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In commemoration of World Environment Day, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio planting a sapling at the New Deputy Commissioner's Complex, Chumukedima in the presence of Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS and other officials on 5th June 2021.



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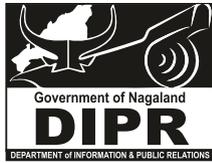
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Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio meeting with Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh to discuss issues related to development and welfare of the State at New Delhi on 29th June 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio launching the Nagaland COVID-19 Information App in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and other officials at State War Room, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 10th June 2021.



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SPEAKER, LOK SABHA NOMINATES SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER

Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, Dr. P. J. Antony has informed that the Speaker, Lok Sabha, Om Birla has nominated Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer, into the Committee of the Presiding Officers 'To review the powers of Presiding Officers under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution and the rules made thereunder.'

The Committee, headed by Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, Dr. C. P. Joshi, consists of:

1. Dr. C. P. Joshi
Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly - Chairperson
2. Dr. Surjya Narayana Patro
Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly - Member
3. Vishweshwar Hedge Kageri
Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly - Member
4. Sharingain Longkumer
Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly - Member

A communication to this effect has been received from the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 10th June 2021. The only other representation from the North East in such a Committee of Presiding Officers is that of Speaker, Manipur Legislative Assembly, Yumnan Kemchand Singh, in the Committee of the Presiding Officers 'To examine the Matter of Financial Independence of Legislature Secretariat,' constituted by the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

RELAXATIONS OF LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS - UNLOCK 1

The High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in its meeting held on 28th June 2021, reviewed the COVID-19 situation, and noted that while the seven days moving average of the positivity rate of COVID-19 in the State has gradually declined, it continued to remain above 5%, warranting the need for sufficient measures for containing the spread of COVID-19. It also noted that there has been a decline in the total number of active cases, number of hospitalization cases and number of persons requiring oxygen support across the State.

The High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in view of the improved situation as reflected by several parameters pertaining to COVID-19 as mentioned above, and taking into consideration the hardships being faced by the general public, as well as disruption being caused to the various economic activities owing to continued lockdown measures for an extended period, were of the opinion that suitable relaxations and re-opening of more activities in a phased manner needed to be considered while still continuing with existing measures of the lockdown to sustain the substantial gains that have been achieved due to the existing lockdown measures as well as the fact that positivity rate continues to be high.

After also taking the views of the Health & Family Welfare Department and the Districts Task Forces, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby directs for extension of the existing lockdown measures beyond 30th June 2021, for 10 (ten) more days up to 10th July 2021, with further relaxations and re-opening of activities and additional guidelines as under:

1. Shops/business establishments dealing with all kind of goods/items/articles are permitted to open from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM. While the shops/business establishments dealing with essential goods and commodities such as vegetable, fish/meat vendors, milk booths, bakeries, local grocery stores,

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public utility services like LPG and e-Commerce services, etc. may remain open on all the days, the shops dealing with all other goods may remain open on alternate days for which a rotational arrangement will be put in place by the respective district.

2. Every shop besides keeping hand sanitizers to be used by the visitors, and taking measures for ensuring COVID-19 appropriate at all times, as being presently done, will also display prominently the status of vaccination of all the persons present running the shop.
3. Barbers shops and saloons, etc. where close physical interaction cannot be avoided shall be allowed to open after ensuring vaccination of the persons/attendants running these shops by the respective District Task Forces.
4. All the government offices in the State may open with 50% attendance of staff on any day, and subject to adherence to COVID-19 behaviour at all times. The 50% staff not attending on any day will work from home and will be available on phone/mail for dealing with any urgent office work.
5. The private offices in the State may also function with up to 50% attendance, and subject to adherence of COVID-19 behaviour.
6. The period of ban on the movement of persons/vehicles except those permitted for reasons/purposes as per the existing lockdown measures is reduced to 7:00 PM to 4:00 AM instead of 4:00 PM to 5:00 AM.
7. Mass public transportation and inter-district movement of people for non-essential services shall continue to remain suspended.
8. Wedding solemnization, funerals and sports training shall be allowed, subject to an attendance of not more than 50 (fifty) persons, and subject to adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and to all the applicable SOP issued from time to time.
9. Religious places/places of worship are allowed to open subject to an attendance of not more than 50 (fifty) persons, and subject to adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and to all the applicable SOP.
10. The District Task Forces based on local conditions may take additional stricter measures in particular areas/wards/villages/towns/entire district, if in its opinion, such measures are urgently required for containing the spread of COVID-19.

H&FW DEPARTMENT DIRECTS HEALTHCARE WORKERS

In view of surge in COVID-19 cases and for effective management of COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao has directed all healthcare workers in various health units/establishments:

1. To sincerely and effectively discharge their job functions and responsibilities.
2. To timely report requirement of essential medicines and other logistics to prevent stock out and ensure uninterrupted supply.
3. Not to leave station without permission of the undersigned. Further, it is also to remind that no leave is permissible unless on health ground duly recommended by the Medical Board.
4. To report all cases of Influenza Like Illness (ILI)/Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) or any clustering of cases or unusual events.

Any non-compliance/contravention of the above mentioned directives shall be dealt swiftly with disciplinary actions. All healthcare workers under various health units have also been directed to report to the respective Controlling Officer as per the provisions of the Epidemic Act 1987 & (Amendment) 2020, any

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instances of, by any person:

1. Obstruction or hindrance in the discharge of his/her duties either within the premises of health centre or otherwise,
2. Harassment impacting the living or working conditions and preventing him/her from discharging duties,
3. Harm, injury, hurt, intimidation or danger to him/her life,
4. Loss or damage to any property, documents in the custody of, or in relation to him/her.

Further, all Health Committees of various Health Centres and Hospital Management Society of District Hospitals have been informed to discharge their responsibility as mandated under the Nagaland Communitisation of Public Institutions and Services Act, 2002/Society Bye Laws respectively. Accordingly, all Health Committees/Hospital Management Society are directed:

1. To look after the overall health needs of the residents under their jurisdiction as well as management of the respective health units including, to supervise, direct, guide and support the Health Centre staff in the effective discharge of their job functions and responsibilities.
2. To address any public grievances relating to functioning of the Health Centre and healthcare services.
3. To report unauthorized absence of any staff to the Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare.

The circular has been issued to ensure health facilities are provided to the people in need in this tiring time of pandemic.

INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT INFORMS

According to the National Weather Forecasting Centre of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), southwest monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is most likely to be normal - 96 to 104 % of Long Period Average (LPA).

- a. Quantitatively, the monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 101% of the LPA. The LPA of the season rainfall over the country as a whole for the period 1961-2010 is 88 cm.
- b. The southwest monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the four homogeneous rainfall is most likely to be normal over North West India (92-108%) and South Peninsula (93-107%). Seasonal rainfall is most likely to be below normal over North East India (<95%) and above normal over Central India (>106%).
- c. The southwest monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the monsoon core zone, which consists of most of the rainfed agriculture regions in the country is most likely to be above normal (>106% of LPA).
- d. Monsoon seasonal rainfall is likely to be well distributed spatially. Most parts of the country are expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall during the season.
- e. The latest global model forecasts indicate the prevailing neutral ENSO conditions are likely to continue over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and possibility of development of negative IOD conditions over the Indian Ocean during the monsoon season.

DoSE NOTIFIES

Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has notified that M/s Indismart Digital Pvt. Ltd. will be offering their path breaking education technology product, the EduGuy Career

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Predictive Test (ECPT), powered and developed by IBM free of cost for the students of Nagaland.

The ECPT is a 120-minute Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered Online Career Test designed to aid students of Class 9 to 12 to identify the top three best career choices for them. It also helps to identify the areas of strength and improvement of students. The different tests students would have to take are Attitude, Aptitude and Aspiration in order. It is not mandatory to attempt all the tests together in one sitting or answer all the questions. However, attempting all the questions within the fixed time duration will add more accuracy to the test results. The ECPT should be taken only on a PC/Laptop and mobile browsers do not support this test. Guidelines for the registration and completion process of the test are given at the annexure attached herewith:

I. REGISTRATION:

- * Visit <https://ecptonline.com/>
- * Select Register from the menu bar
- * Fill up the registration form
- * Select 'ECPT Paid Test' against the question, 'I am looking for?'
- * Select 'Institutional Sales Programme' against the question, 'Anyone motivated you take the test?'
- * Submit.
- * An OTP will be received from ECPT in your registered mobile number.
- * Enter the OTP in the space provided, click OK.
- * You will be directed to the Login Page.

II. LOGIN:

- * Enter your email and password at the space provided.
- * Select 'Nagaland Schools' as your institution's name from the dropdown menu.
- * Use 'NLHS2021' as Institution Code to validate institute.

III. TAKING THE TEST:

- * Click at 'Take Test' and then click at 'Begin Test' and start your test.
- * Complete the Attitude, Aptitude and Aspiration sections in the same order.
- * Receive the report with three best career recommendations apt for the test taker with spider charts that shows strengths and area of improvements.
- * Submit your feedback.
- * Download the report.

BRIGHT TUTEE – FREE DIGITAL LEARNING APP FOR CLASS IX TO XII

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the narrative of classroom learning. Schools had to switch to remote learning to bridge the gap of loss of learning. However, technology aided education could help learning happen effectively even during the closure of schools. The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has always been open to avenues which will make remote learning more meaningful for the teachers and the students in particular.

In this regard, NBSE has informed that Clixa Technology Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi has developed a digital learning app 'Bright Tutee' for the students under NBSE. The app offers e-learning on Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, English and Alternative English for Class IX & X. It also offers e-learning on

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English, Alternative English, History, Political Science, Education and Sociology subjects for Class XI & XII. The app is offered free for Class IX to XII till 15th August 2021. The e-contents are prepared in strict conformity with the syllabus and textbooks prescribed by NBSE.

The app provides a comprehensive digital learning content with chapter wise, topic-wise learning and assessment content besides examination preparation content. It can also be used by teachers for revision and remedial purpose.

The free online digital learning app can be accessed either on Android mobile phone/tablet or Desktop/Laptop. To use the app:

Step-by-step procedure to get free online subscription through Mobile/Tablet (Android App) or Laptop/Desktop Computer (Web Browser):

Step 1: Download Bright Tutee App from Google Play Store or visit www.brighttutee.com

Step 2: Register yourself on the platform using your mobile number by following the on-screen instructions.

Step 3: Select your Board (Nagaland Board), Class (IX to XII) and Medium (English).

Step 4: In the Menu, go to 'Redeem Code' and click on 'I Have Voucher Code' button to apply the following Voucher Code to activate your free subscriptions.

Voucher Code: BTGNBSE2021

The Heads of Institutions have been requested to disseminate this information at the earliest to the students and teachers in the interest of the learning community. It may be noted that this learning app if accessed by the teachers, will greatly help in the classroom teaching learning process. As such, students and teachers are requested to make maximum use of this digital learning app to enhance their learning.

In case of any problems, students/teachers can contact: +919319552211 or support@brighttutee.com.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR STUDENTS OF CLASSES 6 TO 12

Directorate of School Education has notified that the Government of India has decided to organize creative writing contest for students of Classes 6 to 12, celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur at five levels (School, Block, District, State and National levels) during the period 1st May 2021 to February 2022. The top 200 winners from the State level contest will participate at the National level contest which will be organized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) through MyGov platform.

In this regard, Heads of all Schools (both government and private) having Classes 6 to 12 have been informed to organize Creative Writing, Creative Presentations, Portfolio Activity, Role Play, etc. for students of aforesaid classes so as to integrate the life and historic perspective of Guru Teg Bahadur in the classroom/online transactions during the period of June to August 2021. Schools shall issue Certificate of Participation to all students participating at the various events.

The Block and State level contests will be organized in the months of September and October 2021 respectively and detailed notifications for the same will be issued in due course of time.

Heads of all GHSSs, GHSs and Private Schools shall submit the report of activities undertaken in this regard to the respective DEOs and Head of all GMSs shall submit the report to the respective Senior SDEOs/SDEOs in the format given below in MS Excel File through email.

Name of School:..... District:.....

Class	No. of students participated in			
	Creative Writing	Creative Presentations	Portfolio Activity	Role Play

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All DEOs/Senior SDEOs/SDEOs shall compile reports submitted by schools under their jurisdiction and submit the Consolidated Report to the Directorate of School Education before 5th September 2021 through Google Drive link which will be provided in due course of time.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE CONSTITUTED

The State Government has notified that a Parliamentary Committee on Naga Political Issue comprising of all the 60 (sixty) Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, and the 2 (two) Members of Parliament from Nagaland, has been constituted with the following composition:

- a. Convenor - Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister
- b. Co-Convenor - Y. Patton, Deputy Chief Minister
- c. Co-Convenor - T. R. Zeliang, Leader of Opposition
- d. Member Secretary - Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs
- e. Members - All Ministers/Advisors/Members of Parliament/MLAs

The composition of the Core Committee of the Parliamentary Committee on Naga Political Issue will be as under:

- a. Convenor - Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister
- b. Co-Convenor - Y. Patton, Deputy Chief Minister
- c. Co-Convenor - T. R. Zeliang, Leader of Opposition
- d. Member Secretary - Neiba Kronu, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs
- e. Members:

NDPP:

1. G. Kaito Aye, Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation
2. Metsubo Jamir, Minister, Rural Development
3. H. Chuba Chang, MLA
4. Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, SCERT, Village Guards

BJP:

5. P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister, Transport, Land Resources Development
6. Jacob Zhimomi, Minister, Public Health Engineering
7. Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy
8. Dr. Longrineken, Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts, National Highways
9. H. Haying, Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationery

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NPF:

10. Imkong L. Imchen, MLA
11. Yitachu, MLA
12. Y. M. Yollow Konyak, MLA
13. Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, MLA
14. Dr. Chumben Murry, MLA

Independent:

15. Tongpang Ozukum, Minister, Housing and Mechanical

The Parliamentary Committee shall discuss matters relating to the Naga Political Issue and play the role of facilitator in the ongoing peace talks between the Government of India and the Naga Political Groups.

NBSE INVITES HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS AND TEACHERS

In order to acquaint the educators with the latest teaching methodologies to bring about the paradigm shifts the New Education Policy 2020 envisages for the young learners, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has invited the Heads of Institutions and Teachers to a series of webinars to be conducted by Orient Blackswan Private Ltd. with experienced educationists as resource persons.

The modules of the webinars on the NEP 2020 are as follows:

Sl. No.	Topic	Day	Time
1.	New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its recommendations.	24 th June 2021	3:30 pm –5:30 pm
2.	Competency based Teaching and Learning Practices	7 th July 2021	3:30 pm –4:30 pm
3.	Competency based Assessment Practices		4:30pm –5:30 pm
4.	Experiential Learning	22 nd July 2021	3:30pm – 5:00 pm
5.	Multiple Intelligence	August	
6.	Art Integration	August	
7.	Integration for Holistic Learning	September	

The link for the webinars will be shared in the district WhatsApp groups, Board's portal nbsenl.edu.in. Schedule for Sl. No 5 to 7 will be also shared later in district WhatsApp groups, Board's portal nbsenl.edu.in.

It is hoped that educators/teachers by attending the webinar series will prepare themselves to become well versed with the new strategies and students centred pedagogical practices and approaches to make the learners future ready.

Therefore, the Heads of Institutions have been requested to encourage their teachers to actively participate in the webinars to understand the changes in the policy and acquire the skills that are envisaged in the NEP 2020.

