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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2022.



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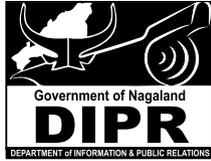
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Director General of Police (DGP), Nagaland, T. John Longkumer and other officials along with the recipients of Out Of Turn Promotion and DGP Nagaland Commendation Disc Award held at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 21st January 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with other dignitaries and officials during the foundation laying ceremony of the new Deputy Commissioner's Office, Zunheboto on 20th January 2022.



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FINAL ELECTORAL ROLL WITH REFERENCE TO 1st JANUARY 2022

The final electoral roll with reference to 1st January 2022 as the qualifying date has been prepared and published on 5th January 2022 by the respective Electoral Registration Officer of all the districts in the State.

The total electors in the State as per the final published roll is as follows:-

General Electors			Service Electors			Total Electors		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
6,29,96	6,29,171	12,59,137	7,864	105	7,969	6,37,830	6,29,276	12,67,106

The final electoral rolls can be checked/downloaded from the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland website at www.ceo.nagaland.gov.in

GOVERNMENT REACTIVATES COVID-19 WAR ROOM

In view of the arrival of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, and the rapid surge in COVID-19 cases, the State Level War Room on COVID-19 has been re-activated with the Chief Secretary & Chairperson of State Executive Committee, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) as the Chairman, and Members from the key line departments.

The State Level War Room will ensure unity of command and control in the fight against COVID-19 in the State. It will further ensure sharing of all the relevant information on real time basis so that prompt and effective action gets taken by the concerned departments/ officials/agencies for preventing the spread of COVID-19, as well as for making prompt necessary interventions, whenever required, for further strengthening of the health infrastructure and the clinical management of the COVID-19 patients.

The State Level War Room for COVID-19 will function at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary in Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Composition of the Core Committee members of State Level War Room for COVID-19 pandemic:

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| 1. J. Alam, Chief Secretary | : Chairman |
| 2. T. John Longkumer, DGP | : Member |
| 3. Sentiyanger, ACS & FC | : Member |
| 4. A.S. Bhatia, Principal Secretary, H&FW | : Member |
| 5. E. Mhombemo Patton, Principal Secretary, PHED | : Member |
| 6. Abhjit Sinha, Home Commissioner | : Member |
| 7. Rovilatuo Mor, Commissioner, Nagaland | : Member |
| 8. Kesonyu Yhome, Secretary, Finance | : Member |
| 9. Lhouchalie Viya, Secretary, NSDMA, Home | : Member |
| 10. Dr. Neikhrilie Khimiao, Principal Director, H&FW | : Member |
| 11. Medozhalie Pienyu, Deputy Commandant General, HG&CD | : Member |

The following officers are attached to the State Level War Room to assist the Core Committee in carrying out its functions:

Shanavas C., Principal Director, School Education; Manoj Kumar, SP (Crime); Sachin Jaiswal, Joint Secretary, Agriculture; Ajit Kumar Ranjan, Joint Secretary, H&FW; Johnny Ruangmei, OSD, NSDMA, Home;

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Dr. Nyan Kikon, SNO, IDSP, H&FW; Nchumbemo Lotha, Deputy Secretary, Home; Er. Namang Sepong Chang, Deputy Secretary to Chief Secretary; Veneikho Tetseo, Assistant Commissioner (HQ); M. Rollan Lotha, COO, NSRLM, RD; Er. Daniel Krocha, Deputy Director, IT&C; Rendemo Shitio, Assistant Manager (Resp& Com), NSDMA; Dr. Longri Kichu, Consultant, H&FW; Nongozo Rikha, Assistant Director, IPR; Er. Yanger Longkumer, Program Officer, IT&C; Kozo Lasuh, UDA, School Education; Lumdemo Kikon, UDA, School Education; Kezeneilhou Mhasi, Assistant Program Officer, IT&C; Bojivie Kevichu, Technical Assistant, IT&C; Kumughato G Chophy, Assistant Program Officer, IT; Kenedy, SA, Tribal Affairs; Enyuh Phom, SA, SAB-A Home; Imoliba, SA, P&AR; Akummeren Jamir, Information Assistant, IPR; Wepre Wetsah, Assistant Geologist, NSDMA; Dr. Hinotoli V Sema, Senior Consultant, NSDMA; Kevingulie Kiewhuo, Consultant, NSDMA; Tsapithong, Statistical Inspector, NSDMA.

For any COVID-19 pandemic related assistance, the following numbers may be called:

(a) +91 89294 07417 (24x7 Helpline)

(b) State Level War Room phone numbers: 0370 2270033 | 0370 2270010

email: warroomnagaland@gmail.com

(c) State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) NSDMA, Home Department.

0370-2291122/2291120

Toll Free No. 1070

email: seoc.nsdma@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT REIMPOSES RESTRICTIONS

With fresh and rapid surge in COVID-19 cases being noticed in several States of the country, and there has been increased detection of the Variant of Concern, Omicron, indicating arrival of the third wave of COVID-19. With the existing possibility of surge in COVID-19 cases in the State of Nagaland also, which may put public's health in serious danger, and also strain the health infrastructure of the State, urgent measures are required for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the State.

Therefore, in public interest, and in partial modification of all the earlier orders issued on lockdown measures and relaxations concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the relevant SOPs issued for the various activities, Nagaland Chief Secretary, JAlam, IAS in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, with a view to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 and prevent the surge of COVID-19 cases in the State has ordered the following restrictions for strict implementation throughout the State of Nagaland with immediate effect up till the 31st January 2022:

- a. Social, political, religious, entertainment, academic, cultural gatherings, and all other kind of public gatherings shall be restricted and allowed up to 50 % capacity, or up to a maximum of 200 persons, whichever is lower, and subject to all the participants being asymptomatic, and being fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19. In case there is an unavoidable need to have bigger gatherings, they may be permitted only after getting express permission of the respective District Task Force (DTF).
- b. Night curfew stands imposed from 09:00 PM to 05:00 AM with effect from 9th January 2022 in the State. However, goods vehicles, vehicles transiting the State without any stopovers, movement due to medical and other emergencies, agricultural purposes, and any other movement permitted by the respective DTF will be exempted from the purview of night curfew.
- c. Malls, shopping complexes, restaurants, gymnasiums, cinema halls/theatres, parks, places of entertainment, recreation areas, etc. shall be permitted to open/operate up to 50% capacity, and all the

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visitors/staff and all other concerned, should be asymptomatic, and fully vaccinated (taken both the doses) against COVID-19.

- d. Any person entering the State, above 12 years of age, including those fully vaccinated, shall be required to carry a negative COVID-19 test report done through RT-PCR/ True Nat/CBNAAT with the swab given for testing not earlier than 3 (three) days of the date of arrival in the State. If the incoming traveller is not carrying a negative COVID-19 test report, or has a negative report, but is symptomatic, or is below 12 years of age and symptomatic, then he/she will be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 at Government approved rates at the point of entry in the State, and the person concerned will be in home/paid quarantine till the declaration of the test result. The aforesaid provisions will come into effect from 10th January 2022, and the SOP for entry of persons in the State issued vide this office notification of even number dated 8th November 2021 (<https://nsdma.nagaland.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-12/notification.pdf>) stands modified to this extent.
- e. The physical /offline classes for students studying up to Class VIII stand suspended/closed till 31st January 2022.
- f. Any student of Class IX and above, and who has completed 15 years of age, shall be allowed to take admission, or attend regular/offline classes, only if he/she has taken at least one dose of vaccine against COVID-19.

Any person/group of persons acting in violation of the above directions, as well as all the other existing orders/SOPs/guidelines, for preventing the spread of COVID-19, shall be liable to be prosecuted against under the relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides action under Section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR, SCHOOL EDUCATION ISSUES DIRECTIVES & ADVISORIES

In pursuance to Government Order No.NSDMA-ER-COVID19/301/2020 (Part-II) Dated, 8th January 2022, the Principal Director School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has informed that the following directives & advisories have being issued for information and strict compliance by all concerned:

1. The safety of COVID-19 vaccine on children of age 15 and above has been certified by the competent authority and COVID-19 vaccination drive for children in the age group 15 – 18 has already commenced in many States. All parents are advised to get their children in the age group 15 – 18 voluntarily vaccinated for COVID-19 at the nearest Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres free of cost as per the schedule notified by the Department of Health & Family Welfare.
2. Admission for students of Classes I and above shall be done as per the schedule notified vide this office Notification No. ED/AEI-8/2019 Dated, 15th December 2021.
3. Conduct of normal classes (offline mode) for students studying up to Class VIII stand suspended/closed till 31st January 2022.
4. Schools may resume conduct of online classes for students of Classes I to VIII/IX.
5. Conduct of normal classes (offline mode) for students of Classes IX to XII is permitted subjected to the following condition: Any student of Class IX and above whose age is 15 and above shall be allowed to attend normal/offline classes only if he/she has taken at least one dose of vaccine against COVID-19.
6. Heads of all High & Higher Secondary Schools under State Board (both Government and Private) should submit the number of students enrolled in their schools in the age group of 15-18 at the Activity Tab provided at the School Monitoring Portal <https://school.dosenl.in/> on or before 14/01/2022 without fail.
7. Heads of all schools under CBSE & ICSE Boards (both Government and Private) should submit the

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number of students enrolled in their schools in the age group of 15 – 18 through email to director.se.nagaland@gmail.com on or before 14/01/2022 without fail.

Notification regarding organizing of Special Vaccination Drive for students in the age group 15-18 will be issued after ascertaining the number of students enrolled in the age group of 15 – 18.

SPECIAL VACCINATION DRIVE FOR STUDENTS IN THE AGE GROUP 15 -18 YEARS

The Directorate of School Education has notified for the information of all concerned that the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland will be organizing Special Vaccination Drive for students in the age group 15-18 years in each district at selected Government Higher Secondary Schools commencing from 13th January 2022 as per the list attached (Annexure).

All parents have been advised to get their children in the age group 15 – 18 voluntarily vaccinated for COVID-19 at the nearest Special Vaccination Centres free of cost.

Heads of all Schools (All Boards, Government & Private) have been directed to disseminate the above information to parents of all eligible students studying in their schools through School WhatsApp Groups and other communication channels.

Heads of the designated Special Vaccination Centre have been directed to extend necessary logistic support and cooperation to the officials of the Department of Health & Family Welfare for organizing the Vaccination Drive.

Sl. No.	District	Name of School
1	Chumoukedima	GHSS, Chumoukedima
2		GHSS, Medziphema
3	Dimapur	GHSS, Dimapur
4		GHSS, Purana Bazar
5	Kiphire	GHSS, Kiphire
6		GHSS, Pungro
7	Kohima	Ruzhukhrie GHSS, Kohima
8		GHSS, Jotsoma
9		GHSS, Chiechama
10	Longleng	GHSS, Longleng
11	Mokokchung	Mayagnokcha GHSS, Mokokchung
12		Senayangba GHSS, Ungma
13		GHSS, Tuli
14		GHSS, Mangkolemba
15	Mon	GHSS, Mon
16		GHSS, Tizit
17		GHSS, Naginimora
18	Niuland	GHSS, Niuland
19	Noklak	GHSS, Noklak

Sl. No.	District	Name of School
20	Peren	GHSS, Peren
21		GHSS, Jalukie
22	Phek	GHSS, Phek
23		GHSS, Chozuba
24		GHSS, Meluri
25	Tseminyu	GHSS, Pfutsero
26		GHSS, Tseminyu
27	Tuensang	GHSS Tuensang
28		GHSS, Longkhim
29		GHSS, Shamator
30	Wokha	GHSS, Wokha
31		GHSS, Chukitong
32		GHSS, Bhandari
33	Zunheboto	GHSS, Zunheboto
34		GHSS, Aghunato
35		GHSS, Satakha

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES ON TWO WHEELER TAXIS

In continuation of the Transport Department's Notification of even No. Dated 28th October 2019 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 95 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, the Government of Nagaland has notified that:

The ceiling limit for issue of two wheeler taxi permit in each district shall be: Kohima – 150; Mokokchung – 75; Tuensang – 50; Mon – 50; Wokha – 50; Zunheboto – 50; Dimapur – 100; Phek – 50.

The driver of the two wheeler taxi shall wear yellow helmet and yellow half vest with an inscription "TAXI" at the back of the helmet and the vest. The pillion rider shall wear a uniform colour code of yellow helmet.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON BOOKING FOR CHOICE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER

In the interest of public service, the Government of Nagaland has notified that the Motor Vehicles Department under Transport Department has introduced the system of 'Booking for Choice Vehicle Registration Number' through payment of a booking fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand) only valid for a period of 6 months at the registering offices across the State. Such booked choice shall be extended for another period of 6 months only subject to payment of Rs. 2000/- for that period of extension. No further extension whatsoever shall be made for the booked number after the expiry of the extended period.

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Nagaland has created Shamator district with headquarters at Shamator. The district of Shamator shall comprise of the following areas:

- i. Existing administrative area of Shamator sub-division under Tuensang district.
- ii. Existing administrative area of Chessore sub-division, including Mangko EAC Circle, under Tuensang district.
- iii. Administrative area of Sotokur EAC Circle under Tuensang district, excluding Chingmelen, Helipong and Sipongsang villages.
- iv. Tsurungto EAC Circle under Shamator sub-division, and it shall also include Hutanger, Anatongre, Pungrungru, Nutsu, Maihpok and Tsuthu, villages under Kiphire district, which stand transferred to Tsurungto EAC Circle.

This is issued in pursuance of the decision of the Cabinet conveyed vide letter No. CAB-2/2013 Dated 20th January 2022 of Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Cell).

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Nagaland has recognized Tikhir as a separate Naga Tribe. This is issued with the approval of the Cabinet conveyed vide letter No. CAB-2/2013 Dated 20th January 2022 of Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Cell).

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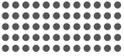
MODALITIES AND GUIDELINES CONSEQUENT UPON RECOGNITION OF TIKHIR AS A SEPARATE NAGA TRIBE

The Home Department, through a notification, stated that consequent upon recognition of Tikhir as a separate Naga Tribe vide notification No. HOME/SCST-30/TIKHIR/2022 Dated 20th January 2022, the following modalities and guidelines have been issued for information and adherence to by the members of Yimkhiung and Tikhir community, and by all others concerned, in the interest of peace, tranquility and harmony amongst all:

1. According recognition to the Tikhir as a separate Naga Tribe shall not involve any geographical delineation or demarcation of any area.
2. The people in those villages having Yimkhiung and Tikhir families have lived in harmony over the ages in those villages, and they have evolved their own laws and customs governing ownership of land and its usage. There shall be no attempt to divide villages according to the community they belong, and the same shall not be allowed. Existing habitation shall remain as it is.
3. Yimkhiung Tribal Council (YTC) and Tikhir Tribal Council (TTC) shall jointly give undertakings, to the effect that no coercive measure shall be adopted by them to ensure retention/reversion of any member of the Tikhir community to Yimkhiung community and vice-versa.
4. Every member of the Tikhir/Yimkhiung community, wherever they are, shall have the freedom to choose the community to which he/she belongs.
5. Either community, in separate place of worship, anywhere, with service conducted in the chosen dialect, shall not be prevented/obstructed in any manner, by the other group.
6. Holding of any public gathering, such as conferences, crusades, general meeting by any community at any location in the areas inhabited by Yimkhiungs and Tikhirs, shall not be obstructed on grounds of land ownership. Permission granted to any group or community shall also have no relevance to any claim of traditional landownership at those locations/areas.
7. Separate tribal recognition of Tikhir shall not affect any prevailing land ownership issue, as they are not connected and status quo will be maintained.
8. This is issued with the approval of the Cabinet conveyed vide letter No. CAB- 2/2013 Dated 20th January 2022 of Cabinet Secretariat (Cabinet Cell).

SAINIK SCHOOL SOCIETY AFFILIATES 100 SCHOOLS

The Sainik School Society, with the approval of the Union Cabinet, has affiliated 100 schools in both government and private sector with the Sainik School Society. The details are available at <http://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in>

**PANGNYU PHOM LAUNCHES COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR 15-18 YEAR OLDS**

Along with the rest of the country, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangnyu Phom officially launched the COVID-19 vaccination for 15 to 18 years age group on 3rd January 2022 from District Hospital Dimapur.

Informing that Nagaland has received 1,43,000 (one lakh forty three thousand) doses of vaccines on 3rd January 2022, Pangnyu said that it will be distributed to all the districts of Nagaland and appealed to the eligible registered beneficiaries to come forward and take the vaccination.

Pangnyu congratulated the health workers and frontline workers of Dimapur district for achieving more than the targeted figure (120% 1st dose and 96% 2nd dose). On behalf of the Government of Nagaland and on his own behalf, he expressed appreciation to Team Dimapur for the successful vaccination drive.

On the occasion, Pangnyu gave away the certificates to the first four beneficiaries who received the dose right after the formal launching.

CMO, Dimapur, Dr. I. Moa Temjen in his opening remark stated that vaccination response in Dimapur district has been very successful so far. He asserted that mortality cases are mostly from those who were not vaccinated and encouraged the citizens to get vaccinated.

