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Union Minister, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar during his visit to Molvom Pineapple Farm on 26th June 2022.



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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, dignitaries and government officials after unveiling the monolith of Chümoukedima district on 29th June 2022.



Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi with Advisor, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio and dignitaries during the inauguration of Niuland district at Niuland Public Ground on 28th June 2022.



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NAGALAND POLICE CAUTIONS AGAINST CYBER FRAUDS

Nagaland Police re-cautions the public against the various cyber frauds and crimes with the following Modus Operandi prevalent in the State:

- **Theft of identity and photos of the victims, often of well-known persons, which is openly available on the internet and social media, i.e. Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram etc. by fraudsters and accessing the contacts and mobile numbers of friends, colleagues, etc. from the official websites/contact list:** The fraudsters send phishing messages through WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, etc. asking the victim's friends, and colleagues, for help in the form of money transfers, common merchant card purchases, e-wallet transfers, etc. They may also solicit and recommend some fraudulent apps requiring the transfer and deposit of money.
- **Extortion or blackmailing/extortion of victims by contact/communication through the Facebook chat, WhatsApp etc:** Generally, the victim is convinced or persuaded to chat, video chat, or exchange photos through social media. The conversation or video may or may not be of sexual or of compromising nature and the scamsters resort to morphing their pictures and superimposing compromising pictures to harass and threaten the victims with dire consequences. The fraudsters are professionals and try to overwhelm the victims through various aggressive tactics and language. Some victims, out of alarm, make payments through various online payment apps, UPIs, etc.
- **The Bitcoin scam:** Potential victims are lured to invest/buy Bitcoins by fraudsters who entice the victims by sending messages and links, and also by hacking the social media accounts of friends of the victim and making it seem like their friends are endorsing the particular Bitcoin.
- **The Fake Online Shopping Apps and shopping Pages/Accounts in popular social media platforms:** The fraudsters lure the victims by offering attractive offers/discounts through their pages. After the victims make the payment, the delivery is not made.

The general public is being made aware of the widespread operation of such cyber fraudsters and is advised to remain vigilant and not be duped by such scams. The fraudsters are professionals and take extra effort to appear genuine. They operate through multiple identities, accounts, phone numbers, etc.

As reiterated earlier, Nagaland Police appeals to the general public not to transfer money without completely verifying the authenticity of the account, be it through bank transfer, easy money transfer Apps, UPIs, e-Wallets, etc. and not to accept requests from strangers without verification, no matter how genuine and attractive they may appear, and not to fall for advertisements or links for Bitcoins, Online Game Prizes/Gifts, Lottery, Cash Back, Easy Loans, Stock Market Investment Scams, Quick Returns, etc.

NBOCWFB INFORMS ON 1% CESS

Consequent to the consultative meeting of Engineering Departments, under the Government of Nagaland with NBOCW Welfare Board and Department of Finance, Government of Nagaland, all establishments including Government Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, etc. liable to pay 1% cess

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as prescribed by the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act 1996, may deposit the cess amount through the designated portal of the Welfare Board.

The deposit can be done through the following link: <https://nbcow.nagaland.gov.in>. Further, the step by step user manual can be downloaded from the following link: <https://nbcow.nagaland.gov.in/user-manual>, or the same may be deposited to NBOCW Welfare Board Account No: 32121287499 with IFSC Code: SBIN0000214. Moreover, a slip/copy of the deposit may be notified to the Head Office.

NBOCW Welfare Board does not engage a third party for the collection of Cess.

AGRICULTURE BULLETIN

Sl. No.	Crop Category	Crop	Time for sowing	Seed Rate and Spacing	Spacing
1.	Cereals	Maize (HYV)	March-April	20-25 Kg/ha	25-30 cm x 60-75 cm (RxP)
		Upland Paddy	April-May/Kharif	35-45 Kg/ha	20 x 10 cm (RxP)
		Irrigated Paddy Lowland Paddy	May-June June-July		
2.	Oilseeds	Soyabean	June-Mid and High altitude 1 st week of July in lower altitude	60-70 Kg/ha	45-60 cm x 4-5 cm (RxP)
		Sesamum	June-July	5-7 Kg/ha	30 x 10 cm (RxP)
		Groundnut	2 nd week of May 1 st week of July	90-100 Kg/ha	Bunch-40 x 10 (RxP) Semi-Spreading-45 x 10 (RxP) Spreading-60 x 10 (RxP)
3.	Pulses	Kholar	Hills-February-April Foot Hills-August-October	110-120 Kg/ha	40-45 cm x 10 cm (RxP)
		Rice Bean	Late May to June	20-25 Kg/ha	50-60 cm x 15-20 cm (RxP)
		Arhar	April-June	15-20 Kg/ha	70-120 cm x 40-50 cm (RxP) 10-12 Kg/ha Short duration varieties 50-70 cm x 30-40 cm (RxP) Long duration varieties
		Chickpea	2 nd fortnight of October	75-100 Kg/ha	30-45 cm (RxP)

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ORENPOMO KIKON SWORN IN AS MEMBER OF NPSC

Orenpomo Kikon was sworn-in as a Member of the Nagaland Public Service Commission during an oath taking ceremony held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th June 2022.

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi administered the 'Oath of Secrecy' in the presence of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio. Meanwhile, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS initiated the proceedings of the ceremony.

FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN CHÜMOUKEDIMA DISTRICT

The State Home Department has stated that the various departments are currently still in the process of making their District Offices functional in a suitable manner in Chümoukedima district, and the same is likely to take some more time. Hence, in the interest of continuity, and ensuring that the various services being provided by the departments in the newly created district of Chümüokedima proceed in an unhindered manner, and to further cover up the period till the District Offices become suitably functional, it is temporarily provided that all the Heads of Offices in Dimapur district will also be considered to be holding additional charge of the Head of Office of the respective Department for Chümoukedima district.

The Heads of Offices concerned will further regularly report to the Deputy Commissioner of Chümoukedima whenever required to do so for the activities being undertaken pertaining to the department in the jurisdiction of the District of Chümoukedima, and will provide his/her services as a part of any Committee/Team etc. which may be required to be formed/constituted as per any instructions of the Government for Chümoukedima district.

AH&VS DEPARTMENT ISSUES DIFFERENTIAL FEATURES OF PIG DISEASES

With the occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the State, clarity on various pig diseases appears to be lacking amongst the public. Hence, to clarify and end the confusion of pig diseases, especially African Swine Fever, Classical Swine Fever & Swine Flu. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has informed the general public of the difference in the above three diseases as per enclosure.

This is being issued to enable the public and piggery farmers to take the necessary precautionary measures from the pigs as well as from a zoonotic point of view.

DIFFERENTIAL FEATURES OF PIG DISEASES:

Salient features	African Swine Fever (ASF)	Classical Swine Fever (CSF)	Swine Flu (SF)
Definition	African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious haemorrhagic viral disease of pigs (domestic and wild).	CSF is also known as Hog Cholera is an acute febrile septicemia viral disease of swine.	Swine Flu is a highly contagious viral respiratory disease in pigs.

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Causative organism	Caused by DNA virus belonging to the Asfarviridae family and genus Asfivirus.	By RNA virus of the genus Pestivirus.	By Influenza Type-A viruses of H1N1 strain.
Symptoms	High fever, reddening of skin of ear, tail, chest, abdomen, respiratory sign, skin necrosis, ulcer, joint swelling and death.	High fever, huddling, constipation followed by diarrhoea. Discoloration of the ears, abdomen or inner thighs and abortion in case of pregnant sows.	Fever, depression, coughing (barking), discharge from the nose or eyes, sneezing, breathing difficulties, eye redness or inflammation and off feed.
Mortality Rate	Upto 100%	Varies from almost zero to 100%	Varies from 1-4%
Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Direct contact with infected pigs. ii) Indirect contact via equipment, people and clothing. iii) It can be spread by ticks that feed on infected animal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Direct contact between healthy swine and those infected pigs through saliva, nasal secretions, urine, and faeces. ii) Indirect contact with contaminated pens, feed and clothing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Close contact between infected and uninfected pigs. ii) Sometimes transmitted to humans via contact with infected pigs or environments contaminated with swine influenza viruses.
Vaccination	Not available	Available	Not available in pigs
Treatment	No treatment	Symptomatic	Symptomatic
Pig to Human Transmission	No	No	Yes (Zoonotic)
Occurrence in Nagaland	Yes report (since 2021)	Yes report (endemic)	No report (no occurrence)
Prevention and Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Culling of infected pigs and disposal through deep burial. ii) Sanitization of infected areas/sheds. iii) Strict bio-security measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Regular and timely vaccination. ii) Strict bio-security measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Separate out infected pig from healthy ones. ii) Strict bio-security measures. iii) Disinfecting the bedding/floors.

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Dos & Don'ts	i) Do not consume dead animals. ii) No swill feeding. iii) Do not throw the carcass in the open or in rivers/streams/pond. iv) Report the matter to the nearest Veterinary Centre. v) Seek medical advice in case of fever in pig attendants.		
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NAGALAND PARASPORTS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Department of Social Welfare) has informed that Nagaland Parasports Committee has been constituted under the Nagaland Olympic Association. The Committee will look after disability sports affairs and promote disability sports in the State.

Members of the Committee are Convenor - Dr. Maongwati Ao; Co-Convenor - Kuputo Shohe; Member - Kezhaleno Phira; Member - Kuhoi Kevin Yephthomi; Member – Kezhaletto Zecho; and Advisor - Abu Metha.

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANTS (PIG) UNDER NECTAR TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION REFORM

School Grants are available for all 1953 Government Schools in Nagaland under the name 'Performance Incentive Grants' as part of the Governance and Capacity Building component of Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR), a project funded by the World Bank. Grant can be availed by the School Management Committees (SMCs) and School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs).

Focusing on the strong culture of community led development in Nagaland, the project emphasizes to reinforce the relevance of 'Communitisation' of schools and strengthen the community's role as guardians of public institutions. It has been observed that lack of information and capacity of the SMCs and SMDCs has hindered their involvement in the school system. Therefore, to build capacity and to enhance participation and promote commitment of the SMCs and SMDCs, the Performance Incentive Grants is being made available for all the 1953 Government Schools in Nagaland in three batches over a two year period.

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Recognising that every school is unique with varying needs, the SMCs and SMDCs are given the liberty to make their own need-based proposals (Action Plan). While the guidelines discourage major infrastructural works, the committees are encouraged to focus on improving and augmenting the school learning environment and undertake urgent repair and renovations. As part of community engagement, activities like monthly SMC/SMDC meetings, half yearly Parent Teacher meetings, outreach to dropouts and vulnerable groups have been made mandatory. The committees are also encouraged to come up with innovative activities and ways to revive indigenous practices through story telling sessions, hands-on sessions in handicraft, weaving, gardening, farming, etc.

Category of school	Total Grant Amount over 2 years in INR	Amount per installment in INR (6 months)
GPS	3,00,000	75,000
GMS	6,00,000	1,50,000
GHS	8,00,000	2,00,000
GHSS	10,00,000	2,50,000

Out of 1953 Government Schools, 1741 submitted applications for the first batch. A total of 743 applications were shortlisted for the first batch based on specific set of criteria after thorough screening of the applications. Orientation and Capacity Building for the SMCs and SMDCs of the shortlisted schools covering all the districts were conducted in the District Headquarters from 16th May 2022 to 24th May 2022. PIG proposals for 738 schools have been approved and the funds will be disbursed directly to the SMC and SMDC accounts by the last week of June 2022 post signing of the MoUs. The work implementation period is from 1st July to 15th November 2022.

In order to ensure accountability of the activities and works undertaken by the SMCs and SMDCs, a robust monitoring mechanism has been put in place which requires the committees to maintain all records pertaining to their activities in a Monitoring and Reporting booklet which comprise of easy to fill templates. Activity records have to be validated with date and time stamped pictures of 'Before' and 'After' intervention period and has been made mandatory for all categories of repair and civil works. All procurements should be validated by bills and vouchers in original. Surprise monitoring visits will be undertaken by Education Officials and Project Officials as well as the Area Administrative Officers to further provide any course correction steps if required.

In order to address the issue of accountability and judicious use of funds, an assessment mechanism has been put in place wherein the Area Administrative Officers have assigned as the external assessors who will conduct an on-site assessment of all the activities and works undertaken after the end of each installment. A 'Completion Certificate' will be issued if works are found satisfactory, failing which the SMCs/SMDCs will not be eligible for the subsequent installments. In the event of any misuse of funds, the SMCs/SMDCs may be blacklisted and furthermore excluded from availing future grants from the Project/Department.

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DR. NGANGSHI APPOINTED CHIEF WHIP OF NPF PARTY

In exercise of the powers conferred under Article V, Clause 10 of the Constitution of the Naga Peoples Front (NPF), Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu, President, NPF appointed Dr. Ngangshi K. Ao as the Chief Whip of NPF Legislature Party w.e.f. 30/04/2022.

KUZHOLUZO ELECTED LEADER OF NPF PARTY

In pursuance of the provisions in Rule 3(4) of the Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules 2019, the Speaker has been intimated that Kuzholuzo Nienu, MLA has been unanimously elected as the Leader of NPF Legislature Party w.e.f. 30/04/2022.

PARTIAL MODIFICATION OF PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

The Urban Development Department issued a partial modification notification to “Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2021 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, prohibiting identified Single-Use Plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential, by 2022. The Department further notifies that the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to impose a ‘Ban on Single-Use Plastic in Nagaland’ to eradicate the menace of plastic and the serious environmental and ecological challenges posed by the rampant use of plastics.

The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of earn/bag made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than 75 (seventy-five) microns in thickness w.e.f. the 30th September 2021 and 120 (one hundred and twenty) microns in thickness w.e.f. the 31st December. 2022. Further, a non-woven plastic carry bag shall not be less than 60 Gram per Square Meter (GSM) w.e.f. the 30th September 2022.

The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of following single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited w.e.f. the 1st July 2022:

- (a) Earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocool) for decoration
- (b) Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or Poly-Vinyl Chloride (PVC) banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.

All other clauses mandated in the ‘Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016’ and ‘Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021’ should be strictly adhered to.

