparedness at Nagaland Secretariat Conference Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vizolie Z. Suokhrie addressing a press briefing at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## STATE GOVERNMENT BANS IMPORT AND SALE OF DOG MEAT

The State Government, in a notification issued by the Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, has banned the import and sale of dog meat in Nagaland.

As per the notification issued, the Central Government, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has enacted the Food Safety & Standards Act 2006 and the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation 2011, to regulate the safety of food articles safe for human consumption.

Whereas, in Regulation 2.5(l) (a) of the FSSAI Regulation 2011, meat and meat products and as per sub-regulation 2.5(1)(a) of Regulation 2011, "animal" means an animal belonging to any of the species specified as ovines, caprines, suillines, bovines, and includes poultry and fish. The slaughter of any other species other than the ones listed in sub-regulation 2.5.1(a) of the Regulation is not permissible under the FSS Act and Regulation.

For strict compliance of the FSS Act and Regulation and in order to regulate the safety of food articles safe for human consumption, the State has banned the slaughter and sale of dog meat. Therefore, in consonance with the provisions of the FSS Act and Regulation, the following are banned with immediate effect:

- i) Commercial import and trading of dogs and dog markets.
- ii) Commercial sale of dog meat in markets and dine in restaurants.

Any person found violating the order shall be liable to be punished under Section 428 and 429 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and/or any such other provisions of law as may be applicable.

The District Administration, Police, Municipal Administration and the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, severally or jointly, will enforce the order. The notification was issued in pursuance to the approval of the Cabinet vide Memorandum No. CAB-2/2013 (Pt), dated 04/07/2020.

## GOVERNMENT APPROVES CONSTITUTION OF NSSB

Government of Nagaland vide Cabinet decision (Agenda No.7) Memorandum No. CAB-2/2013(Pt) dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 has approved the constitution of the Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) for recruitment of Group-C posts in the State of Nagaland. The Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) shall function as per the Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) Regulations, 2020. The NSSB shall be administratively under the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department.

The NSSB Regulations, 2020 shall come into force w.e.f., the date of publication in the Nagaland Gazette.

Thereafter, all direct recruitment of Group-C posts presently recruited by the Departmental Recruitment Board as per this Department's O.M. No. AR-3/Gen-I74/2007(Pt) dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 shall henceforth be recruited through the NSSB.

These Regulations comprise of the composition of the NSSB, service conditions of the Chairman, Members and officials/staff of the NSSB and the functions of the NSSB regarding the conduct of examinations and recommendations of suitable candidates for appointment of Group-'C' posts in the State.

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## TRANSFER & POSTING OF IAS/NCS OFFICERS

In partial modification to the Personnel & Administrative Departments notification of even number dated 06.07.2020 and in the interest of public service, the Government of Nagaland has ordered the transfer and posting of the following IAS/NCS officers with immediate effect:

1. V. Maria Yanthan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Information & Public Relations shall hold additional charge of Department of Under Developed Areas.
2. Sehjang Dounge, NCS, Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs shall hold the charge of Parliamentary Affairs Department.

## BAN ON IMPORT OF PIGS FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE

In view of the outbreak of 'African Swine Fever' in the neighbouring States and in continuation to the Notification No. AHV/NPVCP/59/2019 dated 28/04/2020 of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, the Home Department has reiterated that there shall be ban on import of pigs from other States into Nagaland.

All Deputy Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Dimapur/ Superintendents of Police/ Chief Veterinary Officers shall ensure strict compliance of the order.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON BROADCAST OF VIDEO/AUDIO LESSONS

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified for the information of all concerned that the Phase II broadcast of Video and Audio lessons for Classes VIII to XII through Doordarshan, Kohima, All India Radio, Kohima, Youtube channel (DoSE Nagaland) and Facebook (School Education, Nagaland) will be carried out from 11<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 as per the schedule given in Annexure I & II which is available in the Department's Facebook Page. All concerned have been requested to take note that the sign language interpretation has been incorporated in the current video broadcast for the benefit of children with disabilities.

It was observed during the previous phases of the broadcast that enough efforts were not made by a section of the District/Sub Divisional Educational authorities and school heads to ensure that the benefits of the programme reaches all sections of students across the State. Therefore, heads of all government schools have been hereby directed to ensure that parents of all students studying in their school are sensitized about the various modes of broadcast made through Doordarshan, Youtube, Facebook and All India Radio so that they could access the broadcast as per their convenience.

Further, heads of all government schools have been directed to effectively utilize all kinds of resources available at schools and ensure that the benefits of the broadcast reach all sections of the society. School heads should ensure that all teachers remain in their respective place of posting and their services are utilized to supplement the Tele/Radio Online Education programme. Data of students accessing the various modes of the broadcast should be maintained and furnished as and when asked for.

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## NBSE NOTIFIES INSTITUTIONS

The Nagaland Board of School Education has notified for information of all the heads of registered institutions that in pursuance of the decision of the Governing Body of the NBSE, the Board shall discontinue the Environmental Education and Home Science as a sixth subject in the course of study at the secondary level. However, the Environmental Education components will be integrated/ incorporated into other academic subjects.

In this regard, all the registered schools of the Board are informed to take note of the following:

1. New permission will not be granted to any institution for introduction of these subjects from this academic session.
2. The two subjects will be dropped as a course of study from the academic session 2022 in a phase manner (i.e. Class IX – 2022 and Class X – 2023).
3. In lieu of the above two subjects, the Board will identify new subjects which are vocational in nature. The new subjects will be notified in due course of time.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAUTIONS SCHOOLS

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS in a notification informed that few schools in the State have reportedly issued notifications regarding conducting of examinations/resuming of classes, etc. in violation of the Lockdown Order issued by the Government of Nagaland (No.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020, dated, Kohima, the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020).

The Department has once again reiterated that reopening of schools in any manner in violation of the Lockdown Order issued by the Government is strictly prohibited and severe disciplinary action including invoking of Section 188 IPC will be initiated against the Head of Institutions and Members of the School Management Committees/Boards violating the Lockdown Order as per appropriate provisions of law.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON ONLINE STUDENTS EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified for the information of all concerned that the Online Students Evaluation Programme (Phase III) for students of Classes VIII to XII will commence from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 as per the schedule given at the portal '<https://dosenl.in>'. Students are advised to take note of the following steps in order to appear for the evaluation.

1. Complete One Time Registration at the portal '<https://dosenl.in>' from any mobile/laptop/PC before appearing for the evaluation.
2. Login into the portal at the specified date and time and appear for the evaluation.
3. Click the COMPLETE TEST button within the given time limit.
4. Evaluation results will be made available in the portal on 25/08/2020.
5. Best performing students will be rewarded.
6. Syllabus: Topics/Units taught through the Tele/Radio Education Programme.
7. The Online Evaluation is NOT compulsory and the marks secured will not be considered for any purpose of formal evaluation.

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## GPF SUBSCRIBERS INFORMED

Senior Accounts Officer, Administration/GPF has informed all the GPF subscribers of the State Government that Annual GPF statement for the year 2019-20 has been uploaded on the website of the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland Office on 18-07-2020.

In order to view the GPF Statements, GPF subscribers are requested to log in to the office website at 'www.agnagaland.gov.in' and click on the red colored link written "Click here for Online GPF Information System" and proceed to the Subscriber login with the confidential PIN received on the registered mobile numbers. The preferred browser to access the Online GPF Information System is Internet Explorer.

In case of any problem, contact the following Helpdesk mobile numbers enumerated below GPF Series wise for assistance and guidance:

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## SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

In consideration of the internet connectivity issues and the inability of primary section students, particularly from the remote areas to access the Online Education, Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has issued the following directives to Head of Institutions of all government schools functioning in the State of Nagaland for ensuring effective implementation of continuous learning at all levels of schooling.

1. Teachers shall develop Notes & Worksheets based on topics given in textbooks for Classes Pre-Primary to IV.
2. Teachers shall develop Notes & Assignments for topics covered through the Tele/Radio Online Education programme first and then for other topics for Classes V to XII.
3. School heads shall call parents of students class wise on different days/timings so as to follow social distancing in the beginning of the week and distribute the Notes, Worksheets/Assignments, etc.
4. Parents shall be notified for submitting the completed Worksheets/Assignments on a specific day in the next week. Schools shall collect the completed Worksheets/Assignments of the previous week and distribute new Notes, Worksheets/Assignments etc. along with feedbacks of the

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- previous Worksheets/Assignments, submitted.
5. School heads shall ensure that limited numbers of Worksheets/Assignments which shall be completed by students through self study alone are given to students.
  6. Teachers shall record details of Notes, Worksheets/Assignments prepared, distributed and feedbacks given in the Teachers' Diary and the same shall be checked and countersigned by the school heads.
  7. Teachers shall write their name at the right hand side top corner of each page of the Teachers' Diary and school heads shall append their signature at the space provided in each page along with seal. School heads shall ensure that the first page of Teachers Diary is completed in all aspects.
  8. The Department will introduce Real Time Online Tracking of teaching- learning activities being carried out in all government schools using Mobile App for teachers from the first week of August 2020 and details of which will be notified in due course of time.
  9. All DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs shall assign specific schools to Field Officers attached to their establishments for regular online monitoring of the teaching- learning activities using Mobile App either from office or home.
  10. The details of Field Officers (Name, Email ID and WhatsApp Number) and schools allotted to them shall be submitted in MS Excel Format through email to 'director.se.nagaland@gmail.com' on or before 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 without fail.

### NBSE INFORMS HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

The Nagaland Board of School Education has notified to all Heads of Institutions registered with NBSE for information and compliance of the following:

1. The midterm examination for Classes VIII, IX, X shall be done through online/offline mode.
2. Schools can use the question given in the Question Bank to prepare the test items for the mid-term examination.
3. For this mid-term examination, the total mark for each subject will be 50 marks.
4. The minimum pass mark in all the subjects for this year mid-term examination shall be 40% i.e. 20 marks.
5. For this assessment, schools shall not conduct the 50 marks questions in one go. It should be conducted in 2 or 3 batches or parts in online or offline mode. The first part may consist of some Multiple Choice Questions or short questions which can be answered by the students in a short time. Similarly, the rest can be conducted in this manner.
6. However, schools while selecting the questions should ensure that the teacher prepare the questions to be sent (in batch wise) as per the design of the question paper i.e. if in the design, there are five (5) questions of MCQs, only five should be sent and so on. But if there are 10 short answer questions only half should be sent. This is to ensure that students learn and give their assessments on time.
7. During the conduct of mid-term examination, schools need to tell the students that they should send their answers honestly whether through online or offline mode.
8. Schools who have online facilities to conduct the mid-term examination are encouraged to do so.
9. But schools who do not have the online facilities, they can give the typed questions, photocopy it and give out to their students.

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10. For schools, who do not have connectivity and need to hand over photocopy of the questions, they need to observe utmost care in handing over the papers by observing all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) like social distancing, wearing face masks, etc.
11. After the students return the hard copies or if it is submitted through online mode, the school must get it checked by the concerned subject teachers.
12. This year, it should be noted by all that no routine for this mid-term examination should be fixed or given out. The school is at liberty to conduct it for as many days, so long till the results of the mid-term examination reaches the Board by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.
13. All schools must compulsorily assess their students either through online/offline mode and submit the marks. Any school not submitting the result will be treated as not eligible for final examination.
14. The tests or assignments given once submitted by the students should be properly and carefully evaluated by the teachers.
15. All registered schools are directed to conduct the mid-term assessment online or offline in whatever manner they can. With the lockdown, the students cannot come to the schools and therefore, the schools should connect with their students in every possible way.
16. Further, all schools are requested to note that since all the students are at home, they should be instructed to do some activities in relation to Work & Art Education and Physical & Health Education. For more details, refer the Life Skills Education textbook. The students have to send/submit to the school the proof of the assignment done which has to be assessed by the school.

In this pandemic time, all schools should endeavour to encourage the children to do gardening, plant flowers/trees, clean the compound, etc. Children can also be encouraged to take up household activities such as cooking/baking, cloth ironing, stitching and learn basic life skills.

17. For the current year, the marks of the mid-term examination, schools will enter in the PCR the mid-term marks secured by the student out of the total marks of 50.
18. The schools (including middle schools) has to conduct the examination and submit the result individually and not through centre school.
19. The results of this mid-term examination must be submitted to the following mail IDs separately:  
Class VIII – nbseclass8@gmail.com  
Class IX – nbseclass9@gmail.com  
Class X – nbseclass10@gmail.com
20. For Classes XI and XII mid-term examination, details will be notified at a later date.

### W&H DEPARTMENT ISSUES ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY

The Commissioner & Secretary, Works & Housing, Rovilatuo Mor issued a Road Safety Advisory on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 due to the monsoon season and called for serious precautionary measures by all commuting vehicles, in view of frequent occurrence of landslide/depressions/rockfalls in vulnerable locations. According to the advisory, the unfinished road construction works due to the unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic lockdown has rendered additional risks of rockfalls, landslides and unfavourable road surface conditions.

The advisory stated that, while the road authorities concerned will endeavour to attend to the dire necessities for ensuring uninterrupted road communication, the commuting public/vehicles were requested to

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adhere to following safety measures:-

1. Avoid night travels.
2. Ensure reliable mechanical condition of the vehicle before journey, including proper lights, fog light, etc.
3. Avoid halting/parking on slide/sinking prone locations.
4. Adhere to traffic norms of one way traffic on narrow stretches, give way to emergency vehicles viz. ambulance, army, security and essential services.
5. Avoid overloading vehicles, considering the vulnerable road conditions, vehicular load capacity be restricted for 3-axle, 10 wheelers with load capacity of 24 tonnes, till improvement of weather. This is essential to avoid road blockages/avoidable accidents by overloaded mode of transports which is a regular problem encountered during rainy season.

## ADVISORY ON PATIENTS COMING TO NAGALAND FOR TREATMENT OF NON-COVID-19 ILLNESSES

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, the Department of Health & Family Welfare has issued an advisory on patients coming to Nagaland for treatment of Non-COVID-19 illnesses as given below in the interest of public health. All patients coming to Nagaland for treatment of Non-COVID-19 health problems shall mandatorily observe the following parameters:

1. To produce the following documents at the Point of Entry as well as at the hospital:
  - (a) Negative COVID-19 test report done by RT-PCR (Gold Test) of the patient as well as attendant(s).
  - (b) Acceptance Letter from the referring-in hospital i.e. the hospital where patient will be treated.
2. Only one attendant per patient at a time will be allowed inside the ward during hospitalization.
3. In the course of hospitalization, COVID-19 testing by Rapid Antigen Test or by TrueNat will be conducted in the following situations:
  - (a) Patient and their attendant(s) will be tested between fifth to tenth day of arrival.
  - (b) Pre-op investigation for patients undergoing aerosol generating surgical/non-surgical interventions.

The cost of such tests will be paid by the patient fixed by the department from time to time.

4. If any patient or their attendant(s) develops any sign/symptoms of Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI), SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illnesses) or COVID-19, the hospital shall immediately report to the District Surveillance Unit and such cases will be immediately kept in isolation till the lab result is available. If tested positive of COVID-19, all such cases will be transferred to COVID Care Centre or COVID-19 Hospital, as the case may be.
5. All patients and their attendant(s) shall wear face mask at all time and shall strictly adhere to all preventive measures.
6. The hospital shall maintain a record on details of all patients and their attendant(s) from outside the State, which will be submitted weekly to the Chief Medical Officer.
7. Call State Toll Free Health Helpline, at 1800-345-0019, for any queries.

