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Union Minister of State (MoS), Minority Affairs, John Barla along with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Minister, Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Inna Along, Advisor, Minority Affairs, Excise and Sericulture, Zhaleo Rio during the MoS's visit to Nagaland.



A delegation led by Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region Zone-III Conference which was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

## NBSE NOTIFIES HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS ON SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified all the Heads of Registered Institutions that in pursuance of Government of Nagaland Notification No.UDD/7-GEN/07-PWM/2018(Pt-I) dated 11.03.2022 on imposing 'Ban on Single-Use Plastics in Nagaland,' all schools have been informed for proper dissemination of awareness on Plastic Waste Management with regard to ban of Single-Use Plastics, with a view to eradicate the menace of plastics and the serious environmental and ecological challenges posed by rampant use of it.

Single use plastics, otherwise known as disposable plastic items, are non-biodegradable and therefore contaminate the environment. The single use plastics include plastic bags, plastic water bottles, soda bottles, straws, plastic plates, plastic cups, plastic spoons, food packaging containers, plastic shopping bags etc. Single use plastics mostly end up in landfill sites which is a growing concern as it may take years to decompose and potentially leak pollutants into the soil and water. If plastic wastes are not properly disposed off, they get carried away by wind as litter or washed away by rain or travel via storm, drains into rivers and streams which pose a threat to the environment and human health.

In this regard, all institutions have been directed to inform and educate the students about the drastic impacts of disposal of wastes from plastics and plastic products which can lead to human health hazards, environmental pollution including natural environment beauty deterioration, entanglement and death of aquatic organisms, sewage system blockage etc, and to adopt measures to avoid its usage.

Further, as given in the academic calendar 2022, all Heads of Institutions should take measures to practice plastic free campus and advocate elimination of single use plastic items.

## SP CRIME INFORMS ON CLOSING CHECK GATES

In view of Government Notification No. CON-I/G/41/2011, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, regarding measures to tackle the illegal collection of money from vehicles at Check Gates and other locations in the State, PHQ has set up a dedicated '24x7 Control Room for Combating Illegal Collection of Money' manned by sufficient personnel and headed by a senior Police Officer to combat illegal collection of money from vehicles at Check Gates and other locations in the State.

Apart from the following 13 (thirteen) Inter-State Check Gates, all other Police Check Gates in any form, permanent/semi-permanent/temporary/mobile have been closed forthwith:

Sl. No.	District		Inter-State Check Gate Location
1	Kohima	1	Khuzama
2	Dimapur	2	Khatkati
		3	New Field
		4	Dellai
3	Wokha	5	Bhandari

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4	Mon	6	Namza (Tizit)
		7	Nagiminora
5	Phek	8	Kezhakeno
6		9	Lanyie
7	Mokokchung	10	Tsutapela
		11	Watiyongpang
8	Peren	12	Maram via Peren
9	Longleng	13	Shetap (Yanglok)

Besides the existing general helpline number of 112, the following dedicated mobile numbers and email ID have been placed in the Control Room for receiving any complaints/information regarding the illegal collection of money from vehicles at any Check Gate or any other location in the State or the presence of any unauthorized persons at the Check Gates, (i) 8798881978, (ii) 8798881979, and (iii) Email ID - PCRillegalcollection@gmail.com. The general public may also contact the Nagaland Police officers whose CUG (Closed User Group) mobile numbers are available in the 'Call Your Cop' Mobile App which can be downloaded from the 'Play Store,' The information can be shared with Nagaland Police via voice call, WhatsApp, text message, E-mail, and so on.

Nagaland Police has encouraged the general public to combat the menace jointly by providing specific information accompanied by photographic and video-graphic evidence regarding the illegal collection of money from vehicles at any Check Gate or any other location in the State or the presence of any unauthorized persons at the Check Gates. The confidentiality of all persons reporting such complaints shall be maintained if so desired.

## MEASURES TO COMBAT ALLEGED ILLEGAL COLLECTION OF MONEY FROM THE VEHICLES AT CHECK GATES AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE STATE

To curb the illegal collection of money from the vehicles on the roads, the State Government has issued several directives in the past. Reports, however, continue to be received alleging illegal collection of money from vehicles on roads and at various check gates by organizations, groups, government agencies, private individuals, etc. In light of the reports and to prevent and curb the illegal collection of money from vehicles by any entity or individual, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to order the following for strict compliance by all concerned with immediate effect:

1. All Police Check Gates, except the existing inter-state check gates shall be closed forthwith.
2. The check gates set up by other departments, including by Municipal and Town Councils, shall also be immediately closed throughout the State, except the inter-state check gates, which may function up till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, and beyond that date, shall function only after obtaining the specific approval of the Home Department.
3. If anywhere in the State, a check gate by any organization, group, or private individual, has been set up or functioning, for whatsoever reasons, that shall also be removed/closed forthwith.

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4. In the event of additional inter or intra-district check gates required for unavoidable reasons by any department, including the Police Department, in any part of the State, the matter shall be referred through the AHoD/HoD concerned with justifications to the Home Department for consideration, and only after getting prior approval of the Government, the check gate will be set up by the department concerned.
5. Every department concerned after closing the check gate at any location in compliance with this order, shall dismantle and completely remove any temporary structure/building standing at the location and being used by it, to obviate the possibility of anyone else misusing the structure/space left behind for illegal collections purposes.
6. The Deputy Commissioner in every district shall constitute an 'Inspection Team' comprising the ADC (HQ), Additional SP/Additional DCP, District Transport Officer, and the District Public Relations Officer (DPRO), which shall be responsible for ensuring that there is no check gate functional on any road in the district in violation of this order. The Team will move with a section strength force to be provided by the respective SP/DCP, and regularly conduct surprise inspections to check if any unauthorized check gate is functional, and in the event of any such gate being found, including by private groups, individuals, all the persons manning the gates shall be prosecuted under Sections 188 and 384 IPC. Disciplinary proceedings shall also be initiated by the department concerned against the government servants found involved, if any. Further, prompt steps shall be taken to dismantle and remove the unauthorized check gates put up by any department, local authority or organization.
7. The Inspection Team shall also conduct comprehensive inspections of the functioning of the duly permitted check gates to satisfy themselves that no illegal collection of money is taking place. In the event of any illegal activity found, the matter shall be immediately brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner concerned who shall forthwith submit a report to the Home Department through the Commissioner, Nagaland with his views. Further, the head of the office concerned in the district shall take penal action against the erring employees under the relevant sections of law besides initiation of disciplinary proceedings.
8. The person in charge of any check gate shall ensure that except the government employees detailed by the department, no other private individual is present at any point of time in and around the premises/structure being used for check gate. The presence of any unauthorized person/group at or near the check gate shall be considered as sufficient proof of everyone colluding for the illegal collection of money and action as per law shall be taken against everyone.
9. The Inspection Team shall submit detailed reports of every inspection being made by it to the Deputy Commissioner, for perusal and for taking action as required. Further, the Deputy Commissioner through the DPRO, will ensure that the observations and findings of the Inspection Team, and the actions taken, if any, are given wide publicity.
10. The Home Department from time to time, will also be sending a team of officers from the Secretariat to inspect the check gates. The Department concerned may also regularly send their officers to inspect the check gates and submit reports to the Home Department.
11. The PHQ shall set up a Control Room to be manned on 24x7 basis, and share widely, the contact mobile number with WhatsApp facility, and an email ID, inviting people without requiring the person concerned to reveal his/her identity if he/she so desires, to share any report/information or make a

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complaint regarding the illegal collection of money from the vehicles at any check gate or other location in the State, and the Control Room, which should be manned by sufficient personnel headed by a senior officer shall, besides passing on the information/complaint to the Inspection Team of the district, also give immediate further instructions for taking appropriate actions. A fortnightly report of the calls received and the action taken by the Control Room shall be made available to the Home Department for perusal.

12. In case of any information received of a vehicle that needs to be checked/inspected because of it being suspected of carrying illegal items, or if there is any contravention of any law/rule/regulation, or it has evaded paying any charges/fee/tax needed to be paid to the Government, or for any other sufficiently good reasons, the department officials concerned may immediately contact the Inspection Team of the district concerned and jointly carry out the necessary checks on the vehicle and take other action as necessary.
13. The Pulic Works Department shall put up prominent signages in local dialects/English and Hindi at every check gate/point declaring that no payment other than required by any law/rule/provision, if applicable, shall be made and that for such payments a proper receipt will be given. The contact number of the Control Room in PHQ shall be displayed prominently on the signages. The signages shall be erected and placed in such a way that they are prominently readable from a distance day and night.
14. The Deputy Commissioner shall obtain regular reports from the Inspection Team in the district, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month submit a detailed report to the Home Department through Commissioner, Nagaland and shall certify the following:
  - (a) Regular inspections are being carried out by the Inspection Team throughout the district to ensure complete compliance to this order
  - (b) That no unauthorized check gate is functional in any part of the district.
  - (c) At the permitted check gates, detailed inspection and thorough inquiries have been made, and there are no cases of illegal collection of money by anyone at such check gates.

## NLA ISSUES NOTIFICATION

Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Dr. P.J. Antony has issued a notification in the light of the earlier decision of the NPF Legislature Party to join the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) and the recent merger of the 21 Members belonging to the Naga Peoples Front (NPF), led by T. R. Zeliang, Leader of the NPF Legislature Party, on 29.04.2022 with the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), and the Order of the Speaker under Para 4(2) of the Tenth Schedule, read with the Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 2019 issued vide Bulletins-II No. 32 and 33 dated 29.04.2022, accepting the claim, T. R. Zeliang has ceased to be the Leader of the Opposition in the 13<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

## SCHOOL EDUCATION CLARIFIES

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS has informed all the employees of the Department that the placement of fund for the current Financial year 2022-23 was issued by the Finance

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Department on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and subsequently, the sub-allocation was prepared by the Directorate and submitted to the Finance Department on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and authenticated, and the same was endorsed by the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for circulation to the all the concerned Treasury Offices. However, with the introduction of the Personal Information Management System (PIMS)/ePay Bill system, the Directorate has been updating the information required by the P&AR Department in their interface vide their OM No.PAR/PIMS-2/2016 dated 27-05-2016.

With most of the employees being migrated to the PIMS, the Finance Department issued an OM vide No.FIN/BUD/12-3/e-Pay Bill/2021-22 dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for introduction of payment of salaries and wages via ePay Bill system effective from November 2021 but, due to glitches/requirement of documents/records, the system was relaxed till the remuneration of February 2022 to be drawn in March 2022, which had already been paid.

The Department would like to clarify that, the Directorate staff have been working overtime in coordination with the Finance Department, P&AR Department and the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts so that salaries were released on time as the ePay Bill system was rolled in w.e.f. March 2022 but, due to some problems like pay items like SCRLA in the '93 RoP resolved by the P&AR on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022, also, vide OM of the P&AR Department vide No.AR-5/ASSO/98 dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016, on ban of appointment on Adhoc/Contract, the records/ documents of such criteria could not be updated which have been compiled and forwarded to the Government and awaited for decision. Till such time, their salaries are withheld.

Also, the last 6 (six) SDEO establishments out of the 11 (eleven) newly created establishments, who had been bifurcated from their parent establishments, could not be updated in the PIMS for want of SGV code from the NSDL, Mumbai, which will be completed once the code is received and their salaries will be released accordingly. Also due to poor internet connectivity in areas like Kiphire, Tuensang and Mon, the problem of uploading details in the portal takes time hence, only 10 or 15 employees can be updated in a day. For the other regular employees, with the help of the P&AR Department, technical glitches are being cleared and for those already cleared, salary is being released on fast track mode.

In view of the above, the Department has reiterated that the Government has been trying to bring in transparency in disbursement of salaries and a system where funds are monitored properly. Since the system is in its initial stage, all the employees have been requested to bear with the delays as, once the problems are resolved, the system is put in place and information required are updated, all such delays will be curbed.

## NBSE NOTIFIES HEADS OF REGISTERED INSTITUTIONS

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the Heads of Registered Institutions on the following:

1. The Midterm examination shall be conducted from 8<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It should be conducted for the full 80 marks and not in a phased manner. This is to enable the schools to assess the learning outcomes of the student in a proper way.
2. Final examination will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will be conducted in September 2022. The second phase will be conducted in December 2022 as notified earlier vide NBE-8/Ad-

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Misc(10)/2022-23/697 dated 4.4.2022.

3. Schools should check the Academic Calendar and must read the Notifications/Circulars issued by the Board from time to time. Schools should also read the booklet on Management of Examinations and Assessment Guidelines and acquaint themselves with the rules/guidelines for the conduct of school-based examinations.

## POLICE ADVISORY ON PREVENTION OF ONLINE/MOBILE BASED FRAUDS

Superintendent of Police (Crime) and PRO, PHQ through a press release has stated that it has come to the notice of the Nagaland Police that fraudsters are impersonating the Political Executives/Senior Government Officials including the Police of Nagaland on WhatsApp and contacting officials or people known to them asking for assistance. The Modus Operandi is:

- Register on WhatsApp using black/fake SIM cards.
- Use the photograph of the person impersonated as a WhatsApp profile picture.
- Get the name and phone number of potential victims from websites and other social media accounts (friends list) of the person impersonated.
- Share the link of Amazon Pay Gift Cards to the victims asking them to purchase the same and send the cards or the claim codes to the fraudster.
- The fraudster claim they are out of town, in a conference/meeting, or otherwise engaged and that is why they need you to make the purchase for them.

Further, it stated that it has been observed that fraudsters are impersonating people on other social media platforms especially Facebook using the same modus operandi with the motive of asking for financial assistance and defrauding innocent victims. Nagaland Police has reiterated that one should not give/make any financial transaction to other people without ascertaining their identity.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS & DEATHS

To facilitate access to Birth & Death Certificates through online modes, the Department of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland has launched the Online registration of Births & Deaths on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Currently, an applicant can register/apply for a Birth and Death event occurring within 21 days of the date of occurrence through this portal.

At present, the service is available only within the jurisdiction of Kohima Sadar for the Registrar of Births & Deaths, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland and Registrar of District Economics & Statistics, Nagaland, and Registrar of District Economics & Statistics Office, Kohima. However, the service will be extended to other areas in a phased manner.

Applicants can access the online application through 'csorgi.gov.in' and log in through the General Public Sign Up icon.

The certificates generated from the system have a unique registration number, QR Code, Bar Code, and embedded facsimile signature of the Registrar along with the imprinted Union, State, and Births & Deaths Logos.

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These computer-generated certificates are to be recognized as legal documents along with the certificates issued manually by the Registrars of Births & Deaths.

## AH&VS ISSUES PROTOCOL REGARDING AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

The Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has informed the general public and piggery farmers that the occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) continues to be unabated in the State with positive cases reported from Tuli Block, Mokokchung district and Tizit Block, Mon district through RT-PCR from NERDDL, Guwahati.

The current trend of occurrence indicates that the disease is penetrating and spreading to various parts of the State, which suggests that the advisory issued is not fully complied with by all the stakeholders. At this stage, the 'Acute Form' of the disease is seen. The spreading of the cases in the State is a matter of concern to the Department, further, the abolishing of all Veterinary Check Posts and the porous borders have made the situation harder for carrying out containment measures.

Therefore, to contain the spread of the disease, the Department has appealed to the public, especially those farmers whose pigs have been affected to follow the following protocols:

1. Inform sudden death of pigs to the nearest Veterinary Institute.
2. Do not consume the dead pigs.
3. List out the number of pigs that died along with photos, and approximate body weight, and after duly certified by the Village /Colony Authority the same must be submitted to the Chief Veterinary Officer for authentication.
4. Follow the deep burial method, at least 6 feet deep, followed by spreading of lime.
5. Do not throw the carcass in the river/canal stream/water bodies.
6. Sanitize the areas/sheds/troughs completely using the recommended solution.
7. Wash hands, feet, clothing, etc. properly with soap.
8. Seek the assistance of a Veterinarian for disinfecting the area.
9. Do not re-populate the pigs, without the Department's consultation.
10. Demarcate the areas into Infected Zone, Surveillance Zone & Free Zone with the help of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department for control and containment measures.

Further, the Department would like to inform all concerned that any queries on African Swine Fever may be clarified through Dr. Khriekuolie Linyü, Joint Director, ASF Core Committee Convenor (Mobile No. 6009753226), Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kohima, Nagaland.

## NAGA WOMEN FELICITATED AT NORTH EAST FESTIVAL

Three Naga women achievers, Neithonuo T. Liegise, Sali Kez Ngully and Vilivi Sheqi were felicitated during the North East Festival, 2022 at Agartala on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The programme was held under the theme 'Role of women in the development of North East' as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. They were accompanied by Additional Secretary, Social Welfare, Bodeno S. Colo and Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi.