All individual, institution and commercial establishments (educational institutions, offices, hotels, shops, restaurants, religious institutions/faith-based institutions, industrial establishments, banquet halls, etc.) and Central and State Government Departments/Agencies/Commissions/PSUs/Missions, etc. including Militaries/Paramilitaries in the State shall abide by the aforesaid ban and any breach shall be liable for penalties.

FTII CONDUCTS SCREEN ACTING TRAINING

A basic course in screen acting training was conducted by the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII) from 23rd May to 3rd June 2022 at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima. The 10-day online training was conducted by FTII in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations, Nagaland, the nodal department for films in Nagaland.

Resource person of the training, Anita Salim expressed her happiness at the progress made by the students. She hoped that the students will continue to work hard and make a name for themselves. Anita Salim is an alumna of FTII who has performed in various plays and has been conducting various workshops for students, amateurs and professionals since 1984. She co-founded of 'The Phoenix Players,' where she is also an actor, mentor and producer. Aaryama Salim, Anita's son, who is an actor, also took up a session.

During the course of the training, the participants were taught on various exercises on improvisation, visualization, imagination, monologue etc. They were also taught on how to get in character, interact and use their surroundings.

A five-day film appreciation course, conducted by the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations, Nagaland was held from 13th to 17th June 2022 at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima.

The resource persons for the course were National Award-winning filmmakers, Avinash Roy and Jasmine Kaur Roy, who have

collaborated under the banner, Wanderlust Films, and have produced and directed short films and documentaries for various national and international organizations like UNESCO, UNDP, UN Women South Asia, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Their documentary film, Amoli, won the Best Investigative Film at the 66th National Films Award.

Through the film appreciation course, the participants were taught to understand both the content and form of cinema. It enabled them to demystify the language of films and study its evolution. The participants were also taught about the creative and technical aspects of films. Short films and clips were watched and relevant aspects were discussed. Sessions on film grammar, screenplay, scenes, cinematography, documentary filmmaking, editing, etc. were taken up during the course.

FTII, Pune is an autonomous educational institute under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India. Set up in 1960 and operational since 1961, as a premier institution engaged in imparting education in various skills associated with films and television, FTII today ranks among the top 10 film schools in the world.

As part of the country wide celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav of Government of India, FTII has decided to advance the cause of film education by conducting online short courses, free of cost, for scheduled tribes participants residing in the State. It has successfully conducted trainings in smartphone film making and screenplay writing in January and April this year respectively.

**MEETING OF STF ON PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT
AND ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC HELD**

The 1st meeting of the Special Task Force (STF) on Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2021 and elimination of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) was held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 2nd June 2022 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS.

The Nagaland Pollution Control Board presented the draft Comprehensive Action Plan on elimination of SUP and discussions were made point wise on the Action Plan. Deliberating on survey and inspection, it was discussed that extensive survey for identified SUP waste generation was needed where the District Task Force will conduct extensive market survey for assessment of availability of SUPs in the market. Shops, vendors and commercial establishments should keep two separate bins for segregation of waste at source. In this regard, the Chief Secretary stressed on the need to update waste collection system, whereby separate trucks or trucks with separate containers/chambers are to be used for waste collection. The Board decided that each town/ULB is to have its own action plan according to its need and situation.

On the issue of checking and inspection, the Chief Secretary reminded the Board that intensifying inspection and monitoring of stockist and vendors of identified SUP should be carried out stringently, however harassments to vendors should be avoided. He suggested that pre-

information should be disseminated through the print and electronic medium. It was also decided that penalties on traders/vendors dealing with non-permitted plastics will be levied and collected on the spot.

For systematic identification and monitoring of SUPs, it was suggested and agreed upon that booklets along with samples of banned items shall be sent to all ULDs and DTFs for ready reference.

The Board agreed that due significance should be given to encourage the practice of carrying own bags while shopping, and also promote the use of jute bags as practiced earlier. In this regard, the suggestions were made to tie up with telecom service providers to serve reminders in the form of SMS, flash message etc. to encourage shoppers to carry their own bags while shopping.

The meeting agreed that tea stalls should use only stainless steel, glass, paper cups, earthen cups or any other permissible material other than plastic.

The Chief Secretary suggested that allotted selling points should be made at the entrance of markets for sale of plastic bags alternatives. The meeting decided that the Departments of Urban Development, Municipal Affairs and Rural Development should formulate its own working plan and bring forth the same for discussion and approval.

**STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NEW INDIA
@ 75-AZADI KA AMRIT MOHATSAV HELD**

The 3rd State-level Committee meeting for New India @75-Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav was

held on the 3rd June 2022 under the chairmanship of Amardeep S. Bhatia, IAS, Principal Secretary,

Health & Family Welfare and Chairman, NSACS.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Information & Public Relations, Social Welfare, Higher Education, Technical Education, NBSE, SCERT, Youth Resources & Sports, All India Radio Kohima (AIR), Doordarshan Kendra Kohima (DDK) and PIB Kohima.

The meeting highlighted the achievements of New India @75-Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav conducted in eight high HIV prevalent districts, namely Kohima, Dimapur, Mokokchung, Noklak, Phek, Peren, Tuensang, and Kiphire in a three-phased manner on three themes, namely HIV, TB and Blood donation. The District Level Committees were set up under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner in each identified district to carry out the activities.

The presentation on the overall achievements was delivered by Thejangunuo Theunuo, Deputy Director (IEC), NSACS. She highlighted that the campaign was carried out from August 2021 to March 2022 in the 75 identified schools and 75 identified colleges/institutes/Higher Secondary Schools (the 75 number each in consonance with the 75 years of India's Independence) in the identified districts. Through the awareness programme, a total of 16,264 students (youth and adolescents) were reached. During the various competitions that were conducted (Paint your thought, Voice your thought, Publicize your thought, Film your thought, etc.), a total of 1,212 students took part and 479 students were declared winners. The publicity of the campaign was supported by DDK, AIR, PIB, and DIPR.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND STATE RESOURCE CENTRE FOR WOMEN DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW MEETING

Chief Secretary J. Alam held a departmental review meeting with the staff of the Social Welfare Department and State Resources Centre for Women on 4th June 2022 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Room, Kohima.

J. Alam asked the officials to have proper coordination among themselves, ensure better governance, set targets, give more focus and walk the extra mile to achieve the desired goals. He added that the Government is giving so many facilities to the citizens, so the role as an official is to ensure that those facilities should reach the doorsteps of the people. He advised the officials to work in coordination with other

departments to ensure the development reaches out to common people. The Chief Secretary emphasized the need to have a banking account number for every citizen and asked the officials to put every head together to find the solution for any problem.

The State Resource Centre for Women since its inception has been actively working to fulfill its mission of carrying forward the mandate of the Ministry of the Women & Child Development (MWCD), Government of India which is to work towards the holistic empowerment of women through inter-sectoral convergence of schemes and programmes of the Government.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED

TUENSANG:

Flag off programme on World Environment Day 2022 was hosted by Tuensang Forest Division on 3rd June 2022 with MLA, Toyang

Changkong Chang as special guest.

Toyang Changkong Chang impressed upon the laws which are enacted in order to protect and conserve the forest areas and wildlife. He also



MLA Muthingnyuba Sangtam briefing the participants on World Environment Day at ADC's Office Complex, Longkhim on 4th June 2022.

requested the public to sustainably use natural resources so that future generations do not suffer due to our activities. He also highlighted the importance of planting trees to protect ourselves from the effect of climate change.

Saplings were also planted by the MLA and representatives from other constituencies. The programme was followed by distribution of plant saplings with active participation from various Government Departments, Village Councils, schools, student bodies, churches, civil societies and individuals.

Longkhim Range under Tuensang Forest Division celebrated World Environment Day by distributing saplings in the presence of MLA Muthingnyuba Sangtam, and Heads of Offices under the Longkhim sub-division. The programme ended with the distribution of tree saplings to all the Heads of Offices to be planted near their establishments.

Longtang village under Tuensang Forest Division also celebrated World Environment Day on 4th June 2022 under the theme "Only One Earth". SP Tuensang, Vishal, IPS graced the programme as the special guest. Moa, Chairman, GVMC also highlighted the Green Village Management Committee, Longtang, and its role and objectives in conservation practices. The programme ended with the planting of trees at

the village.

Chendang village under Tuensang Forest Division also commemorated World Environment Day on 6th June 2022 on the theme 'Only One Earth.' The programme was sponsored by ECS, NEIDA, Tuensang Forest division, NFMP, PHED, and JJM with Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang Kumar Ramnikant, IAS as a special guest. Saplings were planted in the Village. The programme was chaired by C. Bambou, President Chendang Students Union.

KOHIMA:

Government Middle School, Forest Colony, Kohima celebrated World Environment Day on 3rd June 2022. The programme was initiated by Eco Club of the school. The motto of this year's programme was 'Plant a Tree, Save the Earth.' The school carried out planting of 60 saplings of different varieties which were contributed by the Range Office (Silviculture), Kohima division and many other flowering plants which were contributed by various individuals.

As part of the World Environment Day Celebration 2022, the Kohima Forest Division, Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in collaboration with Kohima Town Club (KTC) launched the customized football jersey at the Conference Hall of Forest Office Complex, Kohima on 2nd June 2022.

The Divisional Forest Officer Kohima, Rajkumar M while launching the Jersey, highlighted the significance of the Jersey, which is

customized according to the World Environment Day depicting global warming. He said that using sports as a tool to create awareness amongst the youth to be more environment conscious is also one of the activities that the Forest Department is initiating so far.

Police Union Baptist Church organized a plantation drive on 5th June 2022 at the New Police Reserve, Kohima. Police personnel planted around 100 saplings at the church premises.

Speaking at the plantation drive, DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer IPS stated that the Police Department in partnership with the Forest Department has undertaken a massive plantation drive all over the State where ten (10) Police Units have planted a total number of 20,000 saplings this year.

NOKLAK:

In view of the World Environment Day celebration 2022 and as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Town Council Noklak in collaboration with Ward Union, District Administration, District Election Office, community based organizations, schools, and other departments organized a mass plantation drive at Noklak on the 4th June 2022. The plantation saw participation from all walks of life. Around 2000 saplings were planted in and around the town.

The Indian Red Cross Society, Noklak branch organized a programme of distributing sanitary pads to the women vendors of Daily Bazaar, Noklak town on 4th June 2022 at Noklak Town. Deputy Commissioner, Noklak Hiazu Meru, SP, Noklak Dr. Pritpal Kaur IPS, and Hon. Secretary IRCS, Noklak branch W. Lachumong handed over the sanitary pads.

To commemorate the World Environment Day

2022, a tree plantation drive was jointly carried out on the 4th of June 2022 by Nagaland Police and Noklak Range, Tuensang Forest Division where 2000 seedlings of fruits, ornamental, and assorted species were planted throughout Noklak. Seedlings were also distributed to DC's Office, CMO Office, Khamniungan Students' Union and the public in general. A total of 4800 seedlings were distributed on account of WED.

PEREN:

District level World Environment Day under the theme 'Only One Earth', was observed at Peren Town with Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier as the guest of honour on 7th June 2022.

During the programme, E. E. Power, Peren, Er. Tsiam Ndang declared Peren Town as 'Incandescent Bulb Free' and the signing of the declaration was done by various Wards Chairmen & CSOs of Peren town.

The programme activities include the planting of Fox-Tail Palm trees by persons above 75 years, distribution of T-shirts, and cleaning the town area by students.

As part of the 75th anniversary of Peren township, World Environment Day was celebrated on 4th June at Peren by conducting social work involving volunteers from all the wards. The social work includes maintaining Peren road from Peren town till Tesangki river, clearing jungles, filling up the ditches, cleaning the drainage, and planting cherry trees along the roadside. The machinery was provided by contractors and JSP Project Pvt. Limited & CGR Company to help the workers. E.E. PWD (R&B) Peren also provided machines and logistics support along with manpower for road maintenance.

Zeliang Students' Union Nagaland in

collaboration with Peren District Legal Services Authority also conducted a plantation drive as part of the pre-celebration programme of World Environment Day at Ngwalwa and Heningkunglwa mid-point on 4th June 2022.

PHEK:

In commemoration of World Environment Day, a mega tree plantation drive was held all over the Phek district on 4th June 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu said that the economy of the society can also be uplifted through the planting of fruit trees and called upon the people to nurture and look after them responsibly. The Minister stated the district is blessed with fertile soil and urged the people to protect it.

Chozuba Sub-Division under Phek district also organized Mega Tree Plantation in commemoration of World Environment Day in collaboration with Azadi Ka Amit Mahotsav on 4th June 2022. Students, government servants, and the public joined in the Mega Tree Plantation Drive. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Imokokla supervised the tree plantation in the office compound. Tree saplings distribution, plantation and cleaning of the areas were the highlights of the day.

Pfutsero sub-division under Phek district also organized a mega tree plantation drive under the theme 'One Person One tree' in commemoration of World Environment Day on 4th June 2022. It was organized by Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) in collaboration with National Highway and Infrastructure Development Co-operation Ltd. (NHIDCL).

The plantation was flagged off by Chairman,

DPDB and MLA, Kezhienyi Khalo. Around two lakh tree saplings were planted throughout the Phek district during the mega tree plantation drive.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator town under the aegis of Self Employed Women Association Shamator (SEWA) and Yimkhiungberü Arih Ako Shamator Area (YAASA) observed World Environment Day at Shamator on the 4th of June 2022.

A plantation drive under the theme 'Each One Plant One' and cleanliness drive 'Say No to Plastic,' was organized. The SEWA and YAASA members got together at the Public Ground, Shamator where tree saplings were distributed.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the Phom Baptist Church Association (PBCA) in collaboration with World Vision, India Longleng observed PBCA - Green Mission Sunday-cum-World Environment Day 2022 with S. Phangnon Konyak, MP Rajya Sabha, and Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland as the special guest and guest of honour respectively on 5th June 2022 at PBCA Conversation Hall, Nyengching.

Phangnon Konyak called upon the students and citizens to come forward and make Longleng the Champion and Warriors of Climate Change by following the initiative of the PBCA. She asserted that Climate Change is a global issue but we can respond to it locally in a simple way by planting trees and redressing the global issue. Pointing out that social media is a powerful tool, she urged the students to use it to encourage others by posting the initiative taking place in the district for global impact.