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## ADVISORY ON RAPID ANTIGEN TEST FOR COVID-19 TESTING

ICMR has approved use of Rapid Antigen Test for quick detection of COVID-19 patients and accordingly the following guidelines are to be strictly adhered to by all users:

1. Only ICMR validated Rapid Antigen Test shall be used. The details of validated Test Kits List of companies/ vendors of Rapid Antigen Test Kits for COVID-19 can be downloaded from: [https://www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/covid/kits/List of rapid antigen kits 22072020.pdf](https://www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/covid/kits/List%20of%20rapid%20antigen%20kits%2022072020.pdf)
2. As recommended by ICMR, the deployment of the rapid antigen Point of Care (PoC) test for COVID-19 testing is permissible in the following setting:
  - (a) All containment zones identified by the State Governments.
  - (b) All Central and State Government Medical Colleges and government hospital.
  - (c) All private hospitals approved by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare (NABH).
  - (d) All private labs accredited by National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL) and approved by ICMR as COVID-19 testing labs.
3. A positive test should be considered as a "true positive" whereas all symptomatic cases testing negative through rapid antigen test should be confirmed with a real-time PCR test.
4. Rapid antigen PoC test is recommended for use subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) All hospitals, labs, State Governments intending to perform the PoC antigen test need to register with ICMR to obtain the login credentials for data entry. Interested Institutions may send their request on the following email ID:
    - i) For Government Hospitals : [ag-govthosp@icmr.gov.in](mailto:ag-govthosp@icmr.gov.in)
    - ii) For Private Hospitals : [ag-pvthosp-nabh@icmr.gov.in](mailto:ag-pvthosp-nabh@icmr.gov.in)
  - (b) All data of testing needs to be entered into the ICMR portal on a real time basis.
  - (c) All labs/ hospitals initiating testing through the rapid antigen PoC test need to ensure that all symptomatic negative patients should be essentially referred to a Real Time RT-PCR test for COVID-19. This is particularly essential as the rapid antigen PoC test has a moderate sensitivity.
  - (d) All the entities using antigen PoC test are expected to tie up with the nearest RT- PCR COVID-19 testing lab to ensure that all symptomatic who are negative by the rapid antigen test get tested at the nearest facility.
  - (e) The data of individuals tested by RT-PCR will need to be entered through the lab performing the RT-PCR test.

The recommended use of Standard Q COVID-19 Ag, a point of care diagnostic assay is given at ANNEXURE: 1.

5. All hospital/ labs initiating testing through the rapid antigen PoC test are to mandatorily register with ICMR for data entry into the ICMR portal on a real time basis and are to send their details to the State Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Testing, Dr. Robin Latha, Joint Director by email to [stong@jntcp.org](mailto:stong@jntcp.org) and to contact the Mobile Number: 8119000484 for any queries. Detailed video is available on ICMR website at: [http://www.icmr.gov.in/video/Data Entry Antigen v4.mp4](http://www.icmr.gov.in/video/Data%20Entry%20Antigen%20v4.mp4).
6. Registered Private Hospitals within the State is allowed to charge user fee for COVID- 19 Testing through Rapid Antigen Test at the rate fixed by the Government.

This Advisory is subject to revision from time to time.

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Use of Standard Q COVID-19 Ag a point of care diagnostic assay is recommended in the following settings in combination with the gold standard RT-PCR test:

- A. Containment zones or Clustering of Cases in a defined geographic area/place (to be performed onsite under strict medical supervision and maintaining kit temperature between 2° to 30° C):
    - i. All symptomatic ILI/ SARI.
    - ii. Asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts with co-morbidities (lung disease, heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, diabetes, neurological disorders, blood disorders) of a confirmed case to be tested once between day 5 and day 10 of coming into contact.
  - B. Healthcare settings (to be performed onsite under strict medical supervision and maintaining kit temperature between 2° to 30° C):
    - i. All symptomatic ILI/ SARI patients presenting in a healthcare setting and are suspected of having COVID-19 infection.
    - ii. Asymptomatic patients who are hospitalized or seeking hospitalization, in the following high risk groups:
      - Patients undergoing chemotherapy.
      - Immuno suppressed patients including those who are HIV positive.
      - Patients diagnosed with malignant disease.
      - Transplant patients.
      - Elderly patients (>65 yrs of age) with co-morbidities (lung disease, heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, diabetes, neurological disorders, blood disorders).
    - iii. Asymptomatic patients undergoing aerosol generating surgical / non-surgical interventions:
      - Elective/emergency surgical procedures like neurosurgery, ENT surgery, dental procedures etc.
      - Non-surgical interventions like bronchoscopy, upper GI endoscopy, dialysis, etc.
- \* ILI case is defined as one with acute respiratory infection with fever > 38°C and cough.

Use of the rapid antigen test is recommended in A & B categories above subject to the following conditions:

- a. Should be interpreted between 15 to 30 minutes with naked eye. No interpretation should be made before 15 minutes or after 30 minutes.
- b. Symptomatic individuals who test negative for COVID-19 by rapid antigen test should be definitely tested sequentially by RT-PCR to rule out infection, whereas a positive test should be considered as a true positive and does not need reconfirmation by RT-PCR test.
- c. Samples (only nasopharyngeal swabs) to be collected by a trained healthcare worker following full infection control practices including use of proper Personal Protective Equipment.
- d. The test should be conducted onsite under strict medical supervision and within one hour of sample collection in extraction buffer.

### **CS NOTIFIES ON UNLOCK 3 GUIDELINES**

In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Chief Secretary, in the capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, issued guidelines on lockdown measures vide Order of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 extended from time to time with modification as considered necessary for strict implementation in the State of Nagaland up till the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

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In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10 (2) (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Union Home Secretary and Chairperson, NEC, has vide Order NO. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India issued directions for adherence by all the State Governments to the guidelines on Unlock 3 as annexed to the aforesaid Order up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

In pursuance of the aforesaid Order of MHA, GoI and after making an assessment of the conditions as they exist in the State of Nagaland and for preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, in the capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues new consolidated guidelines on lockdown measures, as annexed, for strict implementation with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 throughout the State of Nagaland up till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

## CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES:

**A.** The following activities will continue to remain prohibited/closed across the State of Nagaland up till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020:

1. All schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching/vocational institutions, etc. However, online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
2. All cinema halls, shopping malls, swimming pools, gymnasiums, entertainment parks, auditoriums, theatres, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
3. International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.
4. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations.
5. Salons, parlors and barber shops.
6. Sports complexes and stadia.
7. All the public places in the State like parks, museums, libraries, re-creation centres, etc.
8. Use of public toilets.

**B.** Entry exit points/routes:

1. The inter-state borders will continue to remain sealed and any inbound traveller/returnee will be permitted to enter the State only through Dimapur by train, air or by road through the New Field Check Gate and the Dillai Gate, and by road through Khuzama, Kohima district, Tsutapela and Watiyongpang, Mokokchung district, Naginimora and Tizit, Mon district and Bhandari, Wokha district. Entry into the State through any other route, or by any other mode of travel will not be allowed, except under special circumstances with the approval of the Home Department.
2. The movement of goods vehicles entering or transiting through the State shall be allowed through the above mentioned points of entry, after proper medical screening of the drivers and attendants of those vehicles.  
All other roads/routes will remain closed.
3. The International Border of the State with Myanmar shall continue to remain sealed as before.

**C.** Movement of vehicles:

1. Inter-district movement of commercial passenger vehicles shall remain barred except vehicles carrying goods.
2. Taxis and auto rickshaws shall be permitted to ply with the condition that they carry not more than two and one passenger(s) respectively. Both the driver and passengers should wear masks. Further, the driver should make mandatory provision for hand sanitizer failing which the Permit shall

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be cancelled. The fares to be charged shall be at the rate prescribed before the announcement of lockdown measures. Movement of passenger buses, like city buses will continue to be prohibited.

### D. Shops/Markets/Other activities:

- a. Shops and outlets of all categories and departmental stores will be allowed to open as per normal hours.
- b. Hawker stalls located in crowded areas and market complexes which offer no scope for enforcing satisfactory social distancing like the Hongkong Market, New Market in Dimapur Town, BOC Market in Kohima, etc. shall remain closed except those shops/outlets dealing with food grains, vegetables, food items, medicines and other essential items and goods. Respective Deputy Commissioners shall identify such areas/market complexes and issue suitable orders in this regard.
- c. The proprietors of the shops and establishments which are allowed to open will make arrangements for keeping hand sanitizers or provide facilities for hand washing with soap and water for the public as well as for their own staff/workers. The proprietors of the shops and establishments should also get the door handles, surfaces and other objects which are frequently touched by people cleaned and disinfected. Social distancing measures will also be adhered to at all the shops and outlets.
- d. Dine-in restaurants and eateries, shall also continue to remain closed. However, home deliveries from dine-in restaurants, food outlets and delivery of online orders of essential commodities shall be permitted. Such establishments are to ensure social distancing for staff as well as customers within their premises. Dhabas at strategic locations along the highway will be permitted to function to cater to the needs of persons involved in transportation of goods. The respective Deputy Commissioners will identify such establishments.
- e. All agriculture and allied activities, forest activities, plantation activities and animal husbandry activities will continue to be permitted with social distancing measures.
- f. All construction activities, including roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects will continue to be permitted with social distancing measures.
- g. All categories of industries will be permitted to operate subject to social distancing norms.
- h. Private banks, ATMs, pharmacies, medical clinics, nursing homes, private telecom services, Internet Service Providers, media houses, LPG, petroleum outlets will continue to open/function as per the existing arrangements. All other kind of private offices/establishments are permitted to open/function with social distancing norms
- i. Religious places/ places of worship in the State will continue to be open to public subject to adherence to conditions/ provisions of the Office Order of even number dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- j. All other activities not explicitly barred or prohibited in this order or any other order issued by the Government will continue to be permitted subject to social distancing norms
- k. All activities are subject to adherence to National Directives for COVID-19 Management as specified in Annexure I.

### E. Offices:

- a. The Civil Secretariat and Directorates in Kohima and Dimapur and all the Government offices in the districts shall function with attendance of officers of Deputy Secretary and above in the Secretariat, and Deputy Director and above in the Directorate and the Head of Office and immediate junior in the district offices being mandatory. For other categories of officers and staff, a roster system shall be worked out whereby 50% staff attends office every alternate week. Concerned AHoD, HoD and Heads of Offices will work out such arrangements in detail. Those not attending office on a particular day will have to be available on telephone and electronic means of communication at all times.

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- b. District Administration, Police, Security Forces/Agencies and medical and essential service providers like Treasury, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Prisons, Public Health Engineering Department, Power, National Informatics Centre, Department of Information & Public Relations, Postal Services, Food & Civil Supplies, Social Welfare, Information Technology & Communication, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Municipalities/Councils, All India Radio, Doordarshan, BSNL, Public Sector Banks , ATMs shall continue to operate as per the current arrangements.

### F. Protection of vulnerable persons:

All persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, are advised to stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the National Directives.

### G. Use of Aarogya Setu:

- a. Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- b. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- c. District authorities may advise individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

### H. Containment Zones:

- a. Containment Zones will be demarcated by the district authorities after taking into consideration the guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with the objective of effectively breaking the chain of transmission. These Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors in the States/ UTs and information will be shared with MoHFW.
- b. In the Containment Zones, only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and service. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be effectively implemented for the above purpose.
- c. Activities in the Containment Zones shall be monitored strictly by the District Administration, and the guidelines relating to containment measures in these zones shall be strictly implemented.
- d. District Administration may also identify Buffer Zones outside the Containment Zones, where new cases are more likely to occur. Within the buffer zones, restrictions as considered necessary may be put in place by the district authorities.

### I. Instructions for enforcement of above lockdown measures:

- a. All the Deputy Commissioners shall strictly enforce the above lockdown measures and the National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure-I.
- b. In order to implement these containment measures, the Deputy Commissioners will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.

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- c. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

## J. Enforcement of stricter and additional lockdown measures:

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the respective Deputy Commissioner on assessment of the actual ground position may issue necessary orders regulating the provisions of this Order. The Deputy Commissioners shall, however, not dilute the provisions, but in the event of being satisfied after taking into account the local conditions that it is essential and expedient to do so, are at liberty to impose stricter and additional lock down measures for such periods and in areas, as deemed appropriate.

## K. Penal provisions:

Any person violating these lockdown measures and the National Directives for COVID- 19 Management will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at Annexure-II.

### **National Directives for COVID-19 Management:**

1. Face Coverings: Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places; in work places; and during transport.
2. Social Distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places. Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. Gatherings: Large public gatherings/ congregations continue to remain prohibited. Marriages related gatherings: Number of guests not to exceed 50.  
Funeral/ last rites related gatherings: Number of persons not to exceed 20.
4. Spitting in public places shall be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
5. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco etc. in public places is prohibited.

### **Additional directives for Work Places:**

1. Work from Home (WfH): As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
2. Staggering of work/ business hours will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
3. Screening and Hygiene: Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
4. Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., shall be ensured, including between shifts.
5. All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch break of staff, etc.

### **Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures:**

#### A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.: Whoever, without reasonable cause
  - a. obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
  - b. refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a

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term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim: Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.: Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or willfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
54. Punishment for false warning: Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.
55. Offences by Departments of the Government:
  - (1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
  - (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act: Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or other lawful excuse for doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.
57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning: If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.
58. Offence by companies:
  - (1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly: Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
  - (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

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Explanation for the purpose of this section-

- I. "company" means any body, corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
  - ii. "director" in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.
59. Previous sanction for prosecution: No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.
60. Cognizance of offences: No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by-
- a. the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or
  - b. any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.
- B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant: Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both, and if such disobedience causes or trends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation: It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration:

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

**BRIEFING ON COVID-19 IN NAGALAND ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020**

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS during the briefing on COVID-19 in Nagaland, stated that as on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the total number of positive cases in the State stands at 501. Out of this, the total active cases are 319, and 182 have recovered. All COVID-19 patients are receiving medical care at the designated COVID-19 Hospitals. As per the severity of symptoms, all the 319 active cases are asymptomatic.

Till 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, a total of 12,268 samples have been tested. Results of 11,630 have been received. Out of the total of 12,268 samples, 8,070 samples have been received at the BSL-3 Lab at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) and a total of 7,881 samples have been tested, out of which 388 samples have tested positive. In addition a total of 5,669 samples have been tested by TrueNat, out of which 110 samples tested positive and sent for confirmation by RT-PCR.

**Y. KIKHETO CONVENES MEETING WITH NODAL OFFICERS**

APC, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema addressing the Nodal Officers at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, who is also incharge of Dimapur district COVID-19 activities, convened a meeting of nodal officers of all the districts of Nagaland including the Convenors of Accommodations, Transport and Food Committee of Team Dimapur on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur. The meeting was held for reviewing and also to listen to the views and suggestions from all the district nodal officers in order to continue to work together with a holistic approach in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

Sema disclosed that fresh returnees hailing from Peren and Mon districts would be hosted and

quarantined in Dimapur, as requested by the concerned districts and also as per the direction given by the High Powered Committee. Team Dimapur has also decided to host fresh returnees of Longleng district as per their request, Kikheto informed.

Member of Empowered Committee, Honje Konyak encouraged all the nodal officers to work in coordination and asked them to bring to the notice of Team Dimapur any problems faced by them.

Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Tiasunep reiterated to give in their best effort in the fight against COVID-19. However, he expressed concern about the shortage of manpower and noted that his health

workers are almost exhausted and needs rest. Towards this, Kikheto advised the CMO to give in written, should there be any manpower problem to take care of the fresh returnees of Mon, Peren and Longleng so that he can take up the issue with the Health & Family Welfare Department for necessary

deployment of doctors and medical staff.