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GOVERNOR SUMMONS NLA SESSION

Governor of Nagaland, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (1) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, has summoned the Eighth Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly to commence from Tuesday, the 3rd August 2021, at 9:30 AM in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Hall, Kohima.

SHASHANK SHEKHAR TAKES OVER AS NEW CEO

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland has informed that V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS (NL:1996) has taken over the charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland vice Abhijit Sinha, IAS w.e.f. 29.06.2021.

The address details and telephone numbers of V. Shashank Shekhar are as mentioned below:

Name : V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS
Mobile No. : 9711511379
Telephone No. : 0370-2290460
Fax No. : 0370-2290460
Email ID : ceo_nagaland@eci.gov.in

DEPARTMENT OF AH&VS INFORMS

With a view to mitigate food security during the pandemic period, it has been informed that the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services through NEC project has initiated the promotion of Backyard Poultry Farming in the State. Fast Growing Birds are being reared in the Department Farm to cater the demand of poultry rearers. The current batch scheduled for sale on 8th July 2021 is targeted for Poultry Farmers under Peren and Dimapur districts. The farmers who availed this facility during the earlier batch may also place their requirement so as to maintain continuity of activity.

For stock booking, one may contact at 7085982290 during the specified time from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on all working days. Further, farmers from other districts may intimate their requirement if any in advance so that the department can plan accordingly.

Demand based delivery shall be organized, scheduling time and locality, intimating the same to all concerned accordingly.

General specification of the birds is as follows:

1. Fast Growing (FFG) Low Input Technology Bird for dual purpose (meat and egg type)
2. Targeted weight gain is 2.5 Kg to 3.5 Kg in 2-3 months time and 150-170 eggs in a year
3. Currently available stock of growers mixed coloured birds of 31 days old.
4. All birds have been duly vaccinated and have overcome the critical period of rearing.
5. Concentrate feeding with 'Grower Feed' or partial replacement with kitchen leftover is recommended when rearing under intensive system for early maturity.
6. Online consultation services and need based logistic support shall be provided.

During delivery and collection, all SOP protocols are to be maintained by all concerned.

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NBSE INFORMS

The closure of schools have been necessitated due to COVID-19 pandemic and it is felt that some students may be facing difficulties in enrolling themselves in the school within the specified time as given in the academic calendar 2021. In this regard, schools are allowed to admit late comers or anyone affected by the pandemic to resume their schooling. The schools after giving admission to this category of students should furnish the details of the student's particulars and class to the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE). Schools have also been requested to give information on the dropout students class-wise during the pandemic on or before 7th July 2021 at nbsenag@gmail.com.

All registered schools are expected to take care of the educational needs of the students by adopting all possible options - online/offline so that children are not deprived of continuing their education. As the students are now all at home with online learning, parents have a great role to play, as such, schools should connect with the parents/guardians to see that their wards are attentive in the online classes. Parents should constantly monitor and keep track on the assignments given by the teachers. It is imperative for the parents to actively participate in their child's daily online learning and see that students do not resort to unfair means during online classes and in the conduct of examination. Students should be advised to eat a healthy diet in order to build up a strong immune system and should also engage in physical activities to keep themselves fit and healthy.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR INFORMS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

The Department of Labour has stated that owing to the present pandemic situation and the continuing lockdown, huge displacement of daily wage workers, especially the construction workers, is taking place all over the country. It has led to loss of earning for the workers causing extreme hardship to the workers and their families, as these workers usually sustain their livelihood on daily wage. In order to assist such workers and their families, the Central Government desires that the respective Governments of the States and Union Territories provide adequate financial assistance to such identified category of workers.

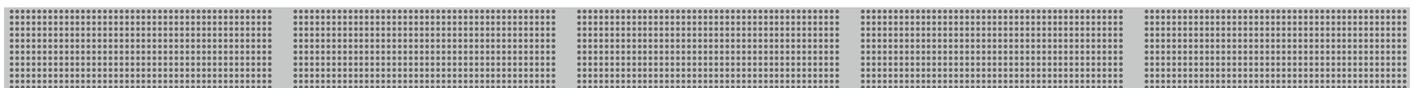
The Government of Nagaland, therefore, has decided to transfer 2,000 (Rupees two thousand only) each to the bank accounts of all the Building and Other Construction Workers registered under the Labour Department. Till date, the department has registered 30,797 beneficiaries.

However, the department will be able to transfer the approved benefit only to those beneficiaries whose bank accounts are active. Therefore, the department has appealed to all the beneficiaries with dormant bank account, to immediately activate such account to help the department in making seamless

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transaction of the benefit. The amount will be debited from the Cess Fund.

The department has worked out all technical details of the registered beneficiaries and transfer of the benefits has started successfully through DBT.



CM CHAIRS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Chief Minister (CM) and Chairman, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Neiphiu Rio and other officials during a meeting on monsoon preparedness, which was held through video conference at CM's Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd June 2021.

A monsoon preparedness meeting was held through video conference under the chairmanship of Chief Minister (CM) and Chairman Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Neiphiu Rio at CM's Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd June 2021. The meeting was attended by Ministers, Administrative Heads of Departments/ Heads of Departments of the line departments, Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) of all the districts.

In his opening remark, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of being well prepared to face the monsoon months from June to September 2021 in order to avert any major disaster during erratic monsoon season of the State, so as to save

the lives and State infrastructure like roads and buildings.

Briefing on the monsoon based on the meteorological data was presented by NSDMA, monsoon preparedness of roads, major sector was given by PWD (Roads & Bridges) department, emergency operation and response preparedness was given by Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, monsoon preparedness measures in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic was presented by the Health & Family Welfare department, and monsoon preparedness and availability of essential commodities was highlighted by Food & Civil Supplies department, which was followed by interaction and feedback from the DCs and Chairman, DDMA of all the districts.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE**NVCO:**

The Nagaland Voluntary Consumers' Organisation (NVCO) on the occasion of the World Environment Day reminded people about the importance of nature and action for the protection of our environment. The World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June every year where the NVCO observes week-long observation of the event by way of conducting awareness programme in schools,

colleges and churches but due to pandemic, the NVCO could not conduct any physical awareness programme this year.

NVCO President & Environment Activist, Kezhokhoto Savi stated that the 'World Environment Day' is celebrated across the globe to tell people that nature should not be taken for granted and must be respected for its values. Savi further stated that the time has come for us to develop a sense of

urgent need to protect our environment as well as a sense of hope for its future. Plenty of damage has been done to the earth, and more is inflicted every day. NVCO stated that it is disheartening to learn that Nagaland is amongst 'The Worst Performing States and Union Territories' as per the assessment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and Dashboard 2020-21 where it is tabulated annually by NITI Aayog in order to evaluate the progress of states and union territories on the basis of social, economic and environment criteria.

Kezhokhoto Savi said that we are failing on our part in replacing the trees that we have cut or cleared the thick forest/jungle around us, either for development or construction of roads and in order to fight the menace of global warming, vigorous efforts should be made to discourage activities or development or business such as stone quarry, stone crusher, etc. which cause damages to environment. NVCO called for the protection of rivers and their related ecosystems as well as searching for new sources of water, even in the form of preserving trees in the jungle and rocks in the rivers, as we can assure ourselves of a substantial supply of this crucial substance in the future while still protecting important fish and wildlife habitat. The organisation urged upon everyone to save the land to save the people.

DIMAPUR:

Commemorating World Environment Day, Team Dimapur led by Nodal Officer Dimapur, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Members of Naga Council Dimapur led by its interim President, Etsungmomo Kikon and ADC, Dimapur planted more than 200 decorative trees at New Naga Cemetery Dimapur, on 5th June 2021. More than 300 plants would be planted during the following days by NCD and volunteers along the stretch before reaching the cemetery.

Delivering a short speech, Kikheto Sema dubbed the New Naga Cemetery Dimapur as the most important cemetery in Nagaland stating that most of the COVID-19 warriors are buried in this place. As of date, 147 victims from the first wave as

well as the second wave have been buried there, he informed.

Kikheto thanked the Horticulture and Environment, Forests & Climate Change departments for providing the saplings and also requested them for coordinating with NCD even in the near future for maintenance of the plants. He hoped that the Cemetery will be a place of 'life and light' for visitors with the beautification of the place with trees providing shade and scenery. On being briefed about the worsening of road leading to the cemetery by the Interim President, NCD, Sema said that the latter has been put up to the higher authority and expressed hope that the issue would be considered on priority.

LONGLENG:

At Longleng, the District Administration (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao), Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) & Sakhi One-Stop Centre (OSC) in collaboration with Ray Beacons Club, Longleng Town Students' Union (LTSU) and Yongnyah Student's Union observed World Environment Day under the theme, 'Reimagine, Recreate, Restore' on 5th June 2021.

Cleanliness drive, collection of garbage along with plantation of tree saplings in the entire town of Longleng beginning from Lempong junction to Hukphang junction were taken up during the day. The purpose of the activities were to encourage awareness and action for protection of environment and to prevent the loss of biodiversity.

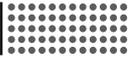
Plantation of tree saplings under the mission, 'Tree for Daughters' was also carried out in the district. Under the mission, a tree will be planted every month to celebrate the birth of a girl child. It is an initiative of Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng under the BBBP programme.

SHAMATOR:

Leangkonger Village Students' Union led by its President, Torepkiu organised plantation of saplings under the theme 'For better tomorrow' to mark the World Environment Day on 5th June 2021.

At Y. Anner village, the Village Council and





Students' Union observed the World Environment Day by planting trees along the road near GMS compound.

Self Employed Women Association (SEWA), Shamator led by Mobiliser, SEWA Shamator, Tsurila Yimchunger took part in observing the World Environment Day at Shamator.

BAYAVÜ, KOHIMA:

Observing the World Environment Day under the theme 'Ecosystem Restoration,' the Bayavü Area Panchayat celebrated the day in the form of plantation drive which was carried out within its colony on 5th June 2021. The plantation drive was conducted to spread awareness on the importance of environmental issues, which needs to be taken care by everyone.

During the drive, the Bayavü Area Panchayat led by its Chairman, Khinyi Woch and other executive members came together and jointly planted fruit plants and also distributed hundreds of saplings within the colony. The fruit saplings were arranged by the Bayavü Area Panchayat and distribution of saplings was arranged by the Bayavü Youth Organisation.

Besides others, the plantation drive witnessed the participation of Bayavü Youth Organisation President, Neiphrelie Metha and Bayavü Sanitation Committee, Merangnungba Aier.

SHGs OF NSRLM:

In its continued effort to foster sustainable green environment, the Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM) joined in observation of the UN Decade on 'Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030),' a global mission to revive billions of hectares, from forests to farmlands, from the top of mountains to the depth of the sea on this year's World Environment Day, on 5th June 2021.

With about 90 % of the rural population of the State being dependent on forests and its natural resources, it is pertinent to stress on protecting and enhancing the State's rich biodiversity. While deforestation poses a major threat for the rural

population, the need for creating awareness on this pressing issue becomes much more significant. Issues related to forest management, restoration of degraded land, clearing of drainage system and promoting plastic free environment needs to be reiterated and addressed at all community level.

In this backdrop, notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic, the SHGs in coordination with the Village Functionaries continue to bring together the communities towards the annual World Environment Day celebration of preserving and enhancing the natural ecosystems and their biodiversity, and focus on a pressing environmental issues in the respective villages across the State on 5th June 2021.

In coordination with the Village Council, students, teachers and church leaders, the SHG members from 1,245 villages across the State actively engaged communities in the event, from carrying out major cleanliness drive at the village, reviving and renovating old water ways, clearing water ways to ensure safe drinking water for the community, collecting wastes including plastic waste for dumping at the designated area, hundreds of tree plantation drive, clearing pipelines to planting flowers along the village road.

In consonance with the motto of NSRLM 'Empowering Women, Transforming Lives' and echoing the tenets of the Global World Environment initiatives, the SHGs pledges to build on and scale in fostering the protection and enhancing of their environment throughout the year. The selfless efforts of the SHGs have been appreciated by the local bodies who continue to provide constant support and encouragement to the SHG across the State at every step.

NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI:

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Additional Chief Secretary & Chief Resident Commissioner along with officers and staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi planted around 200 tree saplings of different varieties at Nagaland House, 29 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 8th June 2021.





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The ACS & CRC spoke on the importance of World Environment Day and in creating awareness among the people and also restoration of the ecosystems around the world for the benefit of people and nature. All the officers and staff

planted tree saplings to mark the occasion.

The ACS & CRC thanked the contribution of Director of Intangki National Park, Nagaland, Aochuba, IFS, and DFO of West Delhi, Navneet, IFS for donating the tree saplings for the same.

WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

The 3rd World Food Safety Day was observed on 7th June 2021 at State Public Health Laboratory, CMO Office, Kohima which was organized by Food Safety Nagaland, Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), under the theme 'Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow.'

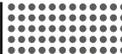
Principal Secretary/Food Safety Commissioner to the Government of Nagaland, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS, in his keynote speech mentioned that the 7th of June was designated as World Food Safety Day in 2018 with the objective to mainstream the food safety awareness to the general public with special concerns on the impact of disease passed on by food. He said that it is important to ensure safe food chain for people, animals, plants and economy so that in future,

everyone is protected.

Bhatia shared his concerns that Naga society is gradually shifting in food habits and lifestyle which is posing a threat, therefore it is very important to take action and regulatory authorities should take up responsibilities for creating awareness on consumption of food. It is also necessary to ensure that food producers like restaurants, foodchain suppliers, food stalls should know about the importance of food hygiene and the authorities should not only enforce but encourage hygiene etiquette to producers, he added.

The programme also hosted demonstration-cum-interactive discussion on Food Safety Issues relating to the State which was led by Food Analyst (SPHL), Khrukutolu Veswuh and her team. The session demonstrated on how to identify





fresh/stale egg, identify contaminated water and identify food colouring in eatable produce. The Food Analyst team requested the gathering to spread awareness on food safety to prevent food borne diseases by advocating food hygiene.

Chairing the programme, Deputy Director, Dr. John Kemp mentioned that it is humbling, motivating and encouraging to witness all officials from Secretariat, Directorate and District come together, which signifies concerns for the importance of food safety. Assistant Food Safety Commissioner, H&FW, Sendongkaba Jamir pronounced the vote of thanks.

NVCO:

The Nagaland Voluntary Consumers' Organisation (NVCO) observed 'World Food Safety Day' on 7th June 2021 at the State Capital with the theme, 'Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow.'

President, NVCO, Kezhokhoto Savi said the observance of 'World Food Safety Day' is to mark the importance of clean and hygienic food and understand the significance of healthy and safe food, which is a basic necessity for survival. Savi stated that food safety is a shared responsibility between governments, producers and consumers where everyone has a role to play from farm to table, to ensure the food consumed is safe and healthy.

The Government of Nagaland has implemented the Food Safety & Standard Act, 2006 and as per the Act, 'Food safety' refers to the condition and practices that preserves the quality of food to prevent contamination of food borne illness. The Act also aims to consolidate the laws relating to food and to establish the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of sale and wholesome

food for human consumption in the country. The FSSAI has regulated Food Safety and Standard Act 2006 for every state of India to ensure food safety and standards for human consumption and to check the sub-standard of any article of food in every state by Food Safety Officer.

Today, Nagaland State has the only level-2 laboratory in the entire North East, the equipment fully funded by the FSSAI situated at State Public Health Laboratory in Kohima. The three major equipments are Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LCMS), Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GCMS) and Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICPMS). Savi suggested that it is best for the Food Business Operators (FBOs) to come forward in bringing their products/food item/sample to get tested in the State Public Health Laboratory situated at Para Medical, Kohima, Nagaland before they sell out to the consumers. He urged the Enforcement Wing of State Public Health Laboratory to work harder so as to keep the Analysis Wing led by Food Analyst busy in analyzing all parameters of the Food Safety and Standard Act.

