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Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio along with Ministers, Advisors, MLAs and other dignitaries after unveiling the inaugural monolith of Tseminyu District Headquarter at the Rengma Sports Association Ground, Tseminyu on 24th February 2022.



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi administering the 'Oath of Office and Secrecy' to Y. M. Yollow Konyak as Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change during a swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 9th February 2022.



Chief Information Commissioner, I. Meyionen Jamir being administered the 'Oath of Office' by Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th February 2022.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

MEYIONEN JAMIR SWORN IN AS STATE CIC

I. Meyionen Jamir was sworn in as State Chief Information Commissioner at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th February 2022. The oath taking was administered by the Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi in the presence of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and his Cabinet Ministers, Leader of NPF Party, T. R. Zeliang, DGP Nagaland, T. John Longkumer IPS, Director General, Rupin Sharma IPS, senior bureaucrats and officials from various departments.

STATE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES ON NEW APPOINTMENTS

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (1) of the Article 164 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Nagaland, on the advice of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, appointed Y. M. Yellow Konyak as Minister in the State of Nagaland on 9th February 2022. He was sworn-in in the forenoon of 9th February 2022 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima. Further, under provisions of Rule 5(1) of the Rules of Executive Business of the Government of Nagaland, the Governor of Nagaland, on the advice of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, is pleased to allocate the portfolio of Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change to Y. M. Yellow Konyak.

The Governor of Nagaland is pleased to confer upon T. R. Zeliang, Leader of NPF Party as Chairman, United Democratic Alliance (UDA), in the rank and status of Cabinet Minister with immediate effect.

The Chief Minister of Nagaland is pleased to appoint the following Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly as Advisors to the departments of the Government of Nagaland as indicated with their names with immediate effect:

SI. No.	Name	Department
1.	H. Chuba Chang	Justice & Law SCERT
2.	S. Keoshu Yimchunger	Village Guards Information & Public Relations

This arrangement would help utilize the vast and practical experience of the Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for the benefit of public at large.

The Advisors will render their advice on matters that are referred to them by the concerned departments for their views/suggestions before the issue is put up to the concerned Minister in charge for decision.

The Advisors will not be eligible for any pay, salary, emoluments, remuneration or any perks/advantages of any kind, from the Government of Nagaland other than what is normally admissible to them as Members of Nagaland Legislative Assembly through the Assembly Secretariat.

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM INVITES

Directorate of Tourism, in a notification, has invited interested candidates for admission at Institute of Hotel Management, Shillong for the following courses:

SI.No.	Course	Institute	Eligibility	Last date of submission on or before
1	B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administrative (3 years degree course)	IHM Shillong	10+ 2 or equivalent examination from CBSE , ISE and other state board examination	On or before 30 th September 2022
2	Short term course			
a)	1 ½ years Diploma in Food Production	Shillong	Passed 12 th Class	On or before 30 th September 2022
b)	Craftsmanship Course in Food Production 1 ½ years		Passed 10 th class	

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Candidates may submit their application directly to www.ihmshillong.nic.in supported by all documents. For more queries, may contact Landline: (0364) 6033096588/6033096587 Mobile: +91 6009244123

NEZCC INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GURU SHISHYA PARAMPARA SCHEME

The North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur has invited application for availing the Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme for 2020-2021. Candidates within the age group of 45 to 70 years having very good knowledge for imparting training in any cultural field of the region, i.e. folk dance/songs, bamboo/cane/wood craft, folk theatre, woodcraft, mask making etc. may apply. Emphasis is given on Dying & Vanishing art forms of the region.

On selection and appointment as Guru, he/she will appoint an Assistant and 4 (four) Shishyas (within the age group of 15-25 years) and impart training for one year. The rate of honoraria per month for one year is as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Honorarium
1	Guru	@ Rs. 7,500/- per month
2	Accompanist (Assistant)	@ Rs. 3,750/- per month
3	Shishyas	@ Rs. 1,500/- per head per Shishya

The application along with bio-data and supporting documents should be sent/submitted to the Directorate of Art & Culture/Cultural Affairs of the concerned state.

The application forms and other details are available on the website of NEZCC: www.nezccindia.org.in (<http://nezccindia.org.in/Home/Advertisement>); <https://www.facebook.com/nezccdimapurNE>.

NBSE INFORMS ON FIT INDIA MOBILE APP

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed that the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, has launched the 'Fit India' Mobile App in commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The fitness assessment based on the 'Age-Appropriate Fitness Protocols-GOALS,' was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2020.

The Fit India Mobile App comes with a host of other features like a customized diet plan, steps counter, calorie monitor, sleep tracker etc. In an endeavour to make fitness tools accessible to all, all these features are free for all users. A guide on how to perform the fitness tests is also available on the App.

The App is available on both Android and iOS platforms. The links for the download are as follows:

1. Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sai.fitIndiaiOS>
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fit-india-mobile-app/id1581063890>

All heads of registered institutions of the Board have been requested to inform the parents, teachers and students about the Fit India Mobile App and encourage them to download and make use of the App.

COMMISSIONER OF STATE TAXES INFORMS

Commissioner of State Taxes has issued a public notice stating that in pursuance to Rule 11 of the Nagaland Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Rules, 1970 (as amended), all persons liable to pay tax under the Nagaland Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Act, 1968 (as amended) have been directed to get themselves registered or enrolled, as the case may be, and to furnish returns and pay the tax for the Financial Year 2021-22 according to provisions of the Act and the Rules. The class of persons and the applicable rate of tax payable is given below:

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THE SCHEDULE

Sl.No.	Class of persons	Rate of tax(₹)
1.	Salary and wage earners: Such persons whose monthly salaries or wages are:	
	(i) Less than ₹ 4,000/-	Nil
	(ii) ₹ 4,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 5,000/-	35 per mensem
	(iii) ₹ 5,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 7,000/-	75 per mensem
	(iv) ₹ 7,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 9,000/-	110 per mensem
	(v) ₹ 9,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 12,000/-	180 per mensem
	(vi) Rs. 12,000/- or more	208 per mensem
2.	i) Legal Practitioners including Solicitors and Notaries Public	
	ii) Medical Practitioners including Medical Consultants, Dentists, Radiologists, Pathologists and persons engaged in similar other professions or callings of Para Medical nature.	
	iii) Technical and Professional Consultants other than those mentioned in item (b), but including Architects, Engineers, R.C.C. Consultants, Plumbers, Electricians, Tax Consultants including Income Tax and Sales Tax Practitioners, Chartered Accountants and Management Consultants.	
	Where the standing in the profession of any of the persons mentioned above is:	
	(a) Less than two years	500/-
(b) Two years or more but less than five years	1,000/-	
(c) Five years or more	2,000/-	
3.	(i) Chief Agents, Principal Agents, Special Agents, Insurance Agents and Surveyors or Loss Assessors registered or licensed under Insurance Act, 1938.	
	(ii) Pigmy Agents or UTI Agents	
	Where the annual gross income of the person mentioned above is:	
	a) ₹ 36,000/- or less	Nil
b) ₹ 36,001/- or more, but less than Rs 95,000/-	1,500/- per annum	
c) ₹ 95,000/- or above	2,000/- per annum	
	Explanation: For the purposes of the entries against serial No. 2 and 3, "annual gross income," in relation to a person means the aggregate of the amount of fee, remuneration, commission or any other charge, by whatever name called, relating to his professions or callings in Nagaland, received by him during the immediately preceding year.	
4.	i) Members of Associations recognized under the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956	2,500/- per annum
	ii) (a) Members of Stock Exchanges recognized under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956	2,500/- per annum
	(b) Remisiers recognized by Stock Exchange	1,800/- per annum
i)	Estate Agents or Promoters or Brokers or Commission Agents or delcredere Agents or Mercantile Agents, Advertising agents, Clearing and Forwarding Agents.	2,500/- per annum
	ii) Contractors of all description engaged in any work such contractors whose gross business in any year is:	
	(a) Less than ₹ 4,00,000/-	Nil
	(b) ₹ 4,00,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 7,00,000/-	1,000/- per annum
	(c) ₹ 7,00,000/- or more, but less than ₹ 10,00,000/-	1,500/- per annum
	(d) ₹ 10,00,000/- or more	2,500/- per annum
	Explanation: For the purpose of this entry "gross business" shall mean the aggregate of the amounts of the valuable consideration or part thereof receivable during the immediately preceding year in respect of a contract or contracts executed.	
	iii) Auctioneers	2,500/- per annum
5.	iv) Suppliers of machineries and all other materials on hire	2,500/- per annum
6.	Directors (other than those nominated by Government) of Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956	2,500/- per annum
7.	Dealers under the Nagaland Value Added Tax Act, 2005, Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the Nagaland Sales Tax Act, 1967 whether registered or not, whose gross turnover in any year is:	
	(i) Less than ₹ 1,00,000/-	Nil
	(ii) ₹ 1,00,000/- to ₹ 3,00,000/-	350/- per annum
	(iii) ₹ 3,00,000/- to ₹ 5,00,000/-	750/- per annum
	(iv) ₹ 5,00,000/- to ₹ 10,00,000/-	1,000/- per annum

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	(v) ₹ 10,00,000/- to ₹ 25,00,000/-	1,500/- per annum
	(vi) ₹ 25,00,000/- to ₹ 1 crore	2,000/- per annum
	(vii) Above one crore	2,500/- per annum
8.	Owners or lessees of petrol/diesel filling stations (oil pumps) and agents and distributors including retail dealers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Service Stations, Garages and Workshops of Automobiles.	2,500/- per annum
9.	i) Owners (or lessees) of Rice Mills, Atta/Flour Mills, Oil Mills, Stone Crushers, Bottling Units, Tiles Factories, Biscuit Factories, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Furniture Making Units, Printing Presses (with power), Fruit Canning Units, Dry Cleaners, Interior Decorators.	2,500/- per annum
	ii) Owners (or lessees) of Nursing Homes, Hospitals, X - Ray Clinics, Pathological Laboratories, Tutorial Homes/Colleges or Institutes, Shorthand and Computer Institutions, Training Institute of any description.	2,500/- per annum
	iii) Owners, licensees or lessees as the case may be, of premises let out for social functions.	2,500/- per annum
	iv) Owners or occupiers of Cold Storages.	2,500/- per annum
	v) Photo Laboratories, Film Processing Laboratories and Photo Studios.	2,000/- per annum
	vi) Persons owning/running STD/ISD/FAX Booths.	1,500/- per annum
	vii) Persons using photo copying machines for job work.	1,000/- per annum
10.	Owners or lessees of:	1,000/- per annum
	i) Beauty Parlours (<i>non air-conditioned</i>)	
	ii) Beauty Parlours (<i>air-conditioned</i>)	2,500/- per annum
	iii) Air-Conditioned Hair Dressing Saloons	2,500/- per annum
	iv) Hair Cutting Saloons	900/- per annum
	v) Air-Conditioned Restaurants	2,500/- per annum
	vi) Owner/occupier or lessee of Residential Hotels of 3-Star category and above	2,500/- per annum
	vii) Owner/occupier or lessee of Residential Hotels below 3-Star category	1,500/- per annum
	viii) Other Hotels/Restaurants	1,000/- per annum
11.	(i) Cinema Houses and Theatres	2,500/- per annum
	(ii) Video Parlors and Video Rental Libraries	2,500/- per annum
12.	(i) Individuals or Institutions conducting Chit Funds and Lotteries	1,000/- per annum
	(ii) Authorised Stockist of Lottery Tickets	2,500/- per annum
	(iii) Persons providing entertainment using Dish Antennae & Cable TV	2,000/- per annum
	(iv) Persons operating Courier Service	2,500/- per annum
	(v) Persons operating Mobile Phones	2,500/- per annum
	(vi) Persons operating Internet Service & Internet Cafes and e- Commerce Business	2,500/- per annum
13.	i) Co-operative Societies registered or deemed to be registered under the Assam Co -operative Societies Act, 1949 (Assam Act 1 of 1950) and engaged in any professions, trades or callings	2,500/- per annum
	a) Apex Societies (State Level)	
	b) Central Societies (District Level)	1,500/- per annum
	ii) Any other Societies	500/- per annum
14.	Banking Companies as defined in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (X of 1949)	2,500/- per annum
15.	Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) and engaged in any professions, trades or callings.	2,500/- per annum
16.	Partnership firms when engaged in any professions, trades or callings. Such firms whose gross annual turnover is:	
	(i) ₹ 25 lakhs or less	1,000/- per annum
	(ii) ₹ 25 lakhs above	2,000/- per annum
17.	Holders of permits for transport vehicles, granted under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1939 (4 of 1939) which are used or adapted to be used for hire or reward where any such assessee holds permit or permits for any taxis including auto-rickshaws, three wheeler goods vehicles, trucks or buses:	
	(i) In respect of autorickshaws	250/- per annum
	(ii) In respect of each taxis and three wheeler goods vehicle	500/- per annum
	(iii) In respect of each truck of pay load up to 5 tonnes	1,500/- per annum
	(iv) In respect of each truck of pay load above 5 tonnes	2,000/- per annum
	(v) In respect of each bus	2,000/- per annum
18.	Transport Companies and Transport Contractors, Air Travel Agents	2,500/- per annum
19.	Owners or lessees of weighbridges	2,500/- per annum

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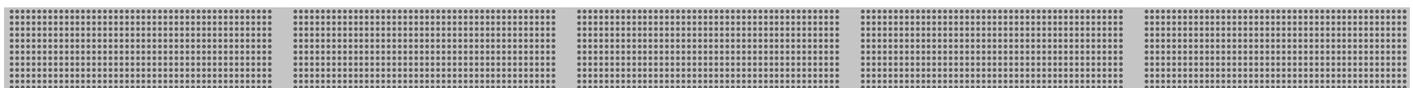
20.	j) Employers or Shopkeepers as defined in the Nagaland Shops and Establishment Act, 1985 who are not dealers covered by entry 7 such employers or establishments: (a) Where there are no employees (b) Where not more than five employees are employed (c) Where more than five employees, but not more than ten employees are employed (d) Where more than ten employees are employed 2) Occupiers of Factories as defined in the Factories Act, 1948 (63 of 1948), who are not dealers covered by Entry 7, such occupiers of factories: (i) Where not more than ten workers are working (ii) Where more than ten workers are working Explanation: For the purpose of determining the liability and the rate of tax under this entry, the higher number of employees or workers at any time during the year shall be reckoned as the basis.	
		150/- per annum
		200/- per annum
		1,500/- per annum
		2,500/- per annum
		1,500/- per annum
		2,500/- per annum
21.	Persons other than those mentioned in any preceding entries, who are engaged in any professions, trade, callings and employments.	500/- per annum Or As may be fixed by Notification under Section 3 not exceeding 2,500/- per annum
	Explanation No. 1 : Notwithstanding anything contained in this Schedule, where an assessee is covered by more than one entry in this Schedule, the highest rate of tax specified under any of those entries shall be applicable in his/her case."	

- ❖ Failure to apply for Registration or Enrollment as the case maybe, and payment of tax thereof shall be liable for penalty under Sub-Section (6) of Section 6 and assessment under Sub-Section (4) of Section 9 of the said Act.
- ❖ Specimen copy of Registration, Enrollment , Returns and Payment Challan Forms etc. can be downloaded from the Department's website "nagalandtax.nic.in" in the Form section under the heading Acts and Rules.

RELAXATION OF 2 (TWO) YEARS OF AGE FOR ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

In continuation to this Department Office Memorandum of even number dated 16th July 2021, Para 3 and in the interest of public service, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to allow relaxation of age for entry into government service for a period of additional 2 (two) years with effect from 22nd April 2021. This will be one time relaxation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption in recruitment activities on account of the ban of appointments.

This issue is in pursuance of the Cabinet decision conveyed vide No.CAB-2/2013 dated 22nd February 2022.



CHIEF SECRETARY LAUNCHES OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF NEP-THE LIGHTHOUSE (NECTAR)

The Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR) official project website www.nagalandeduproject.com was launched by Chief Secretary & Chairman of the Project Steering Committee (PSC), J. Alam IAS, on 31st January 2022 in the presence of Kevileno Angami, Special Secretary, School Education Department & Vice Chairperson PSC, Shanavas C IAS, Principal Director, School Education. The launching programme was graced in the presence of several dignitaries including the Member Secretary PSC, HODs from NBSE, SCERT, DSE, Samagra Shiksha, Rural Development Department, PHED, Agriculture Department, Social Welfare Department, Finance Department who are all members of the PSC, members of Project Management Unit and Project Management Consultants.

The website aims to foster communication with various stakeholders and the public involved in the project directly or indirectly. The website www.nagalandeduproject.com will serve as a medium for communication related to disclosure of all publicly available project documents, project updates, project announcements, news and messages, grievance redressal etc.

The Department of School Education urged every individual and organization to make use of this platform to understand about the project, and to give various suggestions, feedback, comments, etc. to make the project a success in Nagaland.