Life Connect Nagaland, a Christian organization under Sali Kez Ngully focuses on the fight against underlying causes of poverty and ensuring marginalized women a life of dignity and helping them live life to the fullest potential in the New Market Area, Kohima. Livelihood skills and training under 'Life Connect Craft' and 'The Happy Kitchen' provide an alternate source of livelihood to elevate marginalized women as persons of worth. 'Happy Flow' Project distributes free sanitary pads to enable women

a stress-free period. Under the Children Impact programme, free tuition, life skills, and counseling are given to poor children and affected families.

Neithonuo T. Liegise, Founder and Chairperson of Good Samaritan Women Society, has been working for elderly care for the last 17 years by running Senior Citizens Home at Meriema and Ngwalwa. Liegise is presently the Program Manager of Elderline Nagaland '14567,' a National Helpline to attend and address the grievances of the senior citizens in the State.

Vilivi Sheqi is an entrepreneur, a life-skills teacher, and a freelancer based in Dimapur, working for the upliftment of women and children through entrepreneurship and skills-oriented programme and employment. She seeks to employ school drop-outs and victims of social and domestic violence. Sheqi also owns a baking and catering unit which employs young people with special needs.

## SEMINAR ON MONETIZING AGRI-HORTI ORGANIC POTENTIALS OF NORTH EAST HELD

Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' a seminar on monetizing Agri-Horti organic potentials of North East through value chain development was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at N.E. Agri-Expo 'Angh House', 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Dimapur. The seminar was organized by the Agri and Allied Departments under the aegis of the Ministry of DoNER & NEC, Government of India.

Archana, APEDA, Guwahati, during the PowerPoint presentation on 'Entrepreneurship development through market-linked extension,' highlighted that APEDA is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industries,

Government of India with New Delhi as the head office and Guwahati as the regional office of NEP. She pointed out that APEDA, in collaboration with different organizations and institutions, organizes capacity building, training programmes, and buyers & sellers meet promote trade fairs, exhibitions; financial assistance schemes. She further mentioned that export items of high importance from the North Eastern Region are Pineapple, Assam Lemon, Kiwi, Jackfruit, Banana, Passion Fruit, Bamboo Shoots, Ginger, Turmeric, Black Rice, Buckwheat, etc. She added that one can register and interact with one another through the following e-portal- <https://>

farmerconnect.apeda.gov.in.

Christy B. Sangma, ICAR, Jharapani, in her Power Point presentation on the topic 'Opportunities and challenges for niche organic products,' said that organic farming has become very important as the adverse effect of high risk of agro-chemical in general and of synthetic pesticides, in particular, have an impact on our food security and livelihood supporting system. She highlighted the benefits of organic farming, where she stated that organic farming will immensely benefit a pollution-free environment, reduce toxic residues, improve health, high production, reuse the cost of agricultural

production, improve soil health and sustainability, save energy, reduce risk of crop failure. She pointed out that the challenges faced are due to supply chain issues, global competitiveness, and lack of proper handling and packaging.

During the technical session, resource persons, Prof. L. Tongpang Longkumer, SASRD, NU delivered a PowerPoint presentation on 'Quantifying value-added benefits for monetizing organic crops and market intelligence,' and Dr. I. Amenla, Joint Director, Agriculture delivered on 'Post-harvest Management & Interventions.' Input Sharing was delivered by North Eastern Council (NEC) and DoNER.

### STATE OFFICIALS ATTEND YOGA UTSAV

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports (YRS) and Members of AYUSH attended the Yoga Utsav, 50 Days to International Day of Yoga 2022 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May at Sivadol, Sivasagar, Assam.

The team was led by Secretary YRS, Wezope Kenye; Joint Secretary, Hito Sema;

Additional Director, Megolhu Dolie; Deputy Director, Jakedovo Chase, and Dr. John and Lawrence from AYUSH.

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal invited the department for the said programme.

### UNION MINISTER OF STATE, RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR VISITS NAGALAND

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship embarked on a three day tour of Nagaland from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Minister visited the District Civil Hospital in Mon, Nagaland, interacted with the doctors and other frontline workers who played a critical role in fighting the COVID pandemic in the district. He also noted that the Government of India has approved a Rs. 350 crore Medical College Project for boosting the healthcare facilities of the Border District with central assistance to the tune of around Rs. 292 crore. The Minister was accompanied by S. Phangnon Konyak, Member of Rajya Sabha, Advisor Mmhonlumo

Kikon, Advisor Imnatiba Jamir, party Karyakartas and senior officials representing the district administration, during the visit.

The Minister thereafter traveled to Longwa village and was accorded a warm welcome by the Members of Village Council of Longwa led by Chairman Amao Angh, Vice Chairman C Noklem Konyak and S. Yona, Pastor amongst others. He met the local villagers, supporters, party Karyakartas and briefed them about the vision of PM Narendra Modi that aims to transform North East Region as one of the engines for India's economic growth and work for development of remote cities, towns and villages that were hitherto neglected and ignored.

The Minister also reviewed the progress of developmental and welfare schemes of the district with the DC, SP and other key officials of the District Administration Mon. He directed the officials to focus upon saturating key schemes of the Government so that all benefits are made available to every beneficiary and no one is left behind. He also asked the authorities to prepare a detailed District Skill Development Plan by mapping local skills and market. He suggested that emphasis must be on creating more jobs locally and to promote opportunities of entrepreneurship for the youth.

The Minister visited the forward border post of Lungwa manned by the Assam Rifles and acknowledged the hard work being put in by the men in uniform for safeguarding Indian Borders and paid a respectful salute to all of them.

The Minister thereafter flew to Dimapur where he visited the Traditional & Heritage Cluster at Sovima village. He interacted with

the youth, trainers and students and discussed about the tremendous opportunities that Skill India holds for the youth of India in general and Nagaland and North East Region in particular. He mentioned about the success of Pilot Projects for Bamboo Artisans and weavers that were promised by him during his last visit in September and were formally inaugurated in December the same year, within three months. The project has successfully mobilised the targeted 4100 artisans and registered over 3000 of them and formed 100 batches.

The Minister also chaired a meeting with key officials of District Administration of Aspirational District Kiphire at Dimapur, since inclement weather did not permit travel to Kiphire. He shared the vision of PM Narendra Modi which is to catalyze development in Aspirational districts through a focused approach, leveraging the Government, and transform them into shining models for other districts to emulate.

### AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TOUR SIKKIM



With an objective to study the cultivation of buckwheat and other Good Agricultural Practices (GPA), a team from the Department of Agriculture, Nagaland visited Sikkim from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

With an object to study the cultivation of Buckwheat and other Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in Sikkim, a team of Agriculture Officials from the Department of Agriculture, Nagaland led by Dr. I. Amenla, Joint Director, ATMA visited Sikkim from 19th to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

During the Study-cum-Exposure tour, the team visited a farmer's field at Pepthang, Lingmoo under Lingmoo-Payong Gram Panjayat Unit (GPU) where they were briefed by the field functionaries under the Agriculture Department and ATMA (South) about the various agricultural practices including animal husbandry like cattle rearing, backyard poultry, and goatery.

Later, the team visited the buckwheat field of Bijay Kumar Subba, a progressive farmer of South Sikkim who shared his knowledge and experiences on buckwheat cultivation. The visiting officials interacted and queried on the various aspects of buckwheat like cultivation techniques, post-harvest

processing, value addition, marketing avenues, etc.

The following days, the Agricultural Officials paid a courtesy call to the Krishi Bhawan, Government of Sikkim, Tadong where they interacted with the Director, SAMETI, Sikkim, and senior officials of the Agriculture Department. During the interaction, the team was briefed about the role of SAMETI and ATMA Sikkim in uplifting the farmers' income and other flagship programmes under the Agriculture Department, Government of Sikkim.

The Nagaland Officials later visited the Farm School on Integrated Organic Farming System (IFS) at Tshalamthang, Benphegu GPU where the farm school teacher Ruphan Lepcha shared his vast experiences in the Integrated Farming practices and credited ATMA Sikkim for playing a pivotal role in uplifting his economic condition as well as recognition in the state. The Farm School has been adopted by Ganga Prasad, Governor of Sikkim.

### MYKI NAGALAND AT 2<sup>nd</sup> NORTH EAST FOOD SHOW, SHILLONG

The Department of Women Resource Development, Government of Nagaland showcased its Myki products during the 2<sup>nd</sup> North East Food Show at Shillong which was held from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Polo Ground, Shillong. Being dubbed 'North East's Biggest Food Innovation Exhibition,' the event was inaugurated by Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma and Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang on Thursday at Polo Grounds, Shillong in presence of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Minister, Banteidor Lyngdoh and Sikkim Tourism Minister, Bidu Singh Panth.

The Brand 'Myki' showcased 14 different food products of the women farmers of Nagaland along with apparels and accessories like face masks, aprons, carry



Team Myki with Assistant Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House Shillong, Dr. Diana Patton at Polo Ground, Shillong on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

bags, etc. Food Products at display and sale include Naga King Chilli, Dried Bamboo Shoots,

Pineapple Candy, Wild Apple Candy, Dried Gooseberry, Anishi Powder, Roasted Groundnut, Roselle, Popped Rice, Ginger Powder, Turmeric Powder, Kholar, Sumac Powder and Millet.

Myki Initiative started under the Transformative Livelihood Intervention (TLI) Project in 2006, which is a comprehensive programme for the

socio-economic empowerment of women of Nagaland, particularly the rural and urban poor women and the marginalized, by facilitating various income-generating activities to enable better and alternative means of livelihoods. The project envisions building on past experiences, while also bringing in new initiatives.

### UNION MINISTER OF STATE, JOHN BARLA CALLS ON CM NEIPHIU RIO

The Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, John Barla, called on the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and held a detailed discussion on the ongoing projects of the schemes which are implemented under his Ministry. He further informed about the new guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram brought out by the Ministry of

Minority Affairs, wherein the tribal population in all the districts in Nagaland will be covered under the Ministry. The Minister assured that all possible help will be extended to fulfil the developmental aspirations of the State which will include sectors like health, education, skill development, sports, women empowerment, rural development, sanitation, etc.

### BRTF & GREF OFFICIALS CALLS ON CHAIRMAN NBOCWWB



**Pijush Karmakar, CO, 89 RCC, and Assistant CO, Anand Patel called on Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Chairman Dr. Kekhrie Yhome and Chief Executive Officer, T. Chubayanger at the Board's Office, New Secretariat Road, Kohima on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.**

Pijush Karmakar, CO, 89 RCC, and Assistant CO, Anand Patel called on Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (NBOCWWB) Chairman, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome and Chief Executive Officer, T. Chubayanger at the Board Office, New

Secretariat Road, Kohima, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

The officials discussed social security for its employees. BRTF & GREF currently maintains 150 Km of roads in Nagaland and the organization employs 1174 construction workers.

**PRESIDENT RC KOHIMA FLAGS OFF ROTARIAN BIKERS**

President of Rotary Club Kohima, Rotary International, Rtn. Adv. Kezhokhoto Savi officially flagged off the 10 Rotarian bikers from the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians India Chapter to Imphal, Manipur, in the heart of Kohima Smart City, Main Road, Box Cutting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The 10 Rotarian bikers are from several Rotary Clubs of Bangalore riding with passion, and responsibility in aid of humanitarian missions. They are doing a motorcycling ride to seven sister states and visited Kohima on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Rotary Club Kohima had a meeting with them on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at East Gate Hotel, Kohima with the exchange of Club Flag, momentous and various Naga tribe bags were presented to them.

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians is the fellowship group of Rotarians who

share the common interest of motorcycling and is the largest of the 100+ Rotary Fellowship with around 2800 members in 30 different countries. Their rides comply with the International Safety Standards and wear the Chapter Tee-shirts and riding vests lending a distinct identity. They are essentially a fellowship group under the Global Networking Rotarians, which is a recognised programme of the Rotary International. Currently, they are the Major Donor-Level 3 to the Rotary Foundation. The President of IFMR India Chapter Rtn. Ajit Ram calls upon the Rotary Club of Kohima to start a sub-chapter by encouraging the local bikers to join. India Chapter has 220 members including the members of the five sub-chapters: Goa, Hassan, Kochi, Sholapur, and Thrissur.

**1<sup>st</sup> NAGALAND EDU CONNECT CONCLAVE**

Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu inaugurating the Edu Connect stalls during the 1<sup>st</sup> Nagaland Edu Connect Conclave held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Nagaland Edu Connect Conclave, under the theme, 'Investment for the future,' started at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Advisor, School Education, and SCERT, K. T. Sukhalu and Advisor, Technical Education, and Elections, Medo Yhokha graced the inaugural function as chief patron and keynote speaker respectively.

Sukhalu in his inaugural address stated that the Edu Connect Conclave is an opportunity being brought to the doorsteps of the student community. He urged them not to shy away but make the best use of the opportunity at their disposal. The Advisor stated that growth and diversification have not had equitable reach, either geographically or in terms of awareness, across the State. He stressed the need to address these challenges and said that lack of awareness should not lead to the loss of opportunity for the students. Sukhalu stated that the Edu Connect Conclave is a step towards facilitating an educational interface between top colleges, institutions & universities in India and students in Nagaland, and encouraged the students to go beyond the State and explore opportunities across the country and the rest of the world.

Delivering his keynote address, Advisor, Medo Yhokha lamented that the political unrest in Nagaland is stopping investors from investing in the State. He stated that the purpose of the Edu Connect Conclave is to provide a platform and rope in investors/firms desiring to invest in

the educational sector in the State. The Advisor added that the State Government is committed to providing all possible help to them, and encouraged the setting up of educational institutions as a huge opportunity which he said will be a winning situation for the investors and the State.

CEO, IDAN, Alemtemshi Jamir in his welcome address highlighted the need to move away from colonial and imperial systems of education. Jamir believes that the education sector will emerge as an industry, stating that education is not a mandate of IDAN, but they have taken up the Edu Connect Conclave as an opportunity.

Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University, Prof. K.R.S. Sambasiva Roa gave a presentation on Investment in the Educational Sector in Nagaland while Vice-Chancellor, North East Christian University, Dr. Darlando Khathing presented the admission procedure for joining the higher education institute of learning. Various other presentations on scholarships, career guidance, faculty development, etc. were also highlighted during the day.

The Edu Connect Conclave was organized by the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in association with the Northeast Education Council (NEEC). The primary aim of the Conclave is to attract prominent educational institutions to open branches of the institutions in Nagaland. It will also serve as a one-stop center, where the students can get first-hand knowledge about the institutions.

### **NAGALAND STALL AT ARABIAN TRAVEL MARKET DUBAI**

At the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai which was held from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, a Nagaland Stall was prominently displayed at the India Pavilion which was inaugurated by Rupinder Brar IRS, Additional Director-General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. I. Kitto Zhimomi,

Commissioner & Secretary Tourism, and V. Doulo, Additional Director Tourism, Government of Nagaland participated at the Arabian Travel Market, hard-selling Nagaland Tourism, especially the Hornbill Festival, Nagaland Offroad, and the unique Naga way of life.

**GOVERNOR VISITS REGIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE AT DIMAPUR**

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited the construction site of the Regional Convention Centre (RCC) at NEZCC Complex, Dimapur on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Governor, who is also the chairman of the NEZCC, assured of his support and urged the contractor and the officials to complete the construction at the stipulated time.

It was during the tenure of the then Governor, Nagaland, P. B. Acharya, the Regional Convention Centre foundation was laid in order

to facilitate and honour eminent personalities and achievers from the eight North Eastern States. The construction of the RCC started in September 2016 but due to the pandemic, the progress was delayed and was extended till December 2022.

The structure is a three-storeyed building which will have a main theatre with a seating capacity of 2,000 people, a small theatre with 300 seating capacity, a 250 seat capacity conference hall and one hallway would be used as the Hall of Fame.

**NBOCWWB & DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS**

The Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWWB) & Finance Department held a consultative meeting with engineering departments under the Government of Nagaland on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Conference Hall, New Secretariat, Kohima.

Chairman, NBOCWWB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome said that the Board's primary function is to protect, provide and ensure social security for all those who are engaged in building and other construction activities. He said although the Parliament of India passed the Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), which came into force on 1st March 1996, federal states were slow to implement, including Nagaland, and adoption of Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2010 began on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Yhome further stated that the NBOCWWB is a statutory and body corporate established

by an Act of Parliament. It is a health and welfare-oriented board with enforcement powers and Welfare Fund is incorporated into the Board, the fund is chiefly derived from the 1% Workers' Welfare Cess levied on the cost of construction. He added that the Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess (BOCWW Cess) is administered under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996.