Convenor, Food Committee Dimapur, Avonuo informed all the nodal officers that there was no problem in providing food to all the inmates including the transit returnees and assured that they would continue to provide their services.

## STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

The full text of the Statement from the Government on Law and Order in Nagaland, issued by the Department of Information & Public Relations on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, is as follows:

The State Government is of the view that the assessment of the law and order being precarious and grim and having deteriorated and collapsed since August 2019 does not appear to be factual. The State of Nagaland was born out of a political settlement. However, in the last 57 years of its existence, the political problem still remains unresolved. This issue has been acknowledged as a political issue and the Government of India (GoI) has been negotiating with Naga Political Groups (NPGs) since 1997. These political negotiations are being held at the highest level with successive Prime Ministers, including the present Honourable Prime Minister meeting the leadership of the political organization. The GoI has appointed an interlocutor as representative of the GoI to carry out the political dialogue since declaration of the ceasefire and inception of the political talks.

The Honourable Governor was the interlocutor of the talks and was later appointed as Governor of Nagaland on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. His appointment as Governor was welcomed by all with high expectations that the talks would successfully conclude with an honourable and acceptable political solution. The State Government is pleased that with the signing of the Framework Agreement of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 and conclusion of the talks on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, a political solution is in sight. An early solution is not only in the interest of the State of Nagaland and its citizens but it is also definitely in the national interest as the problem has stretched out for

decades. Peace in Nagaland will also ensure stability in the entire region. At the political level, the stand of the present People's Democratic Alliance government, a pre-poll alliance between the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been to facilitate the political settlement at all levels.

The Central Government is in a ceasefire agreement with the Naga National Political Groups for more than two decades and the talks are reported to have concluded in October 2019 and accordingly the people are expecting an early political solution. The State Government feels that terming the organizations as "armed gangs" may not be in the interest of the peace process and may not be congenial to the achievement of lasting peace which is the desire of both the GoI and the State Government. The State Government is of the view that with the signing of the 2015 Framework Agreement and the conclusion of the negotiations on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, the issue of sustenance of the political organisations should have been discussed and resolved.

Nagaland has come a long way from precarious law and order and security situation in the last several decades. There have been assassination attempts on the lives of VIPs including the incumbent Chief Minister when he was the then Works & Housing Minister on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1995, and serious challenges to fulfilment of constitutional obligations, like participating in elections. Despite these challenges the Constitution has always been upheld. The voting percentage in successive State elections which has ranged between 78% to 92% in the last three decades is a testimony to the people's



support for the constitutional process. It was also pointed out that the voting percentage of Nagaland in the national elections has been consistently above the national voting percentage. The period through the 1990s witnessed the most volatile security environment when killings of common people, fratricidal deaths, and violent factional clashes took place on a regular basis.

The overall law and order situation in the State continues to be normal and peaceful. All the wings of the law and order machinery of the State are working effectively in tandem to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in the State. From time to time, however, there have been occasions when antisocial and unruly elements at certain places have made attempts to vitiate the situation by trying to impose illegal taxes and carry out extortions, and the State Police has been all along very proactive in dealing with such cases. In fact more than 95% of the cases relating to extortion, the cases have been registered suo-motu by the Police, which takes cognizance of any complaint that comes, and there are enough supervisory officers provided also to ensure that action is swiftly taken. Further Anti-Extortion Cell has been constituted in all the districts headed by the Sub-Divisional Police Officer of the district along with other personnel. In Dimapur, which is the scene of most of the action, the teams are headed by Deputy Commissioner of Police rank officers. Mobile Highway Patrolling for anti-extortion measures are also operational in Kohima and Dimapur along the National Highway.

It may be further mentioned that in March 2018 a Special Task Force (STF) has also been established by the Nagaland Police to augment its operational capabilities in terms of raids, cordon and search operations for apprehending extortionists and criminals. The STF has been trained in special weapons and tactics and presently has two company strength, which is sought to be further augmented in due course. The State Police in its efforts towards further improving the security situation has in coordination with District Administration and other security agencies have

been making serious efforts in combating any illegal elements in all the districts of the State, last year.

The State Police along with Assam Rifles and other Security Forces has registered a total of 893 criminal cases against various factions and a total of 1,238 persons have been arrested in the last five years. The arrests have been made on the basis of the violation of Arms Act, Explosive Act, offence against the State, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, abduction/kidnapping for ransom, NSR Act, murder and robbery. The anti-extortion drive all across the State, carried out by the State Police, has been intensive. A total of 713 extortion cases have been registered in the last five (5) years and a total of 1,007 extortionists have been arrested during the period.

The law and order machinery led by the Nagaland Police has also been keeping a strict vigil for warding off the attempt by any antisocial or criminal elements to derail the developmental activities in the State, particularly the construction of roads, by creating terror or indulging in extortion activities. As suggested by the Honourable Governor, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) for extortion related cases on Highway Construction companies has been functioning since 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020, and the main purpose of this team is to swiftly and effectively look into any such cases and take effective action. A total of six (6) cases were taken up for investigation by the SIT. Four (4) cases were registered suo-motu and two (2) cases were transferred from Longleng district. A total of six (6) functionaries of various factions were arrested including an SS Deputy Kilonser and SS Finance Secretary. Further, additional three (3) criminal cases have been registered suo-motu and investigation is on.

Besides the SIT, Nagaland Police has formed the Highway Protection Force in January, 2020 for securing the highways and construction activities and appointed nodal officers in rank of Additional Superintendent of Police/Deputy Superintendent of Police to coordinate security related issues with highway construction



companies. Mobile and Static deployments of police force have also been done in all highway construction company camp sites for security. It may be mentioned that the number of incidents of serious and heinous crimes occurring in Nagaland has seen a gradual decrease over the years. The total number of IPC offences in 2018 was only 1,223 (National Crime Records Bureau data), which is 57.3 crime per 1 lakh population, compared with 93.1 in Manipur and 329.7 in Assam. The total number of murder cases reported in the State in 2019 was 23 as compared to 39 in 2018 and the number of murder cases till date (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020) is nine (9). Further, the total number of rapes in 2019 was 19, compared to a total of 11 cases in 2018 and a total of 3 cases have been reported till date (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020). As the NCRB figures indicate, the total number of heinous and grave offences in the State is coming down and further efforts are on to minimize them.

The incidents of killing involving inter-factional clashes, attacks on security forces and civilians killed over a block of five years since 2001 stands as indicated: in 2001-2005, the total number of incidents was 94, in 2006-2010, the total number of incidents was 215, in 2011-2015 the total number of incidents was 116, and in the last five years, 2015-2020 the total number of incidents have reduced to only 15, reflective of the improved law and order situation and the overall peaceful atmosphere prevailing in the State.

Among the cases pertaining to inter-factional clashes, there was one such case in Dimapur last year during August 2019, when an SS Major of one faction was shot dead by rival faction, resulting in factional standoff between rival groups. The Police took swift action and four (4) accused involved in the killing were arrested, thereby averting a major factional clash. The State Police and Administration over the past many years in coordination with the other security forces have been actively taking steps on this front to ensure that any situation likely to lead to such incidents are dealt with firmness at the initial stage itself and the decline in numbers show the success of such efforts.

The State Government has been seized of the matter of land encroachment including on government forest land. These issues are being dealt with the utmost seriousness but require constant effort as they have accumulated over a long period of time. A major eviction drive was also carried out on 26/06/2020 in Wokha under Bhandari sub-division by a team of District Administration, District Police and District Forest officials and eviction process is on. Regarding the encroachment of Manglumukh Forest Colony and Intangki National Park, the encroachment dates back to 1993 and since then several attempts were made to evict the encroachers upto 2002. Thereafter some of these areas were converted into NSCN-IM designated camp. Meanwhile Forest Circle Level Committees at the State and district levels are being alerted and their operations enhanced.

The conviction rates, which in any situation is dependent on various factors, has also received due attention of the Government. The capacities of the Investigating Officers are being built by imparting several trainings to them in a structured manner. Steps have been taken for upgrading the forensic capabilities in the State and regular review meetings are being taken in the districts with all concerned for sorting out legal issues and ensuring rise in the conviction rates.

With regard to prices of essential commodities, it is observed that while there may be some escalation of construction goods in Nagaland, all essential items in Nagaland are sold at or below specified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). There are no reports of essential goods and commodities, especially Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) being sold above MRP. Unlike in the past, many companies are now operating from within Nagaland and companies like Amazon now have operational offices in Kohima and Dimapur. In fact, most of the essential commodities, construction goods and consumer products are cheaper in Nagaland than in Manipur, Mizoram, etc.

With regard to improvement of road network all over the State, the matter remains a

topmost priority for the State Government. The road condition within the cities of Kohima and Dimapur has greatly improved. Of late, even the Kohima-Dimapur four lane project is making appreciable progress but for the intervening lockdown period. Regarding projects being implemented by NHIDCL, the State Government had last reviewed the progress on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with MD of NHIDCL as well as the contractors and the senior State Government officials including Deputy Commissioners of concerned districts. The meeting which was chaired by the Chief Minister, was also attended by the MD of NHIDCL and other officials. The feedback from the implementing agencies was that DCs and the State Government were providing fullest support and cooperation to deal with any problems that they faced in execution of their projects.

There was a time in Nagaland when it was difficult to celebrate national days like Independence Day and the Republic Day peacefully in the State. Today, we not only celebrate these national days but also the Annual State Day on a grand scale with enthusiastic participation of the people from all walks of life. The improvement in the security environment of the State is also evident from the increased arrival of tourists during the Hornbill Festival which touched a record of 55,000 last year. Nagaland also hosted the North Eastern Director General of Police Conference in 2019 for the very first time. Sporting events like, Dr. T. Ao Football Trophy, Naga Wrestling and a host of other national events are attracting record crowds. Likewise, music and arts are seen as the rising sectors of our economy. Today, Nagaland is already home to one of the biggest music festivals of the country namely, Hornbill International Music Festival and the State Government is making all out efforts to ensure that Nagaland remains the music capital of the country and emerges as one of the most important centres of music in the ASEAN region.

On the matter relating to Article 371A(1)(b), State Government pointed out that this procedure of taking approval of Honourable Governor for transfer

and posting of senior government officials was done away with after a resolution adopted by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Ever since, the curtains have fallen on this issue and Nagaland has come at par with other States in this respect. The State Government is of the view that any decision to put the clock back in contravention of such a resolution in the guise of discharging special responsibilities under Article 371A(1)(b) would be against the principles of democracy and would be viewed as anti-people and we must not roll back the State to the era of 1960s, the period of formation of Nagaland State.

In the light of facts and the above cited points, the State Government is of the view that it is obvious that Nagaland is witnessing a period of peace and harmony and development efforts have been undertaken on a war footing. Despite difficulties of weak resources, limited working period, challenging weather conditions, limited specialized human resources, and many other factors, the present State Government is performing in a commendable manner with appreciable efforts of the government machineries and renewed commitment from all ranks of officers and staff. The good law and order of the State is also getting regular endorsements and as a matter of fact Nagaland got adjudged the Best Performing Small State in Law and Order by the India Today Group, State of State's Survey for two years in a row. This significant achievement has been made possible by the focussed and dedicated approach of the entire law and order machinery and the security forces in the State, and they deserve fullest appreciation for that. The State law and order machinery is fully aware of its responsibilities to maintain law and order, to provide safety and security to citizens and to control crime in the State on a continuous basis. The Government is fully committed to discharge these responsibilities in a befitting manner.

The State Government finds it pertinent to highlight that in the past three months, like the rest of the world and the country, Nagaland too is battling



the crisis of the global pandemic. The State has received overwhelming support from the civil societies, church organizations, NGOs and all stake holders in combating the pandemic on all fronts. The setting up of the State War Room have been very useful in our battle against COVID-19. The government machineries, frontline workers and law enforcing agencies including the administration have performed in a commendable manner so far. More than 2.12 lakh stranded migrants have been assisted with rations and meals, and 37,766 people of Nagaland stranded outside the State have been reached with cash assistance in a DBT mode becoming the first State in the country to do so. Special trains have also been arranged and paid for by the State Government for their return to their home State. Citizens below the poverty line have been allocated relief rations for three months, benefitting more than 4 lakh citizens of Nagaland.

The State's health facilities and infrastructure is being improved and upgraded on a war footing. Thousands of returnees are being provided all facilities of health care, food, accommodation and logistics at government expense to prevent the spread of the pandemic in the State. These are just some of the highlights of the actions and initiatives which the State Government has undertaken in the past three and half months.

The Chief Minister has been in constant touch with the Honourable Prime Minister, the Honourable Union Home Minister and other Ministers on a weekly basis as Nagaland joined the rest of the nation and the global community in combating the crisis. Likewise, the Chief Secretary and senior officials and Additional Head of Departments, etc. have been working relentlessly as members of Team Nagaland. Our officials led by the Chief Secretary have participated in regular meetings with the Union Cabinet Secretary and other union ministries.

## STATE REPORT ON COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Hiazu Meru issued the daily report on Law & Order and Facilitation of Essential Goods & Services in the State on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. He informed that one violation of the lockdown has been reported and as a remedial step, one person has been bound down. He added that no incident of law and order has been reported in the State.

The report informed that all essential commodity shops remained open in all the districts, except Mokokchung. It also stated that no shortage

of essential commodities have been reported in any part of the State. It added that no restriction on movements was imposed for the distribution of essential commodities and on e-commerce agents.

According to the report, suitable arrangements have been made for providing food and shelter to migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. In this regard, there is one active relief camp and one food camp where ten daily wagers/needly persons were provided food/dry ration.

## CM CONVENES MEETING ON MONSOON PREPAREDNESS

The State level meeting on monsoon preparedness was held at Secretariat Conference Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio with Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, Chief Secretary and other senior government officials.

The objective of the meeting was to be

prepared for the natural calamities that may happen because of the monsoon season and take preventive measures in the event of any eventuality, thereby averting the loss of lives and properties.

In the meeting, OSD, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Johny Ruangmai gave a briefing on monsoon



preparedness with reference to previous year's experiences and how the NSDMA and other line departments responded to the situation.

Engineer-in-Chief, Nagaland Public Works Department, Er. Limatongdang Jamir gave a detailed status of all the district roads through a power point presentation. He said with the onset of monsoon, roads connecting inter-districts, towns and villages in all the 24 divisions of the State have been getting affected by landslides, mudslides, subsidence, etc. However, with the active participation and concerted efforts of the department, damaged roads have been connected and restored for traffic in all the districts with the help of machineries.

The Chief Minister complemented and also advised the department for advance placement of funds to the concerned authority in the districts so as to take preventive measures quickly without wasting time. He also asserted that coordination between District Administration, Public Works Department and District Disaster Management Authority is important in order to address the issues occurring due to natural calamities.

With a large number of migrant labourers engaged in road construction activities going out of the State due to COVID-

19 pandemic, leading to stoppage of works, CM, Rio said that the concerned road construction agencies should make efforts to bring back skilled labourers and workers, following the provisions of the Standard Operating Procedures of the State in this regard and ensure resumption of all such stalled works. He also emphasized on getting over the shortage of skilled manpower by providing training to local manpower already available in the State, so that their services could be used for handling various kinds of machineries and equipments.

Urban Development Department and Civil Defence & Home Guards Department also gave power point presentation regarding monsoon preparedness. Based on their presentations, CM suggested to the concerned departments to jointly inspect the roads, see how waters flow in the drainages during monsoon, especially during heavy rains, and see where it has been clogged, so that appropriate preventive action could be taken.

During the meeting the preparedness of Agriculture and Allied Departments, and the Food & Civil Supplies Department, for ensuring the availability of essential food items and commodities were also deliberated upon.