The NECTAR project is designed as the first targeted initiative in the State that can pioneer instructional leadership. It will re-orient the education system from a focus on inputs towards a focus on learning outcomes and will provide a model for developing teachers as instructional leaders. The project expects to enhance the systemic transformation in Nagaland's teaching cadre, enhance the governance and management of its schools, and boost students' learning outcomes. The focus of the project on technology-led transformation of governance systems may serve as a model template for the rest of the country. The project components are expected to pilot several innovations in teacher management, community accountability, and improving classroom transactions. The project will develop and implement innovative models for technology integration, decentralized management of education systems, and community driven accountability mechanisms.

SDGCC VISITS PROJECT SITES

The SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) team, Planning & Coordination Department, visited the SDG Innovation Project sites of 'SusDesi' and 'Pilot Operation of a Waste-to-Protein Treatment Facility' at Dimapur on 2nd February 2022 to review the progress of work.

The SusDesi project with implementing partner - LIFE has created a sustainable way of tackling the waste disposal dilemma in Lake View Colony, Dimapur, and has paved the way for other innovative solutions catering to the needs of the community to address waste management by directly involving the community on the principles of 'learn, unlearn and relearn.' The project has

successfully sensitized the community at Lake View area of Dimapur district on waste segregation and management and has introduced door-to-door waste collection with a systematic routine to dispose of waste directly from the comfort of their residence, introduced vermicomposting practices in the household and have set up non-recyclable waste and rejects recovery facility. A material recovery facility has also been set up to store recyclable waste. The project has also created an employment avenue to the unemployed youth in the locality.

Under the Pilot Operation of a Waste-to-Protein Treatment Facility project, implementation by Jongpong Chiten and Dr. Akumtoshi Lkr, a



breeding facility for rearing the Black Soldier Fly Larvae (BSFL) was set up at Bank Colony, Dimapur, on September 2021 to test the BSFL process on various organic waste streams and thus determine the feasibility of BSFL farming in Nagaland as a means for sustainable organic waste treatment i.e. waste reduction and waste transformation into valuable products (animal feed protein, and bio fertilizer).

The projects are part of the 'SDG Innovation Participatory Action Research Initiative' to

implement innovative solutions for addressing the on-ground specific challenges which will contribute towards the achievement of our SDG Vision 2030.

The Government of Nagaland has been mobilizing individuals, institutions, agencies and communities to take action for the achievement of the SDGs, whilst building coalitions across communities and societies at the local level, and create a variety of solutions for the priority SDG and their indicators. It is yet another effort towards the SDG Vision 2030.

LET 2022 BE A YEAR OF PROSPERITY FOR FARMERS: APC NAGALAND

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS hoped for the year 2022 to be "A year of prosperity for the farming community," and urged upon the Agri and Allied departments and ICAR to deliver innovative ideas, calling for their continued dedication and commitment towards the farming community. He said this while gracing the inaugural session of stakeholders meeting as the guest of honour at ICAR, Jharnapani on 1st February 2022.

APC Kikheto noted that for a couple of years, due to the drought like situation faced by the State, the Fall Army Worm (FAW) attack, the African Swine Flu besides the COVID-19 pandemic, the livestock, farmers yielding and human lives have been seriously affected. Talking about the unpredictable rainfall pattern in the State, where there was no rainfall from December 2020 to April 2021 and the onset of early monsoon this year, Kikheto felt the need for such discussion and urged upon the stakeholders to be mentally prepared. "Due to the changing climatic pattern, the farmers are also confused so we should come together, discuss and bring out advisories for guiding the farming community," he maintained. The APC also stressed on the importance of multi-cropping along with paddy, stating even if one crop fails, one can earn from the yield of other crops.

The APC informed that with the initiative of the State Government and the Union Government, High Tech Soil Testing Laboratories has been set up in all the 11 districts adding that the State

Government would be writing for the same with regard to the newly created districts. He informed that he has already written to the Secretary & Director General (ICAR) New Delhi for establishment of five Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for the new districts of Nagaland. Informing that two Bio fertilizers have already been set up, he was optimistic for getting sanction within this financial year for the remaining districts. Stressing on the importance of weather stations for giving real time advance weather information, Kikheto informed that weather stations has been set up for all the districts in the KVKs.

Kikheto also mentioned about the State's initiative on the importance of Digital Agriculture, where it plans to take real time information by using a drone, to see and initiate action on the FAW attack and required bio-fertilizers to be dropped to respective locations for improved cultivation. Observing that things are moving up in the right direction, the APC appealed to the ICAR and Agri & Allied departments to come out of the box with innovative ideas and to give back something to the people before their retirement/ transfer. Sema also stated that the Department was scrutinising the ineligible/bogus beneficiaries under PM-Kissan who were enjoying in the name of the farmers.

The technical session was addressed by the Director of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Soil & Water Conservation, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources etc. The meeting was also addressed by the Dean of



Veterinary College, Director Mithun Project ICAR, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SASRD and Joint Director, ICAR. Interactive session of State officials, Central officials and farmer representatives from all the districts was held.

The meeting was attended by Heads of Agri & Allied departments, district officers, ICAR officials and farmers representatives from all the districts. Modern materials, equipments were also distributed to the farmer representatives from the districts.

CHIEF SECRETARY RELEASES NFMP MANUALS

The Nagaland Forest Management Project Society (NFMPs) held a programme on "Release of NFMP Manuals" at the Chief Secretary's Conference Room, Kohima on 2nd February 2022. PCCF & HoFF, Dharmendra Prakash, IFS chaired the programme and also gave a brief overview about the NFMP Project.

Project Director (Imp. M&E), Vedpal Singh, IFS highlighted the current status of the NFMP such as engagement of Project Management Consultant (PMC), Infrastructure Strengthening, Recruitment of PMU and DMU Support staff, setting up of GIS and MIS lab, deployment of FNGOs in all districts, Microplan preparation, Entry Point Activity & Water Harvesting Structures, formation of SHGs and establishment of Nursery and Plantation activities etc. Various issues were also discussed like pre-financing of project, convergence, Nagaland Livelihood Forum, Commitment charges, replication of NFMP success stories and team visit of the Himachal Pradesh.

Rashid, GIS expert gave a presentation about the various modules of the WebGIS portal as well as the mobile app platform. Longshithung, MIS

Expert presented about the working of the MIS portal capturing various data involved in the implementation of the project activities.

Jayesh Bhatia, PMC International Expert commented upon issues like capacity building, preparation of microplan, nursery and plantation activities at different stages of various batches in the villages. He pointed out that the pace of release of fund flows to villages, needs to be augmented. He also discussed about convergence with allied departments and having a common platform for all Externally Aided Projects like JICA, IFAD and KFW.

The NFMP Manuals and Annual Report (2020-21) were released by Nagaland Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS who congratulated the entire NFMP team for their good works in implementation of activities of the project. He urged the team to focus on publicity of various activities through media including social media. He remarked that new practices, technologies shall be deployed in the project. He also assured that efforts will be in regard to convergence with concerned departments and also lauded the team spirit of NFMP and complimented for the same.

ACTIVITIES OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE HIGHLIGHTED AT REVIEW MEETING



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The team of senior government officials led by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS were apprised of the various developments taken up by the Department of Industries & Commerce. The Department highlighted on activities under the Ministry of MSME, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PM EGP), Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro

Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME), activities under Startup Nagaland programme etc. They also shared their problems and issues pertaining to the implementation of schemes & projects and establishment matters of the office. Officials of the Department of Industries & Commerce also shed some light on the way forward and the strategy for the Department.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam stated that the purpose of the departmental review meeting is to highlight issues of various departments, to rejuvenate and bring the department on focus.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL IMD-NE VISITS NAGALAND

Deputy Director General, IMD-NE, Dr. K. N. Mohan arrived at Kohima on 6th February 2022 along with Sunit Das, Scientist-E, IMD to attend the commissioning programme of two Agromet Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed at KVK, Yisemyong and KVK, Lumami.

On their way to Mokokchung, they visited two proposed sites for installation of X-Band Doppler Radar at Jotsoma and Meriema to check the feasibility and one proposed site for installation of Aviation AWS at Secretariat Plaza Helipad.

In addition, the officials also visited Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) installed at District Soil Conservation Office, Dimapur; Soil & Water Conservation Training and Research Centre, Sechu; Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima and District Soil Conservation Office, Wokha. During the visit, some equipments were found outdated and some non-functional. Dr. Mohan assured that the obsolete and non-functional parts of the AWS will be replaced immediately.

Under the initiative of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in coordination with the Department of Soil & Water Conservation is working closely for improvement of weather-related

services in the State.

Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) consists of 1) Wind monitoring at 10m and 3m height. 2) Radiation sensor for monitoring photosynthesis and other radiation related parameters deciding growth and yield of the plant. 3) Rain sensor. 4) Soil Temperature and Moisture at four depths 10cm, 30cm, 70cm and 100cm for knowing real time moisture and temperature for planning the right seeds for plantation, groundwater information and other valuable parameters. 5) Air Temperature and Humidity. 6) Real time data, which all above parameters is available at IMD website (every 15 minutes interval) with GIS mapping of agro parameters very useful for agriculture planning and implementation (aws.imd.gov.in:8091). 7) 10m foldable mast and accessories with fencing. Further, the data is ingested into the hydrodynamic models along with other AWS data from other parts of India, Upper Air, Radar and Satellite data for issuing timely forecast and weather warnings etc. for Nagaland. The forecast is valid for five days.

It may be mentioned that the Department of Soil & Water Conservation is currently operating 17 Meteorological Observatories.

SPECIAL REVENUE TEAM MEETING HELD

The Special Revenue team held a meeting under the chairmanship of the Team Leader and Joint Secretary, Power, Sara S. Jamir on 7th

February 2022 at SLDC, Dimapur. At the outset, the Team Leader appreciated EE (E) Chumukedima and EE (E) Dimapur for their untiring efforts for



improvement in collection of revenue. She appreciated EE (E) Chumukedima Division for increase in revenue collection of 52.94% and EE Dimapur Division for increase in 24.3% respectively, comparing to previous years revenue collection ending 31st January 2022. She extended sincere appreciation to EE (Trans) and team for ensuring maximum power availability even in situation when there is reduced supply as compared to previous year. Putting in record, Sara appreciated consumers of both Chumukedima and Dimapur districts for their proactive cooperation to the Department without which revenue drive will not be a success.

On prepaid meters, EE (E) Dimapur reported that installation of prepaid meters is completed and commissioning of prepaid meters

are in good progress. On load shedding, EE (Transmission) clarified that due to drought like situation last year, quantum of power availability is very less. However, he stated that Dimapur Transmission Division and Distribution Division of Chumukedima and Dimapur are coordinating and working very hard to minimize power outage.

It was decided to continue with raid/disconnection drive for revenue improvement along with operation and maintenance activities for the welfare of consumers. The Team Leader stressed that while revenue collection is equally important, welfare and grievances of consumers and improvement in maintenance and stable power supply should not be neglected.

GOVERNOR VISITS VARIOUS INSTITUTES ACROSS THE STATE

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY CHUMUKEDIMA:

On his visit to St. Joseph University Chumukedima on 7th March 2022, Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that COVID-19 has impacted all walks of life, and education is no exception. Fortunately, technology has enabled schools, colleges and universities across India to continue providing education in online mode and make e-resources available to its students. It shows how a university's contribution to society can go far beyond imparting education.

The Governor mentioned that the new National Education Policy is a guiding light, as it encourages research and development. Education under this policy will move from content heavy towards learning more about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative, how to innovate, adapt and absorb new material in every changing fields of study. The curriculum will include basic arts, humanities, sports and languages, and it will be based on our culture and values, he added.

The welcome address was delivered by Vice Chancellor, Dr. D. Gnanadurai. A video was presented about the university and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. A. Anthonisan. The Governor also planted a sapling at the University campus.

CIHSR:

The Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR) Chumukedima on 7th February 2022. He visited various departments and wards of the hospital and interacted with the medical personnel.

Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi congratulated all the frontline warriors - doctors, nurses, paramedics, and others for handling the surge of COVID-19 effectively till today. He urged the administration of CIHSR and the State Government to take steps to make affordable healthcare services available to the farthest region in the State which will also reflect a progressive Nagaland marching ahead in the 21st century.



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi during his visit to Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR) Chumukedima on 7th February 2022.



KIPHIRE:

The Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi arrived at Kiphire on 9th February 2022 for a two day tour programme, where a grand reception was carried out by HoDs, civil society leaders at the helipad.

In the meeting with the Heads of Offices at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire, the Governor said that he decided to visit Kiphire first among all the Districts, it being in the category of an 'Aspirational District.' He called upon the Heads of Offices to take pleasure in discharging their duties and to deal with the citizens properly.

PowerPoint presentation on Aspirational District Governmental activities was delivered by District Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, EE (PHED), District Agri Officer, Sericulture Department and District Administration. This was followed by interaction with the departments.

Delivering the welcome speech, Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier said Kiphire District is inhabited by four tribes i.e. Sangtam, Yimkiung, Tikhir and Eastern Sumi. Statistics of population of Kiphire has come to 70,644 due to bifurcation to Shamator district. The DC said that Kiphire district is blessed with blue rugged mountain ranges, rivers and handful of tourists' spots and wildlife sanctuaries. Apart from famous tourist spots, there are potentialities to promote adventure tourism in rural areas such as rock climbing, mountain biking, paragliding, hiking, river rafting etc. He said that once we expose Kiphire as tourist destination, the floodgate would be opened for inflow of visitors from within the country and from abroad.

On 9th February 2022, the Governor also attended a meeting and discussed with the civil society organizations, church leaders, pandits, maulana, chamber of commerce and political parties. The programme was presided over by DC Kiphire, Wati Aier.

The Governor appreciated the Naga tribal organisations for being aware of their 'rights' and concerned about any 'deficiencies.' Citing an example of other states, where civil societies play a



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi interacting with the Kiphire Village authorities during his two-day visit to Kiphire on 10th February 2022.

dominant role in development, he encouraged the civil organisations in the district to play a dominant role too. 'Civil Societies can put a check upon the main activities of the execution of the works at any level,' adding that 'accomplishment cannot arrive unless a dominant role is played by civil societies.'

During the interaction hour, General Secretary of United Sangtam Likhum Pumchi (USLP) stated that Kiphire was declared an 'Aspirational District' as per the vision of Prime Minister, Modi in the year 2018 with the vision for development. However, not much progress has been seen, and he requested the Governor to intervene and ensure that various funds under the aspirational programme which were meant for Kiphire come to Kiphire district. He also advocated for opening a Nursing Institute at Kiphire Hq. to facilitate young aspirants who were facing hardships travelling to Kohima and Dimapur. The General Secretary also appraised about the opening of the Science and Commerce stream at the GHSS at Kiphire.

Tsalichem from the Chamber of Commerce appraised the Governor for electing one representative (Representative of Chamber of Commerce) as a nominee to the Town Council Kiphire. He said that the office has been functioning for seven years with 316 officially registered shops under Chamber of Commerce Kiphire Town and that they have been consistently extending charitable works to the society in the district.

Kiphire Tuensang Sumi Students' Union requested the Governor for improving school infrastructures and sports infrastructures in the district and also appraised for improvement in road

connectivity.

The Governor said the representations submitted to him by the civil societies would be thoroughly read and taken up for consideration, and few appraisals that require central approval would be forwarded for necessary action.

ZISAJI PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, KIPHIRE:

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire and interacted with the faculties and students during his maiden visit to Kiphire on 9th February 2022.

The Governor, while addressing the gathering, expressed hope that interaction with the faculties and students would reform and solve the problems in the college. He stated that education does not only mean gaining bookish knowledge and securing government jobs. He stressed the need to develop one's land and taking up agriculture with the latest techniques and technology in the State. Prof. Mukhi reminded the gathering of Prime Minister's statement that India will develop only when the North East develop. He added that real growth will come in the North East when agriculture is developed and its development is a top priority for the Central Government.

Principal I/C, Dr. Puma Chandra Mishra, stressing on the Governor's achievement, said that Prof. Jagdish is a true inspiration and a perfect role model for society. He also stated that among the 15 Government colleges in the State, Zisaji Presidency College is occupying the 6th position. He said that the college is doing its best for the all round development of the student community.

An interaction was also held with the faculty

and students of the college.

KIPHIRE VILLAGE:

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Kiphire village on 10th February 2022 where a reception programme was held in his honour at public ground. He was received by men and womenfolk in their traditional attire and he received the rashtriya salute from the Village Guards.

The Governor while addressing the public, appreciated the people of Kiphire village for preserving the tradition and culture and expressed his love of the unique Naga traditions. He encouraged the gathering to implement indigenous language in primary schools to preserve and to promote culture. Prof. Mukhi said that during his visits to educational institutions, he found a lot of deficiency to be implemented. He assured that he would pursue the needs of Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire to the Government.

While visiting Government Higher Secondary School, the Governor said that Naga students are studying in different parts of the country in search of good institutions, where he said that all facilities and infrastructure should be provided within Nagaland for better education in the State. Prof. Mukhi also said that the JNV School is coming up with Science, Commerce and Arts streams, where students from villages can study in the school and added that the construction will be completed by March or April 2023.