Reiterating directives from the Supreme Court of India, Yhome said the Department of Finance, Nagaland issued standing notifications in 2012 to various concerned departments for compulsory cess collection and every drawal authority and sanction notification by the Department of Finance explicitly informs cess deduction. Many establishments, including Ministries under the Government of India, State Departments, and Government-run Public Sector Undertakings operating in our State, have not been dutifully remitting or reporting their cess payments to the Board. Likewise, delay in payment is another concern, which violates

procedures and for a salary-economy State like ours, the huge financial burden on public expenditure will immediately trigger an economic collapse, and the public will suffer from economic depression for many decades.

CEO, NBOCWBB, T. Chubayanger said that the Welfare Board is constituted to register the construction workers in the State and provide them social security by providing certain benefits. In order to provide these benefits, the Central Government created the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. The purpose of this Act is to keep an eye on the working conditions of the workers. It acts as a social welfare scheme that works with the

motive to provide benefits to the workers who are involved in the activities related to building and construction across the country. The CEO also said that they are trying to streamline payment of cess and renewal of registration through an online process that is available on their official website, which will help create a public domain through their online portal.

Commissioner & Secretary (Finance), V. Kezo, IRS commented that all concerned departments should comply with the Act given by the Supreme Court and that they should fully implement it. He said the Board will be applying a common yardstick for every department and will also try to work out a mechanism that will sensitize everyone about the Act.

### **MoU SIGNING CEREMONY HELD FOR CAPT. (LATE) N. KENGURUSE, MVC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE & WELLNESS**

The Capt. (Late) N. Kenguruse, MVC Centre of Excellence & Wellness, MoU signing ceremony between Directorate General of Assam Rifles, Axis Bank, and National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO) was held at Kenguruse Auditorium HQ IGAR (North) Kohima, Nagaland on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Minister Temjen Imna Along, who was the special guest at the function, described Captain (Late) N. Kenguruse as an epitome of nationalism, bravery, and a true Naga who laid down his life for his countrymen. He also added Captain (Late) N. Kenguruse's image of bravery has depicted our true identity, for which, leaders of the nation have come to adore and honour us.

Congratulating the initiatives of the corporate



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giant Axis Bank signing a memorandum along with NIEDO, Along said corporates want to go to great places where great finances will come but

in this case, they are giving for the future of the nation to make India grow stronger and better to be in the forefront. He also said Nagaland is now closer to the mainland than ever before in the history of our statehood today, and now the North East is the heartbeat of the country. Along also said since many of the young Naga men and women are well equipped in their own fields, he urged the Assam Rifles to also choose people according to their skill and strength in the days to come. He also urged the youth that if they want to make Nagaland strong, dynamic and prosperous, they should enhance their skill and put their dreams into practice to build the nation.

Head Corporate Affairs, Axis Bank, Rudrapriyo Ray, and CEO, NIEDO, Dr. Rohit Shrivastava also spoke during the programme. MoU signing ceremony was conducted by Brig.

Harjinder Singh, Dr. Rohit Shrivastava, and Rudrapriyo Ray.

The vision of the project is to provide a fully residential education and coaching facility endowed with concurrent wellness modules for children from disadvantaged backgrounds for entry into niche colleges/universities after Class XII. Contours of the project is to provide a year-long fully residential, quality educational, coaching, and mentoring facility; A wellness module for underprivileged children for entry into niche colleges/universities; Targets disadvantaged students hailing from rural areas of Nagaland; Grooming the beneficiaries holistically in a pluralistic setup and nurturing them with an egalitarian value system under the shadow of Assam Rifles.

### STATE DELEGATIONS ATTENDS 18<sup>th</sup> COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

A delegation led by Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Zone-III Conference which was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The delegation consisted of Honourable Members and some officials from the Assembly

Secretariat - Tongpang Ozukum, Minister for PWD, Housing & Mechanical; T. Yangseo Sangtam, Deputy Speaker, NLA; Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs; Medo Yhokha, Advisor, Technical Education and Elections; Dr. Chumben Murry, MLA; Dr. P. J. Antony, Commissioner & Secretary, NLA; Jenny N dang, Additional Secretary, NLA.

### INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY CELEBRATED

Nagaland State Museum under the Department of Art & Culture celebrated International Museum Day with the theme 'Power of Museum' from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

The objective of the International Museum Day is to raise awareness about the fact that, Museums are an important means of

cultural exchange and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among people.

On the occasion, school children were invited for a study tour (free entry) with the main objective to impart knowledge of our culture and tradition to the younger generation.

## YOLLOW KONYAK LAUNCHES REVISED NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN



Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow Konyak along with other officials launching the Revised Nagaland State Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Revised Nagaland State Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NSBSAP) was launched by Minister, Forests, Environment & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow Konyak during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2022 held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The programme was organised by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSSB) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to commemorate the adoption of 22<sup>nd</sup> May as International Day for Biological Diversity under the theme 'Building a shared future for all life.'

Counsellor, Head of Environmental Affairs, German Embassy, New Delhi, Dr. Antje C. Berger addressing the gathering, stated that biodiversity remains the key answer to several sustainable development challenges. With two of the world's 36 Biodiversity Hotspots present in North Eastern Region, and Nagaland located in the Indo Burma Biodiversity Hotspot, she stated that the launch of the revised NBSAP is a step towards maintaining the unique landscape

and management. With agriculture responsible for 70% of biodiversity loss, and with 52% of agriculture area affected by degradation caused by inappropriate production method, she stated that the 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agrarian Landscapes (IKI-Biodev)' project aims to boost knowledge on increasing biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystem and agriculture, and the project proved that agriculture practices can have positive effects in biodiversity and the ecosystem especially in Nagaland.

Dr. Berger stated that shifting cultivation has the potential to promote biodiversity and ecosystem services, improve agriculture production and resilience to climate change. The project generated awareness and strengthened the capacity of Jhum optimization and intensification measures while ensuring food and livelihood securities of farmers. The project will come to an end by November 2022 and a new project on Protection and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources in North Eastern Himalayan Region of India will be

undertaken in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Farhad Vania, GIZ India in his address shared that GIZ has been in Nagaland for over a decade, and has been working with Nagaland in biodiversity areas. He stated that biodiversity and climate change issues are becoming more complex, so have the search for solutions, and some of these now are of global importance. He said that it is not possible for one country to try and resolve by itself the problems, there is need for international cooperation and so recently, a Cabinet Consultation of Head of States was held where Prime Minister, Narendra Modi met Chancellor, Germany, Olaf Scholz on 2nd May 2022 and entered into Indo-German Green and Sustainable Development Partnership which has all the content for future development and gives direction especially in Sustainable Development Goals.

The Department of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Government of Nagaland, jointly with Centre for Environmental Studies,

North Eastern Hill University, Shillong had prepared the State Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) of Nagaland in 2005. NSSB in collaboration with GIZ undertook the task to update and revise the BSAP of Nagaland according to the five strategic goals and the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the National Biodiversity Targets as well as the local realities and conservation scenario within the State of Nagaland. The Revised Nagaland BSAP was supported by the global project under the Indo-German Development Cooperation Project 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agrarian Landscapes (IKI-Biodiv)' implemented by GIZ and commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.

The revised plan includes the identification of 12 new Biodiversity Targets for the State. The timeline for achieving these targets has been kept at five years with 2026 being the cut off year when it will be evaluated again.

### POWER DEPARTMENT SIGNS PPA WITH FITZROY ENERGY & MINERALS LTD.

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed between the Power Department and Fitzroy Energy & Minerals Ltd. in the presence of Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi and officials from Power Department and Finance Department. Principal Secretary, Power, K. D. Vizo, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, V. Kezo and Director, Fitzroy Energy & Minerals Ltd. Temjenmoa Jamir were the signatories. The PPA was signed for setting up of a 27 MW Thermal Power plant at Tuli in Mokochung district.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Tovihoto said that the Department wants to encourage companies and entrepreneurs for investing in energy generation and stated that three more

PPAs have been signed with different companies by the Department in solar, thermal and hydro energy generation and informed that a biomass energy generation plant is also in the pipeline. He further said that besides the generation of much needed power in the state, it will generate employment opportunities for Naga youths.

Temjenmoa Jamir, Director, Fitzroy Energy & Minerals Ltd. expressed his gratitude to the Advisor for his visionary leadership and foresight and thanked the Department officials for their support and dedicated efforts. He stated that results will be shown in the ground and hoped that it will be a significant addition to the growth of Nagaland.

**STATUS OF NAGALAND INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH**

The MoHFW approved the establishment of the Medical College with an intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats at District Hospital Kohima (NHAK) at the cost of Rs. 189 crore under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading District/Referral Hospitals' in 2014. As per the Guideline of the Scheme, one of the eligibility criterias was District Hospitals/Referral hospital with bed strength of 200 or more. Further, private hospitals are not eligible under the scheme.

The college will initially function from two plots - Administrative, Academic, Hostels, and staff quarters at Phriebagie, and the Teaching Hospital will be at Naga Hospital Kohima, which is permissible under the Regulations of National Medical Commission (NMC). However, in view of space constraints and instability of land at the Naga Hospital Kohima campus, it is difficult to develop the hospital to 500 bedded Teaching Hospital which must be in place by 3rd Inspection as per the Regulations of NMC. Therefore, a dedicated 500 bedded Teaching Hospital will be established at Phriebagie, and the construction of a 150 bedded hospital at Phriebagie through State Resources is nearing completion, while the Department has approached JICA for setting up a 400 bedded Teaching Hospital.

Though the GoI has approved the establishment of Medical College at Kohima in 2014, acquisition of land was completed only in February 2018. The Master Plan was approved in October 2018 and construction works commenced from 2019. Execution of works was severely affected during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite the initial delay, all works are in full swing and construction works are expected

to be completed within this year. So far, the Central Government has released its share of Rs. 170.10 crore, out of which, Rs. 77.73 crore have been utilized till date. The balance amount is available with the Government. The project was never grounded nor exhaustion of funds as published in some local dailies.

Considering the absence of iconic National Institutions in the State and limited financial and human resources, it is felt that the Medical College will be best run as a Central Institute, whereby the college may be even brought under the control of Nagaland University as practiced elsewhere. However, the Central Government has conveyed its inability.

The State Government has also created 60 various categories of posts required for obtaining Letter of Permission (LOP) from NMC. Advertisement for the post of Director was published nationally on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and advertisement for the remaining posts will be issued shortly.

In connection with setting up of the Medical College at Mon, out of the total approved cost of Rs. 325 crore, the Central Government has released Rs. 232.23 crore as of date. The State Government has acquired 90 acres of land at Mon village which is about 3 Km away from the existing District Hospital Mon. The soil survey, contour survey works, preliminary works at the site including construction of road etc have been initiated, the bid documents and technical details for the remaining works have also been taken up. As per the timeline finalised with the experts and the Department, works are expected to start by the Third Quarter of this year.

**FIRST OF ITS KIND, STATE-LEVEL CONSULTATIVE MEET**

First of its kind, State Level Consultative meet with all Tribal Hohos on documentation of traditional attires, motifs, designs and ornaments was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said of late, there has been misrepresentation and incorrect usage of our traditional designs in fashion shows and on clothes being sold on e-commerce websites without any regard for the people who hold these traditional symbols in high regard. This misuse of traditional attires and symbols, known as 'Cultural Appropriation,' has to be guarded. He also said that cultural appropriation should be taken in all sincerity because the unregulated use of Naga cultural designs and symbols will lead to distortion and misrepresentation.

Rio clarified that it is not that others should not use our traditional attires nor should our communities and entrepreneurs be stopped from doing business in our traditional attires, but they have to be appropriately used. As such, the Chief Minister said that it is important that we should take steps to ensure that cultural heritage is protected under legal provisions such

as Intellectual Property Rights and Geographical Indications. Only then, can we start controlling and regulating the use of our traditional attires, symbols, and ornaments. He hoped that all present at the programme would co-operate and contribute positively to this work which will ultimately benefit all the Nagas.

Advisor, IT&C, S&T & NRE, Mmhonlumo Kikon said the meeting was significant for the preservation of not only our culture and identity but the progress of the Naga people in the days to come. He said unless our rights are enshrined in the various systems that are available in the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), we will be allowing people to take advantage of our heritage. The heart of the workshop, Kikon said, was to ensure that we not only sustain and keep our culture and heritage alive but also benefit in ways in which the new system will enable everyone to prosper, and for this to happen community engagement is the primary approach.

A brief introduction on the Committee was delivered by Commissioner & Secretary, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPos.

**STAFF QUARTER ALLOTMENT CONDUCTED AT NEW DELHI**

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022, the Nagaland House Delhi staff were allotted 51 staff quarters and 8 quarters reserved for (INT Security staff) at Sector 13, Dwarka Delhi. Types of quarters allotment included Type-I, Type-II & Type IIA out of a total of 72 quarters.

The quarter allotment was done through a lottery draw with a videography record in the presence of Additional Chief Secretary & Chief

Resident Commissioner, Jyoti Kalash IAS, Joint Resident Commissioner, Sarita Yadav, IAS and Deputy Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Wennyei Konyak.

The staff will move to their new quarters as and when the Government orders to shift in view of the re-development of Nagaland House at 29 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi.

### NAGALAND MEDIA AND IPR OFFICIALS VISITS SIKKIM



Information & Public Relations (IPR), Nagaland officials and media persons with IPR Sikkim officials and Sikkim Press Club members at Gangtok on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

A 14-Member Nagaland Media Team, comprising of DIPR personnel and journalists from different media houses of Nagaland undertook a weeklong Media Exposure Visit to Sikkim from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

During the visit, the team had an interactive press conference on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021, with the Sikkim Press Club and Sikkim District Information Officer (DIO) officials at Hotel Mount Japuno, Gangtok, with District Information Officer, Dendra Sharma as the special invitee. Deputy Director, IPR Nagaland, Siewatho Nyusou in his speech lauded the house about the importance of having such exchanges amongst the journalists from the north eastern states so that unity on common issues of the region can be forged. Ideas and thoughts on various issues were exchanged between the journalists of both the states during the interactive session.

The team visited the Tsomgo Lake, Nathu La Pass, Lachung Valley and Zero Point. The team

also visited Kala Patthar (Black Stone) a high altitude mountain with an elevation of 18,519 feet above sea level.

The Media Exposure Visit to Sikkim has enriched the team about tourism in Sikkim which has emerged as a new profession for the people of Sikkim with its vast natural potentials, with thousands of tourists flocking the state per day, the Government in the tourism sector has promoted village tourism, homestay, cultural tourism, trekking tourism, ecotourism, floritourism, adventure tourism and tourism trade and this has engaged a large number of people under different employment opportunities. The rich biodiversity of the state endowed with rich flora and fauna like flowering plants, orchids, rhododendrons, conifers, ferns, etc in the high altitude mountains peaks, with glaciers, high altitude lakes, rivers, streams and waterfalls has made Sikkim a very popular tourist destination.

**AHoDs AND HoDs MEETING HELD**

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS stated that with regular functioning of government offices in the State, the biometric system of attendance will resume in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat and directed the Directorates to follow suit. The Chief Secretary was addressing the AHoDs and HoDs meeting at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. He also reiterated that attendance should be monitoring in all government offices and 'No Work No Pay' should be implemented strictly.

The Chief Secretary also directed all departments to submit the names of Nodal Officer for Advertisement related matters to the Department of Information & Public Relations. He also instructed all departments who have

pending advertisement bills to clear them at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary reminded the AHoDs and HoDs to personally take care of court cases so as to void contempt of court. He informed that the first advertisement of NSSB will be out soon and instructed all concerned departments to submit their requisition posts at the earliest.

The Department of Industries & Commerce made a PowerPoint presentation on 'Ease of doing Business.' The Department stated that the Nagaland single window system is being developed for conducting business with government offices. The Department of IT&C gave an update on departmental website.

**STATUS OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION IN NAGALAND**

Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation aims to provide drinking water supply to the rural households through Functional Household Tap Connection ( FHTC) by 2024. The Mission was announced by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day in 2019. The Mission is being implemented in Nagaland by the Public Health Engineering Department.

The JJM activities include the provision of drinking water @ 55 litres per capita per day, support activities that focus on IEC activities and capacity building for the rural communities to manage the completed schemes by themselves, and Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance

(WQMS) which focuses on water quality aspects.

The Status as of 01/04/2022 is as follows:

1. Total no. of villages and habitations: 1499
2. Total no. of rural households: 3,77,286
3. FHTC provided: 1,56,984 ( 41.61%)
4. Balance FHTC for coverage during FY 2022-23 ( 58.39%) (1,12,800 no. already approved during 2021-22 but spilled to 2021-22)
5. New schemes under planning for approval during 2022- 23 = ( 2,20,302-1, 12,800) = 1,07,502
6. Total FHTC target for FY 2022-23 (1,12,800+ 1,07,502): 2,20,302

The State has planned for saturation of all villages/habitations with FHTCs during FY 2022- 23.

**DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW MEETING HELD**

Departmental Review meeting of Food & Civil Supplies and Land Records & Survey was held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall,

Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Chief Secretary Alam stated that with the State Government banning all check gates in the

State, prices of essential commodities should come down and directed the Department of F&CS to monitor the situation.

Director, F&CS, V. Lovitoly Sema stated that the Department has been implementing various welfare schemes and programmes of the State and Central Governments across Nagaland. She stated that the Grievance Redressal Mechanism was in place and the Department was conducting Social Audits and maintaining Grievance Redressal System. She also added that one could check the details of NFSA Ration Card, Allocation, Supply Chain, Online Sales and Other services (such as 'Know Your Ration Entitlement') at <https://feast.nagaland.gov.in/> while details of foodgrains transaction under 'One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)' i.e. Implementation of Ration Card portability 'One Nation One Ration Card' could be found at <http://www.impds.nic.in/portal>.

The Director also informed that Nagaland was the 1st State in the North East to launch the sale of 5 Kg FTL Cylinder through FPS with the assistance of IOCL and added that cylinder is available in 78 Fair Price Shops (FPSs) under

Dimapur Sadar and the same will be rolled out in other districts in phase-wise manner. She further stated that the Department has completed 100% online allocation, 100% Supply Chain Management i.e. generation of indent to FCI for lifting of foodgrains till the distribution of foodgrains at Fair Price Shop Level using ePoS Devices, 95.06% Aadhaar seeding Status as on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 for the NFSA Ration Card.

Chief Secretary Alam said that due credit must be given to the Food & Civil Supplies Department for successfully seeding 95.06% of Aadhaar Status for the NFSA Ration Card holders. With the availability of a robust Grievance Redressal and Social Audit mechanisms, all complaints should be taken up on priority basis.

The Department of Land Records & Survey in their presentation stated that the Department is in the process of creating a Record of Rights from their level as well as digitize all existing maps and upload it online to enable the public to access their land records. The Department was advised to roll out an online single window system for land transactions for the benefit of the citizens.

### STATE CIC CALLS ON CENTRAL CIC

On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, I. Meyionen Jamir, State Chief Information Commissioner made a courtesy call on Y. K. Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission at the CIC Office New Delhi, and discussed various issues relating to effective implementation of the RTI Act in the State.

The misuse of the Act by the RTI applicants for personal benefits, blackmailing of government departments and thereby, disrupting the normal functioning of office and measures to tackle such issues were discussed. The misuse of the Act by the PIOs and department officials by negotiating



Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, Y. K. Sinha with State Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland, I. Meyionen Jamir at the CIC's office, New Delhi on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

with the applicants to avoid parting with information/documents to cover up the misdeeds of the departments was also discussed.

It may be noted that Nagaland is one of the few states where suo moto disclosures by the public authorities are available on their official websites which was appreciated as a good

practice. The State is also one of the nine states maintaining 100% responsiveness to the RTI applications.

I. Meyionen Jamir also attended the Board of Governors meeting of the National Federation of Information Commissions in India at CIC Bhavan, New Delhi.

### SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS SCHEMES AS PART OF AKAM

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence, the schemes being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare such as 'Poshan Abhiyaan' and 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' have been specifically highlighted as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

Poshan Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure the attainment of a malnutrition-free India by 2022. It aims to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children. The main objectives of the mission:

- (i) Prevent and reduce stunting in children (0-6 years)
- (ii) Prevent and reduce under nutrition in children (0-6 years)
- (iii) Prevent and reduce Anemia amongst young children (6-9 months)
- (iv) Reduce the prevalence of Anemia among women and adolescent girls (15-49 years)
- (v) Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW)

The pillars of the mission are Poshan Tracker, Convergence, Behavioural Change & Communication, IEC Advocacy, Incremental

Learning Approach, Innovations, Incentives, and Grievance Redressal.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is implemented using the platform of Anganwadi Services Schemes of Umbrella ICDS under Social Welfare Department in the State. The objectives of PMMVY are to provide partial compensation for the wage loss in terms of cash incentives so that the woman can take adequate rest before and after the delivery of the first living child, encourage pregnant women and lactating mothers to seek improved health and nutrition behavior. Since the launch of the scheme in January 2017 in the State, it has benefitted 30748 pregnant women and lactating mothers. It aims to reach out to all deserving pregnant women and lactating mothers and regular identification and registration is done in and through the Anganwadi Centres and workers. Registration is also done at the CDPO Offices and District PMMVY cells attached to the District DPO Offices.

PMMVY is implemented in all the districts of the country where a cash incentive of Rs. 5000 is provided directly to the Bank/Post Office Account of pregnant women and lactating mothers (PW&LM) for the first living child of the family.

### URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ORGANISES ACTIVITIES AS PART OF AKAM

In commemoration of 75 years of progressive India, the Urban Development Department has undertaken various activities such as

wall paintings, beautification of roundabouts (Chaurahas), and also organized competitions such as Essay writing, Photography, and

Drawing in all the 39 ULBs across the State. The Department also organized cleanliness drives, street play, capacity building, and IEC activities as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the State through UDD initiated competition for 'Cleanest

ULBs and Wards Awards 2022' with special emphasis on 'Plastic Free-vis-a-vis Single-Use Plastics' under the theme 'Resolve@75.' Field assessment and verification in all the 39 ULBs have been completed and the results will be announced shortly.

### 5<sup>th</sup> WORLD BANK MISSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT HELD AT NIATHU RESORT

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Bank Mission for Implementation Support under National Hydrology Project was held at Niathu Resort, Chumukidima, Nagaland from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Altogether, 16 Central and State implementing agencies of the National Hydrology Project from the East Zone participated in the review mission. The objective of the mission is to review the physical and financial progress of the project and identify the bottlenecks and bridge the gap in planning and implementation. All the 16 implementing agencies will present a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the achievements, status, and target to be attained.

Representatives from the World Bank and the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti took part in the programme. The 16 implementing agencies from the East Zone are Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Jharkhand, West Bengal (SW), West Bengal (GW), Odisha, Bihar (SW) Bihar (GW), Central Water Commission, Damodar Valley Cooperation (DVC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).

Delivering the keynote address, Rakesh Kashyap said that the aim is to improve the extent, reliability, and accessibility of water



Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Er. Hotovi Ayemi lighting the ceremonial lamp during the 5<sup>th</sup> World Bank Mission for Implementation Support under National Hydrology Project held at Niathu Resort, Chumukedima from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

resources information, strengthen the capacity of targeted water resource management institutions in India, and facilitate the acquisition of reliable information efficiently which would pave the way for an effective water resource development and management.

The programme was organized by Water Resources Department, Government of Nagaland under the aegis of the National Hydrology Project Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR. Dr. Anju Guar, TTL, World Bank also delivered a speech on the occasion.

**2,13,605 FARMERS RECEIVE INCOME SUPPORT UNDER PM-KISAN**

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Department of Agriculture has highlighted how the scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi has been supporting the farming families by giving Rs. 6000 per year in three equal instalments. Under this, the fund is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries/farmers by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

Altogether, 2,13,605 farmers from Nagaland have received an amount of Rs.

337,42,08,000 as on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (10<sup>th</sup> instalment).

The total beneficiaries registered as on May 2022 is 2,04,477. The e-KYC done so far against the total registered beneficiaries is 1,42,278 (70% of the total registered farmers). The 11<sup>th</sup> instalment will be released by the Ministry on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 by organising nationwide interaction of beneficiaries in commemoration with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

**STATE-LEVEL LITERARY COMPETITION HELD**

State Level Literary Competition was held at the Multipurpose Hall 'A,' IG Stadium Kohima on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Wezope Kenye, IAS as the special guest.

While delivering his speech, Kenye said that illiteracy is not a social or cultural defect and it is a solvable problem. Literacy is a necessary tool to break harsh social cycles. He also said that the main purpose of celebrating the day is to bring awareness about literacy so that everyone knows about their individual and social rights. Kenye further mentioned that literacy has become an important factor in leading a good

life in the contemporary age. He requested the participants to use their gift of knowledge in making the world a better place and to celebrate their abilities.

The first prize was bagged by Angel Roukhau (Kohima), the second prize by Rongsenienla (Mokokchung), and the third prize by Tsukholü Therie (Phek).

The judges for the essay competition were Project Director, TaFMA Dr. Hovithal Sothu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Kohima College, Theyiesinuo Kreditsu, and Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Kohima Science College, Moakum Kichu.

**PHED HIGHLIGHTS SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (GRAMEEN) SCHEME**

Rural Sanitation: Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 with a universal aim to make India Open Defecation Free (ODF). Nagaland achieved ODF Status for rural areas in the year 2018 and now, the Public Health Engineering Department has initiated Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II (ODF Plus) from the FY 2020-21 and will continue till FY 2024-25.

ODF Plus activities under Phase-II of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) have reinforced ODF behaviors and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages, wherein, more emphasis will be made on access to a safe toilet, sanitary complexes, solid waste disposal systems, and grey water management in the rural areas in addition to retrofitting of rural toilets

and sanitary complexes to achieve ODF Plus status in rural villages.

Currently, there are 581 ODF Plus Aspiring, 621 ODF Plus Rising, and 230 ODF Plus Model Villages fulfilling the criteria for ODF Plus Rating. During the current FY 2022-23, the State has identified six districts and targets to fulfill those districts with ODF Plus components.

In addition, to strengthen the community and nudge the community into adopting safe and sustainable sanitation activities, various IEC & Capacity building activities have been planned i.e. PRA, production of IEC materials and wall paintings of IEC messages, cleanliness drive in villages to improve visual cleanliness and

strengthen community participation, capacity building, and training on the role of WATSAN and Gram Panchayat in implementing grey water management and community participation at the village level, training for Swachhagrahis and WATSAN Committee Members, learning exchange/exposure visits to ODF Plus villages to see best practice, rewards, and recognition to Swachhata Champions, etc. With SBM(G) Phase-II implementation in progress, swachhagrahis in every village have been playing a role in creating awareness, also ensuring the village is benefitted with SBM(G) Phase-II components and moving towards the goal of achieving ODF Plus village to sustain ODF and safe sanitation practices.

### LAUNCHING OF PM CARES FOR CHILDREN SCHEME



Launching programme of Prime Minister Cares for Children was held at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Launching programme of Prime Minister Cares for Children Support Measures Scheme and Empowerment of COVID-19 affected children was held at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The scheme aims to support children who have lost both parents or legal guardian or adoptive parents or surviving parents to COVID-19 pandemic and the objective of the scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and

protection of children in a sustainable manner and enable their well-being through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on reaching 23 years of age. The scheme of Prime Minister Cares for Children was announced on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

As per the Ministry of Women & Child Development, financial support has been credited in the account of each identified child

such that the corpus for each child becomes Rs. 10 lakh at the time of 18 years of age. The child will receive a monthly stipend once they attain 18 years of age. It is also notified that by investing the corpus of Rs. 10 lakh, a child above 18 years will receive a stipend till they attain 23 years of age. An ex-gratia of Rs. 50,000 per deceased parent through SDRF-MHA directions. The PM Cares for Children scheme also includes to support for boarding and lodging and the financial support as prescribed for non-institutional care under the Central or State Scheme has been provided to the Children as per the eligibility under the Scheme. Under Child Protection Service (CPS) scheme, children staying with relatives receiving

Rs. 2000 per month will now receive Rs. 4,000 per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Under the Prime Minister Cares for Children scheme, entitlement in Financial Support, Support for Boarding and Lodging under the relevant Scheme, Assistance for School Education, Assistance for Higher Education and Entitle in Health Insurance under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PMJAY) with health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh.

The Beneficiary Minor from Kohima district was hand over by Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu.

### **A BREAKTHROUGH FOR NAGALAND GOVERNMENT IN THE LITIGATION RELATING TO THE NAGALAND HOUSE AT SHAKESPEARE SARANI, KOLKATA**

The Nagaland Government gained a breakthrough in the bitter and prolonged litigation relating to the Nagaland House at Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata through the dedicated and sustained efforts of the counsel for the State of Nagaland led by Mr. K. N. Balgopal, Learned Advocate General, Nagaland who is assisted by Adv. Nitya Nambiar and Adv. Vitso Rio. Hopefully, the State Government will be able to get a favorable judgment against an entity that is trying to exploit some loopholes in the law to pay a paltry sum as rent. The history and intricacies of the case are explained in the following paragraphs.

On 24<sup>th</sup> December 1997, the State of Nagaland executed a lease deed in favor of Civil Engineers Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (CEEPL), concerning premises No. 11 Shakespeare Sarani, Calcutta for 20 years. The said lease deed was to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998 and end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The total area

rented is 1,05,000 sq. ft. The premises are in the heart of Calcutta.

As per Clause 3 of the lease deed, the rent per annum was fixed at Rs. 5 lakh per month or Rs. 60 lakh per annum. Under Clause 2.1 of the said lease deed, the tenant was entitled to renew the lease deed by another 20 years subject to the enhancement of rent in terms of the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, 1997 (amended).

There was a further clause that after the expiry of the second term, the lessor i.e. the State of Nagaland shall renew the lease in favor of the lessee i.e. CEEPL for a further period subject to enhancement as per the market value as mentioned in the second schedule.

The State of Nagaland is the owner of the Nagaland House Commercial Complex located at Premises No. 11 Shakespeare Sarani, Calcutta. The complex includes many buildings including the 10-floor Nightingale Hospital.

The rent was fixed following the West

Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, 1997 and Rules. In case, a tenant comes under this Act, the rent will be nominal and not in accordance with the prevailing market rate. As per Clause 3 of the lease deed, the rent was fixed at a rate of Rs. 5 lakh per month on account of this Act. Not only was the rent to be fixed for the 1997 lease deed under the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, but in the renewal clause, it was mentioned that on renewal of the lease, the rent would continue to remain according to the rate prescribed under the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act.

Incidentally, this Act does not cover premises owned by the central or the State Government and also any premises let out for non-residential purposes which carries more than Rs. 10,000 as monthly rent.

On the expiry of the lease by efflux of time on 31.12.2017, the tenant once again approached the government for renewal of the lease deed on the condition that the rent will be paid only as per the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, 1997. The State of Nagaland on the other side, issued notices to the tenant seeking payment of Rs. 2.2 crore per month as rent and refused to accept the fixation of rent in terms of West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, 1997 on the ground that the said Act does not apply to the Nagaland State properties because under the aforesaid Act, State, and Central Government properties are exempted from its purview.

Further, some of the salient one-sided features of the lease were:

1. The tenant was entitled to sublet the premises to third parties on terms mentioned in the lease deed.
2. They were entitled to mortgage the property of Government of Nagaland.
3. They could take loans by using this property as collateral security.

4. 1500 sq. ft. free of cost for the entire lease period for the tenant.

In effect, the lease deed looked more like a sale deed because the lessee had supreme rights over the property and when he was put to notice that his lease is terminated by efflux of time for not paying enhanced rent, the lessee filed Civil Suit No. 26/2018 in the High Court of Calcutta seeking the relief of specific performance of the lease deed dated 24.12.1997 in which there was a renewal clause of payment of the rent in terms of West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act which the government refused to accept.

However, according to law, one cannot enforce an illegal agreement or an agreement against public policy or public interest. Meanwhile, the State of Nagaland filed Suit No. 242/2021 for possession and damages.

In the light of the above, the Civil Engineer Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. obtained a stay against the suit filed by Nagaland on the ground that if one suit has been filed and consequent to that, another suit has been filed by the opposite party, the first suit filed by the lessee shall take precedence over the second suit. This stay was for 2 months after which the stay automatically stood vacated. At the instance of the Chief Minister, about 5 MLAs/Advisors who were part of a committee attended the hearing in the High Court of Calcutta.

Since there was a possibility of the State of Nagaland being drawn into lengthy litigation, and since both the suits are between the same parties based on the same facts and law, it was decided to refer the cases from the High Court to Arbitration through there is no arbitration clause in the lease deed.

Accordingly, the High Court passed an order dated 06.05.2022 directing the case to be referred to arbitration and an Arbitrator was

appointed. Even after the order was passed, CEEPL attempted to get a stay of the suit of Nagaland and the same was opposed on the ground that the High Court has got no jurisdiction to decide this matter anymore as the matter has been referred to arbitration.