## **PRESS BRIEFING BY H&FW DEPARTMENT**

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Vizolie Z. Suokhrie held a press briefing at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Dr. Suokhrie during the press briefing, said that the department is closely monitoring the increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in all the districts. He mentioned that one of the main reasons why there has been an increase in number of positive cases in the Quarantine Centres is because of minimal discipline amongst the returnees. While stating that the Government alone cannot contain

the virus, and it requires individual responsibility and participation, Suokhrie urged the civil societies to come together with the Government to avoid further spread of the virus.

Suokhrie mentioned that there is so much to learn about this enigmatic disease and at the most, what the public can do is to practice social distancing and maintain good hygiene to stay safe. He also stated that the State has no shortage in essential equipments. He urged the public to refrain from spreading rumours through social media.



**17,157 RETURNEES HAVE RETURNED TO NAGALAND: APC**

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema during a press conference at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 informed that till date, a total of 17,157 returnees, excluding para military and army have arrived in Nagaland from various parts of the country, including few from abroad.

Kikheto said that 6,800 arrived by special trains, 4,312 by normal trains, 2,723 by flights, 2,212 by buses, 612 by other vehicles and 498 through Kohima. He also informed that one last special train scheduled to start from Bangalore on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 was expected to reach Dimapur on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 with around 500

Naga returnees.

Reminding that COVID-19 fight was yet to be over, Kikheto emphasised on the importance of maintaining social distance, wearing masks and hand hygiene. He put the recovery rate of COVID-19 patients in Dimapur at 84.41 percent, against the State's overall recovery rate of about 40.50 percent.

Kikheto informed that the State's largest Quarantine Centre at Ganeshnagar Industrial Complex has been closed down on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 as all the returnees have been released and some have been kept in Government's Paid Quarantine Hotels.

**HPC ON COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

The High Powered Committee (HPC) on COVID-19 held a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020, under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Co-Chairman, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with Members, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon and senior officials of the State Government.

The HPC reviewed the existing lockdown measures in the State and also the modified plan submitted by the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department for declaring Containment Zones and the protocols to be followed. The HPC also deliberated the functioning of the Quarantine Centres and reviewed the existing provisions of the Standard Operating Procedures for returnees. The proposal for imposition of total lockdown in Kohima municipal areas for one week

was also discussed.

The HPC after taking into consideration all relevant facts decided that total lockdown as proposed may not be warranted at present in Kohima municipal areas. The HPC directed the Kohima District Task Force for strict adherence to all the protocols of the Containment Plans for all such areas where positive cases have come up and for doing rigorous contact tracing and listing, active surveillance and other necessary activities for preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19.

The HPC also reviewed the availability of essential medicines and medical equipments and other essential accessories with the H&FW Department, and further directed the department to expedite the process for recruitment of additional doctors and nurses, as already approved by the Government, so that their services could be used for strengthening the health care system across the State without delay.



## Y. KIKHETO AND TEAM INSPECTS NEC FUNDED PROJECTS



APC, Y. Kikheto Sema and other officials during the inspection of North Eastern Council funded projects at Dimapur on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

As per the order of Chief Secretary, Nagaland, a team headed by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema monitored and inspected the North Eastern Council (NEC) funded projects on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and called for accountability and transparency in all the NEC funded projects.

The team visited the site for development of eri culture for sustainable livelihood, at Seithekema, New Shouba, Aoyimti and Khehokhu villages.

Interacting with the villagers, Kikheto dwelt on the benefits of eri culture, stating that it has huge demand in the market even within the villages itself, as eri is a sugar free healthy food. He observed that eri culture gives turnover within a year, unlike other plants where one has to wait for several years to get the benefits. He further opined that it is not so difficult to rear eri. With so much of advantage, Sema emphasised on the need for creating more awareness in the villages, so that eri rearing could be taken up in a cluster approach.

Sema also advised and encouraged the eri farmers for using judiciously, the assistance rendered by the Government and added that it is encouraging to see many women taking up eri farming.

Expressing concern about the huge number of returnees due to COVID-19 pandemic, Kikheto said that with more than 15,000 returnees in the category of working class not likely to return back to their previous work, he encouraged the Sericulture Department for imparting training/ awareness on sericulture farming.

The team also visited the Abiogenes Centre for Performing Art and Culture, Dimapur, District Transport Office, Dimapur and Multimedia cum Convention Centre, Dimapur under Information & Public Relations Department.

Y. Kikheto was accompanied by CE, Water Resources, Additional Director, IPR, Tokishe Sema, Engineer Planning Department, Kiyheto, Secretary, Director and officers from Sericulture Department.





## STATE OFFICIALS INSPECTS INTEGRATED NZU VALLEY IRRIGATION PROJECT

A team headed by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema visited the Integrated Nzu Valley Irrigation Project at Phenshunyu under Tseminyu sub-division on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The project is funded by North Eastern Council (NEC).

Speaking at the inspection site, Kikheto Sema expressed concern caused due to COVID-19 pandemic and said that it is time for Nagas to learn self-sufficiency in food production. Kikheto called upon the Naga youths to venture into agriculture, given the rich favourable climatic condition of the State and he added that the Government is focusing on how to generate employment to support the livelihood of the people.

Kikheto emphasised on the importance of departments like Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation, Fisheries, Irrigation and Water Resources in working together by sharing technical inputs for enhancing food production, which is a growing concern worldwide and added that efficient management and utilization of these resources are very important to

increase the productivity of food production per unit area. Kikheto maintained that one of the principal reasons for the low productivity in horticulture/agriculture is the progressive deterioration of soil due to erosion. The factors for soil erosion are due to excessive deforestation, overgrazing and consequently, valuable top soil is lost and its fertility gets depleted resulting in poor horticulture/agriculture yield.

Kikheto expressed his appreciation to the contractor, Benjamin I Lorin for carrying out the work even during the monsoon season in spite of the road conditions and urged him to complete the remaining work at the earliest possible time for the benefit of the people.

Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Er. H. Hotovi Ayemi stated that water is becoming scarce due to climatic changes globally and unpredictable drought conditions, so the department is implementing all reliable water sources infrastructures in the State for irrigations. He said that the department is imparting requisite training for economic usage of water and also in identifying potential areas which can benefit the people of the State.

## F&AR DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE 88MT OF FISH UNDER DOYANG RESERVOIR

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources released 1.76 lakh fingerlings, comprising of Indian Major Carp (IMC), rohu, catla, mrigal and silver carp at Doyang Reservoir on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. With an aim to enhance the fish stock and to uplift the livelihood of the fishing community, the department has initiated the programme.

During the programme held at Doyang, Joint Director, Lotimenba urged the fishermen to

continue to strictly follow the mesh size regulations and control the use of dynamite fishing in the area. He also stated that targeted quantity to be harvested during the year through this initiative will be approximately 88 MT.

Lotimenba said that during the current Annual Plan, 2019-2020, a production of 9,448.12 MT is anticipated and in addition, a bulk quantity of 3,700 MT fish will be supplemented by importing from outside the State, and to bridge



that gap the department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has initiated the programme at Doyang, as it is the biggest water body in the State with tremendous potential of becoming a major contributor towards the improvement of State's economy.

District Fishery Officer, Wokha, Dory

Yanthan thanked the District Anglers Wokha Nagaland (DAWN) and the fishing community for assisting the Department while releasing the fingerlings. Meanwhile DAWN and the fishing community also thanked the Director, Kevisa Kense and Joint Director, Lotimenba for initiating the programme.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY

The Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Dr. P. J. Antony has informed that the Business Advisory Committee held a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 11:00 am in the Assembly Committee Room under the Chairmanship of Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and finalised the Provisional Programme for the sixth session of the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly. The Committee decided to hold a one day session on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. During the session, the following Business would be taken up:

1. Obituary references.

2. Questions.
3. Reporting on Assent to Bills.
4. Laying of the Annual Administrative Reports.
5. Laying of Reports/Rules.
6. Presentation of the Assembly Committee Reports.
7. Introduction of the Government Bills.
8. Introduction of the Government Resolution.
9. Consideration and Passing of the Government Bills.
10. Consideration and Adoption of the Government Resolution
11. Unfinished Business, if any
12. Adjournment of the session sine-die.

## CM CONDOLES THE DEMISE OF MP GOVERNOR

The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio condoled the demise of Lalji Tandon, Governor of Madhya Pradesh, and a senior member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), after a prolonged illness on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

The CM stated that Late Lalji Tandon, son of Shivnarayan Tandon and Annpurna Devi was born in Chowk village, Lucknow in the erstwhile United Provinces of British India. He entered politics in 1978 and had a long and diverse career, serving in various capacities. He served several terms as a member of the Uttar Pradesh

Vidhan Sabha, including as a Minister of State in various departments and also as a Member of Parliament during the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha in 2009. In 2018, he was appointed as the 28<sup>th</sup> Governor of Bihar and in 2019, as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

Rio added that Lalji Tandon's demise is an immense loss to the nation, as he was a leader who dedicated the major part of his life to the service of the nation and its bright future. Rio conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family members.

## SOIL TESTING LABORATORY INSPECTED AT S&WC DEPARTMENT

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and officials of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima carried out an inspection of the on-going

construction of Soil Testing Laboratory (STL) at Directorate premises, Kohima under North Eastern Council (NEC) funded project.





The Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and officials of S&WC, Kohima during the inspection of the Soil Testing Laboratory (STL) at Directorate, S&WC, Kohima.

The Deputy Director, Z. Amenba Ao in-charge of NEC schemes, explained that the project works were badly affected due to the collapse of Sechu-Zubza bridge and occurrence of landslides in the four lane road construction during the monsoon season of 2019, and also by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. The project was supposed to be completed during March 2020. At the time of inspection, the construction works were in full swing

and expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

The Joint Secretary encouraged all the officials involved in the project to sincerely monitor and supervise the on-going works till its completion. He added that the STL, once completed, will be an asset of the department and the State as a whole. The STL will cater as data banks to the farmers and all the land user departments, inside and outside the State.

### NBSE INFORMS

Chairman, Nagaland Board of School Education, Asano Sekhose has informed that in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the felicitation function for the rank holders of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examinations, 2020 will not be held in 2020 and necessary arrangements will be made to transfer the cash awards to the bank accounts of the four (4) Toppers and Achievers in Modern Indian Language and Skill Education subjects.

The Governor, R. N. Ravi has conveyed his heartiest congratulations to the toppers, rank holders and achievers of the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations, 2020 conducted by the Nagaland

Board of School Education.

The Governor of Nagaland has also announced the following awards from 2021 onwards:

1. Top three meritorious students from Government Schools in HSLC will be awarded Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 15,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- in order of merit along with certificate.
2. Similarly top three meritorious students from Government Higher Secondary Schools in all three streams of Arts, Science and Commerce will be awarded Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 15,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- in order of merit along with certificate.



*Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Kesonyu Yhome along with OSD, Nagaland State Disaster Management, Johnny Ruangmai and Joint Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Kikameren Longkumer during a meeting held at Conference Hall, District Headquarter, Peren on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*



*Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema addressing a meeting of Nodal Officers of all the districts of Nagaland at Saramati Hotel, Dimapur on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.*



*Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelle with Minister, Public Works Department (Housing & Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and other officials during the District Task Force meeting at DC's Office Chamber, Kohima on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.*



*Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang addressing the monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.*



*Fingerlings provided by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources being released at Doyang Reservoir, Wokha on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*



*Fishing equipments and materials distributed to farmers by the Department of Agriculture, under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana scheme at Chishilimi, Pughoboto on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.*



*Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikhetu Sema and other officials during the inspection of the Integrated Nzu Valley Irrigation Project under Tseminyu sub-division on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*



*Winners of the Online Inter School & College Photography and Short Film Competition on the topic 'Violence Against Women and Children in Wokha' at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*

- Cash award of Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 15,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- each to toppers of HSLC and HSSLC (all three streams) for students who are indigenous inhabitants, belonging to Tuensang, Mon, Longleng and Kiphire, and appearing examinations from the centres of these four districts.

Further, it was also informed that the Governor's Award for Achievers in MILs and Skill Education subjects in HSLC and HSSLC Examinations have been enhanced from the existing amount of Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 5000/- from 2020 onwards.

### **STATE GOVERNMENT CLARIFIES**

In view of the public response on the matter of government officials requiring to furnish information regarding their family members and relatives in Naga Political Organizations, the State Government, in the interest of maintaining transparency, clarified that on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the Office of the Governor, through the Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, had written to the Chief Secretary on the Governor's desire to have a database of State Government employees family members and relatives in underground organizations.

The letter required every government employee to make a self declaration in a format

which was enclosed along with the letter. The letter desired members of the Police department to be segregated and furnished separately. The letter further directed the Home Commissioner to keep hard copies of the declaration and a soft copy to be sent to the Governor's Office by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. A reminder letter was received by the Chief Secretary's Office from the Governor's Office on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The decision of the Government to issue the Office Memorandum, dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, was made on the direction of the Governor, which was deliberated by the State Cabinet in its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

### **HPC ON COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

A meeting of the High Powered Committee on COVID-19 was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Co-Chairman, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with the Members, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, Chief Secretary and senior officials of the State Government.

The HPC reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the State, particularly in Kohima and Dimapur in the backdrop of rise in number of positive cases being detected outside the

Quarantine Centres and implementation of various containment measures by the districts. The HPC after due deliberation has directed that the Kohima and Dimapur District Task Force may hold emergency meetings, and after taking into consideration all relevant factors may take a decision for stricter and additional lockdown measures for a certain period as per the need of the districts for enhancing active surveillance, more comprehensive contact tracing, early detection of suspected cases and isolation measures, so as to break the chain of transmission and prevent further spread.

### **STATE DATA CENTRE UNDER NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT**

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) is co-ordinating the implementation of

National Hydrology Project (NHP) as a central scheme with World Bank assistance. The Cabinet approved the implementation of National Hydrology



Project (NHP) on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. The project is for a total duration of eight years. All together there are 49 Implementing Agencies covering the entire Nation, in which the Department of Water Resources is acting as the Implementing Agency for the State of Nagaland. There is a State Project Management Unit (SPMU) headed by Commissioner & Secretary, Water Resources, as the Project Co-ordinator and Chief Engineer, Water Resources, as the Nodal Officer. Currently, the project is in its fifth year since its inception from 2015-2016. The total budget for the State of Nagaland is 23 crore.

The main objective of the project is to improve the extent, quality and accessibility of water resources information and to strengthen the capacity of water resources management institutions in the State. In order to achieve this, 47 numbers of locations have been identified throughout the State covering 11 districts of Nagaland for installation of instruments for collection of Real Time Data of river basins and establishment of a Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS). The instruments proposed to be installed are six (6) numbers of Automatic Weather Stations, forty one (41) numbers of Automatic Rain Gauge and thirty two (32) numbers of Automatic Water Level Recorder.

The Department under National Hydrology Project (NHP) has initiated construction of State Data Centre (SDC) at Kohima, at an estimated cost of 86.45 lakh for the purpose of data entry, validation, analysis, retrieval and dissemination of datas of meteorological, hydrological (surface and groundwater) and water quality measurements. The construction of the SDC commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. Construction of Hydrology Project Convention Centre (HPCC) at Dimapur has also been initiated, at an estimated cost of 237.86 lakh for facilitating all

National Hydrology Project (NHP) related trainings/workshops/events.