Chief Medical Officer and designated officers of various districts in the State are to ask all the hotels, restaurants, provisions, groceries, home based canteens of schools, colleges, office, etc. to obtain food safety license/registration from the Chief Medical Officer's Office. FBOs are to renew their license/registration before expiry date in order to avoid penalisation as per the Food Safety and Standards Act rules and regulations, and newly established FBOs have also been directed to obtain the license/registration.

NVCO has been conducting awareness campaign on 'Food Safety' for the last several years and assured the public to continue the same in spreading awareness on food safety.

PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE LAUNCHED

KOHIMA:

The launching programme of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was held at

Primary Health Centre, Kohima village on 11th June 2021.

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare,



Dr. Neikhrielle Khimiao informed that the new vaccine has been added to the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) of Government of India which will protect children from Pneumonia and Meningitis caused by bacteria called Pneumococcus. He informed that PCV is a safe vaccine as any other vaccine and will be available in all the District Hospitals, UHCs, and PHCs. The vaccine is provided free of cost under the routine immunization across the country.

State Immunization Officer, Dr. Ritu Thur said that Pneumococcal is the leading cause of bacterial pneumonia which is one of the major causes of death in children under five years of age. He advised the gathering to immunize their children with the scheduled three doses of PCV at 1.5 month, 3.5 months and 9 months of age. He added that multiple vaccines have been proven safe and the injections are absolutely safe and effective for children.

WOKHA:

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) was launched at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 11th June 2021.

Delivering the keynote address, Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. C.W. Tungoe said the new vaccine, introduced in Universal Immunization Programme by the Government of India, protects

children from Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Meningitis diseases. He said that the district has a target to vaccinate 1,249 beneficiaries annually and the vaccine is already distributed to all the healthcare centres for intensive immunization.

Deputy CMO, Wokha, Dr. Zuben Kikon remarked that death rate in the country is very high among children because of such related diseases and since children are prone to diseases, the new vaccine is introduced to protect children having respiratory problems, further adding that full immunization can protect children from life threatening diseases.

KIPHIRE:

Under the aegis of Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Kiphire district launched the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) on 11th June 2021 at District Hospital, Kiphire.

Speaking on the occasion, DPO, (RCH/UIP), Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo underscored the importance of PCV vaccine and stated that it provides protection against Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Meningitis. He informed that PCV is made available to all the beneficiaries free of cost in the district. Further, he urged the Field Health Workers to utilize this vaccine and protect the vulnerable children from Pneumonia and Meningitis. The programme was attended by staff of District Hospital, UIP, WHO, UNDP and NGOs.



DPO, (RCH/UIP), Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo along with medical staff and other officials during the launch of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) on 11th June 2021 at District Hospital, Kiphire.



PANGNYU PHOM HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH CMOs/MSs

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with other officials during a video conference meeting with the District CMOs and MSs at NIC Secretariat, Kohima on 12th June 2021.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom held a video conference meeting at NIC Secretariat, Kohima on 12th June 2021 with the District CMOs and MSs to review the management of COVID-19 pandemic and COVID-19 vaccination in all districts.

The meeting discussed on presence of officers and staff in their place of posting, COVID-19 testing, vaccination mobilisation and vaccine availability, availability and functioning of equipments in respective districts, deployment of oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders and ventilators, availability of ambulances, coverage of rural areas, sharing information with DTF—transparency in providing details of funds and other resources made available, implementation

and progress impact of activities under NHP (World Bank), contribution/donation received from various NGOs, companies, churches and well-wishers, requirement of PPE/mask/vaccine/medicine and any equipments, incentives to nurses and other employees under NHM during isolation, grievances or queries from the district and status of manpower under DH, CHC and PHC

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS; Secretary, Wezope Kenye, IAS; Principal Director, Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao; Joint Secretary, Ajit K. Ranjan, IAS; Director (FW), Dr. Thorhusie Katiry; Director (Dental), Dr. Theyiephrezo Khimiao; Joint Director, Dr. Kika Longkumer; Joint Director, Dr. Neisakho Kire and Deputy Director, Dr. Nyan Kikon.

APC APPRISE MEDIA ON DROUGHT LIKE SITUATION IN NAGALAND

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye along with Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Y Kikheto Sema held a press conference on the drought like situation

faced by farmers in Nagaland at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th June 2021.

Minister, G. Kaito Aye briefing the media said that due to climate change and late arrival of monsoon, farmers are affected globally including



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Nagaland, adding that the climate this year is very peculiar compared to other years in the State. He also said that various seasonal crops such as cardamom are drying up due to insufficient rain, and maize due to infestation of Fall Army Worm in Nagaland. He also stated that the drought like situation faced by Nagaland should be appraised to Government of India far ahead, so that assistance can be given to the farmers affected by deficient rains in the State.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan also briefing the media said that the farmers are going through sowing season now and germination period of crops are badly affected due to insufficient rainfall this year which will ultimately affect the crop production in the State. He stated that the State Government is taking all necessary steps to ensure that farmers are not affected by change in climatic conditions in Nagaland. He also emphasised on the importance of change in the agriculture system to suit with the changing times, environment and climate and to incorporate climate resilient crops in the State agriculture system. He informed that various ongoing programmes like PMGSY, water harvesting structures, soil conservation measures, etc. are being taken up to mitigate the process of climate change.

APC, Y.Kikheto Sema stated that Nagaland

is witnessing a drought like-situation due to delayed and erratic rains. He said that 70% of the State farmers are involved in jhum cultivation, but with hardly any rains since December 2020 till April 2021, the agriculture and horticulture crops under jhum have been adversely affected leading to poor germination and wilting of standing crops. He added that the area affected by deficient rains amounts to 68,662 ha of jhum fields in 915 villages, affecting almost all the districts. He also remarked that terrace rice cultivation (upland) and wet terrace rice cultivation have also been affected due to deficient monsoon rains in all the districts causing delay in land preparation and sowing. He went on to say that shortage of rainfall has not only affected the production of normal seasonal crops but it has also affected commercial crops like large cardamom, fruits and vegetables and other livestock such as fisheries, piggery, etc.

Sema also informed that the Agri and Allied departments are also planning to distribute seeds such as potato, oil seeds and vegetables for early rabi season from the month of September and October 2021 to compensate the farmers for the anticipated loss. He also said that a Core Committee of Agri and Allied Departments headed by the APC has been formed to timely monitor and review the ground situation.



NVCO OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS' DAY

The Nagaland Voluntary Consumers' Organisation (NVCO) observed the annual International Domestic Workers Day on 16th June 2021 at the State Capital.

NVCO stated that domestic workers have been amongst the workers most affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and their contributions to households have been immense, even while the pandemic has threatened their livelihood. It said that they are among the most vulnerable group of workers, an estimated 67.1 million people are employed in domestic work around the world, most of them women. Their works are undervalued and least regulated forms of employment and regularly experience exploitation and abuse. The use of children as domestic servants continues to be common in parts of the world including Nagaland and they are very vulnerable to exploitation and physical violence, it added.

Marking the event, NVCO President, Kezhokhoto Savi said that on 16th June 2011, the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted a landmark treaty, the convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers. The treaty is the first to set out the rights of domestic workers. He said that it requires countries to guarantee domestic workers the same rights as other workers and since the adoption of ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers, many countries around the world have worked to improve their protection.

Therefore, this year 2021, the ILO is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Convention 189. However, even while celebrating the 10th anniversary, domestic workers are still fighting for equality and decent working conditions and demanded to be recognized as 'domestic worker' and not as 'maid' or 'helper' or 'servant,' Kezhokhoto Savi said.

LABORATORY TEST REPORT ON ALLEGED PLASTIC RICE

Principal Secretary & Commissioner Food Safety, Amardeep Singh Bhatia IAS, on 21st June 2021 issued a statement on the alleged plastic rice which was collected and sent for testing to the State Public Health Laboratory by Food Safety Officer, Dimapur. Commissioner Food Safety stated that, as per the Food Analyst Report, the rice sample tested indicate presence of fortificants in the rice, confirming the rice as fortified rice. Further, microscopic examination of rice kernels shows clusters of rice starch of *oryza sativa* species (natural rice origin) and do not show any form of adulterant (plastic) mixture as alleged in the viral video.

The tested rice sample as per the standardized parameters is within the prescribed limit under Regulation No.2.4.6: (24) of Food Safety

and Standards (Food Products and Food Additives) Regulations 2011.

It may be informed that, fortification of food is standardized and operationalized under Food Safety & Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2017 and rice can be fortified using dusting, coating or extrusion technology where the milled broken rice is pulverized and mixed with vitamins and minerals resulting in fortified rice kernels (Section 4.4 of Guidebook on Food Fortification, FSSAI)

Also, under Food Safety & Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2017, every package of fortified food shall carry the words 'fortified with (name of the fortificant)' and the logo (Plus F) as specified in Schedule II of the Regulations on the label.

CHIEF SECRETARY BRIEFS MEDIA

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS held an interactive session with the media regarding the prevailing situation caused by the second wave

of the COVID-19 pandemic and the rapid surge of cases at State Level War Room, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 22nd June 2021.





Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS and other officials during an interactive session with media personnel at State Level War Room, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 22nd June 2021.

He said the War Room was reactivated with the Chief Secretary as the chairperson on 21st April 2021, mainly to ensure the unity of command and control in the fight against COVID-19 in the State. It is also to ensure sharing of all relevant information on real time basis so that prompt and effective actions are taken by the departments concerned. He also mentioned that various teams have also been formed wherein officers from key departments have been drawn to look after the State Level War Room in the areas of:

1. Ensuring adequate availability of medical oxygen for both private and public in the State.
2. Ensuring availability of ICU beds, oxygen supported bed and COVID Care Centre beds.
3. Ensuring effective quarantine and home isolation.
4. Timely transportation of critical medical equipment.
5. Overseeing quality management for

COVID-19 cases in government hospitals.

6. Grievance redressal.
7. Community surveillance in both rural and peri-urban areas.
8. IEC through infographics and various social media.

The Chief Secretary appealed to the citizens to take the vaccines without any hesitation and urged the people to come forward and get tested without stigma. He also expressed gratitude to the faith based organisations, NGOs, Civil Society Organisations, etc. for extending their cooperation and working hand in hand with the Government. He also mentioned that the War Room has been continuously monitoring the progress of vaccination in the State in order to increase the coverage of all eligible persons to get vaccinated. The Nagaland COVID-19 information app developed by the War Room is also available in Google Play Store and App store.

RESULT OF THE 'SDG INNOVATION PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH INITIATIVE'

Additional Development Commissioner, Planning & Coordination Department, Nosazol Charles has notified the results for 'SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative' organised by SDG Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland from 18th February to 14th March 2021 as follows:

First : Sus Desi of Living for Environment.
 Second : Pilot Operation of a Waste-to-Protein Treatment Facility.
 Third : Inculcate Sustainable Consciousness.
 Winners will be updated through email and telephone regarding the next steps for the implementation of the selected innovative projects once the situation allows.



KOHIMA SMART CITY MAKES IT TO TOP 10 CITIES IN DATA MATURITY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Kohima is ranked 10th out of the 100 Smart Cities, and certified as 'Enabled,' in the Data Maturity Assessment Framework 2.0. This was announced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) during the Sixth Anniversary celebration of Smart City Mission, AMRUT and PMAY (Urban), on 25th June 2021. Kohima is the only Smart City in North East to make it to the Top Ten and shares the 10th Position with two other cities.

The Smart Cities Mission launched the Data Smart Cities Strategy in February 2019, as a roadmap for harnessing the potential of data to address complex urban challenges across 100 cities. To successfully implement this initiative, the Data Maturity Assessment Framework was also launched to encourage cities to strengthen their data infrastructure and facilitate them in assessing their readiness and maturity on data. DMAF Cycle 2 was assessed based on the following five pillars:

1. **Policy:** Existence of robust policy mechanisms in the city around data governance, empowerment, protection, collaboration and innovation.
2. **People:** Presence of empowered city officials with the capacity to guide the development of city data policies, manage data governance, drive inter-departmental and inter-agency data exchange and to build city data alliances.
3. **Process:** Effectiveness of the city's processes around data collection, usage, management, security, privacy, empowerment, collaboration,

and innovation.

4. **Technology:** Quality and robustness of the city's information and communications technology infrastructure including digital platforms, sensors, IoT devices, data exchanges, big data and artificial intelligence.
5. **Outcomes:** Quality of outcomes around data driven governance, ease of living, ease of doing business, collaboration and innovation in the city.

Some of the initiatives undertaken by Kohima for this framework are 1) Preparation of Draft City Data Policy, 2) Dedicated Open City Data Portal, 3) Data analysis on critical datasets in sectors such as water, air, mobility, disaster, etc. 4) Appointment of Data-Coordinators in State Departments and few Civil Society Organisations, etc. One critical and notable aspect for Kohima regarding the Process Pillar is that most of the data are with the individual departments, and therefore the forthcoming and willingness of departments to share data with Kohima Smart City is laudable and truly appreciated. The continued proactive participation of various departments and citizens will be necessary to make Kohima a truly 'Connected' (Top Certification level) Data Smart city.

Another assessment of cities, regarding climate change preparedness was also released during the occasion. In this, Kohima was rated 2 Stars out of maximum 5 Stars in the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework 2.0.

CS INTERACTS WITH DISTRICT TASK FORCES

Chief Secretary (CS), Nagaland, J Alam, IAS and other senior officials of the State Government interacted with the District Task Forces (DTFs) through video conferencing at COVID War Room, Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 26th June 2021.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the

situation on COVID-19 status in all the districts particularly on testing, vaccination, rural surveillance and their recommendations about the extension of lockdown. He stressed on the urgent need for more testing and intensification of vaccination drive across the State. Therefore, he urged the low testing and vaccination districts to





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give a concerted effort in ramping up the testing as well as vaccination in their respective districts.

Besides highlighting the problems and difficulties being faced in the districts in the fight against the virus, the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) also put forth suggestions and recommendations, on which, the CS assured them to take it up to the higher authority for consideration. The CS also asked all the DCs to strictly check the attendance of District Heads of Offices and make sure that the officer concerned is in the station for any eventuality

at this situation. He also lauded the DTFs and encouraged them to work harder in order to contain the virus.

DGP, Nagaland, T. J. Longkumer, IPS asked the Superintendent of Police in all the districts to be more vigilant and make sure that anti-social activities are not carried out around the vicinity of the hospitals. He also declared that under DEF Longleng, 100% has been vaccinated, for which, a citation along with cash of Rs. 50,000/- were given in appreciation of their good work.

CM CALLS ON CJI

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio called on the Chief Justice of India (CJI), N.V. Ramana on 29th June 2021. Rio sought for the support of the CJI

for establishment of a separate High Court for Nagaland. The Chief Minister expressed appreciation for his support and solidarity.

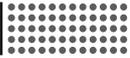
KHELHOSHE POLYTECHNIC, ATOIZU OBTAINS NBA

National Board of Accreditation (NBA) being the prerequisite for upgradation, expansion, enhancement of enrolment, etc. for all the technical institutions approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, Khelhoshe Polytechnic, Atoizu, (KPA), the Department of Technical Education, Nagaland has achieved to qualify for upgradation from Diploma programme to Degree Engineering programme, which is the long felt need of the hour.