Invocation prayer was pronounced by Chaplain, District Hospital Dimapur, Rev. Yhumlo Thong. The vaccine launching programme was attended by ADC, Dimapur, MS Dimapur, doctors and other health workers.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangnyu Phom handing over the certificate to a beneficiary of COVID-19 vaccination for 15-18 year olds at District Hospital Dimapur on 3rd January 2022.

STATE GOVERNMENT SIGNS MOA WITH CAU IMPHAL FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for transfer of technology on bio fertilizers and bio pesticide and development of Industry Incubation Systems was signed between the Central Agriculture University (CAU), Imphal and the Soil & Water Conservation Department, Government of Nagaland on 12th January 2022 in the office chamber of Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, in the presence of K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation; Nungsangwapang, Additional Secretary, Agriculture; K. Zhekheto Awomi, Director, Soil & Water Conservation; and K. Khekiho Shohe, State Nodal Officer for Soil Health Management, who were also the signatories of the MOA.

The APC in his introductory remark mentioned that in Nagaland 70 % of the population living in the rural areas depends on agriculture and allied activities, out of this 73% are engaged in jhum/shifting cultivation and 27% are engaged in settled farming. The traditional way of cultivation i.e. jhum is not found to be economically viable and ecologically sustainable; therefore the Government of Nagaland is looking towards sustainable livelihood of our farmers. The State Government is happy that the Union Government has sanctioned 2 BFPU and 10 units are under consideration in this financial year, and in this regard, the State Government is in need of experts for efficient implementation. The Government is happy that the MOA



is being signed for the same. The APC also conveyed gratitude to Vice Chancellor and thanked the S&WC Department for taking the initiative.

Dr. S. Basanta Singh, Director of Research, CAU (Imphal), Manipur in his address mentioned that the signing of MOA is a historic moment for both the parties as this is the first time an agreement was signed between the Central Agriculture University, Imphal and Government of Nagaland.

Prof. Dwipendra Thakuria, CAU-CPGSAS, Umiam who is also the technical expert, gave a brief presentation on the 3(three) technologies being transferred :CAU Bioenhancer (A microbial consortium for terrace and valley lands); CAU Jhum Bioenhancer (A microbial consortium for mixed crops of jhum fields); and Um-Met (A liquid bioformulation of a potential indigenous entomopathogens *Metarhiziumanisopliae*).

Prof. Thakuria also appreciated the State Government for taking initiative for setting up of Meteorological Observatories in all the district; setting up of Soil Testing Laboratories in all districts and also for promotion of organic farming in the State by setting up bio fertilizer production units in 2 (two) districts and 10 (ten) more units under consideration for each districts, he also stated that the State will become a model of organic farming for the entire country. He also offered the opportunity to the State Government to train the technical persons the technical knowhow if required.

Prof. Thakuria also mentioned that the University has spent a huge amount for development of technologies but since the State Government is a non-profit organisation, the University has agreed to share the technologies in a nominal amount of Rs. 1 lakh (Rupees one lakh only) per technology. The University at the same time requested the State Government that since the MOA is going to benefit both the parties, if some kind of funding can be provided to the University for creation for facilities such as bio pesticides or bio fertilisers production units for research and development programmes if there are any avenues.

It was agreed that the University and the State Government will coordinate and cooperate even for other programmes in the future for the benefit of the farmers in the State.

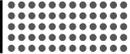
STATE LEVEL CLEAN INDIA CAMPAIGN HELD

State Level Clean India Award meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S), Wezope Kenye, IAS in the office chamber of the Secretary, YR&S.

Kenye briefed about the achievements of Clean India Campaign in Nagaland which was organized under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav launched from 1st to 31st October 2021 across the country. He said that the campaign was launched at Local Ground, Kohima and the youths from NSS, Indian Red Cross Society and NYKS held a cleanliness drive in and around the Local Ground at Kohima. In this programme, 744 districts across the country have participated and collected plastic wastes over 10 lakh Kg at national level. In Nagaland, all District Administrations, NSS, Bharat Scout & Guides, members of Youth Club and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan as the Nodal Implementing Agency actively participated and collected plastic waste of 45,625 Kg against the target set for 25,600 Kg for our State. He also mentioned that beautification of 1129 villages were carried out by the villagers themselves apart from cleaning and digging up of 257 traditional water sources.

Kenye appreciated the collective efforts of the youth of the State and all the Nodal Departments for their participation and contributing towards the success of the campaign. The members present also screened the report presented and selected Kohima district for the 1st position, followed by Peren and Wokha district as the best performing districts in Nagaland.





STATE GENERAL OBSERVERS AND POLICE OBSERVERS ATTEND MEETING FOR THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTIONS

A 'briefing meeting' through video conferencing was organized on 14th January 2022 by the Election Commission of India for General Observers and Police Observers to be deployed for the forthcoming General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of five States- Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Officers from Nagaland cadre to be deployed in General Observers (IAS officers), and Police Observers (IPS officers) duty also attended the video conference at Chief Electoral Officer's office, Nagaland.



A briefing meeting through video conferencing was organized by the Election Commission of India for General Observers and Police Observers on 14th January 2022.

The officers of Nagaland Cadre who attended the video conference are as follows:

Wezope Kenye, IAS; Athel O. Lotha, IAS; Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS; K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS; K.S. Anden Konyak, IAS; Kevisa Kense, IAS; Kenilo Apon, IAS; Anoop Khinchi, IAS; Jyoti Kalash, IAS; Sachin Jaiswal, IAS; Lhouchalie Viya, IAS; Sarita Yadav, IAS; Jasbir Singh, IPS; Rajashekara N, IPS; Sonia Singh, IPS; Roopa M, IPS and Vikas Katheria, IPS.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS and Additional CEO Nagaland, N. Moa Aier also attended the meeting.

CABINET APPROVES CREATION OF SHAMATOR DISTRICT

The full text of the press release issued by the Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS regarding the cabinet meeting held on 19th January 2022 is as follows:

"The Cabinet in its meeting, held today, i.e. 19th January, 2022 took note of the resolutions adopted in the Joint Consultative Meeting between the Yimkhiung Tribal Council (YTC) and Tikhir Tribal Council (TTC) held on 13th January, 2022 wherein it was decided unanimously by the YTC and TTC to support the upgradation of existing Shamator sub-division to a full-fledged district, and further it was agreed by the YTC for recognition of Tikhir Tribe as a separate Naga tribe.

The Cabinet was also apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the YTC and TTC today in the morning, wherein, in the interest of maintenance of peace and harmony, undertakings were given that no coercive measure whatsoever shall be adopted by any of the member of Yimkhiung community to ensure retention or reversion of any member of Tikhir community to Yimkhiung community, or vice versa, in the event of recognition of Tikhir as a separate Naga tribe. Undertakings were also given that every member of Tikhir or Yimkhiung community, wherever they are, shall have freedom to choose the community to which he/she belongs, and further, the subject of any issue / dispute between the members of the two brother tribes should be localized and resolved through customary laws and practices and status quo will be maintained.

The Cabinet thereafter invited the Presidents of YTC and TTC along with other tribal representative to the meeting to share with it the details of the understanding reached between them. The two Tribal Councils appeared before the Cabinet and informed of the agreement reached between them on all the



issues which were lying unresolved for long. The Cabinet deeply appreciated the hard work and sincere efforts made by leaders of both the communities for overcoming their differences amicably, and reaching consensus on all the issues

The Cabinet after further deliberations, approved for creation of Shamator district and for recognition of Tikhir as a separate Naga tribe.”

POWER DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF PREPAID METERS IN KOHIMA BY FEBRUARY 2022



The State Level Special Revenue Team of Power Department held a meeting at Kohima Electrical Division on 20th January 2022.

The State Level Special Revenue Team of Power Department led by Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS, Additional Secretary, Power Department held a meeting at Kohima Electrical Division on 20th January 2022 with the Executive Engineer, the SDOs and JEs of the Division and implementing agency of pre-paid meters M/s Universal Power Solutions, Kohima.

The Executive Engineer, Er. Rukongutuo Suohu informed about the improvement in the revenue collection during the month of December/January 2022 due to the initiative of the Special Team and he thanked everyone and requested them to continue giving more efforts in the days to come.

The Additional Secretary while interacting with the officers thanked the EE (E), Kohima and all the officers, meter readers, bill assistants and asked everyone to expedite the revenue improvement activities in order to achieve the desired target.

The committee reviewed the overall revenue improvement activities till 15th January 2022 and disconnection drive of defaulting consumers including government offices in Kohima for non-payment of bills. Also the status of implementation of pre-paid metering in Kohima was reviewed.

The committee deliberated on the action plans to ramp up the revenue collection and decided on the following: To complete the commissioning of the 1st Phase of Pre-Paid Metering in Kohima town by February 2022 with special emphasis on the already installed meters; Realization of revenue by way of intensive disconnection drive of defaulting consumers including government offices; To review the action plans for revenue improvement on a weekly basis; To strictly monitor daily attendance of staff; For the convenience of the consumers the timing for operating the Cash Counters shall be extended up to 03:00 PM from the existing timing of 02:00 PM on all working days till 31st March 2022.

OPEN DATA DAY HELD AT KOHIMA

Open Data Day was organised by the Kohima Smart City Development Limited (KSCDL) at Kohima Municipal Council (KMC), New Super Market building, Kohima on 21st January 2021.

Chief Executive Officer, KSCDL, Er. K. Theunuo informed that the Open Data Week is being held from 17th January to 21st January 2021, and it is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India as part of a series of pre-event initiatives leading up to the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – Smart Cities: Smart Urbanization' Conference to be held next month in Surat.

Administrator & PIO, KMC, T. Lanusenla Longkumer, delivering the keynote address, spoke on the





Officials and participants during the Open Data Day organized at Kohima on 21st January 2021.

importance of providing accurate data as it is used in the policy making and planning of the Government which in turn impacts the development of the State. She also appealed that if a person is a resident of Kohima city they should avail benefits from the city itself and not from their native village, which in turn will help in presenting an accurate data in planning for the city.

City Data Officer & General Manager (Planning) KSCDL, Kezhochole Rhetso gave a highlight on how various data is used in urban planning, and she stated that private agencies and every individual play a very important role in providing accurate data. Additional Director, Economics & Statistics, Charles N. Kikon gave an overview of how various information at different level is collected and compiled by the Department which is used for policy making. He lamented that the State is lacking in quality data which hampers the State's statistical system, and added that wrong statistics will give wrong policies.

Assistant Director, Directorate of Census Operation, Nagaland, Mhathung Rangthang shared on the administrative setup of the Census Office, and the various surveys conducted by it. GIS Expert, Nagaland Science & Technology Council, Department of Science & Technology, Thsope Medo highlighted the Department's role in providing data through Geographic Information System, and how the data provided through GIS has helped in checking whether actual work is implemented.

Other line departments and students from Kohima took part in the programme. A quiz competition on Open Data was also conducted.

CEO NAGALAND HANDS OVER EX-GRATIA OF RS. 30 LAKH

An ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 30,00,000/- (Rupees thirty lakh) was handed over by V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland on 21st January 2022 to Thekhole-ü Thur, wife of Late Khrieliehu Thur, the then Booth Level Officer (BLO) of Part No. 14 – Chotobosti Upper, who died due to COVID-19, while deployed on election duty in connection with conduct of by-election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 14th-Southern Angami (ST) Assembly Constituency in 2020.

The CEO Nagaland and his team of officers expressed their deep appreciation for the services rendered by Late Khrieliehu Thur and also to all those who have been selflessly serving the society during

this difficult time of the pandemic.

The cheque was handed over in the presence of Joint CEO, Ruokuovituo Khezhe; Deputy CEO, Awa Lorin; Superintendent (Establishment), Kedolhouriano; Special Officer (Accounts), Rukuvil Khanyo representing the State Government and AEO, Toshimeren representing the Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Kohima.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has prescribed various rates of ex-gratia compensation payment in the event of any mishap to the election related officials such as polling personnel, security personnel, EVM engineers and private persons like drivers, cleaners, etc. hired for deployment for election duty as follows:-

Rs. 30 lakh will be paid to the deceased family in the event of death due to COVID-19 while deployed for election duties.

Rs. 15 lakh as the minimum amount paid to the next of kin of the official in the unfortunate event of death of the official while on election duty. If the death is unfortunately caused due to any violent acts of extremists or unsocial elements like, road mines, bomb blasts, armed attacks, etc. the amount of compensation would be Rs. 30 lakh.

In the case of permanent disability, like loss of limb, eye sight, etc., a minimum ex-gratia payment of Rs. 7.5 lakh would be given to the official, which would be doubled in the case of such mishaps being caused by extremist or unsocial elements as aforesaid.

PROMOTION AND COMMENDATION DISC AWARD CEREMONY HELD

Out of Turn Promotion and Director General of Police (DGP), Commendation Disc Award ceremony was held at PHQ Central Lobby, Kohima on 21st January 2022.

DIG (CID/HR & SJ), Roopa M, IPS while mentioning the background of the Out of Turn Promotion (OTP) said that the 9 (nine) personnel from the Narcotics Branch functioning under IGP (CID) have been given OTP for their exemplary work. The 9 personnel along with ASI, Zasilie were detailed to perform duty at the Narcotic Check Point, Khuzama with a mandate of prevention and detection of smuggling of contraband items along the inter-state boundary during the period between 27.09.2021 to 04.10.2021. During this period, the team seized: 46 soap cases of heroin weighing 552 gram worth Rs. 1.5 crore, 12 packets of opium weighing 12 Kg worth Rs. 1.2 crores, and the team also detected and seized 290 gold bars packed in 29 packets worth Rs 23.10 crores.

Roopa M. further stated that the above seizure of gold bars by the team was one of the largest seizure not only in the State but also in the entire country. Roopa also said that exemplary work of the team fulfilled the criteria for OTP as laid down in Section C (iii) of the Office Memorandum dated 30.07.2018, which states the arrest of gangs of Property- Criminals with recovery of properties worth Rs. 1 crore and above. Hence, the Board recommended the promotion to all the 9 members of the team.

The following are the recipients of the Out of Turn Promotion: Zasilie, ASI; Abemo Ezung, HAV; Y. Wilson Patton, HAV; Zhovio Kotso, NK; Limayanger, UBC; Ralanbemo, UBC; Chingyom C. M Konyak, Constable; Tayongmeren Ao, Constable; Vilavotuo Suokhrie, UBC and Kilangla Jamir, C/N (W/P).

In recognition of their sincerity, dedication and devotion to service, the following officers and personnel of the Special Task Force (STF) of Nagaland Police were awarded the DGP Nagaland Commendation Disc Award: Imliri Ao, ABI; John Tsopoe, HAV; Khenito Wotsa, HAV; K. H Ramesh Singh, HAV; Hoto Sumi, HAV; N. Hokato Sumi, HAV; Mudozhoyi Naik; Yanbeo C/N; Nawang Konyak C/N and Y. Nyanbemo Kikon C/N.

DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS congratulated all the recipients in his speech and



mentioned that they have all set an example and shown that Nagaland Police has dedicated and sincere women and men who perform duty for the betterment of the society. He also said that the Department is very proud of all of them and that they will now encourage, challenge and motivate other police personnel in their department. The DGP added that everyone should put a little extra effort to achieve or complete their assigned duties and should try to generate interest in their job and perform duties with full commitment.

TRAINING ON SMARTPHONE FILMMAKING

As part of the country wide celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Government of India, the Film and Television Institute India (FTII), Pune conducted online short courses to advance the cause of film education by providing free-of-cost trainings for Scheduled Tribe (ST) participants residing in Nagaland.

The training was held at the e-Governance Academy Classroom at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima

from 24th January to 29th January 2022 in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations (IPR), which is the Nodal Department for films in the State.

In the introductory session, FTII Prof. Milind Damle said that through the online mode of training, the Institute has been able to reach out to different parts of the country, and through digital revolution, smartphones have enabled common people to become filmmakers. Therefore, through the training, the institute would like to help people from the Scheduled Tribes to learn the basics of smartphone filmmaking and he hoped that there would be more filmmakers and content creators representing the State on the national level.

Associate Professor, Ashwin B. Sonone from FTII and Joint Director, IPR Nagaland, Asangla Imsong also spoke at the inaugural briefing.

During the course of training, Freelance Content Specialist/ Cinematographer/ Photographer/ Producer, Ajmal Jami taught the trainees about the basics of film making including scene composition, shots sizes and meanings, camera angles, camera movements, lightings, colours, sound effects, etc.

Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema congratulated all the participants who could successfully complete the course. He also thanked the FTII for taking the initiative in conducting the training and conveyed gratitude to the Department of IT&C for providing all logistics in the successful conduct of the training.



Training on smartphone filmmaking was held at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima from 24th January to 29th January 2022.

12th NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

'Voting is the central pillar of any functioning democracy and India has adopted the principles of Universal Adult Franchise since 1951. The National Voters' Day was initiated in 2011 to commemorate the foundation day of Election Commission of India on 25th January 1950, with an aim to raise awareness, maximize enrolment of new voters, encourage and facilitate the young voters to participate in electoral



The 12th National Voters' Day was observed at CEO's Office, Kohima on 25th January 2022.

process,' V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland said this while giving the perspective and introductory remarks during the 12th National Voters' Day 2022 on 25th January 2022, with the theme 'Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative.' The CEO also expressed hope that every citizen will make efforts to strengthen the electoral process.