The SDC at Kohima aims to meet the following objectives:

- i) To serve as hubs for both real time and long term data management and operational control systems.
- ii) Entering and uploading the validated data in the online software i.e, Water Information Management System (WIMS) as assigned by NHP and making it available on the public domain i.e, State Water Resource Information System (WRIS).
- iii) Mapping the datas through web based GIS Module.
- iv) Retrieval of data from the Automatic Weather Stations on daily basis.
- v) Checking and validation of data collected from different hydrometeorological stations on monthly basis.
- vi) Collecting and compiling the manual data from all the hydrometeorological sites on daily basis and keeping record of data.
- vii) Exchanging and reporting the data with other agencies under the NHP.

With the SDC in place and correlating all its functions, the ultimate beneficiaries will be the selected farm communities, benefiting from pilot projects for water management, rural and urban water and power users, populations affected by floods and droughts, especially in poor rural areas, farmers who may benefit from improved irrigation water supply and management, Public Health Engineering Department, Power, Agri and Allied departments, research and educational institutions, students and researchers, NGOs, civil society organizations, practising engineers and the private sector.

### **e-WORKSHOP ON 'COMBATING ONLINE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN'**

An e-workshop was organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 by Nagaland Police in collaboration with International Justice Mission on the topic 'Combating Online Exploitation of Children.' Nagaland Police conducted the workshop to

address the threat that comes along with the undeniable benefit from the internet connectivity for education and entertainment for children in the time of COVID-19 pandemic.

In the first of its kind, the workshop was



The e-workshop organised by Nagaland Police on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

organized on the subject to spread awareness. More than 90 participants from different departments like National Informatic Centre, Social Welfare Department, School Education Department, Information Technology & Communication and Police officials from different district headquarters attended the e-workshop.

The opening remark was delivered by Vice President, Partnerships - South Asia, International Justice Mission, Sanjay Macwan. He said that law enforcement agencies are the change makers, to bring social change by enforcing law and protecting people, especially those who cannot protect themselves. Macwan added that in this digital age, the vulnerability of the children has gone up.

The keynote address of the inaugural session was delivered by Additional Director General of Police, Nagaland, Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS. His address threw light on how serious this crime is today and how it needs to be controlled. Tamgadge said that natural disasters pose a threat as human traffickers and paedophiles take advantage of the situation and so precautionary measures need to be taken to ensure that children are protected from the crimes of online sexual exploitation.

Guillermo Galarza, Director of Law Enforcement Training and Technology, International

Centre for Missing and Exploited Children presented the global trends of online exploitation of children. Galarza said that, we as a community need to protect the children before they get into the hands of the offenders. It is a collaborative effort and need multi-disciplinary approach to tackle the crime.

Mike Duffey, Cyber High-Tech Crimes Unit, Florida Department of Law presented on the best practices for law enforcement in combating online sexual exploitation. Duffey said that a lot of youngsters today spend hours on internet, especially during this pandemic. This makes them more vulnerable to the crime. The molester, on the other hand is also present on the same platform, trying to lure the children

Venkatesh Murthy, Director, Data Security Council of India shared on engaging digital forensics and evidence in combating online sexual exploitation. Murthy said that the most important part of digital forensic investigation is documentation and in today's digital age, school should conduct awareness campaign for students and parents too. He added that schools need to ensure proper password for online classes and practice digital hygiene.



## GOVERNOR'S GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF NAKNYULUM

Governor, R. N. Ravi extended his greetings to the people of Nagaland, especially the Changs on the occasion of Naknyulum festival stating, "the festival is celebrated to signify the triumph of light over darkness."

Ravi in his greetings said that according to Chang mythology, ancient people practiced home confinement in times of darkness and uncertainty, and would come out only on the last day to celebrate the light. During this festival, the Changs also share their produce, exchange gifts and care for one another. Another beautiful practice is the enthusiastic cleaning of the village by the village

people, he stated.

The Governor observed that through the rituals of the festival, the Naga people for several hundreds of years survived and preserved their culture and philosophy of learning to live in harmony with nature.

The Governor called upon the people to celebrate the Naknyulum festival in its true spirit while observing the constraints of the global pandemic, COVID-19. He further wished the people with good health, peace of mind and prosperity on the occasion of Naknyulum Festival.

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The HPC was briefed by the Home and Health & Family Welfare Departments on the overall COVID-19 situation in the State. The School Education Department briefed on the various measures being taken to ensure continuous learning of the students, through both

offline and online modes, during the lockdown period. The Higher & Technical Department also mentioned about the various steps being taken for ensuring learning of the students through online modes.

The HPC on COVID-19 deliberated on the existing lockdown measures and decided to continue with the ongoing lockdown measures in Nagaland till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. The HPC also reiterated that respective District Task Force on COVID-19 are empowered to take decisions on imposition of stricter or additional lockdown measures as per their assessment of the local conditions in their respective districts. It was also reiterated that schools and colleges will continue to remain closed.

## BRIEFING ON COVID-19 IN NAGALAND ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha during the COVID-19 briefing on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 said that the new consolidated guidelines, issued by the State Government on lockdown measures will be in effect in all parts of the State from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The total number of COVID-19 positive cases in the State as on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, stands at

1,693. Out of the 1,693 positive cases, the total active cases are 1,052 and there are 4 deaths. As per the severity of symptoms, all the 1,052 active cases are asymptomatic. Till 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, a total of 24,587 samples have been sent for testing through RT-PCR and a total of 16,308 samples have been sent for testing on TrueNat. A total of 2,445 persons are under Facility Quarantine.

## SAVING LIVES WOULD BE FIRST PRIORITY: ANOOP KHINCHI

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, IAS convened a meeting with the District Disaster Management Authority members on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, in view of monsoon preparedness and possibility of heavy rains, flash floods and strong winds.

Chairing the meeting, the DC said that in case of any disaster, the first priority would be for saving lives. The DC directed the Power Department to set up emergency team for restoration of electrical lines and also asked them for barricading areas in case of tree fall, causing threat to human safety. The DC also directed all the Executive Magistrates for identifying unstable buildings in their respective jurisdiction, which are likely to collapse and to submit report at the earliest, and also advised them to draw out a preparedness plan of their areas.

Home Guards Department and Dimapur Municipal Council expressed their willingness to work in case of any eventuality and also highlighted on financial assistance from DDMA Dimapur, towards which the DC assured to help them.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Athrila highlighted on re- strengthening of Baliyan Bridge, stating it as the only lifeline for the people staying in Niuland area. She also suggested for repairing of the hanging bridge between Niuland and Hovukhu village.

ADC, Medziphema suggested for arranging an alternative route for transporting essential commodities, in the event of a major landslide. Assam Rifles and Central Reserve Police Force also expressed their willingness for providing any logistics under their ambit, in the event of a disaster.

## FREE RATION DISTRIBUTED UNDER ANBS



*Migrant Workers line up for free ration distributed by the Department of F&CS at Zunheboto on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.*

### TUENSANG:

The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS), free ration distribution scheme was launched at Government Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Tuensang on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant.

ANBS is a scheme which provides 5 kg of rice per head and 1 kg of chana per family per month, for stranded migrant workers/labourers by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS).

DC, Tuensang called upon all to follow social distancing, use face mask and practise hand washing in order to fight COVID-19. The DC said that Tuensang has COVID-19 positive cases which are all under COVID-19 care facilities, and everyone should cooperate and help fight against the spread in the community level.

Under ANBS, the F&CS department updated that 356 beneficiaries for the month of May and June, 2020 were covered in the first phase and the second phase is on scrutiny phase which may cover around 1000 beneficiaries.

### ZUNHEBOTO:

Under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS), the Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Zunheboto provided 5 kg of rice and 1 kg of chana per month, for the month of May and June 2020, free of cost to all the migrant workers, who were stranded in Zunheboto district.

As of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, migrant workers numbering 876 persons have availed the scheme. The benefit was extended to all the workers who are engaged in road construction and other works.

**NAMRI NCHANG HOLDS MEETING ON COVID- 19 AT TENING**

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang convened a meeting at Government High School Auditorium, Tening on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

Addressing the meeting, Nchang advised the people to be vigilant in the fight against COVID-19, stating that the present situation in the district is a high risk situation. He appealed to the people to follow the guidelines given by the Government and

not to panic. He assured to provide the best facilities available to fight against COVID-19.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rhosietho Nguori highlighted on the overall situation of Tening sub-division. The meeting was attended by Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force, government officials, GBs, pastors and public leaders.

**AQUACULTURE INPUTS DISTRIBUTED TO FISH FARMERS**

*Fisheries Department officials along with fish farmers of Kohima village during the distribution of aquaculture inputs at Kohima on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.*

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources in collaboration with ICAR- Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (ICAR-DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand under the project, "Socio Economic Development through Scientific Fish Farming under Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme" distributed aquaculture inputs such as fish seeds, fish feeds and enclosure nets to 30 fish farmers of Kohima village under Kohima district on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

Deputy Director and Nodal Officer, Neitho-o Kuotsu highlighted on the importance of the project and the significance of scientific culture of fish farming practices. He stated that sustainable, productive fisheries and aquaculture, improves food and nutrition security, increases income and improves livelihoods, promotes economic growth and protects our

environment and natural resources. He urged the farmers and entrepreneurs of the State, to take up scientific system of fish culture to uplift our economy and reduce our dependency on low quality fishes imported from other States.

Fishery Inspector, Khriezhatto Nakhro speaking on the management practices of fish culture mentioned the importance of provision of good quality fish seed and feed for a successful fish farming business enterprise.

Aselie Kire, a fish farming enthusiast, thanked the Directors of F&AR and ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal for the project and assured on behalf of the beneficiaries that they will endeavour for the success of the project, which he hopes will also encourage others to take up such venture.

## LONGLENG DTF TO CONDUCT MASS AWARENESS ON COVID-19

The Longleng District Task Force for COVID-19, decided to hold joint mass awareness campaign on COVID-19, covering entire villages and wards of the district. The decision was made after it was proposed by the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Longleng District Task Force in its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at DC's Conference Hall.

To cover the awareness campaign in shortest possible period, the DTF decided to constitute five teams comprising of one representative each from Health & Family Welfare Department, District Administration, Police, Phom Peoples' Council (PPC), Phomla Hoichem and Phom Students' Conference (PSC). Each team will be assigned to cover villages/wards and sensitize the public on COVID-19 by strictly maintaining the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) provided by the Government. Doubt clarifications through

feedbacks from the public interaction session will be included in the campaign.

DC, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom expressed his gratitude to Mokokchung DTF and Wokha DTF for extending help to the returnees of Longleng district by providing the returnees with food, accommodation and also arranging transportation to ferry them on 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to Longleng. He also acknowledged Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema who is also in-charge of COVID-19 for Dimapur district, for accommodating Longleng returnees in Quarantine Centre in Dimapur.

The DTF also reaffirmed to restrict the movement of vehicles bringing essential commodities from Assam till 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. It further reiterated that the SOPs of the State Government will be strictly followed and implemented to contain and control the spread of COVID-19.

## PHEK DPDB MEETING APPROVES LADF



*Minister, PC, LR and PA, Neiba Kronu addressing the Phek DPDB meeting at DPDB Hall, Phek on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning & Development Board was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Phek DPDB Hall under the chairmanship of Minister for Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu. Members of Legislative Assembly from Phek district also attended the meeting.

The Chairperson briefed about the Local Area Development Fund (LADF) of every

constituency of Phek district, and LADF for each constituency was approved by the House.

Discussions were held about the spread of COVID-19 and the need for spreading awareness to the people for which the District Administration, Health & Family Welfare department, Police department and Non Government Organisations were requested to do the needful.



**BADMINTON STADIUM AT PUNGRO TOWN REPAIRED AND RENOVATED**

ADC, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS along with other officials during the inauguration programme of the renovated Badminton Stadium at Pungro on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The Badminton Stadium at Pungro town, which was in dilapidated condition has been successfully renovated. An inauguration programme was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at the Indoor Stadium.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS who inaugurated the Stadium, stated that sports is important for maintaining good health and also make people come closer. He challenged the public, both youngsters and elderly to participate and

keep up with a healthy competition in sports.

President of Pungro Public Forum, Kongsu, Executive Chairman, YTC, Shelimthong, and Head GB, Pungro town, Musumong spoke on the occasion. Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pungro, Nuhuta Tunyi expressed gratitude to the leaders and all concerned for their help and support, whose contributions, he said, were instrumental in making the cherished dream of the people come true.

**TUENSANG DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS addressing the Tuensang DTF at DC's Conference Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The meeting of the Tuensang District Task Force (TDTF) for COVID-19 was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS who briefed the house on the BSL-2 Laboratory which is being set up at the COVID-19 Hospital, Tuensang. The Deputy Commissioner apprised the House on the need to hasten the completion of the BSL-2 Laboratory.

The House discussed the outbreak of fire at

Loyem Ground on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 which burnt some traditional morungs being used as kitchen to prepare food for the Quarantine Centres. The house agreed to reconstruct the morungs at the earliest.

The House also agreed to strengthen awareness campaign on COVID-19 in the wards/colonies, to spread safe practices such as wearing face mask, washing hands, maintaining social distancing and also to spread awareness against discrimination/harassment of frontline workers and returnees.

## ADMINISTRATOR LTC INFORMS

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Administrator, Longleng Town Council has issued an order reiterating the prohibition of employment of manual scavengers for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks with immediate effect as per the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

Therefore, the contractors have been further directed to ensure strict compliance to the provisions of Rehabilitation of Employment of Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Rules, 2013. The order stated that timely inspection shall be carried out in this regard and defaulters penalized as per relevant provisions of law.

## TRAINING ON COVID-19 HELD AT DIMAPUR



Administrator, DMC, Dimapur, Albert Ezung speaking at the two day training on COVID-19 at Lotha Community Hall, Dimapur on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

A two day training programme aimed to equip community leaders with knowledge and skills on how to protect themselves and the community from COVID-19 was organised by the Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR) in collaboration with District Administration and Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC), at Lotha Community Hall, Dimapur on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Administrator, DMC, Albert Ezung while delivering the welcome address said that the training programme is an important initiative to create awareness and build the capacities of the community leaders and volunteers who play critical role in the preparedness and response at community level. Calling for collective effort to fight against the pandemic, Ezung said that frontline

workers alone cannot fight the COVID-19 pandemic. He also expressed his appreciation to CIHSR for the initiative.

During the training session, HoD, Medicine, Dr. Megongusie Meru, explained in detail about COVID-19, how it spreads, spectrum of illness severity, different types of tests, outcome of infection and quarantine facilities and its purpose.

Hospital Infection Control Nurse, Theyiesinuo, while speaking on Infection Prevention and Control highlighted infection prevention steps such as hand hygiene, face mask, cough etiquette, social and physical distancing, environment cleaning and disinfection. Clinical Psychologist, Imlibenla who was also one of the resource persons spoke on psychological care.



**TEAM LED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS HOLDS MEETING AT PEREN**

A Government team led by Health & Family Welfare, Secretary, Kesonyu Yhome along with OSD, Nagaland State Disaster Management, Johnny Ruangmai and Health & Family Welfare, Joint Director, Dr. Kikameren Longkumer visited Peren district on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and convened a meeting with Joint Action Committee (JAC), civil society organizations and student bodies of Peren district, on COVID-19 related issues at Conference Hall, District Headquarter, Peren.

The meeting deliberated on the incident in which a positive patient was transported to Jalukie along with 16 returnees on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 before the test result was out. They also discussed the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 incident, where 96 returnees from Haryana were

sent off for home quarantine without getting retested.

In the meeting, the official team said the Government will form a Technical Committee to set up COVID-19 Hospital at District Hospital Peren and ensured to reinstate full-fledged Chief Medical Officer, Peren at the earliest as the post is lying vacant. It was also informed that the Government will enhance the strength of Specialist Doctor for District Hospital Peren from 23 to 50 percent, nurses strength from 27 to 75 percent and two Non-Specialist Doctors will be added within a month for immediate necessary action.