The Directorate of Technical Education, Nagaland, Kohima, through a press release, extended its sincere gratitude to the Principal, Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu, staff, faculties,

students and all stakeholders for their relentless effort and making the Institute to obtain accreditation in Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering for a period of 3 (three) academic years w.e.f. 2021 up to 2024. It stated that the accreditation could be made possible because of the constant moral and physical support received from Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along and Advisor to CM, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, under whose visionary leadership, the Institute had worked with zeal and determination pulling all available resources. The Department also expressed its gratitude to Chief





Minister, Neiphiu Rio for granting additional fund for facelift of the Institute in respect of Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu and Government Polytechnic Kohima, to go for NBA.

The Government Polytechnic, Kohima (GPK) is also expected to follow suit and work for obtaining NBA accreditation. The milestone

achievement will pave the way for further growth of technical education in the State.

The Department of Technical Education, Nagaland also recalls the tremendous contribution made by the Coordinator of NBA, Late Er. Vizekhol Rhutso, Principal-in-charge, Government Polytechnic, Aboi, Mon.



WOKHA DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON COVID-19 ISSUES

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPBD)-cum-District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 meeting was held on 1st June 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha. Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry attended the meeting.

Y. Patton expressed his appreciation to the doctors, healthcare workers, frontline workers, administration, police, civil societies and all involved in rendering their yeoman service, sacrificing their lives for the safety of the people during the pandemic. Patton informed that 25% of the LADP-Common Pool Fund 2021-22 has been reserved for upgrading medical equipments and other required facilities for the District Hospital, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs).

The new Chairman of Wokha DPDB, Mmhonlumo Kikon, addressing the meeting said that the positivity rate in the State has gone down from 34% to 21 % after the lockdown and added that the State has a target to bring it down to 10% to lift the lockdown. In reply to the memorandum submitted by the Lotha Hoho, Kikon requested the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department (CMO and MS) to work out and submit details of requirements of the District Hospital at the earliest so that the issues can be addressed to the Government for consideration. In regard to

upgradation of District Hospital, PHC and CHC, the Chairman requested the DC, CMO and MS to work out modalities and submit the same for implementation.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan emphasized on proper treatment and feeding of COVID-19 patients admitted at COVID-19 Care Centre and lauded the efforts put in by the healthcare workers in the district. MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry urged the people to come forward to consult and take timely medical help for the safety and wellbeing of the community. He added that before the third wave comes, the district needs to vaccinate at least 40% of the population. He said that the testing rate in the district is very low and urged the H&FW Department to scale up the testing activity in the district to avoid flaring up of positive cases.

DC, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha apprised about the preparedness status of the DTF in the district and highlighted some of the activities of the DTF.

The Deputy Chief Minister also visited the District Hospital to assess the preparedness level undertaken by the hospital authority in the fight against the pandemic. Patton thanked the doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers for rendering their service and urged them to share their grievances and difficulties so that they can be addressed, and assured of his full co-operation to the medical fraternity in the coming days. The team also visited Sanis CHC and interacted with the medical staff and the public of Sanis area.

DEPUTY CM HOLDS MEETING AT BHANDARI

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton held a meeting on COVID-19 with the frontline workers and the Bhandari Block Task Force members at the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari, on 1st June 2021.

Taking stock of the COVID-19 situation at the interstate border sub-division, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that though Bhandari sub-division is

located at a very challenging area, being a State border, it has been one of the most efficient blocks in managing and containing the COVID-19 pandemic, and appreciated the frontline workers for their hard work and consistent efforts. Assuring support to the frontline workers in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and in delivering health safety services to the public, he encouraged them to highlight their



requirements for redressal on time.

Senior Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Bhandari, Dr. Caroline informed that around 2,000 people have been vaccinated till date. She further informed that random

sample testing for COVID-19 have been carried out at different strategic locations within the sub-division and COVID-19 management is being carried out with the resources available at its disposal.

MEETING FOR ACTIVATION OF CCC HELD AT TUENSANG

The Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at CBLT Conference Hall on 1st June 2021 to discuss the activation of COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC), Tuensang. The meeting was attended by Chang Baptist Lashong Thangyen, Eleutheros Christian Society, representatives of tribal hohos, all ward unions, TCCI, pastor unions, CMO, MS and police.

Reverend Achu presented a report on the preparation of Government Polytechnic Sedem as COVID-19 Care Centre. The DTF constituted a

management team to run the CCC at Government Polytechnic Sedem for Tuensang.

The DTF also discussed on funds required to run the CCC, and it agreed to give responsibility to the management team to appeal all stakeholders for financial support. The DTF also suggested the management team to write to the High Powered Committee, Nagaland through Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang for aid and fund for functioning of the CCC, Tuensang.

Y. KIKHETO SEMA AND TEAM VISITS VARIOUS VACCINATION CENTRES

State Nodal Officer for Dimapur, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with Commissioner of Police, SDO (Civil), Sadar and District Immunization Officer visited various vaccination centres in Dimapur.

Team Dimapur visited Lions Club, Dimapur where vaccination is being conducted since 13th April 2021. During the visit, the team was briefed that so far, around 7,000 beneficiaries have been vaccinated at the centre.

The team also visited Bishop's House, Dimapur and the Diocese of Kohima COVID-19 Task Force (DKCTF) Control Room where the Peace Channel collects information, disseminate, coordinate and process the information and connect with people who are in need of various services. Fr. C. P. Anto, Director of Peace Channel said that DKCTF is carrying out pastoral, christian and humanitarian services to the people during these trying times. The Task Force is exploring the possibility of financial assistance to the families who have lost their bread winner due to COVID-19, and also exploring of starting two COVID-19 centres shortly.

The team visited proprietors of M/s Medico, Dimapur, Basu Damani and Arvind Damani and

appreciated them for their noble initiative of providing free medicines to all the COVID-19 patients who cannot afford medicines from the open market.

The team also visited SD Jain Charitable Centre under Jain Samaj, Dimapur where the centre is being utilized as vaccination centre since 14th April 2021. The management of the centre briefed the team that around 500 beneficiaries have been vaccinated.

Sema, during the visits, observed that Nagas are not coming forward for vaccination as they have not realized that vaccination is the greatest weapon to fight against the pandemic. He asserted that death rate on non-vaccinated death is alarmingly high, about 95%, which is a matter of great concern. He urged the Health & Family Welfare Department and District Administration to disseminate the information about the availability of vaccine, place and other related information to the people through print media and other social media platforms.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Rebecca informed that due to poor connectivity, vaccination of all age groups in rural areas is allowed for 'on the spot' registration from 31st May 2021.



LONGLENG DTF VISITS VILLAGES

Longleng District Task Force (DTF) led by District Administration, Police and Health & Family Welfare officials visited Pongo, Yongphang, Yangching, Sakshi and Auching village under EAC Sakshi Circle on 3rd June 2021, and held a meeting

with the villages with regard to constitution of Village Task Force/Rapid Response Force and Community Care Centre. Representatives from village councils, student unions, churches, Village Guards and health unit representatives attended the meeting.

WILL NOT ALLOW COVID-19 TO CONQUER US: Y. KIKHETO SEMA

Nodal Officer for COVID-19, Dimapur district, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS exhorted the health workers and public of Medziphema to be bold, prepared and to work with unity, and asserted that the COVID-19 pandemic will not be allowed to conquer us, during the declaration of Community Health Centre (CHC), Medziphema as 20 bedded COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC) on 4th June 2021. Sema further emphasized on the need for 3Cs (cooperation, coordination and contribution) for fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Team Dimapur led by Sema was highly impressed with the systematic arrangements made at CCC, Medziphema for which the Nodal Officer gave full credit to the SMO, CHC, Medziphema, Dr. N. Sezo and team, administration and the citizens of Medziphema. Kikheto also reiterated that there will be zero tolerance if frontline workers particularly healthcare workers were harassed in any manner.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS lauded CHC Medziphema for always doing well even during non-COVID-19 times and recalled that even the Union Health Secretary lauded and appreciated the well maintained and functioning of the health centre during their visit in 2016. While noting that Medziphema ought to be the next immediate focus, Rajesh advised them to bring

to the notice of ADC, Medziphema if there are any issues, so that immediate action can be initiated.

CMO, Dimapur, Dr. I. Moatemjen pointed out that CHC, Medziphema has all the required infrastructure in place and considering the long distance from Medziphema to Dimapur, decision was taken to declare it as CCC after discussion with SMO, Medziphema. Mild cases would be treated from CCC, Medziphema while moderate and severe cases would be shifted to COVID-19 Hospital Dimapur, he informed. With positive cases increasing, CMO admitted that manpower might not be sufficient but assured for helping out in terms of manpower and other required logistics.

SMO, CHC Medziphema, Dr. N. Sezo informed that initially the CCC, Medziphema will start with 20 beds. However, he informed that the Mother & Child Ward would continue to function and the CHC will also continue to take care of road accident cases. Sezo also informed that after discussion with the Army, they have agreed to take care of the OPD cases. On the occasion, Dr. Sezo also acknowledged John Bendang, a resident of Medziphema who has been rendering humanitarian services to the people of Medziphema by providing transportation service, for both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients, from his private car at his own expense.

RANDOM SAMPLING OF COVID-19 IN RURAL AREAS UNDER KOHIMA

As per the directives given by the Kohima District Task Force on COVID-19 in view of the detection of COVID-19 positive cases in rural areas, the random sampling was carried out in various rural areas under Kohima district.

The random sampling drive was conducted at Kezo town and Kidima by CMO Team, Kohima and MO, Kezocha along with administration and PS,

Kezocha on 3rd June 2021. A total of 33 samples were collected from these two areas during the drive.

The random drive was also conducted at Tseminyu sub-division amongst the town residents including shopkeepers and traders. A total of 107 samples were collected during the drive led by District Administration, medical team and Tseminyu Sub-Divisional Task Force on COVID-19.



TRAINING ON HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF COVID-19 DEAD BODIES HELD AT SECHÜ-ZUBZA

A training on safe handling and disposal of COVID-19 dead bodies with regard to home isolation cases was held on 4th June 2021 at Sechü-Zubza. The sub-divisional doctors imparted the training to the Village Task Force under Sechü-

Zubza jurisdiction in phased manner.

During the training, sanitizing spray machines along with PPEs, dead body bags, etc. were distributed to every Village Task Force by the Sub-Divisional Task Force, Sechü-Zubza.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD AT THONOKNYU

Consultative meeting on COVID-19 vaccination drive was held at the SDO (C), Thonoknyu Office on 4th June 2021. SDO (C), Longdiba L. Sangtam chairing the programme, highlighted about the low percentage and awareness of safety of COVID-19 vaccine.

The programme was attended by various sections of people including the Police, Head GBs, TAPO President, TTBC Pastor, TBC Thonoknyu town, Head Master, Government High School and Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Thonoknyu town.

ADVISORS TAKES STOCK OF LOCKDOWN MEASURES IN KOHIMA

To oversee and take stock of the lockdown measures put in place in Kohima district, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha along with EAC, Kevinguto Kulnu inspected Kohima town area on 4th June 2021.

During their inspection, the Advisors observed that the District Administration, Police and medical team are doing a wonderful job and appreciated and accorded them due respect. They said that the majority of the town/city dwellers, notwithstanding the hardships faced, were positively responding to the collective call of total lockdown, which was a welcome sign, though a number of callous people and vehicles were also found loitering around, taking undue advantage of the window days relaxed to facilitate public

conveniences, adding much to the crowding and queuing of vehicles, thereby entailing risk.

The Advisors said that dedicated and responsible volunteers have to be assigned to manage and monitor the movement of public especially on window/partially relaxed days in areas under the purview of wards and colonies. It was also observed that it will be prudent for those wards/colonies without open marketing spaces, to introduce mobile vegetable markets (on Tata pick-up trucks) so as to avoid crowding and rush.

To extend their appreciation and solidarity, the team also visited Jubilee Memorial Centre, Lerie offered by Kohima Ao Baptist Church for quarantining of healthcare workers and interacted with the frontline workers (nurses from Naga Hospital Authority Kohima) stationed at the Centre.

KIPHIRE TO HAVE WARD-WISE VACCINATION

Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) held a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 5th June 2021, which was chaired by DC & DTF, Chairman, Rahul Mali, IAS.

During the meeting, the DTF decided to

conduct ward-wise vaccination camp and accordingly, Ward Chairmen have been directed to activate Ward Task Forces in their respective wards at the earliest. The ward authorities were directed to submit data of 18 years and above people who are





Children with Assam Rifles personnel planting a sapling during a tree plantation drive, on the occasion of World Environment Day organized by the Assam Rifles, Tening at Tening town, Phek on 5th June 2021.



Principal Secretary/Food Safety Commissioner to the Government of Nagaland, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS with officials during the World Food Safety Day, observed on 7th June 2021 at State Public Health Laboratory, CMO Office, Kohima.



A man getting vaccinated during a special vaccination drive for 45 years & above and for Persons with Disabilities (18 years & above), which was launched at CMO Office, Mokokchung on 16th June 2021.



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS inspecting the vaccination drive undertaken at Yali village, Tuensang on 13th June 2021. Yali village came forward to vaccinate all its eligible citizens with the COVID-19 vaccine.



Officials and participants during a training on Tobacco Free Educational Institution (TOFEI), conducted at Sacred Heart School, Mon on 30th June 2021.



Public Education Campaign on COVID-19 and training on dead body management, use of PPE, lockdown measures, COVID-19 appropriate behaviour for healthcare workers, Village Disaster Management Authority and village authorities was held at Phusachodu village, Phek on 23rd June 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurating the Oxygen Generator Plant at District Hospital Tuensang on 22nd June 2021.



Officials during the dedicatory programme for the launch of a new ambulance at Shamator, Tuensang on 18th June 2021.

interested in taking the COVID-19 vaccine with their name, age, ID card number and their mobile number to the District Immunization Office.

During the meeting, Dr. Moa Jamir called for early reporting and medication if a person is sick and have COVID-19-like symptoms, as in many cases, late reporting have been the cause of death. Stating on SOP for burial of dead body, he confirmed that once the corpse has been disinfected by the medical team, it cannot infect

other people.

DTF members thanked the United Sangtam Lithroti Ashimukhong (USLA) for allowing the use of Hopongkiu Memorial Hall for accommodation of the medical team.

DC, Rahul Mali said vaccination is the only solution and encouraged the community leaders to lead by example by availing the vaccine themselves and create awareness and encourage people to take the vaccine.

PANGNYU INTERACTS WITH DHD MEDICAL OFFICERS



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom held a meeting with the Medical Officers of District Hospital Dimapur (DHD) at the Chapel Hall, DHD on 7th June 2021.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom held a meeting with the Medical Officers of District Hospital Dimapur (DHD) on 7th June 2021 at the Chapel Hall, DHD, to listen to grievances and also to take stock of the availability of equipment, medicines and other logistics.

Lauding the doctors, nurses/healthcare workers for rendering their selfless sacrifices in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, Phom assured to address their grievances according to need based system. Pointing out that every department has a system which cannot be bypassed, he advised them to send the requirements in the form of proposals. Expressing concern on the lack of CT scan and X-Ray machines at DHD, the Minister directed the CMO and MS for submitting the proposal officially at the earliest and said that the department would provide the requirements.

CMO, Dimapur highlighting on the COVID-19 scenario of Dimapur district, informed that there are presently 10 COVID-19 Hospitals (two yet to be activated), and that everything is set in place, mock drill is also undertaken and it can be activated anytime as and when need arises. He informed that presently, the district is comfortable with sufficient COVID-19 beds as well as oxygen cylinders.