Speeches were delivered by State Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Icon, Kawimaningsiliu, Miss Nagaland and State SVEEP Icon for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Ashe H. Kiba. Special number was presented by Merry Jamir and presentation of awards (Kohima district) for Best Booth Level Officer and Online Poster with Slogan Writing competition were part of the programme. Voters' Pledge was administered by the CEO, Nagaland.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Celebrating the 12th Voters' Day, a programme was held at the Conference Hall of ADC (Planning), Mokokchung on 25th January 2022, under the theme 'Making election inclusive, accessible and participative.'

In the programme, video footage of Chief Election Commissioner's speech was screened, which was followed by presentation of Best BLO Award and felicitation of Online Essay Competition winners and newly enrolled voters.

Administration of Voters' Pledge was carried out by Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir,

who congratulated the BLOs for their hard work and dedication, and also congratulated the newly enrolled voters, asking them to judiciously utilize their voting rights.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 12th National Voters' Day was observed at DC's Conference Hall on 25th January 2022.

In his short speech, the Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom spoke on the significance and importance of observing the National Voters' Day. He asserted that on this day, every voter needs to understand whom to vote for and the benefits of their voting rights, to bring social change and development. Therefore, the DC urged the gathering to take a strong resolution with commitment and take right decision on this day to elect qualified and efficient leaders and contribute in the nation building through their franchise.

In order to disseminate the voters' empowerment message to the marginal sections of people living in the rural areas, the DC suggested to observe the National Voters' Day in the subdivisions and blocks in the coming years. At the same time, he also urged the gathering to disseminate the Voters' Day message back to their community and to exercise their franchise for change and development of their community and to stop proxy voting.

The ADC & Electoral Registration Officer, Longleng, D. Robin lauded the two best BLOs for their dedication and devotion in their additional assignment and effort to have a genuine electoral roll. He gave away the Best BLO Award for 49 A/C Tamlu to T. Lome Phom of P/S No. 27, and for 50 A/C Longleng to K. Chauba Phom P/S No. 33.

TUENSANG:

The programme for the 12th National Voters' Day 2022 was held at Town Hall, Tuensang in collaboration with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Tuensang on 25th January 2022. The programme was held with the theme "Making election inclusive,



accessible and participative."

Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS spoke on the relevance of the theme, appreciating the idea of including people aged 18 years and above as genuine voters. He said that EPIC is not just an ID card but it assists the citizens in electoral process.

Saotola, District SVEEP Icon in her short speech said that the malpractices in the election process hampers the rights of the citizens, and each voter must keep oneself away from malpractices and choose their leaders wisely.

KIPHIRE:

The 12th National Voters' Day celebration 2022 was held at Kiphire under the theme, "Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative," at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 25th January 2022 with Special Guest, Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier.

Addressing the gathering, Wati urged the citizens to maintain clean election for rapid development of our society and State, and to choose clean candidate, good candidate and visionary leaders. He also said that citizens 18 years and above are eligible to vote and can be part of the election process, and informed them to enroll in the electoral roll.

Best BLOs and winners of Photo Online Competition, PwDs and senior citizens were felicitated and awarded with certificates and cash prizes during the event.



Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier along with others during the National Voters' Day held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 25th January 2022.

NOKLAK:

District Election Office, Noklak organized the 12th National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 25th January 2022 under the theme, "Making election inclusive, accessible and participative."

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said National Voters' Day is one of the important days in our democratic country which also marks the founding day of Election Commission of India. He urged upon the gathering and the district people to create awareness and spread message to those who have reached the age of 18 years to enroll in the electoral roll. While congratulating the awardees of BLOs, the DC stated that in an election process, BLOs plays an important role and to this, he requested them to continue their works sincerely.



Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Noklak, Hiazu Meru along with others during the National Voters' Day held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 25th January 2022.

WOKHA:

The District Administration, Wokha and District Election Office, Wokha organized the 12th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on the theme "Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative."

Emphasising on the importance of youth participation in Nagaland politics, District SVEEP Icon, Wokha, Lothunglo Z. Ezung opined that involvement of youth in Nagaland politics is vital for new breed of leaders with new vision and perspectives who can change the course of the



future for the younger generation and for the betterment of the society. She also added that to bring about dynamic change in the current political scenario of Nagaland, the involvement of youth is not just a desire but need of the hour, and urged all to join hands and vote for the right person and right candidates.

ADC, Wokha, Lankonsen Tsanglao felicitated the newly enrolled voters, and handed over the Best BLOs Award to K. Khyothungo, 37-AC, Abenthung Humtsoe, 38-AC, Likao Lotha, 39-AC and David Tsopoe, 40-AC. In the online speech competition held on the topic "Clean Election & Clean Electoral Roll," the first prize was bagged by Ethel Y. Mozhui of Fernbrook School, while Khonzani of Springdale School and Khonzani Ngullie of Fernbrook School bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

PHEK:

The 12th National Voters' Day celebration was held on 25th January 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Phek with the theme "Making election inclusive, accessible and participative."

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo said that India being the largest democratic country in the world, every citizen of India has the right to choose their leaders for which we need to create awareness among the people/voters. Free and fair election should be conducted by maintaining equal participation. While congratulating new members for enrolling themselves he called upon them to play active role in the democratic process.

CHOZUBA:

12th National Voters' Day was celebrated at ADC's Office, Chozuba on 25th January 2022 under the theme "Making election inclusive, accessible and participative." Er. Omegali, EAC Chetheba chaired the meeting, while ADC, Chozuba, Theodore Yanthan delivered the keynote address. Choseta Swuro, Polling Station 36, under 18-Chozuba AC was awarded the Best Booth Level Officer.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto sub-division celebrated National Voters' Day under the theme "Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative" at DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 25th January 2022.

ADC & DEO, Pughoboto, ThungchanbemoTungoe while welcoming and congratulating the newly enrolled voters, urged them to take the EPIC as a weapon to choose a good leader. He also encouraged the BLOs to continue giving cooperation to the DEO, ERO and AERO.

SDO (C) and ERO, Longasen Lotha who briefed on the significance of NVD, said the main purpose of NVD is to encourage new voters by publishing and maximizing enrolment, exercising their votes. He also encouraged all the new voters to exercise their votes with clean judgement, to bring positive changes and all round development in their constituency.

ADC & DEO also administered the Pledge and distributed the EPIC to the newly enrolled voters. The Best BLO 2021-22, Pughoboto sub-division was awarded to Kevish Tsuipu from Polling Station, Lazalzuqa. Altogether, 433 new voters were enrolled.

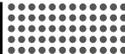
PFUTSERO:

National Voters' Day was held at Pfutsero Nazareth School. Students, BLOs and ward authorities attended the programme. The Best BLO was awarded to Cekhwulhu Nakro, BLO F Wing, Pfutsero town. The programme was led by EAC, Vithwel Kweho. Speech was delivered by ADC & AERO, Japheth Woch and NVD Pledge was led by EAC, Pfutsero. EPIC cards were handed over to newly enrolled voters.

CM ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE OF NAGALAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 73rd REPUBLIC DAY 2022

Delivering the Republic Day speech at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, on 26th





January 2022, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio asked the people to remember the sacrifices made by the countrymen who gave their everything for the freedom of the nation. He said that India as an independent republic has made giant strides in every domain and Nagaland, which is nearing six decades as a State, has also been capably marching shoulder to shoulder with all the other States of the Union and contributing in strengthening the nation in every manner.

Extending his solidarity to the family members of the Oting-Tiru village area and Mon town incident victims, the Chief Minister asserted that the Special Investigation Team of the Nagaland Police is making good progress in its investigation and the Army has also constituted a Court of Inquiry. The Inquiry is reportedly being completed at a fast pace. Rio stated that the State Cabinet decided to take up for immediate repeal of the AFSPA, 1958 with the Government of India, and the Nagaland Legislative Assembly in its Special Session passed a resolution on 20th December 2021 for repeal of AFSPA from Nagaland.

Rio said that negotiations between the Naga Political Groups and the Government of India have been going on in a cordial atmosphere to find a solution. All the members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly have also come together and formed an opposition-less Government to convey to the negotiating parties to give us an honourable, inclusive and acceptable solution, he added.

The Chief Minister said that to ensure good governance in an effective manner, the State Government created three new districts: Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumoukedima on 20th December 2021, and Shamator district on 20th January 2022. He said that Tseminyu district fulfills the desire and aspirations of the Rengma people to have a district of their own and Shamator district creation is the culmination of sincere efforts made by the Yimkiung and Tikhir people by resolving their decades old disputes amicably, and recognition of Tikhir as a separate Naga Tribe. He added that the creation of Niuland and Chumoukedima districts was the need of the times and, besides giving the

right historical perspective resolves the matter with regard to the headquarters of the erstwhile Dimapur district. The Chief Minister stated that there are other demands for creation of new districts, but the State Government would not like to divide single tribe districts in keeping with the Government's motto of unity.

On the COVID-19 pandemic, Rio said that with the cooperation and support of various sections of the society, the State was able to take quick and timely actions during the second wave the previous year. As the State is facing the third wave of the pandemic, he stated that Health & Family Welfare Department has been ramping up its infrastructure over the last year. He informed that a total of one thousand two hundred eighty-one (1281) oxygen beds and one hundred sixty-three (163) ICU beds including ninety-seven (97) with ventilators have been set up and every district has been provided with at least one PSA oxygen generator plant. He also stated that a 200-bedded acute care hospital at CIHSR, Dimapur was built and made operational, in a record time and an additional 50-bedded fully equipped ward has been established at District Hospital Dimapur. The Police Department also operationalized a fully equipped 100 bedded hospital at Police Referral Hospital, Chumoukedima. Rio urged every person above 15 years of age in the State to take the COVID-19 vaccine and asked everyone to do away with misinformed and false messages.

As part of Community Outreach Program, a mobile application "Call Your Cop" which will allow citizens to get in touch with police personnel on duty in an easier manner was launched by the State Police. Rio said that the Nagaland Police in the year 2021 had a significant achievement when it seized 290 gold bars weighing 48.14 kg, worth over Rs. 22.78 crore, which is the single biggest seizure of the smuggled bullion in the State. The State Government took another step towards e-governance and quality of implementation of ILP regime in the State, when it launched the online ILP module for all the categories of ILP on 16th December 2021.



The Chief Minister informed that the Department of School Education has commenced implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 in a phased manner and has made appreciable progress. He also said that Digital Education was also conducted successfully during the year to continue to impart education to students during COVID-19 lockdowns. Rio said that three Secondary School buildings were inaugurated virtually by the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu on 7th October 2021. He informed that a Five-Year Planning template has been developed by the Department to implement the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat).

Rio informed that the Department of Higher Education, Nagaland is pursuing with the Government of India to set up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in the State. He also said that academic session at Government Polytechnic, Wokha and Peren will commence from 2022-23. Rio said that under the initiative of the Department of Art & Culture, the Anglo-Lotha Dictionary was released on 15th September 2021 in Wokha and added that the Department in collaboration with the Anthropological Society of Nagaland has also completed the first ever compilation and documentation of Naga Customary Practices and Usages.

Rio stated that the Rural Development Department made a notable achievement during the three years Convergence Programme of MGNREGA with NEIDA and Land Resources Department for Springshed Management by successfully completing 105 springshed management projects in 97 villages. He said that the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has established one Gokul Gram on Mithun for production of pure Naga Mithun (Male line) for propagation of up to 200 Mithuns, which was inaugurated on 1st May 2021 at Jotsoma Village Community Reserved Forest.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation has set up Static Soil Testing

Laboratories in 11 districts, and installation of Mini Laboratories for the entire 74 blocks would be launched. The Department has also set up two each bio-fertilizer and fertilizer quality control labs. The Department of Food & Civil Supplies successfully implemented the Prime Minister's Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana schemes and has completed construction of 640 MT godowns at Phek, Longleng, Zunheboto, Peren, Wokha and Kiphire.

Rio said that as part of the JICA Assisted Nagaland Forest Management Project, the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has covered 91 villages across the State and will further cover 94 villages.

The Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is establishing one Entrepreneurs Development Centre on pilot basis at Government ITI Complex, Kohima to train and promote local entrepreneurs. The Department of Underdeveloped Areas has launched the Mongken Apparel and Home Furnishing Production Unit at Dimapur in September 2021. With sales tie-up through Tribes India for the country, this would provide sustainable livelihood to traditional weavers and craft persons. The Chief Minister said that, to promote entrepreneurship and provide easier access to finance at cheaper rates through the banks, SARFAESI Act has been implemented in Nagaland.

The Chief Minister said that during the year 2021-22, Rs. 7 crore was allocated under Chief Ministers' Corpus Fund and 47 Tractors were purchased and distributed to genuine farmers. Further, financial assistance to 22 entrepreneurs were provided for self-employment. IDAN, signed an MoU with Dhriiti and GIZ on 10th September 2021 to create an ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in Nagaland through the Her & Now Project. An Export Facilitation Cell has also been set up at IDAN with the help of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in the month of November 2021.

Rio further said that the Tourism Department, in collaboration with Government of India, organised the 9th Edition of International Tourism Mart with nearly 200 participants including



from the neighbouring countries of Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei. The Department has also signed a MoU with the Tourism Promotion Council of India, for operation and management of the Institute of Hotel Management in Dimapur.

The Chief Minister said that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is in the process of launching an Externally Aided Program through Asian Development Bank, under which the Department of Urban Development shall be taking up various infrastructure works in the District Headquarters. Kohima city achieved the 1st rank and 5th rank among 100 Smart Cities in the 'Street for People' and 'Cycle for Change' assessments respectively. The city was also ranked 5th amongst 10 Smart Cities in the 'Nurturing Neighbourhood' assessment. A world class Capital Cultural Hall, a space for our performers to demonstrate their arts was inaugurated on 1st December 2021.

Rio said that the Public Works Department has completed the construction and widening of 8.5 Km of roads from NH-29 to Sovima Village Gate, and Sovima Cricket Ground upto Thahekhu village, Dimapur under NESIDS and the development of tourism related road at Tuophema Tourist Village has been completed. He informed that the widening of NH-2 for 24 Km from Tsungiki Bazaar to Izheto will start soon and widening work for 59 Km on NH-2, Alichen to Ungma, Mokokchung to Yisemyong and Unger to Tuli and strengthening of NH-36 (Dimapur city) has been sanctioned. Construction of 11 Minister Quarters at Thizama and the Staff Quarter Complex at Dwarka, New Delhi have also been completed, and the Nagaland State Transport Department has taken up construction of Heliport at Chumoukedima.

Rio said the Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection launched an online portal called e-Daakhil Nagaland on 2nd December 2021 for consumers to file their grievances online now. The Chief Minister said the National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Nagaland named Elderline was launched on 28th September 2021 with the Good Samaritan Women Society as the implementing agency and the

Department of Social Welfare as the Nodal Department.

Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio urged the people of the State to take a pledge on Republic Day, to re-dedicate themselves to ensure that the fruits of development reach everyone and every nook and corner of the State, stating that a lot has been achieved over the decades, and unitedly, we should be able to make Nagaland a more developed and progressive State.

CM AND COLLEAGUES RECEIVE COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphu Rio took his booster shot at the First Aid-Cum-Vaccination Centre, Nagaland Civil Secretariat on Republic Day, 26th January 2022. Rio mentioned that there is no medicine for COVID-19 and vaccination is the only preventive measure against it. He appealed to everyone above 60 years to come forward and take the booster dose. He also asked the people who have not yet taken their vaccination to not be misled with false propaganda about the vaccine. Rio requested to the people to follow the SOP which have been provided by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Wife of CM, Kaisa Rio and some of the Chief Minister's cabinet colleagues also took their booster shots.



Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio being administered the COVID-19 booster shot at the First Aid-Cum-Vaccination Centre, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 26th January 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATE LEVEL REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT KOHIMA

PARADE CONTINGENTS:

During the parade ceremony held at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, 12 (Twelve) contingents performed the march past for the celebration. The Contingents were: 1st Assam Rifles, 4th NAP Bn, 10th NAP (IR) Bn, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn, Special Task Force, Home Guards & Civil Defence & SDRF, 24 (NL) IND. COY NCC, 1st (NAGA) Bn. NCC and Nagaland Police Central Brass Band, PTS, while the contingents were led by Parade Commander, Dr. Kupe Kapfo, Deputy Commandant, NAPTC and 2nd I/C Assistant Commandant, 9th NAP (IR) Bn, Ngimchule Nampeung.

AWARDS:

The following have been selected on the occasion of Republic Day 2022 for the award of:

President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service:

Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo.

Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service:

AIGP (OPS), Rankathung Vikram Ezung.

The Governor's Commendation Certificate Awardees are as follows:

1. Bendangtems, Forest Range Officer, Kiphire.
2. Imtimeren, NPS, Additional SP, Mokokchung.
3. S.I. Aren, Retired Agriculture Inspector, Longkhum village.
4. Neitho-o Kuotsu, Joint Director, Directorate of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources.
5. Thrioli R. Abraham, ASI, INT (SB), Kiphire.
6. Isilong Hau, UBC, DEF, Kohima.
7. Khonthungo Lotha, Deputy Secretary, Health & Family Welfare.
8. T. Leimnon Konyak, Section Officer, Agriculture Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat.