The State Government would move appropriate applications before the arbitrator for joint trial of both the cases on the ground confirmed by the High Court itself that the cases are between the same parties and the fact and law involved are the same. It may be noted the lessee did not allow the officials of the State to inspect the lease premises, nor did they furnish

details of the sent deeds/taxes etc. Applications have been filed in the Court for direction to the lessee to disclose these facts to ascertain whether they have sold any part of the premises.

CEEPL also attempted to refer the case for mediation on the last hearing which was again rejected by the court when in open court, the court remarked that you are paying a paltry amount of Rs. 5 lakh per month in such a posh locality in Calcutta and therefore, you are not entitled to relief of mediation. The purpose of seeking mediation was only to put the case in cold storage.

By virtue of these orders, the State of Nagaland is in a more advantageous position.

### PM'S INTERACTION WITH BENEFICIARIES OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WELFARE SCHEMES CONDUCTED ACROSS THE STATE

As a part of the nation celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Indian Independence, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of about 16 schemes/programmes spanning nine Ministries/Departments of the Government of India on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

During National Level Sammelan, Prime Minister released the 11<sup>th</sup> installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. More than Rs. 21,000 crore was transferred to more than 10 crore farmers.

#### KOHIMA:

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Prime Minister's nationwide interaction with beneficiaries of Government schemes/ programmes was held at State Cultural Hall, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The event is named 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' since all the schemes address the poorest sections of the population. The principal objective of the interaction was not only to understand how these schemes have brought about ease of living for the citizens but also to explore the possibility of

convergence and saturation.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that Nagaland joined in the national programme, 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' which was led by the Prime Minister and many Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are under this programme are being implemented in the State of Nagaland. Through these schemes, around Rs. 5000 crore are being transferred for various projects or to the beneficiaries in the State. In addition, Rio also said that infrastructures are built to benefit people at large, and the schemes are aimed directly for the benefit of individuals and families.

The schemes in which the beneficiaries participated are aims at providing housing (urban and rural), providing tapped drinking water, community/public toilets, support through subsidized food grains, providing direct transfer of Rs. 6000 per farmer, providing affordable loans, and health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family.

Rio further mentioned that the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (both urban and grameen) provides



Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak with dignitaries and officials from Youth & Sports Resources Department, Nagaland attended the Yoga Utsav, 50 Days to International Day of Yoga 2022 on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at Sivadol, Sivasagar, Assam.



Students during the celebration of 'International Museum Day' at Nagaland State Museum, Department of Art & Culture, Kohima from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.



**Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio exhorting the gathering at the programme of Prime Minister's nationwide interaction with beneficiaries of government schemes held at State Cultural Hall, Kohima on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.**



**Participants and officials during the State Level Literary Competition held at Multi-Purpose Hall A, Indra Gandhi Stadium on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



A tree plantation was carried out at Tsaphimi village under Pughoboto sub-division, Zunheboto on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.



Meshang, a 90 year old from Nokhu village, Noklak collecting potable water from the pipe supplied under Jal Jeevan Mission, Public Health Engineering Department.



**Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India, B. L. Verma and other dignitaries after inaugurating the Community Marketing Complex at NE Agri Expo 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Chumukedima on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.**



**Judge of Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Songkhupchung Serto and Judge of Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Kakheto Sema laid the foundation stone of District Court Complex, Noklak at Nyungkeng, Nokyan B on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

for housing to socially and economically weaker sections in towns and villages. 18,430 beneficiaries in the rural areas and 31,241 beneficiaries in the urban areas have been assisted so far in the State.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) food security welfare, Rio said that it is a scheme announced by the Government of India on 26th March 2020, as part of an economic response to COVID-19 to ameliorate the hardship faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by corona virus. Under the scheme, the CM said that the State is allocated additional food grains @ 5 kg/person/month free of cost to all the beneficiaries of AAY & PHH covered under TPDS as per the provision of NFSA. This allocation is over and above the normal monthly quota of NFSA. The Department has completed the scheme from Phase I to Phase V, covering about 14.03 lakh population in the State while the Phase VI is ongoing.

Under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), Rio mentioned that as a flagship health insurance scheme by the Gol for the poor and vulnerable population launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, it provides free health insurance coverage up to Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for hospitalized care. In Nagaland, the scheme has a target of 2.33 lakh households that were identified through SECC 2011, of which 1,03,718 families (44.5%) have been covered with at least one e-Card and more than 2.78 lakhs of individual e-Cards have been generated to eligible beneficiaries.

CM Rio said that the State is contemplating rolling out Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) from the 1st of October 2022 which aims to provide every citizen of Nagaland with hospitalization insurance cover of up to Rs. 5 lakh per annum, irrespective of the family's income. The scheme will provide cashless services for

predefined packages covering secondary and tertiary care procedures at empanelled government or private hospitals, both within and outside the State.

The State Government has also designed a Micro-Finance Scheme which will provide subsidized loans to the farmers and entrepreneurs in the State, which will be introduced in the coming month.

While interacting with the Chief Minister, the beneficiaries from the districts thanked the government for introducing different welfare schemes to uplift the economic status of the poor and downtrodden section of the society. The beneficiaries also expressed satisfaction and contentment over the implementation of different welfare schemes by the government departments.

In conclusion, Rio said that the State Government and the Central Government will continue to build the capacities of our people, and provide the environment with sufficient opportunities for the innate strengths of our people to grow equally with the national economy. With the active participation of the departments, legislators, and the village councils, there will be a change in the present scenario and the future of the State too.

This event is also one of the largest ever single-event nationwide interactions spanning all the districts where the Prime Minister interacted with beneficiaries about the impact that the wide-ranging schemes/programmes covering housing, availability of potable water, food, health and nutrition, livelihood, and financial inclusion, etc. have had on their lives.

#### **MOKOKCHUNG:**

The event in Mokokchung was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

During the programme, the beneficiaries also had the privilege to interact through video conferencing with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio regarding benefits under various schemes. The programme was also attended by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Aotula Imchen IPS, along with other officials.



A beneficiary from Kiphire interacting with Chief Minister during the nationwide interaction of PM with beneficiaries of various flagship programmes at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### TUENSANG:

Tuensang district led by the District Administration held a video conference on the event Garib Kalyan Sammetan at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang.

After briefing the beneficiaries, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant IAS thanked the government officials and their beneficiaries for their participation. The conference was attended by Heads of Offices, Tuensang and beneficiaries of government schemes of different departments in the district.

### PEREN:

Garib Kalyan Sammelan, an interaction of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi with beneficiaries of public welfare schemes was live telecasted at Town Hall, Peren, and about 350 beneficiaries witnessed the live event.

The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, and was also attended by officials from District Administration, HoDs of line departments, and public leaders.

### KIPHIRE:

Kiphire district participated in the video conference on 31<sup>st</sup> May at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

During the interaction, Kevi Sangtam, a beneficiary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) implemented by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), and K. Wongsushi, a beneficiary of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH) by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies interacted with the Chief Minister, Nagaland. During the interaction, the two beneficiaries spoke of the benefits of their respective schemes and expressed their gratitude to the government for providing such schemes to the people of the state.

### NOKLAK:

District level programme of Prime Minister's nationwide interaction with beneficiaries of government schemes was held at White Hall, Noklak village.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru in his opening remarks, thanked the beneficiaries of different schemes, government officials, civil organizations, and village leaders for joining the programme. The DC highlighted the importance of different government schemes and urged the departments to sincerely implement the schemes for the benefit of the public.

Around 300 participants attended the programme.

### CHUMOUKEDIMA:

On the occasion, Chumoukedima district, headed by Deputy Commissioner, Abhinav Shivam, IAS took part and made all the necessary arrangements for the programme at CTC Hall, Chumoukedima.

#### **PHEK:**

Prime Minister's interaction with beneficiaries of various Public Welfare Schemes with district level functionaries was held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek. MLA Chotisuh Sazo, MLA Kezhienyi Khalo, and Deputy Commissioner Phek, Razouvolie Dozo spoke on the occasion.

An interaction was also held where the attendees interacted with government officials.

#### **NIULAND:**

Niuland district celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at DC's Conference Hall Niuland in the presence of Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi.

The PM's interaction with the beneficiaries highlights the people-centric approach of the schemes to enlighten the government on the aspirations of the people and ensure that no one is left behind in the nation's march to progress.

### **WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY OBSERVED**

#### **KOHIMA:**

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare held a programme in commemoration of World No Tobacco Day 2022 with the theme 'Tobacco: Threat to our environment' on 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 at the Directorate IDSP Hall, Kohima, with Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, Principal Director H&FW as the chief guest.

Dr. Chiekroshuyi Tetseo, Additional Director (Dental) & SNO, NTCP, delivering the theme talk, highlighted the ongoing activities such as organizing competitions, awareness campaigns,

#### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto district also participated in the Prime Minister's nationwide interaction with beneficiaries of government schemes and programmes on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at Town Hall Zunheboto.

Altogether, more than 400 people participated in the programme and there were about 260 beneficiaries of 13 Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Live telecast of the Chief Minister of Nagaland's interaction with beneficiaries at the capital Kohima was also screened during the programme. Later, the live address of the Prime Minister at Garib Kalyan Sammelan at Shimla was also screened.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

Dimapur district took part in the Prime Minister's nationwide interaction with beneficiaries of various Public Welfare Schemes programme held at IMC Hall, Dimapur. The event was presided over by DC, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, and was attended by beneficiaries of various schemes, heads of offices and administrative officers. The district level event was linked with the national event where the Prime Minister interacted from Shimla with beneficiaries across the country.

cleanliness drives, etc. in all the districts as well as state level. With 43% among 13-15 years of age, Nagaland stands the highest in tobacco consumption in the country, he stated. Further, he also informed that to monitor schools/institutions for a tobacco-free zone, a special app has been launched under the name 'Tobacco-Free Nagaland App.'

Dr. Thorhusie Katiry, Mission Director NHM released the 'Handbook for health workers' at the programme.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2022

The HSLC Examination 2022 commenced from 9th March 2022 and concluded on 22nd March 2022 and the HSSLC Examination 2022 commenced from 8th March 2022 and concluded on 31st March 2022.

In HSLC, a total of 28938 candidates were enrolled and in the HSSLC, a total of 17121 were enrolled for the examination. 1392 candidates were enrolled for HSLC Compartmental Examination 2022 and 901 qualified the examination with a pass percentage of 64.73%.

### A. HSLC Examination 2022:

Out of 28938 candidates, a total of 18721 candidates qualified the examination with a qualified percentage of 64.69%.

**The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:**

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
69.42%	70.03%	68.29%	66.01%	70.19%

10021 girls and 8700 boys qualified the examination. In the Top 20 list, there are 62 candidates out of which 18 are boys and the rest 44 are girls. 90 schools secured 100% qualified/pass percentage. Out of 90, 78 are private schools and 12 are government schools. This year, 34 schools have zero/nil result out of which 33 are government schools and 1 private school.

Government Schools qualified / pass percentage	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	42.60%	40.77%	43.32%	47.40%	44.86%	36.62%
Private Schools qualified/ pass percentage	86.74%	82.96%	84.76%	86.28%	85.58%	82.08%

In terms of district wise performance for government schools, Kohima district topped the table with a percentage of 57% followed by Mokokchung and Peren districts at 54% and 52% respectively. Kiphire district is at the bottom with 7%.

In respect of private schools, Kohima district is at the top with a percentage of 88% followed by Zunheboto at 84%.

The number of candidates who secured 80% and above in aggregate is 1527, out of which, 20 candidates are from government schools.

### B. HSSLC Examination 2022:

16 institutions under Arts stream, 10 institution under Science stream and 4 institutions under Commerce stream secured 100% pass result.

**The performance of boys and girls streamwise in terms of pass percentage is:**

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	85.66 %	88.03 %	93.07 %
Boys	70.80 %	78.71 %	82.92 %

The overall percentage in Arts stream is 80.64%, Commerce stream is 82.28% and Science stream is 88.24%

The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Arts</b>	69.37%	71.87%	74.44%	73.42%	77.28%
<b>Commerce</b>	74.39%	75.47%	74.68%	73.75%	70.92%
<b>Science</b>	91.35%	80.99%	81.37%	84.39%	86.94%

It is heartening to mention that there are two toppers from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Merit List at the HSSLC Examination 2022 in Arts stream from Government Higher Secondary School, Jotsoma in Rank 4 and Rank 8 from Government Higher Secondary School, Chumukedima.

The number of boys and girls in the top 10 list stream-wise is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
<b>Girls</b>	15	5	9
<b>Boys</b>	3	8	7

### C. Compartmental Examination 2022:

Due to the pandemic, the Board could not conduct HSLC Compartmental Examination in the same year. However, with the improved situation, the Board will be holding the HSLC Compartmental Examination 2022 tentatively in the last week of June 2022. Necessary information will be given out in due course of time.

### D. Governor's Excellence Award in Science Study of HSSLC Examination:

Besides the various awards given by the Governor of Nagaland, the 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science Study' shall be awarded from HSSLC Examination 2022 onwards. The Award will be given to the best six students in science stream with the following subject combination, subject to fulfillment of the guidelines governing the 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science study of HSSLC Examination' as notified by the Governor's Secretariat vide Notification dated 4th March 2022:

1. Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) – 3 Awards
  - 1st – Rs. 1,00,000/-
  - 2nd – Rs. 50,000/-
  - 3rd – Rs. 25,000/-
2. Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) – 3 Awards
  - 1st – Rs. 1,00,000/-
  - 2nd – Rs. 50,000/-
  - 3rd – Rs. 25,000/-

### KRISHI MELA HELD AT LONGLENG



**ATMA Longleng and KVK Longleng organised a District Level Krishi Mela of Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022 on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

ATMA Longleng and KVK Longleng organised a day-long district-level Krishi Mela of Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022 along with the rest of the country on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The programme was chaired by DAO Longleng, Sugangmar Longchar as the special guest.

The special guest emphasized on doubling the farmer's income through crop rotation and incorporating ITK in day-to-day farming activities.

The officials from agri & allied departments

highlighted their ongoing schemes and projects available for the farmers. The highlights of the day included farmers-scientist interaction, felicitation of progressive farmers from Longleng, Tamlu, and Sakshi blocks for their contribution in the field of agriculture, horticulture, and livestock. Exhibition of agricultural tools and implements were also showcased during the programme. Altogether 107 farmers from different blocks and villages participated in the programme.

### BLOCK-LEVEL HEALTH MELA HELD AT AHTHIBUNG

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Health Society Peren, organized a Block Level Health Mela at PHC Ahthibung, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The objective of the camp was not only to diagnose and treat the patients but also to counsel them about their health condition and the measures they are supposed to take to avoid health-related problems in the future. The camp was also held to create health



**A Block Level Health Mela was organized at Primary Health Centre Ahthibung, Peren on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

awareness and emphasize the importance of health in the community.

Various ailments were screened and checked by a team of doctors including a medicine specialist, a dentist, a skin specialist, an AYUSH MO, an ophthalmic assistant, four CHOs, and various nurses, lab technicians and assistants.

Altogether, 262 OPDs were recorded, 78 diabetes and hypertension screenings were done, 23 ARSH clinic attendees, 55 cataract screening, 40 Yoga and meditation participants,

5 TB screening, 50 screening for oral cancer, 10 malaria screening, 3 Hepatitis B screening, 30 ABHA Health IDs created and 10 Ayushman Bharat Health Cards were also issued during the health mela.

The Health Camp was successfully organized and conducted under the guidance of Dr. Vezokholu, MO, AYUSH together with Dr. Thangmang, MO, Dr. Arba, MO, and Temsumenla Kipgen, BPM Ahtibung Block.

### MOATSU CELEBRATED IN MOKOKCHUNG

Moatsu, the premier festival of the Aos was celebrated at Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom as the special guest and Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir as the guest of honour.

Phom said Aos, being the pioneer among the Nagas in many fields have contributed to the growth of the Naga society. He asked the gathering to make the celebration a time of realization of one's weaknesses and regain the past glory. Pangnyu maintained that with the change in time we need to change our perspective and renew our focus. He said as Nagas we should uphold and preserve our rich tradition but should also do away with the rigidity of traditional practices that hampers the growth of our society.

Metsubo, in his brief speech, congratulated the Fazl Ali College for achieving the milestone of A-Grade NAAC accreditation. He reminded the people of the significance of the celebration of the Moatsu Festival, and asked the Ao community to uphold their rich culture and tradition.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final day of the Moatsu Festival celebration was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung. Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton was the special guest, and Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along was the guest of honour.

Bringing Moatsu greetings to the Ao community, Patton urged the people to strengthen the bond of friendship through the celebration of the Moatsu Festival. Appreciating the Ao Senden for inviting all the Tribal Hohos to celebrate Moatsu this year, Patton called it a red-letter day for the Nagas.