MS, Dimapur informed that Round Table India Trust in collaboration with Rotary Club, Dimapur has donated 50 bedded equipment at a designated ward at DHD and the equipments have started to arrive. Further, he informed about Invest India, which has plans in the pipeline for providing a pre-fabricated 48 bedded COVID-19 Hospital. She observed that with more infrastructure, manpower would be required, and requested the Minister to look into the matter as far as rational distribution of manpower is concerned.



VIDEO ON NASHA MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAN LAUNCHED

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie with officials during the launch of a video on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 8th June 2021.

The Kohima District Administration launched a video on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 8th June 2021, which was released by DC, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan is a campaign to achieve drug free India in 272 most affected districts. A video on awareness on the campaign was launched on the official YouTube channel of Nasha Mukta Bharat, Kohima. The short clip depicting the real life stories battling addiction, and their testimonies are reflected in the short video.

Taking cognizance of the fact that

addressing the problem of addiction requires concerted action at different levels of the Government, the DC applauded the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Team, Kohima for filming the short and meaningful clip which could be the best form of information dissemination and public awareness to fight against the challenges of drugs and alcohol.

The team has also set up a de-addiction helpline numbers for anyone who needs help with addiction - ARK Foundation (7005430252), Kripa Foundation-(9089273154/7085659771) kripanagaland@yahoo.co.in, Youth Mission - (9436016536/9402813377) www.youthmission.in, tnyekha@gmail.com, DistrictAdministration Kohima.

ADVISOR MHATHUNG YANTHAN TOURS SANIS SUB-DIVISION

Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan toured 39 Sanis Assembly Constituency on 8th June 2021, to ascertain on the preparedness of the sub-division to contain the pandemic.

While inspecting Sungro Primary Health Centre (PHC), Lakhuti PHC, Sanis Community Health Centre and Molian PHC, Mhathung expressed his appreciation to the Sanis Block Task Force (BTF) led by Chairman & ADC, Sanis, doctors, healthcare workers, frontline workers, police, churches, civil societies and all involved, for

rendering their service for the safety of the people during the pandemic.

Mhathung stated that the Government is doing its best to provide better healthcare services through various healthcare centres and urged the churches to create awareness to do away with social stigma of COVID-19. Yanthan urged the young generation of the State to rise up and meet the challenges to overcome the COVID-19 crisis. He added that the State has been depending on others for too long and to overcome this, the State Government has constituted a High Powered

Steering Committee to improve agriculture production. He added that as agriculture is the mainstay of Nagaland, the State Government has

launched various programmes and schemes, therefore he urged the younger generation to avail the opportunity.

COVID-19 AWARENESS-CUM-VACCINATION DRIVE CARRIED OUT ACROSS DISTRICTS



Public leaders and church leaders with medical officials during a special camp organized to create awareness on COVID-19 vaccine at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Noklak on 2nd June 2021.

NOKLAK:

To create awareness about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination and to prevent the spread of false rumours about the vaccine, public leaders and church leaders took vaccination shots at a special camp organized at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Noklak on 2nd June 2021.

Church leaders categorically made it clear that there are no religious sanctions on COVID-19 vaccination and dispelled rumours of religious issues associated with the vaccine. The church leaders encouraged the believers to come forward and avail the facility at the earliest for safety of all. Health & Family Welfare Department officials informed that there is no restriction on people with scrub typhus or typhoid from taking vaccination.

KIPHIRE:

Special vaccination drive on COVID-19 was carried out at Government Higher Secondary School, Kiphire on 9th June 2021.

The vaccination drive, organised by the District Task Force, Kiphire was carried out for both 18-44 years and 45 years and above with on-the-

spot registration. During the drive, a total of 110 were vaccinated.

On 20th June 2021, the Health & Family Welfare Department, Kiphire, carried out sensitisation drive at Tethuyo, Sangphure, Sitimi, Seyochung and Phisami.

Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire in collaboration with Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 and 41 Assam Rifles, Kiphire organised a COVID-19 vaccination drive-cum-awareness camp on 28th June 2021 at Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire. A total of 162 beneficiaries in 18-44 years and 45 plus years were vaccinated during the drive.

A vaccination drive was organised at Salomi HWC-Sub-Centre under Pungro Headquarter, Kiphire on 29th June 2021. 44 beneficiaries in the age group of 18-44 and 17 beneficiaries in the category of 45 years and above, received the vaccination.

A vaccination drive was also held at Amikiro village, organised by Primary Health Centre, Likhimro under Pungro, led by Dr. Kesusato. 17 beneficiaries were vaccinated on 29th June 2021,



and 34 people have been vaccinated so far.

MON:

Mon District Task Force on 10th June 2021 conducted a vaccination camp for school teachers, pharmacists and Persons with Disabilities at Don Bosco School, Mon town. Altogether 129 beneficiaries were vaccinated.

PFUTSERO:



People queue up for vaccination during a special vaccination drive at Pfutsero Town Sports Complex on 13th June 2021.

A special vaccination drive was organized by the Pfutsero Block Task Force (BTF) on 13th June 2021 at Pfutsero Town Sports Complex. The vaccination drive was held with an objective to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission. A total of 749 persons were vaccinated in one session.

SHAMATOR:



Assam Rifles (AR), Shamator Battalion with the joint effort of Community Health Centre, Shamator conducted a COVID -19 vaccination drive at Lasikiur village on 13th June 2021.

On 13th June 2021, Assam Rifles (AR), Shamator Battalion with the joint effort of Community Health Centre, Shamator led by Medical

Officer, Dr. Mhathung L. Ngullie and Dr. Jacob from AR Shamator Battalion conducted a COVID-19 vaccination drive at Lasikiur village.

Dr. Jacob, MO, AR briefed the gathering. The AR, Shamator Battalion also undertook sanitization drive on 14th June 2021 at Lasikiur village, Tuensang.

JALUKIE:



President, Peren District Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Ngaugongpe receiving the COVID-19 vaccine during an awareness-cum-special vaccination drive for PwDs at New Jalukie Council Hall on 17th June 2021.

Health & Family Welfare Department, Peren in collaboration with Social Welfare Department organised an awareness-cum-special vaccination drive for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on 17th June 2021 at New Jalukie Council Hall.

Zonal Leprosy Officer, Dr. Kiholi gave a brief introduction on the awareness of COVID-19 vaccination for PwDs. She also raised concern on rumours and misinterpretation spread by some people which has created hesitancy among some public to get vaccinated.

A short message was also proposed by the President of PwDs on why people with disability should go for vaccination. Further, he encouraged the public to be co-operative with the Government during the vaccination drive.

KOHIMA:

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 in collaboration with Kohima Chamber of Commerce & Industries (KCCI) organised a one-



day special outreach vaccination drive for high risk group, focusing on business community (traders and shopkeepers) within Kohima town at KCCI Tower, Kohima on 21st June 2021.

Along with vaccination drive, screening for non-communicable disease was also conducted for the beneficiaries. A total of 145 beneficiaries received their first dose from the age category of 18-45 years and 45 plus years during the outreach drive.

A total of 140 beneficiaries from business community within Kohima received COVID-19 vaccine on 30th June 2021 during the third phase of vaccination drive organised by the Kohima DTF on COVID-19 in collaboration with KCCI.

Along with the vaccination drive, screening for non-communicable disease was also conducted for the beneficiaries. A total of 496 from the community have been vaccinated till date, which included the first and second phase of the drive.

TENING:

Social Welfare Department, Tening in collaboration with the Sub-division Administration and Health & Family Welfare Department organized an awareness-cum-vaccination drive for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) at Tening Community Health Centre on 21st June 2021.

Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Sub-Divisional Task Force for COVID-19, Tening, Rosietho Nguori gave a briefing on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination for PwDs. He said that presently vaccination is the only means to protect oneself from the virus, and he encouraged the gathering to avail the opportunity offered to them by the Government. The ADC further added that in case of any issue, the administration along with the medical team is willing to assist the people in whatever way possible.

Short speeches were delivered by MO (AYUSH), Dr. Nuksung Jamir and Disability Representative, Cherachun. Poshan Block Coordinator, Social Welfare Department, Dibin Nbung chaired the programme.

Also, on 28th June 2021, a sensitization

programme and vaccination drive for all eligible persons under Tening sub-division in Peren was held at various villages under the initiative of Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) for COVID-19.

A vaccination drive was also carried out at Old Ngaulong village and Bamsiakelwa village on 29th June 2021.

LEANGKONGER, TUENSANG:

Community Health Centre, Shamator in collaboration with Assam Rifles (AR), Shamator Battalion conducted a COVID-19 vaccination drive at Leangkonger village, Tuensang on 20th June 2021.

Medical Officer (MO), Dr. Mhathung gave a brief presentation on the importance of vaccination. Leangkonger Village Council acknowledged MO, Community Health Centre Shamator, Dr. Mhathung, MO, AR Shamator Battalion, Dr. Jacob and team for coming forward with the initiative. The event saw positive response from the villagers.

DZULHAMI, PHEK:

Awareness campaign and sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination was held at Primary Health Centre, Dzulhami, Phek on 9th June 2021 with church leaders, village councils, student leaders and women organisation. MO, Dzulhami, Dr. Kevisevolie Sekhose informed that no COVID-19 positive cases have been detected at Dzulhami Block so far. With the efforts of frontline workers and public leaders, nearly 400 people have been vaccinated, but Dr. Sekhose added that there are some people who are still hesitant to take the vaccination.

Meanwhile, another round of dead body management training was also conducted by the District Administration and medical team at Community Hall, Chozuba for Village Disaster Management Authority and volunteers headed by MO, Chetheba, Dr. Zaheveyi and demonstrated by the State Disaster Response Force team. CoWIN app portal registration was also demonstrated during the programme.



LONGLENG:

A special vaccination was organised by the Longleng Health & Family Welfare Department in collaboration with the Longleng District Task Force on 24th June 2021 at Public Ground, Longleng.

A special vaccination drive for shopkeepers, helpers, drivers, coolies and their family members was organised by the Longleng Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department in collaboration with the Longleng District Task Force (DTF) on 24th June 2021 at Public Ground, Longleng.

Speaking at the launching programme, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DTF, M. Shayung Phom requested the department to compile the necessary information with regard to COVID-19 awareness and vaccination in bulletin or voice message and spread the information through social media for the public under Longleng.

Chief Medical Officer, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla stated that the programme has been organized for individuals who are yet to be vaccinated, especially the shopkeepers, helpers, drivers, coolies and their family members. She urged anyone who is yet to be vaccinated to avail the opportunity at the earliest.

PUNGRO:

A sensitisation programme and vaccination drive was carried out at Pungro town on 28th June 2021, under the initiative of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pungro, Abhinav Shivam, IAS.

The ADC said that under the initiative of administration, medical team and with the cooperation from the Ward Chairmen and public leaders, doubts and apprehensions of the people, spread on social media, could be addressed.

During the drive, a total of 205 beneficiaries availed the vaccine. The ADC lauded former YTC Chairman, Shelimthong, YTC, Executive Chairman, Makhezo, PPF, Khongsu, GB, Shehoto, Mission Ward, Chairman, Shojiba and all the Ward Chairmen of Pungro town for their constant support during the vaccination drive.

On 30th June 2021, vaccination was carried out at Rest House Ward, Officers Ward, Badminton Ward, Likimro Hydro Electrical Project, Longkhimong village and Tsurewong village. 167 beneficiaries got vaccinated. The medical team was led by Dr. Sato, Dr. Kisheka and Dr. Siku.

SANGPUR AND YAKOR, TUENSANG:

Community Health Centre, Shamator led by Medical Officer, Shamator, Dr. Mhathung organised a COVID-19 vaccine sensitization and vaccination drive at Sangpur and Yakor village, Tuensang on 27th June 2021. Dr. Mhathung briefed the villages on the importance of taking vaccines and also how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining proper SOP laid down by the State Government. The vaccination drive saw positive response from the people.

KOHIMA DTF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD

Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a virtual meeting on 10th June 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Kohima DTF, Gregory Thejawelie.

Minister-in-charge for Kohima district, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with State

Nodal Officer for Kohima district & Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS, CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo, MS, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), Dr. Sentimeren Aonok and other DTF members took part in the virtual meeting.

On the request letter submitted by Kohima



Hotel and Restaurant Union (KHRU), the DTF decided to allow for takeaway services, however 50% of in-house dining was not recommended for the time being.

The DTF also took up the issue on shortage of medical doctor in Tseminyu sub-division and decided to take up the matter in consultation with NHAK and CMO.

On Oxygen Audit Committee constitution, Dr. Sentimeren informed that the committee was formulated as per the direction given by the Government. He also gave an update on the oxygen at NHAK, and informed that the oxygen generation plant has started and through the central pipeline oxygen has been supplied to the patients admitted in ICU and also in COVID-19 wards.

During the meeting, DC informed the members that the medical team has been ramping up the vaccination drive across the district with 42 COVID-19 Vaccination Centres, covering all the villages which has not been covered so far. Medical team has been putting in efforts to assess the prevalence of positive cases in the district by conducting sampling testing with district administration, village authority and police, covering all the block levels. He also informed that COVID-19

Care Centres (CCC) have been set up at Botsa, Sechü-Zubza, and other blocks have also been identified for the setting up of CCC.

MS, NHAK, Dr. Sentimeren Aonok also gave an update on COVID-19 status at NHAK, and informed that from their observation and clinical studies, all the patients admitted in ICU and deaths taken place were non-vaccinated patients, which shows that vaccination plays an important role as far as the morbidity and mortality is concerned. Some positive patients coming with co-morbidity but vaccinated were found with mild symptoms who recovered faster than expected, he added.

On the ongoing vaccination drive, DIO, Dr. Rupert highlighted on the updated number of beneficiaries vaccinated in the district. He said that as on 9th June 2021, a total number of 40,322 beneficiaries received their first dose, which included healthcare workers – 2,813, frontline workers – 11,075, 18 to 44 years – 9,739, 45 years plus - 10,882 and 60 years plus – 5,813. Dr. Rupert also informed that 200 slots will be opened every day for urban areas from Monday to Friday, and outreach session in urban areas and blocks will continue with onsite registration.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT CHANGTONGYA

A coordination meeting to discuss matters related to COVID-19 was held at Dobashi Customary Court, Changtongya on 9th June 2021.

The meeting was chaired by SDO (C), Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie who called upon all to take up the challenge and the responsibilities at their respective jurisdiction in the fight against COVID-19. He also directed all the villages under the sub-division to set up Village Task Force for COVID-19.

The new SOP on COVID-19 containment and management in rural and peri-urban areas were deliberated and highlighted by SMO, Community Health Centre (CHC) Changtongya, Dr. Imtjunshi Aier and MO, CHC Changtongya, Dr. Among.

The meeting was attended by all the Village Council Chairmen under the sub-division, student leaders, all the Ward Chairmen and Watsu Union President, Changtongya town, CDPO, BPM (NSRLM) and O/C Thana.

H. KHEHOVI YEPHOMI MEETS WITH HCMC OF SURUHUTO SUB-DIVISION

To take stock of the COVID-19 situation at Suruhuto, Advisor for Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yepthomi visited Suruhuto town on 10th June 2021.

The Advisor convened a short meeting with the Health Care Management Committee (HCMC) members headed by SDO (C), Suruhuto, Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo, and members including senior



citizens, church leaders from different denomination, STSU, Medical Officer and Primary Health Centre staff.