9. Menuokholie Kire, Joint Director & State Project Director (RUSA), Directorate of Higher Education, Nagaland.
10. Meyasashi, Deputy Director, Directorate of Horticulture, Nagaland.
11. Rendemo Shitio, Assistant Manager (Response & Communication), NSDMA.
12. Er. Medoseho Sothu, Senior Computer Programmer, PIMS, P&AR Department.
13. Hoinneineng Singson, Assistant Planning Officer, Planning & Coordination Department.
14. P. Pathon, LDA, District Election Office, Mon.
15. Kuthran Yimkhiong, Driver, Transport Department, Special Pool.

The Governor's Gold Medal Awardees are as follows:

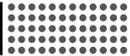
1. Vineet Kumar, IAS, ADC, Naginimora, Mon.
2. Manoj Kumar A, IPS, S.P (Crime), PHQ.
3. Vishika Achumi, ABSI, In-Charge, SOT, Dimapur.
4. Dr. Anungla Aier, Chairman, Anthropological Society of Nagaland.

Best Performing Hospitals under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for the year 2021 were awarded to the following Hospitals:

1. District Hospital, Mon was awarded the Best Performing Hospital in the category of District Hospital (DH).
2. Community Health Centre, Noklak was awarded the Best Performing Hospital in the category of Community Health Centre (CHC).
3. Primary Health Centre, Mopong, Mon was awarded the Best Performing Hospital in the category of Primary Health Centre (PHC).
4. House of Hope, Tuensang was awarded the Best Performing Hospital in the category of Private Hospital.

Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav which was organized from 1st October to 31st October 2021 across the country, the State





Level Clean India Award meeting was held on 29th November 2021 where the members present screened the report presented and selected the following districts as the Best Performing Districts in Nagaland: 1st Position - Kohima, Second Position –Peren, and Third Position -Wokha.

ENTERTAINMENT:

The entertainment presentations during the 73rd Republic Day celebration at the Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima were song and dance performance by TaFMA, modern dance performance from the Department of Women Resources Development and bhangra dance performed by the 37th Bn BSF. In the cultural presentation, cultural dances were performed by the Rengma Cultural Troupe, Lotha Cultural Troupe and Sumi Cultural Troupe, while a Folk Song was presented by the Angami Cultural Troupe.

STALL EXHIBITION:

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphu Rio inaugurated the exhibition stalls on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2022. There were 16 stalls set up by various departments of the State Government. The Chief Minister along with his wife, Kaisa Rio and other dignitaries visited all the stalls and interacted with the officials present.

The Department of Agriculture had put up on display various farming equipments and seeds for the benefit of farmers across the State. Land Resources Department showcased the Departments' activities and also gave the visitors different taste of Nagaland grown coffee.

Information on fish farming, feeds and other related activities were also on display at the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department stall.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services displayed products by Milk Cooperative of Nagaland (MILKCON), and poultry products reared and feeds manufactured by the Department.

Department of Horticulture exhibited various indigenous horti products of the State. Rusoma orange, Chansu organic kiwi, Longnak pineapple were also on display. Produce of Naga Hills, a food processing unit exhibited their products, like cinnamon, Naga King Chilli, sesame oil. Bamboo leave tea processed by the Unit, which it claims is the only one in Nagaland at present was also exhibited. The Unit is also planning to start an essential oil manufacturing unit at Piphema village very soon.

The Department of Sericulture stall exhibited silk shawls, mekhela and textiles produced from cocoons of larvae of mulberry silkworm fed in castor plant. The castor plant can also provide castor seeds through which castor oils can be sourced which has numerous health benefits. The Department is also encouraging the weavers to opt for natural dyes in manufacturing textiles.

The Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission under the Rural Development Department displayed products such as cushion cover, table runner, table mat, bags, baby diaper and sanitary napkin manufactured by Community Learning & Business Resource Centre (CLBRC). The Centre is initiated by SHGs and based in Jalukie. Coordinator, CLBRC, K. Ramzeupeule shared that the Centre's mission is to educate and empower the rural women by imparting training on cutting, tailoring and weaving.



Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Ministers, Advisors and senior government officials visiting the Department of Science & Technology exhibition stall at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2022.



The Department of Information & Public Relations set up a photo exhibition based on activities related to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav undertaken in all the districts of Nagaland.

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Information & Technology, Science & Technology, Nagaland Legal Services Authority, Health & Family Welfare, Soil & Water Conservation also set up their respective stalls highlighting their departmental activities and programmes.

73rd REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

MOKOKCHUNG:

73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung, where the Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer, delivered the Republic Day speech.

Four contingents, DEF Mokokchung, 2nd NAP, Home Guards and Ex-Servicemen took part in the march past with Assistant Commandant, 2nd NAP, N. Mayang as Parade Commander and API, DEF, Mokokchung, Tekatemjen as Parade 2nd I/C.

Highlights of the programme included martial arts demonstration by Mokokchung District Martial Arts Association and cultural performances by Gorkha Union, Mokokchung and Wadir Club, Ungma.

After the formal programme, NLA Speaker inaugurated the exhibition stalls of different departments and also the State Soil Testing Laboratory at District Soil & Conservation Office, Mokokchung.

WOKHA:

Wokha district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Wokha Local Ground, with MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry as the special guest. He delivered the Republic Day address.

7th NAP Bhandari, DEF, Wokha and Home Guards & Civil Defence took part in the march past. The parade contingents were led by Assistant Commandant, 7th NAP, Ashito Aye as the parade commander and ABI, DEF, Wokha, Temsumongba as the Parade 2 I/C.

The special guest handed over the District Level Commendation awards to government officials and NGOs in recognition of their outstanding service. Yingaro Von Okho presented a folk song during the occasion.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Zunheboto Public Ground. Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom unfurled the national flag which was followed by parade inspection, and he delivered the Republic Day speech.

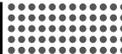
The parade contingents were led by Parade Commander, Tongpang Ao, Deputy SP, and Parade 2 I/C, Akoba Sangtam, ABSI. The six contingents were DEF, Home Guard, NAP, Ex-Servicemen and Cornerstone School. The programme culminated with beating of retreat by 32 Assam Rifles, Zunheboto.

KIPHIRE:

The celebration of 73rd Republic Day was held at Public Ground, Kiphire with MLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam as the special guest. He delivered the Republic Day speech which was followed by a march past by five parade contingents- 41 Assam Rifles, DEF, Kiphire, 14th NAP (IR) Bn, Village Guards and Pipe Band Platoon. The Parade Commander was Assistant Commandant, 14th NAP (IR) Bn, Konathung.

Prizes were given out during the function. Tobacco Free Institution certificates were awarded to Zisaji Presidency College, Loyola Higher Secondary School and Government Higher Secondary School.





100% COVID-19 vaccination were awarded to Nutsu village, Miliye village, New Monger village, Shishimi village and Old Monger village. Best Performing Health Units were awarded to Pungro CHC, Likhimro PHC, Phesami H&WC, Anatonger H&WC and Saloni H&WC. Best Performing Nurses were awarded to Jepitoli G Chishi, GNM, Sitimi PHC; Tsutenla, GNM, Sitimi PHC and Thrisela, ANM, Anatonger PHC. The Best Performing ASHA from every administrative circle were awarded to Yokhala from Kisetong village, Amahotor Circle; Shenshethsi from Longmatra village, Longmatra Circle; Kohila from Longtsonger village, Kiusam Circle; Tsuyimla from Mimi village, Khongsa Circle; Thsitinghela from Yangsekyu village, Sitimi Circle and L Tsumongshu from Anatonger village, Kiphire Circle.

PEREN:

In Peren, the 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex with Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland, Imnatiba as the special guest.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents comprising of DEF Peren and 9th IRB Saijang.

Other highlights of the day included folk dance by Inbung Youth & Students Cultural Troupe and Samziuram Youngsters Cultural Troupe and a special number by Yipungchule Nidang. The programme culminated with the beating of retreat by DEF Peren.

DIMAPUR:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated in Dimapur at DDSC Stadium with ceremonial unfurling of the national flag by the Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu. He delivered the Republic Day speech and inspected the march past contingents led by Parade Commander, APC Dimapur, Ninoto I Zhimomi, Parade 2 I/C ABI, Solokath RHQ Dimapur. Four parade contingents took part in the march past. The day ended with beating of retreat by 15 IR (Mahila).

PHEK:

Phek Headquarter celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with Kuzholuzo Nienu, MLA, 19 A/C Phek as the special guest.

Kuzholu unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute and inspected the parade contingents from 38 Assam Rifles Phek, DEF Phek, 5th NAP Bn Phek and Home Guards. He also delivered the Republic Day speech and also felicitated local champions under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Phek. He also inaugurated exhibition stalls put up by various departments like Agriculture, DRDA, Land Resources, ATMA, Horticulture, Fisheries, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, District Legal Services Authority, Tilaho Fast Food and NGOs.

NOKLAK:

Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum hoisted the national flag at Noklak Headquarter on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day celebration on 26th January 2022.

Minister, Tongpang Ozukum received the rashtriya salute from parade contingents of 3rd NAP Noklak, Village Guards Thangnokyan, Village Guards New Pangsha and Ex-Servicemen. The Parade Commander was Ariti Sangtam, ABI 3rd NAP, Parade 2 I/C was Ngamnyie Phom, ABSI JA DEF Noklak and Parade CHM was C. ThungoKham, Havildar 3rd NAP.

Other highlights of the occasion were tug of war played between DBs & GBs Vs Noklak Police, and cultural dance was performed by New Pangsha Village Guards.



TSEMINYU:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Rengma Sports Association Ground, Tseminyu Old Town. Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing unfurled the national flag and took salute, then he inspected 3(three) parade contingents led by Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP Tseminyu, Mosenlo Apon. After that he delivered the Republic Day speech.

The highlights of the programme were performances by Tseminyu Tsipwen Cultural Troupe and a folk song performed by Tesophenyu village. The special guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls of various departments under Tseminyu district. He was accompanied by Kenilo Apon, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation; Pollem Tep, Rengma Hoho President and Thapi Semy, OSD to Chief Minister, Nagaland. Heads of Offices, DBs, GBs and public leaders attended the programme.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

Chumoukedima district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Chumoukedima Town Public Ground, with MLA, Azheto Zhimomi as the special guest. The special guest unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade and took salute from the parade contingents. Other highlights of the programme included cultural performances, Angami folk song (Tenyipe I) and Sumi folk dance (Thilixu).

SHAMATOR:

Shamator celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining as special guest. He unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and inspected the parade contingents. The Lunsobere Cultural Society and Mungtsuwung Cultural Troupe added grandeur to the colorful celebrations by displaying the unique cultural performances.

MON:

The 73rd Republic Day was observed across Mon district. Reports of peaceful conclusion of the occasion were received from ADCs in Aboi, Tizit, Tobu and Naginimora, and SDO (C) of Wakching, Chen, Angjyang, Monyakshu and Phomching.

In the District Headquarter, the occasion was observed at Local Ground, Mon town. The programme began with the parade review by SP, Mon, Imnalensa, IPS.

The ceremonial flag hoisting and inspection of parade was carried out by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. The Republic Day speech was read out by the DC, which was followed with march past by the parade contingents, which included the 6th NAP, DEF Mon, Village Guards and 6th NAP Pipe Band, led by Parade Commander, Seyiechulhou, Assistant Commandant, 6th NAP.

Later, in the evening, the event concluded with prize distribution and a display of band followed by beating of retreat ceremony by 6th NAP Pipe Band.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Parade Ground, Tuensang. MLA, Toyang Chang was the special guest for the occasion.

A total of five contingents participated in the parade ceremony: DEF, 3rd NAP, VG Tuensang village, VG Kuthur village and 3rd NAP Pipe Band led by Platoon Commander, S. Hangsin, Assistant Commandant 3rd NAP and Parade 2 I/C, Imti Chang, ABI DEF, Tuensang.

District Commendation Awards were awarded to seven individuals namely, Imjonglepba Chang, Accountant VG; Tekatoshi, UDA DEO; Rozikyu Sangtam, DPA DDMA; C. Chuba Chang, Dobashi Grade II; Sentyangla, Nursing Sister DH; Puti Yanger, ASI DEF; and Imtiwabang Sangtam, UBC DEF.



The parade review was done by Vishal Chauhan, SP, Tuensang. Special guest, Toyang Chang took the rashtriya salute on the 73rd Republic Day at Tuensang.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with Minister, Higher Education & Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest at Local Ground, Longleng.

The special guest read out the Republic Day speech, unfurled the national flag, inspected the ceremonial parade and took the rashtriya salute from 3 (three) parade contingents comprising of the DEF, Longleng, 12th NAP (IR), Chingtok and Village Guards.

The highlights of the celebration were inauguration and inspection of exhibition stalls, inauguration of District Static Soil Testing Laboratory at the office of District Soil Conservation Officer, Longleng.

NIULAND:

Niuland district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Niuland Public Ground, with Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi as the special guest for the occasion.

On arrival, Jacob Zhimomi unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade and took the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents.

Other highlights of the programme included entertainment items, Maa Tujhe Salaam performed by Alino K. Chishi; choreography by Sumi Baptist Church, Niuland; cultural fusion by Shepherd Montessori School; speech by Vipeni, Shepherd Montessori School; special number by Reginald Hughes Memorial School; and drama by Lutoli and Tosheni.

CHANGTONGYA:

The 73rd Republic Day celebration was held at SDO (C)'s Office complex, Changtongya on 26th January 2022. During the occasion, the special guest unfurled the national flag which was followed with salutation by I/C OC Police Station,

Changtongya town. The Republic Day speech was delivered by SDO (C), Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie.



SDO (C), Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie delivering the Republic Day speech at Changtongya on 26th January 2022.

MANGKOLEMBA:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Public Ground, Mangkolemba. After unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj, IAS delivered the Republic Day speech. The function was attended by all Heads of Offices and a large number of general public.



ADC, Mangkolemba, Dharam Raj, IAS delivering the Republic Day speech at Mangkolemba on 26th January 2022.

NAGINIMORA:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at the ADC Office premises. ADC, Naginimora, Vineet Kumar, IAS unfurled the national flag, followed by the singing of national anthem. He delivered the Republic Day speech and took salute from 6 NAP 'A' Coy. All the attendees wore face mask and observed social distancing norms.

SATAKHA:

Satakha town celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at ADC's compound with ADC, Satakha, L. Kiusumong Tikhir as special guest. The programme started with ceremonial flag hoisting by the special guest, national anthem was sung by Highland School followed by Republic Day speech read out by the special guest.



ADC, Satakha, L. Kiusumong Tikhir taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Satakha on 26th January 2022.

TULI:

Republic Day programme was held at Tuli ADC's Office complex. ADC, Tuli, Shaying Sheu unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute from DEF Police and read out the Republic Day message. Heads of Offices, GBs and Watsu Talen attended the programme.



ADC, Tuli, Shaying Sheu taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Tuli on 26th January 2022.

PFUTSERO:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Pfutsero with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Japheth Woch as the special guest. On arrival the ADC unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and read out the Republic Day speech.

As part of the celebration, the government departments helped the differently abled persons in Pfutsero town, and national flags were hoisted in all government offices, institutions and some private residences.



ADC, Pfutsero, Japheth Woch delivering the Republic Day speech at Pfutsero on 26th January 2022.

CHOZUBA:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Chozuba town with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Theodore Yanthan as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from the 5th NAP Chetheba. He also highlighted the various achievements, undertakings and challenges of the State Government while reading out the Republic Day speech. All the Heads of Offices and public leaders attended the programme.



ADC, Chozuba, Theodore Yanthan taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Chozuba on 26th January 2022.



LONGKHIM:

Longkhim sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at ADC's Office, Longkhim town. ADC, Longkhim, Chuba Temjen unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from Nagaland Police Cadre and read out the Republic Day speech. The function was attended by Heads of Offices and staff from all the government departments.



ADC, Longkhim, Chuba Temjen taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Longkhim on 26th January 2022.

PUGHOBOTO:

Pughoboto sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with all the officers in-charge and staff of the offices at the ADC's Office.

ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the 8th NAP and DEF Police personnel. The national anthem was sung by PPKK.

The ADC also inaugurated the stalls set up by PATC and ATMA Ghathashi Block, Agriculture Department led by SDAO, Myanthurung Patton.



ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Pughoboto on 26th January 2022.

TIZIT:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at ADC's Office complex, Tizit. ADC, Tizit, Pakon Phom unfurled the national flag which was followed by rendering of the national anthem and delivery of the Republic Day speech. All the Heads of Offices and staff attended the celebration while maintaining COVID-19 SOP during the function.



ADC, Tizit, Pakon Phom taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Tizit on 26th January 2022.

THONOKNYU:

At Thonoknyu sub-division, the 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with unfurling of the national flag by SDO ©, Longdiba L Sangtam. Nagaland Police, 12th IR, VGs and DBs attended the function.