Touching on the present scenario of the State, Patton said the Government alone cannot bring changes in the society, it needs cooperation, positive thinking, and action of the people to bring about progressive transformation in our Naga society.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Temjen Imna Along reminded the Aos to take more responsibilities and to be at the forefront and foster friendship among the Nagas and a unity that cannot be broken by tribalism.

**MoS JOHN BARLA GRACES MOATSU CELEBRATION AT LONGCHEM**

The Japukong Senso Senden (JSS) celebrated Moatsu at Amphitheatre for Cultural & Tribal Utility Centre, Longchem town on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with Minister of State, Minority Affairs, Government of India, John Barla as the special guest and Minister, Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along as the chief host.

Barla, while expressing his deep admiration for the Naga culture and attire, appreciated the people of Japukong for the warm welcome accorded to him. He lauded the Naga people for preserving their rich culture and traditions. While highlighting the various programmes

and projects under his ministry, the chief guest announced plans to construct a community hall and a residential school in Longchem town.

The chief host while delivering the Moatsu greetings called upon the people of Japukong to march ahead in unity and to preserve their culture asserting that the only heritage of the people is their tradition, culture, and identity.

Earlier in the day, the special guest inaugurated the Amphitheatre for Cultural & Tribal Utility Centre which was funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

**TREE PLANTATION HELD AT TSAPHIMI VILLAGE**

To make a greener environment and beautify the villages under Pughoboto sub-division, a tree plantation drive was carried out at Tsaphimi village, Pughoboto on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 under the LADP programme.

APRO Pughoboto, Mhathung Ngullie, the officer-in-charge of the village drive, highlighted the ongoing project and acknowledged the participants for their co-operation in the tree plantation drive. He encouraged everyone to nurture the saplings and develop a sense of

responsibility to look after the trees.

Tsaphimi Village Chairman, Ikato Assumi who briefed about the programme also expressed his gratitude to the officer-in-charge and the participants for their support and cooperation. Villagers from Tsaphimi village took an active part in the plantation drive.

The tree plantation drive at the Pughoboto assembly constituency started in 2014, under the initiative of MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu.

**KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD**

The Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 under the chairmanship of DC Kiphire, Wati Aier.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, DC reminded the district HoDs of all developmental departments to submit their Annual Progress Report of their activities to the District Administration at the earliest.

Deliberating on the agenda, the members approved for construction of AYUSH Hospital at Kiphire. The agenda in regard to aid for construction of Log Drum Morung has been deferred to the next meeting, owing to inability of the GB members to attend the discussion.

During the meeting, PowerPoint presentation were delivered from School Education department, KYK and NEIDA followed by an interaction.

### ORIENTATION OF NIEPMA IN PHEK

An orientation programme of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan), (NIEPMA) was held at Phek EBRC Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with Phek Deputy Commissioner, Razouvolie Dozo as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dozo said we need to create awareness for the whole section of the people so that disabled persons are treated equally in their own rights, and called upon the people to pay special attention to those people.

He said free and compulsory education is a must for the children where teachers play an important role and requested that no children should be denied education at any cost.

On types of disabilities and overview on inclusion were presented by Dovine Venuh, Headmistress, Tabitha Enabling Academy, while the inclusion of children with IDD and sensory impairment was given by Dr. P. Kamaraj, HoD Special Education, Nodal Officer - North East Programme.

### WOKHA DPDB WELCOMES NEW CHAIRMAN

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice-Chairman DPDB and DC Wokha, Orenthung Lotha congratulated and welcomed the new Wokha DPDB Chairman, Dr. Chumben Murry. DC also assured on behalf of the board members to extend full cooperation during his tenure.

Dr. Chumben Murry, in his opening remark, thanked the Chief Minister and the Planning Minister for reposing faith in him to be the Chairman of the august house and said that the concept of this Board is to give political will to execute/implement all the common schemes to address the needs of the district, with this concept, he added that the Board is doing

yeomen service to achieve its goals.

Dr. Murry urged all the Board members, especially the development departments to do well and contribute accordingly for the benefit of the welfare of the society and to bring change in the district and to some departments that had not done so, he urged them to clear up and do their best and work hard.

Later in the day, following department officials led by DC, PD DRDA, DAO, EE R&B, DPO (LRD), DFO (Forest), DWCO, Assistant Planning Commissioner (P), Horticulture and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Services accompanied the DPDB Chairman to Wokha village and had interaction with the village council members, SHGs and progressive farmers.

### DC MON HANDS OVER LEARNING RESOURCE EQUIPMENT

In a virtual programme held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS handed over Learning Resource Equipment (LRE) to Government Higher Secondary School of Aboi, Tizit, Naginimora, and Mon town under Mon district. Each school was given five (5) Lenovo Desktops with UPS,

one (1) HP Laptop, one (1) Epson Projector with screen, and one (1) Ahuja speaker for the setting up of digital labs to enhance student learning.

The schools were selected under the Digital Equalizer Programme of the American India Foundation (AIF). The programme focuses on

bridging the educational and digital divide by bringing technology to under-resourced schools across India. AIF will provide training to school teachers in technology use as well as project-based learning methods. The teachers will be trained in interactive and dynamic teaching methods to replace rote learning. The LREs were sponsored by AIF.

Director, Digital Equalizer, AIF, Sanyukta Chaturvedi, apprised the members present about the programme and roadmap for its activities in Mon.

Speaking at the event, DC Mon, conveyed gratitude to AIF for their assistance, and continued support was solicited in the educational space in Mon district which requires concerted efforts from all stakeholders.

### AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON FPOs AND AGRIPRENEURSHIP HELD IN ZUNHEBOTO

On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022, a coordination meeting with FPOs and an awareness programme on entrepreneurship in agriculture were held at the Farmer's Producer Organization office in Zunheboto town. The awareness programme was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Zunheboto district.



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The FPO Chairman, Holuto Ayemi highlighted the importance of FPOs in marketing, and registration of businesses with MSME and gave insights on branding and packaging for value addition. Agricultural Inspector, Kikato Zhimomi discussed the activities and action plan of the Department of Agriculture.

Priyanka Kumar from the Ministry of Skill

Development & Entrepreneurship spoke about the benefits of FPOs in reducing production costs and logistical management, schemes available for FPOs and SHGs, and the potential of food processing units as an enterprise. The programme ended with a discussion with farmers on the entrepreneurial challenges faced by them and possible solutions.

### PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-welcome programme of new Chairman DPDB, Kezhienyi Khalo, MLA was held at its Conference Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

MLA, Khalo thanked the members for their cooperation and urged everyone to continue to give their best services for which he assured to give his support.

The agenda that were discussed and approved were National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Nagaland, construction of GHS Old Phek village building, and upgradation of GPS Upper Khomi to GMS.

The PowerPoint presentation was given by the Department of Urban Development and Fire & Emergency Services Department.

### PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the SDPDB Chairman and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall of the ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

In the meeting, the MLA highlighted the Rs. 15 lakh common pool deduction every year under LADP by the Zunheboto DPDB and in this regard, the SDPDB Pughoboto discussed about reviving and repairing the Pughoboto Rest House and extension rooms at Zunheboto Headquarter which they felt was the need of the hour for Pughoboto citizens.

The Board also decided to take out the earlier SDPDB letter submitted for the land compensation for Mini Secretariat Pughoboto, and request the Chief Minister to take up the matter in the State Land Acquired Acquisition (SLAA). The Board also decided to write a letter to the new ADC office contractor and commissioner to complete the ongoing construction. The Board also decided not to allow joint council in the Pughoboto sub-division.

SDO PHE, Pughoboto gave a PowerPoint presentation and said that altogether nine villages were covered under Jal Jeevan Mission and eight villages will start this year.

### JJM INAUGURATED AT PONGIDONG VILLAGE

Pongidong village under Wokha district became the first village to successfully implement the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme which was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2002 in the presence of EE, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Wokha, Er. Imnazuliu Ao, village functionaries, GBs, church leaders, and department officials from PHE Department, Wokha. Through the implementation of this scheme, Pongidong village which has a population of about 2,813 and 466 household as per the 2011 Census will be benefitted by getting sufficient water supply.

With the inauguration of JJM at Pongidong, every household in the village will be benefitted as tap water has been connected to the entire households, besides that connections have also been done in strategic locations like the community hall, Government Middle Schools, Primary Health Centre, churches, which are a first of its kind in the village.

With the installation and implementation of the JJM, there has been tremendous improvement in all walks of life. It has also reduced the economic burden on the villagers from the purchase of water from private water suppliers which is not affordable for all the villagers, besides improvement of water quality the problem of water scarcity experienced by those rearing livestock has witnessed a great relief, and a source of encouragement especially for those engaged in animal husbandry sector.

Apart from JJM, the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has been a great booster for the villagers as under this mission numerous household in the village has constructed toilets, which has contributed to making the village an open defecation free village, which is a noteworthy achievement for the village. Under this mission (SBM) community dustbins and common urinals and toilets in public places have also been constructed.

### MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Conference Room of the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mon where MLA, C. L. John was appointed as the DPDB Chairman.

The Board approved the following agenda to be forwarded to their respective authorities: Opening of Nagaland State Co-operative Bank at Tizit; Opening of Police Mission School at Tizit; Opening of Corner Star School at Loakkun;

Recognition of Sister's Mission School (Private) at Wangti; Opening of Government College at Aboi; Change of location of Green Mount School from Mon village to Tammong village.

The Board also deliberated on the setting up of the Konyak Heritage Village Complex. The meeting was attended by MLAs, N. Thongwang Konyak, Eshak Konyak, and C. L. John, DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, SP Mon, Imnalensa, IPS, District HoDs, and other Board members.

### PHE TUENSANG DIVISION CONDUCTS SBM (G) II ODF PLUS TRAINING AT SHAMATOR AND TUENSANG

Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Tuensang conducted IEC awareness and capacity building programme on Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Grameen II, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 under Shamator and Tuensang district. The programme was sponsored by the WSSO & Sanitation, PHE, Kohima Nagaland.

The training was conducted at the GBS Hall in Longkhim town. In the programme Sanitation and Hygiene Consultant, Tsikingmong talked about solid and liquid waste management with the main focus on grey water management and plastic waste management. Around 23 participants from 12 villages attended the training.

Under Shamator district, 12 villages from

Shamator Block, WATSAN Chairman and Swachhagrahis attended the programme at EBRC Hall, Shamator town can use 60 % of the 15 FC fund tied grant in the training was conducted at the CKS Hall, Tuensang town. In the programme, SDO PHE, Er. Lipoksangla spoke on the 15 FC tied fund to be used in the sanitation related activities and greywater management. Fairyson Jings IEC Consultant PHE Tuensang spoke on the following topic, ODF to ODF Plus, criteria in SBM (G) II, importance of Swachhagrahis on SBM (G) II, solid waste management (plastic waste management). Around 23 villages participated in the training.

### PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren. The meeting was chaired by Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang who is also the Chairman of Peren DPDB.

After reviewing the minutes of the last

meeting, ADC Peren, Keyirangding Hegui informed the different activities that were conducted in the month of April by various departments as part of the pre-celebration programme of Peren Town 75<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. Further, he also highlighted the action plans to be undertaken in the days to come.

In the meeting, DPRO Peren, Gaizam Moses also informed the Board that Advisor, Namri Nchang has donated a sum of Rs. 1.50 lakh for the upgradation of the PA System in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Peren. In this regard, he assured that the installation will be completed by the end of this month.

Regarding the agenda on the dilapidated condition of Samziuram Bridge and movement of heavily loaded vehicles on village roads of Peren which was proposed by EE PWD (R&B) Peren,

DC Peren, Sentiwapang Aier said a fresh order shall be issued in regard to the same.

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang in his concluding remarks expressed his gratitude to DC Peren and DPDB members for sharing their views and ideas for the betterment and development of the district and further acknowledged them for working actively for the welfare of the district. Namri Nchang also appealed to the HoDs of various departments posted in Peren to be sincere and regular in their respective place of posting.

### **KENEIZHAKHO NAKHRO ADDRESSES KOHIMA DPDB AS NEW CHAIRMAN**

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the new Kohima DPDB Chairman, MLA Keneizhakho Nakhro at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Addressing the members, Nakhro expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for assigning him the task to be the new DPDB Chairman and also thanked the members for accepting his appointment. He said the task would be his first experience holding the public office and assured to deliver his best as the Chairman.

Advisor, Technical Education and Elections, the former DPDB Chairman, Medo Yhokha congratulated Nakhro and wished him the best in addressing the social and public issues and carrying out the government policies at the grass-root levels. He also conveyed a few

concerns on the issues of unregulated cable lines, unregulated local taxis, and mushrooming of business-oriented tuition centres in the town, which could not be fully materialized amidst the pandemic, and hoped that together the DPDB would come out with new innovative ideas and address such issues.

On the agenda of opening a new school - Asian Christian School at Chandmari, Kohima, the Board deliberated on the important issues of space availability and feasibility of opening the school in the urban area and decided to conduct physical verification of the spot by the concerned committee and to submit its report in the next meeting.

On recognition and upgradation of 10 NAP IR at Zhadima, the Board decided to recommend the matter to the Government for further necessary action.

### **TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD**

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 under the chairmanship of MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the Board discussed the setting up of Rural

Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) as presented by a representative from BAN, Chingmak Chang. He stated that the Ministry of Rural Development provides financial aid to Lead Bank for providing financial assistance and imparting training to unemployed youth in the country. The Board directed the concerned



**MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam addressing the Tuensang District Planning & Development Board meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

department and manager of SBI Tuensang to come forward with proper arrangements at the earliest.

The Board also recommended the construction of a new office building and official quarter of the District Employment Office, Tuensang. The Board also decided to collect

freewill contributions during the next meeting for Sao Chang College, Tuensang for basic needs at the college. Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant urged the Public Works Department (National Highways) to monitor the ongoing road construction of NH-202 and asked them to present the report at the next meeting.

### DC DIMAPUR LAUNCHES ONLINE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS launched the online registration of births and deaths on 17<sup>th</sup> May at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur.

In his short speech, Soundararajan acknowledged the achievements of the Economics & Statistics Department and called for generating public awareness about the online registration programme and specifically in maintaining a singular name during registration. Pointing out that online registration would bring

uniformity to the system and also be convenient to the citizens, he urged the hospital authorities/CMO to coordinate with the DESO Dimapur for proper and authentic registration.

Joint Director and DESO Dimapur, R. Akang informed that people can register online within 21 days for both birth and death information. The general public can visit the website [crsorgi.gov.in](http://crsorgi.gov.in) and click on the Civil Registration System (CRS) portal and click general public sign up to generate a user ID for logging into the system.

### ATMA CONDUCTS DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING FOR FARMERS

#### TSEMINYU:

ATMA Chunlikha Block, Tseminyu district conducted a demonstration on transplanting and seedling treatment of King Chilli on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Kandinu village, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at K. Station

village, and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at Tsonsa village.

The ATMA Chunlikha Block demonstrated the scientific cultivation of King Chilli and the use of Trichoderma in treating the seedlings and also explained the importance of Trichoderma to the



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farmers.

The proper method like pit size, spacing, manuring, and mulching were taught to the farmers and the benefits of *Trichoderma* such as how it acts as a biofertilizer and an effective biocontrol agent in controlling or suppressing the pathogenic micro-organism and controlling root rot disease, damping off, wilt, fruit rot, etc. were explained to the farmers.

The farmers were distributed with King Chilli seedlings and *Trichoderma viridie*.

#### **KOHIMA:**

ATMA Kohima organized a farmers training-cum-exposure visit to Dimapur and Chumukedima district from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A team of 20 farmers accompanied by 4 officials from Tseminyu and Chunlikha Block with Team Leader Keviu Shuya and Rokosenuo Angela, (Deputy Project Director, ATMA) visited various

institutions during the visit.

The visiting team was received by Officer in Charge for State Horticulture Nursery (Green Park), Alemtemsu where he highlighted various activities being taken up by the department. Resource person, Chenithung, AHO, and Temjenwapang, HEA trained and demonstrated air layering of litchi and mango grafting. Resource person, Imtitemsu, FTA taught the visiting team about various edible mushrooms and their production technology. The team also visited high-tech poly houses and nurseries.

At Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre, Dimapur, Resource Person, Mezovolhou Marcus Ovung, Instructor showed the visiting team various training units and agriculture-related machinery such as paddy thrasher, palm leaf plate maker, pallet and feed maker, pineapple fibre and banana fibre extractor, sun dryer, meat drying machine, and maize sheller machine were shown and their functioning and purposes were highlighted.

The team also visited a mushroom unit at Aoyimkum village where the Director of Konger Agritech, Dr. Sosang Longkumer interacted and taught the visiting team about the commercial aspects of mushroom cultivation like raw materials, hygiene, housing, etc.