The Advisor appealed to the citizens of Suruhuto to be more vigilant and cautious of their own health. He expressed his concern over the public's irresponsible attitude and behaviour for not properly following the SOP on COVID-19 laid down by the Government even as COVID-19 positive

cases are on the rise in the town. He requested the public to act more responsibly by educating one another and follow the COVID-19 SOP.

The Advisor also highlighted the Government norms and policies for the maintenance and renovation of Primary Health Centre buildings and assured to start the work at the earliest and entrusted the HCMC to oversee the works to be shortly executed.

TUENSANG DTF REVIEWS LOCKDOWN EXTENSION

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 held a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 11th June 2021 which was chaired by DC & Chairman, DTF Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant.

The DTF reviewed the extended lockdown Standard Operating Procedures for the district. The plying of local taxis were to be allowed on odd and

even manner but the driver must be compulsorily tested for COVID-19.

With the money generated from penalties from the defaulters of the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, the DTF Tuensang are to open up a bank for pulse oximeters and thermometers. The bank will be assisting the needy patients, and the bank will also be open to receive fund donations.

CCC ACTIVATED AT TUENSANG



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS speaking at the activation programme of COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC) at Government Polytechnic Sedem, Tuensang on 11th June 2021.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Tuensang District Task Force (DTF), Kumar Ramnikant, IAS activated the COVID-19 Care Centre (CCC) at Government Polytechnic Sedem, Tuensang on 11th June 2021. The principal funders of CCC are APF & FES, facilitated by Tuensang DTF, CBLT and ECS. It will be jointly managed by District

Administration, Tuensang, Pastors' Union, Tuensang town, Health & Family Welfare Department, Police, CKS, KTC, USLB, YTC and ECS.

The main objective of setting up the CCC is to provide a place for all the asymptomatic COVID-19 patients who do not have home isolation facility.

FULL COVERAGE OF VACCINATION LAUNCHED AT YALI VILLAGE

Yali village, one of the Chang villages under Tuensang district, came forward to vaccinate all its eligible citizens with the COVID-19 vaccine. In this regard, a special vaccination drive was launched on 13th June 2021 by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS along with SDO (C), Rohit Singh, IAS and SDPO, Tuensang, Kanchan Kumar Kandpal, IPS at the church premises of Yali village.

The ADC thanked and appreciated the wisdom of the village elders and leaders for coming forward and deciding to vaccinate all the eligible beneficiaries of the village. He also marked it as a first and crucial step towards full coverage of

vaccination drive in rural areas and requested other villages of the district to come forward with the same co-operation in the fight against COVID-19 through vaccination.

The vaccination drive is a part of the new vaccination strategy to vaccinate all the villages of the district, one by one under the joint initiative of District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19, Health & Family Welfare Department, CBLT office and ECS.

Few of the beneficiaries were vaccinated in the first vaccination drive but it was decided for the whole village to get vaccinated after CBLT in consultation with DTF sensitized the village on the importance of vaccination.

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF PACKAGE FOR DAILY WAGE EARNERS LAUNCHED

KOHIMA:

The relief distribution for daily wage earners/labourers and needy families under Kohima district began on 14th June 2021 at Khouchiezie Kohima Local Ground with Kohima Deputy Commissioner & District Disaster Management Authority Chairman, Gregory Thejewelie launching the relief distribution for the district. Around 50 beneficiaries received the relief items on the first day. The Dry Ration Relief Package has been issued to mitigate the economic problem/hardship faced by daily wage earners/labourers and needy families in the entire State by the State Government of Nagaland.

In Kohima district, a total number of 7,000 beneficiaries from among the daily wage earners/labourers will be assisted with the relief package. Under administrative sub-division/circle, Chiephobozou has been allotted 700 beneficiaries, Tseminyu – 700, Jakhama – 300, Sechü-Zubza – 300, Botsa – 300, Kezocha – 200, Tsogin – 200 and the remaining 4,300 beneficiaries will be from the Kohima Municipal Area and Kohima Sadar. ADC Kohima, Bhavani Sri flagged off the relief distribution for the sub-divisions under the district.

DIMAPUR:



Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS inspecting the relief materials for distribution at Holy Cross School Auditorium, Dimapur on 15th June 2021.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS launched the distribution of relief package of essential commodities to daily wage earners and labourers affected by lockdown at Dimapur district on 15th June 2021.

According to officials, a total of 7,000 households have been listed as beneficiaries from all over the district. The relief package includes rice, dal, kholar, mustard oil, sugar, salt, tea, bathing soap, washing soap, masala packet, onion, garlic and chilli powder.



PEREN:

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier on 17th June 2021 launched the relief distribution for daily wage earners at St. Xavier College, Auditorium Hall, Jalukie in the presence of ADC, Jalukie, NZPO President, Ward Union and Principal, St. Xavier College. The relief items were arranged and provided by District Management Authority, Peren in collaboration with the District Administration.

LONGLENG AND TAMLU:

Longleng District Task Force (DTF) distributed relief packages for daily wage earners at Tamlu and Longleng on 16th and 17th June 2021, respectively.

At Longleng, the relief distribution was held at Public Ground in presence of Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DTF, M. Shayung Phom, while at Tamlu, it was held at ADC's Office Complex in presence of ADC, Tamlu, Temjensangla.

Altogether 1,150 daily wage earners registered during the relief package.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir launched the relief distribution for daily wage earners and labourers affected by lockdown at Town Hall Mokokchung on 18th June

2021.

According to officials, a total of 2,000 households have been listed as beneficiaries from all over the district. The relief items were arranged and provided by District Disaster Management Authority, Mokokchung while volunteers from Mokokchung Town Ao Baptist Arogo (MTABA) Youth Department assisted in the packaging of relief items.

TUENSANG:

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Tuensang District Task Force, Kumar Ramnikant distributed relief packages containing basic essential items for daily wage earners at Town Hall, Tuensang on 24th June 2021. The relief packages on account of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown have been arranged by District Disaster Management Authority, Tuensang.

ABOI:

Relief packages containing basic essential items were distributed to needy families and persons affected by the COVID-19 lockdown under Aboi sub-division on 25th June 2021 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Aboi.

The relief packages were handed over by EAC, Longching, Cthitu Nienu. The relief packages have been arranged by the District Disaster Management Authority.

VACCINE CAN SAVE PRECIOUS LIVES: T. YANGSEO SANGTAM

The Kiphire District Task Force (DTF) meeting was held on 14th June 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kiphire.

MLA & Chairman, District Planning & Development Board, Kiphire, T. Yangseo Sangtam speaking at the meeting, stated that COVID-19 vaccine can save precious lives and that people should not believe false information about the vaccine on social media. He encouraged the citizens to avail the vaccine and appealed to the villages not to hamper the vaccination drive by prohibiting the medical team, but instead co-operate during the

vaccination drive.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Kiphire DTF, Rahul Mali, IAS raised concern on patients going to the hospital only after their condition worsen, and urged the patients with symptoms to go to the hospital at the early stage. Mali also highlighted the DTF activities and strategies for the entire district.

MLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam also visited Pungro, Kiphire and held a meeting with the administration, medical team, frontline workers, public leaders and NGOs on 15th June 2021 at GA Rest House, Pungro.



ADVISOR SUKHALU VISITS ZUNHEBOTO

Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu visited District COVID-19 Hospital, Zunheboto on 17th June 2021, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo to get acquainted with the progress on management of COVID-19 situation.

K.T. Sukhalu stated that it is not only the responsibility of doctors and frontline workers, but also the duty of every citizen to follow the guidelines issued by the Government. He called upon the citizens to co-operate with the Health & Family Welfare Department and get vaccinated.

K.T. Sukhalu also had an interactive discussion hour on the ongoing two-lane

construction at Zunheboto with NHIDCL, Madhucon Company, Sumi Hoho, Zunheboto Two-lane Construction Monitoring Committee and Sumi Officers' Union, Zunheboto at DC's Residence, Zunheboto. He lamented on the road connectivity of Zunheboto and said that the two-lane project needs to be completed without any hindrance.

General Secretary, Sumi Hoho, Niheto Jimomi said that the monitoring committee has been giving its top priority by cooperating with the District Administration and added that they are trying to expand the road where there are provisions.

MINISTER PANGNYU PHOM VISITS LONGLENG

Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom accompanied by Secretary, H&FW paid a visit to Longleng and held a COVID-19 review meeting with the District Task Force (DTF), civil societies and churches at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Complex, Longleng on 19th June 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Pangnyu Phom pointed out that unlike the first wave, the second wave has caused huge casualties in the country not because of lack of medical facilities but due to negligence of patients who come to the hospital at the last hour.

Phom congratulated the DTF led by the DC, District Administration, police, medical personnel, VGs, NGOs, civil societies and churches for working together as a family to combat the pandemic and making Longleng as one of the successful districts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in the State. He also appealed to all the government officers and

staff posted in the district to come forward and extend their helping hand to the H&FW Department and the people during this crucial time.

The Minister also informed that as per the direction of the Central Government, the ongoing lockdown will continue in the State till COVID-19 case is below 5% and said that at present, the COVID-19 case in Nagaland stands at 9.3%. He also informed that the Government has decided to deduct 10% from LADP and another 15% from common pool to purchase urgent medical requirements such as pulse oximeter and oxygen concentrator to every functioning health sub-centre in the State. In this regard, he directed the DTF to make assessment of the required equipments in the district.

Pangnyu Phom along with government officials inspected the District Hospital and held a meeting with the doctors and nurses. He also visited Isolation Home, Community Care Centre and the Sub-Jail, which is undergoing construction.

PUBLIC AWARENESS-CUM-TRAINING HELD AT RAZEBA

A public awareness-cum-training on COVID-19 related activities for Razeba range led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pfutsero,

Japheth Woch, Medical Officer (MO), Razeba, Dr. Kuolo and MO, Community Health Centre, Pfutsero, Dr. Bentilo was held on 19th June 2021 at



Public Hall, Razeba, Phek.

Public leaders, VCMs, police personnel from Razeba and surrounding villages attended the

event where briefing on COVID-19 SOP, vaccination and training on PPE donning/doffing, dead body management were imparted.

TENING SDTF ON COVID-19 HOLDS REVIEW MEETING

Tening Sub-Divisional Task Force (SDTF) on COVID-19 review meeting was held on 19th June 2021 at Tening Town Hall under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of SDTF, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori.

The SDTF meeting resolved to ramp up efforts to combat vaccine hesitancy and encourage vaccination through a dedicated team comprising of administration and Health & Family Welfare Department. The team will undertake vaccination and sensitization campaign drives in villages where such hesitancy is prevalent.

MO (AYUSH), CHC, Tening, Dr. Nuksung Jamir gave a brief highlight on the ongoing COVID-19 related activities in the sub-division including the current status of vaccination adding that response for vaccination and turn out in Tening town and adjacent village has been encouraging. However, he expressed concern regarding the prevailing vaccine hesitancy in some far flung villages. Random sampling and testing were ongoing and till date, no positive cases has been detected in the sub-division as reported.

CM HOLDS MEETING WITH TUENSANG DTF



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the Tuensang District Task Force meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 22nd June 2021.

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio held a meeting with Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID -19 members at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 22nd June 2021.

DC & Chairman, DTF, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant highlighted the statistical report on COVID-19 status in a presentation, and mentioned some of the challenges faced by the district in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tribal Hohos of the district while appreciating the support and care of the

Government towards the district, highlighted their grievances in the health sector of the district.

CM, Rio said that the Government's focus is on health sector and assured to keep the people safe, and overcome the pandemic. He highlighted on the huge development of oxygen generator plant at Tuensang and urged the public to maintain and take care of the facilities provided.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Pangnyu Phom stressed on the need for boosting vaccination and testing at Tuensang

district to catch up with other districts, and for which he urged the civil societies, tribal leaders and other faith based institutions to play an active role in educating the people.

Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep S. Bhatia stated that the idea on relaxing the lockdown depends on bringing down the positivity rate of the State below 5%. However, he cautioned that it does

not mean the pandemic is gone, but everyone should follow the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. He said that the testing rate still remains one of the lowest in the country and highlighted on the need to focus on boosting the testing rate as it will help determine the COVID-19 status of the State. He also exhorted the ASHA workers to be in the villages to do their needful duties and also facilitate the healthcare in the villages.

DEF LONGLENG DECLARED CENT PERCENT VACCINATED FORCE



Senior Superintendent of Police (SP), Longleng, Yanithung Ezung, CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla and officials along with beneficiaries during the vaccination drive for police personnel and their families at SP's Office Complex, Longleng on 22nd June 2021.

With the conduct of COVID-19 vaccination drive on 22nd June 2021 at the Office Complex of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Longleng, the DEF Longleng has declared completion of cent percent COVID-19 first dose vaccine both for police personnel and their families. Many police personnel have also completed their second dose during the vaccination drive.

Briefing at the vaccination campaign, District Immunization Officer (DIO), Longleng, Dr. Imnameren Phom informed that it has become a priority to vaccinate the police force because being the frontline workers, they are more exposed to the virus during their duties and have high chances of spreading the virus back to their families and communities. So, with the initiative of the SP, Longleng, the vaccination drive was done for the

police personnel and their families to contain and control the spread of the virus as well as to protect the frontline workers, he added.

Asserting that vaccine prevents severity and deaths, the DIO said that 94% of COVID-19 deaths are not vaccinated and said that vaccines not only protect oneself but also protects one's family and community by breaking the chain of infection.

Dr. Imnameren warned that the third wave may strike anytime and would be very vulnerable for children. Therefore, the medical team is making all necessary precautionary arrangement for children in the hospital and complete vaccination of parents and adults before the third wave comes to protect the children from fatalities.

CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla said that full immunity will develop only after the second dose



and reminded the beneficiaries not to miss the second dose after three months. She also urged them to continue to maintain all COVID-19

appropriate behaviour like using of mask, hand washing and social distancing even after being vaccinated.

HEADS OF OFFICES MEETING HELD AT KIPHIRE



Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Rahul Mali, IAS addressing the Heads of Offices, Kiphire on COVID-19 activities and strategies on vaccination drive at District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 22nd June 2021.

All Heads of Offices, Kiphire held a meeting on COVID-19 activities and strategies on vaccination drive at District Planning & Development Board's (DPDB) Conference Hall, Kiphire on 22nd June 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, Rahul Mali, IAS.

The DC briefed the members on COVID-19 pandemic status and importance of vaccination drive in the district. He said that the pandemic can be overcome through collective effort and urged the members for their active role. He also assured to

extend support in every possible way.

DIO, Kiphire, Dr. K. Pewezo Khalo, highlighted the report on coverage of COVID-19 vaccination, and briefed on certain strategies to be adopted in the district for effectively carrying out the COVID-19 vaccination drive. He also suggested the line departments to adopt certain number of villages and to disseminate proper information on COVID-19 vaccine and informed the members to supervise and monitor about the Government directions to be implemented at the village level on pandemic issues.

MON HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 23rd June 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Mon.

MLA & Chairman, Mon DPDB, E. E. Pangteang in his remark applauded the District Task Force for COVID-19, District Administration and all frontline and healthcare workers for handling both waves impressively. He asserted that the Annual

Plan booklet of DPDB should be thoroughly checked and updated for addition or omission of any information on a yearly basis, urging the Planning & Coordination Department to consider the matter on priority. As for the LADP 2021-22, he highlighted that the elected members of Mon district have collectively decided to reserve an amount of Rs. 50 lakh from Common Pool for use during emergencies. The Rs. 50 lakh is in addition to the





The Mon District Planning & Development Board held its monthly meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon on 23rd June 2021.