The Governor interacted with the Kiphire village leaders, teachers and students. He also interacted with JNV construction engineers, contractor and other officials. Other highlights of the programme included traditional fire making and folk dances. The National Anthem was presented by Kiphire Village Students' Union.

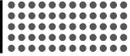
NSCW VISITS NOKLAK, MOKOKCHUNG AND LONGLENG

To keep abreast of the status and real life conditions of women in various districts of Nagaland, the Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) headed by its Chairperson, Khrienuo Tachü

and Member, Chongliu visited Noklak, Mokokchung and Longleng from 3rd-8th February 2022.

Interactive sessions were held with the respective Tribal Women Hohos at Noklak and





Longleng. At Mokokchung, the NSCW interacted with Watsü Mungdang. The Chairperson, Khrienuo Tachü also made a courtesy call to the President of Ao Senden.

The team also visited District Hospitals, District Jails, Women Police Stations and Sakhi-One Stop Centres.

DIMAPUR-KOHIMA NEW BG LINE PROJECT REVIEW MEETING HELD

The Dimapur-Kohima New BG Line project is going at a smooth pace and the Prime Minister's Office is monitoring the project very keenly, stated Chief Administrative Officer, NE Railway Maligaon, H. S. Yadav during a review meeting of the Dimapur-Kohima New BG Line project with the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J Alam, IAS and other senior State Government officials on 10th February 2022 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima.

H. S. Yadav informed that the Phase I of the project from Dhansiri to Sukhovi has been completed and trains will start to ply on the route soon. He also added that the Phase II (28 Km) from Shukhovi to Pherima is under construction and is expected to be completed by July 2023 while the phase III (38 Km) from Pherima to Zubza is expected to be completed by March 2026. He stated that the 82.50 Km long line will have eight stations and 20 tunnels covering a total length of 29.30 Km.

The meeting also discussed various issues related to the project and how the State Government could supplement in the smooth conduct of the works being executed.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam IAS expressed his appreciation to the Railways for taking up the much needed project which will benefit Nagaland and its citizens. He stated that proper instructions have been given to the respective Deputy Commissioners to make sure that the project is implemented smoothly and assured all necessary support from the State machinery so that the project is completed on time. He also instructed the State PWD and Railways to conduct joint survey on the connecting roads to the stations and to work out the solutions at the earliest. He opined that the railway stations should have a Naga traditional touch in its architecture and designs so that travelers, both local and tourist can have a glimpse of Nagaland from the station itself.

The meeting was attended by Home Commissioner Nagaland, Nagaland Commissioner, Commissioner & Secretary of Transport, Secretary of Works & Housing and other senior government officials, both from the State and Railways.

STATE HANDLOOM EXPO INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR

Director, Industries & Commerce, K. Hokishe Assumi inaugurated the State Handloom Expo under the theme "My Handloom, My Pride" on 10th February 2022 at Urban Haat, Dimapur. The Handloom Expo is funded by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).

Sixty (60) stalls were set up with 60 participants from Assam, Manipur and host State Nagaland, and the expo was held from 10th to 23rd February 2022.

The main objective of the Expo is to allow the Handloom Cooperative Society,

Corporation/Federation, SHGs, engaged in Handloom Production, Weavers entrepreneurs, Sant Kabir awardees, National and State awardees, and outstanding weavers etc. to showcase and sell their products as well as to promote business opportunities and to provide a rich experience to the weavers to enhance their skills and techniques in sales and marketing.



Director, Industries & Commerce, K. Hokishe Assumi inaugurating the State Handloom Expo on 10th February 2022 at Urban Haat, Dimapur.



ORIENTATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF EKLAVYA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL CONDUCTED

The inaugural programme of the state level orientation for science and mathematics teachers of Eklavya Residential School was held on 10th February 2022 at State College of Teacher Education, Kohima. The two-day orientation programme was organized by Nagaland TRI in collaboration with State College of Teacher Education, Kohima, Nagaland and funded by Tribal Research Institute Division, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Special guest, Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Nchumbemo Lotha stated that the orientation programme was to ensure that all teachers new to the school are promptly and effectively trained on their respective subjects. He added that orientation programme ensures that all teachers of the school are promptly and effectively socialized into the school culture and allows them to seamlessly integrate into the school community. He stated that the modules that are covered under the programme, enables the new teachers to gain an in-depth understanding of the philosophy, culture, classroom management tenets and teaching and learning practices followed at the school.



The inaugural programme of the state level orientation for science and mathematics teachers of Eklavya Residential School was held at State College of Teacher Education, Kohima on 10th February 2022.

Lotha stated that the foundation of every teaching should be to introduce critical thinking in children and that knowledge is limited but ideas and imagination are not. He encouraged the teachers to teach their students to be perceptive and discerning and help them understand the value of character and more than position or rank. He also encouraged the teachers to be passionate in their profession. Chairperson of the programme, Dr. Elizabeth Walling delivered the welcome address while vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Runi Nakro, Vice Principal, SCTE-K.

CS HOLDS SECOND DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW MEETING

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS stated that both Labour Department and Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship are very important machineries of the State Government and called on the departments to be automated as much as possible so as to make the workflow of public offices more efficient.

Alam stated this while conducting a departmental review meeting with both the departments on 11th February 2022 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima. The Chief Secretary expressed his satisfaction in seeing young dedicated officers in the department and observed that departments were in good hands and encouraged both departments to 'manage by

exception.'

Stating that all registrations, renewals and payments should be done online for the benefit of the youth, shop owners and business establishments, the Chief Secretary instructed both the departments to develop the necessary software and to go online at the earliest. He directed the departments to consult with the IT&C department in the matter.

Labour Department, in a presentation, stated that the Department was created to safeguard the rights and interests of the workers both in organized and unorganized sectors by effective implementation of the various provisions under both Central and State Labour Enactments. The Department stated that various welfare



schemes and programmes of the State and Central Governments are being implemented. Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCW) was on such scheme where around 1,000 youth across the State have been trained so as to encourage them to take up construction trade as their fulltime career.

Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in their presentation stated that under Skills Acquisition & Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), one Entrepreneurs Development Centre on pilot at Government ITI Complex, Kohima has been set up in collaboration with Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati as the knowledge and implementation partner with the

primary objective to train and promote local entrepreneurs and create a support mechanism to the enterprising youth to succeed and become job creators. The Department also highlighted that there were nine Industrial Training Institutes across the State imparting various trades. Other welfare programme and courses undertaken by the Department were also highlighted in the presentation.

Both department officials also shared problems and issues pertaining to the implementation of schemes and projects. This is the second departmental review meeting called by the Chief Secretary with the purpose to discuss the activities and issues faced by the various departments.

ADELA MOA INAUGURATES PHOTO EXHIBITION

Adela Moa, Director, Art & Culture as the special guest, inaugurated the Integrated Communication & Outreach Programme/Photo Exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 11th February 2022 at Conference Hall, Modern College, Dzüvürü, Kohima. The programme was organized by the Field Outreach Bureau, Bureau of Outreach & Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Kohima as a part of celebration of 75 years of India's Independence.

Adela Moa said that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is not only a celebration of how far the country has come but also a reminiscence of how it

began the journey as an independent nation. Moa also encouraged the gathering to come and visit the State Museum so as to enrich oneself with the knowledge of history and culture.

Guest of honour, Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal, Modern College called upon the student community not to study history for the sake of exams but to instil the unique history of freedom struggle in their hearts.

Welcome address was delivered by P. Sophie, HoO, FOB, Kohima, special number was presented by Songs & Drama Division of I&B. Winners of the essay competition were felicitated during the programme.

STATE PRESS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

The State Press Accreditation Committee meeting was held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th February 2022, to take up new applicants for Press Accreditation and other related issues. The meeting was attended by the Committee members and officials from the Department of Information & Public Relations.

Chairing the meeting, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam IAS extended greetings to the representatives from the media houses and press



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clubs and called on the Department of Information & Public Relations to review the Press Accreditation Rules and to amend the said rules, wherever necessary in a comprehensive manner.

The Committee discussed the rules and procedures for accreditation including eligibility criteria and performance of the applicants etc. New

applications were taken up whereby the concerned department was entrusted to look into certain issues that were found to be wanting in the applications.

The meeting also deliberated on the Nagaland Journalists Welfare Fund matters, review of the accredited journalists' list, digital and electronic media, etc.

ADVISOR KEOSHU MEETS OFFICERS OF DIPR

The newly appointed Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimchunger visited the Directorate of IPR, Kohima, and held a meeting with the officers on 16th February 2022.

In his address, Keoshu briefly highlighted his biography and the journey he has been through, earlier working in the School Education Department. Keoshu narrated that he and Late Toshi Wungtung, former Advisor, IPR belongs to the same village, and he believes that him being appointed again as the

Advisor of IPR is God's plan to accomplish the works the Late Advisor had left behind. He sought cooperation and expressed the desire to work together as a family.

Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema, while welcoming the Advisor, said the officers and staff of the Department will extend full cooperation to him. The Director briefly explained the history of the IPR Department, staff pattern, different departmental sections, and the gist of activities undertaken by the Department and the tasks ahead.

SLSMC DISCUSSES PM POSHAN

The State Level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (SLSMC) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS on 16th February 2022 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima to discuss the Annual Work Plan & Budget for PM POSHAN (Mid Day Meal) 2022-2023.

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS made a PowerPoint presentation on the activities carried out by the Department during 2020-21 and stated that the Department has been implementing Food Security Allowance, as directed by the Government of India, to eligible children during the closure of schools on account of COVID-19.

Shanavas highlighted that parents/guardians of eligible children were asked to report to the school on specified dates and then

provided FAS which were pre-packed in the presence of SMCs, VECs, Block Level Officials, community members, etc. He said feedbacks were collected from the beneficiaries, and the Department has received positive responses so far. He informed that food grain entitlement for primary classes is 100 gm per student while the cooking cost is Rs. 4.97/- per student. In the upper primary classes, food grain provided is 150 gm per student while the cooking cost is Rs. 7.45/- per student.

Chief Secretary and Chairman SLSMC stated that special care is needed to successfully implement the various welfare schemes. He instructed the Department to work tirelessly towards the successful implementation of the scheme.

Discussion on the proposal for the year 2022-23 was also held, and was approved by the Committee.

AHoDs & HoDs MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments was held



under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS in the Secretariat Conference Hall on 17th February 2022.

Improvement of attendance of officers and staff in the Secretariat and Directorate was discussed at length in the meeting. The Chief Secretary stated that all State Government offices should start functioning normally with the improvement of COVID-19 situation in the State. He further stated that the Government spends a huge amount of money on salaries and if government employees do not attend office, their pay should be withheld. The Board opined that there should be strict monitoring of attendance and office timings and agreed on implementing 'No Work No Pay' with immediate effect.

The Chief Secretary also requested the AHOs and HoDs to give special attention to the pending court cases of the State Government. He stated that proper para-wise comments should be prepared and the Government lawyers should also be briefed earnestly so that the State Government is in a better position to defend the cases.

A PowerPoint presentation was also made by CEO Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Alemtemshi Jamir where he informed the Board that the State Government will be organising a Corporate Social Responsibility



The monthly meeting of AHOs/HoDs was held at the Conference Hall of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 17th February 2022.

(CSR) Conclave, possibly in April 2022. He stated that Nagaland needs to attract corporate companies to contribute their social responsibilities for the development of the State. He called upon the departments to come up with ideas and plans and work out various projects to be submitted to the companies. Stating that the State is fund constrained, he encouraged the departments to take up developmental activities available through CSR.

Stating it a golden opportunity, Chief Secretary instructed all departments to submit their proposals and projects to IDAN at the earliest for compilation and submission. Development Commissioner Nagaland, Amardeep Bhatia, IAS also opined that implementation of CSR projects in the State will bring good practices.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONCLAVE FOR ENABLING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP HELD AT KOHIMA

An evidence-based policy consultation on enabling women entrepreneurship - a multi-stakeholder conclave was organized by the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) on 18th February 2022 at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima. IDAN is partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), a German development agency, project Her&Now and Dhriiti - The courage within to promote women entrepreneurship in Nagaland. The objective of the Conclave is to create a policy brief/policy whitepaper on the women entrepreneurship ecosystem of Nagaland through a stakeholder

consultation process.

Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer addressing the women entrepreneurs said the State Government is focusing on the empowerment of women entrepreneurs so that the socio-economic development of the State can be improved. In February 2019, Nagaland Government announced its new start-up policy, under which the State Government is allocating 25% fund for women entrepreneurs and plans to facilitate 500 start-ups in five years, through Start-up Nagaland, a nodal Department under the Department of Industries &



Commerce.

The Speaker stressed the need for the policy consultation to also focus on rural women entrepreneurs so that they are benefitted. He stated that unless women entrepreneurs suggest policy requirements to the Government, the Government will not know which are the sectors to focus on, and invited the Women Entrepreneurs Association to send a delegate to attend the upcoming Budget Session in March 2022 to view the deliberations that take place in the highest policy-making institution in the State. He expressed hope that through this conclave right questions and suggestions will be put across so that thoughts become policies, and policies become acts, which will eventually help to build the socio-economic development of the State through women entrepreneurship and empowerment.

CEO, IDAN, Alemtemshi Jamir delivering the keynote address, expressed hope that the Conclave will be the beginning of conversations for women entrepreneurs and remove the prevalent

conditioning and ecosystem that are not supportive of women entrepreneurship in the State. He called on the women entrepreneurs to not just focus on profit but base their model focussing on people, compassion, collaboration instead of competition which can be their unique selling point. While stating that policies have to be the collective effort of the people, Jamir pointed out that the suggestions, through the Conclave, will impact the Government policies. He encouraged the women to build on their strengths such as their unique culture and natural resources.

Founder, Dhriiti, Anirban Gupta, and Ullas Marar from GIZ addressed the Conclave, while presentations were given by various entrepreneurship support organizations. Government policymakers and implementing departments, women entrepreneurs, financial institution/ funding organisations also took part in the Conclave. A Roundtable discussion session (virtual format) was held on 3rd and 4th February 2022 with all stakeholder groups separately.

ONE DAY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD AT THE DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

A one-day capacity building training program on 'Packaging for export of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft products of Nagaland,' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland on 18th February 2022.

Delivering the welcome address at the inaugural program, Dr. Babu Rao Guduri, Joint Director & Head Training & Education Division, Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai, said that be it in the Agri, Handloom or Handicrafts sector, packaging plays a very important role and today, it is recognised by the product manufacturer, traders, retailers, and end-users as a very important component of a product. He stated that the main objective of the training program is to promote export packaging and provide manpower to the packaging industry. Briefing on the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), he mentioned that IIP is an autonomous and apex body for packaging in the country working



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under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, with its main Headquarter located in Mumbai, and regional centres/institutes in Kolkata, Delhi, Hyderabad, Vishakapatnam, and Ahmedabad. World Packaging Organisation has ranked IIP as the second-best packaging institute in the world, after Michigan University, USA, he added.



Addressing the gathering, Special Guest, Tali Longchar, Director, MSME-DI, Dimapur encouraged the Naga entrepreneurs to compete in the world market, meeting the requirements of the world standards, and to fulfill this, the entrepreneurs need to come up with innovative ideas to attract the customers and the market. Based on what is being manufactured, particularly in food processing, the quality and packaging of the products need to be taken care of carefully. He pointed out that Nagaland produces a lot of handloom products and every tribe has its distinct designs, but only one or two tribes have registered for Geographical Indication (GI) Tag. He called on for more people to get MSME registration, Trade registration, GI Tag, etc. Tali Longchar also encouraged the participants to sincerely start up their businesses, to be competitive, and to focus on sustaining it, instead of giving up halfway.

Extending his gratitude to the Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata Centre for coming to Kohima to conduct the training program, Guest of honour, K. Hokishe Assumi, Director, Industries & Commerce hoped that the good turnout in the training programme will be an eye-opener and encouragement for the Naga entrepreneurs. He said that it is time Naga entrepreneurs take their businesses seriously and aim for sustenance, pointing out that in business, unless by dint of hard work and sincerity, there is no security. He advised the gathering to take the ideas and inspiration from the foreign products which are beautifully packaged and sold in the market, but without copying and imitating those completely. He pointed out the need to have our own logos and packaging ideas. Hokishe Assumi encouraged the participants to learn, benefit from the training, take it forward, and take up their businesses seriously.

During the training, 'Basic concepts, principles and functions of packaging for export of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft products of Nagaland' and 'CFB Transport Packaging of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft products of Nagaland' was presented by Dr. Babu Rao Guduri, Joint Director & Head Training & Education Division, Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai; 'Flexible packaging for export of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft Products of Nagaland' was presented by Puneet Agarwal, Director, M/s Manjushree Polypacks Pvt. Ltd. Guwahati, Assam; and 'Live demonstration and screening of a video of packaging for export of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft products of Nagaland' was presented by Rishu Gautam, Assistant Director, Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata Centre.