The official team also inspected District Hospital Peren and interacted with various civil societies.

**ANTI-ENCROACHMENT DRIVE CARRIED OUT IN WOKHA DISTRICT**

*Anti-encroachment team burning down huts constructed at illegal plantation sites of government purchased land at Wokha on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*

In continuation of the efforts against encroachment on the government purchased lands at Yimparasa, Bhandari and Longayim in Wokha District, an anti-encroachment drive was carried out by a joint team consisting of Forest, District Administration and Police on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The joint team cleared off more than 10,000 trees from the illegal plantations at the three government purchased lands, consisting of teak, khokon, betel nut and yongchak (smelly bean) trees apart from bananas from around 50 acres of land.

The anti-encroachment team also

dismantled and burnt down around 20 farm huts, destroyed fencings, fishery ponds and illegally paved approach roads by digging trenches.

During the drive one JCB which was engaged and pressed to work, dug trenches over the motorable approach roads, pulled down fences and refilled and closed the fishery ponds.

Briefing the team at Merapani, Forest Range Office, Divisional Forest Officer, (DFO) Wokha, Zuthunglo Patton, IFS said that the purpose of the anti encroachment drive was to protect government properties by removing

encroachment from the government purchased lands of Yimparasa, Bhandari and Longayim.

The team also reiterated that illegal activities in and around the same areas would be continuously monitored by concerned authorities to prevent any future encroachment. It further stated that legal actions would be initiated against anyone found guilty of encroaching on these government purchased lands in future

The joint team led by the Divisional Forest Officer, Wokha, Superintendent of Police, Wokha, Additional Superintendent of Police, Wokha, SDO (C), Wokha, SDO (C), Bhandari, EAC, Bhandari, Assistant Commandant 12 IR Camp Merapani, SDPO, Bhandari and personnel from Forest Department, District Administration and Police Department carried out the anti-encroachment drive.

### JOINT MEETING AT PUGHOBOTO DELIBERATES ON PURCHASE OF TRUENAT MACHINE

A joint meeting of Pughoboto Sub-division Task Force and Sumi Aphuyemi Hoho (SAH) was held with regard to purchase of TrueNat machine. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pughoboto, T. Moa Lemtor at DB Hall, ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

During the meeting it was decided that the purchase of TrueNat machine in Pughoboto will be done through free will donation. The Health & Family Welfare Department and the District Administration was entrusted to take up the matter. SAH, President, Inavi Swu said that although Pughoboto falls under Zunheboto District, it is not feasible to go and test from the district headquarter due to various reasons. He said

that we should not depend only on the Government to curb this pandemic. Swu further assured the frontline workers that the Hoho is always ready to give support to the SDTF for any further action.

SMO, Pughoboto, Dr. J. Hokugha Sema acknowledged the Hoho's concern for the people of Pughoboto and briefed on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). He also highlighted on the manpower necessary and maintenance of the machine.

The ADC appreciated the Hoho for their initiative to procure the TrueNat machine. The meeting also discussed on disposal of materials, safety measures, maintenance of the machine, back up and other matters.

### WOKHA DDMA DELIBERATES ON MONSOON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Wokha District Disaster Management Authority (WDDMA) held a meeting to discuss on disasters during monsoon season on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman WDDMA, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting said that due to COVID-19 lockdown, all the other activities have been stalled and the district could not conduct the meeting on time adding that the district also faced some other incident in the past few months like jungle burning at Vankhosung area during jhum cultivation clearance, landslide at Wokha- Bokajan road, drowning case at Doyang river, damage of agricultural crops and plantation by wild elephants.

Sharing the experiences from the search operations at Doyang due to drowning, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Sanis, Seyiekhrietuo Solo said that a proper Standard Operating Procedure, specific to search operations is needed as it has become a yearly affair. He highlighted the practical difficulties faced during search operation like communication breakdown as the Doyang Hydro Electrical Project (DHEP) is a massive shadow area, where mobile network is unreliable, thus the requirement of RT sets and portable PA systems is must for quick direction/response and updates, and for easy public announcements during such operations. He also opined that a timely co-ordination with the DHEP officials is required as



switching the machine off indefinitely during search operations is not possible.

Solo said that, as Doyang river is the biggest water body in the State, which is prone to drowning incidents, he suggested that in order to minimize human intervention during the search and rescue operation the district immediately require equipments like better boats, deep diving gear, drones, sonar scan, underwater cameras.

Commandant, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Vikiho highlighting about their activities said that there are 30 dedicated State Disaster Response Force under the establishment of District Commandant, HG&CD, Wokha. These personnel have undergone training on Disaster Management such as Medical First Responder (MFR), Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue (CSSR) and Emergency Methods of Rescue (EMR). He added that the service of SDRF personnel can be utilized for search and

rescue of trapped victims/casualties/dead bodies, administering and providing first aids to victims before transporting to advance care unit or hospital.

During the meeting the Department of Roads & Bridges reported that despite the monsoon season all the existing roads under Public Works Department are plyable.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, C. W. Tungoe said that, as on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 only one COVID-19 positive case was reported in Wokha. He said that there were no cases of quarantine spread or community spread till date, although Wokha district is bordered with Assam. Tungoe said that early awareness of the pandemic, appropriate drastic and people-centric measures, as well as public support were the main factors, and added that the District also successfully mobilized the strength and the participation of the whole political system and community in preventing the pandemic a priority.

### DC MON NOTIFIES

Mon District Task Force led by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K has notified the set up of two committees to revive the economy of Mon district. The committee on Creation of Livelihood Opportunities will look into creating job opportunities for returnees and enhancing the local economy of Mon district.

The committee on Improving Commodity

Self-reliance of Mon district would look into creating sufficient buffer stock of essential commodities and reducing dependence for essential commodities on other States/Districts. The committees has members from the District Administration, civil societies and various departments. The committees have been tasked to submit their reports within one month.

### ZALE NEIKHA ADDRESSES KOHIMA DPDB



Chairman, DPDB and Advisor, YR&S, Er. Zale Neikha addressing the Kohima DPDB meeting at DPDB's Conference Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of July was held at DPDB's Conference Hall on 16<sup>th</sup>

July 2020 under its new DPDB Chairman, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha. Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal

Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire also attended the meeting.

Considering the inability to complete the action plans of the Village Adoption Committees due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Er. Zale informed that it has been suggested to let the present Village Adoption Committees, formed in 2019-2020 to continue for 2020-2021 with the same adopted villages and wards to enable them to complete their plans. The House also agreed and approved the matter and informed the VACs to implement their plans successfully and submit their report for two years.

In regard to Local Area Development

Programme (LADP) for 2020-2021, Deputy Commissioner, Gregory Thejawelie informed that 50% of the allocation for the year has been sanctioned and the remaining LADP was presented in detail, constituency wise, and was approved by the House.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Vezokholu also reiterated on the importance of propagating the awareness on wearing of face mask, social distancing, hand washing, cough etiquette and other safety protocol measures to prevent further spread of the infection. She also gave the updated status on positive cases detected in the district.

### ONLINE INTER SCHOOL & COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHY AND SHORT FILM COMPETITION HELD

Felicitation programme for Online Inter School & College Photography and Short Film Competition organized by Wokha District Administration under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) in collaboration with DLCW, MSK and Sakhi One Stop Centre on the topic "Violence Against Women and Children in Wokha" was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

Extra Assistant Commissioner (Judicial), Wokha, I. Yentinoungbuo speaking at the felicitation programme said that child abuse, sexual and domestic violence are among the most destructive experiences afflicting women and children. He

called for a co-ordinated effort from all sections to effectively address these kind of issues in order to safeguard and protect women and children.

In the photography competition, Sochumlo and Nzanbeni Sophia N Lapon, both from Perennial Montessori School bagged the first and second prize, while Lyingbeni Patton of Bethsaida School bagged the third prize.

In the short film competition, Class-XII (C) GHSS, Class-XII (B) GHSS and Class-XII (Science) received the first, second and third prizes respectively. Certificate of participation were also given to all the participants.

### PEREN DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING



DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier and members of Peren DTF during the meeting at DC's Chamber, Peren on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



Deputy Commissioner, Peren & District Task Force, Chairman, Sentiwapang Aier convened a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Chamber to discuss on matters related to COVID-19 in the district.

The DTF members acknowledged the public and various civil society organisations of Peren district for their selfless service rendered to the DTF during COVID-19 crisis with utmost concern for the well being of the people.

During the meeting, the board deliberated

on the need to identify more structures for COVID Care Centre and Isolation Centre for frontline workers. The House resolved to earmark Chief Medical Office building as COVID Care Centre for males, while RSETI building and Tourist Log Huts for females. St. Xavier College Auditorium Hall will serve as Isolation Centre for males and Veterinary College Hostel as Isolation Centre for females.

The House agreed to regularly carry out de-contamination in all COVID-19 related buildings or rooms.

### **MON ADOPTS 'ADAPTIVE RESPONSE MODEL'/'CARE MODEL'**

The District Task Force led by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K and Empowered Group has adopted the COVID-19 'Adaptive Response Model'/'Care Model' to fight COVID-19 by bringing about change in behaviour and inculcating habits like social distancing and improving personal hygiene among people. This model has been brought out as a long term strategy so that health and livelihood can go hand and hand.

The interactive 'Care' model is based on the concept that each person is an asymptomatic carrier of the corona virus and thus have to behave in such a way so that they do not infect others. This model would use various tools like classroom, training,

awareness level test, banner and posters, focussed group discussions, etc.

The Konyak Union has developed the iterative test called 'Awareness Level Test' and prepared elaborate Standard Operating Procedures for various occasion and followed the guidelines of Government of India and State Government and the customary practices of the Konyaks. The District Task Force, Empowered Group, Konyak Union (KU), Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK), Konyak Students Union (KSU) and Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Bangjum (Konyak Church Association) will work together to reach every citizen of the district.

### **ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS**

The monthly meeting of Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board for the month of July was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Peter Lichamo. The DC welcomed the new Chairman of Zunheboto DPDB and Advisor for School Education, K. T. Sukhalu and Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, Pukhayi Sumi, including new members to the board. The meeting was conducted following strict Standard Operating Procedures.

The agenda discussed included various proposals that have been put up, seeking financial assistance from common pool, and all the members agreed with the proposals. Proposal for purchase of

land for town cemetery amounting to Rs. 30 lakh was discussed and finalized and it was decided that the legislators from Zunheboto district will write a common application to the Chief Minister.

Chairman, DPDB, K. T. Sukhalu requested the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority to be more active during the monsoon season and urged them to take photos and forward it to the Government as soon as possible. He also directed all the Heads of Departments in the district to be present in their station and serve the people sincerely and added that, since the Government is giving salary, it is their duty to ensure that they deliver their service to the people. He further added that henceforth office checking will be carried out every now and then by administration, student



bodies, party leaders and so asked the HoDs to be sincere in their work.

Sukhalu lamented on the lack of communication between the bureaucrats and politicians, and requested the HoDs to communicate with the concern legislators regarding new schemes/projects or already implemented schemes, as the concern legislator is the people's leader and he knows

their plights and grievances.

Advisor, Pukhayi Sumi highlighted on the various 'dos and don'ts' during the pandemic and asked the people to be very careful. Both the Advisors thanked the DC, administration, police, churches, various NGOs, medical staff and all the frontline workers who have been working tirelessly for the safety of the people.

## KOHIMA DDMA MEETING ON MONSOON PREPAREDNESS

The Kohima District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) had a meeting on monsoon preparedness at District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of DDMA, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the DC said that maximum problems related to disasters occurs during the monsoon season, he therefore called upon all the line departments to be prepared to deal with problems that may occur.

On issues highlighted by the National Highways in the previous meeting pertaining to widening of National Highways, the DC informed that National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) has engaged some firms for repair and restoration works.

In regard to the forest sector, where several request were received for cutting down of trees, which poses danger to property and lives, the DC informed that, the department issues permission, however the clearance activities does not fall under the purview of the State Disaster Response Force as per the guidelines issued by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority. He therefore said that this area has to be sorted out for clearance activities.

EE, Power, Er. Rokongutuo Suohu in his brief presentation of situation report stated that installation of power infrastructures near Dzüdza river is facing challenges due to land instability in the vicinity. For institutional Quarantine Centres for COVID-19, he said there was an urgent need for power back up supply (diesel generator) to provide

uninterrupted supply of electricity and for which his office has already projected the requirement to the Department Core Committee for further necessary action. Power Department also clarified on the availability of provisions for ex-gratia for its personnel/staff in the event of any catastrophic death caused by electricity.

EE, Public Health Engineering, Er. Subongyanger informed about the damages of water supply pipelines and water reservoir at Thekrejuma village. In this regard, the Chairman clarified that the DDMA had already offered financial assistance to the affected community for immediate restoration of water supplies.

EAC, Kezocha, Vineikho in a brief status report of monsoon damage had said major landslide had occurred in two locations between Viswema village and Kidima village and requested the concerned authority to respond to the situation on urgent basis. On the discussion for formation of Ward Disaster Management Authority (WDMA) for municipal towns/wards, he requested the DDMA to form WDMA even for unrecognised towns under Kezocha administrative circle for preparing for any disasters.

The Indian Disaster Resource Network (IDRN), which needs to be updated annually, the Nagaland Information Commission was requested to write a letter, to all line departments, enclosed with the prescribed formats for submission and updating of departmental data, machineries, resources and manpower. The DC also reiterated on the urgency to provide accurate information on the available resources of all line departments in



prescribed format and submit it at the earliest, which will be utilised in times of emergency crisis.

NPTO, Kohima informed that there is an FIR Act which can be availed by the people for catering to any emergency needs and

requirement. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kohima said, the department apart from providing communication systems, it has also introduced a toll free number 112 for any first emergency response action.

### PEREN DTF HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING

An emergency Peren District Task Force on COVID-19 meeting was called by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at COVID Control Room, Peren on receipt of the RT-PCR and TrueNat reports of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

DTO, Dr. Spongmenla Walling briefed the house on the results of the test conducted on frontline workers in which she said that, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 there were two TrueNat positive result on those non-healthcare frontline workers and after doing an immediate contact tracing, samples were sent for confirmation. She also said, results received on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 showed that one among the TrueNat positive was negative while the other needed re-testing and one contact was confirmed as COVID-19 positive by RT-PCR. The positive case was thereby

shifted to the COVID-19 Hospital. Dr. Spongmenla also informed the house that, further testing of contacts has shown that there are eight TrueNat positive cases, four from cooking team, two from security personnel, one driver and one from Containment Zone duty.

In the meeting, the DTF members decided that in case of TrueNat positive cases, immediate shifting and segregation will be done, and ICMR confirmation testing as well as contact tracing shall be done. In case of high number of COVID-19 positive cases among the frontline workers, the Peren Joint Action Committee shall support the contact tracing team with additional manpower. During the meeting it was decided that all Sub-Divisional Task Force and Sub-Divisional RRT in Peren district shall be activated.

### LONGLENG CEMETERY ROAD DEDICATED

The District Administration under the initiative of Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom constructed the approach road leading to Longleng cemetery and dedicated it on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in the presence of government officials, church leaders, NGOs and civil societies of the district.

In his speech, M. Shayung Phom lauded his officers, the DBs led by Shingli Phom and Shilu Phom for their labour and Pongshi, Contractor, EE, Public Works Department, Roads & Bridges and Highway for providing machineries for construction

of the road. He also appealed to the NGOs, churches and DBs to maintain the road and come up with certain rules to avoid using the road for plying of heavy vehicles.