Rs. 10 lakh allocated for each assembly constituency for COVID-19 activities as per the guidelines issued by the State Government, he added.

During the meeting, the Board approved and forwarded the following proposals to the concerned departments - Registration of Kenchenshu Student's Union; Registration of Anghlam Welfare Society, Y. Kenchenshu; Registration of Counseling & Prayer Ministry Society, Aboi; Registration for compensation for the loss of Holy Cross School's property; Creation of Nagaland Village Guards (NVG) post at Chingkao, Nyaho, Angjangyang, Yaphang, Changkhong and Ukha Lamping village; Selection of Tobu as Aspirational Block in Mon district; Registration of Yingang School, Aboi; Registration of Wungmei Entertainment and Management as a society; Upgradation of existing health unit at United

Yonghong village to Primary Health Centre (PHC) and that of Angjangyang to PHC or CHC.

The Board accepted the request for grant of fund by the District Hospital Mon and various health units for COVID-19 related activities to be channelled through the LADP fund. The Board approved the LADP 2021-22.

On TB Mukt Bharat campaign, as per the Government of India's goal of eradicating TB by 2025 and in pursuance to the letter received from the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, the Board resolved to extend full cooperation and assistance for achieving the goal in the district.

The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman, Mon DPDB & DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and was attended by 46 AC Mon, MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak, members of the Board and officials from various departments.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON VARIOUS ISSUES

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at District Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 24th June 2021 under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum.

The Board discussed on the land issue at Salangtem Ward at the present Power House, Mokokchung, and for outright purchase of the land from the landowner for development and

upgradation of the Power House. It resolved to write and approach the concerned department to take necessary steps on the issue.

On the status of COVID-19 in the district, Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung, Dr. Chubala Aier highlighted on the updated COVID-19 reports and also the requirement for Mokokchung district health facilities where she mentioned on the need to update the Primary Health Centres (PHC) in the district. The Board agreed to maintain two power





Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum with members of Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board during a meeting held at District Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 24th June 2021.

generators in the District COVID-19 Hospital and to provide at least one oximetre to every village.

The Board also resolved to deduct 10% amount from LADP fund as per the directive of the Government and hand over the amount to District Task Force for COVID-19 expenses in the district. On report of shortfall of drivers at DC's Office, the Board agreed to approach the appropriate authority.

On the issue of dismantling the present Law College, Mokokchung building and shifting it to an alternative location, it decided to complete the shifting at the earliest and complete the

development of the new DC Office which is in full progress.

Issue relating to MMC dumping site was thoroughly discussed and the Board agreed to upgrade and develop the site and also to approach the land owners for outright purchase of the land.

The Chairman put a proposal for the construction of Mokokchung town Ring Road to bypass the main town as development activities are growing overnight and as a result, traffic congestion has become a major problem. The Board also forwarded the LADP proposal for 2021-22.

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN HELD AT PHUSACHODU VILLAGE

Public Education Campaign and training on dead body management, use of PPE and lockdown measures was held at Phusachodu village, Phek on 23rd June 2021 in the presence of MLA, Chotisuh Sazo. The campaign was led by ADC, Pfutsero, SMO and MO, Community Health Centre, Pfutsero.

All the villages and towns under Pfutsero sub-division, Pfutseromi, Phusachodu, Leshami, Lewoza, Zuketsa, Zapami, Lasumi, Chizami,

Sakraba town, Gidemi, Pholami, Porba, Upper Khomi, Middle Khomi and Lower Khomi have been successfully covered under the Public Education Campaign on COVID-19 vaccination, training on dead body management, use of PPE, lockdown measures, COVID-19 appropriate behaviours for healthcare workers, VDMA and village authorities. The training was organized by the Block Task Force, Pfutsero.

SPECIAL DRIVE ON RANDOM SAMPLING CONDUCTED AT SAKSHI CIRCLE

Longleng District Task Force (DTF) conducted a special drive on random sampling covering all villages under EAC Sakshi Circle on 27th

June 2021.

The exercise was conducted by four teams, headed by Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M.

Shayung Phom, Senior Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Yanithung Ezung, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, D. Robin and SDO (C), Longleng, Trongdiba Tongpi T. Sangtam along with officials from District Administration, Police, Village

Guards and Health & Family Welfare Department with the objective to analyze the positivity rate in rural areas.

A total of 174 samples were tested by the teams.

ADVISOR YHOKHA URGES GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO BE ROLE MODELS



Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha along with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and members of Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) during a meeting held at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th June 2021.

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 29th June 2021 at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha.

Stating that everyone has been facing tremendous difficulties during the COVID-19 pandemic, Yhokha encouraged the officers and staff to reorient themselves to be role models in different capacities, be it in social or community circles to keep everyone safe. He also reminded them that the pandemic should not be an excuse to neglect their

duties and urged them to take up the roles and responsibilities in any circumstances to fulfill the expectations and to reach out to the people, especially to rural areas by maintaining appropriate COVID-19 behaviour at this challenging time.

During the meeting, North East Taekwondos Union and Nagaland International Research Centre Societies were recommended for registration by the Board. It also recommended for approval of LADP 2021-22 by the State Government and Grant-in-Aid to three private schools for the session of 2021-22.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tuensang on 29th June 2021 which was chaired by DC & Vice

Chairman, DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The members discussed the approval of COVID-19 expenditure from LADP 2021, earmarked to aid CMO, District Hospital and other



COVID-19 related expenditures. The Board also discussed the vaccination drive in Tuensang and decided to assign all the Heads of Offices in the district to go for vaccination campaigns with assigned villages. The main objective of the team will be to visit the villages and campaign to remove the fears regarding the vaccination. All the Heads of Offices are to be trained by the CMO's Office before being deployed at the assigned villages.

The agenda on creation of the Deputy Commandant post at Tuensang and Training Centre for Village Guards was discussed, and the Board

decided to forward it to the concerned authority for approval. Construction of 100 metre CC footsteps at Anganwadi Centre, Yungphang sector was discussed and will be forwarded to the concerned department which will be further forwarded to Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang.

The proposal for inclusion of representative of All Ward Union Tuensang Town was discussed, and the Board agreed to forward it to the Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang for consideration. The Public Health Engineering department gave a presentation on the departmental activities taken up by it.

PEREN DTF ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

Peren District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 and Vaccination Committee held a meeting on 28th June 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren & Chairman, Peren DTF, Sentiwapang Aier.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Lanuakum Jamir while highlighting on the COVID-19 status in the district informed that at present the total number of COVID-19 active cases in the district stands at 71. DIO, Dr. Kiholi while highlighting on vaccination status informed that till 27th June 2021, 14,637 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered among the healthcare workers, frontline workers, citizens of 18-44 years and citizens of 45 years and above.

The DTF discussed on the matters relating to the rapid surge in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the district, poor public response to vaccination campaigns, lack of cooperation from the

public for COVID-19 testing during contact tracing, non-adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviours by the public, low participation of Ward/Village Task Forces and spread of rumours/fake news on social media regarding COVID-19 vaccine.

Expressing concern over the low progress of COVID-19 vaccination drives in the district, the DC said that unless the community comes forward, the performance of the district will remain poor. In this regard, the DC asked the civil societies and faith based organisations to provide cooperation to the district health authorities and administration so as to achieve the targeted result in the district.

NZPO, President also requested all the citizens of Peren district to follow Government SOP, cooperate with frontline workers, get vaccinated and actively participate in containing the COVID-19 pandemic in the district.

ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN DIMAPUR TO BE REVERTED TO NON-COVID-19 HOSPITALS

With the COVID-19 positive cases and positivity rate of Dimapur district showing a declining trend, all private hospitals in Dimapur district would be reverted to non-COVID-19 hospital for the time being unless under unavoidable situation. The decision was taken on 28th June 2021 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, during a joint meeting of Private Doctors Association (PDA), Dimapur with State

Nodal Officer, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and Team Dimapur, comprising of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, IPS, Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur and District Public Relations Officer, Dimapur. However, the meeting resolved that COVID-19 positive patients presently admitted in private hospitals would



continue to be treated in the respective hospitals with no new COVID-19 case admission.

DC, Dimapur thanked the PDA for rising up to the occasion as one team on the request of the State Government and Dimapur District Task Force. Further, Soundararajan thanked the State Nodal Officer for personally visiting every hospital and having one to one discussion and added that his presence gave extra boost of motivation and positivity. He observed that the collective effort bore fruit, sustaining to break the chain for a longer period of time. On the need for oxygen refilling plant raised by PDA, the DC informed that two more oxygen refilling plants are coming up in Dimapur which will be able to cater to the needs of the hospitals and keep spare for refilling.

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, acknowledged the tireless and sincere efforts of both the private and government doctors and noted that their sincere efforts have brought the COVID-19 situation under control. Brushing away people's notion of Dimapur as a difficult district, Tetseo while

tagging Dimapur as a mini city said, if we all work together as a team, Dimapur is a good city.

CMO Dimapur, also thanked the PDA and hospitals and encouraged them be mentally and physically prepared for the third wave.

President, Private Doctors Association, Dr. Victo, said that the private hospitals are willing to help the Government to vaccinate the people without charging, if the Government provides the vaccines and other requirements. He also stressed on the need for separate place for isolating the doctors taking care of COVID-19 cases.

Dr. Clement from Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR) noted that the staff, specially the nurses at CIHSR, were better prepared and in a better situation for taking care of COVID-19 cases. He also felt the need for having more bottling plants for oxygen on priority for tackling the third wave.

Doctors from Eden Hospital, CIHSR, Faith Hospital, Zion Hospital, Nagaland Multispeciality Health & Research Centre and other officials attended the meeting.

TEACHERS' TRAINING ON TOFEI HELD AT MON

A one-day teacher's training on Tobacco Free Educational Institution (TOFEI) was conducted, following COVID-19 SOP, at Sacred Heart School, Mon on 30th June 2021. The training was organized by District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Mon. The programme consisted of two sessions.

The first session was on 'Adverse effects of tobacco consumption' and the second session was on 'TOFEI.' District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi emphasized on how the use and consumption of tobacco products affects the human body. He also stressed on how the consumption of tobacco contributes in spreading coronavirus in our community.

District Consultant, NTCP, Mon, E.

Nyeamyang Konyak briefed about guidelines of TOFEI. She elaborated on the criteria for schools to be declared as tobacco free and the initiatives an institution can take up after the declaration of Tobacco Free School.

Seven schools were declared as Tobacco Free School and the TOFEI certificate was handed over to the respective schools. The name of the schools declared as tobacco free are Sacred Heart School, Mon, Green Valley School, Mon, Green Mount School, Mon, Eastern School, Mon, Eastwood School, Mon, Police Unit School, Mon and Holy Cross School, Mon.

27 teachers and Heads of the Institutions attended the training.



K.T. SUKHALU LAUNCHES TABLET FOR STUDENTS

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu launched tablet for Class 8-12 students studying in government schools in Aspirational District, Kiphire at a virtual launch programme on 3rd June 2021.

Speaking at the event, Sukhalu said that the last couple of years have been a challenge for the students as well as the teachers because of the ongoing pandemic and although there has been success stories, a lot of issues still needed to be addressed. He highlighted the issue of connectivity with regard to certain pockets of the State, especially the far flung and remote areas and said that the tablets would definitely help the students as the tablets does not require any data connectivity and are preloaded with all the required

study materials. He urged the teachers and parents to collectively work together to ensure that the students are not deprived of their education. He concluded by thanking the teachers for their hard work and sacrifice during these tough times and added that their sacrifice today will result in a better tomorrow.

The virtual launch programme was chaired by Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Tamsunaro Aier. Altogether, 1,097 tablets are ready to be dispatched at the earliest. The tablets do not require any internet connectivity as they are preloaded with all the required study materials in accordance with the syllabus with topic wise video lectures, MCQs, explanations and solved questions and answers.

DC DIMAPUR LAUNCHES AMBULANCE SERVICE AT CHUMUKEDIMA

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS officially launched the ambulance service at Chumukedima Town Council (CTC) on 7th June 2021.

DC, Dimapur during the launching programme, expressed appreciation to the CTC for coming up with the noble initiative and for managing to set up an ambulance service in such a short notice. He also thanked Altrura Society for their generosity and Little Hut for coming forward to collaborate with CTC in times of need. He hoped that the ambulance service will go a long way in serving the people of Chumukedima area and also reiterated that the District Task Force is doing its best to ensure that all citizens, not just Dimapur

town but the entire district, to provide access to good healthcare and medical facilities. The old ambulance was donated by Altrura Society to be used for the time being during the pandemic. According to EAC and Administrator, CTC, Er. Seyiekhrietuo Solo, minor repairs including building a partitioning wall for driver safety was done with the help of 4x4 Attitude and Chumukedima Chamber Commerce & Trade Association donated brand new tires, and the Town Baptist Church, Chumukedima also donated towards the cause. Little Hut, a delivery service provider has also come forward to collaborate with Chumukedima Town Council in managing the ambulance service.

CM LAUNCHES NAGALAND COVID-19 INFORMATION APP

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio launched the Nagaland COVID-19 information app at the War Room, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 10th June 2021.

Speaking at the launch, Rio congratulated the Department of Information Technology & Communication for successfully developing and

launching the much needed Nagaland COVID-19 information app, adding that it would greatly help the citizens in gathering accurate information related to COVID-19 in the State.

Rio however lamented on the fact that misinformation and false speculations is hampering the State's fight against COVID-19, especially the



vaccination drive. He said that with the launch of the app, all required information related to COVID-19 would be easily accessible to all the citizens and would go a long way in dispelling any doubts that the general public might have. He further stressed on the need to educate the public and said that the dissemination of proper and accurate data and information is vital in ensuring that the State successfully contains the COVID-19 pandemic. Rio stated that the State was at par with other states in the field of Information Technology and acknowledged the efforts of the War Room in working tirelessly for the past few months.

Rio also made an impromptu call to the Mon District COVID-19 helpline and talked with the personnel managing the COVID-19 crisis in the district regarding the overall COVID-19 status there and enquired if they had any grievances which the Government can look into.

The Nagaland COVID-19 Information App is developed and maintained by the Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland, for the State COVID-19 War Room. The main objective of the app is to provide COVID-19 information including hospital

bed status to the citizens. Also contact information at all levels of management of COVID-19 in the State is provided to assist the citizens to quickly get help during times of emergencies.

The mobile app which is a minimized version of the Nagaland COVID-19 Dashboard portal provides the following information - COVID-19 case details in a snapshot; guidelines and notifications related to COVID-19 issued by the Government; details of COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites along with proper map. Citizens can also register for vaccination through the app as it is linked with the CoWIN portal; contact details at - State level – War Room/State Emergency Operating Centre/COVID-19 helpline, District Administration, DTF & District helpdesks, all hospitals helpdesk related to COVID-19; COVID-19 bed status of hospitals in all the districts; basic COVID-19 FAQs; returnees/inbound travellers can also fill the self-declaration form through the app.

A new update of the app will also be launched soon which will include a self-assessment feature to guide and help individuals who have COVID-19 like symptoms to determine whether to seek medical help or not.

'DocOn' APP LAUNCHED AT MON

Mon District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 14th June 2021 launched a free video consultation facility for patients via an application called 'DocOn,' which allows patients to book video consultation appointment with doctors enabling patients to consult with the doctor remotely from anywhere, making it completely safe and convenient.

DocOn Patient App provides the following services - book video consultation appointment;

lifetime access to digital prescription (e-prescription); maintain medical history and share reports with the doctor; get reminders about upcoming appointment; post consultation chat with the doctor.