Later the team visited an agricultural input dealer outlet at the supermarket to make the farmers aware of agricultural seeds, tools, implements, organic fertilizers, nutrients, etc.

### **ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD**

Zunheboto district held its monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022. DC Zunheboto, Rahul

Bhanudas Mali, IAS chaired the meeting.

The first agenda discussed was regarding the demolition of the old school i.e. GHS Saptiqa of which the Board approved for its demolition.

The second agenda was the establishment of a health sub-centre at Xukhepu village, which the Board approved for submission to the Government. The third and final agenda discussed was the registration of societies, which was submitted by the Surumi Students Union

and was also approved for onward submission to the Government.

Discussion was also done on organising the inter-departmental tournament and it was decided that the date and time for the tournament will be decided in the next DPDB meeting.

### STATE NODAL OFFICIALS FROM DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE VISIT PHEK DISTRICT



The Monitoring Team with ATMA and officials from the Directorate of Agriculture during a convergence meeting at Phek on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

A team member consisting of State Nodal Office officials from the Directorate of Agriculture led by Dr. I. Amenla, Joint Director (ATMA) visited Phek district from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for Concurrent Monitoring & Evaluation under ATMA and to monitor other scheme programmes, activities and the ongoing Kharif preparation under implementation by the Department.

The team visited KVK Porba at Pfutsero, Persimon Farm School at Lekromi village, and Banana Farm School at Phek Basa village and had a fruitful interaction with various women SHGs where problems, constraints, and success stories were shared.

The team leader asked the Scientist at KVK Porba to give special importance to millet

cultivation by identifying the area, village, production, and variety grown in connection with the 'International Year of Millet' to be observed next year.

The team also visited District Agriculture Office, Phek, where a meeting was held with department officials and ATMA staff. Dr. I. Amenla spoke about widening the agricultural activities by coordinating and converging agri and allied departments along with KVK's and ATMA to improve the working culture and to disseminate knowledge and information to the farmers.

During the visit to a maize field, Rosemary Ezung, DDA said that timely intervention is needed to control FAW and advised the farmers to monitor and scout the field at regular intervals.

**UNION MINISTER, Dr. VIRENDRA KUMAR INTERACTS WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OF KIPHIRE DISTRICT**


**Union Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar interacting with the District Administration officials of Kiphire district through video conferencing at Niathu Resort, Chumukedima on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

Union Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar interacted with the District Administration officials of Kiphire district on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 through video conferencing at Niathu Resort, Chumukedima.

Union Minister, Dr. Virendra Kumar virtually inaugurated a free distribution camp of aids and assistive devices for identified Divyangjans in Kiphire district. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed his delight over successfully organizing the Ministry's camp in Kiphire, and appreciated the District Administration and staff of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR) and Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH), for successfully organising the camp despite the difficult weather conditions. The camp, which is also one of the largest social welfare camps organized since post COVID-19, had witnessed a large turnout of PwDs, and the general public at the Hoponghyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire.

In addition SVNIRTAR and AYJNIHH held an awareness session on 'Disability Rehabilitation Services in NER,' and cochlear implants in

addition to distributing aids and assistive devices to identified Divyangjans, vital role in raising knowledge about the many services, programmes, and benefits offered by the Central Government to empower disabled people (Divyangjan) for inclusion in the mainstream.

AYJNIHH conducts awareness programmes on cochlear implant through its East Regional Centre, Kolkata in Northern Eastern States while SVNIRTAR, Cuttack also provides various type of rehabilitation services through CRC, Guwahati.

Primary objective of the Assistance to Disabled Persons/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) is to provide good quality prosthetics and assistive devices to disabled persons through voluntary organisation. It helps people with disabilities by bringing new possibilities with suitable, durable and scientifically manufactured with modern technologies to overcome the effects of disabilities. The scheme also envisages conduct of corrective surgeries. In Nagaland the scheme is implemented through implementing agencies such as ALIMCO, AYJNIHH and SVNIRTAR.

Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Social Welfare, Martha Ritse; Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Yeptho; Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire,

T. Wati Aier; Director, SVNIRTAR, Dr. P. P. Mohanty; Dr. Arun Banik; Director, AYJNIHH, State Social Welfare employees; Sanjiv Kr. Hajoary, Marketing Officer, ALIMCO; religious

leaders; Rehab Professionals from CRCSSRE, Imphal and Guwahati; AYJNIHH (ERC) Kolkata and other officials from the District Administration of Kiphire district were present on the occasion.

### DPDB MEETING HELD IN MOKOKCHUNG

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of MLA, Imkong L. Imchen.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS solicited the contribution and cooperation of all the departments and civil societies for the upliftment of the district.

The meeting was also attended by Speaker Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer; Minister Metsubo, Minister Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor Imnatiba, and outgoing DPDB Chairman Mokokchung.

After thorough deliberation and discussion, the following decisions were taken: Approval of translated document of the Nagaland Village Councils Act, 1978. The members after deliberation decided to set up a special committee to study the translated (into local dialect) documents; 'Livelihoods Project' under common pool 2021-2022 was discussed and approved. Distribution and selection of the beneficiaries of the project shall be done by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Construction and development of the Public Park

at Mokokchung town were discussed. The Board was informed of the possibility of land earmarked for the project based on which the Board decided to send a proposal to the Government for fund allocation for the development of the said Park. The Board also discussed and approved the construction of approach road widening and blacktopping from the Senior Treasury Office junction to DC's Office Complex.

On the updates on the construction of the Mini Secretariat/District Office Complex at Mokokchung, the Board discussed and unanimously agreed to alter the project into a multi-departmental office complex in Mokokchung. The Board also considered and approved the project to proceed.

The Board approved the registration of the society of Town Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung. The Board discussed and enquired from the parent department BSNL on the poor network service of BSNL telecom service in the district, and requested the department to provide stable and good service to the people in the district.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to all the members present for their participation and called upon them to work for the overall upliftment of the district.

### TRAINING ON SEGREGATION OF WASTE SOURCE HELD AT PEREN TOWN

As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peren Township a one-day training on segregation of waste at source for the womenfolk of Peren town was conducted at Peren Town Hall with resource persons from 'LIFE NGO', Nagaland, Limaramak Jamir and Athungbeni Ovung on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Limaramak Jamir, after inspection of Peren, said at present 80% of Peren has been segregating wastes and emphasized the need for womenfolk to attend training from the Plastic Management Office & Training Resource Centre Jalukie. He also spoke on the importance of community and ULB cooperation, and adopting



Training on segregation of waste for the womenfolk of Peren town was conducted at Peren Town Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

collective responsibility for segregating the waste.

Athungbeni Oving spoke on the importance of waste management in households and its impact and improper disposal of waste and the benefits of waste segregation. She said improper solid waste management not only creates health

hazards to individuals but also to the whole community.

The programme was chaired by Rampauyi Nding while ADC and Administrator Peren Town Council, Keyirangding Hegui delivered the keynote address.

### FIRST DPDB MEETING HELD AT NIULAND



The first Niuland District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

The first Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland. DC and Vice-Chairman, Niuland DPDB, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS chaired the meeting. While Minister for Public Health Engineering

Department and Chairman, Niuland DPDB, Jacob Zhimomi in his address at the first DPDB meeting, stated that the newly created district has the potential to become a metropolitan city and is confident to pick up the momentum of development in the district and urged all the

officers to be sincere in their works.

The Minister stated that a Sub-Treasury office in the district is needed and assured the gathering that he will pursue the case accordingly, and warned that any illegal encroachment of government land in town areas will be dealt with effectively and urged the department officials to report to the administration for necessary action. Development of Niuland town is a priority and expecting various funds for the same, the Minister added.

Proposal for construction of new offices for

### KIPHIRE DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Level Co-ordination meeting was conducted at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 under the chairmanship of Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department and Member Secretary, District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), Er. Akokba Sair.

During the meeting, the members discussed various activities and action plans for the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Project Associate, NEIDA, Khrolihiwe-u Tsuhah presented the background of the partnership between NEIDA and PHED and MoU terms and conditions were also discussed by the members. She presented the overall activity status of JJM implementation in 62 villages under Kiphire and briefed on the planned activities for Financial Year (FY) 2022-2023.

DC, SP & Police Reserve has been approved while identification for Public Park and Public Cemetery in the district were also approved. LAPD 2022-2023 schemes for Gh-1 A/C has been approved and under which Clock Tower in the town area to be constructed. Meanwhile, Senior SDEO Niuland, Bohovi Yeptho highlighted the problems of the department specifically teachers shortage in various schools in the district for which the DPDB has agreed to recommend it to the higher authority.

Junior Engineer, PHED, Er. Metmei Phom presented the FHTC status of JJM implementation in Longmatra, Pungro, and Khonsa blocks under Kiphire district till FY 2020-2021.

Chemist, PHED, Horili Sangtam updated the Field Testing Kits (FTKs) training status for Water Quality Team, Kiphire district for Longmatra, Pungro, and Khonsa Blocks.

Executive Engineer, PHED, Er. Akokba Sair highlighted the DWSM functions and also mentioned that DWSM is responsible for the overall implementation of JJM at the District Level and is headed by Deputy Commissioner and Executive Engineer as Member-Secretary and various departments as members. He also mentioned that VAPs & DPRs for Kiphire district have been completed and approved.

### PHEK DIVISION CONDUCTS IEC AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING ON ODF PLUS

To ensure effective and expedite implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin Phase II, to achieve ODF Plus, awareness and capacity building was conducted by District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Phek,

at Chozuba Headquarter on 21<sup>st</sup> and Pfutsero town on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, covering four (4) blocks- Sekrezu, Kikruma, Chizami, and Pfutsero Block.

The campaign was sponsored by Sanitation and WSSO, PHED Kohima, Nagaland. The main target groups were the WATSANs and



**Participants during the Open Defecation Free Plus awareness and capacity building conducted by District Water and Sanitation Mission, Public Health Engineering Department Phek, at Chozuba Headquarter on 21<sup>st</sup> May, and Pfutsero town on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**

Swachhagrahis as they are the foot soldiers or frontline workers of the Swachh Bharat Mission at the grassroots level.

District Coordinator, Kutulu Vero stated that WATSAN's main role is to ensure safe drinking and sanitation at the village level, also WATSAN and Swachhagrahis appear to be the only workforce at the field level, both in SBM and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Sanitation and Hygiene Consultant,

Abigail Ritse spoke on ODF Plus components - biodegradable waste management (compost pit), fecal sludge management, and plastic waste management, and its criteria to achieve ODF Plus as per the SBM-G Phase II guidelines.

Booklets and brochures on biodegradable waste management, fecal sludge management, grey water management, and plastic waste management were distributed to all the participants.

**TRAINING ON LOCALIZATION OF SDG THROUGH VILLAGE FUNCTIONARIES HELD AT KOHIMA**



**Training on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals through village functionaries for RD Blocks of Kohima, Jakhama, and Sechü-Zubza, Kohima district was held at IRCS, PR Hill, Kohima on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

Training on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through village

functionaries for RD Blocks of Kohima, Jakhama, and Sechu-Zubza, Kohima district was held on

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Indian Red Cross Society Building, PR Hill, Kohima.

Resource person for the training programme, Principal ETC Phek, SIRD, Dr. Kedise Pucho, while emphasizing the concept of SDG, said the 17 SDGs and their 169 targets were adopted by the member states of the United Nations in September 2015 where the local governments have a crucial role to play in achieving the SDGs and the twin objectives of the Panchayati Raj system as envisaged by the Indian Constitution were to ensure local economic

development and social justice. He stated that the Panchayats were expected to play an effective role in the planning and implementation of functions related to 29 subjects enlisted in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.

The Handbook on Sustainable Development Goals and Gram Panchayats was distributed to all the participants. All the Village Councils and Ward Chairmen and VDB Secretaries under RD Blocks of Kohima, Jakhama, and Sechu-Zubza attended the training.

### SEMINAR ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES HELD AT WOKHA

A one-day seminar on the dissemination of government schemes under the Ministry of Textiles was organized by National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) at Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

During the programme, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao said skill development is highly essential for youths of today's generation, and they need to have skills to guarantee livelihood. He emphasized the need to impart job and skill-oriented knowledge besides traditional textbook knowledge in the school curriculum. He appreciated the huge turn-up of enthusiasts and weavers in the district and advised them not only to avail the schemes/benefit but to cultivate the schemes in a successful manner that

will help in their family income and social progress.

Nilesh Sukhadev, Senior Manager, NHDC Ltd. Guwahati, while sharing about the schemes and their benefits said for people in the Northeast, weaving is in their blood. He said Nagaland is rich in textiles but it is unfortunate that the products do not reach the market. He added that many trade fairs are set up regularly by the Ministry of Textiles and Handloom where stalls are given out free for the textiles and handloom sector.

Around 200 individuals from various handloom weavers societies turned up. Mharhoni Yanthan chaired the programme and Sojano Tsopoe, Joint Secretary CCMPS, Wokha delivered the vote of thanks.

### SAMAGRA SHIKSHA MON CONDUCTS BLOCK-LEVEL ORIENTATION-CUM-SENSITIZATION ON UDISE+ 2021-2022

Samagra Shiksha Mon conducted the Block Level Orientation-cum-Sensitization on UDISE+ 2021-2022 for both Private and Government schools under the Mon district w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Resource Persons from the DMA were Assistant District Coordinator, James Ngushu Konyak; Assistant Programmer, Beyau Paul, and W Takyong Konyak.

The training for schools under Mon EBRC



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and Wakching Circle was conducted on 28th May 2022 at Council Hall, Mon. In the training programme, Bamsibe Zeliang, District Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Mon encouraged the teachers to sincerely contribute to the UDISE data by maintaining and providing accurate and consistent data. He also said that the

responsibility shall be fixed on the personnel providing school data if any case of inaccuracy and inconsistency arises.

The orientation-cum-sensitization programme was conducted successfully in all the blocks, which were attended by all the schools under the respective blocks.

### KISAN MELA HELD AT KIPHIRE

Kisan Mela under Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari, under the theme 'Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls' was jointly organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra and District Horticulture Department at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Special guest, Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Wati Aier while addressing the gathering lauded the organizers and said that organizing such an event will benefit farmers, SHGs, and NGOs under Kiphire district. He also said that under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme, there is ODOP (One

District One Product scheme) wherein Kholar or beans has been selected for Kiphire district under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. The DC also highlighted various schemes provided by the State and Central Government, where he encouraged the participants to have faith in government and approach concerned departments to avail such opportunities.

Horticulture, Agriculture, and KVK departments distributed various seeds like mushroom spawn, peanuts, maize, soya bean, groundnuts, etc. along with pesticides and other farmer kits to the farmers.

## ADVISOR MMHONLUMO KIKON COMMISSIONS POWER GENERATING PROJECT AT LONGSA, MOKOKCHUNG

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon inaugurated and commissioned the 1 MW Electricity Generating Project at Tsutsung HEP at Longsa village, Mokokchung on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

Addressing the programme, the Advisor thanked each and every person and agency involved in the completion and success of the project, especially the Department of New & Renewable Energy, and Village Council Longsa for their unceasing support and cooperation, and landowners for their selfless contribution to the development of the project.

Mmhonlumo also informed the gathering that once the MoU (for the management of the project) is signed with the Government the maintenance and management of the project will

be handed over to Longsa village. For this the Advisor expects Longsa village to be prepared for the successful management of the project. He wished them success and hoped that the project will bring development to the village.

Short speeches were also delivered by CEO, Investment Development Authority of Nagaland, Government of Nagaland, Alemtemshi Jamir, Chairman, Longsa Village Council, Talichuba, President, Longsa Gazetted Officers Union, Lipokonen Jamir and Minister of Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir. A technical report on the project was given by Er. Kimaba, the programme was conducted by Er. James Khala. Dedicatory prayer on the commission of the project was pronounced by Pastor, Moalenden Baptist Church, N. Imsu.

## CMC AND 'NATURALLY NAGALAND' INAUGURATED AT NE AGRI EXPO

Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav while commemorating the 75 years of Independence, Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphu Rio inaugurated the Community Marketing Complex (CMC) while Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) and Cooperation, Government of India, B. L. Verma inaugurated the 'Naturally Nagaland' exhibition at NE Agri Expo 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Chumukedima on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

Rio dedicated the CMC to the farmers and the entrepreneurs of Nagaland and he expressed his optimism that it will provide a platform to the young entrepreneurs for selling and promoting organic produces of Nagaland. Rio urged the educated unemployed youth for foraying into agri and horti sectors while mentioning that it has

huge potential for employment and economic growth. The State is exporting some of the finest and most organic fruits and vegetables to different countries and continents, but it could not able to meet the demands since the production is not sufficient, he viewed. He encouraged the young entrepreneurs for making Nagaland a self-sufficient State.