SDO(C), Thonoknyu, Longdiba L Sangtam taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Thonoknyu on 26th January 2022.

MELURI:

Meluri sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at the ADC's Office complex, Meluri. ADC, Meluri, K Fürhesie Nyuwi unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the parade contingent which was led by Wurhosie Phoiji, Havildar 5th NAP 'A' Coy, Meluri. The programme was attended by government employees and public leaders.





Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, T. Mhabemo Yanthan, IAS taking the rashtriya salute after unfurling the National Flag during the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 26th January 2022.

Member of Legislative Assembly, Toyang Chang taking the rashtriya salute during the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Tuensang on 26th January 2022.



Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer inspecting the parade contingents during the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 26th January 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS delivering the Republic Day Speech at Local Ground, Mon on 26th January 2022.



Member of Legislative Assembly, Kuzholuzo Nienu inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Phek on 26th January 2022.



Member of Legislative Assembly, Dr. Chumben Murry inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Wokha on 26th January 2022.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Public Ground, Zunheboto on 26th January 2022.



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 26th January 2022.



Member of Legislative Assembly, T. Yangseo Sangtam taking the rashtriya salute during the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Kiphire on 26th January 2022.

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Local Ground, Longleng on 26th January 2022.



Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Peren on 26th January 2022.



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum taking the rashtriya salute during the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Noklak on 26th January 2022.





Member of Legislative Assembly, Azheto Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Public Ground, Chumoukedima on 26th January 2022.



Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Niuland on 26th January 2022.



Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam taking the rashtriya salute during the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Shamator on 26th January 2022.



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, R. Khing taking the rashtriya salute during the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day celebration at Tseminyu on 26th January 2022.



ADC, Meluri, K Fürhesie Nyuwi taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Meluri on 26th January 2022.

MEDZIPHEMA:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at ADC's Office complex, Medziphema sub-division. ADC, Medziphema, Imsongmeren unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Republic Day speech. Medziphema Police Station led by Parade Commander, HAV, Onen Ao took part in the ceremonial parade. The celebration was attended by the Heads of Offices, staff and the public.



ADC, Medziphema, Imsongmeren taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Medziphema on 26th January 2022.

BHANDARI:

Bhandari sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang unfurled the national flag; delivered the Republic Day speech and took the rashtriya salute from the 7th NAP parade contingent. During the programme, cultural items and a special number were presented by Bhandari village women groups and Senkathung Kikon, respectively.



ADC, Bhandari, Tiameren Chang taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Bhandari on 26th January 2022.

JAKHAMA:

The 73rd Republic Day was observed at Jakhama sub-division by hoisting of the national flag in all the government offices.

CHEN:

Chen Headquarter celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Mini SDO (C) complex at Chen town. SDO (C), Chen, Relise Sangtam unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from NVG, Chen town. All the Heads of Offices and staff attended the celebration.



SDO (C), Chen, Relise Sangtam delivering the Republic Day speech at Chen on 26th January 2022.

PUNGRO:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at ADC's Office, Pungro. Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pungro, Nuhuta Tunyi hoisted the national flag at ADC's Office, Pungro and took the rashtriya salute. Traditional/folk song was presented by YBA Pungro.



EAC, Pungro, Nuhuta Tunyi taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Pungro on 26th January 2022.

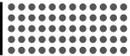
TOBU:

The 73rd Republic Day celebration was observed at Tobu Headquarter. EAC, Tobu, Tsidi unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute from DEF Tobu and read out the Republic Day speech.



EAC, Tobu, Tsidi taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Tobu on 26th January 2022.





ABOI:

Aboi town celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at ADC's official residence, Aboi town. ADC, Aboi, Chumlamo Humtsoe unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute from Nagaland Police and 11 IRB, and read out the Republic Day speech. Government employees from Aboi participated in the celebration. National flag was hoisted in all the government offices.



ADC, Aboi, Chumlamo Humtsoe taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Aboi on 26th January 2022.

AGHUNATO:

Aghunato sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at Additional Deputy Commissioner's (ADC) Office compound. Extra Assistant Commissioner, Aghunato, Mhashumi T Ezung unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Republic Day speech. National anthem was sung by Government Higher Secondary School, Aghunato. The function was attended by government officials, public leaders, GBs, DBs and NGOs.



EAC, Aghunato, Mhashumi T Ezung taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Aghunato on 26th January 2022.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

Chiephobozou sub-division celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at ADC's Office premises. ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang unfurled the national flag. The ADC took the rashtriya salute and read out the Republic Day speech.



ADC, Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Chiephobozou on 26th January 2022.

SEYOCHUNG:

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Seyochung. ADC, Renbomo Ezung unfurled the national flag and received the rashtriya salute from Village Guards, Seyochung Headquarter, and read out the Republic Day speech. The national anthem was presented by St. Mary School.



ADC, Seyochung, Renbomo Ezung taking the rashtriya salute during the Republic Day celebration at Seyochung on 26th January 2022.



S&WC BIDS FAREWELL TO THREE OF ITS RETIRING OFFICERS

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation (S&WC) on 31st January 2022 bade farewell to three of its retiring officers namely, K. Khekiho Shohe, Additional Director; Lily Tep, Joint Director; and Lochumi Venuh, Deputy Director at the Directorate of S&WC Conference Hall.

The Director in his speech thanked the retiring officers for the services rendered for the welfare of the Department and encouraged the young officers to inculcate the work ethics and culture set by the retiring officers and to take the Department ahead. The Director also commented that the officers are retiring from government job and not from life, thereby encouraging them to continue contributing to the Department and society in their own capacities.

The retiring officers in their farewell speeches shared their experiences working in the Department at various capacities and also thanked the Department officials for the support throughout their time in the Department.

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP HELD FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

A sensitization workshop for Administrators and Urban Development Officers on the Cleanest ULB/ Ward Award 2022, SMB-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 was held at Chumoukedima Town Hall on 29th January 2022.

On the occasion, delivering the keynote address, Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, I. Himato Zhimomi stated that the most important thing is to start from an individual or household level, the work should start 'today' to achieve zero dump waste from an individual, household and town level to start reducing the waste per capita. He said that the challenges we have is to achieve zero dump waste and it can be acquired only through proper implementation to achieve the desired goal.

Structure and parameters for the Cleanest ULB/Ward Award 2022 was explained by LIFE NGO, Dimapur.

In the second session, a topic on 'Sensitization on the guidelines of the SBM 2.0' was presented by SMB-U Team and 'Sensitization on the guidelines of the AMRUT 2.0' was presented by AMRUT Team, followed by discussion hour.



Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, I. Himato Zhimomi addressing the sensitization workshop held at Chumoukedima Town Hall on 29th January 2022.

CONFERENCE ON GeM HELD AT KOHIMA

A conference on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) under the theme 'Governance for Growth' was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 31st January 2022. The conference was organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce, and attended by entrepreneurs from across the State.

One stop Government e-Market(GeM) Place is a platform where common user goods and services can be procured. GeM aims to transform the way in which procurement of goods and services is done by the



government ministries and departments.

Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS said that for central government, purchase from GeM is compulsory but it is not yet compulsory in Nagaland. It is still at a level of on boarding sellers and departments as buyers. He stated that more sensitization is needed on GeM not just for the Government but for hand holding the prospective sellers also.

Kekhrievor said that GeM came about because earlier the Central Government faced a lot of problem in purchasing from DGS&D due to artificial or unrealistic prices, service delivery and after sale services. In GeM after sale service is now made easy as sellers from bigger cities have now tied up with local vendors who can assist them. He pointed out that this is one issue which the State will face if it goes for large scale buying, so the Government is trying to bring local sellers on board first and buy local also.

Kekhrievor said that through GeM, the Department of Industries & Commerce is also interested in the handloom and handicraft sector to access the market beyond Nagaland without having a retail store in other parts of India. He called on the local entrepreneurs and government departments to avail this opportunity to sell local and buy local, and requested the ICC for help and support in registration of local entrepreneurs.

Chief Executive Officer, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Alemtemshi Jamir, IAS (Retd.) emphasizing on the role and scale that e-commerce will play in the growth of economy, pointed out that at present seven of the top ten world's richest people are dealing in e-commerce business. He lamented that majority of the people are not aware of the implication or opportunities of e-commerce, and encouraged the entrepreneurs to register in GeM.

Jamir said that Yellow Chain was set up by IDAN for small business to sell their services and goods, but at present miniscule number (around 400-500) have registered. He shared that some business are doing quite well in Yellow Chain and added it can become bigger when everyone is involved. He further exhorted the young entrepreneurs to be more aware, efficient, absorptive, receptive and adaptive to the rapid changes taking place in the market economy.

Joint Director, MSME Development Institute, Dimapur, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, Tali Longchar, IEDS explained the importance of registering in GeM, and numerous corporations and organisations also gave virtual presentations on GeM.



Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS addressing the conference on Government e-Marketplace held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 31st January 2022.

LAND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING DIRECTOR

Land Resources Department organized a farewell programme in honour of the outgoing Director, T. Renben Lotha at the Directorate of Land Resources, Kohima on 31st January 2022.

A. Pangjung Jamir, incoming Director lauded Lotha for his tremendous contribution to the Department and said that under his leadership, the Department has achieved a lot.

Jamir mentioned that the Department will always remember him for introducing the good practice of wearing a traditional attire to office every Monday in the Directorate and the districts. Further, Jamir said that through the initiative of the outgoing Director, many projects were implemented and an MoU was also signed with South African

company paving the way for export of Nagaland coffee, and the farmers are getting good prices, also young entrepreneurs are being encouraged for the same in all the districts. He added that Lotha's motivation to work and the good example he has set will continue to be his legacy after his retirement.

The programme was chaired by Joint Director, C. Vanchamo Ngullie. Speeches were also delivered by Registrar, Botovi Sema; District Representative, Lipichem Apo; State Level Nodal Agency, SPC, Inatoli Chishi; Family Self Help Group; UDA, Anungla Ozukum; family; friends and well-wishers. A special number was presented by Alobo Naga.



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FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF RETIRING DIRECTOR, CENSUS OPERATIONS

A farewell programme in honour of retiring Director, Census Operations, Nagaland, Tridibesh Roy, IAS was held at the Directorate of Census Operations, Kohima on 31st January 2022.

Chairing the programme, ADCO (T), M. Peseyie thanked the Director for the service rendered and for the efforts he put in for the progress of the Department during his short stay as the Director.

Delivering a brief service record of the retiring Director, ADCO (Admin), Sesu Apon mentioned that Tridibesh Roy, IAS joined the Directorate of Census Operations as the Director on 3rd June 2019, and served in that capacity for 2 years and 7 months. Tridibesh Roy was first selected as an Extra Assistant Commissioner (NCS) in May 1988, and was first posted in Noksen under Tuensang district. He served in different parts of the State as an Administrative Officer, also serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto and Mokokchung. He is retiring in the rank of Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Nagaland.

DDCO & HO, Imkongnungsang termed the retiring Director as an officer who is professional in his approach to work, and a man of immense humility and sincerity. He said that it was only in the year 2011 that a full fledged Director took charge of the Directorate of Census Operations, and in 2019, after Tridibesh Roy took charge as the Director, many positive aspects of the Department could take place. He requested the outgoing Director to assist in the process of nominating a Director with the State Government at the earliest, as functioning without a full-fledged Director hampers the working of the office.

Delivering his farewell speech, Tridibesh Roy, IAS thanked the Almighty for the service he could render to the State Government, adding that the completion of his service career in good health is an achievement. Reminiscing about his service days, when he first joined the Nagaland Civil Service on 26th May 1988, Roy thanked all the people he worked with, saying that he could complete serving the State Government for 33 years and 8 months, only with the support and cooperation he received.

Vote of thanks was delivered by ADCO (T), Mhathung Rangthang. Short speeches were also delivered by ADCO, Viyovol Chaya, ADCO, Vikishe Chishi, S. I. Gr-II, Athisi Chachei, Proof Reader, Lucy Tep, and Consultant, Vihoto- they described the outgoing Director Tridibesh Roy, IAS as a good leader who worked diligently and who always extended his helping hands whenever required. They expressed gratitude for his approachable nature and for the opportunities he provided during his short stay as the Director, Census Operations.



Retiring Director, Census Operations, Nagaland, Tridibesh Roy, IAS with the officers and staff of Census Operations during the farewell programme held in his honour at the Directorate of Census Operations, Kohima on 31st January 2022.



5th KHIAMNIUNGAN SPORTS COUNCIL MEET

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo inaugurated the 5th Khamniungan Sports Council Meet on 10th January 2022 at Public Ground, Noklak Headquarter under the theme, 'Imagine life-beyond ordinary, driven by values.'

Encouraging the youths, Advisor, L. Khumo said sports should be taken up as a career and the youngsters should be eager to learn and be disciplined in every aspect. He asked the youngsters to avoid taking intoxicants and work harder to achieve success in life. He expressed his appreciation to the Khamniungan Sports Council for taking initiatives for organizing the sport events and hoped that Noklak district will progress in sports.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru in his speech emphasized on the advantages of sports. DC mentioned some of the benefits of sports like physical fitness and mental well being. Further, DC elaborated that sports improves discipline, honesty, teamwork, leadership and strategic planning. He encouraged all the sports persons to play well and excel in sports.

The sports meet was organized by Khamniungan Sports Council in collaboration with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP). Football, volleyball, badminton, marathons and crossbow were played during the sports meet.

Khamniungan Sports Council felicitated sportspersons of Noklak district from various disciplines under district and state level events. The recipients were Chongsop P, Thongkoi Y, Thingpia P, Phaam T, Jeliam Khiam and Mongshai. It also felicitated Tsuchoi T of Kusong village, Songmo P of Thangnokyan village, Niansai T of Thang village, Muchiu K of Thangnokyan village and Shangchiu T. Khamniungan of Sanglao village for playing at the state and national levels.

The closing ceremony of Khamniungan Sports Council Meet 2022 was held on 17th January 2022 with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying as special guest.

Haiying said sports should be taken as a career for our people. One should be disciplined in sports as well in all aspects. He advised them to avoid intoxicants and work hard. He appreciated Khamniungan Sports Council for organizing the event and giving opportunities and platforms to the sportspersons of the district.



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo inaugurating the 5th Khamniungan Sports Council Meet at Public Ground, Noklak on 10th January 2022.

COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR 15-18 YEAR OLDS LAUNCHED AT WOKHA

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha launching the COVID-19 vaccination for 15-18 year olds at Wokha on 11th January 2022.

Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 launched the COVID-19 vaccination for 15-18 year olds on 11th January 2022.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Wokha DTF for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha while launching the vaccination said it is a historic day for the district with the launching of the vaccine for 15-18 years of age. He also thanked the Government of India for providing the vaccine promptly for the well being of

citizens, and urged all the stakeholders of the district to give their best efforts. He mentioned that we are entering into the third year of the pandemic and expressed his concerns with so many students having been affected, and said, it is our responsibility to end this pandemic by adhering to COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

Orenthung also appealed to all the parents, headmasters and principals of schools and colleges to inform all the eligible beneficiaries to take the vaccine at the earliest which will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Evoking God's blessings and for the well being of the district, Wokha Town Baptist Church (WTBC) Pastor, Rev. Abemo Jungio sanctified the vaccine. Deputy CMO/DPO/VIP/RCH proposed the vote of thanks.

POANGLUM MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT TUENSANG

Poanglum Mini Hornbill Festival- the major festival of Chang community was inaugurated at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 11th January 2022 with the theme 'Jak-Xa, Rediscovering our sustenance.' The five day festivity was organized by Chang Khulei Setshang (Chang Tribal Hoho) in collaboration with Government of Nagaland and Tourism Department, Nagaland .

It started with the panel of speakers speaking on 'Reminiscence. 'Kejong Chang, 97 years old and Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly said the changes of

Tuensang town should serve as a testimony for the rest of the Chang community and set an example for the rest of the neighbouring communities in social intercourses. He is of the view that many people left their villages to venture out abandoning traditional means of living and sometimes fail to acquire urban living standards, and become anti-social creating problems for the general masses. We need a revival in such social migrations; we need to focus on traditional way of living in villages or we shall focus strictly in education and technical sectors so that there will be social balance, he added.

Kamchu Chang, oldest GB of Tuensang town retrospected the value of Poanglum festivity. He said Poanglum is a festival of making friendship and maintaining the old friendship circle and also to make treaties with the neighbouring communities and villages. When we look back to our forefathers, Poanglum has been a meaningful celebration with many good values which can be used in daily living, he said.

S. Chubasangla Chang said decades back, womenfolk were not given privileges to partake in social gatherings and decision making but conditions have changed for the better. Poanglum celebration was more of, guests from neighbouring villages and communities visiting and celebrating, with sharing of foods which depicts, respect, love and cordial relationship amongst the communities and village, she said. Trade used to be an important part of the celebration in the form of barter which signifies importance of trade and entrepreneurship.

Vishal Chauhan, SP Tuensang inaugurated the stalls of Poanglum Mini Hornbill Festival 2022. The Chang Khulei Setshang has initiated construction of 75 stalls and allocated to the villages to sell traditional items and to encourage the young entrepreneurs.