To mark the event of PBCA - Green Mission and World Environment day 2022, a two-day tree plantation drive was initiated along the roadside from Dikhu river to Longleng town jointly taken up by the District Administration, Phom Students' Conference, PBCA, and students body of Yachem, Noksosang, Yaongyimchen, Alayong, Orangkong, and Hamlikong. Phangnon Konyak also inaugurated the Common Facility Centre (CHC) building at PBCA Nyengching Longleng on 4th June.

ABOI:

Aboi Town Baptist Church celebrated World Environment Day under the theme 'Only One World' with ADC, Aboi on 5th June 2022.

ADC, Chumlamo Humstoe exhorted the gathering on the proper use of plastic as well as its hazards to the environment. He elaborated that the burning of plastics leads to air pollution and prohibited the throwing of waste in open spaces. He urged the public to maintain the directives from the government as these are all efforts for a sustainable Earth.

MANGKOLEMBA:

In pursuance of the undertaking by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India under Jal Shakti Abhiyan (Urban) 'Catch the rain where it falls and when it falls' and in commemoration of World Environment Day, all government institutions and schools within Mangkolemba town conducted a plantation drive within their respective office complex on 4th June 2022.

MEDZIPHEMA:

World Environment Day under the theme 'Only One Earth' was celebrated at ADC's Office,

Medziphema on June 3rd 2022.

To mark the World Environment Day, a demonstration plot was created in the Indoor Stadium where 36 trees (mangoes, lime and guava) were planted by CIH Department headed by Arvind Singh, Technical Consultant, CIH.

The programme ended with plantation drive from all departments planting trees each alongside the ADC's Office and also all the departmental office complex under Medziphema Sub-division. Around 500 trees of Jamun, Arjun, Tulip, Indian Peach and Bokul were provided by the Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department.

13th NAP (IR) BN:

In a run up to the World Environment Day 2022, the 13th NAP (IR) Battalion carried out a tree plantation drive in an effort to augment and sustain the Unit's genuine commitment towards environmental preservation and conservation efforts.

The Plantation Drive was carried out at the Battalion HQ by the officers, men, ministerial staff, medical staff, families and children of 13th NAP (IR) Battalion. Further, in an effort to stimulate change and in order to encourage school students and others to co-exist and thrive with nature in a sustainable manner, a tree plantation drive was also carried out through coordinated efforts under the initiative of Commandant, 13th NAP (IR) Battalion. Ben Longkumer with the authorities and students of Rajeswari Karuna School, Tzudikong and Government High School, Yajang-C.

NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI:

World Environment Day was observed by the staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi at 29, Dr.



Staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi observed World Environment Day at 29 APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 5th June 2022.

APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 5th June 2022.

Additional Chief Secretary and Chief Resident Commissioner Jyoti Kalash highlighted the importance of World Environment Day, global

warming, and the importance of protection of nature.

The staff planted fruit tree saplings (avocado, mango, mulberry etc.) around both the buildings at R. K. Puram and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road.

NWA FELICITATES WINNERS OF THE 1st AITWPF FEDERATION CUP



NWA felicitated the winners of the 1st All India Traditional Wrestling and Pankration Federation (AITWPF) Cup, which was held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh from 12th to 15th May 2022 at the Nagaland Olympic Association Complex Kohima on 6th June 2022.

Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) felicitated the winners of the 1st All India Traditional Wrestling and Pankration Federation (AITWPF) Cup, which was held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh from 12th to 15th May 2022 at the Nagaland Olympic Association Complex Kohima on 6th June 2022.

Secretary-General, Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) and Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation India (AFI), Abu Metha congratulated the Nagaland wrestlers and the NWA for bringing laurel to the state and winning the 3rd position during AITWPF Federation Cup. He said wrestling

is a traditional sport that our forefathers have played and brought them, communities, villages, and tribes together, and added that it is a sport that is deeply rooted in the Naga society, culture, heritage, and way of life and a part of our history and tradition. He emphasized that every

Naga citizen especially in areas where wrestling is played, is a stakeholder in wrestling and NWA but the real stakeholders of wrestling are the rural Naga population, he stated. He also called upon the players that with the prize money they have won, they can hire better coaches to be trained and become recognized international champions, and also to the officials he called upon them to document Naga wrestling as a sport to expose it to the world.

Information & Publicity Secretary, NWA & Team leader, C. Theyo said the Nagaland team comprised of 15 players from Kohima and Phek

won 21 medals altogether and bagged the 3rd position in Group Championship.

Advisor, NWA & Vice President, AITWPF, Mosonyi Domeh also said Naga wrestling should be imparted to children as a sports curriculum in schools and promote the sport by inviting wrestlers from other countries to participate during the yearly Hornbill Festival. He also called upon the wrestlers to strive and struggle to become professional wrestlers and not be seasonal wrestlers.

Certificates of honor and medals were also given out to the winning wrestlers by Abu Metha.

GOVERNOR FELICITATES TOPPERS, RANK HOLDERS AND ACHIEVERS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2022

Governor's Felicitation Programme for the Toppers, Rank Holders and Achievers of various Governor's Awards of HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2022 was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th June 2022.

Governor of Nagaland & Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi in his address stated that learning is a never-ending process and added, 'These Board examinations are only a milestone in the journey of education yet, and are the stepping stones to the larger life where one will soon have to make serious decisions about careers and professions.' He also reminded that Nagaland is punching far below its weight and that the high literacy rates were not translating into jobs, and urged the students to offer their best in their capacities to bring laurels to the State. He further advised to incorporate the best practices of other cultures, while at the same time showcasing the values and strengths of our own society and community.

Advisor, School Education & SCERT, K.T Sukhalu in his short speech stated that academic

excellence is an important aspect of success and urged to consider the use of academic prowess to address the needs of our community and the world around us. He added that the lack of regular physical classes over the past two years has had a tangible effect on formal education which was evident in the significantly lowered pass percentage this year. He urged the students to be achievers not only in academics but also in all social responsibilities.

Chairman, NBSE, Asano Sekhose in her introductory address, highlighted on the Governor's award which was initiated by the then Governor of Nagaland, Shyamal Dutta in 2004, subsequently, in 2010, the then Governor of Nagaland, K. Sankaranarayanan instituted the Governor's Award to acknowledge the young achievers of Nagaland. She briefed that the Governor's Award is given to the toppers of HSLC & HSSLC (all three streams), including Governor's Award to Achievers in MILs & Skill Education subjects, Governor's Award for Government School Students in HSLC & HSSLC,

Governor's Award for the Eastern Nagaland Districts in HSLC & HSSLC and Governor's Excellence Award in Science Study in HSSLC, NBSE Awards to HSLC & HSSLC toppers.

Later in the programme, the Governor presented the Awards & Certificates to the

toppers and achievers of HSLC and HSSLC. A special song was presented by Students of GHSS, Jotsoma. 'Inspirational talks' was delivered by Secretary, Finance Department, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS and Manoj Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Crime), PHQ.

AH & VS DEPARTMENT CAPACITATES POULTRY SATELLITE FARMS

Amidst the occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the State, the demand and supply gap of pork is likely to widen during the current year 2022 as it is affecting backyard piggyery farmers of the State.

Thus, to mitigate the shortage of meat in the State, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services is promoting Poultry farming which is having a shorter gestation period of marketing age and is also easily available and a popular menu in Naga cuisine. Accordingly, the Department capacitated 10 (ten) Poultry Satellite Farms under NEC project having a capacity of 300 Grower Birds per cycle on 10th June 2022 in the presence of Additional Secretary, Chisi Thou and Additional Director and HoD, Dr. Nsanthung Ezung.

The 10 Poultry Satellite Farms are spread across Dimapur, Chümoukedima, Peren and Nuland districts which can rear 3000 birds and

is expected to produce 7.13 tonnes of chicken for table purpose in one cycle of production. (i.e. after 2 months of rearing).

During the formal capacitation programme, the officials present encouraged the entrepreneurs to take up the farming with sincerity and dedication and to present their problems especially in technical matter through the online platform which is already created. Issues of bulk/retail marketing, farming economic, formation of tertiary SHGs and other forward & backward linkages were also discussed with the entrepreneurs.

Project Director, Dr. Simon Ao informed the farmers that not only the Satellite Farms, but through the NEC project, other Entrepreneurs, SHGs, Societies, Women Groups etc. can avail such facilities especially fully vaccinated Poultry Birds for rearing on business mode.

DGP NAGALAND UPDATES MEDIA ON OTING FIRING INVESTIGATION

Director-General of Police, Nagaland held a press conference at Rhododendron Hall, Chümoukedima Police Complex on 11th June 2022.

DGP John Longkumer reported on the Oting firing incident and said that the Special Investigating Team (SIT), which was constituted by the State government to probe into the incident has completed its investigation and charge-sheeted 30 personnel belonging to 21

Para (Special Forces). He stated that while the charge sheet has been filed, prosecution sanction against the 30 accused was still awaited.

The DGP reported on the lifting of AFSPA and stated that on the relaxation of AFSPA in some parts of Nagaland, the Special Operation Group (SOG) was immediately formed after the partial removal of AFSPA to take over the security of the State from Assam Rifles. So far, he said that all reports from lifted areas were normal.

He also informed that the State Police have launched a war on drugs in 2021. He said that the movement against drug trafficking aligned with the Government of India's Act East Policy

to make the North East region Drug Free. He further expressed happiness about the support the police were receiving from many NGOs in their fight against drugs.

VBDA OBSERVES WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY



Jawans from 78th Battalion CRPF donating blood on the occasion of World Blood Donation Day at Kohima on 14th June 2022.

Kohima, Bendang Imsong said that the significance of the day is to thank all the blood donors and to create wider public awareness of the need for regular unpaid blood donation. He appealed to the Government of Nagaland to take ownership and proactive role for more blood donation drives. Bendang mentioned that VBDA Kohima celebrated 10 years of existence on 1st October 2021 and it is a commitment for the members of VBDA Kohima that more needs to be done as part of

world Blood Donor Day celebration.

Voluntary Blood Donor Association Kohima observed World Blood Donor Day with the theme 'Donating blood is an act of solidarity, join the effort and save lives' on 14th June 2022 at Conference Hall, Red Cross Society building, Kohima.

CEO, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei launched the app which was developed by NK Square. Altogether 40 persons from different background donated blood on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day celebration.

General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland branch, Dr. Neiphi Kire in his keynote address informed that despite all developments, artificial blood cannot be prepared in any laboratory, it has to come from human body through blood donation. He appealed to the Government to support noble organizations such as Blood Donor Associations to strengthen and expand their efforts to promote voluntary blood donation in the State.

World Blood Donor's Day was also observed at Zunheboto on 14th June 2022 at Town Hall Zunheboto under the theme 'Donating blood is an act of solidarity, join the effort and save lives.' Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali was the special guest. The event was organised by Green Club Zunheboto and DAPCU Zunheboto in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Zunheboto district branch.

Chairman, Voluntary Blood Donor Association

CANSSEA ORGANISES CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON NPS

A capacity-building programme on the National Pension Scheme (NPS) with Resource Persons from the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts was organized by the Confederation of All Nagaland State Services Employees Association at CANSSEA's Conference Hall on 17th June 2022.

Joint Director, T&A Department, Amenla Jamir presented the facts and figures of NPS and its status in the State. She also said there are 30,408 employees with Permanent

Retirement Account Number (NPS) under the State Government and the delay in paying the employees' contribution to the NPS account poses a big challenge to all the departments.

The Nodal Officers and dealing assistants of NPS from various Directorates had an interactive session with the officials of the T&A Department. Numerous issues relating to NPS were clarified and the Board expressed the need to bring in more innovative steps to solve the problems.

EAST ZONE INTER SAINIK SCHOOLS SPORTS & CULTURAL MEET-2022 HELD AT SAINIK SCHOOL PUNGLWA



Major General R. S. Guraya, VSM Chief of Staff HQ 3 Corps, Chairman LBA graced the opening ceremony of the East Zone Inter Sainik Schools Sports & Cultural Meet 2022 organized at Sainik School Punglwa, Nagaland from 14th to 18th June 2022.

The East Zone Inter Sainik Schools Sports & Cultural Meet 2022 was organized at Sainik School Punglwa, Nagaland from 14th to 18th June 2022. Six Sainik Schools which participated in the competition are Sainik School Purulia-West Bengal, Goalpara-Assam, Imphal-Manipur, Punglwa-Nagaland, Chhingchip-Mizoram and Sainik School East Siang-Arunachal Pradesh.

The opening ceremony of the championship was graced by Major General R. S. Guraya, VSM Chief of Staff HQ 3 Corps, Chairman LBA as the Chief Guest, and Guest of Honour, Hardip Kaur Guraya were received by Gp. Cpt. R. K. Yadev, Principal SSPN. Several dignitaries including LBA members, Members of Old Boys Association

of Sainik Schools attended the meet.

The Outdoor Sports Stadium named after Dr. T. Ao, the renowned football player from Nagaland was inaugurated during the event.

The Chief Guest in his address exhorted the Cadets to find passion in sports so as to bring more laurels to the country. He apprised the young cadets from different Sainik Schools that education today has undergone rapid changes, and it can no longer be confined to just within the four walls of a classroom. He also said academic excellence along with sports, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities complements the process of education in order to become an effective leader and a responsible citizen.

NCA FELICITATES NAGALAND CRICKET TEAMS

Nagaland Cricket Association (NCA) held a felicitation programme at Niathu Resort, Chümoukedima on 18th June 2022.

Kechangulie Rio, President NCA said the main purpose of organizing such an event is to recognize and encourage the players on their achievements both at the national and state level. He said Nagaland Cricket has witnessed perpetual growth over the years and acknowledged the three teams i.e. Senior Men's Team, Senior Women's Team, and Under-19 Boys Team that have qualified for the Elite Group. All the 11 District Cricket Associations participated in the Inter-district Tournament held at Sovima Cricket Ground from 4th to 18th June 2022, where the Dimapur District Cricket Team

won the tournament and Wokha Team was runner's up. Group and individual prizes were presented for the event.

Special Guest and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha, while encouraging the players, also reminded them that once they wear the Nagaland jersey, they become the ambassadors representing two million Nagas. He said there is no shortcut in sports, one has to perform on the ground.