The programme was chaired by Rishu Gautam, Assistant Director, Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata Centre, who also delivered the vote of thanks. The one-day capacity building training programme was organised by Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata Centre, and sponsored by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India, in association with Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland. Altogether, 180 participants took part in the training programme.

The main objective of the workshop is to disseminate information about the trends and technology in the packaging of processed food, create awareness about the importance of Agri food, Handloom and Handicraft products, and also promote the export market with the use of innovative packaging designs & developments, standardisation etc. under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

CS HOLDS REVIEW MEETING WITH URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS held a departmental review meeting with the AHoDs and HoDs of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs on 19th February 2022 at the Chief Secretary's

Conference Hall, Kohima.

The departmental officials made a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the Department's activities including development programmes and



welfare schemes, innovative practices, establishment matters, and other issues related to the departments.

The departments highlighted the meeting on the various welfare schemes and projects of the State Government and Central Government being implemented and monitored by the departments such as Swachh Bharat Mission, AMRUT, PM SVANidhi, PMAY (Housing for All) etc. the meeting also deliberated on how to implement the welfare projects properly so that the beneficiaries can benefit from them. Challenges and other issues were also discussed.

The Chief Secretary stated that both Urban Development and Municipal Affairs are very important departments for the State Government and carry a huge responsibility on their shoulders. He said that with a lot of welfare projects under their supervision, both departments have the opportunity to help the people of the State benefit from the schemes. He also called upon the departments to plan for the future and come up with innovative ideas for the successful implementation of the welfare schemes. Alam encouraged the departments to continue to work for the people of the State with dedication, enthusiasm and bring laurel to the State.

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME-CUM-PHOTO EXHIBITION HELD AT KOHIMA

The integrated communication and outreach programme-cum-photo exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was conducted with Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS as the special guest on 19th February 2022 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kohima.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Shanavas called upon the students to be responsible citizens, respecting each other's culture and tradition, and encouraged them to follow their passions with full dedication.

The special guest also inaugurated a photo exhibition hall and felicitated the winners of paintings and quiz competitions.

Addressing the students, Head of Office, Field Exhibition Officer, Sophie said the exhibition was a humble attempt to recall and remember forgotten heroes of our freedom struggle, many of whom might be renowned yet unknown to the new

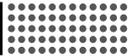
generation. He stated that in this fast-moving world, the youth hardly find time for remembrance of our rich heritage and past. While the nation celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, it is most crucial to reach out to the younger generation and let them know about our nation's rich history. He also informed that during the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' initiatives are being planned to hold events, exhibitions (online and offline), publications, and develop museums keeping the unsung or unacknowledged heroes of the Indian freedom struggle.

The programme was initiated by the Government of India and organised by Field Outreach Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Kohima in collaboration with Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kohima. During the exhibition, the posters and paintings of unsung heroes of the Indian freedom movement were displayed in the hall.



Shanavas C, IAS, Principal Director, School Education inaugurating the photo exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kohima on 19th February 2022.





ANGAMI WOMEN ORGANIZATION INFORMS ON CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE

The Angami Women Organization (AWO) through a press statement informed that the nomenclature “Angamimiapfü Mechü Krotho (AMK)” is no longer in use and is being replaced by the Angami Women Organization (AWO).

This is done so for the fact that AWO is registered with the office of the Registrar of Societies, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima with Registration No. H/RS-3648 dated 05/06/2004. It said that AWO is one of the frontal organizations of

the Angami Public Organization (APO), even the youth have been using the nomenclature Angami Youth Organization (AYO).

Hence, to have uniformity and in conformity with APO/AYO, Angami Women Organization is being used in all official correspondences with different departments and other organizations. It requested all the partners and the government departments to keep in mind to avoid further confusion.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON NLTP ACT HELD

A consultative meeting of the committee to study the issues relating to implementation of Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act, 1989 with various stakeholders was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 24th February 2022 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS and Advisor, Excise, Zhaleo Rio as a special invitee.

Addressing the gathering, Zhaleo informed that the State Government has not taken any decision to lift the NLPT Act, 1989 and that the meeting was held to discuss and know the stand of the stakeholders in the State. He stated that the Committee to review that NLPT Act, 1989 was formed in 2018 to conduct study on health issues due to consumption of spurious liquor, to study the revenue generation of Excise Department of other North Eastern States and the avenues of employment generation in the State. He further added that statements and views of the various organisations have been collected by the Committee on NLPT Act 1981 and the Committee

will study the statements and submit its recommendations to the State Government.

The Advisor also stated that the Department of Excise has been working tirelessly towards implementation of the NLPT Act 1989, however, the outcome has not been satisfactory and could not achieve the end goal.

Chief Secretary and Chairman, Committee to study the issues relating to implementation of NLTP Act 1989, J. Alam stated that the Committee has been meeting different stakeholders and have heard the views and opinions. Adding that the meeting was just a consultative meeting, he thanked the NGOs for sharing their opinions and hoped to reach a common ground for the benefit of the people of the State. He assured that the Government is working with the best intentions and the Committee will be submitting its recommendations soon.

The consultative meeting was attended by Naga civil bodies and church organisations. All stakeholders shared their views and opinions and submitted their statements to the committee.

INAUGURATION OF TSEMINYU DISTRICT HEADQUARTER

The inaugural programme of Tseminyu District Headquarter was held on 24th February 2022 at the Rengma Sports Association Ground, Tseminyu with Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest and Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing was the host.

Rio mentioned that the first Naga Flag was woven by a Rengma Lady and was first hosted in the Rengma territory. He urged the Rengmas and the young generation to carry forward their rich legacies. He thanked all his cabinet colleagues and all the elected members, NGOs, churches, various civil societies, Hohos for the support of his



leadership because of which, we have been able to create the four districts and many other developments in the State. He expressed his happiness to declare Tseminyu as the 13th district of Nagaland and hoped that Tseminyu will be a role model for the other districts.

President, Rengma Hoho, Pollen Tep in his welcome address stated that it is a testament of the solidarity extended towards an enduring aspiration that is finally fulfilled by the Government of the day. He added that the people of Rengma heartily welcome and accept the unanimity for granting the district to the Rengmas.

Chairman of the programme was Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekhuolie Chusi IAS. Welcome address was delivered by President, Rengma Hoho, Pollem Tep.

Earlier, the Chief Minister unveiled the Monolith of Tseminyu district. Short speeches were delivered by Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom; Advisor, Urban Development and

Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire; Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology & NRE, Mmhonlumo Kikon; MLA, Yitachu; Commissioner Nagaland; President, Tenyimia People's Organization, Timikha Koza.

The other highlights of the programme included Kedah Nyukerangliu by Western Rengma Cultural Troupe; Give the world a smile by Day Spring; Acknowledgement by Presentation; Vote of thanks by Vice President, Rengma Hoho, Joel Kath, followed by a prayer of Thanksgiving by Executive Secretary Council of Rengma Baptist Churches Zunpha, Rev. Haiwalo Apon.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister for Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister for Housing, Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum, Advisor for School Education, K. T. Sukhalu, Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan, Advisor for Technical Education, Elections, Medo Yhokha, and MLA Amenba Yaden.

ADVISOR KHEHOVI GRACES WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In commemoration of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Department of Art & Culture conducted a 'Workshop for Public Libraries,' sponsored by the Raja Rammohan Roy Library, Kolkata at the State Library, Kohima on 25th February 2022.

Inaugurating the workshop as the special guest, Advisor, Art & Culture and Tourism, H. Khehovi Yephthomi said libraries are the storehouse of knowledge and an important building block for the progress and development of society. He also mentioned that in this age of information technology, many may question the relevance and significance of libraries to which he pointed out that with the technological advancements and the shift from manual work to intellectual work, the importance of reading and books have become more significant today and simply completing schooling alone is no longer enough or adequate.

Yephthomi suggested that we need to instill the culture of reading among the people. The

Advisor encouraged the people in rural areas to make the best use of the 641 rural libraries registered under the Department of Art & Culture, as such rural libraries can serve as a place for the community to come together to learn and grow. He encouraged the initiatives of the Street Library at Phek town and Community Library at Kigwema which is a step in the right direction. He also requested the Department to go the extra mile to reach out and connect with the rural schools in the districts and encourage them to come to the library so as to make it a place to study, explore and read for pleasure. He expressed hope that the workshop would boost the spirit to instill the habit of reading books as it plays a significant role in the life of every individual to achieve unification of mind, soul and be successful in life.

Director, Art & Culture, Adela Moa while highlighting a brief overview of the workshop, said that a library is a place where books, reading resources, and periodicals are kept, to give out information to the people and thereby, become



centre of knowledge. She informed that at present, there are 11 District Libraries, 1 State Library, 1 Museum Library functioning under the Department apart from the rural libraries registered with the Department.

The resources persons for the workshop were Deputy Librarian, SASRD, Medziphema, Nagaland University, Mhonbemo Ngullie; and Librarian, Baptist College, Angel Meru.

NORTH-EAST CRUISE JOB FAIR IN DIMAPUR

A welcome programme for the recruitment team of Carnival Cruise Support Services India Private Limited was held on 28th February 2022 at Emporium Skill Training Institute, Dimapur. The carnival team visited Nagaland for the first time to conduct the first-ever "North East Cruise Job Fair."

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, District Skills Committee, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS speaking as the chief guest, thanked the Carnival Cruise Team for choosing Emporium and providing an opportunity to the youth. He pointed out that there is no dearth of talent in North-East and Nagaland but one does not get a platform where talent meets the opportunity. Nagaland is still in the initial stage as compared to other parts of the country but it is catching up fast statistically speaking, he added.

Rajesh said that young people who have worked outside have always proved that they are second to none in whichever sector or field they have chosen. He urged the youth to move out of their comfort zone, have patience and perseverance and give time to learn and gain experience, then there will be a lot of choices. He further encouraged the youth to have confidence, believe in themselves, and make good use of the opportunity.

During a press interaction headed by Operations Manager, ETCPL, Anirban Mukherjee, and the team of Carnival Support Services India Pvt. Ltd. it was highlighted that CSSI has partnered with Emporium Skill Training Institute (ESTI) to organize the Cruise Career Fair in Dimapur. ESTI is an established organization that is guided under the framework of the Ministry of Skill Development & Nagaland Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Society. Through this collaboration, it aims to bring the world's best cruise ship career opportunities for

the youths of North-East Indian states. They stated that CSSI is India's largest crewing agency providing highly skilled and trained personnel for cruise ship operations worldwide, recruiting Indian personnel for eight of the nine Carnival Corporation cruise ship brands, i.e. Carnival Cruise Line, Costa Cruises, Cunard Line, Holland America Line, P&O Cruises, P&O Cruises Australia, Princess Cruises, and Seabourn. All recruitment is free and recruitment procedures are fair and transparent. It is duly licensed by the DG Shipping Office in India to carry out recruiting and placement services in India.

The team also informed that the skills required are experience in customer handling, specifically in the hospitality sector, minimum educational qualifications required are Secondary School Certificate pass (10th standard) with fluency in spoken English. Senior positions require a hotel school diploma or degree along with other specialist industry skills in line with the applied position.

The programme was chaired by Allin Awomi; Invocation was pronounced by Asheli Yephthomi; Welcome address by CEO, ETCPL, Temjenkala Aier; Folk song presentation by Emporium Students; Vote of thanks was delivered by District Employment Officer, Gideon Sumi.



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WEEK-LONG VIGYAN SARAVATRA PUJIYAYE FESTIVAL HELD

Commissioner & Secretary, Science & Technology, O. T. Chingmak IAS addressing the gathering at the weeklong celebration of Vigyan Mahotsav at the Directorate of Science & Technology, Kohima on 22nd February 2022.

In concurrence with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Department of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), Ministry of Culture, (GoI) in association with Vigyan observed a Pan India showcase on science, technology and innovation. The festival was held at the Directorate of Science & Technology, Kohima from 22nd - 28th February 2022.

Commissioner & Secretary, Science & Technology, O. T. Chingmak IAS said the main aspiration is to inspire the youth and help them navigate and build India to be a progressive nation

and also to reinforce the commitment for the scientific community towards economic and social development. He added that the aspiration of this festival is to highlight the development across the country.

The four main themes for the week-long celebration included Annals of Science, Milestone of Modern Science and Technology, Swadeshi Paramparik Invention & Invocation, and Transforming India. Altogether 16 schools from all over Kohima attended the weeklong festival.



**TEACHERS' TRAINING CONDUCTED BY ZEME BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL,
PEREN**

Teachers and resource persons during the two-day teachers' training conducted at Peren on 28th and 29th January 2022.

A two-day teachers' training was conducted for the teachers under Zeme Baptist Church Council (ZBCC), Peren on 28th and 29th January 2022 at Peren town maintaining all COVID-19 SOP. The training was organised by ZBCC, Peren under the leadership of Education Secretary, ZBCC, Rangro Herie in collaboration with State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), Nagaland. A total of 35 teachers from Baptist Higher Secondary School, Peren and Baptist High School, Jalukie attended the training. The resource persons were Benjungdenla Yaden (Reader), Thebi Joseph

(Research Associate) and Medohunuo Phewhuo (Training-cum-Research Assistant) from SCERT, Kohima.

The purpose of the training was to update the teachers on the changes in education system with the introduction of National Education Policy 2020. The training included the following topics: professional ethics, educational psychology, key features of NEP 2020, curriculum and pedagogy, importance of foundational stage, classroom management, school based assessment, and school leadership.

WEEKLY BAZAAR LAUNCHED AT MELURI

Department of Rural Development, Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Meluri Block in collaboration with District Administration launched Weekly Bazaar at Meluri on 4th February 2022.

The programme was initiated in order to boost and encourage local farmers of Meluri subdivision and Pochury society as a whole. Various SHGs have been enthusiastic and efforts were given to produce agro based by-products. Hence,

exclusively one day in a week was scheduled for promotion and sale of the products of the SHGs.

EAC, Lephory, C. Tsalimse Sangtam and President, Pochury Mother's Association, Sürhothsü delivered a short speech during the launch. Secretary, BLF, Luozhiesü chaired the programme. The inaugural programme was also attended by the public leaders and SHG members of Meluri block.

KIPHIRE DPDB APPROVES UPGRADATION OF EAC LONGMATRA AND EAC SITIMI TO SDO (C) HEADQUARTER

Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) members after lengthy deliberation decided to recommend the proposal for upgradation of EAC Longmatra and EAC Sitimi to SDO (C) Headquarter to the higher authority in the DPDB meeting held on 8th February 2022 at the DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, T. Wati Aier.

The Board members also discussed and approved the proposal for registration of Longmatra Area Students Union and recommended for necessary action to the higher authority.

In the meeting, PowerPoint presentations were given by four departments – Public Health



Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), T. Wati Aier addressing the DPDB members at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 8th February 2022.

Engineering, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, MGN Fello Sukanyas and Piramal Swasthya.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of February was held on 8th February 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

In the meeting, the proposal for extension of date for celebration of Peren District Jubilee Programme was put forward by ADC Peren where in

the Board agreed to defer it to the month of October/November 2022 (tentatively). Further, ADC Peren also appealed to all the heads of offices to come forward, extend full support and organize departmental programmes as part of the pre-celebration.

During the meeting, President of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) also gave a short presentation on behalf of the PwDs, Peren.

SOCIAL AUDIT PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT KOHIMA

The Social Audit Public Hearing was held for 10 VDBs under RD block, Chunlikha for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin schemes, on 8th February 2022 at the DPDB's Hall, Kohima.

Project Director, DRDA, Kohima chaired the meeting. Introduction on public hearing was given by State Resource Person, SAU, Kohima Unit. The reports on the findings during the audit were presented by the BRPs/VRPs and various issues were discussed and resolved during the public hearing. The meeting was attended by the village

functionaries from all the 10 VDBs, representative from the DC's office Tseminyu, Block officials, SAU Unit, Kohima and staff and officers of DRDA, Kohima.



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111 BN BSF ORGANIZES CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME

The 111 Bn BSF organized a Civic Action Programme-cum-Free Medical Camp on 9th February 2022 at Satakha village, Zunheboto and distributed water storage tanks and sports items to the villagers of Xuivi, Kilo Old and Satakha village.

A Free Medical Camp was also organized at Satakha village where Battalion Medical Officer along with Dr. M. Keyho, Senior Medical Officer and Dr. Alvis Chikhe, Medical Officer, CHC Satakha

attended the patients and gave medicines to the villagers.

The local population appreciated the gesture of 111 Bn BSF and stated that such programmes will go a long way in further consolidating the bond and harmonious relationship prevailing between the locals and Border Security Force.

NATURALLY NAGALAND & NOKLAK HANDICRAFTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT NOKLAK

Naturally Nagaland & Noklak Handicrafts Festival was celebrated at Noklak on 9th February 2022 at Public Ground, Noklak with Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS as special guest under the theme 'Towards sustainability.'