While leading the dedicatory prayer, Pastor, Longleng Town Baptist Church, Beau Phom said that the people of Longleng have been planning for construction of the road since 2010. He lauded the District Administration led by Deputy Commissioner for translating the dream of the people into reality and providing essential public service.

### DIMAPUR DTF DECIDES TO MANUFACTURE CLOTH MASKS

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, IAS convened a meeting of the Dimapur District Task Force members on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and

deliberated on matters pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic in Dimapur.

During the meeting it was decided that

washable cotton masks will be manufactured, in collaboration with women group, police and civil societies, and distributed free of cost to poor section of the society. In the meeting, Anoop Khinchi emphasised on the need for proper disposal of medical waste generated at home so as to avoid spread of COVID-19 and for which Dimapur Municipal Council has been entrusted for devising a special mechanism. The members also recommended to the higher authority for TrueNat testing in all private hospitals and also for antigen tests to the high risk group of people.

The meeting further decided that shop timing would continue from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and appealed to the shopkeepers as well as the

shoppers to adhere to the lockdown guidelines. It also cautioned that shopkeepers and public, that they would be penalised for not wearing masks and for defaulters who repeatedly flaunt the guidelines, it warned that stringent action will be taken.

During the meeting, members including Director, Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dr. Sedevi, DCCI official Shikuto Achumi and several others felt the need for continuing extensive community training for creating social awareness. The meeting decided that the training programmes conducted in collaboration with CIHSR would continue and announcements through PA system will also be intensified, covering colonies and villages.

### **COVID-19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT TUENSANG**

As decided by Tuensang District Task Force for COVID-19, a meeting was conducted at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The meeting was chaired by Sub Divisional Officer(C), Tuensang, Shelly Kathery and attended by the departments of Forest, Public Health Engineering, Fisheries, Social Welfare, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Sakhi One Stop Centre, MSK along with Tuensang Town All Ward Union, COC, Government Higher Secondary School, Thangjam and Government Higher Secondary School, Tuensang.

The meeting discussed on ward wise awareness campaign drive on COVID-19 which will

begin on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at St. John A & B and Pulounyu Ward, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at High School A&B Ward, on 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 awareness campaign will be carried out at Bazaar A,B &C, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the campaign will be held at Old Medical A&B, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 it will be held at Officers and Post Office Ward and on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the awareness campaign will be held at 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP Ward.

The meeting also decided that from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 defaulters of guidelines on use of face mask, social distancing, stigmatization and discriminating of returnees and frontline worker, will be dealt with penalties as per the notification issued by the Tuensang Town Council.

### **DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME UNDER PMSKY PROJECT HELD AT CHISHILIMI**

Equipments for fishing and agriculture were distributed during a programme held by the Department of Agriculture, under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana project at Chishilimi, Pughoboto on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Alkathene pipes, six rolls (two inches) for irrigation and fisheries, 15 rolls, green nets, tarpaulins and chairs were distributed to the farmers.

SDAO, Pughoboto, Myanthung Patton urged the farmers to use them to enhance

production and productivity stating that they are privileged to have the materials and with assistance from the department he hoped that there will be many success stories related to farming. Patton thanked the village authorities and the farmers and encouraged them to continue to uplift their livelihood.

Village Chairman and GB, Hokato Chishi acknowledged the department and staff for helping the farming community in various ways.



**TUENSANG DTF MEETING HELD**

Tuensang District Task Force on COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The meeting was chaired by DC & Chairman, Tuensang DTF on COVID-19, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The meeting deliberated on acquiring Rapid Antigen Test for the district to test high risk groups. The House discussed on measures to reduce the number of Quarantine Centres in the district considering the

declining number of people coming to the district. The house agreed to restart awareness campaigns to spread safe practices to combat COVID-19 pandemic. The DC handed over the money sanctioned by the Government as compensation for burnt down morungs which were used as kitchens for Quarantine Centres. The DC also expressed gratitude to the church associations and civil bodies for their tireless efforts in fighting the pandemic.

**KOHIMA DTF MEETING HELD**

Kohima District Task Force for COVID-19 decided to propose to the government for total lockdown within the Kohima municipality following the detection of more positive cases in various colonies in the district. The DTF in its meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Chamber on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 decided on the proposal to ensure the execution of contact tracing and containment plans effectively in the containment zones in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 infection.

The meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner & DTF Chairman, Gregory Thejawelie was attended by Legislators in-charge of the district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing & Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, K Sophie, Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, Kovi Meyase, MS, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, Dr. Visasieü, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu, DSO, Kohima, Dr. Asenuo besides other members.

The meeting deliberated on the appeal letter received from the Association of Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayat (AKMWP) for total

lockdown for a period of two weeks within Kohima municipality where the members were of the view that total lockdown is required at this juncture for early detection and to prevent the spread of infection and also for smooth functioning of the medical and surveillance teams in the containment zones.

Minister, Tongpang asked the DTF and medical personnel to highlight the issues faced at the ground level and strategies on the proposal for total lockdown to the High Powered Committee for consideration.

Advisor, Dr. Kire felt that serious thought has to be put in with regard to total lockdown in the district as it would enable the contact tracing exercise more effectively during the lockdown period. He also shared his views and suggestions on food catering for the Quarantine Centres and asked the DTF to identify people or catering groups who will be willing to take over the Bethel Kitchen.

CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu also informed the House on the updated cumulative report of positive cases in the district and also informed on the active contact tracing and other safety protocol measures undertaken in various containment zones in the district.

**KOHIMA DTF IMPOSES TOTAL LOCKDOWN**

Kohima District Task Force for COVID-19 decided to impose total lockdown within Kohima District from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. This was decided during its emergency meeting held in Deputy

Commissioner's Office Chamber, Kohima on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

Legislators in-charge of the district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing &

Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor, Municipal Affairs and Urban Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kohima, K. Sophie, Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, Kovi Meyase, MS, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, Dr. Visasieü, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa and other DTF members attended the meeting.

DC & DTF Chairman, Gregory Thejawelie chairing the meeting apprised the House on the decision of High Powered Committee (HPC) to empower the DTF to take decision for certain period of lockdown, after taking into consideration all relevant facts. He also informed the members on the advisories issued by the Home Department with regard to lockdown measures to be implemented.

Keeping in line with the advisories from the HPC and Home Department, the DTF has decided to impose the lockdown as per the need of the district for enhancing active surveillance, more comprehensive contact tracing, early detection of suspected cases and isolation measures so as to break the chain of transmission and prevent further spread. In this connection, the DTF decided to issue detailed lockdown measures to be implemented during the lockdown period within the municipality.

The DTF also entrusted Administrator, KMC, Kovi Meyase to coordinate with the Association of Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayat for implementation of lockdown measures in respective colonies and wards by maintaining all the Government guidelines.

### **PEREN DISTRICT HOLDS DPDB MEETING**

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of July was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang.

In the meeting, District Planning Officer (DPO), Peren, Likao Kikon gave a briefing on the Local Area Development Programme Schemes for 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly Constituency, Tening and 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly Constituency, Peren, which were approved by the Board.

The DPDB members also approved the verification committees constituted for implementation of LADP Schemes under 6<sup>th</sup> A/C

Tening and 7<sup>th</sup> A/C Peren.

During the meeting, District Evaluation Officer (DEO), Erangnimbe Thou presented the activities that were undertaken by the Evaluation Department, while District Surveillance Officer (DSO), Dr. Dungkiabe also highlighted about the COVID-19 status of Peren district.

Peren DPDB, Chairman, Namri Nchang while addressing the meeting expressed his appreciation to all for the efforts they have put forward in this trying and difficult times and also for executing various works and duties, shouldering all the hardships. He also thanked the DTF, medical team and all the departments in the fight against COVID-19.

### **DC DIMAPUR LAUNCHES MHMP**

In a significant move for helping the daughters/sisters, working ladies, the District Administration, Dimapur under the initiative of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, IAS in collaboration with NGO, Community Health Initiative organised the launching ceremony of Menstrual Hygiene Management Programme (MHMP) in government schools and colleges on 24<sup>th</sup>

July 2020 at Dimapur Government College. DC along with Principal, DGC, Dr. Moanochet Longchar launched the sanitary napkin machine and incinerator for Dimapur Government College.

In his inaugural address, Anoop Khinchi announced that through MHMP, sanitary napkin machine and incinerator would be installed in all the government schools and colleges which would be





DC, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, CHI officials along with Principal, DGC and faculty members after the launch of the MHMP at Dimapur Government College on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

funded by the Dimapur District Administration. While expressing concern about health issues with regard to females, Khinchi said that menstrual hygiene management was a natural biological process and felt that it needs discussion and understanding including the male members of the society for resolving the issues. DC, Dimapur while mentioning MHMP as an important component of Bharat Mission, emphasised on the need for creating more awareness and training programmes in which he felt that NGOs have to play an important role. He advised the CHI for working out cost effective economic models so that the programme can cover many more institutions.

Dr. Rhondemo Kikon from CHI while talking about the health challenges in Nagaland, pointed out the isolated geography, poor infrastructure, lack of skilled health care workers, low numbers of hospitals/ health centres, low mother and child health care, low vaccine coverage in children, as some of the challenges. Kikon also shared that the main focus of the NGO was Primary Health Care Service, water sanitation and hygiene promotion, nutrition and livelihood.

Director, CHI, Loreni Sophia while

highlighting on MHMP informed that menstruation taboos/ stigma was still existent in India. She informed that there are 355 million menstruating women in India out of which 23 million women drops out of school annually due to lack of menstrual hygiene and management. She cited lack of sanitary napkins, lack of functional toilets and low awareness on menstruation as the main reasons for early school dropouts.

Loreni also informed that besides Dimapur Government College, the Dimapur District Administration in collaboration with CHI will be extending the MHMP programme to Government High School, Lengrijan, Government Higher Secondary School, Nagarjan, Government High School, Nepali Kashiram Sarpure and Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur.

Principal, DGC, termed the day as momentous and welcome step for the female students of DGC, numbering around 800. He expressed gratitude to the DC, Dimapur for donating the machines generously and opined that it would be an eye opener for the other schools and colleges. Out of the 15 government colleges in Nagaland, DGC would be the first college with the facility, he informed.

## **HG & CD AND SDRF WORKING 24X7 BEHIND THE SCENE**

Behind the scene, and many a times unnoticed, the Home Guards & Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force, Dimapur has been working round the clock for COVID-19 related

activities since 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Presently, HG & CD personnel are deployed in manning eight posts in the border areas covering Dillai Gate, Borlingiri, Ao Yimsen, New

Field Gate, Khatkati, LRC Balijan, Notun Basti and Sangtamtila. The personnel undertake the task of thermal screening of people in the border areas round the clock, informed the District Commandant, HG & CD, Dimapur, Y. Khenito Chishi.

The SDRF team also undertook the entire tasks of transporting dead body from COVID- 19 Hospital, Dimapur to the cemetery and burial was also done by the team following all protocols. Besides, their personnel are also

deployed for security duty in the Quarantine Centres, hotels, State Sports Academy and several other points.

On asked about any challenges faced, Chishi said that initially they faced Personal Protection Equipment shortages but added that with sufficient supply from the Headquarter and the District Administration and some well wishers, the problem has been solved.

### ONLINE TRAINING HELD TO PROMOTE FLORICULTURE

Considering the immense potential to promote flowers in protected and open condition with technology back up and scheme support in the region with flowers like orchids, gerbera and carnation being successfully grown in Nagaland, an online training programme and interactive session was jointly organised by District Administration, Dimapur and Central Institute of Horticulture, Medziphema in association with Floriculture Association of Dimapur on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi in his inaugural speech emphasized to promote flower growers in Nagaland with respect to technology and production in protected and open condition with effective market linkages. He appreciated the efforts of CIH to promote floriculture in the State and also assured flower growers for possible support.

During the session, Horticulture Commissioner (GoI), Dr. B. N. S. Murthy, highlighted the problems faced by the flower growers in present

condition and emphasized the need for introduction of technology for drying of flowers. He also extended all possible support for technology demonstration of potential flowers in production and post-harvest management.

Consultant, Rise & Shine Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Bharat Bhokne elaborated on the problems and solutions for growing flowers under protected condition and answered the queries of the participants.

Technical Consultant, CIH, Arvind Singh spoke on the potential crops for open condition in Nagaland, with reference to sub-tropical and temperate condition and also shared the experience of growing flowers in CIH.

President, Dimapur District Floriculture Association, Abeny Ezung in her speech appreciated the content of the training programme and thanked CIH and District Administration for organising the training.

### PEREN DTF AND JAC FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING

Joint meeting of the Peren District Task Force and Joint Action Committee for COVID-19 was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Conference Hall, District Headquarter, Peren to discuss matters related to COVID-19 in the district. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, who is also the Chairman of Peren DTF.

Peren DTF and JAC resolved to issue

another stringent order in regard to funeral service/last rite and social related gatherings in village level and town level. The board also decided to adopt strict directives/advisories for those entering the district from other districts of Nagaland as well as from other States in order to prevent community transmission in the district.

With regard to the entry and exit, the House asked the medical team and police personnel



manning the Check Gate of Heningkunglwa and Mhainamtsi to maintain a proper record of the movement of people.

Discussion was also held to reactivate Village Health Care and Sanitation Committee as well as to disseminate information related to COVID-19.

### COVID-19 REVIEW MEETING HELD AT NOKLAK

A review meeting of the Noklak Sub-Divisional Task Force on COVID-19 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at DB's Court, Noklak. The meeting was chaired by the Sub-Divisional Officer (C), Noklak, C. Phuniang.

On reviewing the various measures taken so far, the Task Force found necessary to regulate inter-district movement. Therefore, the House decided that all inter-district movement will be strictly regulated. People coming from outside the State and from the Red-Zone districts (within the State) shall mandatorily produce COVID-19 test report. There shall be no exemption for any category government servants. Those arriving without the test report shall be home quarantined

for 14 days.

As entrusted and endorsed by the Noklak Sub-Division Planning & Development Board to access the means to procure TrueNat machines, the House agreed to forward the matter to the Department of Health & Family Welfare and to appeal the Government to allot two TrueNat (Quadro) to the district.

Member Secretary & Senior Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Noklak, Dr. Victor Lam while applauding the civil societies for their tireless management of returnees in the Quarantine Centres, he pressed on the need for exigency preparation of Institution Quarantine in the wake of community spread.

### DC KIPHIRE INFORMS ON INTER-DISTRICT MOVEMENT

The Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Abhinav Shivam, IAS issued guidelines to be followed by all for inter-district movement in Kiphire District.

The DC informed that any person who wish to travel outside Kiphire shall mandatorily obtain transit permit from DC's Office, Kiphire along with COVID-19 screening slip obtained from Health & Family Welfare Department at Control Room, District Hospital Kiphire and the same shall be produced at Longmatra Check Gate. This is applicable to all including general public, government servants except for frontline workers.

Any persons entering the district shall be mandatorily screened at Longmatra Check Gate and their details collected. All incoming passengers shall undergo mandatory 14 days Home Quarantine which shall be monitored by respective ward authorities and the COVID-19 Control Room, Kiphire.

Government officials posted under Kiphire district travelling in or out of the district shall obtain prior permission from the DC & Chairman, District Task Force. Further, on their return, they shall undergo mandatory self-isolation for seven days and COVID-19 swab test before resuming their official duties.

### PFUTSERO BLTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING

An emergency meeting of Pfutsero Block Level Task Force for COVID-19 was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office along with Core Committee for COVID-19 of Pfutsero Public Leaders.