Short speeches were also delivered by Sachin Jaiswal, DC Dimapur, Abhinav Shivam, DC Chümoukedima, Dr. Watizulu Susumeren, Vice-President, All Indian Badminton Association, Renny Singh, former Captain of Indian Football Team, and players and supporting staff.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

Nagaland celebrated the 8th edition of the International Day of Yoga under the theme 'Yoga for Humanity' on 21st June 2022.

KOHIMA:

The event was organized in Kohima by the Department of Health & Family Welfare in association with CPWD under the Ministry of MoHUA at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs, Kaushal Kishore graced the occasion as the special guest.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, addressing the gathering, said Yoga plays an important role in the daily life of an individual both physical and mental. He said during the unprecedented health crisis, people have taken up Yoga to fight against different illnesses. Phom also encouraged the citizens to

practice yoga for a healthier life.

A live screening on the importance of Yoga addressed by the Prime Minister was also shown, followed by a common yoga protocol by Pantanjali Yog Samiti Kohima.

WOKHA:

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports in coordination with NYKS, NCC, NSS& BS&G organized the event in Wokha at the Indoor Badminton Stadium of Government Higher Secondary School. Officials from the District Administration, other departmental officials, and students took part in the celebration.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district conducted a mass Yoga session at DSCZ Stadium, Zunheboto. The yoga session was conducted by instructor Angukato from



Zunheboto district observed International Yoga Day at DSCZ Stadium, Zunheboto on 21st June 2022.

Cornerstone Higher Secondary School Zunheboto. The event was jointly organized by NYKS, NSS, and the Department of Youth Resources & Sports.

DIMAPUR:

International Day of Yoga 2022 was

BASIC FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING HELD ACROSS THE STATE

PEREN:

A two-day basic fire fighting training and fire safety audit inspection for different stakeholders under Peren district was organized by the Nagaland Fire & Emergency Services starting from 20th to 22nd June 2022.

The objective of the training was to spread mass awareness on fire safety, code of practice, Dos and Don'ts, etc.

KOHIMA:

The training on fire safety and prevention was held in Kohima at State Academy Hall.

Inspector NFES, Sedevizo Hibo said the main objective of conducting training and seminar is to create awareness among the masses to disseminate advisories to prevent fire incidents in institutions like hospitals, nursing homes, and other public places as well as private institutions.

organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, at District Stadium Dimapur. The yoga session was taken by yoga teacher, Kunjan Rani where students participated to mark the day.

Central Bureau of Communication, Field Office Kohima under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in collaboration with Pranab Vidyapith HSS and PYS also

organized the International Day of Yoga at Pranab Jubilee Auditorium, Dimapur. The yoga demonstration was curated by Krishna Andaji, State Vice President (BST). Yoga teachers were also felicitated during the programme.

He also informed that all the government departments and high-rise buildings, private and public, should be ensured with fire safety measures, adding that failure to implement such measures on the part of officers, owners, and proprietors of any high-rise buildings would be liable to prosecution under relevant sections of law.

During the practical session, Fire Safety Measures on Prevention and Protection from Fire Hazards was demonstrated by D. Angami Keyho, ASI NFES, and Rescue Techniques on Incidents and Disasters was demonstrated by Kenilo Khing, FM NFES

Representatives from various agencies and stakeholders from the State, and central government departments including government hospitals and nursing homes, schools, colleges, and educational institutions attended the training.

WOKHA:

The training on Basic Fire Fighting & Fire Safety Audit and Inspection was held at Tiyi Hall, Wokha. During the technical session, resources personnel from Fire & Emergency Services, ASI, Haying, ASI Yibenthung, and SI, Menose dwelled on various topics like basics of Fire Prevention and Protection Systems as per NBC 2016, and Fire Dos & Don'ts. Demonstration on the use of Fire Extinguishers was also displayed to the trainees.

PEREN:

Personnel from Fire & Emergency Services demonstrating the use of fire extinguishers during the two day Fire Safety Training at Jalukie 'B' village, Peren on 20th June 2022.

During the programme held at Jalukie 'B' Village Council Hall, resource person, ASI Peren, F&ES, Kedigumlung Thou spoke on basic fire

fighting, fire safety inspection and audit, handling of extinguishers, fire prevention and protection system, and forest fires. Later, a demonstration of different types of fire extinguishers was also displayed by the personnel of F&ES Peren.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The training was held at the Town Hall Zunheboto. The training programme was cataloged into two sessions a day, covering shopping malls, markets, hotels, churches, and high-rise buildings (15 meters above) including residential, wards, colonies, villages, etc.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire Fire & Emergency Services conducted an awareness programme on 20th June 2022 at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire. SI, Tsarose Sangtam highlighted the fire prevention and protection system. Some of the points highlighted and discussed in the programme were general exit requirements, arrangement of exits, number of exits, pressurization of escape routes, refuge area and fire lifts/fire tower. Later, a hands-on demonstration of rescue technique, fire extinguisher, and LPG cylinder was demonstrated by F. Andes. In the 1st session, the awareness training was imparted to the staff of banks and all government departments, followed by the 2nd session which was held for schools, colleges, hospitals, and various institutions.

**FILM ASSOCIATION OF NAGALAND AFFILIATES WITH THE
FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES OF INDIA**

A programme in honour of the Film Association of Nagaland (FAN) affiliation with the Federation of Film Societies of India was held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 22nd June 2022. Vice President, Federation of Film Societies of India Asia-Pacific Secretary, International Federation

of Film Societies, Premendra Mazumder graced the occasion as the guest of honour.

Premendra said there are over 350 regular film societies and over 150 campus film societies in colleges and universities all over the country. He added that the two prime objectives of film

societies are to propagate film culture and promote better cinema. He shared the struggles of filmmakers during the initial years of the industry and also highlighted the changes in filmmaking and screening processes over the years and the impact of social media on films. He highlighted the various film-related activities taken up by the Federation of Film Society of India all over the country. Mazumder also suggested various steps and initiatives that the State Government and FAN can take to promote the film industry in

Nagaland.

Wabang Moa, FAN Member, delivering his short overview of FAN, shared the history of FAN and the struggles of filmmakers in the past. Films personally curated by Mazumder were also screened during the event. Films screened were Khovrino (Russian), Goodnight Colombo (Sri Lankan), Far-Away (Indian), Silence (Bangladeshi), Sincerely Yours Dhaka (Bangladeshi), Karbala Memoirs (Indian) and When the Earth Sang a Song (Indian).

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON SCHOOL EDUCATION HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA



A one-day consultative meeting on School Education was held at Niathu Resort, Chümoukedima on 22nd June 2022.

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Addressing the gathering, Advisor, School Education & SCERT, K. T. Sukhalu said School Education is a very challenging department and the responsibilities of each district and sub-division are not easy. Worrying about the data submitted by EBRC, DEOs, and SDEOs which does not tally, he said that the government needs concrete and real-time data about the students and the teachers so that policymakers give proper directions based on the ground reality. He believes that the lifting of the NLTP

Act can generate revenue that could be used for education and health care, unless there is good infrastructure, giving smart TVs, computers and all digital equipment will result in getting things misplaced.

Expressing concern over officers who get too laid back in their duties, Sukhalu reminded them not to neglect their primary duty after working so hard to reach their positions. He emphasized the importance of human resource development stating that it is the most important resource. Calling special attention to foundational literacy, he advised the officers to visit schools under them at least twice a month and the Directorate

can also set up a cell where all reports can be submitted and analyzed on how and where interventions were needed to improve the performances.

Short speeches were also delivered by Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami; Deputy Director,

Nagaland Education Project-Lighthouse, Avelu Ruho about the World Bank Project, activities, roles, and responsibilities; Principal Director School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS on School Education, activities, roles, and responsibilities; and State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha on activities, roles, and responsibilities.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND COMBATING WILDLIFE CRIMES HELD



A one-day sensitization programme on 'Biodiversity Conservation and Combating Wildlife Crimes' for Forest and Police Personnel was held on 23rd June 2022 at the Forest Offices Complex, Kohima.

A one-day sensitization programme on 'Biodiversity Conservation and Combating Wildlife Crimes' for Forest and Police Personnel was held on 23rd June 2022 at the Conference Hall, Forest Offices Complex, Kohima, with the active participation of more than 50 officials from the Forest Department and Police Department. The programme was jointly organized by the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, and Aaranyak, Guwahati.

S.P. Tripathi Chairman Nagaland State Biodiversity Board presented the keynote address

and Bijoy Sankar Bora Senior Consultant, Aaranyak spoke on behalf of their organization.

M. Senthil Kumar, IFS, CCF (M&E), the Special Guest acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of Aaranyak in collaborating with the Forest Department and Biodiversity Board on Wildlife Crime Issues and Biodiversity Conservation. The pertinent issue needs wider awareness from the top to the grassroots levels and looks forward to a meaningful journey as we combat Wildlife Crimes.

Senior SP, Kohima, and Guest of Honour, Kevithuto Sophie, IPS emphasized on collective

roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders to contain and curb wildlife crime and conserve our rich biodiversity.

PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden and HoFF, Nagaland (Retired), Satya Prakash Tripathi gave a brief background of the programme and spoke on the status of wildlife crimes in Nagaland. A recorded message of Secretary-General and CEO, Aaranyak, Bibhav Kumar Talukdar was read during the programme. Senior Consultant, Aaranyak, Bijay Sankar Bora gave a background of the Aaranyak Organisation.

During technical session, FRO, NSBB, Savinuo Kikhi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Biodiversity Act, 2002 and the Nagaland State Biodiversity Rules, 2012. She highlighted the important provisions of the BD Act and the status of its implementation in the Nagaland context. Senior Manager, Aaranyak, Dr. Jimmy Borah gave a PowerPoint presentation on 'Overview of Wildlife Crimes focusing on rhino and tigers at the global and regional level' and 'Identification and understanding commonly used wildlife products in the region.' Project

Officer, Aaranyak, Ivy Farheen Hussain presented a PowerPoint presentation on 'Wildlife Crimes on rhino and tigers at the local level' and 'Modus operandi of common wildlife crimes in the region.' The resource persons made a PowerPoint presentation on 'Identification and understanding commonly used wildlife products in the region.' Chairman, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, S. P. Tripathi presented the status of wildlife crime in Nagaland.

The following points emerged during the evaluation of the sensitization programme -Continuity of such sensitization programme in future for Forest and Police personnel; Necessity of awareness on conservation of forest, wildlife, and biodiversity at the grass-root level; Funding to the communities for continuity of conservation works; Synergistic working of the Nagaland Forest Department, the Nagaland Police Department, NSBB, WCCB, MOEF&CC, Gol, Aaranyak, the WCS-India, and other agencies for creating awareness among the public for the conservation of forest, wildlife, and biodiversity conservation, with combating wildlife crime.

OLYMPIC DAY RUN ORGANISED

The Nagaland Olympic Association organized one-day Olympic Day Run event at IG Stadium Kohima on 25th June 2022 in commemoration of World Olympic Day under the theme 'Together for a peaceful world' with Metsubo Jamir, Minister, Rural Development as the special guest.

Speaking on behalf of Chief Minister, Nagaland who is also the President of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Metsubo highlighted the power of sports in bringing people together and acting as a unifying factor for people from all sections of society. He also announced

that the next edition of the Nagaland Olympics will be held in August 2022 wherein athletes from all the districts including the newly inaugurated districts will participate in various disciplines under the banner of the Nagaland Olympic Association. He further said that for the first time, selected Paralympic events will also be included, making it the Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Olympic Day Run was marked by races under several categories which included the 400m, 600m, 800m, and 1500m races for specified age groups for both male and female athletes separately.

UNION MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, on his maiden two-day trip to Nagaland, visited the CIH (Central Institute of Horticulture) Campus at Medziphema on the 26th of June 2022.

Addressing the gathering at CIH, Medziphema after inaugurating the Farmers exhibition-cum-Workshop, Tomar mentioned the immense scope and advantage of growing a variety of horticultural crops in Nagaland due to the presence of six agro-climatic zones with vast geographical variations in Nagaland in particular and North East in general. Narendra Singh Tomar expressed joy to be in the land which he said is rich in flora, fauna, and culture. Tomar observed that crops including pineapples, bananas, mushrooms, and Naga king chilies make Nagaland an important unique place in India, and encouraged maintaining global quality standards and increasing productivity.

Pointing out that Agriculture is the most vital source of livelihood, Tomar highlighted some of the State and central funding programmes and reminded the farmers to fully utilize the schemes. He expressed optimism that Nagaland farmers would give birth to a new revolution in Horticulture and also assured that CIH would not be shifted anywhere outside Nagaland and that the central government would continue to give sufficient funding for more progress and improvement of the Center.

On the occasion, the Union Minister released the extension folders published by CIH and also launched the ready-to-serve juice of Litchi, Mango, Lemon, Strawberry, and Pineapple made by NG Baio, founder of Hills Foods from Senapati, Manipur.

The programme was attended by Minister of Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye, APC Nagaland, Y. Kikheto

Sema, Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture and Women Resource Development, Anenla T. Sato, ICAR Officials, Scientists, Agriculture Officers from various districts, farmers, and exhibitors.

On 26th July 2022, Narendra Singh Tomar also visited the Pineapple Farm at Molvom village and complimented the farmers for the healthy practice of horticulture farming. Informing the pineapple farmers about the availability of tractors and farming implements at subsidized rates, Tomar encouraged them to avail the centrally sponsored schemes through the State Government. He also felt the need for setting up processing units for saving post-harvest losses.

The farmers submitted a representation requesting tractors and proper road connectivity covering a stretch of 15 Km to enable them to transport their produce.

Nagaland Agriculture and Cooperation Minister, G. Kaito Aye who accompanied the Union Minister, assured to provide the tractors. Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan, APC Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS, Horticulture Commissioner, DA&FW, Dr. Prabhat Kumar, officials from Horticulture and Agriculture Department, and several other dignitaries also accompanied the Union Minister.

The Mulsang Pineapple Producers Company HQ Molvom registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, accorded a grand welcome to the Union Minister and his entourage.

On 26th June 2022 evening, a cultural and musical evening and dinner in honour of Narendra Singh Tomar was organized and hosted by Minister G. Kaito Aye at Niathu Resort, Chumoukedima. Task Force for Music and Art (TaFMA) and IR Mahila Band entertained the gathering.