The APC stated that it was his fourth visit to Noklak district and shared his observation that the people of Khiamniungan community are humble and hardworking and has so far not given any trouble to the law and order in the State. He encouraged them to continue the same. He said that, particularly after the pandemic, the State has realized that we cannot always depend on the other states for all our needs and that we should have a sustainable economy of our own so that is how Naturally Nagaland was conceived by the State Government. He also mentioned how former Chief Secretary, Late Temjen Toy had a burning desire for Naturally Nagaland to succeed, and in order to achieve that we should encourage our own organic products produced locally. Also to encourage young entrepreneurs, FPOs and SHGs the State Government decided to set up stall across districts. He informed that on 9th July 2021 and 1st November 2021, the State Government has inaugurated Naturally Nagaland stalls at Dimapur and Kohima, respectively.

The APC stated that, the farming community should not only depend on the traditional

method of agriculture but adapt with the changing times. As the world is changing rapidly and so also is the climate and weather conditions. He stated that Nagas for ages have exploited and misused the soil and depleted the soil of its nutrients without taking care of its health and that the time has come for us to change our ways. He said that the agri and allied departments and other KVKs, ICAR are working in convergence to bring about new innovations and the experts from the Department and scientist community are all there to help and guide the farmers when needed. He also requested that the farmers should not depend on the Government alone but rather work with sincerity for their survival and stand on their own feet.

APC also informed that the Government has set up AC Organic Market at Agri-Expo, 4th Mile Dimapur to enable the farmers to sale their products at all season, the Government will soon be building 120 bedded Farmers Hostel at Agri-Expo, which will be made available for all farmers across the State at a reasonable price to provide the farmers affordable accommodation and to sale their produce.

The APC added that the State Government understands the difficulties faced by the people of the District in sending the agriculture produce to the markets due to road connectivity issues and the cost of transportation, and therefore the State Government is working on the modalities and is





Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi with Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon and other officials during the inauguration of 2 (two) Lane RCC Bridge over Dhansiri river at Shozukhu-Zukihe village, Niuland on 12th February 2022.



Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department and Chairman, Child Protection Services, Sarah R. Ritse along with other officials during the inauguration of Government Observation Home at Bahok Ward, Longleng on 17th February 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering on the occasion of Sekrenyi celebration at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 25th February 2022.



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with other officials during the Naturally Nagaland & Noklak Handicrafts Festival celebration at Public Ground, Noklak on 9th February 2022.



National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force along with the medical team carrying out a mock rescue drill in Mokochung on 21st February 2022.



Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, Thsuvise Phoji and Superintendent of Police, Shamator, Amit Kumar with medical staff and children during the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization drive at Shamator on 27th February 2022.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu with Advisors, MLAs and government officials during the upgradation of the newly inaugurated Government Higher Secondary School, Sungro at Wokha on 12th February 2022.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu along with other Advisors and officials during the inaugural of the newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School, Anthibung, Peren on 26th February 2022.

Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department and Chairman, Child Protection Services, Sarah R. Ritse with Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant and other dignitaries during the inaugural programme of Sakhi – One Stop Centre at Tuensang on 18th February 2022.



Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department and Chairman, Child Protection Services, Sarah R. Ritse along with other officials during the inauguration of Sakhi – One Stop Centre at Phek on 19th February 2022.

working to improve the conditions in the area. He also requested the people of Noklak to continue giving their fullest cooperation to the Government and respect the law of the land and work together for the welfare of the District. He expressed his deep appreciation to the District Administration and all the participants and stated that this is one of the best exhibition he has attended. He also requested DC to form APMC for the benefit of the farming community.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru in his introductory remarks mentioned that, Noklak district is very rich, unique and refined in handicrafts therefore, in order to promote the potential of the region, Noklak Handicraft Festival is organised. Though there is enough handicraft products in the District the people are facing challenges to reach out in the market therefore, the platform was created to

meet the buyers and the producers. He said, along with the richness of handicrafts, there is also lots of potential in ecotourism, cultural tourism and adventure tourism.

Meanwhile, in a sideline of the Festival, training for Tourists Guide was given by Nagaland Tours & Guide Association, and free distribution of tool kits by the Nagaland Handloom & Handicraft Co-operation Limited was held. Managing Director, Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd, Zakabo Rotokha informed that a tool kit worth Rs. 10,000/ per beneficiary has been arranged as per requirement. He encouraged the beneficiaries to take up their work with more professionalism and dedication. Altogether 50 beneficiaries received the kit.

UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN STREET VENDORS, MON CHAPTER



The Entrepreneurs Associates team with District Administration, Mon and women street vendors during a seminar held at Council Hall, Mon on 9th February 2022.

The Entrepreneurs Associates (EA) in collaboration with District Administration, Mon organised the Mon Chapter of Upliftment of Women Street Vendors (UWSVs) on 9th February 2022 at Council Hall, Mon.

Speaking about EA and the UWSVs

programme, Administrative Coordinator, EA, Yutho Sangtam highlighted the aims, objectives and various programmes initiated by the NGO. Yutho stated that the UWSVs programme will be implemented in all the districts with the primary aim to bring progress in the economic condition and



living standard of the street vendors. EA tries to achieve this progress by guiding them to save their daily earnings, providing interest free loans and taking initiatives to provide better healthcare for them, she added.

Deputy CMO, Mon, Dr. Rongsennungla spoke on general health and wellness for women with special emphasis on care during the pandemic. She urged the gathering to prioritize on their health and overall wellbeing. She highlighted benefits of government programmes like Maternal Health Programme (JSSK) and Ayushman Bharat, urging the women vendors to avail them. She further highlighted the various COVID-19 appropriate behaviors and the importance of taking the COVID-19 vaccine.

In his exhortation speech, ADC Mon and Administrator, Mon Town Council, Y. Chingyak Konyak thanked the EA team for taking such initiative in the District. He stated that the initiative would bring a positive impact on the Konyak society and requested the EA team to set up a branch office

in Mon so that the programme may be implemented at the earliest. He emphasised on the dignity of labour and encouraged the vendors not to think less of themselves but rather to think about how their service is benefitting the general public in Mon as well as those villagers from whom they purchase the products. He requested the vendors to set up their shops on the designated market areas instead of random crowded road sides in order to avoid any untoward incidents or accidents.

Konyak highlighted the details of PM Svanidhi which provides loan to the vendors at a subsidized interest rate and also the benefits of e-Shram portal, urging them to avail the benefits while assuring them that his office will be open for any problems that they may face in the process. He emphasised on avoiding the use of plastic and keeping their environment clean and hygienic.

Entrepreneurs Associates existing project in the District is a FPC with 500 farmers producing ginger in 6 (six) villages in Wakching block.

PHEK DISTRICT PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 35th YEAR OF EXISTENCE

The Phek District Pensioner's Association celebrated its 35th year of existence and the 14th Annual General Meeting 2022 on 9th February 2022 at Phek Town Hall with MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuzholuzo appreciated the contributions and good services of the pensioners of Phek district and urged them to be good and god-fearing in their new life. He urged them to be an example of living a healthy life, have a

healthy diet as well as exercise for long life.

Phek SBI Branch Manager, Duhusu Kezo in his short speech requested pensioners to know the guidelines, terms and conditions on how to draw money, and assured that if confusion arises then bank personnel will always be ready to help. He spoke on the importance of SMS alerts and joint account book where they need to check from time to time so that money is safe in the bank.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 10th February 2022. DC & Vice-Chairman, Tuensang DPDB,

Kumar Ramnikant chaired the meeting. The Board discussed the concern of detection of Omicron variant in the District. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the Water Resources Department.



NEIBA KRONU GRACES 28th CHAKHESANG WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP MEET 2022



Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu addressing the gathering during the 28th Chakhesang Wrestling Championship at Sports Complex, Pfutsero on 10th February 2022.

Minister for Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu graced the 28th Chakhesang Wrestling Championship on 10th February 2022 at Sports Complex, Pfutsero.

Kronu urged the gathering to have peace, unity and co-operation as those are the factors which will help in the development of different sectors and popularize the game of wrestling.

The programme was chaired by Kukhoto Venyo who gave the welcome address. MLA, Kezhienyi Khalo was the guest of honour during the programme. The championship composed of 5 (five) different wrestling associations from which 60 (sixty) players from senior category and 20 (twenty) players from under 16 years (junior category) participated.

A1 TSUNGKI LIFTS 11th LFC

A1 Tsungki beat Friends Club Wokha Village, 2-1 to lift the 11th Lotha Football Championship (LFC), organised by Wokha District Football Association which was played at Local Ground, Wokha on 10th February 2022.

The closing ceremony of the championship was graced by Y. M. Humtsoe, Vice President, NDPP as the special guest. Humtsoe encouraged the players to be dedicated and give their best to perform well in higher arenas as the game can open up many opportunities.

Yiben and Senlo Kent scored for A1 Tsungki while the lone goal for Friends Club Wokha Village was scored by Aloumai. Benrithung of A1 Tsungki was adjudged the Player of the

Tournament, Best Goalkeeper was bagged by Mhao Kikon of A1 Tsungki, Thomas (Friends Club) got the Best Defender, Best Midfielder was awarded to Zuben (NRSA), Lirhonthung (Friends Club) won the Highest Scorer, while the Best Disciplined Team was awarded to Tsumang Young Stars. Cash, trophy and certificates were awarded to all the individuals.

The champions walked away with a cash award of Rs. 1,20,000/- (one lakh twenty thousand) along with medals, trophy and certificates, runner-up of the tournament received medals, certificates, trophy and a cash award of Rs. 60,000/- (sixty thousand). The semi-finalists, Longsa SA and NRSA, also received a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- (fifteen thousand) each.



GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATED AT WOKHA

In observance of Wokha District Girl Child Day, Wokha District Administration and DLCW-MSK under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao banner organized a baby show-cum-distribution of baby kit for all the new born girl child, born between April 2021 and January 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha town on 10th February 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, SDO (C), Selemla S Sangtam reminded the mothers present that being a mother is one of the most important role a women can ever play. She said that a mother is the main role model for a young child and they subconsciously takes in how a mother carries herself, behave and think about herself. She appealed to all the mothers to consider girl child as an asset and give equal opportunities without any

gender bias as girls can become a responsible and productive members of the society. Sangtam further stated that even in the digital world, researchers have found that there is a wide gender gap. The percentage of male is higher than women among global internet users and it shows that discrimination still exist even in digital world, she stated.

A baby show competition to promote institutional delivery and exclusive breast feeding was the main focus of the programme. The show was judged by Dr. Ruutuou Sorhie, Paediatrician, Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital and Dr. Wonchibeni T Murry, Medical Officer, Nyiro PHC. Baby kit consisting of baby care collection and baby blanket were distributed to all the mothers present at the programme.

FINANCIAL AND DIGITAL LITERACY AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT LONGLENG

EAC Headquarter Sakshi, Longleng in collaboration with SBI Longleng, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Longleng and National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Nagaland conducted a sensitization/ awareness programme at Sakshi on the following matters on 11th February 2022 - Kisan Credit Card, piggery, poultry, dairy farming, mithun rearing and helpline for senior citizens.

Stressing on the importance of income generation through piggery and poultry rearing at the village level, Branch Manager, SBI Longleng, Dowari highlighted the availability of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) through which financial help in the form of loan can be availed by various farmers, which in turn can boost the rural economy.

Veterinary Surgeon (VS), Dr. Aoyimsen Jamir spoke on the economic value of rearing livestock at the village level. He said that while a separate veterinary outpost for the EAC Sakshi Circle is awaiting administrative clearance, the concerned department is actively coordinating with DFO, Longleng in surveillance of wild animals within the region. Stressing on the importance of



Participants and officials during a financial and digital literacy programme held at Sakshi, Longleng on 11th February 2022.

'technology transfer' concerning poultry rearing, Dr. Jamir pointed out that vaccination in proper time suiting to the local condition is imperative in achieving a positive outcome. He further stated that Innovation Poultry Production (IPP) scheme is in the offing which will be soon implemented during the current financial year 2022-2023.

Field Response Officer (FRO) National Helpline for senior citizens, Nagaland, Zhoposato Thari highlighted the role of their service for senior citizens in the district. A total of around 70 participants from 7 (seven) villages under Sakshi Circle attended the event.

DH LONGLENG HELPS PRE-TERM BABY TO SURVIVE

Dr. Sanuzolu (Pediatician) and Dr. Yopovinu (Pathologist) safely delivered a pre-term baby, 32 weeks, at District Hospital, Longleng. With active management led by the Pediatician, the baby survived and has been discharged from the Hospital after 19 days. With the posting of Specialists in the District Hospital, many complicated cases which were previously referred outside the District are now managed here. This has been possible because of cooperation from all the doctors, nurses, and staff.



Dr. Sanuzolu (Pediatician) and Dr. Yopovinu (Pathologist) with parents and the baby, who was safely delivered at District Hospital, Longleng.

CM RIO GRACES PLATINUM CELEBRATION OF CHAKHESANG STUDENTS UNION

The 75th Platinum Celebration of the Chakhesang Students Union was held at Phek Local Ground with its theme 'Towards a refined guide' on 15th February 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking on the occasion, said reaching the milestone is a historical moment for the Union and greeted the pioneers and the leaders who contributed towards the Union. He urged the student body to continue working for the welfare of the students' community as well as the people.

While appreciating the Chakhesang community for playing a major role in various fields, Rio called upon them to uphold the legacy of elderly persons as the Government has declared Phek as the 'Land of Tradition' because of its hard-working and cooperative attributes.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and others after unveiling the monolith of 75th Platinum Celebration of the Chakhesang Students Union at Phek on 15th February 2022.

During the event the Chief Minister also unveiled a monolith to commemorate the Platinum celebration.

ORIENTATION-CUM-TRAINING PROGRAMME ON POCSO AND PCPNDT ACT AT LONGLENG

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kandra - District Level Centre for Women, Longleng (MSK-DLCW) in collaboration with Longleng District Legal Services Authority conducted orientation-cum-training programme on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act for Anganwadi and ASHA workers on 15th February 2022 at VDB Hall, Longleng.

CDPO Longleng, Longlang Luckpan appreciated the MSK-DLCW for the programme and



Officials and participants during an orientation-cum-training programme on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act for Anganwadi and ASHA workers held at VDB Hall, Longleng on 15th February 2022.



encouraged the participants to learn and educate others as well.

Resource person, Advocate Monyei Phom, Project Assistant Longleng DLSA spoke on POCSO Act. She elaborated on different types of offences committed towards children below 12 years of age, also punishable under Section 6 of the POCSO Act. She also highlighted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, (JJ Act) 2015. She encouraged the gathering to be more practical in the

approach relating to the offences under the prescribed law.

Resource person, Advocate Panglang Phom spoke on PCPNDT (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act 1994 and PCPNDT Amendment Act, 2002. He encouraged the gathering to be aware of such acts and also to approach Longleng DLSA for further details concerning services provided.

MOCK EXERCISE SIMULATING EARTHQUAKE CONDUCTED

DIMAPUR:

To test the capability for responding to disasters and also for enabling the convergence of different stakeholder departments and functionaries for proper coordination in times of disaster, a mock exercise simulating earthquake with a magnitude of 8.7 on Richter scale was conducted at Dimapur on 15th February 2022.

During the mock exercise, an earthquake-like situation was created at Dimapur Government College, presuming that the building partially collapsed with persons trapped on the top floor and the college auditorium on fire due to the earthquake. The Strike Team headed by Unit Commander NDRF and involving Fire & Emergency Services conducted search and rescue operations where seriously injured and others in different medical conditions were shifted to the hospitals by the medical team. At Pantaloon Shopping Mall, Strike Team headed by Unit Commander SDRF and involving medical team and SDRF team conducted the mock exercise.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the mock exercise and lauded all the stakeholders for their active participation. Reminding that Nagaland also falls under the earthquake-prone zone, the DC said that the exercise was conducted for observing the preparedness level and coordination of concerned stakeholders as Community First Respondents in real-time scenarios. He encouraged them to remain physically and mentally prepared all the time and to work for improvement through the activities learned

during the mock exercise.

In rooms of improvement, the observers underscored the need for guides, to lead the NDRF team (who might be new to the area) to the incident sites to save time and lives. The need and importance of a human life detector to trace the trapped persons were also pointed out. To keep the members in the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) updated on the status in the incident sites and staging areas during the disaster, an Information Board would be useful, noted another observer. All in all, the observers were satisfied with the performance of all the stakeholders involved during the mock exercise.

The programme was organized by District Disaster Management Authority, Dimapur in collaboration with Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, National Disaster Response Force, and State Disaster Response Force.



Mock exercise simulating an earthquake was conducted at Dimapur on 15th February 2022.

JALUKIE:

District Disaster Management Authority, Peren under the aegis of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority organised the annual mock exercise on earthquake at Jalukie on 18th February 2022. The exercise was held to create awareness among the communities and also to check the preparedness of the District on how to effectively respond in the event of an earthquake. The staging area was set up at Government High School Ground, Jalukie.