The 2nd day of Poanglum Mini Hornbill 2022 continued with indigenous games and Poanglum Fashion Show on 12th January 2022 at Parade Ground, Tuensang. The Special Guest of the indigenous games celebration was Shami Angh, President Phom Peoples' Council.



A cultural troupe performing a folk dance during the Poanglum Mini Hornbill Festival at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 15th January 2022.



Speaking on the occasion, Shami Angh appreciated the forefathers of Changs for guiding and leading them to be who they are today. He also mentioned that celebration of culture and tradition in such a huge manner should not lead us astray from the religious principles of our community. Our community leaders had a vision for us therefore we should also choose our leaders wisely so that we will have a brighter future tomorrow, he said.

Sponsored by Tribal Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs Nagaland, indigenous games and competition were conducted on Naga Happung (Go-Kart), log drum beating competition, Chang's strongest man, tug of war(Yamluhjanyubu), fire making competition (Khungkhawansat), traditional water filling competition(Dei Mokyubu), bamboo basket making competition, bamboo slashing competition, air rifles shooting competition both in male and female category, catapult shooting competition, indigenous angling and bamboo rafting.

Miss Chang 2022 was also organized as part of Poanglum Mini Hornbill celebration with the theme 'Moshikbu Sao.' The special guest of the event was Advocate, Antimang. Kamjila was crowned Miss Chang 2022. Thontinaro and Kebonaro won the first and second runners-up respectively. A total of 12 beauty contestants participated in Miss Chang 2022.

ADVISOR SUKHALU INAUGURATES SAKK 47th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu, IAS (Retd.) inaugurated Sumi Aphuyemi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu (SAKK) 47th Biennial Conference at Tukuliqa village, Zunheboto on 12th January 2022. The SAKK Conference was held for three days under the theme 'Let us reason together.'

Speaking on the occasion, Sukhalu stated that Nagaland's education system faces several challenges as reflected in the decline of the student learning outcomes measured by National Achievement Survey (NAS). As per

Government of India's Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the total number of government schools from primary to higher secondary as per 2021 is 1953, with 19,079 teachers and total enrollment of 1,66,091 students.

Sukhalu apprised that to bring about improvement in the management, teaching and learning in target schools and improve the pass rate for target schools in higher classes, the Department with the assistance of World Bank has come up with the Nagaland Education Project – the Lighthouse(Nagaland Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources - NECTAR). The project is expected to pilot several innovations in teacher management, community accountability and improving classroom transactions. The project will develop and implement innovative models for technology integration, decentralized management of education system, and community driven accountability mechanisms.

Sukhalu stated that achieving something in life depends on the individual, and urged the youths to change their mindset if one wants to move forward. He said development is necessary but the most important thing in life is to be wise and follow one's dream according to one's liking and interest. He told the youths to have a purpose in life and to be sincere in their work and not lose their tracks, to work with honesty, integrity and responsibility and bring a change in our society.

Speaking at the closing function as special guest on 14th January 2022, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland stated that the theme for the



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu addressing the Sumi Aphuyemi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu, 47th Biennial Conference at Tukuliqa village, Zunheboto on 12th January 2022.



session is most appropriate and befitting for the present situation of Nagaland in all fields.

Kikheto lamented that our society is divided by tribe, sub-tribe, clan, family, and we do not find Naga among the Nagas. To bring healing to our society, he urged the young people to focus and work as 'We' not 'I', not in tribal or clan or family lines, but as a community, together as Nagas, he added.

While explaining that most of the government schemes are now routed through direct benefit schemes and banking, Kikheto said the State Government is also seeking to approve and pass the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) to enable young educated unemployed to avail schemes and loans, etc. and become entrepreneurs for economic development and sustenance. He urged the young educated unemployed to not only strive to get government jobs alone, but to identify their own strengths and the schemes or opportunities available and suitable for them and work towards availing assistance from the Government and become successful entrepreneurs.

Not only in entrepreneurship, but Kikheto also stressed that the young people can be agents to introduce modern farming methods in the rural areas and identify areas within their village cluster with water availability for settled farming in the model of Naga Integrated Settled Farming (NISF) which would incorporate modern technologies, soil testing, etc. with traditional farming, and will include comprehensive inclusive farming – agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, sericulture, dairy and piggery, goatery, etc. He stated that the State Government will soon come up with weather advisory to help the farmers be updated on weather conditions, which will help them in preparing to face any changes in weather.

Kikheto urged the youth to start planning a road map for a new Nagaland, where there is no division or 'isms,' where people do what is right and just, where there is humility and respect, where clean elections happen, and where everyone works to eat.

BHANDARI SUB-DIVISION HOLDS DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING

Bhandari Sub-Division held the monthly departmental coordination meeting at the Conference Hall of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari on 12th January 2022.

The meeting, chaired by SDO (C) Bhandari, Sulanthung Lotha reviewed the activities of the Block Task Force (BTF) for COVID-19 and resolved to continuously render their service as frontline workers.

SDO (C) also called on the Health & Family Welfare Department to be prepared with all available resources to effectively face any situation which may arise due to the current resurging scenario of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The House also discussed and resolved to hold the Departmental Sports Week and had set up a five member committee with EAC, Bhandari as the Convenor to further carry out the necessary measures.

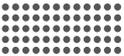
In the meeting, SDO (C) reminded the officers and their staff to continue to remain in the station on regular basis to render their services to the public.

NOKLAK DTF MEETING ON COVID-19

Noklak District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC & Chairman, Noklak DTF, Hiazu Meru on 12th January 2022.

DC stated that due to the rapid surge in COVID-19 cases in the country and with the detection of the variant of concern, Omicron and indicating the arrival of the third wave of COVID-19, the DTF had to reactivate COVID-19 Control Room and all COVID-19 related arrangements





in the district.

The DTF decided to cover all eligible persons for COVID-19 vaccination and discussed about the COVID-19 vaccination to persons from 15-18 years of age in the district. The DTF also elaborated on the order and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by the Home Department which will be strictly enforced in the district.

KOHIMA DTF PREPARES FOR COVID-19 THIRD WAVE

In view of the surge in COVID-19 cases in several parts of the country, Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19 held a meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th January 2022.

The meeting discussed on the current situation and preparedness of the district for the third wave. The DTF, with the past two wave experiences, has informed that the district is well prepared with the set up in Nagaland Health Authority Kohima, Covid Care Centres, testing centres and other medical centres for any eventualities. The DTF also decided to take up activities for preventive measures in the district.

On the agenda of social health responsibility, CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said that the Omicron variant has very high transmissibility where patients with co-morbidities will be highly affected. She, therefore, stressed on the importance of finding out the number of co-morbidities among the community where DTF has decided to hold a meeting with all wards and panchayats in order to tackle the situation in a more effective manner.

DIO Kohima, Dr. Rupert Peseyie highlighted on the district's COVID-19 vaccination status including the rolled out vaccination for the age group of 15-18 years till date. He informed that special sessions on request from schools and colleges will also be taken up. Precautionary dose or booster dose for the frontline/healthcare workers and 60+ with co-morbidities who have completed 9 months or 39 weeks after taking the second dose will also be taken up in due course of time.

Dr. Shiela Lkr, Surveillance Medical Officer, WHO also shared on the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) with its goal to achieve maximum coverage of routine immunization on booth day i.e. 23rd January 2022 with 80% coverage and two days of house to house day. She also informed on Mission Indradhanush programme for three months starting from 7th February, 7th March and 4th April 2022 to ensure the increase of immunization coverage in the district.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th January 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren and DPDB Vice-Chairman, SentiwapangAier.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the DC requested the concerned departments which have not submitted the required data for Sustainable Development Goals to do the needful at the earliest.

In the meeting, Deputy CMO, Peren, Dr. Lanuakum and DPO UIP/RCH, Peren, Dr. Kiholi Assumi gave a brief report on the status of COVID-19 and vaccination coverage in the district. Peren College, Vice-Principal, Albert also highlighted the progress of Peren College shifting issues as well as other issues related to the College to the members present.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 14th January 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman,



Zunheboto DPDB, Peter Lichamo.

On the proposal received earlier through CMO regarding creation of Sub-Centre at Lochomi village under Zunheboto district, the Board after thorough discussion, approved and forwarded it for further procedures. The Board members also approved for refunding of the construction of DIET Centre at Zunheboto district.

ZUNHEBOTO RANGE STUDENTS UNION HOLDS 38th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Zunheboto Range Students Union held its 38th Biennial Conference on 12-14th January 2022 at Baimho village under the theme, 'Embracing the Versatility' with Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu as special guest.

The Advisor exhorted the students to have an ambition in life and work effortlessly towards it because to excel in present times one has to be the best among the best. The Advisor said the decision to set up Nagaland Staff Selection Board (SSB) was not for the politicians but to promote meritocracy and give equal opportunity for everyone to get employed according to one's own dedication and hard work, he encouraged the students to be more sincere in their studies.

Sukhalu requested the village heads and elders to take good care of the government properties i.e. government schools in their respective villages as it belongs to the people of the particular village and also added that the government decision to set up Government Schools at every village is to give free education to all the children everywhere. He requested them to take care of the teachers and to stop the practice of proxy culture in all the villages as it will only negatively affect their children's career and future.

Sukhalu advised the student leaders to take a day out during the session next time for student's workshop and invite intellectual and qualified persons as resource persons so as to guide the students, clear their doubts, etc. for their future educational endeavours.

The Advisor also requested everyone not to be careless regarding the third pandemic wave- to get vaccinated and to always wear mask everywhere.

MINISTER NEIBA KRONU GRACES THE 28th KHEZHA-KUZHA AREA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu graced the 28th Khezha-KuzhaTephe Area Wrestling Championship on 14th January 2022 at Sports Complex, Pfutsero town.

The Minister appreciated the area sports authority for organising such a sport event and expressed hope that sportsmen from the area would successfully compete at the District and State level. He further urged the gathering to maintain peace, unity and cooperation in Pfutsero town so as to progress further.



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu along with other officials during the 28th Khezha-KuzhaTephe Area Wrestling Championship at Sports Complex, Pfutsero on 14th January 2022.

A total of 43 participants from various age groups participated in Naga Style Senior Group; 11 participated in Junior Group (under 16 years) and two participated in Freestyle. The winners of the championship were – Lika Mero (1st), Wedilo Wetsu (2nd), Kulhi Mero (3rd) and Wede Mero (4th).



KOHIMA DPDB RECOMMENDS PROPOSAL OF TAXI PARKINGS

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie addressing the Kohima District Planning & Development Board meeting at Kohima on 15th January 2022.

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) decided to recommend the proposal on taxi parking within Kohima town as submitted by the Association of Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayats. This was decided in its first DPDB meeting for the year of 2022 held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Gregory Thejawelie at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th January 2022.

The Chairman informed the members that the Association had submitted the proposal based on traffic congestion created by multiple taxi parkings in urban area. The Association pointed out that besides the government designated taxi parking areas, the taxis were still found parking at Old BOC area and near Assistant Director of Supplies-cum-Godown Office, adding multiple problems to the acute traffic congestion to those areas. Therefore, the Association had proposed for immediate shifting of taxis to its designated parking stations as per the Government standing order.

In this regard, the Board deliberated on the concerned issues and noting the requirement of certain measures that should be taken to avoid the traffic congestion in the town, decided to recommend the matter to the Government for necessary action.

On 70% of the vehicle owners utilizing public roads as personal parking space at night, which creates huge inconveniences and traffic problem everywhere, especially in wards and colony roads, the Board also decided to suggest for implementation of parking provision in the upcoming building on the road sides within the urban areas.

On Adoption Committees, Gregory requested the committees to collect the first installment and carry out the activities and to give report on their activities in the next DPDB meeting.

CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo also gave an update on the 15-18 years of age COVID-19 vaccination, where she informed that till 14th January 2022 a total number of 1238 were vaccinated from the age group, and added that the response was good.

CMO also informed that ongoing session sites were UPHC Seikhazou, Potter Lane and NHAK, while special sessions for school children were also conducted on 14th January 2022 at Little Flower Higher Secondary School where 238 students were vaccinated. Meanwhile creation of session sites for other schools and colleges were under process and will be conducted from next week, she informed.

INTERACTION-CUM-SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON SOCIAL HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY HELD IN KOHIMA

Interaction-cum-sensitization programme on Social Health Responsibility was held along with the Association of Kohima Municipal Ward Panchayats (AKMWP) on 15th January 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima.

Chairing the programme, DC Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie said that COVID-19 hospitals,

particularly Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, are fully prepared with sufficient required items including oxygen, manpower arrangement. He mentioned that depending on the number of requirements, the number of beds in ICU as well as in all the ward rooms would be increased. He said Meriema Covid Care Hospital and Quarantine Speciality at K Badze have also been prepared with all the required items and facilities which can be utilised. He has requested all the representatives from Wards Panchayat to take up the enforcement particularly on wearing of mask in all their respective wards.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said that the programme's objective is to protect the co-morbid group of people from COVID-19 death. She informed that health camp will be organised in all the urban colonies for screening NCD/co-morbid disease and do mapping of the co-morbid disease prevalence in the community within one month in anticipation of the third wave that is projected to affect persons with co-morbid diseases and the unvaccinated. Targeted groups were 30 years and above, pregnant women and those less than 30 years but have family history.

The CMO also informed that only 50% of people living in urban areas knew the status of their blood pressure and blood sugar, and so through this social health camp responsibility, the medical team will be visiting every household and do the mapping and identify those with unknown status to get them medical intervention. She also added that once the medical team is done with the mapping, every individual will get free medicines through the National Urban Health Mission.

The CMO appealed to all the wards and community to extend their support in mobilising and organising teams to visit house to house for identification of persons with co-morbid diseases. Also to mobilise high risk groups to attend health screening and vaccination camps and assist the medical team as and when need arises for medical intervention.

While highlighting the action plan for vaccination of 15 to 18 years, precaution dose for healthcare workers, frontline workers, 60+ with co-morbid diseases in Kohima district, the CMO informed that all health centres will be COVID-19 vaccination centres for 15 to 18 years in a phase manner as per the demand generation. Starting with Kohima urban, all the health centres including HWC/SC are vaccination sites for 15-18 years beneficiaries and vaccine for 18+, 15+ and precautionary dose are offered everyday (Monday-Friday) at NHAK, UPHC Potter Lane, and UPC Seikhazou.

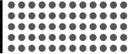
LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

In order to achieve cent-percent COVID-19 vaccination by the populace of the district, the Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) took a strong resolution to bar entry of citizens to the banks and educational institutions or travel in any travel agency without COVID-19 vaccination. The decision was taken at the Longleng DPDB meeting held on 15th January 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall.

It will come into effect after the District Task Force (DTF) issues an order. It also resolved to conduct vaccination drive in all the educational institutions to cover all teachers, staff and students above 15 years of age. The Board appealed to the citizens to vaccinate themselves before they are barred from availing the facilities to enter the bank, educational institutions or to travel in any travel agencies.

The Board also discussed on traffic control management, sound pollution created by two wheelers and influx of illegal drugs in the district. In that regard, ADC Longleng, SDPO Longleng and President PPC spoke and pointed out suggestions for safety, improvement of traffic control management system and to control the influx of illegal drugs in the district.





DC, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom appealed to the government officers to be regular and available in their respective place of posting and attend all important meetings and programmes personally without deputing their subordinate officials. He warned that irregular officers will be viewed seriously and the matter would be reported to the higher authority.

President, Phom People's Council (PPC), Shami Angh reiterated the HoDs to be present in their posting place along with their staff. Shami also sought the coordination of both the government officers and NGOs for overall upliftment and peaceful atmosphere in the district. He said PPC is ready to extend cooperation to redress their problems.

Departmental activities were presented through a PowerPoint presentation by Water Resources Department.

SUKRUNYE MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

Sukrunye Mini Hornbill Festival-cum-17th Edition of the Inter-Ward Tournament, organized by Phek Town Youth Society under the aegis 'Synchronized Elevation,' began on 15th January 2022 at Phek Local Ground in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland and Nehru Yuva, Phek.

Inaugurating the event, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo said it is a great day for the people of Phek town as they enjoy authentic celebrations of a

significant festival handed down by their forefathers. He asked the people not to lose the rich culture and social behavior, and reminded the gathering about the importance of maintaining COVID-19 protocols.

Sukrunye Mini Hornbill-cum-Inter-Ward Tournament concluded on 21st January 2022 at Phek Local Ground.

The valedictory guest speaker, DRDA Project Director, Razukhru Vasa appreciated the society for taking part in various activities and congratulated the players who had won in various categories of sports.

During the Inter-Ward Tournament 2022, the indigenous games played were log cutting, traditional fire making, bamboo stilt race, folk song, greased bamboo pole race, bamboo pole race, tug of war (women) and tug of war (men).



Project Director, DRDA Phek, Razukhru Vasa handing over the 17th Inter-Ward Football Tournament Champions' Trophy to Zion Ward at Local Ground, Phek town on 21st January 2022.

MIMKUT MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2022 HELD AT AHTHIBUNG TOWN

The first Ahthibung Sub-Division Mini Hornbill-cum-Mimkut Festival was held at Ahthibung town, Peren on 17th January 2022 with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the special guest.