CLEANEST ULBs AND WARDS AWARD HELD

State function for cleanest ULBs and Wards Award 2022 Nagaland was organized by Urban Development Department at Capital Convention Center, Kohima on 28th June 2022 with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the competition is a challenge for everyone and it would carry a positive message. He stressed the need for awareness and cleanliness to make Nagaland garbage-free and added that the movement should become a way of life. Rio called for awareness from the village level to cities. He highlighted the need for innovations and initiatives in urban areas with proper roads, drainage, waste management, etc. He also informed that he would be taking up with the Department of School Education for imparting cleanliness to students as it is a civic duty.

The Chief Minister also released the Assessment Report and gave away the awards to the winners during the programme.

Best Performing ULBs were awarded in three categories. In Category 1, Chümoukedima Town Council was the winner while Pfutsero Town Council and Aboi Town Council were the winners in Category 2 and Category 3 respectively. Three special category awards were also given out: Best performer in terms of efforts went to Tuensang Town Council; ULB with best innovative solutions went to Pfutsero Town Council and Tuli Town Council won ULB with best community mobilization.

A visual presentation was presented by LiFE-NGO. Way Forward was presented by Additional Secretary, Urban Development, Elizabeth Ngully.

NIULAND DISTRICT INAUGURATED

Minister for PHED, Jacob Zhimomi inaugurated Niuland district on 28th June 2022 at Niuland Public Ground.

Zhimomi in his address to the citizens of Niuland district, acknowledged Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and the four other legislators from erstwhile Dimapur district, without whom the long-cherished dreams of Niuland district would not be possible. While acknowledging his counterparts, Zhimomi said the three districts - Niuland, Chümoukedima, and Dimapur are similar to Delhi NCR and suggested that only close coordination among them will usher development in the districts. He described Niuland district as the land of diversity that possesses huge potential for rapid socio-eco growth.

Remembering the pioneers, Zhimomi

said that the early settlers were the visionary leaders who faced tremendous challenges and many of whom have sacrificed their lives for the present generation. He also thanked the former legislators who have represented the district starting from 1964 till date.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise, and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio described the day as a red-letter day for Niuland citizens. He described Niuland district as the land of Milk & Honey, having huge potential for fast growth. He also reminded the citizens not to only depend on the government developments and urged the citizens, especially the elite groups from the district to start investing in their capacities and suggested that any development in the district should not be hampered by any organizations or Naga national workers.



Union Minister of State, Housing & Urban Affairs, Kaushal Kishore along with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland S. Pangnyu Phom and Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire during the International Yoga Day at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 21st June 2022.



Persons above 75 years planting a Fox-Tail palm tree at Peren on 7th June 2022.



Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer with officials during a tree plantation drive at Police Union Baptist Church, New Reserve, Kohima on 5th June 2022.



World No Tobacco Day was observed at Community Health Centre, Medziphema on 31st May 2022.



Commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the DEF Longleng organized a rally from Hukphang junction to Lempong junction on 25th June 2022.



School students participating in an awareness rally on women empowerment during the commemoration of 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, organized by the Department of Art & Culture, Peren on 22nd June 2022.



Fire & Emergency Services, Kiphire conducted a basic fire safety awareness programme at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 20th June 2022.



Demand driven skill development programme for the youths in construction sector was organized by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in partnership with Zynorique Initiative Society at Tamlu sub-division, Longleng from 20th to 26th June 2022.



As part of the 75th Anniversary of Peren township, a training programme on banana fibre craft making was organized at Peren Town Hall with trainers from Runway Nagaland, Dimapur in collaboration with the District Skill Committee Peren.

Others who spoke on the occasion are Rovilatuo Mor IAS, Commissioner, Nagaland; Shikaho Zhimomi, President WSH; Jepitoshe L. Jakha, President NDGBA; Ngukato Chishi Chairman, KGKK; Vikato Achumi, President,

KTKK; Sheyipu Zhimomi, President, AAGBA; Tokishe Zhimomi, Chairman, NAKK; and President, Yimkhiung tribe Old Showuba. Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Phughoto Sema, Executive Secretary WSBK.

CEO NAGALAND INAUGURATES TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DCs AND DEOs

A two-day training programme for the Deputy Commissioners and District Election Officers was inaugurated by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS at the Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th June 2022. The programme was conducted as per the directions of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The CEO in his inaugural address, emphasized the important role played by the district electoral machinery headed by the Deputy Commissioners and District Election Officers in the overall conduct and management of the entire electoral process. He stated that election management and related work is a good area to serve society. He hoped that all concerned will benefit from the knowledge of the resource persons and also enjoy their visit to Nagaland.

The two-day training programme was conducted by Resource Persons from the Election Commission of India (ECI) and India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) to equip District Election Officers with knowledge and skill for the forthcoming General Election to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The various sessions include District Election Management Plan (DEMP)/Booth-Level Election Management Plan (BEMP), Vulnerability Mapping, Systematic Voter Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP), Model Code of Conduct (MCC), IT applications, Media Certification & Monitoring Committee (MCMC) & Paid News, Law & Order, Expenditure Monitoring and Accounts on Election Expenditure.

NATIONAL STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATED

Statistics Day is celebrated every year on 29th June in recognition and to honor the birth anniversary of late professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis for his notable contribution in the field of Economic Planning and Statistics. Statistics Day is celebrated to popularize the use of statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how it helps in shaping and framing policies, and also to create awareness among the younger generation on the role and importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for the development of the country.

The Director along with the officers

and staff of the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland celebrated Statistics Day in physical-cum-virtual mode at the Directorate's Conference Hall by joining the live streaming of the 16th Statistics Day, 2022 convened at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the theme 'Data for sustainable development.'

The programme was addressed by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programmes Implementation, Ministry of Planning & Minister of State, M/o Corporate Affairs, Rao Inderjit Singh.

CM RIO INAUGURATES CHÜMOUKEDIMA DISTRICT

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Chümoukedima district on 29th June 2022, making it the 16th district in the State.

In his address, Rio stated that Chümoukedima was historically significant as it was known as 'Samokidima' way back in 1866, and later on, when Dimapur district was created in 1997, Chümoukedima was made its headquarters.

Recalling the public opposition to shifting the DC's Office Dimapur to Chümoukedima, Rio said any differences should be peacefully settled through negotiations and for which, the government tasked all the five legislators from Dimapur headed by Deputy CM to have a consultation with the leaders and to advise the government on the matter. Accordingly, all the legislators suggested creating two new separate districts and so, the government after thorough discussion and deliberation decided to create Niuland and Chümoukedima as separate districts for the sake of administrative convenience and named Niuland the 'Land of diversity' and Chümoukedima as the 'Land of opportunities.' The CM urged the three districts to work in close coordination and stated that Dimapur CP will oversee the three districts regarding the law and order.

The CM reminded the gathering that Chümoukedima is fortunate to have well-established central institutions and three universities i.e. Global ICFAI and St. Joseph Universities and several good colleges in the district, adding that Chümoukedima can become the intellectual hub in the State.

Nagaland being a tribal state from the beginning, many districts in the State have been created on tribal aspirations. The districts of Shamator and Tseminyu were created and Shamator has been named as the 'Land of brotherhood' and Tseminyu as the 'Historical district.'

While urging the denizens to choose the path of unity and peaceful coexistence, Rio thanked the western Sumi Hoho and Chakhroma Public Organization for ironing out the past differences and ushering peace and unity between the two tribes and appealed to other tribes to emulate the same. In regard to urban and rural local bodies, Rio made it clear that the 73rd Amendment does not apply to our State and so, the VDBs and Village Council members are selected according to our traditional practices, and reiterated that the 94th Amendment is applicable in our State and for which our traditional practices of selection cannot and will not be imposed in municipal and town council elections.

Short speeches were also delivered by Jacob Zhimomi, Minister of PHED; MLA Azheto Zhimomi; Rovilatuo Mor IAS, Commissioner, Nagaland; President, Chakhroma Public Organisation; President, Western Sumi Hoho; VCC, Chümoukedima village. Thungchio Lotha, Pastor, Lotha Baptist Church Chümoukedima, and A. Zakaria, Pastor, Chang Baptist Church Chümoukedima pronounced invocation and benediction respectively.

DISTRICTS OBSERVE WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

ABOI, MON:

World No Tobacco Day was observed at Aboi town on 31st May 2022.

World No Tobacco Day was observed at Aboi town on 31st May 2022. A campaign in the form of a PowerPoint presentation was held at Aboi Police Station with the police personnel and CHC Aboi with medical staff in the presence of ADC Aboi, Chumlamo Humtsoe, and NGO leaders. Speech and drawing competitions were held. On the day, CHC Aboi and Wangka High School were declared Tobacco/Smoke-Free Zone.

AHTHIBUNG, PEREN:

The District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Peren organized World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2022 at Ahthibung Town Hall, Peren with ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang as the

special guest. The day was celebrated with the theme – ‘Tobacco - A threat to our environment.’

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang exhorted the students and the community to abstain from the things that can harm both their health and the environment. He also highlighted the seriousness of the effects it can have not just on human beings but also on our whole environment.

Block Programme Manager, National Livelihood Mission, Ahthibung Block, Mary encouraged the students to live a healthy life and also presented the statistical data on Nagaland’s present status of tobacco consumption.

DIMAPUR:

District Tobacco Control Programme (DTCC) Dimapur in collaboration with Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR) celebrated World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2022 at LG Hall, CIHSR.

District Nodal Officer, DTCC, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo spoke on the theme ‘Tobacco - Threat to our environment.’ She mentioned that next to food packets and plastics, tobacco wastes account for the second most littered items. Tobacco packets, cigarettes, and bidi butts contribute to environmental hazards. Also spitting in public places contributes to the spread of diseases like TB and COVID-19.

Also in the programme, HD Department of Radiotherapy, CIHSR, Dr. Shirley stated that

according to ICMR, the statistics for cancer is highest in the Northeast. Nagaland is known as the State of nasopharyngeal cancer, and tobacco use greatly increases the risk of developing nasopharyngeal cancer.

MEDZIPHEMA:

World No Tobacco Day was observed on 31st May 2022 at CHC Medziphema on the theme, 'Tobacco - Threat to our environment.' A brief talk on the theme was delivered by Dr. Viphrezonuo Pienyu. CHC Medziphema was declared a No Tobacco Zone.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING HELD

The new Chairman of Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), MLA Moatoshi urged the officers for inculcating civic sense amongst the general public in order to keep the city clean. Addressing the first DPDB meeting after bifurcation of Dimapur district on 3rd June 2022, Moatoshi while reminding that the officers posted in Dimapur were the privileged ones, exhorted the Board members to work diligently by contributing through action and verbal inputs over and above their normal duties for the betterment of Dimapur.

Dubbing Dimapur as the most happening district in terms of floods, clogged drains, lacking of civic sense by the general public, etc. Moatoshi expressed hope that with collective efforts the face of Dimapur can be changed, and sought collective suggestions and welcomed positive criticisms. He also proposed for purchasing a

truck mounted with street sweeping machine through the common pool fund. The Chairman also suggested for construction of more toilets through Swacch Bharat scheme.

CMO Dimapur highlighted in brief about the COVID-19 scenario and vaccination status of the district. Other agenda included recommendation for upgradation and shifting of some schools. Further, the members also recommended the proposal for opening of few new schools and also Grant-in-Aid for St. John Higher Secondary Residential School, Indisen village, Dimapur.

Proposals for registration of few societies were also recommended by the Board members. LADP 2022-2023 schemes for Dimapur I, II and III were also recommended by the Board since all the proposals were in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Planning Department.

WORLD BICYCLE DAY OBSERVED IN DIMAPUR



To commemorate World Bicycle Day, 2022, Nagaland State's First Bicycle Rally was held at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 3rd June 2022.

To commemorate World Bicycle Day, 2022, Nagaland State's First Bicycle Rally/Race organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Nagaland, was held at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 3rd June 2022.

Special guest, Advisor, Youth Resources

& Sports, Er. Zale Neikha flagged off the rally while EAC Dimapur, Khiuzan Kaurinta spoke on the importance and advantages of cycling as a fitness activity. Altogether 75 cyclists took part in the rally.

TRAINING AND INPUT DISTRIBUTION CONDUCTED AT LOTSU AND RENTHAN VILLAGES

Training programme and input distribution were conducted at Lotsu and Renthan villages under Wokha district on 4th and 5th June 2022, respectively by ICAR - Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Government of Nagaland.

The programme was initiated to improve the livelihood and income generation of the economically backward villagers through fish farming activities. The highlight of the programme was to create awareness through training and distribution of fish farming inputs to increase the productivity of the fish farmers.

The inaugural programme at Lotsu village was hosted by District Fishery Officer, Wokha, Rulanthung Ezung. Joint Director, F&AR, Neitho-Kuotsu highlighted the objectives of the programme and the interventions of ICAR - DCFR in Nagaland. He extended gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the Department to the Director, ICAR - DCFR and his team of scientists for their constant support.

Dr. R. S. Halder, Chief Technical Officer (CTO) ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal encouraged the villagers to take up fish farming on a scientific line to supplement their income.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for June was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 6th June 2022 under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman Noklak DPDB and DC Noklak, Hiazu Meru.

During the meeting, the Board approved LADP for the year 2022-23 for 56th Noklak AC and 57th Thonoknyu AC. The Board also approved to recommend New Pangsha village as Tourism Village.

Besides, other issues of the district, the Board took a detailed review on the poor performance in the HSLC 2022 result. The Board minutely deliberated on the causes of poor results, where it was found that apart from many reasons, an acute shortage of teachers is also one of the factors for poor results, and to this, DC requested the members to help in volunteering to teach

especially in Maths and Science. The Board also fixed the DPDB meeting on 8th of every month.

During the meeting, Field Team Leader, Elderline, Nagaland, Kohima, Benrilo Shitiri presented a PowerPoint on National Helpline for Senior Citizens. Benrilo highlighted that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Government of India, National Institute of Social Defense (NISD), and the respective State Government through the Department of Social Welfare are launching the National Helpline for senior citizens – Elderline - Toll-Free No. 14567, to expeditiously attend to the complaints and grievances of senior citizens. She informed that its vision is to facilitate happy and healthy aging of the senior citizens of India with honour and compassion.