Simulating the effect of an earthquake of 8.7 magnitudes on the Richter scale, the exercise was carried out in two schools, St. Xavier School and ITM School, Jalukie.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DDMA Peren, Sentiwapang Aier who was the main

observer said the overall exercise was a success but during the rescue operation, some communication gaps and public participation in affected areas were there which needs to be improved. Further, DC lauded the officials involved, the public, and the students for their cooperation in making the exercise a success.

MOKOKCHUNG:

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Mokokchung, under the aegis of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) organized a mock drill exercise in Mokokchung on 21st February 2022.

Simulating the effect of an 8.5 magnitude earthquake at 10:00 a.m, the exercise was carried out at Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School. The exercise began with Drop, Cover, Hold procedure and Evacuation of the students and informing the Responsible Officer (RO), Deputy Commissioner by the Principal about fire incident in the school resulting in structural damage and severe injury of students.

As directed by the RO, the Incident Response Team (IRT) responded with prompt action and immediately reached the incident site with all the available resources. The operation was carried out by SDRF personnel, commanded by District Commandant, HG, CD, Mulai Lam, and NDRF 12 BN personnel under Deputy Commandant, Abinav.



A mock drill exercise on earthquake was conducted at Jalukie, Peren on 18th February 2022.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for February was held at DC's Conference Hall on 16th February 2022. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Peter Lichamo, IAS.

The meeting started with the introduction of new members. The agenda discussed were the installation of SBI ATM at Aghunato Junction, Zunheboto, where the Board decided to forward it to

SBI Zunheboto; reverting of Sub-Treasury Akuluto was also discussed; and the road condition in the District was also discussed where the Public Works Department highlighted on the ongoing repairing works.

Deputy CMO, Zunheboto shared on the vaccination status in the District, he said that around 80% of eligible beneficiaries have been vaccinated without any significant side effects.



FARMERS TRAINING ORGANIZED BY ICAR AT NEW PANGSHA

Programme on technology awareness, farmers training on input material distribution and animal health camp was held at New Pangsha on 16th February 2022, organized by ICAR- National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema, with Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru as special guest and Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Pritpal Kuar as guest of honour.

DC, Noklak in his speech said that from time immemorial rearing of Mithun is practiced by people of Nagaland and who had many Mithun is considered rich and in modern days also the scope of Mithun rearing is wider and safe if the farmers follow scientific technique of rearing. He asked the gathering to give success feedback to the Department.

The DC requested the Village Council to write a booklet on the story of Ashok Chakra presented by the Government of India on 24th March

1964 to Pangsha village, so that through this the loyalty of Pangsha to Indian Government will be made well known to others.

SP Noklak, Pritpal Kuar encouraged the farmers by saying that farmers are the backbone of the nation, farmers are the job givers not job seekers therefore she said students should know farming and pursue farming.

Director ICAR, Dr. Khan delivered keynote address which highlighted how to protect the life and increase the population of Mithun.

Chairperson, L. Langkong, Teacher GMS New Pangsha expressed his gratitude to all the participants specially to Dr. H. Mukem, Commandant 7th IRB and Dr. Kapu, Technical Officer for their initiative in the success of the programme, he also urged the Pangsha citizens to follow up the scientific technology which was instructed by the resource persons.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yokha at DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th February 2022.

The meeting chaired by DPO and Member Secretary, DPDB, Pudusul Luho reviewed the last meeting minutes. On the agenda of the proposal for reconsideration of shifting Sumo parking site to KMC parking site submitted by various institutes at Jotsoma, the Board deliberated on the issues and decided to take up the matter after necessary consultation with the concerned authorities.

On registration of societies, Medo Yokha suggested that DPDB may streamline the verification system by involving concerned departments to look into the matters and give their opinions to the sub-committee of DPDB for

verification and then to DPDB for recommendation to the Government.

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire also suggested that the concerned area administrative officers and the verifying committee share their opinions on the matters in the DPDB meeting so as to bring up a strong society in the District.

The Board after much deliberation on the agenda decided to recommend five societies, that presented their aims and objectives, to the Government for further necessary action.

Besides the agenda, Medo also pointed out the mushrooming of unwarranted tuition centres in Kohima and suggested that concerned departments along with student bodies be involved to recommend the matter after proper survey and study in order to streamline the whole system.

CM RIO GRACES ASA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphu Rio graced the 50th Meet of Angami Sports Association (ASA) Wrestling

Championship on 18th February 2022 at Khuochiezie, Local Ground Kohima. He

acknowledged the ASA for being a keen exponent of Naga Wrestling Style and keeping alive the great legacy of their forefathers.

The CM said that Naga Wrestling should not only be among Angamis, Chakhesangs, and Zeliangs and urged them to teach the wrestling style to other tribes to make it one of the most prominent and favoured sports and to bring the Nagas closer. The CM also said that the Government of Nagaland is doing its best to bring up more sophisticated

infrastructure for the youths to let them excel in games and sports.

Rio was accompanied by Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye; Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along; Advisor, Sericulture, Zhaleo Rio; Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha; Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha; MLA, Khriehu Liezietsu, and a host of officials and dignitaries.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD AT CHANGPANG

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Changpang on 18th February 2022. Changpang is approximately 80 (eighty) Km away from the district headquarter in the southern part of Wokha district. Changpang is synonymous with oil and natural gas and its related activities in our State. The State Government has also selected Changpang as one of the Aspirational Blocks of the State.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhoneumo Kikon who is also the Chairman of Wokha DPDB said conducting the Board meeting there was to understand the requirements of the people of the area, he also thanked the Village Council and the people for hosting the meeting.

Following agenda were discussed during the meeting: Upgradation of Sungro Primary Health Centre (PHC) to Community Health Centre (CHC), Changpang Sub-Centre to PHC, Amphuto Sub-Centre to PHC as submitted by Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Tumchobeni and Senior Medical Officer, Bhandari, Dr. Caroline.

The Board discussed the technical report submitted by the Health & Family Welfare Department and based on fulfillment on the geographical isolation and other aspects as per the technical report the Board proposed and recommended to the Government for consideration.

Mmhoneumo said COVID-19 pandemic has opened the eyes of the Government, and it is focused to upgrade the health infrastructure, and



Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhoneumo Kikon addressing the Wokha District Planning & Development Board meeting held at Changpang on 18th February 2022.

also ensured that as per the population and area, medical officers and health workers have been posted in different locations to address the pandemic, he added that within Bhandari constituency itself, the Government has upgraded two Sub-Centres. Regarding the construction of the road from Changpang to Foothill, the Chairman stated that the proposal had already been submitted for inclusion in the second phase under PMGSY scheme. For shifting of EAC Headquarter to the permanent campus and posting of separate EAC, Kikon stated that the Government is conducting major exercise to post EAC to all EAC Headquarter and Changpang being in proximity with Assam State, the Government is planning to post SDO (C)-cum-Border Magistrate in the area.

While speaking on the Aspirational Blocks, Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung



Yanthan said, it is a historic event for the people of the area for conducting DPDB meeting there, Changpang Block was declared as an Aspirational Block last year by the State Government considering the socio-economic backwardness of the area, he urged all the departments in the District to give special focus to formulate a plan to implement various developmental activities in this particular area. Mhathung also assured that the Department of Horticulture will construct 1 (one) packhouse and 3 (three) drip irrigation units in Changpang area.

The Department of Horticulture, Land

ONE DAY TEACHERS' TRAINING HELD AT PUGHOBOTO

A one-day teachers' training was conducted for the teachers under Mission School and New Foundation School, Pughoboto on 18th February 2022 at Pughoboto town. The training was organized by SABAK in collaboration with State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), Nagaland. Altogether 28 teachers from Mission School and New Foundation School, attended the training. The resource persons were Benjungdenla Yaden (Reader), Medemmongla

Resources, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Agriculture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Water Resources (Irrigation) highlighted their activities.

Mmhonlumo said he will do his best to address the memorandum submitted by the area during the meeting.

On the present COVID-19 status of the District, Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Tumchobeni said so far 8,809 COVID-19 tests were done and the positivity rate is 9.8 percent.

Jamir, (Research Associate), and Izeule Ramlia, (Research Associate) from SCERT, Kohima. The purpose of the training was to update the teachers on the changes in the education system with the introduction of National Education Policy 2020. The training included the following topics: Professional Ethics; Key Features of NEP 2020; Importance of Foundation Stage; Curriculum and Pedagogy; and School Based Assessment.

ATMA KOHIMA CONDUCTS SKILL TRAINING FOR RURAL YOUTH

ATMA Kohima district conducted a Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) from 14th to 19th February 2022 on 'Vermi-Composting' at Sechü-Zubza Council Hall.

In a press release, it stated that the main objectives of the training were to impart skill-based training to rural youth on agri based vocational areas in agriculture and allied areas to promote employment of rural areas and for the creation of skilled manpower to perform farm and non-farm operation. STRY activities are coordinated by the National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), through State Agricultural Management and Training Institutes (SAMETI) at the State level.

Resource persons for the programme were Dr. Keviu Shuya, Deputy PD (ATMA), Kohima and Rokoshuno Angela, Deputy PD (ATMA), Kohima. Topics were covered on, introduction to vermi-



Participants and officials during a Skill Training of Rural Youth on vermi-composting conducted by ATMA Kohima at Sechü-Zubza Council Hall, Kohima on 19th February 2022.

composting, vermi-composting materials/ biomass, methods of vermi-composting, the process of vermi-composting, harvesting of vermi-composting, and vermi-worms, storage and packaging of vermi-composting and economics of vermi-composting.

Altogether, 22 participants attended the training programme, and certificates were distributed to the participants.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 21st February 2022 at the Conference Room of Deputy Commissioner's office, Mon chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS. The Board accepted the

proposal for the upgradation of Hope Plant Private School, Tizit up to Class VII. The meeting was attended by SP Mon, Imnalensa, IPS, and District Heads of Departments.

NLUMRAI FROM MPAI VILLAGE IS THE CHAMPION OF ZELIANG WRESTLING MEET

The 26th Wrestling Meet-cum-2nd Under-16 Wrestling of the Zeliang Wrestling Association was held at Ngwalwa Village Local Ground, Peren on 21st February 2022 with PS to Advisor, Water Resources, Iteigong Kauring as the special guest and SDO (C), Tsenhungo E. Ngullie as the guest of honour.

In the final match, Nlumrai from Mpai village emerged the champion after defeating Sui riepeu from Peren. Meanwhile, Penachi from Mpai village and Keyigumbe from Ngwalwa village secured third and fourth positions respectively. Altogether, 60 wrestlers from four zones

(Southern, Northern, Eastern, and Western) vied for the championship title. The prizes were given away by SDO (C), Tsenhungo E. Ngullie.

Speaking at the occasion, the special guest said wrestling is one of the rich legacies the present generation has inherited from their forefathers and urged the leaders present to continue promoting their unique history. He also encouraged the participants to be confident, have self-respect, and be disciplined to excel and achieve success. He called upon the members present to promote the spirit of oneness and unity among the community.

40 AR BHANDARI ORGANIZES VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

With the aim to promote sporting spirit among the youth, a Volleyball Championship was organized by the 40 Assam Rifles F-Coy from 17th to 21st February 2022 at the Bhandari town sports ground.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Rohit Singh, IAS lauded the initiative of the Assam Rifles, Bhandari for bringing the youth of the villages in and around Bhandari to participate in the championship event to help promote the spirit of discipline, unity, and social harmony. He also observed that organizing more such events should

be encouraged to discover, motivate and direct the youths of today to sporting opportunities.

The final match was played between Bhandari village and Marachü (Merapani) village, in which Bhandari village emerged the winner. Besides the Championship trophy, gold and silver medals and cash prizes were given away to the winning team and the runners-up teams.

Major Harish Joshi also expressed gratitude to the villages for their support and fruitful participation in the championship.

PROGRAMME ON UPLIFTING WOMEN STREET VENDORS HELD AT TUENSANG

Tuensang Chapter of Uplifting Women Street Vendors programme, organized by Entrepreneurs Associate (EA) and Capri Global Capital Limited, was held at Town Hall, Tuensang on 22nd February 2022. The meeting was attended by presidents of all the wards of Tuensang, women

street vendors, bankers, and District Administration officials headed by ADC Tuensang.

Speaking at the programme, ADC and Administrator TTC, Thungchanbemo Tungoe acknowledged the EA for taking the initiative of giving awareness of the project to the people of



Tuensang and also urged the EA to open up an office at Tuensang for which he assured assistance. Encouraging the women street vendors, he said that there is dignity in serving the society, while also helping educate the children, and to be a part of the economy is an inspiration. ADC also advised the vendors to get COVID-19 vaccination for the safety of family members and near and dear ones. He said that in terms of income, vendors are playing an important role in the District and need to be educated in terms of investments for long term benefits.

Administrative Coordinator EA, Yutho Sangtam in her short speech on EA and upliftment of women street vendors remarked that the Naga society has a strong desire to fit every educated youth in the government sector but in reality it is not possible, but rather leaves one in frustration and depression. She also said that commercial farming

is a very important component for a business model. She added that street vendors play a crucial role in our society in facilitating the organic needs of our society and also mentioned about the eagerness of EA in assisting the entrepreneurs in every aspect of their journey.

MO, DH Tuensang, Dr. Zerila highlighted the importance of Ayushman Bharat health card and JSSK for the people, especially the women street vendors. She also highlighted the importance of COVID-19 vaccination.

Senior Assistant, SBI Tuensang, Sankhil Shelmika spoke on the importance of financial planning and banking for women where he highlighted the schemes of the Government and SBI. He also mentioned the insurance, pension, and loan policies of SBI and social security schemes. He mentioned the importance of acquiring the complete necessary documents for bank services.

HANDLOOM EXPO AT ZUNHEBOTO

The State Handloom Expo, organised by Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd (NHHDC), Dimapur, Nagaland, and sponsored by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handloom) under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi was inaugurated on 22nd February 2022 by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, IAS at

Town Hall, Zunheboto in the presence of Managing Director (NHHDC), Zakabo V. Rotokha.

60 weavers from Manipur, Assam, West Bengal, and Nagaland exhibited various handloom products. The Expo also provides grants and other important marketing strategies to the weavers of North-Eastern states.

BLOCK FUTSAL TOURNAMENT-CUM-FETE DAY FOR SENSITIZATION ON BBBP HELD AT TENING



ADC, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori along with organizers, officials and others during the Block Futsal Tournament-cum-Fete Day for sensitization on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at Tening town on 22nd February 2022.

Block Futsal Tournament-cum-Fete Day for sensitization on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was organized by the Tening Town Western United Club in collaboration with Tening Block Task Force on BBBP at Tening town on 22nd February 2022 under the theme 'Save the girl child and educate her.'

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori appreciated the organizers and other departments for taking the initiatives collectively to uplift the youngsters through sports.

He also spoke on the importance of parent's role and encouraged the gathering to ensure the education and participation of every child in various activities.

A short speech was also delivered by MO, CHC, Dr. Menangtongzuk and a representative from NYKS. The programme was chaired by EAC, Tumben P Tsanglao while the vote of thanks was pronounced by Wintatlu Domta of Western United Club.

TRAINING ON LOW-COST PRESERVATION UNIT HELD AT LONGLENG

Training on low-cost preservation unit under the centrally sponsored scheme, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) was organised by the Department of Horticulture, Longleng on 22nd February 2022, where 20 beneficiaries from different villages under Longleng district attended.

The technical staff illustrated the

importance of post-harvest technology with special reference to horticultural produces readily available in the District. Preservation components including pulverizing machine, bottles and other packaging materials, sealing machine, weighing balance, etc. were distributed to the beneficiaries. A hands-on demonstration on the operation of those units was also done.

ENFORCEMENT DRIVE ON SALE OF TOBACCO HELD AT MON

Enforcement Drive on sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions was conducted on 23rd February 2022 at Mon by the enforcement team consisting of the members from District Administration, Excise Department, Police Department, Mon Town Council and Konyak Students' Union, Mon. The team was led by, District

Consultant, National Tobacco Control Programme Mon, E. Nyeamyng Konyak. 7 (seven) shops were penalized for selling tobacco products near educational institutions. The team seized the products and later destroyed it in the outskirts area of the town.

SKILL TRAINING HELD AT SAKSHI BLOCK, LONGLENG

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng conducted a skill training on modern basket and crochet making from 19th to 23rd February 2022 at Guest House, EAC Headquarter Sakshi Block, Longleng, covering a total of 7 (seven) villages under Sakshi Block. The main target group were school dropout girls and unemployed women to provide adequate training, to create opportunities for women and girl child to enhance their skill for self-reliance.

Addressing the programme, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom spoke on the importance of self-employment and



District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng conducted a skill training on modern basket and crochet making at Sakshi Block, Longleng from 19th to 23rd February 2022.



encouraged the trainees to open small units with the skills learned from the training, and added that life is a learning process and that one should not stop learning.

While SDO (C) Longleng, Trongdiba Sangtam said that various skill-based training should be organized timely to ensure that women, being a vulnerable section of our society, be given such opportunity for self-reliance and to be

financially independent.