The COVID-19 situation under Pfutsero

sub-division was discussed and during the meeting it was decided that there will be total lockdown at Pfutsero town from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The Health & Family Welfare Department gave a report on contact tracing and informed the members that primary contact tracing and COVID-



19 testing is going on. The department also highlighted some issues like shortage of technicians and ambulance. After discussion, the House decided to request the higher authority to deploy at least two technicians for COVID-19 sample collection and one ambulance for

transportation of COVID-19 patients. It also decided to request higher authority for COVID-19 testing from Phek Headquarter apart from Pfutsero. The members also discussed the opening of COVID-19 Care Centre at Pfutsero sub-division.

## **WOKHA DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING TO AVOID COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The Wokha District Task Force held a review meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. DC & Chairman, Wokha District Task Force for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting. Colonel, K. S. Gill, Commandant of 40 Assam Rifles and Dr. Sachin KB, 40 ARs also attended the meeting. Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C.W. Tungoe gave a brief update of COVID-19 status in the district.

Pathologist, Memorial Hospital Wokha, Dr. Motsuo suggested for a mobile sample collection van to reduce the chances of transmission.

Taking into account the surge in COVID-19 positive cases in the district, entry of outsiders from other states including construction workers will be restricted for two months and in case of emergency services, they should produce COVID-19 free certificate from the competent authority at designated State entry points.

Personnel and labourers of Anusha Project Pvt. Ltd and other companies undertaking developmental projects will be restricted entry into Wokha district for a period of two months. However, for any emergency situation, they may first undergo paid quarantine in

Dimapur for 14 days and only upon testing negative for COVID-19 will they be allowed entry into Wokha district. Strict action as per relevant sections of law to be taken against those returnees who stray from the Quarantine Centres or break quarantine facility rules.

All drivers entrusted with the task of ferrying returnees to the district to be kept in isolation at Rest House, observing all Standard Operating Procedures. Also, drivers assigned for sample collection duty in mobile van to be directed to do the same. The DTF also agreed to make the download of COVID-19 Nagaland App compulsory by all returnees.

The DTF also decided to strictly impose fines for not wearing face mask and for which the Police Department was entrusted to strictly implement the order passed by the DC's Office dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The meeting also discussed the restrictions on inter-district movement. In this regard, DC, Wokha issued an order, promulgating restriction of inter-district movement for seven days, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020, except for medical services, security forces, government servants and departments on bonafide duty and other essential services.

## **LONGLENG DTF FOR COVID-19 HOLDS MEETING**

A meeting of the Longleng District Task Force for COVID-19 was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom at his Official Bungalow on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The District Task Force decided to request the DC & Chairman DTF, Mokochung to direct stakeholders to alter the days for passage of Longleng bound vehicles at Watiyongphang, Nagaland – Assam Gate to Tuesday and Friday, instead of Tuesday and Thursday.

Entry of vehicles carrying commodities (construction commodities exempted) from Assam will be permitted entry to the district only on Friday. Vehicles bringing essential commodities will however be exempted from this restriction.

After thorough deliberation on the condition of road between Changtongya- Longleng the House unanimously decided to write to General Manager, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) to take up the repairing works at the earliest.

The meeting also reiterated that drivers along with helpers bringing all kinds of commodities to the district will compulsorily remain in the vehicle on entry to the district and also during unloading of the commodities. After unloading the commodities they will be directly sent back or sent to other arrangements. The Dobashis and Police will be detailed to ensure that these safety protocols are strictly adhered to.



**BHANDARI SUB DIVISION REPORTS CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER**

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang has issued a public order on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 stating that samples of death swine under Bhandari sub-division which were sent for test at ELISA Lab, Kohima, was confirmed positive for Classical Swine Fever by the Department of Animal Husbandry &

Veterinary Services.

The order stated that, the earlier order on total ban of transportation of pigs and slaughtering of pigs for consumption purpose, under Bhandari sub-division, will continue and the ADC has asked the concerned department to continue monitoring the case for public health safety.

**LONGLENG OBSERVES WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

Participants on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Longleng district observed World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The programme was organized by District Task Force (DTF), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mahila Shakti Kendra and Sakhi One Stop Centre, Longleng with Additional Deputy Commissioner, D. Robin as Special Guest.

ADC while addressing the gathering said that the root cause of trafficking is poverty, lack of employment opportunities, low socio economic status, lack of education and lack of proper implementation of

government schemes for children like Mid Day Meal, Poshan Abhiyan, etc. He also said that if the Village Council, NGOs, churches together with government agencies do the ground work, it could bring solution for trafficking.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Atopu Sumi shed light on the nature of child trafficking in the State. He said that District Administration, converging departments along with local bodies, should take a survey and awareness campaign in villages to end such crimes in the society.

**ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING HELD AT PEREN**

Winner of the essay competition receiving award from the District Administration, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

District Level Centre for Women, under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with District Administration, Peren organized an online essay

competition under Peren district on the topic "Break the Silence, Break the Chain," on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Altogether 12 students, studying in Class 9 to 12 participated in the competition.

Extra Assistant Commissioner, Peren and Extra Assistant Commissioner, Jalukie handed over the prizes to the best three winners. The first prize was bagged by Lemchila of Government Higher Secondary School, Peren, Suiyidaule of Pranab Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Dimapur won the second prize and the third prize was won by Iheichu Haibwang of Government Higher Secondary School.

**STICKER CAMPAIGN CUM FREE DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY MASK AT JALUKIE**

In commemoration of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the Peren District Administration and District Level Centre for Women in collaboration with CHILDLINE, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Jalukie town organized a Sticker Campaign under the theme, "Committed To The Cause - Working on the frontline to end human trafficking"

and free sanitary masks were distributed to all the frontline workers and general public.

During the campaign, Women Welfare Officer, Peren and Centre Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Peren along with the team sensitized the public on 'dos and dont's' of public hygiene and social distancing.

**CHANGTONGYA HOLDS CO-ORDINATION MEETING ON COVID-19**

The Changtongya Sub- Division Administration held a co-ordination meeting on the awareness of COVID-19 with all the pastors under Changtongya town at Dobashi's Court, Changtongya on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

The meeting was chaired by Sub Divisional Officer (C), Changtongya, Moakumzuk Tzudir where he encouraged the pastors to adopt all precautions and safety measures in the church, to follow the protocols while worshipping by maintaining

social distancing, wearing face masks, using hand sanitisers and sanitising the church before and after



*Co-ordination meeting on awareness of COVID-19 at Dobashi's Court, Changtongya on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.*

service. Moakumzuk said that it will be a sad situation if churches become contaminated places.

**DIMAPUR DTF DECIDES FOR PARTIAL LOCKDOWN**

The Dimapur District Task Force members headed by Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Anoop Khinchi, IAS held a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to take a call on whether to continue or lift the total lockdown currently enforced in the district till 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020.

After thorough deliberation and taking into consideration the views and opinions expressed by the members, the Dimapur DTF has decided to enforce partial lockdown with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.

The meeting decided that only the shops selling essential items and vegetables would be open for public from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, while wholesale markets would be allowed to open from 5:00 am to 9:00am.

Odd and even system of vehicular movement would continue to be enforced while movement of public would be restricted except those coming out for availing essential commodities. Pharmacies would be allowed to open as usual. It was decided that there will

be strict implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures and if the public do not adhere to the guidelines, total lockdown would be imposed again. The meeting also decided that shops which do not follow the SOPs would be penalized and their shops will be closed.

The meeting also suggested that plastic sheets should be placed in the shops wherever possible as a precautionary measure between the shopkeeper and the customer and mandatory wearing of masks by all, besides hand hygiene and maintaining social distancing.

Administrator, Dimapur Municipal Council, Albert Ezung highlighted on the plight of the sanitation workers who are rendering their services the whole day starting from 5:00 am. He also expressed gratitude to DC, Dimapur for supporting and helping the DMC in every possible manner.



**NAGALAND DGP INAUGURATES POLICE POST BUILDING**

Director General Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer inaugurated the Police Post building at Dillai Gate, Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

In his address, Longkumer, advised the policemen who would be posted at the border gates for creating good image of Nagaland Police, to be smart, efficient polite and kind and reminded them that the first impression of Nagaland Police would be created in the border areas. He cited the example of 9<sup>th</sup> IR who were smart, disciplined and earned good reputation for Nagaland while at Chhattisgarh. "You are here to give protection to the citizens and not to harass and therefore stern action would be initiated in such instances," the police chief warned. Longkumer further appealed to the Policemen for making the building "a house of respect" and advised them to maintain the sanctity of it.

DGP also congratulated the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS and DCP Zone 2, Atula for completing the works and making it functional within a short period of time.

On the occasion, Longkumer also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Team Dimapur including the medical fraternity, churches, civil societies, NGOs and individuals for rendering their selfless sacrifice in the fight against COVID-19.

Nagaland, Agriculture Production Commissioner, also incharge of Dimapur district COVID-19 activities, Y. Kikheto Sema who spoke on the occasion, felt that with the new Police Post facility, the mindset, attitude and way of living of the people residing in the border areas also ought to change. Sema called upon the Nagas for having peaceful and cordial relations with the immediate neighbours and encouraged them to love one another. Let this place be clean and be a place of prayer desisting

from drinking and smoking, he requested the police personnel who would be manning the post. Sema also donated a refrigerator on behalf of his family to be kept in the new Police Post building for the convenience of the police personnel.

Commissioner of Police, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS who delivered the welcome address also noted that the establishment of the Police Post building at Dillai Gate would be important in the history of the Nagas and appealed to the people living in the border areas for understanding the importance and significance of it and called upon them for extending their support and cooperation even in the future. He informed that the construction work of the building which commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020, was completed within a record time of two months with quality workmanship.

Extra Assistant Commissioner, (Sardar), Bendang Longkumer on behalf of the district administration congratulated Dimapur Police led by CP, Dimapur for constructing the facility in a record time for the benefit of the Nagas. He said that such people centric development activities ought to take place from time to time for the welfare of the people.

Chairman, Rilan village, John Kikon extended appreciation to the Government of Nagaland for establishing the Police Post and termed it as a bold decision. Terming the establishment of the Police Post as a dream come true, Kikon observed that it would benefit the people living in the border areas.

Chairman, Aokong Village, said that it was a long awaited day and assured of full cooperation to the Police department.

Hosts of police officials including IG Range, Limasunep, DIG Training, Aotemsu, DIG Border and other rank and file of police, villagers from the bordering villages attended the inaugural function.

**DC MON INAUGURATES VEGETABLE MARKET**

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS inaugurated a Local Vegetable Market at Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK) Building in Walo ward, Mon on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The DC in his speech lauded the Walo ward for their active participation in making the Market into a reality. He added that it was an auspicious day for the Walo ward and the community of Mon town.

Short speeches were delivered by Imnalensa, SP, Mon, Lomei President KNSK, Tongang Konyak, Walo Ward President. The programme was chaired by Chumlamu Humtsoe, SDO (Civil) Sadar & Administrator in charge of MTC. The inaugural programme was observed with strict compliance to the safety measures as per government guidelines.



## RIO INAUGURATES NEW STATE BANQUET HALL

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the new State Banquet Hall at Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The virtual inauguration programme of the new State Banquet Hall was streamed and telecast live on Youtube and Facebook for the viewers to witness the inauguration as a preventive measure for COVID-19.

CM, Rio in his inaugural speech stated that it was a remarkable day for the State to have a world class banquet hall. He said that the idea of having a permanent banquet hall was conceived in the year 2001, and the dream of having a suitable and standard banquet hall could be fulfilled after a long time on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Rio attributed the achievement to the pioneers, who have contributed and brought the State thus far.

CM, Rio acknowledged the Public Works Department and contractors for completing the Hall, particularly at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic began. He also added that it will provide ample opportunities to the youths and talented people to exhibit and showcase their skill in music, arts, etc. Rio ensured that the Hall would be fully utilised so that it becomes a house of pride and a place of blessing for everyone.

During the inauguration, Rio expressed his appreciation for the commendable services of Team Nagaland including the department frontline workers, stakeholders, NGO's, civil societies, Hohos, volunteers and particularly the churches for their prompt response and support in handling the COVID-19 pandemic in the State.

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS INVENT AUTOMATIC HAND SANITIZER



*DRC, Kethosituo Sekhose with the entrepreneurs, Mhaleu Metha and Kesosilie Kennao during the installation of the automatic hand sanitizer at Nagaland House, New Delhi.*

Two youngsters from Delhi, Mhaleu Metha and Kesosilie Kennao, from humanities background started their journey as entrepreneurs, restaurant owners and photographers. During the lockdown with no job left they invented a self taught, sanitizer dispenser machine with the logo MK Innovation, Made in Nagaland.

Deputy Resident Commissioner, Kethosituo Sekhose during the installation of MK Innovation Hand Sanitizer Machine at Nagaland House, New Delhi, congratulated the two young entrepreneurs and

encouraged them to come up with more innovative ideas and encourage the youths of the State to innovate.

The hand sanitizer dispenser, invented by Mhaleu and Kesosilie is an automatic sensing machine that sprays alcohol based sanitizer when users place their hand under the

dispenser. It has a 9 Volt replaceable battery, the machine can be used for at least three weeks on a single charge. It has an infrared proximity sensor and with maximum capacity of holding 10 litres. The machine has been designed using a custom made circuit board along with a 100 PSI 24V Pump. Additional solenoid and flow control valves have been installed to ensure precise dispensing of hand sanitizer. In addition to this, a Dolphin Infrared Sensor is used resulting in more efficient delivery.



## 'COVID-19 CREATIVITY HUB CHIZAMI'

(A DIPR feature by Avika Awomi, IA, Pfutsero)



The Quarantine Centre at Chizami which was turned into 'COVID-19 Creativity Hub' by the Chizami COVID-19 Task Force.

The Convenor of the Chizami COVID-19 Task Force, Wetshete Thopi stated that the idea to turn the Quarantine Centre (QC) into a creativity hub was born during one of their trips to the QC, and after seeing the negativity that engulfed everyone with the virus, including stigmatization, discrimination and the unspoken fear of the returnees by the local folks. Sensing that months of lockdown and further quarantine at various facilities within the State must have taken a huge toll on their mental health, and to create something positive, the Task Force decided to name the facility as 'COVID-19 Creativity Hub' instead of 'COVID-19 Quarantine Centre.'

As the name suggests, it is a place for creativity, positivity and productivity, and not a place to be abhorred and looked with disdain. The COVID-19 Task Force wanted the returnees to stay positive and make the best use of their stay at the facility using their creative talents and abilities to create and make things so as to spread positivity in the midst of gloom.

North East Network (NEN) joined the initiative and provided the necessary tools and kits to

the returnees like diaries/notebooks, drawing books, posters, pencils, colors and brushes so that they can make use of their time writing stories, poems, draw and paint, and make crafts during their time at the Centre. Their works will be collected and will be published by NEN at a later time.

Some of the returnees have successfully completed their stay and has created positive impacts in their own ways during their stay at the facility.

The Convenor appealed to all to continue to spread positivity, not negativity and rumours. The Creative Hub was set up by following the principles of 'Care for the People' and 'Care for the Earth.'

Huts were constructed with bamboo and minimal amount of plastics were used for constructing the bathrooms. Segregation of biodegradable and non- biodegradable waste is done. Each hut is connected with a rain water harvesting facility. Packing of food is also done in tekruenyi (organic green leaves), which is environment friendly and healthy.



Director General Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer inaugurating the Police Post Building at Dillai Gate, Dimapur on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS addressing the gathering during the inaugural programme of the Local Vegetable Market at Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK) Building in Walo Ward, Mon on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



Anti- Encroachment Team clearing illegal plantations on government purchased land at Bhandari, Wokha on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



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