DPDB MEETING HELD AT PEREN

The monthly DPDB meeting for Peren district was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren on 6th June 2022. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

During the meeting, Manager, Elderline National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Neithonuo Liegise gave a short PowerPoint presentation on information, guidance, abuse, emotional support, and visions to facilitate happy and healthy aging by serving the senior citizens in the district and to intervene directly to rescue and reunion of homeless elderly. She also highlighted the achievements and instructed the members to call the helpline number 14567 for information and guidance and to register the names of the elder citizens. Under the initiatives of Elderline a separate counter for senior citizens in the SBI at

Kohima has also been opened, she added.

In this regard, DC advised the members to make use of the facilities provided by the ministry and requested the Social Welfare Department to tie up with District Administration for rectification of old-age pensions, etc. Manager Elderline helpline, Neithonuo Leigise also requested the police personnel to assist with FRO and Deputy CMO Peren to offer free medical checkups to elder citizens once a month at its office which is located at Ngwalwa village.

Local Area Development Funds for Tening AC and Peren AC were also highlighted and approved in the meeting. The meeting minutes of the last DPDB were also reviewed. Lifeline road blockade and shortage of manpower for road clearance under the Nsong area were also discussed.

PHOM DAY CELEBRATED AT LONGLENG



Governor, Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurating the stalls on Phom Day at Public Ground, Longleng on 6th June 2022.

under the theme – 'Proliferating Phom Day Beyond' with Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi on 6th June 2022 at Public Ground, Longleng.

Addressing the citizens of Longleng, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that the declaration of 6th June 1952 as Phom Day marks the

The people of Phom celebrated 70 Years of Peace (A triennial summit of Phom citizens)

declaration of 6th June 1952 as Phom Day marks the

importance that Longleng district is flourishing based on the spirit of universal brotherhood. Observing that peace is the urgent need of the day the Governor asserted that he is deeply inspired to learn that leaders and peace heroes of Longleng persuaded the village elders of the tribe to shun the evil practice of conflict and took an oath to end the head hunting era with a pledge to be peaceful and loyal to the Government.

Prof. Jagdish Mukhi further maintained that Phom Day should not only be about laying down of arms and spears but it is all about laying down of our pride, greed, isms, misunderstandings and prejudices. Asserting that we cannot force peace but it has to be understood and accepted by all he said, any people having the power to create and destroy should shake off their pride and work for peace. The broken society can only be healed when we stop abusing the power and opportunities we have and start working for sustainable peace alongside sustainable development.

Prof. Mukhi informed that India is on a trans-

formational path and that a self-reliant India is a major initiative taken by the Government of India. India's quest for self-reliance does not mean isolation but rather it seeks to create capabilities that can help the entire humanity in the true spirit of world as one family.

Speech on 'Peace with Environment' was shared by the special invitee, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland, Dharmendra Prakash, IFS. Short speeches were delivered by Minister, Health & Family Welfare S. Pangnyu Phom, and MLA & Chairman, Longleng DPDB, B. S. Nganlang, and solidarity speeches were delivered by President KTU, President USLP and Deputy Commissioner of Sivsagar, Assam.

Phom Day is a Peace Day that took its root in the head hunting era on 6th June 1952 in Phom soil when the peace loving Phom forefathers committed their lives to put complete halt to conflicts allowing peace to prevail in the land of Phom, ushering peace within and beyond.

WOMEN GRAM SABHA CONDUCTED IN LONGMATRA

Longmatra Village Council under Longmatra Block, Kiphire district conducted 'Mahila Sabha or Women only Gram Sabha' on 6th June 2022 at Longmatra Village Council Hall, Kiphire. The Gram Sabha has been conducted for the first time in Kiphire Aspirational District in Nagaland.

A Mahila Sabha or women only Gram Sabha is a meeting of women of a village, which takes place before the Gram Sabha to address issues related to women. Mahila Sabha is constituted in a village to primarily discuss and bring solutions to all the basic problems faced by the women in the village, it is an independent body which stands

for the empowerment of women in the village. All the women who have completed the age of 18 or enrolled in the electoral roll can participate in the programme. Mahila Sabhas are one of the ways to initiate discussion and generate interest among women, regarding women's issues. Finding their voices in an environment such as theirs is challenging but an important step in making them confident to voice their issues, not just amongst themselves but in public settings (such as a Gram Sabha meeting) as well. The challenge was to increase women's participation and voice in local governance processes.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HELD AT KIPHIRE



Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, T. Yangseo Sangtam addressing the gathering during an awareness campaign on building and other construction workers held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall Kiphire, on 6th June 2022.

Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (NBOCW-WB) conducted an awareness campaign on building and other construction workers at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall Kiphire, on 6th June 2022 which was graced by Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly,

T. Yangseo Sangtam.

Sangtam stated that due to the pandemic situation hundreds of youths from Kiphire had returned home from outside who were working in different fields outside Nagaland and this had created unemployment issues in the district. He hoped that the awareness campaign will open the eyes of the people of Kiphire and will benefit them, and urged all the beneficiaries to avail all the scheme and policy that is being provided by the Government.

Dr. Kekhrie Yhome, Chairman NBOCW-WB stated that proper screening will be done to identify the skilled workers to bar those participants who are not entitled to avail the benefits. He also said that those participants who are left out this year will be enrolled next year.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for June was held under the chairmanship of Chairman DPDB and MLA, B. S. Nganlang Phom at DPDB Hall, Longleng on 6th June 2022.

The Chairman extended his appreciation to the members for their proactive services rendered for the development of the district. Acknowledging the dedication and sincerity of CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla for her humanitarian service provided to the people of the district, Nganlang said he is very happy to see one of the DPDB members being honoured with Phom Day Award 2022 for her exemplary service by the Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi on the occasion of Phom Day. He exhorted the members to continue with the same

spirit and wisdom to cater the best service to the people. He also urged the members to extend full cooperation and support for the forthcoming State Badminton Championship Tournament to be held in Longleng from 22nd to 27th August 2022.

While presenting the activities, services provided, recruitment and the functioning of the NIC, DIO, NIC Mokokchung, Temsu Wathi Ao who is also looking after NIC, Longleng emphasized the importance of Information Technology for running the office efficiently. The DIO also said that NIC provides free internet connection to Government offices, provided the cost of cable connection are borne by the concerned department. He appealed to the officers to opt for NIC for free and safe internet connection. He further mentioned that the NIC

team Longleng is planning for a standby line in the district alternative to BSNL to provide uninterrupted internet facilities in the district.

The Board approved the LADP 2022-2023 for 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng and recommended a grant of financial assistance to Lamling Vesta Elementary School, Longleng. The Board also constituted an Organizing Committee headed by the DC & DSC Chairman and members comprising government officers

and civil societies for hosting the State Badminton Championship Tournament in Longleng.

Dr. Sanjay A Burele, (Scientist), Central Nodal Officer for Jal Shakti Abhiyan, CTR for Mon and Longleng district, and Ruchir Mital, Director (PW) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare also spoke during the meeting and highlighted on Jal Shakti Abhiyan for sustainable drinking water supply management in the district.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA HOLDS 1st DPDB MEETING AFTER BIFURCATION



Chümoukedima district held its first monthly DPDB meeting after the bifurcation of the district at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 7th June 2022.

Chümoukedima district held its first monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting after the bifurcation of the district at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 7th June 2022.

Chairman, Chümoukedima DPDB and Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio welcomed all the members to the first DPDB meeting of the new district and expressed satisfaction over the positive attendance of the members. He urged the members for rendering their cooperation and active participation for the betterment of the district and the welfare of the citizens.

The Board deliberated on various agenda. It

discussed the establishment of degree college by Chakhroma Students' Union; formation of District Football Association Chümoukedima; registration of New Capstone School, Thilixu village; upgradation of Tuyitu Foundation, Diphupar village; JNV School at Piphema; and after thorough discussion, it decided to send a proposal to the Government.

The meeting also approved the registration of Outset Craft Society Diphupar 'A' village and Tuyitu Society Diphupar village. While Nagaland Development Board located at Tenyiphe-II and Gracious Life Foundation, 4th Mile Dimapur were evaluated and forwarded for further consideration during the next DPDB meeting.

Further, the identification of land for a public park at Chümoukedima town was also discussed, and for which the Board entrusted the DLRSO to look into the modalities for earmarking the land. The members also decided to send a proposal to the Government for fund allocation for the development of the park. The Board also approved LADP 2022-2023 schemes for 5-Ghaspani - II AC.

The DC directed all the departments for

preparing a vision document/plan for the new district of Chümoukedima in the next few months. He informed of the declaration and adoption of one government school by the administration and appealed to all departments for rendering their support and to follow suit.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by a team of Doctors from Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research for blood donation.

KIPIHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD AT PUNGRO AND LAUNCHING OF SDPDB PUNGRO

Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Chairman and Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Yangseo T Sangtam convened the first-ever DPDB meeting on 7th June 2022 at Pungro sub-division. The meeting was attended by all Heads of Offices and new members.

During the meeting, the following agenda were discussed and approved for further action to meet the people's aspirations: Construction of food processing unit at Seyochung town; Creation of Primary Health Centre at Jenty village; To sanction fund for repair and renovation of the District House at the State Training Centre, Nerhema (Bharat Scouts & Guides); To construct functional drinking water facilities in all government schools under Kiphire district; To upgrade GMS Kiphire Station B to GHS; Approved LADP schemes 2022-2023 for two constituencies, including iconic project and common pool schemes under Kiphire district; To construct Green Scout School at Kiphire.

Pungro Sub-Divisional Development & Planning Board (SDPDB) was also launched at Pungro. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman SDPDB and ADC Pungro, Mhomo Tungoe acknowledged the Government for approving the SDPDB on 21st January 2022.

Pastor Pungro Town Baptist Church, Tsuyihba

invoked God's blessings. Addressing the gathering, Pungro GBs Union President, J. P. Shahoto conveyed his heartfelt gratitude as it was a long desired goal of the people since 2013. President PFPS, Kongsu V cited that the inception of the Board will uplift the sub-division in many aspects and unite the people to progress. TTC Secretary, Philip also urged the people to work collaboratively in any development activities. Executive Chairman YTC Makhezho expressed the need to work collaboratively. Chairman SDPDB, Yangseo congratulated the people of Pungro sub-division and thanked the Nagaland Government led by the Chief Minister for approving the Board and thus fulfilling the dreams of the sub-division.

Pungro SDPDB approved the proposed agenda which will be duly forwarded to the Government for implementation, they are: Creation of Village Guard (VG) post at all the newly recognized villages under the Pungro sub-division; 21 villages under Pungro and Kiusam Circle to establish Government Primary Schools; Shorih colony, Pungro to establish one government school, GPS; To set up Information Assistant, Information & Public Relations at Kiusam and Khongsa town; Khongka village to be upgraded from GPS to GMS; and Kiusam Circle to have separate RD Block.

CREDIT OUTREACH CAMP ORGANIZED ACROSS DISTRICTS
NOKLAK:

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a credit outreach camp was organized by the Lead Bank Manager and State Bank of India, Noklak Branch at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 8th June 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said that banks are an important institution and lots of schemes are available for the benefit of the people. He encouraged the gathering to avail the benefits from the banks. DC requested all who are taking loans from the banks to repay on time and get more benefits after



A credit outreach programme was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 8th June 2022.

the loans are recovered. While encouraging the SHGs for being active in the district, the DC requested them to work on income generation with accountability.

WOKHA:

A credit outreach programme at Wokha under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, Government of India as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held on 8th June 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. The camp was organized by the Lead Bank of India, Wokha Branch, sponsored by NABARD.

Activities like distribution of sanction letters to beneficiaries of different credit schemes, and enrolment of beneficiaries under Jan Suraksha schemes i.e. PMJJBY, PMSBY, KCC, and APY were carried out during the programme.

Beneficiaries were given sanction loans on

the day through different banks - SBI, Nagaland State Co-operative Bank, Nagaland State Rural Bank, and NS Property Bank. Around 45 beneficiaries were distributed with loan sanction letters, amounting to about Rs. 75 lakh.

MOKOKCHUNG:

In view of the week-long celebration from 6th June to 12th June 2022 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a credit outreach programme

was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 8th June 2022 under the initiatives of SBI Lead Bank, Mokokchung.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS thanked the banks in the district for their proactive role in ushering developmental activities. He said, as of now the economy of the State is mainly rural economy and many people, though having skills cannot start an enterprise due to financial constraints. Therefore, he asked the people to take advantage of the schemes being provided by the banks and to invest it wisely, so as to attain a sustainable livelihood. He also asked the beneficiaries to sensitize the various schemes being provided by the banks in the community, so that others can also avail the same.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

DC and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Rahul Bhanudas Mali addressing the Zunheboto DPDB meeting held at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 8th June 2022.

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 8th June 2022.

Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto and Vice-Chairman DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS congratulated all the Heads of Offices for the successful conduct of the tree

plantation drive held in the district.

A review of the last month's meeting was read out by APO Zunheboto. The meeting finalized the LADP 2022-2023 for the district.

EAC Aghunato apprised the members present on the grievances faced at Aghunato sub-division, the EAC Headquarter at Hoshepu requires office and it is an urgent need for the service of the public in the area. A resting shed for tourists was also needed at the Hoshepu War Memorial site. NAP outpost at Hoshepu is also needed for the safety of the people. The Sub-centre also needs upgradation to PHC at the earliest, the EAC said.

Later PowerPoint presentation was given by the Water Resources Department, where they highlighted the activities of the Department in the district and DAPCU Zunheboto. DPO, DAPCU, Hokishe Chophy spoke on the need for a proper blood bank at Zunheboto and that the district should pursue the license of a blood bank in the district and also informed that a blood donation drive will be held at Zunheboto on 14th June 2022.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB APPROVES LADP FOR 2022-2023

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for June was held on 8th June 2022 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Imkong L Imchen.

The Board reviewed and discussed the standard of BSNL services rendered to the public in the district, and appealed to the Department to upgrade its services.

After thorough deliberation by the Board, the translated document of the Nagaland Village Council Act into Ao dialect was approved, and

to prepare commentary, a special committee formed and 6 members were nominated.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the shifting of the NST Station from the present location to ISBT at Khensa over which the Board gave a deadline of 30th November for shifting to its new location.