DocOn App is available on App Store for iOS and Google Play Store for Android. In response to the current unprecedented situation, the DTF initiated this service to enable the public to gain access to healthcare from the safety of one's own home.

AMBULANCE LAUNCHED AT SHAMATOR

The dedicatory programme for the launching of an ambulance was held at Shamator, Tuensang on 18th June 2021.

Messages were delivered by Vice

President, Nationalist Democratic People's Party, Shamator area, Rhakhiumong, Vice President, Yimchungrü Tribal Council, Kiuji and other public leaders. The JCC stressed on the importance of



working together for the greater and common good of the people and expressed their gratitude to various organisations, individuals, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, Village Guards and State Council of Educational Research & Training, Toshi Wungtung for his constant support and also Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Minister Health &

Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom for considering the plight of the people of Shamator.

Reverend Thsankiu dedicated the new ambulance and urged everyone to work together in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme was chaired by Medical Officer, Dr. Mhathung.

CM INAUGURATES OXYGEN GENERATOR PLANT

TUENSANG:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Oxygen Generator Plant at District Hospital Tuensang on 22nd June 2021. The Oxygen Generator Plant at Tuensang is a joint effort of Government of Nagaland, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Government of Japan.

A launching ceremony was held which was attended by Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Pangnyu Phom; MLA, H. Chuba Chang; MLA, Toyang Changkhong Chang; Head of Health & Governance, UNDP, Dr. Manish Pant; Deputy Resident Representative, Nadia Rashid; Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep Bhatia; Principal Director, H&FW; DIG; SP; CMO and MS, Tuensang.

Neiphiu Rio while thanking and acknowledging for the facility support in the form of oxygen generator plant, also extended gratitude to Government of Japan to India and UNDP. He stated that Nagaland is a small state with 12 districts, out of which only Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung are facilitated with such equipment, however, with the launching of Oxygen Generator Plant at Tuensang and next at Phek, it will be a huge development in the health sector of the State.

Rio stressed on the importance of the plant as it will save many lives in far-flung districts not only during the pandemic but also in the long run. With the absence of private hospitals in the district, the District Hospital with smarter technical support and facilities can play a major successful role in the health services, he added. Rio advised the technicians to maintain the equipment with utmost care and sincerity so that the facility will give the

much needed service not only to people of Tuensang district but the neighbouring districts as well.

Minister, H&FW, Pangnyu Phom expressed his appreciation to UNDP and Government of Japan to India for the huge support during the tough time in the pandemic.

Head, Health & Governance, UNDP, Dr. Manish Pant delivered the welcome address virtually, while CMO Tuensang, Dr. Lanu Chuba delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant.

PHEK:

Oxygen Generation Plant was launched by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at District Hospital, Phek on 23rd June 2021.

Rio thanked United Nations Development Programme, India and the Government of Japan for installing the Oxygen Generation Plant, Phek district. He said that it will strengthen the State's health facility and ability to be able to succeed in mitigating this unprecedented health crisis. He also sought for continuous support from the public as many developmental activities are taking place.

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo delivered the welcome address, while Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Amardeep Singh Bhatia, presented an overview of the UNDP COVID-19 Response.

Ambassador of Japan to India, Suzuki Satoshi stated that Japan is always happy to provide development assistance to the Northeast, as it feels





Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S.Pangnyu Phom; Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu; MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu; senior government officials and public leaders during the inauguration of the Oxygen Generation Plant at District Hospital, Phek on 23rd June 2021.

a special closeness based on its shared history. He expressed hope that these Oxygen Generating Plants will serve well and help as many people as possible for a long time to come.

UNDP Resident Representative in India, Shoko Noda said that UNDP stands committed to supporting the Government of India to fight COVID-19, in partnership with development partners and UN sister agencies. He further added that he is pleased that after several months of effort to provide

end to end service, to install and set the oxygen generation plants up and running, it has come to fruition.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Chief Medical Officer, Phek, Dr. Khriezotuo Paphino. The launching programme was attended by Minister, H&FW, Pangnyu Phom; Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu; MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu; senior government officials and public leaders.



**BUILDING VILLAGE RESILIENCE AGAINST COVID-19
THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

(Source: Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Department of Rural Development)

Rural community comprises over 70% of the State's total population. In the face of the pandemic, rural community is rendered most vulnerable due to lack of COVID-19 awareness, unpreparedness to pandemics, undernutrition, weak public health infrastructure and services. Failure to empower the rural communities could pose considerable risk which may pose uncontrollable.

Empowered community is the key to public health and is central in the fight against epidemics and pandemics. This calls for the rural communities to be better prepared and equipped through prioritized community-led initiatives and participation. In this backdrop, the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM) in solidarity with the State Rural Livelihoods Missions under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) across the country have been fostering rural community participation from 1,245 villages across the State in combating the spread of the virus through its strong Self-Help Group (SHG) network by facilitating large-scale 'behavioural change' measures like maintaining physical distancing, promoting hand hygiene, cough etiquette and adhering to lockdown SOP to curb the spread of community transmission, since the first wave. The SHG had also initiated stitching of face masks and home-made sanitizers for the vulnerable members and frontline workers, installation of Bamboo Pole Hand Wash Stations in strategic public places in the villages towards fostering hand hygiene, facilitating access to PDS for vulnerable

households, distributing potable water and firewood to the elderly and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), support in maintaining quarantine centres, providing free meals and rations to quarantine centres and families affected by COVID-19, and connecting agri-produce to local markets. These initiatives continue to this day.

As the second wave of pandemic, which is more devastating and fatal than the first, hits the State and shifts dangerously to the rural areas, it is critical to refocus on rural community's response at the village level through a system of collective participation, leadership and local governance in the control and mitigation of the spread of pandemic. Accordingly, the State Mission have built on and scaled the efforts of community participation towards preparedness, response and resilience to the second wave of the pandemic through creating awareness on COVID-19 vaccine awareness, appropriate behaviour, health seeking behaviour, and immunity building measures to over 10,290 rural households.

Towards collective efforts, convergence approach involving Rural Development Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and Social Welfare Department have also been actively engaging the SHG, ASHA workers and Anganwadi Workers towards formation of Village Surveillance Team (VST) for effective monitoring and referral of persons with Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and facilitating vulnerable community members such as elderly and PwDs for vaccination in coordination with ASHA. This effort is further strengthened through conscious capacity building



and training of other key community stakeholders like church leaders, village council members, student bodies, and other CBO. 648 VST have been instituted till date.

To ensure universal coverage for COVID-19 vaccination in Nagaland, NSRLM has been training its community cadres, the church leaders and teachers on 'Management of mild COVID-19 symptoms at home.' Relevant IEC materials (print and audio-visual) have been customized by NSRLM and further translated into local dialects by the community cadres for wider dissemination at

household level.

The aforementioned activities and progress during the second wave are being closely monitored daily by the State Level COVID-19 War Room (<https://covid19.nagaland.gov.in>).

Focus on putting the rural community participation and involvement at the center of COVID-19 control strategy could play a key role in planning village level rapid actions towards effective control and mitigation of the virus spread in collaboration with concerned local bodies (VC, student bodies, churches, and other CBO).

COVID-19 END LIFE CARE-MANAGEMENT OF DEAD BODY

(A DIPR feature)

There is minimal risk of spread of COVID-19 infection from a dead body if standard precautionary measures are followed. However, misconceptions, stigma, and discrimination of the families remain when a person dies of COVID-19. Therefore, the following guideline is an updated and expanded version of the guidelines, which also includes additional sections on handling COVID-19 deaths in a home/community setting, safety guidelines for the caregiver of the deceased, and prevention of stigmatization and discrimination during COVID-19 deaths.

A. Preparation of the body in a healthcare institution setting:

1. Personnel who handle the body should follow all standard Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) precautions of the hospital.
2. Appropriate PPE should be used depending on the level of contact with the body. Usually face shield or goggles, medical mask, gown, and gloves are recommended.
3. Remove tubes, drains, catheters, etc. from the body. Take care while handling sharp articles like IV cannula which should be disposed as per biomedical waste disposal norms.
4. Leakage of body fluids from body orifices or wound openings like tracheotomy should be contained. This may be achieved by packing with cotton or gauze dipped in disinfectant like 1% sodium hypochlorite solution.
5. Minimize moving or handling the body while preparing the body.
6. Embalming should not be done to avoid excessive manipulation of the body. If absolutely necessary, it should be done by trained, experienced staff following standard IPC precautions.
7. If the family wishes to see the body at the time of removing from the isolation room or area, they will be allowed to do so without touching or kissing the body and following COVID-19 appropriate behaviours like maintaining physical distancing from one another, wearing mask, and performing hand hygiene after viewing. Strictly, they should not come into contact with the healthcare personnel handling the body.
8. Wrap the body in a leak-proof plastic body bag or leak-proof plastic sheet, after which



the exterior should be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution.

9. Place the wrapped body into a coffin and seal it. Place the coffin on a stretcher and disinfect the coffin with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution and wait for 30 minutes. After transferring the body, the stretcher should be properly disinfected.
10. Environmental surfaces where the body was prepared should be cleaned with a disinfectant solution, or soap and water. After this, douse the surface with a disinfectant (a minimum concentration of 0.1% sodium hypochlorite/bleach or 70% ethanol) and let it sit for at least 1 minute.
11. Items which fall under the category of clinical waste should be disposed as per hospital biomedical waste management protocol.
12. All surfaces of the isolation area such as floors, beds, railings, side tables, IV stands, etc. should be wiped with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution and allow a contact time of 30 minutes and then allow to air dry. Used equipments should be autoclaved as per IPC practices.
13. The body from there may be taken to a mortuary or handed over to the family or Village Disaster Management Authority (VDMA) or taken to the burial site/crematorium, as the case may be according to District Task Force arrangement/protocol.

NB: Autopsies should be avoided. If autopsy should be performed for special reasons, safety precautions should be consistent with those that apply to the autopsies of people who have died of an acute respiratory illness or other infectious diseases. Refer to Section 9 of 'Autopsies on COVID-19 dead bodies' under the 'COVID-19: Guidelines on dead body management,' issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 15th March 2020.

B. Transportation:

1. After the body is prepared, sealed in a coffin, and disinfected as mentioned above, there is no additional risk to the people involved in transporting the body.
2. Persons involved in handling the coffin should wear gloves and mask. Hand hygiene should be performed once the burial/cremation is complete.
3. There is no special vehicle required for transportation to the burial/cremation site. There should not be crowding in the vehicle during transportation.
4. The vehicle afterward should be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution or formulated bleaching powder.

C. At the burial site/crematorium:

1. People who have died of COVID-19 can be buried/cremated similar to other deaths as per local standards and family preferences.
2. The coffin should be sealed and the body should be buried or cremated with the coffin.
3. The number of persons that can attend the funeral/burial/cremation shall be as per the prevailing government guideline. At the time of issue of this guideline, not more than 20 persons are allowed to attend a funeral.
4. Funeral programme should be held in open space with good ventilation and physical distancing should be maintained at all times.
5. The persons responsible for placing the coffin in the grave or on the funeral pyre should wear gloves and mask, and perform hand hygiene afterwards. Full PPE is not required at the burial site/crematorium as it can cause more stigma.
6. The body thus buried does not pose any health or environmental hazard. The ash after cremation does not pose any health risk and can be collected for last rites.

D. Preparation of the body and burial/cremation in a home/community setting:

1. In context where the institutional services



are not applicable such as death in the home/community setting, traditional burial attendants or Village Disaster Management Authority volunteers can be instructed in the preparation of body for burial or cremation.

The guidelines on preparation of the body, wherever applicable, may be replicated from the healthcare institutional setting as mentioned above.

2. Persons involved in preparing the body should not be elderly or persons with underlying health conditions.
3. Any person preparing the body should wear gloves for any physical contact with the body. If there is any possibility of splashing bodily fluids or aerosols generation, face shield or goggles along with mask is recommended. Apron or a long sleeved fluid resistant gown should be worn during the procedure, or clothing worn should be immediately removed and washed.
4. Minimal handling of the body should be aimed. If the body needs to be turned, cover the body with a sheet beforehand.
5. Plastic or clothing sheet can be used to wrap the body or a body bag if available.
6. Other family members should be strictly instructed not to touch the deceased.
7. Family and friends in limited number can view the body after the preparation is complete. If a body bag is used, the head part may be kept unzipped temporarily using safety precautions by those handling the body. Physical distancing of 1 metre should be maintained among those who participate in the funeral proceedings.
8. Persons involved in placing the body/coffin in the grave or funeral pyre should wear gloves and mask, and perform hand hygiene after burial is complete.
9. The belongings of the deceased should be handled with gloves and cleaned with detergent, following which a disinfectant should be applied like 70% ethanol solution,

or 0.1% hypochlorite or bleach solution.

10. Linens of the deceased can be soaked in hot water and soap/detergent in a large drum, using a stick to stir. Splashing should be avoided. Empty the drum and soak the linens in 0.05% hypochlorite/ bleach for about 30 minutes. Rinse with clean water and dry in sunlight.

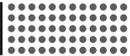
E. Safety guidelines for caregivers/attendants of the deceased:

1. The caregiver/attendant who had taken care of the deceased or family members who had direct contact while alive should follow medical protocol of testing and quarantine/isolation.
2. In a community/home setting, the caregiver/attendant should follow 10 days home quarantine from the date of the death and follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. If asymptomatic throughout, there is no requirement for test and he/she is released from quarantine henceforth.
3. Persons involved in handling of the dead body, unless there was accidental exposure to body fluid or breach of PPE (e.g. torn gloves, mask not worn) need not go into quarantine. He/she should maintain COVID-19 appropriate behaviour of wearing mask, washing hands, and maintaining physical distancing, and report any COVID-like symptom immediately to Health & Family Welfare Department or District Task Force.

F. Prevention of stigmatization/discrimination during COVID-19 death:

1. Village/ward authorities are prohibited from imposing additional restrictions on the place of burial or cremation of COVID-19 deaths if the safety precautions in this guideline are followed.
2. Families, relatives and friends of the deceased shall be allowed to travel and attend the funeral based on the following conditions and exceptions:





- (a) Persons from containment zone shall not be allowed to travel and attend funeral outside the containment zone.
- (b) During lockdown or period of travel restrictions, the family members, relatives, and friends of the deceased may be allowed to travel to attend funeral on special permission from the concerned District Task Force (origin and destination) with safety precautions. They should follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and should not freely mingle with the community/local people. They shall view the funeral and travel back on the same day after the burial/cremation. If they are unable to travel back on the same day, home quarantine (for travellers) or isolation or testing protocol as applicable during the period should be followed.
- 3. COVID-19 death should not be stigmatized and families affected should not be discriminated. The dead should be honoured and families should be allowed to pay their last respect to the deceased in a safe manner.
- 4. Appropriate action shall be taken against any person or entity going against the government directive as per Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020, National Disaster Management Act 2005, or relevant sections of law.

Contact your nearest hospital for more information. All SOP and guidelines issued from the Department will be available in www.nagahealth.nagaland.gov.in for more information on COVID-19 and other health issues, dial State Helpline Number - 1800-345-0019.





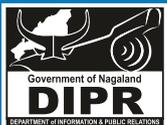
A child being vaccinated with Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine during the launch of the vaccine at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 11th June 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier along with officials during the launch of relief distribution for daily wage earners at St. Xavier College, Jalukie on 17th June 2021.



Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry, along with officials during their visit to Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 1st June 2021.



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