EAC Sakshi, Ruokuosetuo Tetso appreciated MSK Longleng for the effort made in uplifting women folk of the area where most women and girl children are deprived of such privileges.

A total of 25 trainees participated in the training. The trainers for the programme were Sangla Phom and Hemnyam Phom.

MELURI CULTURAL DAY-CUM-NAZHU FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

The 44th Session of the Meluri Cultural Day-cum-Nazhu Festival was celebrated on 22nd and 23rd February 2022.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise, Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio graced the function as the chief guest. He stressed that maintaining culture is a way of life, whereas dignity of labour comes through culture, he added.

Assistant Inspector General (Adm), Nagaland Police Headquarters, Rhovisie Nyuwi graced the Meluri Cultural Day-cum-Nazhu Festival as the guest of honour on 23rd February 2022.

Rhovisie Nyuwi urged on the need to promote and maintain the use of culture inherited from the forefathers and the need to know the value of culture.

MOKOKCHUNG HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The meeting of the Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for January and February 2022 was held at District Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 24th February 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Limawabang Jamir.

The agenda of the day included the proposal for Medical Intern Room at New Reserve, Mokokchung proposed by SP, Jamir, and after thorough deliberation the Board agreed to forward the proposal.

The DC also committed and assured to issue an Oxygen Concentrator to the said project as and when the project materializes. After a thorough discussion, the Board recommended the registration of the following societies: Impetus Society, Mongsenyimti village; Assam Rifles Ao Telongjem, Dilong Ward, Mokokchung and sent to the Government for approval.

The Board also took the COVID-19 and vaccination status report in the District from the

Health & Family Welfare Department on which CMO gave the status report on 18-44 years group: the total number of 1st dose in the District stands at 41,959, 2nd dose at 34,732. For 45 years and above: 1st dose at 27,332, 2nd dose at 25,022, and for 15-18 years: 1st dose is 4,935, or 35.35%, 2nd dose 2,428, or 17.39% of the target, 13,960.



Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Limawabang Jamir and other officials during the DPDB meeting held at District Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 24th February 2022.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON POCSO ACT HELD AT WOKHA

Wokha District Administration and MSK-DLCW under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) organised a one-day orientation programme for the Anganwadi workers on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act at Wozhuro and Ralan Block in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare and

Sakhi - One Stop Centre (OSC) and Wokha District Legal Services Authority on 24th February 2022.

Advocate, Shanchobeni P. Khuvung highlighted on the POCSO Act during the programme while Case Worker Sakhi - OSC, Thungbeni Kikon spoke on the PCPNDT Act. The function was chaired by WWO, MSK-DLCW, Dr. Wonchano E. Enny.



Advocate, Shanchobeni P. Khuvung addressing the gathering during the orientation programme for Anganwadi workers on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act at Wozhuro and Ralan Block, Wokha on 24th February 2022.

TUENSANG DTF MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID -19 held a meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 24th February 2022 with Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS as the chairperson.

The members of the DTF expressed concern about the resistance of people to take the second vaccination creating a gap between vaccination figures between the first and second dose, the DTF decided to find out the reasons causing the resistance. The DTF discussed about collecting the data of teachers in the District and the attendance records of the eligible students who are

yet to be vaccinated.

The Chief Medical Officer, Tuensang expressed the need to conduct four health camps at targeted villages with COVID-19 vaccination simultaneously and the DTF to assist the said camp. The DTF was updated with the COVID-19 and vaccination status of the District.

The District Immunization Officer updated the DTF on the IMI and IPPI vaccination drive in the District, the Chairman DTF advised the concerned department to include COVID-19 vaccination along with the drive.

SEKRENYI-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

KISAMA:

Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival was celebrated at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama under the aegis of Angami Public Organization (APO) on 25th February 2022 with Chief Minister of

Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Rio said the State Government has recognised major tribal festivals for which restricted holidays have been incorporated in the government calendar where



every government servant is entitled to avail leave during one's own tribal festival. Hitherto, Sekrenyi was mostly celebrated at the village level and the time of celebration also differed from area to area based on their own traditional calendar. However, the idea of promoting and celebrating Sekrenyi in a bigger and larger way at one common platform was a recent development only, he added.

Rio said Sekrenyi is celebrated with the objective of getting to know each other and developing a better understanding among the community, and to know more about our cultures and traditions in the form of promotion and showcasing our rich and vibrant ethnicity to the outside world.

APO President, Razouvoto Chatsu chaired the programme while Rev. Mekhale Yhoshü invoked God's blessing. Advisors, MLAs, and other dignitaries attended the festival.

TUOPHEMA VILLAGE:

Day two of Angami Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival was celebrated at Tuophema Amphitheatre, Tuophema village on 26th February 2022 with Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as chief host and Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer as special guest. Host of Ministers, Advisors, MLAs and dignitaries attended the celebration.

Speaking as the chief host, Rio said Sekrenyi, also known as 'Phousanyi' is the festival of purification and sanctification of menfolk, which is the tradition of the forefathers. Rio said that the Government has been promoting tribal festivals of Nagas by celebrating the festivals of each tribe with its own unique culture and tradition.

Expressing his happiness over the friendship between the Ungma village and Tuophema village, Rio said that the friendship was started in the year 2001 by celebrating Sekrenyi Festival together, initiated by the then Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. S. C. Jamir and himself while he was the then Home Minister, to promote the festival in the State. He said that after a gap of 21 years, the Soyim Student Union, Ungma village and Tuophema



Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer addressing the gathering during the Angami Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival at Tuophema village on 26th February 2022.

Student Union, Tuophema village coming together to celebrate the festival with the blessing and support of village council and elders to take forward their friendship was laudable and expressed his happiness for the occasion.

Lauding the students community for showcasing the tradition and practices of our forefathers, Rio encouraged them to uphold the tradition and to promote the unique identity of our people in years to come.

The special guest, Longkumer in his speech expressed his pride and honour in celebrating the brotherhood festival together as a citizen of Ungma village. Enlightening the gathering on the genesis of friendship between the villages, Longkumer stated that a delegation of 42 Ungma Village Tatars accompanied former Chief Minister and Governor, Dr. S. C. Jamir to Tuophema in celebrating Sekrenyi with the present Chief Minister, Rio as the Minister for Home on 26th February 2001. The same year, the Minister then led the contingents from Tuophema comprising of village elders, Tatars and GBs and visited Ungma on 8th of March to celebrate the establishment of the friendship.

Longkumer expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for remembering Ungma village at all times in all aspects of socio-economy development and human resource development till date. He assured that Ungma village will stay true to the spirit of brotherhood and friendship with Tuophema for all years and generations to come.

Longkumer also congratulated and thanked the Tuophema Students and Soyim Students in nurturing their brotherhood through such cultural exchange programme and added that today the celebration of Sekrenyi as brothers and friends was the beginning of the culmination of one perfect naga family, 'united in body and spirit.'

Chairman Tuophema Village Council, Pfulduolhou Kense delivered the welcome address

while cultural presentations were performed by Tuophema Bawe, Ungma village, Tuophema Cultural Troupe, Tuophema Basa and Botsa village. The programme was chaired by Kechangulie Kense while Pastor Tuophema Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Gelhou Seyie invoked God's blessing and vote of thanks was proposed by Advisor Tuophema Village Council, Keduo-u Zumu.

ONLINE TRAINING ON NEPEX TABLETOP EXERCISE AT PHEK

The online training of Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) Tabletop Exercise (TTEEx) in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for the state of Nagaland was conducted on 25th February 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Phek with the officers of

Incident Response System.

Phek Deputy Commissioner, Razouvolie Dozo called on all the members who attended, and the members to be prepared since our State is in a high seismic zone.

ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON CAREER GUIDANCE CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra in collaboration with Phom Students Conference conducted a one-day seminar on career guidance for school students on 26th February 2022 at LTBC, Longleng. The resource persons were Gimchuile, Lolisangla and Vikhotono, who are pursuing MSc in Psychology & Counseling at Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong.

A welcome address was delivered by President Phom Students' Conference, N. Dape Phom. He appreciated the District Administration, MSK - DLCW Longleng for organizing the programme. In his short speech, SDO (C) & Nodal Officer BBBP Longleng, Trongdiba T. Sangtam

shared his testimony where he spoke of the failures and successes he faced. He stated that success can never be static or one spot destination and that it has to be continuous struggle and hard work.

Resource person, Gimchuile spoke on the topic, 'What is Career?' and 'The difference between Career and Job' while Vikhotono shared on 'Aptitude & Interest,' 'Career Developmental Stages & Lack of Career Success.' Lolisangla spoke on 'Career Information & Importance of Career Information.'

The programme was chaired by VP PSC, Enyu Phom while vote of thanks was proposed by District Coordinator MSK - DLCW Longleng, Tutinungla Phom.



School students along with resource persons and organizers during the one-day seminar on career guidance conducted at Longleng on 26th February 2022.



IPPI PROGRAMME HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

SHAMATOR:

Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) was observed at Shamator along with the rest of the country. The Super Sunday Immunization was graced by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Thsuvisie Phoji and Superintendent of Police, Amit Kumar along with the medical staff.

MO Shamator, Dr. Mhathung thanked the DC and SP for the huge encouragement through their services. The immunization was held at PHC Shamator and in all healthcare centres across the

District.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Department of Health & Family Welfare, Mokokchung successfully carried out the Intensive Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) drive for children between 0 to 5 years on 27th February 2022 throughout the District, where 224 IPPI booths were set up. According to DPO RCH & UIP, Dr. Ayangla Saku, altogether 6343 children between 0 to 5 years received Polio Drops in the District.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG

In commemoration of the remarkable work of Indian Physicist, C V Raman in the field of light scattering, District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra Longleng conducted Inter-School Science Exhibition Competition in view of National Science Day with the theme 'Integrated approach in science and technology for sustainable future' on 28th February 2022 at VDB Hall, Longleng.

The welcome address was delivered by WWO MSK, Phungla Phom she also gave a brief note on the significance of the celebration. The panel of judges for the competition were Chief Functionary Yingle Mission Society, Dr. Lima Phom, Graduate Teacher, GHSS LLG, R. Radhakrishnan and MO,

PHC Yongnyah, Dr. Manan Phom. Some of the subjects/models presented by the students were, 'Sewage Treatment Plant, Soil Erosion, Assembling and Working of Robotic, Wind Turbine, Kaleidoscope, etc.' The first position was bagged by Christian High School, the second by Phom Lempong School, and the third position was bagged by Shamakok Mission School. Winners were awarded certificates and cash prizes. A total of 25 girl students participated in the competition. The programme was attended by Phom Students Conference executives, teachers, students from all the blocks.

ALL GIRLS LITERARY COMPETITION HELD AT BHANDARI UNDER BBBP

District Administration Bhandari and Block Task Force (BTF), Bhandari under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), organized a one-day literary programme on 28th February 2022 at the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Bhandari, on the theme 'Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child.' Competitions on three categories - essay, extempore speech, and slogan were held for girl students.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rohit Singh, IAS said taking part in competitions among friends at the school level would help build and develop an individual to prepare and face competitions with confidence in later years for career and other challenges in life.

EAC Bhandari, Rohbi Sangtam spoke on the importance of the BBBP programme under the central government which has a vision, a mission, and a target to uplift the girl child without gender discrimination.

Principal Government Higher Secondary School, Bhandari, Sunil Thakur expressed gratitude to the District Administration and the BTF on BBBP for their genuine concern towards the progress of girl students through such initiatives. The winners were awarded certificates and cash prizes and were also designated as agents and ambassadors to create awareness about BBBP amongst the students' community at the local level.



SOIL TESTING LAB INAUGURATED ACROSS DISTRICTS

MON:

MLA, Thongwang Konyak inaugurated Soil Testing Lab in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 2nd February 2022 at the District Soil Conservation Office, Mon.

Thongwang appreciated the Department for implementing the much needed project in the District. He stated that the project would greatly benefit agriculture in the District.

The inaugural programme also witnessed the launching of Block Level Soil Testing equipments. The programme was chaired by SDO (SC) Aboi, W. Shoyan Konyak. A dedicatory prayer was pronounced by District Chaplain Mon, Rev. Ashok Konyak while the vote of thanks was delivered by DSCO, Mon, Chumei Yanlem.



MLA, Thongwang Konyak with Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and other officials during the inauguration of Static Soil Testing Laboratory at Mon on 2nd February 2022.

NOKLAK:

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS inaugurated the Mini Soil Testing Laboratory at SDO (Soil) office, Noklak on 10th February 2022.

During the inauguration programme, Kikheto Sema informed the gathering that a more sophisticated Soil Testing Laboratory with Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS) is in the pipeline and that the Mini Lab is being commissioned for creating awareness among the farming community and for the benefit of the general public of the District. He added that Deputy Director - General, IMD - NE, Dr. K. N. Mohan has assured that the meteorology infrastructure at Tuensang and Noklak districts will be installed with Agro-Met AWS having a range of 50 Km

radius.

While citing the fact that agriculture and allied activities are the major scopes for the people of Nagaland as large and medium scale industries are not feasible. Sema encouraged all the district officers posted in the District to work with dedication and make a legacy for themselves and contribute something for the people.

Sema observed that there is a price list for all imported commodities like rice, dal, chilli, potatoes, tomatoes, etc. but the price list for organic local products is not available. Thus making it difficult for farmers to sell their produce at a fair price. Therefore, he requested the District Administration, Noklak to initiate and bring out the price list for all the agriculture produce in the District and set an example for the other districts. He further said that in Naturally Nagaland the aromatic tea of Noklak is one of the highly sought products and honey from the District is also in high demand.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru also expressed his happiness to see new facilities that are beneficial for the farming community and requested the Department to demonstrate the soil testing in the next DPDB meeting to create wide awareness among the technocrats and policy-makers as well.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Pritpal Kaur, IPS in her short speech thanked the Nodal Officer for bringing the Soil Testing facilities as assured citing her observation that scientific agriculture is lacking in the State and the need for awareness



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS with officials during the inauguration of Mini Soil Testing Laboratory at SDO (Soil) office, Noklak on 10th February 2022.



creation is a must.

Additional Director, Department of Agriculture, B. N. Phom who also spoke during the occasion mentioned that with the availability of soil testing facilities in the Department, now the Soil & Water Conservation Department has become the nucleus of all agri & allied departments.

A technical report was presented by State Nodal Officer, Meteorology, K. Khekiho Shohe.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and his entourage held a meeting with all the agri & allied

departments at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak. The APC informed the house that 2023 will be the International Year of Millets. Seeing the potential and abundance of millets in the region, APC advised all the allied departments, District Administration and NGOs to give efforts and awareness for millet cultivation. Accordingly, the meeting resolved to give effort for cultivation of Job's Tear and Perilla seeds cultivation in the District. As requested by the District Administration and Khamniungan Tribal Council for the urgent need of District Agriculture Officer in the District, the APC assured that he will look into the matter on priority.

NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES UPGRADED GHSS AT TENING

The newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Tening was formally inaugurated at Tening by Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang on 4th February 2022.

Addressing the gathering at the inaugural programme, Nchang expressed his gratitude to all the government officers, CSOs, and public leaders present for the support and active participation for making the programme successful. He said that it is a remarkable achievement for Tening area people and acknowledged the Government of Nagaland headed by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu and Director, School Education for their immense support in upgrading Tening GHS to Tening GHSS. Namri also thanked the Tening area people for placing trust on him and said that because of them various developmental work could be taken up and urged the gathering to strive forward together to achieve greater heights of success in the coming days.

Deputy Commissioner Peren, Sentiwapang Aier who also spoke at the function added that under the dynamic and able leadership of the Advisor, the people have seen many positive changes in the area. He also encouraged the gathering that public support is very important for development to take place and urged the teaching faculty and other government departments to render their best service and sacrifice for the welfare of the society.

Director, School Education, Wonhungo Tsoepe in his short speech said that the biggest



Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang with other officials during the inauguration of the newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School, Tening on 4th February 2022.

development in life is educating the children and advised the teaching staff to rededicate themselves in the field of teaching. During his short speech, he also assured to provide all possible help once the schools start to function effectively and normally.

The Advisor was accompanied by Director and Deputy Director, School Education, officials from District Administration, Police, and officials from various departments.

Pastor, Town Baptist Church Tening, Rev. Kamwang Rentta pronounced the dedicatory prayer while the act of dedication was done by Advisor, Namri and traditional howling was presented by Tening Village Council.

The inaugural programme was chaired by EAC Tening, Tumben. P. Tsanglao, traditional folk tune was presented by Tening Students Unions, special song presented by Bamile Pame and vote of thanks was delivered by ADC Tening, Rhosietho Nguori.

TWO AGRO-MET AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS COMMISSIONED AT KVK, LUMAMI AND KVK, YISEMYONG

For the very first time in 59 years of Statehood, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India has installed two Agro-Met Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lumami and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Yisemyong. The commissioning programme of the two Agro-Met AWS was held on 7th February 2022 with Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS as special guest at KVK, Lumami and KVK, Yisemyong. The programme was also attended by Deputy Director General, IMD-NE, Dr. K. N. Mohan; Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Prof. Pardeshi Lal and a host of officials from the agri & allied departments.