The Board also discussed the present status of water distribution in the town by Public Health Engineering Department and the Board resolved to write and request to take up the matter with the right authority.

After thorough discussion, the Board

approved the following agenda: Upgradation of Government High School, Mokokchung village to Higher Secondary School; Application for Grant-in-Aid for Green Hill School, Yisemyong Mokokchung; Approved the schemes under LADP for the year 2022-2023 in respect of

Mokokchung district, LADP (Normal) – 837.50 lakh (10 Constituency), Common Pool – 150 lakh, Iconic Project - 500 lakh (10 Constituency), Total – 1,487.50 lakh. These were approved and recommended for further approval by the State Planning Board.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) monthly meeting for June was held at DC's Conference Hall on 9th June 2022 under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The Board approved and passed the LADP fund for 2022- 2023 under 51 A/C Noksen , 52 A/C Longkhim - Chare , 53 A/C Tuensang Sadar 1 and 54 A/C Tuensang Sadar 11.

ADEO, Kipangsangla gave a PowerPoint presentation on the School Education

Department's activities such as PM Poshan (Mid Day Meal), Jal Shakti Abhiyan, District Sports Meet, and Samagra Siksha project.

The DPDB Chairman requested the School Education Department to rectify the nil results of government schools in the recently declared HSLC and HSSLC results in the district.

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) highlighted the road maintenance of NH-202 Mokokchung to Tuensang road.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY CAMPAIGN HELD AT KOHIMA



A review of the Social Health Responsibility Campaign was held at de-Oriental Hotel, Kohima on 9th June 2022.

A review of the Social Health Responsibility Campaign, an initiative of the Chief Medical Officer's office, Kohima in collaboration with

District Administration and AKMWP under the theme 'Leave no ones health behind : Invest in the health system for all,' funded by NUHM,

Nagaland was held at de-Oriental Hotel, Kohima on 9th June 2022.

Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS and Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi were the special guests of the event.

In his speech, Bhatia stressed the importance of early detection of any health issues and monitoring the condition on regular basis, and treating with an appropriate medical regime. Stating that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) are very much prevailing in the society, Bhatia stressed the need to act together at the individual, community, and government levels to ensure that NCD does not become a silent pandemic that will affect the people severely in the long run.

Presenting a PowerPoint on the campaign, CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said that with the observation of Universal Health Coverage Day on 13th December 2021, the Kohima district team decided to screen and have a comprehensive management of NCD on two common diseases i.e. hypertension and diabetes mellitus. In this connection, a sensitization programme was held on 15th January 2022 under the chairmanship of the District Health Society, the Deputy

Commissioner, Kohima along with AKMWP and 19 Ward Chairmen including 50 colonies, where the Board decided to take forward the package to colonies, and held a Mini Health Camp for diabetes and hypertension, CMO informed.

Highlighting the disease prevalence in the community on the data from the co-morbid disease mapping/survey, Dr. Theyo informed that 9,243 households were surveyed across 42 colonies with 15,100 target people identified (30 years and above) where a total number of persons were identified with the following diseases: 823 persons with hypertension (5.45%), 710 with diabetes (4.70%), 55 with cancer (0.36%), 107 with kidney disease (0.71%) and 40 persons with TB (0.3%).

On the outcome of the campaign, Dr. Theyo informed that a total number of 2,429 people have availed free consultation, medicines and diagnostic services. A total of 269 (11.07%) new hypertension cases, 69 (2.84%) new diabetes cases, and 24 (0.98%) new HTN + DM were also detected among the targeted population. The follow up clients recorded hypertension - 265 (10.90%), diabetes - 120 (4.94%) and HTN + DM - 79 (3.25%). Dr. Theyo also highlighted the various general observation of the campaign and follow-up suggestions for corrective measures.

WOKHA DPDB APPROVES LADP

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) approved the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) for the year 2022-2023, during the monthly Wokha DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 9th June 2022. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Orenthung Lotha.

Public Health Engineering Department

(PHED) highlighted the status report on Engorotchu Water Supply Plant, which was inaugurated on 12th October 2018. Executive Engineer, Wokha, Imnazulu Ao said that with the installation of Engorotchu Water Plant and Etsutchuckha, the Department is providing to 712 (seven hundred and twelve) households within Wokha town and the Department is trying



The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 9th June 2022.

its best to increase the number of households.

Advisor, Justice & Law and Chairman DPDB, Dr. Chumben Murry said that the citizens of Wokha town are facing insufficient water supply. He urged the Department to improve and increase the total number of consumer households as there are around 7000 plus households within the town.

Dr. Murry said that the district needs to change the standard of education scenario to give a healthy result, he suggested the Department form an Education Committee with prominent educationist from the district, Lotha Hoho, Eloe Hoho, LSU, and other stakeholders of the district

to improve the education system in the district.

District Education Officer, Wokha, N. Wopenthung Lotha while highlighting the district HSLC/HSSLC Result 2022, said the pass percentage of Government High School is just 19.6% and HSSLC is 54.4%.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan said that to improve the performance of HSLC and HSSLC result the district needs to organize workshops to identify the loopholes, and the Board decided to organize a seminar before 15th June 2022 with the Department of School Education entrusted to organise the programme.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at its Conference Hall, Phek on 10th June 2022. MLA and Chairman, Phek DPDB, K Khalo expressed gratitude to all the officers, staff and everybody who came forward and rendered their services during the mega tree plantation.

The Chairman also called upon the members to bring constructive programmes to fruitfully contribute to the development of the district.

The Department of Industries & Commerce and Land Resources Departments presented their departmental activities.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held with SDPDB Chairman and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Customary Court Hall, Pughoboto on 10th June 2022.

The MLA reviewed the last meeting minutes. He dwelled on the agendum for the posting of veterinary doctor and field assistant to Pughoboto. He stated that people depends on the activities of the farmers and encouraged them to rear poultry, piggery, etc. The Board agreed to write a letter for the posting of field staff immediately.

Regarding the upgradation of the full-fledged Pughoboto Town Council tabled in a Board meeting, the Board discussed the need to study the ground reality, and criteria and urged the Pughoboto Adhoc Town Council to take responsibility. BDO Ghathashi, Obed Achumi informed the Board that the Government

is strictly monitoring all the activities due to technical upgrades with GIS mapping, therefore, he underlined that people should survey properly and demarcate the boundary to avoid conflicts in future.

The Board also discussed representation submitted from the Asūkiqa Joint Council, which has disallowed the Joint Council in the subdivision by the SDPDB in the last meeting and informed that the practice of such Joint Councils is bound to infringe powers, hence, the Board agreed to function normally. Further, deliberating on the representation that there is no provision for Joint Council, and for development activities and others, it suggested that a joint meeting may be convened for the welfare of the people.

CDPO Ghathashi, Chiro gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities and achievements of the Social Welfare Department.

NEW DC KOHIMA ADDRESSES DPDB MEETING

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Keneizhakho Nakhro at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th June 2022.

Addressing the DPDB members, the new Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kohima, Shanavas C. IAS said that DPDB is a platform that has a bigger meaning in discharging government activities in the district. He said that Kohima being the State capital, the district activities are more visible to many of the districts and requested the members to note the importance of the platform and participate regularly in the meeting.

Reviewing the last DPDB minutes regarding the registration of the Asian Christian School, the Board decided to recommend the matter to the Government based on the report submitted by the sub-committee for spot verification on the feasibility of opening the School as entrusted by the Board in the last meeting. In this connection, DC also reminded the concerned department to be cautious on any proposal for the opening of new schools in the district, stating that there is mushrooming of private schools, especially in Kohima and Dimapur districts, which needs to be discouraged.

On the agenda for registration of Alumni Kohima College Association, the Board referred

the matter to the committee for verification and to submit the report to be taken up in the next meeting.

On Village Adoption Committee (VACs) 2022-2023, DC said the purpose of the

committee is to adopt one village or ward in each constituency under the district, to assist and address issues in whatever ways possible by the committee members, and he further requested the committees to initiate the activities.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held in the official Chamber of Deputy Commissioner (DC), on 17th June 2022 with Tseminyu DPDB Chairman and Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing.

The Advisor urged the officers to give their best to the activities and make necessary proposals that were required for DPDB approval and asked them to review and update the latest development taken up in their respective departments and make them available in the office for the public and share their problems.

DC Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS reviewed the last meeting minutes for the upgradation of departments in the district, and

the posting of various department officers were discussed. He said without acquiring land, there cannot be development, and stated that three rounds of discussions were held with the land owners.

Creation of a new administrative headquarter in the district and the creation of an EAC post at Tseminyu were also discussed. President Rengma Hoho, Pollem Tep and the Board resolved to name Tseminyu district as 'Historical District' as suggested by the Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio on the inauguration day of Tseminyu district. The Board agreed with SP Tseminyu to avoid speed breakers in NH-2 and to maintain drainage within the town area and NH-2.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT TAMLU

A week-long demand driven skill development programme for the youths in construction sector 2022-2023, was organized by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in partnership with Zynorique Initiative Society at Tamlu sub-division, Longleng from 20th to 26th June 2022.

The objective of the training is to increase proficiency, grow skill sets, achieve a task in less time with more results, and increase performance and also to provide more employability in the construction sector.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Principal, Industrial Training Institute

Mokokchung, T. Imlisunep Ao while short speeches were proposed by Student President, Village Council Chairmen of Tamlu and Amachong village. They appreciated the Department concerned and the Zynorique Initiative Society for organizing the programme which they stated will provide employment opportunities for the unemployed youths.

The overall programme was highlighted by Chairman of Zynorique Initiative Society, Richard Belho followed by dedicatory prayer by Associate Pastor Women Tamlu Village. 50 participants learnt skills in plumbing, tilling and masonry works.

250th RAJA RAM MOHAN ROY BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED ACROSS DISTRICTS

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

To commemorate the 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, an awareness rally on women empowerment was conducted at Registering Office, Department of Art & Culture, Chümoukedima on 22nd June 2022.

The rally, which saw the participation of 250 people, including students from St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School and Government Middle School, Chümoukedima Block IV - started at the Department of Art & Culture, Chümoukedima, and culminated at 7th Mile Village Gate. The rally was flagged off by ADC, Chümoukedima, Dr. Kuzo Duadeo.

As part of the programme, the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation based in Kolkata, West Bengal organized an awareness rally on women's empowerment with the participation of at least 250 school children, teachers, and local district authorities in 250 districts all over India.

PHEK:

The 250th Raja Rammohan Roy Birth

Anniversary was held at Phek Headquarter on 22nd June 2022. The rally was flagged off from the District Hospital junction and culminated at Government Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Phek.

Speaking on the occasion, EAC Phek, Tshelhi-u congratulating the participants, said the anniversary marks the fight against evil practices like Sati and child marriage and discrimination against women and children. She reminded that women have equal rights with men and that their rights should not be neglected.

JALUKIE:

Department of Art & Culture, Peren organized awareness rally on women empowerment at Jalukie, Peren on 22nd June 2022 to commemorate the 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Rammohan Roy. The rally which saw a participation of around 250 school students holding placards with the awareness messages started at St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Jalukie and was officially flagged off by EAC

Peren, Lhoilung Chuilo.

Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, EAC Peren, Lhoilung Chuilo gave a brief life history of Raja Rammohan Roy and his fight against the Sati system and about the inheritance rights of women which was not there before. In his speech, he also spoke about the need



Students participating at an awareness rally on women empowerment during the 250th Raja Rammohan Roy Birth Anniversary celebration at Phek Headquarter on 22nd June 2022.

for a new generation of social reformers who can bring in change and empowerment to women in the 21st century and further extorted the students to be the next social reformers.

TSEMINYU:

Awareness rally on women empowerment in commemoration of the 250th Birth Anniversary

of Raja Rammohun Roy was organized by District Cultural Office, Kohima, Art & Culture Department, Nagaland on 22nd June 2022 at Town Hall Tseminyu, with SDO (Civil) Tseminyu, Tsutsowe Kupa as special guest. Around 100 students participated in the programme.

MON HOLDS DPDB MEETING

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting at the Conference Hall of the Office of DC Mon on 22nd June 2022. The new Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS took the opportunity to get acquainted with the members of the Board. He urged them to extend their support and cooperation for the smooth functioning of the district.

The Board passed the following proposals

to the concerned authorities: Establishment of Bohham Academy School at Zangkham; Registration of Tizit Village Tea Farmers Group; Registration of Pupil Welfare Society, Mon town.

The Board also constituted a Verification Committee for LADP 2022-2023 and also gave out Meritorious Awards to top-3 students in HSLC and HSSLC (Arts and Science) 2022 under Mon district.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

LONGLENG:

In connection with the celebration of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the DEF Longleng organized a rally from Hukphang Junction to Lempong Junction on 25th June 2022.

Addressing the gathering at Lempong Junction the Additional Superintendent of Police and Vice President of PSC appealed to the government agencies, civil societies, stakeholders, and the citizens of Longleng to extend their full cooperation and support to the campaign against illicit drugs and alcohol by sharing valuable inputs and information to protect the citizens from the menace of alcohol and illicit drugs.

ZUNHEBOTO:

'The ultimate result of drug abuse is death,' stated Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto,

Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS while speaking to the students of Government Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto at Town Hall Zunheboto during the programme of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. He appealed to all the students to take a vow to always keep away from any kinds of intoxicating substances and to always say no to drugs.

In their fight against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the District Committee (NCORD), headed by Deputy Commissioner, is initiating awareness programmes in phases, which began on 24th June 2022, covering all schools and colleges in the district. In the first phase, the District Committee covered 10 (ten) schools and the remaining schools and colleges shall be covered in the second phase, informed a source from the District Administration.

DEF LONGLENG:

The District Police Force (DEF), Longleng observed International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by organizing outreach programmes at various churches under Longleng town during the Devotional Sunday Service on 26th June 2022.

Speaking at various church platforms the speakers spoke on the negative impacts of drug abuse on families and societies. They spoke on the need for public awareness and encouraged mass-based support from all sections of the society to fight against the menace of drugs in the district.

As part of the campaign, banners and posters were displayed in prominent places and on the church premises. Testimonies were given by recovering drug addicts and skits on 'Say No to Drugs' were presented by Sunday School children during the church services.

DIMAPUR:

A programme to commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking under the theme 'addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crisis' was held at Excise's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 27th June 2022.