Minister of State, DONER and Cooperation, Government of India, B. L. Verma who was the special guest for the occasion, pointed that 10 % of the country's budget was being allocated to the North East States which has a population of 3.5 crore. He observed that North East has massive potentials specially in the agri and allied sectors and reiterated that the Prime Minister of India,

Narendra Modi is serious about the development of NER.

Verma said that although many people have negative thoughts about the North East, his perceptions about it has changed after visiting the NE states, including Nagaland. People with health issues should come to Nagaland as it provides healthy and peaceful environment, good and fresh air, organic fruits, vegetables and tea, he maintained. He also emphasized on the need for cold storage facilities and warehouses and assured for apprising Modi about the grievances shared by Nagaland Agriculture Minister.

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye in his inaugural address stated that more than 70% of Nagaland's population are still engaged in agri and allied sector, and that

the State produced 62,000 metric tonnes of grain in the year 1963-64 which increased to 7,55,590 metric tonnes in 2020-21, and further said that this was possible through different central schemes and central sponsored aids. He apprised the DONER Minister for the need of timely grant-in-aid to Nagaland, which he stated, is a non-resource State.

The programme was held under the theme 'Monetizing Agri-Horti and Organic Potentials of NE through Value Chain Development.' Naturally Nagaland was conceptualized by State Government as a handholding initiative for introducing the agri and allied, food, handicraft and textile in the State to the world. Altogether 24 stalls from different departments and agencies displayed their products.

### UNION MoS CHANDRASHEKHAR UNVEILS NIELIT PLAQUE IN DIMAPUR



**Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajesh Chandrashekar along with other dignitaries during the unveiling of the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Dimapur plaque on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajesh Chandrashekar unveiled the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Dimapur plaque and launched NECB 2.0 project, and also electronically unveiled the plaques in four more extension of NIELIT centres

in North East states i.e. Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Pasighat, and Senapati.

The Union Minister in his speech outlined the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's digitisation programme that is based on three objectives. Using technology to transform the lives of ordinary citizens and therefore improve governance and democracy. Create more

opportunities for the youth and expand the digital economy and investment. Creating global leadership capabilities in India.

Reflecting on the COVID-19 pandemic management in India, the Minister stated that technology has enabled the Government and governance, to deliver every Rupee meant for every beneficiary directly to their accounts without any corruption or delay. India, being one of the fastest-growing economies in the world and fastest-growing startups and innovation ecosystems in the world, has produced hundreds of unicorns (billionaires) and has received the highest FDI in the world, vaccinated 180 crore people. He stated that during the last several years technology has played a defining role in the rise of New India.

Encouraging the students to be part of the New Digital India, the Minister stated that the IT & Electronics Department alone has created almost 10 lakh new jobs in the past year, and students who have the digital skill and digital specialization will get new opportunities in jobs and entrepreneurship. Nagaland and NE can produce unicorns only if students work hard and

create innovation. He assured the students that the Central Government is actively working with the State Government to provide opportunities for jobs and entrepreneurship.

Meanwhile, Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba acknowledged the central minister and his team for reaching far remote areas of the State and identifying the aspirations of the youths, which he stated indicates that the Central Government is a people-centric government.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon stated that inaugurating five NIELIT centres in the NE region is indeed the vision of the Prime Minister's policy of reaching out to the last mile. He stated that there are 16 e-services going online in various departments in the State, and in terms of e-governance, Nagaland is the best-performing state in the NE and second in electronic transactions in NE and acknowledged that the State is steadily progressing in the field of IT sectors.

### CM RIO UNVEILS MEDZIPHEMA TOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAQUE

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated and unveiled the plaque of the Medziphema Town Community Centre and Medziphema City Centre, funded under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (RAY) (2014-2015) and constructed by M/S Naagaamii Infratech Pvt. Ltd., in the presence of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire and Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio on 6th May 2022 at Medziphema.

Zhaleo Rio gave a brief report and shared

the vision he had for the project, which he traced back to 2003. He thanked Chief Minister, the Municipal Affairs, the technical departments for fulfilling the promise. He also expressed hope to bring in more development programmes to both rural and urban Medziphema sub-division.

Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire advised the citizens of Medziphema on maintaining the City Centre as their own property and highlighted the works and functions of the Municipal Affairs Department.

Chief Minister Rio congratulated the

Department for building this project and also appreciated the contractors for doing a commendable work. He also thanked the Government of India, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for sanctioning the required financial support.

Rio stated that Medziphema sub-division situated on the highway and in between Kohima and Dimapur is an important location and has so much potential and that is why, he said various other departments have come to this place for their establishment like SASRD, ICAR, Horticulture and many other departments.

Rio further stated that Medziphema, being a very important place and having the City Centre, the public should know how to utilize it,

know how to produce, and what to produce. He suggested to the public the need for a wholesale market so that people can come to one location and buy. He mentioned the budget speech where Rs. 65 crore loan will be given to micro-financing farmers and also micro-entrepreneurs, and he urged the people to be sincere and work hard so that the Government can help in aiding them financially.

The programme was chaired by T Nchumbemo Odyuo, Joint Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department. Dedicatory Prayer was done by Rev. Zhabu Terhuja. Technical report was given by Er. Theruovituo Pienyu, Executive Engineer, Municipal Affairs.

### **KHRIEHU INAUGURATES KIC FOOTBALL AT IG STADIUM**

MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu launched Khelo India Centre Football (Boys) at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Exhorting the gathering, Khriehu said football is a game that every Naga loves, and Nagaland has produced some very good players in the past and the State has even done reasonably well in recent past. He stated that with every activity now performance and success-oriented, he expressed optimism and happiness that the youngsters are already catching up with this culture, and with the setting up of Centres and

programmes like Khelo India, players will soon excel and be able to compete at the highest level.

Khriehu said the Department of Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S) as a whole is 'alive and growing,' despite many challenges and hardships, the Department continues to give its best for the upliftment of sports and the youth of the State.

The programme was chaired by DSO and Administrator IGS, Dziesebeinu Vizo, and Deputy Director YR&S, Jakedovo Chase delivered a short speech.

### **DGP INAUGURATES PURPLE HALL AT ZHADIMA**

The inauguration of Purple Hall and medal ceremony of Antrik Suraksha Seva Padak (Medal) was held at the 10<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Battalion, Zhadima on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS exhorting the police personnel, congratulated the officers and jawans who were

awarded on the occasion and encouraged them to be more courageous, sincere, diligent, and dedicated in their services as a policeman. Longkumer said that though the medal may look small to put on, it reflects the hard work of individual personnel and added that they should feel proud to have one and give more effort in



Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS and senior police personnel with awardees during a medal ceremony held at 10<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Battalion, Zhadima on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

performing their duties.

Commandant 10<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Zhadima, Vekhosa Chakhesang in his welcome note said that the 10th NAP (IR) was born in 2001 and raised on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2002 as approved by the State Government with the motto 'StrikingTenth,' and purple and white as its Unit colour and a Roman numeral 'X' as the battalion logo. He said that since the inception of the Unit, the Unit has performed various duties both inside and outside the State, one of the notable deployments was at

Purulia, West Bengal for anti- Naxalite operation, where the unit has shown an outstanding performance in tackling and eliminating the Naxalites.

ADG, Renchamo Kikon; IGP (ABN & IR) Sonia Singh; DIG (IR) Sendongmeren; Senior SP Kohima, Kevithüto Sophie; Commandant 4th NAP, Teisovise Metha, and a host of officers were part of the programme. Altogether, 920 jawans received the award in two categories.

### ADVISOR HAIYING INAUGURATES BAILEY BRIDGE AND COMMUNITY HALL AT LANGNOK VILLAGE

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery H. Haiying inaugurated Bailey Bridge at Luvei Mong, Langnok village road, and Community Hall at Langnok village on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

In his inaugural speech, Advisor H. Haiying urged the villagers to know their responsibility- be it leaders or the general public, and learn to live in unity. While expressing his appreciation for the good workmanship in constructing the Bailey Bridge and the Community Hall at Langnok village, Haiying requested the people to take care of government facilities and take ownership of the infrastructures. Haiying asked the people to work hard and sought

cooperation for more development in the days to come.

Deputy commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said the Government is giving importance to the border district and villages, and with Langnok village located very near to the international boundary between India and Myanmar, the DC advised the VCC, GBs, VGs, and village elders to control and check illegal activities such as transportation of intoxicating substances.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Advisor Haiying also inaugurated Community -cum- Multipurpose Hall at New Pangsha village.

## TRIBAL CIRCUIT INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK



Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yepthomi along with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying and others during the inauguration of Tribal Circuit at Noklak on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture H. Khehovi Yepthomi inaugurated Tribal Circuit at Noklak in the presence of Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery H. Haiying on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Khehovi said with the inauguration of the Tribal Circuit, Noklak has entered the tourism map of the world, and therefore, it is a remarkable day for Noklak district. Seeing the potential of the tourism sector of Noklak district and with facilities of tourism amenities, Khehovi expressed hope that Noklak district will go forward in the tourism sector in the days to come.

Khehovi informed that Tribal Circuit Noklak was constructed under Swadesh Darshan 2016-17 which was funded by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Khehovi requested the people to take ownership and take care of the facilities.

Advisor Haiying mentioned that Tribal Circuit is one of its kind in Noklak district and he expressed hope that it will benefit the people in many ways. He thanked the Tourism Ministry, Government of India for putting Noklak on the tourism map of the world.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru in his speech said that the Noklak district has a lot of potential in the tourism sector where he mentioned places like ITC Dan, Wansoi, Choklangan, Wui, Chipur, Peshu, etc., and that the district is rich in handicrafts, handloom, traditional bags, etc. which requires government intervention.

Technical remarks were given by the Executive Engineer, Tourism, Er. S. Hutoka Sema where he mentioned that 15 components have been successfully constructed at Tribal Circuit in Noklak. Khiamniungan Tribal Council President, M. Thangou expressed his sincere appreciation to Advisor Khehovi for inaugurating the much-awaited Tribal Circuit in the district. He also gave thanks to all the stakeholders and landowners for the successful completion. The dedication of Tribal Circuit was pronounced by Rev. Penglang, KBCA, and invocation prayer was said by Pastor, Longdon Baptist Church, Noklak town, A. Penglang.

## DEDICATION OF NBOCWVB REGIONAL HEADQUARTER IN MOKOKCHUNG

Dedication and establishment of Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWVB) Regional Headquarters was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at ALC Office (Labour Office) Penli Ward, Mokokchung.

The Government of Nagaland has constituted NBOCWVB to provide social security to Building and Other Construction Workers, as this section of workers are one of the most unprotected, short-term, temporary, and also at constant risk to their life and limb at the workplace.

NBOCWVB runs five welfare schemes for those active beneficiary members such as tool grant, insurance coverage, medical

assistance, education scholarship, and maternity benefits. NBOCWVB Regional Headquarters, Mokokchung will also cover Longleng, Tuensang, Noklak, Zunheboto, and Shamator districts.

In the programme, Chairman NBOCWVB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome delivered a short speech; Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS gave the administrative remarks; General Secretary, Ao Senden, Imtipokyim delivered the welcome speech; Rev. Wati, Pastor, United Christian Fellowship, Mokokchung pronounced the dedicatory prayer, while the programme was chaired by Chief Executive Officer, NBOCWVB, T. Chubayanger.

## MINISTER IMNA ALONG INAUGURATES MULTIPURPOSE HALL-CUM-GUEST HOUSE AT WOKHA



Minister, Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along inaugurated the Multipurpose Hall-Cum-Guest House at Okotso village, Wokha on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Minister, Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along inaugurated the Multipurpose Hall-Cum-Guest House at Okotso village, Wokha on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Minister while giving the inaugural address said the Government is committed to bringing things on the right trajectory to bring

about an equal share of development in every sector. He asked the people to not always criticize but contribute by playing their part and pray for the leaders for wisdom to serve the people.

While congratulating Additional Secretary, Nchumbemo Lotha for his initiative in bringing the project into reality and completing the

Multipurpose Hall-Cum-Guest House, the Minister urged him to come up with more innovative ideas involving the community for common good.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan who also spoke during the function, said the day was a momentous occasion, especially for Okotso village, and both developments - Community Hall and the Multipurpose Hall-Cum-Guest House were done under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (TA) for

which he thanked the Department of TA. He also appealed to the people of the village to have a sense of ownership and take responsibility for making good use of the building.

The function was chaired by Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Kenilo Apon, IAS, dedication prayer was offered by Pastor Okotso Baptist Church, Rev. O. Yibomo Ngullie while the vote of thanks was proposed by Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Nchumbemo Lotha.

### GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC DOYANG INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

Architecture Assistantship Government Polytechnic, Doyang, Wokha was jointly inaugurated by Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along, and Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Doyang, Wokha.

Minister Along, while inaugurating the Polytechnic Institution, lauded the initiative of the Chief Minister of Nagaland for successfully creating posts for the 3 (three) Polytechnic institutions and making them functional. He emphasized on the need to construct a girls' hostel, at the same time he cautioned that any land ownership issue would create a huge hindrance for the Government to bring about any kind of development. He also urged the youths to pursue courses in the field of Architecture as there are so many scopes besides government jobs.

Advisor Medo Yhokha said it was a great day for the people of Wokha and the Nagas for having such an institution at their doorstep and added that any initial lapse would be put in place. He appealed to the people to take the responsibility

of the custodian of the institution so that it can provide quality and standard education. Further, he sought the cooperation of the people with the Department and the staff of the institute to make the institution vibrant and prosperous.

Advisor for Horticulture & Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, on behalf of the area people and Wokha district, expressed gratitude to the Government of Nagaland under the leadership of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio for establishing the Architecture Assistantship, Government Polytechnic at Wokha. He expressed hope that the lone technical institute in the district would soon become a versatile and vibrant institution in the State.

Principal GPD Wokha, Er. Julia Achumi while delivering the welcome address, said the diploma course will start functioning from this academic session in July 2022 where candidates who have appeared HSLC/HSSLC final examination of 2022 are eligible to apply for the Diploma Entrance Examination. She further informed that intake seat for Architecture Assistantship will be only 15 for the current academic year 2022.

**FOUNDATION STONE OF DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX, NOKLAK LAID**

Judge of Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Songkhupchung Serto and Judge of Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Kakheto Sema laid the foundation stone of District Court Complex, Noklak on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Nyungkeng, Nokyan B.

Justice Songkhupchung Serto in his address stated that for a society to stay happy and progress, it needs peace. He elaborated that, there are many ways to maintain and achieve dignified living in a society where peace is paramount. Justice Serto sought cooperation from the people of the Noklak district, District Administration, and the entire stakeholder for the successful construction of District Court infrastructure and to enable the early establishment of the judiciary. He stated that our customary laws are good and it is one of the sources of law, but due to custom and cultural changes, consequently, some customary laws may not be applicable with the changing of time, therefore, we need to adapt to the changes.

Justice Kakheto Sema said that the foundation stone laying is the first step for establishing the judiciary and with that Noklak has entered the judicial map of Nagaland. Justice Kakheto urged the people of Noklak to give full cooperation for the successful completion of construction and to establish a judicial court in the District. As long

as Article 371 A of the Indian Constitution exists, customary laws will continue which are used by the Village Councils, GBs, DBs, and elders of the villages and towns. However, he said there are cases where customary laws are limited and require the intervention of the judiciary.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru, while appreciating the Judges of Gauhati High Court for laying the foundation stone for establishing the District Court Complex at Noklak, stated that with the beginning of the process of establishing a judicial court the District will be benefitted in many ways.

President Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou expressed sincere appreciation to Justice Songkhupchung Serto and Justice Kakheto Sema for laying the foundation stone of District Court Complex at Noklak, and assured that the people will give full cooperation for the successful completion of the construction.

Executive Secretary, Khamniungan Baptist Churches Association, Hempao offered the dedicatory prayer of the District Court Complex and foundation stone. Representatives from High Court Bar Association, Kohima, Nagaland Bar Association, administrative officials, HoDs and officials from different departments, tribal leaders, DBs, and GBs attended the function.



**Governor, Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi paid a visit to Regional Convention Centre at NEZCC Complex, Dimapur on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



**Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmholumo Kikon inaugurated and commissioned the 1 MW Electricity Generating Project at Tsutsung HEP at Longsa village, Mokokchung on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**



Three Naga women achievers, Neithonuo T. Liegise, Sali Kez Ngully and Vilivi Sheqi were felicitated during the North East Festival, 2022 held at Agartala on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The programme was held under the theme 'Role of Women in the Development of North East,' as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. They were accompanied by Additional Secretary, Social Welfare, Bodeno S. Colo and Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi.



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