Speaking at the programme Advisor, Namri Nchang urged the gathering to celebrate the occasion to the fullest with fruitful meaning. He said that the first priority is to educate youngsters about the true meaning of festival, and their local dialect in order to preserve one's culture and unique identity. He asked the people to stay active in every role by educating the upcoming generation. The Advisor also spoke on the importance of COVID-19 vaccine and encouraged the





Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang addressing the gathering during the Mimkut Mini Hornbill Festival at Ahthibung town, Peren on 17th January 2022.

mass to take the COVID-19 issue seriously and maintain COVID appropriate behaviour.

The Advisor added that the present Government is trying its best to take up various developmental work in the area and encouraged the gathering to remain supportive of the Government. The Advisor was accompanied by District Administration, police, government officials and public leaders.

SDO (C), Ahthibung, Vekusheyi Rhakho who graced the inaugural function held on 16th January 2022 said, Nagaland is known as the 'Land of Festivals' and every tribe have one or more festivals celebrated year round for varied reasons. With the celebration of 'Mimkut Festival' which is the post-harvest festival of the Kukis, he urged the Kuki community to remember and remind each other of the good traditions, practices and values of their ancestors and also preserve and promote their rich cultural heritage.

FIRST TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The first District Planning & Development Board meeting of Tseminyu district was held on 17th January 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Tseminyu.

Addressing the meeting, Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing thanked Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for upgrading Tseminyu sub-division to district. He requested all the Heads of Departments under Tseminyu district to be responsible for all round development of the district. DC, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekoulie Chusi, IAS asked all the departments under Tseminyu to submit their staff incumbency list to DC's office immediately.

30th NASA-D GAMES & SPORTS EVENT HELD

The opening ceremony of the 30th Northern Angami Sports Association (NASA) Group -D Games & Sports event was held at Botsa village, Kohima on 18th January 2022. NASA Group-D, comprising of 12 villages marched to start the first day of the event with Associate Vice President, Athletic Federation of India and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha as the special guest.

Metha stressed that games and sports have become one of the most watched and awaited activities globally. Unlike the bygone days where sports was considered a hobby or a recreation or fitness activity, it has now become the most recognized profession and a prominent career to pursue.

Metha remarked that games and sports unite people, it brings more country together under one platform than any other human activity on earth. He also briefed on the potential of excelling in games and sports, stating that a champion in their field gets immediate recognition



Associate Vice President, Athletic Federation of India and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha along with officials and players during the opening ceremony of the 30th Northern Angami Sports Association Group-D Games & Sports event at Botsa village, Kohima on 18th January 2022.



worldwide as well as a lucrative career.

Metha mentioned that the Government is trying to facilitate the infrastructure and resources for sports and games and added that, in the entire northeast, the first Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence will be inaugurated shortly at Sovima, Nagaland to provide a platform for the chosen sports person to get intensive training in sports.

'Nagas have the potential to become a champion, it is our aim and ambition that Nagas too become world champion,' Metha stated and urged all the sports person to acquire the determination and the mental strength to excel in their own discipline and to work hard, give their best to bring name and glory to our people and State.

BSF ORGANISES CIVIL ACTION PROGRAMME

SATAKHA:

111 Bn, Border Security Forces organised a Civil Action Programme on 18th January 2022 at Satakha town to cater to the needs of the local population, and distributed sports equipments, solar luminaries, RO plants and water tanks to the villagers of Kivikhu, Vishepu, Hoishe, Sūkhai, Ghukhuji and Satakha town.

GBs, council members and public leaders representing different villages from the neighbouring areas and Satakha town expressed gratitude to 111 Bn Satakha for the noble gesture and said that 111 Bn, BSF is endowed with a rare and unique history which has no parallel in the country, with different roles and tasks since its inception, presently deployed in Satakha, Zunheboto district (Nagaland). BSF has always been at the forefront by undertaking various welfare/development activities to win the hearts of local populace and boost the image of the force among the common people in accordance with the instructions issued by Government of India from time to time. Apart from its mandate of providing security to the local population, many events are being organised all the year round to improve and uplift the lives of people living in area of responsibility of the battalion.

111 Bn BSF, shares a very cordial and friendly relations with locals and has always risen to the occasion by providing medical assistance, masks/sanitizers, ration and other necessary items during the COVID-19 pandemic. The battalion also holds pre-recruitment training of eligible youths in order to help them to pass different recruitment tests conducted by various CAPFs/other forces.

Further, the public leaders said through regular interactions and visits on ground level, BSF tries to identify weaker and vulnerable areas where development is required and acting on the necessities, key areas are identified and picked, where BSF pitches in and assists in various possible means, to the local denizens. These gestures of BSF is appreciated and acknowledged and will go a long way in building a healthy environment among the local populace and the 111Bn BSF, Satakha, they concluded.

PHEK:

111 Bn BSF Satakha organized a Civic Action Programme-cum-Free Medical Camp on 22nd January 2022 at Sekruzu village, Phek. Sanjay Tandan, Commandant interacted with the civil population and distributed water storage tanks to villagers of Terhutsesemi and



111 Bn BSF Satakha organized a Civic Action Programme-cum-Free Medical Camp at Sekruzu village, Phek on 22nd January 2022.

Ruzazho and Battalion Medical Officer along with Community Health Officer, Health and Wellness Centre, attended the patients and gave away medicines to the poor and needy villagers. This gesture of BSF was appreciated by one and all.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 18th January 2022 at DPDB's Conference Hall with Phek Deputy Commissioner (DC) & Vice Chairman, Razouvolie Dozo as the chairman. The new members were introduced, the DC urged the members to give their best for the welfare of the people. SDEO (Education), Chozuba presented the grievances faced in education and the members deliberated on the issues.

KHAOZAOSIE HOK-AH-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2022 CELEBRATED AT NOKLAK

Khaozaosie Hok-Ah – cum - Mini Hornbill Festival 2022 was celebrated at Noklak Headquarter with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying as Special Guest and Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru as Host on 20th January 2022 at Public Ground, Noklak town.

Speaking on the occasion, H. Haiying said the Government is ready to promote tourism sector in the region so he advised the youth to practically contribute, and create a tourism friendly place. Seeing the potential of tourism in the district, he encouraged the youths to use talent and skills to improve tourism and also uplift their livelihoods. In all the developmental undertakings, he advised to take responsibility and co-operate with the Government in order to bring proper development in the district.

On the occasion, the Advisor called upon the gathering to rededicate themselves and unite for all round development and wished for a good harvest and good health.

Hiazu Meru said the district has a lot of potential in tourism sector. Accordingly, he encouraged the youths to give importance on tourism sector adding that tourism industry is the fastest growing industry in the world.

Superintendent of Police Noklak, Pritpal Kaur, IPS in her speech said, farmers are the backbone of the society. She advised the gathering not to exploit the natural resources instead preserve and protect the biodiversity. SP advised the public to learn and keep the traditional knowledge. She emphasized on the importance of getting patent for the district products.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou who also spoke on the occasion said, Khaozaosie Hok-Ah is an important festival of Khamniungan which marks the end of all agricultural activities of the year, a time to rest and to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest and triumph over adversities, all throughout the year.

Folksong was presented by Khamniungan Menyiu Hoikam, Noklak town unit. Invocation prayer was pronounced by Hempao Lam, ES KBCA and benediction prayer by Pastor, LBC NT, A. Penglang. The programme started with 'paying of tribute' of those persons who lost their lives on 4th December 2022 at Oting. Cultural troupes display of traditional dance and song, followed by Khaozaosie Hok-Ah feast, marked the celebration.



Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying along with others taking part in the celebration of Khaozaosie Hok-Ah-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival at Public Ground, Noklak town on 20th January 2022.



WOKHA DPDB DELIBERATES ON DISTRICT HEALTHCARE ISSUES

The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 20th January 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman, DPDB and DC Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

During the meeting the Board recommended the registration of society - NNM Foundation, Pangti village for consideration to higher authority.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Tumchobeni Kikon while presenting the district COVID-19 scenario stated that the oxygen plant at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital remain non-functional due to shortage of power supply (electricity), and sought the intervention of the Board. While deliberating on this issue, DC said that inspite of repeated effort from the Wokha DPDB and DTF for COVID-19, installation of separate transformer for the Hospital was unsuccessful, whereby the Board has requested the Department concerned to install the same at the earliest as various healthcare equipments/facilities installed at the Hospital has become non-functional.

M/S District Hospital while briefing on the preparedness status on COVID-19 stated that at present the Hospital has ten (10) ICUs, four (4) Isolation and nine (9) beds. The CMO also requested all concerned to spread awareness and encourage and motivate the public to get vaccinated.

Department of Industries & Commerce while presenting PowerPoint highlighted the various schemes and activities undertaken by the Department.

DISTRICT SKILL COMMITTEE DISCUSSES FUTURE PLAN

Wokha District Skill Committee meeting was held on 20th January 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha to discuss the skill development plan and to evaluate the skill gaps and to deliberate upon the road map for meeting the skill requirements of the district.

Principal, Government ITI, Enchi Lkr; Public Relations Officer, Assam Rifles, Anand Kumar; Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dr. H. Moakum; General Manager, DIC, Nchumbemo Patton; District Agriculture Officer, R. Santsu Kithan; Team Metamorphosis, Chairperson, Charity Club Multipurpose Society, Mhalo Ezung; President, Wokha District Village Council Chairman Association, K. Vandan Erui; ADPM, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Samuel Kitha; DPA, NECTAR, Chumben; EAC Wokha, Yentinonglau; President, Wokha District Entrepreneurship Association; representatives from ATMA, Fisheries Department, Horticulture, Renchen Women Welfare Society and other members were present during the meeting.

A detailed presentation regarding District Skill Committee was given by Anuranjan Singh, Fellow from Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India in the meeting. DC directed each department to immediately submit a report on the ongoing activities. He emphasized the need to capacitate more people with the skill of varied trades and directed for giving wide publicity to the programme. He also asked the concerned departments to formulate their plans for District Skill Development Plans (DSDP) for the next two years.

THONOKNYU TOWN CULTURAL CLUB FOUNDATION DAY HELD

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo graced the Thonoknyu Town Cultural Club Foundation Day on 21st January 2022 at Public Ground, Thonoknyu. Speaking on the occasion, Khumo encouraged the gathering to preserve the traditional custom and heritage of their forefathers, and to maintain friendly relations

with others through the Cultural Club, and bring reconciliation and unity to the people living at Thonoknyu Headquarter under Noklak district.

Speech on 'Significance of the Cultural Club' was delivered by Advisor, TCC, Liang. Head GB Putsoi and SDO (Civil), Thonoknyu Headquarter, Longtiba L Sangtam also exhorted the gathering. Welcome Address was given by President Cultural Club, Y. Yaolai while the Vote of Thanks was pronounced by Vice Chairman, TTAC, C. Pushou.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATED

OLD RIPHIM VILLAGE, WOKHA:

'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Week - The Daughters of New India' was celebrated at the Village Council Hall, Old Riphim village organized by the District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK), Wokha under BBBP on 23rd January 2022.

Speech on the importance of girl child education was delivered by Anuranjan Singh, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, who said that parents should not decide their children's career, rather they should encourage and support them to choose and make their own career path which he said will eventually lead to healthy society for the girl child to grow.

Village Council Chairman, Village Development Secretary, Arunna, representative of NIRD, Hyderabad, Council Members, VDB Members, School Management Committee Chairman, Self Help Groups (SHGs), ASHA, Anganwadi workers and other members also attended the programme.



'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Week - The Daughters of New India' was celebrated at the Village Council Hall, Old Riphim village, Wokha on 23rd January 2022.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Celebrating the National Girl Child Day, a programme was organized by District Administration & District Level Centre for Women, Mahila Shakti Kendra – Beti Bachao Beti Padhao(BBBP), Mokokchung at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 24th January 2022.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir released the BBBP Calendar and delivered a short speech, while Dr. Imlirena Walling exhorted the gathering.



Officials and participants during the celebration of National Girl Child Day at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 24th January 2022.

As part of the celebration programme, Inter-School Extempore Speech Competition was held, where students from different schools in Mokokchung town participated. Social Welfare Officer, Mokokchung, Moamenla Longkumer delivered the welcome speech and special number was presented by Liju Achumi, winner of the Stage, Nagaland Season 2.

Winners of the Extempore Speech Competition are as follows: First Position, Moasungla Jamir of Jubilee Memorial School; Second Position, Yimdangjungla of Eden Academy; and Third Position, Aditi Singh of Jubilee Memorial School. SDO (C), Mokokchung, Sentilong Ozukum presented the awards to the winners.



KOHIMA:

The District Level Centre for Women- Mahila Shakti Kendra, Kohima in collaboration with the State Resource Centre for Women celebrated National Girl Child Day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, where Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Sarah R. Ritse launched a series of IEC materials and billboards at Nagaland State Social Welfare Board on 24th January 2022.

The IEC materials and billboards were developed by the State Resource Centre for Women and covers various commissions, services and schemes under the Department such as Nagaland State Commission for Women, State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Child Protection Services, schemes under the NSSWB- 181- Women Helpline, BBBP, OSC, etc.

LONGSA VILLAGE, WOKHA:

To commemorate National Girl Child Day, Wokha organised an awareness programme on Substance Abuse and Teenage Pregnancy at Longsa village. I. Yentinoungbou, EAC, Wokha in his keynote address, exhorted the participants to hear the voice of girls and women in the society and not to suppress it. He addressed the problem of inheritance that is plaguing the Naga society. Commenting on property rights, he encouraged the participants to give equal share to their daughters as they are also their offspring just like their sons.

Dr. Thungjamo, Medical Officer of Nyiro Primary Health Centre speaking on the impact of substance abuse disorder, mentioned the factors that lead to substance abuse in an individual and how parents as well as the society can work together in helping an individual fight against this disorder. He also encouraged the participants to involve themselves in such kind of awareness programmes so as to help themselves or someone who are in need of intervention.

Speech on the importance of girl child education was also delivered by Anuranjan Singh, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India. He stated that parents should not decide their children's career, rather they should encourage and support them to choose and make their own career path which he said will eventually lead to healthy society for the girl child to grow.

Dr. Thungdeno Murry, Medical Officer (AYUSH), Chukitong delivered a speech on the impact of teen pregnancy. She stated that because of teen pregnancy, many of the young teens are unable to continue their education leading to higher dropout rates in the district. She shared that Wokha district has the highest number of teen pregnancy compared to other districts of Nagaland, and the need of our society is to wake up and take action in preventing this problem. She also shared on the importance of providing sex education to young boys and girls by their parents. She called on the parents to keep aside their hesitancy and uneasiness in talking about this in the family and to speak openly to them, so that their children will be equipped with proper knowledge and hence, prevent teen pregnancy.

LONGLENG:

In view of National Girl Child Day 2022, District Administration & Mahila Shakti Kendra-District Level Centre for Women, Longleng conducted several activities during the celebration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao(BBBP) -week long campaign from 21st - 26th January 2022. The main aim of the campaign is to spread awareness on issues of inequalities that a girl faces, to empower girls and to enlighten about the rights of a girl child.

Opening ceremony was held at DC's Conference Hall with the launching of digital campaign for BBBP & BBBP Challenge (video) to re-enroll girls for education. It was followed by social media campaign, celebration of girl child birth at District Hospital, distribution of safety kits to ASHA and Anganwadi workers, celebration of national girl child-cum-award ceremony for best school monitoring committee and best NGOs in recognition of their inputs in education,



distribution of IEC material, poster & signature campaign, special programme for girl students who could not pay their fees due to pandemic (twelve (12) girl students fees were sponsored by District Administration & DTF BBBP, Longleng) and tournaments (chess, carrom and badminton) for girls were held. In badminton, the first position was bagged by Moimei and Theila Phom, in chess the first position was bagged by Yimshet Phom and in carrom the first position was bagged by Moidan Phom. The winners were awarded with medals, cash prizes and certificates. A total of 38 girls participated in the tournament.

MON:

The District Administration, Mon in collaboration with DLCW-MSK observed week long celebration of Girl Child Week under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao from 21st - 25th January 2022. The following activities were taken up during the week long campaign:

On 21st January 2022, awareness seminar on women centric schemes and programmes was held at Jakphang village. On 22nd January 2022, Badminton Coaching Camp for girls in collaboration with MDBA was conducted.

On 23rd January 2022, awareness seminar on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for adolescent girls was held. On 24th January 2022, National Girl Child Day was celebrated at Longchang village. On 25th January 2022, awareness on cyber crime and safety for girls/women was organized at Wangkhao Government College, self - defense classes for girls, a session on Business Skills for Women Entrepreneurs with resource person, Lezo Putsure, and a painting competition was also conducted.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The first Pughoboto Sub-Division Development & Planning Board (SDPDB) meeting for the year 2022 was held under the chairmanship of SDPDB Vice Chairman & ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe at the DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 25th January 2022.

In the meeting, SMO, CHC, Pughoboto, Dr. Easther Kath highlighted the vaccination for the age group of 15-18 years, which was started in the month of January. She also said that they are trying to tie up with the schools for vaccination after it reopens. PowerPoint presentation was given by Nagaland Health Project, funded by World Bank. The Health Project includes renovating water tanks, retaining walls in the health centre, etc.

OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AWARENESS PROGRAMME ORGANIZED IN PEREN

Out of School Children (OoSC) awareness programme was organized under the flagship programme of Inclusive Education, NIPUN Bharat, Vocation Education of RTE in Peren Town Hall on 25th January 2022.

Dr. Bijano Murry delivered the keynote address and Dr. Chumbeni Murry, Joint Mission Director, State Mission Authority, Samagra Shiksha highlighted the OoSC & Skill Hubs. Nukshi Angh, State Coordinator State Mission Authority spoke on vocational education.

Bendangsenla Jamir, Senior Sub-Divisional Education Officer-cum-District Education Officer In-charge proposed the welcome address. Limayangla Tzudir, Assistant District Education Officer chaired the community awareness and sensitization programme. Words of gratitude was expressed by Paulame Sephe, Assistant District Coordinator of District Mission Authority, Samagra Shiksha, Peren followed by interaction amongst the participants in the one day programme.



CULTURAL DAY-CUM-SÜHKRÜHNYIE CELEBRATED AT PHÜSACHODÜ

The 20th Cultural Day-cum-Sühkrühnyie of the Phüsachodümi Youth Society was held at Phüsachodü village, Phek on 25th January 2022 with Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha as the special guest.

Metha called upon the gathering to use technology for transparency and strengthen the foundation of education. He also urged, specially the youth, to use social media responsibly. He stressed on meritocracy so that the society can move forward, adding that students should work harder. Citing the example of Chekrovolu Swüro, he said the youth are doing well despite the limited resources.

Metha said that tourism is one of the biggest industries and stressed on popularizing 'Experiential Tourism' to strengthen the State's economy. On 'Phüsachodü Village Walk,' he hoped that it will bring the village not only in the Nagaland tourism map but beyond.

Advisor, Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA), Theja Meru, urged the youth to aim high and work hard. He asked them to be organised and have a sense of competition in all their activities. He encouraged the gathering to connect well with the outside world to bring the world at their doorsteps. Meru stated that we cannot be left behind, but must emerge as winners.

Director, Tourism, Ajanuo Belho encouraged the gathering to keep alive and preserve the rich and unique identity of the Nagas. She stated that with the launch of the Village Walk, it will promote rural tourism.

MLA, Dr. Chotisüh Sazo said that with tourists coming into the village, the youth can make use of the opportunity by engaging in various tourist related activities. He stated that the idea is to showcase the traditional village life and attract tourists through rural eco-tourism activities. He said that with the launch of the Village Walk, employment opportunities will be generated and the rural economy will also improve.

The event also saw various competitions in traditional folk songs and dances.

CELEBRATION OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV AT THIZAMA VILLAGE

The 1st Annual General Body Meeting of Chiephobozou Block Level-cum-Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at Thizama Village Council Hall on 27th January 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang encouraged the self-help groups to produce quality products to meet higher demand for better marketability. While highlighting the various schemes, he said National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) aims to alleviate rural poverty and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the rural people; NRLM seeks to promote sustainable community based institutions which will facilitate provision of financial services, economic services and other entitlements to the rural people.

The programme was chaired by Neitsonuo Kera, CBLF member, Rusoma,



ADC Chiephobozou, Vekhoyi Chakhesang addressing the 1st Annual General Body Meeting of Chiephobozou Block Level-cum-Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav held at Thizama Village Council Hall, Kohima on 27th January 2022.

importance of COVID-19 vaccination and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour was highlighted by Neikiesanuo Z. Peseyie, AC, SI/SD Chiephobozou, success story of AGEY was given by Vizobei-ü Theünuo, Seyiekhrielie Rio, BDO-cum-BMM, RD, Chiephobozou also gave a brief introduction of the programme, Arhenuo Pienyü presented a special song, vote of thanks was delivered by Vice President CBLF, Neilhousieü Soliezou.

3rd ANNUAL MEETING OF SHG MELURI BLOCK HELD

The Women Self Help Group Block Level Federation, Meluri Block's 3rd Annual General Body Meeting-cum-Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at Village Council Hall, Meluri village.

EAC, Meluri, Yitachu Thurr as the guest speaker dwelt at length on the theme 'Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity.'

SMO, Community Health Centre, Meluri, Dr. Chukhusie emphasised on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

The keynote address was delivered by Zapoyi Sapu, Block Program Manager, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission,



The Women Self Help Group Block Level Federation, Meluri Block's 3rd Annual General Body Meeting-cum-Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at Village Council Hall, Meluri.

Meluri Block. As per the statistics of the organization, it was recorded that there are 1284 members of SHG under block level federation of Meluri Block.

The programme was chaired by MBK Akhegwo VLO, Lichumla. Around 150 SHG members, public leaders and heads of offices under Meluri sub-division attended the programme.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON RTE ACT HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

Community awareness and sensitization programme under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, organised by Nagaland Education Mission Society, Samagra Shiksha was held at Mokokchung at Sangtemla Community Hall on 29th January 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir urged upon the teachers to focus on every child for developing basic language, literacy, numeracy skills which will help them to develop into better readers and writers. He also appealed to the leaders, teachers and officers to embrace innovation and changes in education and continue working hard to train the young children who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Khatoli, Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland. Resource persons of the programme were Dr. Khatoli, Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Vocational Education, Vilvino, SPL Officer, Inclusive Education, Samagra Shiksha, Puseto, State Coordinator, (Out of School Children), Samagra Shiksha and Kapu Chishi, State Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, NIPUN Bharat.



COMMUNITY HALL INAUGURATED AT CHENDANG SADDLE

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurated the Community Hall at Chendang Saddle under 56 Assembly Constituency, Noklak on 5th January 2022 in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru and citizens of Nokak district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor appealed to the VCC members to utilize the Hall for fruitful discussions to bring solutions, development and progress to the village, and also requested the Council to maintain the Hall for the welfare of all travellers.

The function was chaired by K. Sipong and welcome address was delivered by E. Thongsa VCC. Short speeches were also delivered by B. Namang, M. Somba and B. Pushin Mandal, President, BJP 56 A/C Noklak.

The Advisor also launched the upgradation of road from Chendang Saddle village to Noklak on EPC Mode NERSDS on the same day.

SUKHALU INAUGURATES GHATHASHI TOWN ROSTRUM

Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu inaugurated the Ghathashi Town Rostrum at Ghathashi Local Ground, Zunheboto on 12th January 2022.

Sukhalu congratulated the Ghathashi village people for the successful construction of the Rostrum and also thanked MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu for his contribution. He requested each and every individual to be responsible in taking care of the Rostrum as it belongs to them.

Sukhalu stressed on the need to improve infrastructure and literacy rate, and

reduce dropouts in government schools, he also expressed his desire to help the government schools in Ghathashi as and when the State Government gets the required resources.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu appealed to the Advisor to look into the Higher Secondary School upgradation in Ghathashi, as it is a priority for the students. He also encouraged the villagers to continue the legacy of being the recipient of Clean Village and Best Performing Village Council, which they were awarded earlier. He requested the villagers to continue to be honest and truthful and deliver through their actions.

ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe highlighted the shortage of teachers at Ghathashi Government High School and the need of a Headmaster. He also pointed out the need for drinking water facility and toilet for government schools and requested the Advisor to look into the matter and address the problems being faced by the students. He expressed gratitude to MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu for taking personal initiatives for the overall development of Pughoboto sub-division.

The programme was chaired by Vice Chairman, Adhoc Town Council, Hekuto Yepthomi. Welcome address was presented by GB, K. Yeshito Swu. Vote of thanks was delivered by VDB Secretary, Tokheho Achumi. The inaugural programme was attended by members of Ghathashi Town Council, Ward Chairman, GBs, Dobashis, church workers among others.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu, MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu along with others during the inauguration of the Ghathashi Town Rostrum at Ghathashi Local Ground, Zunheboto on 12th January 2022.

AADHAAR CENTRE LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

Aadhaar Centre in Longleng was launched at DC's office on 15th January 2022. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M. Shayung Phom in his speech asserted that opening of Aadhaar Centre was necessary to avoid misunderstanding in the fees charged and to avoid any problem in the future. One administrative officer was assigned to look into the affairs of the Aadhaar Centre to redress any issue. He urged the NGOs to extend their cooperation to the Centre and at the same time urged the Aadhaar Supervisor to be sincere and render their best services to the people.

In his keynote address, SDO (C), Longleng, Trongdiba T Sangtam highlighted the hardships faced by the District Administration to reinstall the Aadhaar Centre at DC office, Longleng due to various factors like clearance of pending telephone bills, connection of new internet facility, lockdown, etc. He informed that internet connectivity is expensive and therefore fee charged for Aadhaar enrolment or corrections will be a little higher compared to normal fees charged in other districts for which he urged the NGOs and civil societies to understand the issue and disseminate the information in their respective jurisdiction.

DAO, Longleng, Yongjang Phom spoke on the requirement of Aadhaar for beneficiaries in various central flagship programmes and its other importance. He urged the gathering to provide right information during the Aadhaar enrollment.

Representation from PPC, Phomla Hoichem and President, All Ward Union extended their appreciation to the District Administration for opening the Aadhaar Centre and redressing the hardships of the people.

ADVISOR TOVIHOTO INAUGURATES TRANSFORMER AND MULTIPLE PROJECTS AT WOKHA

Under the aegis of 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav the Department of Power inaugurated 132/33KV, 25 MVA Transformer and its Bay Equipments at 132/33KV Wokha Sub-Station along with 11 other projects downstream connectivity elements constructed under NERPSIP TRANCHE-1 on 18th January 2022.

Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi speaking at the inauguration function, said with the inauguration of such multiple projects the

Department will be able to provide 24X7 uninterrupted power supply, and he urged the people to generously donate/provide land when it comes to development so that the Department can implement more of such projects for the benefit of the people. He appealed to the people to check power theft, timely payment of electricity bills and initiate awareness programmes to conserve electricity for common cause.

The Advisor thanked department officials and others involved for timely completion of the works and handing it over to the people. He also added that because of the pandemic some other works/projects are getting a little delayed but works are in progress and will be completed very shortly and urged the people to extend support and co-operation.

Guest of Honour, MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry said everyone can contribute to the regularity of power supply by knowing how to conserve energy when it is not required, knowing how to pay bills in time and be a responsible consumer and citizen, then only the Power Department will also be more obligated to provide us with regular power. Dr. Murry while congratulating the Power



Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi along with other officials during the inauguration of 132/33KV, 25 MVA Transformer and its Bay Equipments at Wokha Sub-Station on 18th January 2022.



Department for the great achievement thanked the Advisor, Power on behalf of the Lotha community for fulfilling the needs and requirements of the people of Wokha district and the State.

The 11 other projects are, 33/11KV 5MVA at Niropen colony, Wokha, 33/11KV Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 1.6MVA to 5MVA at Chukitong, 33/11 Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 2.5MVA to 5MVA at Tseminyu, 33/11 Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 1.6 MVA to 5MVA at Pughoboto, 33KV extension at Terogunyu, 33KV line from Terogunyu to Pughoboto, 33/11KV Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 1.6MVA to 5MVA at Botsa, 33/11KV, 2X5MVA Lalmati (Zubza) Sub-Division, 33/11 Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 1.6MVA to 5MVA at Chakhabama, 33/11 Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 10MVA to 20MVA at ITI Kohima and 33/11 Sub-Station capacity augmentation from 10MVA to 20MVA at Industrial Estate, Dimapur.

Er. Tiameren Walling, Additional Chief Engineer (D&R) while presenting the technical report said the total project/package cost for the entire works was Rs. 141.7 crore.

ADVISOR KHUMO INAUGURATES THANGOUN VILLAGE COUNCIL HALL

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, Nagaland, L. Khumo inaugurated the Thangoun Village Council Hall, Noklak on 20th January 2022. He said the Council Hall is constructed for the welfare of the village people which is a long felt need of the village. He also appealed to the Council to be always truthful and do everything unitedly in a peaceful way, and cooperate with the Government.



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, Nagaland, L. Khumo inaugurated the Thangoun Village Council Hall, Noklak on 20th January 2022.

SOIL TESTING LABORATORY INAUGURATED ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS flagged off the Block Level Mini Soil Testing Laboratories at a function held at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2022. A sample has been set up at District Soil Conservation Office, Kohima including Static Soil Testing Laboratory (SSTL), Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory (FQCL) and Bio Organic Quality Control Laboratory.

The Soil Health Management Scheme is a flagship scheme of the Union Government monitored directly by the Prime Minister's Office.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam said it is a historic milestone for the State in general and the Department in particular as we are inaugurating three laboratories. He added that soil health is a technical issue and mentioned that 60% of the total population are completely dependent directly in agri-allied sector for which the Department has a huge responsibility for the upliftment of the people. He urged the gathering to take care of the facilities provided by the Government.

A brief technical report was given by State Nodal Officer, SHM, K. Khekiho Shohe. He said that under this scheme the Department has till date established 14 Static Soil Testing Laboratories covering all districts including 1 (one) at S&WC Training & Research Centre .

DIMAPUR:

Static Soil Testing Laboratory (SSTL), Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory (FQCL) & Bio

Organic Quality Control Laboratory (BOQCL) was inaugurated by Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye on 24th January 2022 at District Soil Conservation Office, Dimapur.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Aye stated that SSTL is an important and basic requirement and with this facility, it will be of great benefit to our farming community. Stressing on the importance of technological intervention in soil, he said a fertile soil can make a major difference in the quality and yield in agricultural and horticultural products. Aye also urged the Department to be more active,

responsible and to take care of the assets.

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining and NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam speaking at the inaugural programme, highlighted the activities and projects undertaken by the Department of Soil & Water Conservation. He emphasized on the need for everyone to be aware of the importance of soil health and encouraged everyone to avail the facilities. He also urged the agri & allied departments to give awareness to the farming community.

Director, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Zhekheto Awomi presenting the technical report, said that the Department has till date established 14 Static Soil Laboratories covering all districts including one at S&WC Training & Research Centre, Sechu and Seyochung. The Department is also partnering with IMD in setting up Automatic Weather Stations in Mokokchung, Zunheboto, Kohima, Kiphire, Longleng, Mon and Wokha, he added.

WOKHA:

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry inaugurated the District Soil Testing Laboratory on 26th January 2022 at District Soil Conservation Office, Wokha.

Dr. Murry congratulated the Department of Soil & Water Conservation as well as the people of Wokha district for installing the Soil Testing Laboratory. He called upon the farmers of the district to shift from traditional farming to scientific method for optimum production by taking advantage of the soil testing lab, which provides bio-fertilizer and fertilizer quality control labs for sustainable agricultural growth.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha who also spoke during the function, expressed hope that through the installation of the soil testing lab, people of the district will be benefited to a great extent and stated that now that the testing lab is at our doorstep, farmers should focus more on sustainable crop yield for self-dependency.

JSCO, Wokha Nzanbeni Jami while giving the technical report stated that soil testing, being an important component of soil health card scheme, the Government of Nagaland has set up the laboratory on a priority basis. The Department of Soil & Water Conservation has tied up



Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye and Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining and NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam along with other officials during the inauguration of Static Soil Testing Laboratory, Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory and Bio Organic Quality Control Laboratory at Dimapur on 24th January 2022.



MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry along with other officials during the inauguration of the District Soil Testing Laboratory at Wokha on 26th January 2022.





with Octopus Company which is based in Guwahati and has set up the lab and they will be responsible for servicing and supply of chemicals whenever necessary.

The District Soil Testing Lab is well equipped with machineries that can test 12 parameter, and machines such as distillation unit, nitrogen analyser, spectrophotometers, AAS, flame photometer, PH meter, EC meter, auto burette, mechanical shaker, etc. have been installed. A generator, wi-fi and water supply have been provided for smooth functioning of the lab.

JALUKIE, PEREN:

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba inaugurated the District Soil Testing Laboratory in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier and other dignitaries on 26th January 2022 at District Soil & Water Conservation Office, Jalukie, Peren. It was jointly funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India and Government of Nagaland.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Imnatiba said Nagaland is endowed with rich natural resources and 70% of the State population depends on agri-allied sectors and for any State to move ahead, the people need to depend on their own resources. The Advisor also mentioned that since the inception of Statehood, Nagaland has been receiving funds from various ministries in agri-allied sector and the vision of the Ministry is to make the farmers self-reliant. He also encouraged the Department to provide the best support and services to the farming community in order to produce successful farmers from the district.

Imnatiba further added that Peren district is blessed with rich fertile land and with the inauguration of the Soil Testing Laboratory, which is a new initiative, he hoped that it will help in the growth of the State's economy at par with the other parts of the country.



Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba along with other officials during the inauguration of the District Soil Testing Laboratory at Jalukie, Peren on 26th January 2022.





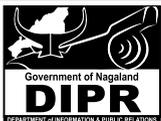
Additional Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Lankonsen Tsanglao handing over the Electoral Photo Identity Card to a newly enrolled voter on the occasion of National Voters' Day at Wokha on 25th January 2022.



Officials along with participants during the celebration of National Girl Child Day 2022 from 21st - 26th January 2022 at Longleng .



Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS flagging off the equipments for Block Level Mini Soil Testing Laboratories at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2022.



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