Secretary, Department of Excise & Prohibition, Kevekha Kevin Zehol, while addressing the gathering, stated that Northeast India shares 1643 Km border with Myanmar, out of which Nagaland shares 215 Km which is considered a very loose border, and Nagaland State being a resource constraint State needs the support of bigger organizations like NCB to tackle the drug trafficking menace. He said the little funding that it used to receive was also

stopped after 2008. He, therefore, appealed to NCB for a hand-holding approach to fight drug trafficking.

Appreciating the NGOs for their enormous efforts towards the drug menace in the society, Zehol said that the Government also needs to pull up its resources and reorganize itself, the NGOs if not more can do a lot as they intervene at a very personal level.

Intelligence Officer, NCB, Zonal Guwahati, Lunkholal who spoke on the topic 'Emerging Scenario & Challenges in the Combat Against Drug Trafficking in the NE Region: An Enforcement Perspective,' said that India's complex drug problems were due to its proximity to the two largest drug-producing region in the world, one being referred to as Golden Crescent comprising of Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan in the west and Golden Triangle consisting of Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos in the east. He informed that these two regions account for more than 90% of the world's main opium and heroin production.

Lunkholal said that Nagaland serves as a transit route for the trafficking of drugs from Manipur and Myanmar such as morphine, opium, brown sugar, and heroin. On emerging trends and challenges in drug trafficking, he highlighted that Indo-Myanmar has a friendly relation with no border dispute and no strict fencing of the border stretch plus Free Moving Regime (FMR) between two countries allowing free movement within 16 Km of border area without visa restrictions. This has been misused and taken advantage of by the criminal elements. He also mentioned the use of the darknet and the suspected use of drones by the traffickers.

KHELO INDIA CENTRE (ARCHERY) INAUGURATED AT JALUKIE


Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha along with others during the inauguration of a Khelo India Centre (Archery) at St. Xavier College, Jalukie on 4th June 2022.

A Khelo India Centre (Archery) was inaugurated at St. Xavier College, Jalukie on 4th June 2022. The Centre was inaugurated by Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha.

Speaking on the inaugural function as the special guest, Abu Metha said in the olden days, arrows were used not only in sports but also as a means of survival to hunt, and shoot during wars but today we shoot the target to show that we are the best and the Country and State today shows its power in sports arenas and not on battlefields. Metha appealed to the students to be confident

and brave to reach greater heights and take up their responsibilities very seriously.

Metha also asserted that the Catholic Church and its institutions are accountable for building the nation by way of imparting quality education and producing great leaders in the Country and State. He encouraged them to continue working for the common cause towards supporting the nation-building. He also expressed hope that the institution will produce an archery team to represent the State and the Country in days to come.

SAKHI-OSC BUILDING INAUGURATED IN MOKOKCHUNG

The newly constructed Sakhi - One Stop Centre (OSC) building (Near Nurses Hostel IMDH), Mokokchung was inaugurated on 6th June 2022, with Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Administrator, Nagaland State Social Welfare Board, Government of Nagaland, Martha R. Ritse as the special guest.

Delivering the inaugural speech, Martha R. Ritse thanked all the stakeholders for the

dedication and support rendered in bringing the Sakhi - OSC building, Mokokchung into reality within a short time. She urged the concerned department and all the stakeholders to create awareness by letting the people know that such a place is in the district to support women affected by violence.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS in his welcome address stated that the function of Sakhi OSC



Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare & Administrator, Nagaland State Social Welfare Board, Martha R. Ritse and officials during the launch of the Sakhri - One Stop Centre building, Mokokchung on 6th June 2022.

is a sort of single window system for girls as it handles all the cases related to violence against women. He said womenfolk should not hesitate to come to the Centre for help as everything is

administered by women at the Centre. He asked all concerned to come together so that the Centre will function as per its name in letter and spirit.

DC NOKLAK INAUGURATES WATER ATM



Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru inaugurated Water ATM at KSU Office building, Noklak on 6th June 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru inaugurated Water ATM at KSU Office building, Noklak on 6th June 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Hiazu Meru said the facilities of Reverse Osmosis (RO) will help the public of Noklak to get clean and healthy drinking water. The facility can help in addressing the issue of water quality, if any, for time being, and he encouraged the public to avail clean drinking water from the facility.

Meru made a special mention of former Deputy Commissioner Noklak, Reny Wilfred for the initiatives taken in setting up the RO Plant

at Noklak and also thanked CEO, CSR Head, Cochin Shipyard, Sampath Kumar for taking up the project at Noklak and Shanti Medical Information Centre, Uma Preman for the tireless effort made in bringing the facility to Noklak.

While highlighting about the machines, Secretary, RO Plant Committee, P. Shingnya expressed gratitude to the District Administration and all the stakeholders who had contributed to the successful installation of the water treatment plant. Shingnya informed that it was a CSR initiative of Cochin Shipyard Limited.

INAUGURATION OF PREFABRICATED HOSPITAL UNITS AT CHC ABOI

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS inaugurated the 3 (three) newly constructed Prefabricated Hospital Units at CHC Aboi on 6th June 2022. This has been sponsored by the American India Foundation and implemented by Modulus Housing through the initiative of District Administration, Mon. The dedicatory prayer was led by Pastor C. H. Mongnyei (Pastor Aboi Town Fellowship). The welcome address was given by Chumlammo Humtsoe

ADC and HCMC Chairman and in his message, he also conveyed his sincere appreciation to the Deputy Commissioner Mon, AIF, and the civil societies for all the support and contribution.

Free mask distribution was carried out for all the wards and villages which were funded by the ACT Grants. ACT Grants had donated 5.6 lakh masks to Mon district so that each citizen gets 2 free masks.

TSEMINYU TOWN COUNCIL MARKET INAUGURATED

Tseminyu Town Council Market was inaugurated by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire on 9th June 2022.

Dr. Kire stated that the market is a very good beginning for Tseminyu district. He also expressed hope that Tseminyu can become one of the best districts in Nagaland.

In his short speech, Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing reminded the people to give full cooperation to the Government

and the District Administration. He expressed appreciation to the Government for the all-round development activities.

DC Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS said that the district is planning to be a model district for which he urged the Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs to provide a master plan.

Distribution of 'Aerobio' complete human waste management solution and 35 litres waste bin to every household under Tseminyu Town Council was also held.

CM RIO INAUGURATES DUDA GUEST HOUSE AT SOVIMA



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, dignitaries and officials during the inauguration of DUDA Guest House at Sovima on 14th June 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA) Guest House at Sovima on 14th June 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Rio congratulated the Department on the successful completion of the building. He expressed satisfaction with the quality of work and thanked each individual who has been a part of the successful project. He stated that since the inception of the Department in 2003, ENPO has changed a lot and has made tangible achievements, and today, Eastern Nagas are doing much better than some advanced tribes.

Rio said ENPO districts, with rich biodiversity, topography and culture, have high tourism scope, and for which the ENPO needs to work together.

He also appealed to the Department to continue training people to develop skills and urged them to keep a separate budget for it. He assured them that the State Government will provide every possible assistance for the upliftment of the ENPO areas and to bring the people of these districts at par with the rest of the State.

Chairman Village Council, Sovima, Sebastian Zumvu, in his brief address, said with the inauguration of DUDA Guest House, Sovima village has become the home of all tribes of Nagaland. He said that Sovima village does not have any negative tribalistic feelings, he welcomed the Eastern Naga brethren and urged them to make sure they feel at home.

GHS PUGHOBOTO UPGRADED TO GHSS

Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), K. T. Sukhalu inaugurated the upgradation of Government High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Pughoboto in presence of MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu on 18th June 2022. The School was established in 1945, and with the approval of NBSE started the HSLC centre in the year 2017.

Advisor, K. T. Sukhalu, who was the special guest, unveiled the foundation stone and called upon the students to listen and learn from their parents and teachers. He mentioned that the destiny of a child is in the classroom. The Advisor urged the student community not to engage too much with mobile. He said the Government is willing to set up more GHSS as long as the enrollment is up to the mark, with good results.



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Sukhalu also added that the cost of private education has increased and it is the priority for the parents to build a strong foundation for their children with facilities that the Government has provided within their doorsteps. Informing the GBs and elders that it is their responsibility to promote and support the school faculties, Sukhalu said unless our children's foundation is strong, our students cannot compete with the students from other states, be it in NPSC, UPSC, and others exam. He informed that the enhancement grant, Samagra Shiksha is providing funds and teaching equipments. He assured the posting of PGTs as early as possible to start the functioning of higher secondary soon, and congratulated the school on the achievement.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu expressed gratitude to the Advisor for the newly upgraded status. He urged the landowners not to hamper the Government's development activities and also requested the Department to restore the

downgraded GHS under Pughoboto sub-division. He highlighted about how the upgradation was initiated and approved by the Government through SDPDB Pughoboto.

Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS congratulated the Pughoboto people and called upon them to continue to be focused and work hard. He said several challenges and issues in the Department are being resolved on a timeline and asked them to extend support for multiple project improvement for the school teachers and other mission components.

Director, School Education, Nagaland, Wonhungo Tsopoe said everyone needs quality education. He said education is a weapon which can change society. He said after a few weeks the Department is going to honour the Headmaster, Headmistress, and teachers for their good performance. He requested the public to extend their support saying that the School Education Department cannot survive alone.

ECO-CARP HATCHERY INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

The Eco-Carp Hatchery was set up at New Wokha village under CSS, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and was inaugurated on 22nd June 2022 by the Director of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources. This Hatchery though the technology concept is from the Chinese Eco-Fish Hatchery, is the first-ever indigenously built in Nagaland and it will help to cater to the demands of fish seeds, particularly in Wokha district.

Director, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Rongsennungba stated that the availability of quality seed of cultivable freshwater fish

species has always been felt for intensification of fish production in the State. Fish seeds are indispensable and the means of obtaining them influences farm production directly. Due to limited fish seed production farms, there is lesser production of fry/fingerlings which has led to a gap in demand and supply of quality fish due to which seed is being procured annually from neighbouring states to meet the high demand for fish seeds for the State's fish farmers. The development of this project is to suffice fish seed production in the State.

KHEZHAKENO VILLAGE COUNCIL HALL INAUGURATED

Khezhakeno Village Council Hall was inaugurated by Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Kevekha Kevin Zehol on 25th June 2022

Kevekha appreciated the Department of Rural Development (RD) for funding and completing the much-needed community hall in the village, while also stressing upon the villagers to have a sense of ownership and belongingness of the assets in the village. He also thanked the Chilphufe Design Consultancy for designing and bringing up the Council Hall.

PD DRDA, Razukhru D. Vasa in his

exhortation speech, expressed appreciation for the timely completion of the work and highlighted the various schemes undertaken by the Department of RD envisaging more income-generating activities.

BDO Pfutsero, Vekhrolo Koza spoke about various developmental activities taken up in the village. Later community footstep was inaugurated by Chairman Village Council, Lhouchinyi and the registration counter at Chida Resort was inaugurated by PD, DRDA Phek, Razukhru D.Vasa.

UNION MINISTER, NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR INAUGURATES HONEY LABORATORY AT 7th MILE CHÜMOUKEDIMA

Union Minister, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Honey Laboratory at Beekeeping Mission 7th Mile Chümoukedima on 27th June 2022.

Earlier the Minister also visited Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency. Later on, Tomar and his team visited AC Organic Market at NE Agri Expo, planted an ornamental tree, and held an official function at Angh House, Agri Expo 4th Mile.

Tomar said the agriculture and horticulture sector in Nagaland has great potential, and can become the organic hub of the country, it has the potential to be exported not only within the country but outside the country also, and the Central Government is ready to help the State Government in this regard. Tomar, further stated that the needs of the Nagaland are not only the needs of Nagas but the needs of the nation and when they are fulfilled, it will be the fulfillment of the nation.



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While speaking at the function, Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, Nagaland, G. Kaito Aye stated that Nagaland state is performing well in agri and allied sector and said that the State has received Krishi Karman Award for two consecutive years for foodgrain production under the small states category. Aye said that Central Sponsored Schemes such as SMAM, RKVY, PM- KISAN, MIDH, PMKSY, etc. have benefitted the State.

The government with limited resources, initiated a start-up programme called 'Naturally Nagaland' to monetize the poor and marginal farmers in post-harvest management and marketing so that they can package their products in any brand under the banner of Naturally Nagaland. Aye also brought to the knowledge of the Central Ministry that most of the central policies and schemes are generally designed as 'one size fits all' and requested the planners and policy makers from the central ministry to visit the remote hill areas.

Aye also highlighted the inconvenience faced by the farmers in the State in implementing digital online payment through PFMS, SNA accounts, DBT, etc. and said out of a total of 74 blocks in the State, 27 blocks are still unbanked. Also the staggered release of funds in four installments under PFMS affects the programme implementation of Kharif and Rabi crops. In this regard, the Minister requested the Central Ministry to reconsider and continue with the old system of release in two installments.

Aye also requested the Union Minister in setting up the AC Organic Market in the rest of the 15 districts in the State and also the construction of a common facility with all amenities for the state, national and international levels under one roof.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary, J. Alam said that 2/3rd of the State population lives in rural areas and is engaged in agri and allied activities that give a large potential for commercial production of various crops, however, we are yet to fully realize our potential due to several challenges. Realizing that the traditional system of jhum cultivation is neither economically viable nor ecological sustainable, the State Government has adopted the Naga Integrated Settled Farming (N-IsF) and is successfully implementing a pilot project in some parts of the State, he stated.

The Chief Secretary stated that as per the advice and direction from the Central Ministry, the State Government along with the ICAR will be establishing a State Agriculture Research Station (SARS) at Yisemyong Mokokchung and Regional Livestock Centre for Pigs in Zunheboto. The Government is also focussing on the supply of quality seeds to increase the volume of production and for marketing linkages or buy-back arrangements to enable farmers to get remunerative prices, and assured that the State Government is fully committed to developing the agri and allied sector as per the national priorities.



Governor, Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, his wife Prem Mukhi, Advisor, School Education and SCERT, K. T. Sukhalu and senior government officials with the toppers, rank holders and achievers of various Governor's Awards of HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2022 during a felicitation programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th June 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio felicitating an awardee during the Cleanest Urban Local Bodies and Wards Award 2022 Nagaland at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 28th June 2022.



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