Dr. K. N. Mohan in his keynote address thanked the State Nodal Officer and the State Government for extending all possible help to the IMD. He also stated that this is just the beginning and IMD is looking forward to installing Agro-Met AWS in all the District Headquarters. Dr. Mohan also gave a brief technical report on the different sensors that the AWS is equipped with and its functions, later the demonstration was given by Scientist-E, IMD, Sunit Das.

Prof. Pardeshi Lal in his address stated that with the help of AWS it should be able to forecast the weather way ahead of time and prepare and adapt for any eventuality. Prof. Lal thanked the IMD for the installation of AWS at the University Campus and hoped that it will be beneficial for both farming and scientific community.

Y. Kikheto Sema in his speech thanked the IMD for working closely with the State Government for improvement of weather-related services in the State. He particularly thanked Dr. K. N. Mohan, DDG IMD-NE for promptly bringing about many visible developments in the field of meteorology during his tenure and for personally visiting the State to take stock of the ground situation. He stated that in Nagaland 70 % of the population lives in rural areas and depends on agriculture and allied activities, out of this 73% are



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS inaugurated two Agro-Met Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lumami and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Yisemyong on 7th February 2022.

engaged in jhum/shifting cultivation and 27% are engaged in settled farming. The traditional way of cultivation i.e. jhum is not economically viable and ecologically sustainable and in the past year the State faced a drought like situation where in it did not receive any rainfall during the monsoon season and the State Government could not send any advisory to the farmers because there were no such facilities.

Y. Kikheto Sema mentioned that due to climate change, prediction of seasonal weather has become challenging without the aid of modern observing equipment's like the one that is being commissioned. Considering the challenges at hand the State Government has appointed K. Khekiho Shohe as State Nodal Officer to coordinate with the IMD, KVK, ICAR and State Government for all matters related to meteorology. He stated that the State Government is willing to extend all possible help in setting up of infrastructure required to build a strong network for weather forecasting for agriculture, disaster management, aviation, etc.

At KVK, Lumami the programme was chaired by Senior Scientist and Head KVK, Zunheboto, Dr. Rakesh K Chaurasia and vote for thanks was proposed by DSCO, Zunheboto, Y Hetoho Swu. While in KVK, Yisemyong the programme was chaired by Senior Scientist and Head KVK, Mokokchung, Dr. Keviletsu Khate and vote of thanks was proposed by DSCO, Mokokchung, Ruokuosietuo.



DAO OFFICE TUENSANG INAUGURATED

The District Agriculture Officer office building at Tuensang was inaugurated by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS on 8th February 2022. The programme was attended by agri & allied officials from the Directorate and the District, and GBs.

Speaking on the occasion, Kikheto Sema said the State Government has been focusing on the construction of office buildings of the State departments based on loans and State Plans, DAO office building was constructed out of the State Plan. He also asked the officials of agri & allied departments to work together tirelessly to bring out good organic agri products. He said the soil testing of the State is underway and that suitable biofertilizers are awaited to aid a variety of soil in order to extract maximum advantages along with technical and technological support. The main target of the agri & allied departments is to focus on exporting organic products which have a good place in today's market, and also finding more markets aside from the home markets



The District Agriculture Officer office building at Tuensang was inaugurated by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS on 8th February 2022.

should be our vision, he added.

The technical report of the new building construction was given by Superintendent Engineer Agriculture, Er. Achakbou Newmai while a short speech was delivered by Additional Director Agriculture, B. Nyenghong Phom. The programme was chaired by DAO Tuensang, K. Showuba Yimchunger and the vote of thanks was proposed by SDAO Tuensang, Wongto Chingmak.

INAUGURATION OF NEW AXIS BANK ZUNHEBOTO BRANCH

The New Axis Bank, Zunheboto branch-cum-dedication programme of Y. Y Tower at Center Point, was inaugurated at Zunheboto town by Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, IAS and various other public and religious leaders on 11th February 2022.

While speaking at the programme, Kikheto stated that Zunheboto though being at the core of Nagaland, lagged behind others in numerous aspects. He appealed for a positive common community mindset to bring about change and development in the District. He lauded the Axis Bank for accepting the

request of the people inhabiting the District for setting its branch even though the District lagged to meet all the eligibility criteria.

Sema also urged other banks including Axis to focus on the business prospects and invest in the development activities of the remote North-Eastern states including Nagaland through CSR funds which would tremendously benefit the people. He added that banks are the best custodian of our money and act as a guide in various investments, and urged the people to maintain good relations with the banks and make the best use of their services.

MINISTER JACOB ZHIMOMI INAUGURATES 2 LANE RCC BRIDGE AT NIULAND

2 (two) Lane RCC Bridge over Dhansiri river (tributary) at Shozukhu-Zukihe village under Niuland district was inaugurated by Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi on 12th

February 2022.

Jacob Zhimomi expressed happiness over the completion of the Bridge without any unfortunate incidents, stating that the long-cherished dreams of the people has been fulfilled. The Bridge will be a

lifeline for the people of the 50 villages and the students, he maintained. He urged upon the people to be united and be supportive so that more developmental works could be implemented even in the coming days.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon who was also present on the occasion, congratulated and thanked Jacob Zhimomi on behalf of the people for successful

construction and completion of the Bridge, which he said would benefit the people including the sick people who would be travelling to the Hospital.

Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS in his speech mentioned that the Bridge would be very crucial for the development of Niuland district. He also noted that the Bridge would immensely benefit the school children and the traders, providing access to convenient transportation.

GHS SUNGRO UPGRADED TO GHSS

Advisor, School Education, Government of Nagaland, K. T. Sukhalu inaugurated the upgradation of Government High School (GHS) to Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Sungro, under Wokha district on 12th February 2022.

Addressing the inaugural function, the Advisor said the upgradation of school is to ensure that the young generation is not deprived of education. K. T. Sukhalu said that Sungro High School has been upgraded based on its performance and fulfilling the criteria of good enrollment and good results. He thanked the teachers and faculty members for their dedication and above all the area people for their unflinching support despite facing many challenges and difficulties in its initial stage.

While speaking on downgradation of some schools in the State, the Advisor said that it is heartbreaking but had to be done when school enrollment is so bad and their results are very poor and added that the Government desires to ensure that the younger generation is not deprived of quality education. While stating that achieving academic excellence is not the responsibility of the Department alone but it is equally important for the community to extend full cooperation to the Department, he urged the people to take a keen interest to ensure that the school is run properly, involving all stakeholders of the State. Sukhalu urged Sungro community to continue to give support to ensure that the upgraded school is run properly to become a result oriented institution. While conveying best wishes to the people of Sungro range on behalf of the State Chief Minister, Sukhalu said the

newly upgraded GHSS Sungro will get its building completed by 2022.

Guest of honour, Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan while extending greetings appreciated the Chief Minister of Nagaland for listening to the voice of the people and in delivering the much-awaited dream of Sungro Range people to have a GHSS for its remarkable achievement of 61 glorious years of existence with constantly good number of student enrollment and decent exam pass percentage. He further urged upon the Village Education Committee, village councils and range people to support the School to bring about notable results and produce responsible citizens.

Director, School Education, Nagaland, Wonthungo Tsopoe in his short speech said that 16 schools have been upgraded by the State Government in 2021 under the close observation and interest of the State Chief Minister of Nagaland with a vision to provide quality education to the younger generation. He further said through the upgradation of Sungro GHS to GHSS it would now become a nerve centre of learning for the locality.

Advisor, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire; Advisor, Imnatiba; Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Orenthung Lotha delivered short speeches. The inauguration function was also attended by Advisor, Kazheto Kinimi; Advisor, Medo Yhokha and a host of dignitaries. The dedicatory prayer for laying the foundation stone was offered by Pastor Okotso Baptist Church, Rev. O. Yibomo Ngullie.





GOVERNMENT OBSERVATION HOME BUILDING IN LONGLENG INAUGURATED

The newly constructed Government Observation Home, Longleng, at Bahok Ward, Longleng was inaugurated by Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Social Welfare Department and Chairman, Child Protection Services, Sarah R. Ritse on 17th February 2022 in the presence of Additional Director, Social Welfare Department and Society Director of Child Protection Services, Nagaland, A. Tosheli Zhimomi.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Sarah R. Ritse highlighted that Longleng is the third district in Nagaland to have constructed the Government Observation Home, for juveniles (both girls and boys). The building is meant to house juveniles in conflict with

the law during the pendency of a case. She encouraged the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and all stakeholders to work together and mentor the juveniles to become decent and responsible citizens.

The programme was attended by a host of dignitaries including Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor, T. Mhabemo Yanthan; Deputy Commissioner Longleng, M. Shayung Phom; Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, K. Wango Langsym; JMFC and Principal Magistrate of JJB, Longleng, Holika Sukhalu; CWC Chairman, Chingsha Phom; CDPO Longleng, T. Longlang Lakpan among others.

SAKHI – ONE STOP CENTRE INAUGURATED AT TUENSANG AND PHEK

TUENSANG:

Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sarah R. Ritse inaugurated the Sakhi - One Stop Centre Tuensang in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS and others on 18th February 2022.

Sarah appreciated the District Administration for the successful completion of the OSC buildings in the districts. Handing over the construction of OSC buildings in the districts to the District Administration was decisive which helped in implementing the projects successfully, she stated.

Sarah Ritse stated that the OSC facility does not belong to Social Welfare Department alone but is a collective property of the stakeholders involved in helping women in distress irrespective of departments. The coming up of OSC will play a pivotal role in facilitating the much needed services to the concerned section of society. She also advised the people of Tuensang to cooperate with the District Administration and OSC so that the District will function at its best which will benefit the people.

State Resource Centre for Women also conveyed a message of appreciation for the collective effort of the District Administration and the concerned department for successfully materializing the dream of OSC into reality in Tuensang.

Shelly Katiry, SDO (C) and Nodal Officer

Sakhi - OSC Tuensang shared a report of the construction in brief. DC Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant gave the welcome address while the programme was chaired by Centre Administrator Sakhi - OSC Tuensang, Chulongla and the dedication of the OSC building was done by Rev. Achu, Executive Secretary CBLT.

PHEK:

Sakhi - One Stop Centre building was inaugurated at Phek on 19th February 2022 by Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sarah R. Ritse.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarah R. Ritse gave gratitude to the Department for completing the project with a small amount and also thanked the District Administration and Police departments for their services.

Short speeches were delivered from the State Resource Centre for Women, Nagaland and Phek Deputy Commissioner, Razouvolie Dozo where they congratulated the Department for having a stop centre for the needy children to be taken care of.

The function was chaired by Phek EAC, Wetsho Lasushe, a dedicatory prayer of the building was said by Zuhlhotalu Hoshi, Associate Pastor Women, Bible Hill Baptist Phek town.



TRADITIONAL WELL INAUGURATED AT UPPER KHOMI

The existing traditional well has been serving its purpose to the people of Upper Khomi citizens since time immemorial. However with the passage of time and the increasing demography of its citizens the need to construct a bigger well was felt expedient to suffice the need of its populace therefore a proposal was put forward to Rural Development, Government of Nagaland for construction of Upper Khomi Traditional Well during 2021 by VDB Upper Khomi which was accordingly approved by the concerned department. To this, an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs was sanctioned towards the aforesaid work measuring an area of 15ft in breadth, 30ft in length and 4ft in height respectively. In addition to this development, the need to upkeep the environment clean and encourage good sanitation, 1 (one) bathroom measuring 10ft x 8ft was also constructed attached to the Traditional Well and 1(one)



Project Director, DRDA Phek, Razukhru D. Vasa inaugurated a traditional well at Upper Khomi on 18th February 2022.

Resting Shed measuring 6ft x 24ft as well, to lighten the burden of womenfolk as well as youngsters to conveniently carry their weightage of water load without difficulty to their homes. With the successful construction of this modernized water connectivity facility, now, citizens can easily tap water, hassle-free.

VEGETABLE GODOWN INAUGURATED AT ZUNHEBOTO

Marketing shed-cum-vegetable godown, constructed under DRDA, was inaugurated at Marketing Complex, Zunheboto town on 23rd February 2022 by Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, IAS. It was later handed over to ADC & Administrator, Town Council, Moakumzuk Tzudir by Project Director-cum-DPC, MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, K Inavi Chishi.

Lichamo said that the vegetable godown built under MGNREGA would benefit vegetable growers, buyers, and everyone else in many essential ways and added that it is one of the most required needs at the

marketing complex. The Deputy Commissioner urged the caretaker (ZTC) to utilize the marketing shed and the vegetable godown in proper way so that it serves the needs of the people of the District in the years to come.

The programme was chaired by APO-cum-Programme Officer, MGNREGA, Kuhucuyi. Short speeches were delivered by ADC & Administrator ZTC, Moakumzuk Tzudir, BDO RD Block Akuluto, Kuputo Achumi, and vegetable vendor, Hoshivi. A dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Assistant Youth Leader ZTSBC, Nupato Zhimo.

MINI-GRID INAUGURATED AT TOTOKCHINGHA VILLAGE, MON

The Government of Nagaland represented by the Mon District Administration and Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) signed a 20-year agreement to set up Mini-Grids in rural Nagaland on 24th January 2022.

The programme aims to provide reliable access to electricity for the last mile and promote the adoption of green energy sources, covering 1000 villages in the next seven years.

In a pioneering initiative to deliver last-mile access to electricity in rural areas of the North-Eastern state of Nagaland, the Mon District Administration and Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) inaugurated the first of the three mini-grids at Totokchingha village. It was inaugurated by N. Thongwang Konyak, MLA, Mon district. The two other solar mini-grids at Chenwetnyu and Longkei will be inaugurated in March 2022. The two organizations

recently signed a 20-year agreement to set up Mini-Grids in rural Nagaland in January this year.

The event was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS; General Manager NABARD, Tiakala Ao; Senior Director at Smart Power India, Samit Mitra; Managing Director, MRDF, Vijay Bhaskar; Senior Manager, MRDF, Shyamal Bera along with Director of Operations, MRDF, Sudeshna Mukherjee; Senior Manager, World Resources Institute (WRI), Namrata Ginoya, and MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak among others.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS Nagaland said that the first three grids have been financed by Smart Power India and they are the first of the several mini-grids that are going to be installed in the Mon district. This project will make power available 24x7. He added that NABARD is supporting livelihood interventions and it has set up a revolving fund, which is going to be used to support entrepreneurs. Eventually, this fund would grow bigger to support entrepreneurs across Mon district.

Managing Director, MRDF, Vijay Bhaskar said that in the next 3-4 years, mini-grids will be installed for all 130 villages in Mon district. This pilot will be eventually scaled across all villages in Nagaland which will be a PPP model of partnership – public, private, and people. He said that Smart Power India has given them a roadmap to do this in the next seven years.

General Manager, NABARD, Tiakala Ao stated that NABARD is sponsoring a group of beneficiaries from Totokchingha, Longkei, and Chenwetnyu where they will be exposed to bio flocculation and fish farming in another district in March, which she expressed hope, will bring an economic boom to this region as it is going to attract reverse migration enabling rural youth to set up microenterprises.

Senior Director, Smart Power India, Samit Mitra said that it is a complete village integrated development programme that is not only about lighting loads, but also about enterprises, livelihoods, productive loads, all things that contribute to the overall well-being of the community. He said that it is the first time Smart Power India have undertaken a

project with MRDF to expand their footprint of mini-grids in North-East India. They have funded 3-4 plants to initiate the programme so that there is proof of concept on the ground and that other organizations can replicate and scale across Nagaland and beyond.

The inaugurated mini-grids aim to enable last-mile clean energy access, improve livelihoods, support women entrepreneurs, and increase the GDP of the State while reducing Green House Gas emissions. Smart Power India will play an important role in supporting the entire programme framework and value chain including design, delivery, and facilitating financial and market linkages. The WRI will be facilitating the impact measurement of the project.

SPI, a subsidiary of the Rockefeller Foundation, was established in 2015 to develop and scale sustainable models to accelerate electricity access and spur economic development amongst the rural underserved communities. It is committed to creating knowledge and accountability in the public domain through robust evidence-based research and providing field and analytical support to the Government, private sector, implementers, and other donors in their pursuits for rural electricity access. SPI develops and disseminates relevant knowledge in the rural electricity access and services space to promote research and innovation and partner with policymakers, practitioners, and academic institutions to come up with actionable insights and innovative strategies.

While SPI's work covers the spectrum of supply and demand-side issues of rural electricity, its focus is the last-mile customer. SPI exchanges knowledge by promoting and facilitating platforms for networking, knowledge sharing and collaborative research, networking, knowledge-sharing, and collaborative research.

Mithun Rural Development Foundation (MRDF) is an SPV floated specifically for rural development of North-East India through the platform of renewable energy-based mini-grids. The first phase of their work is in the 132 villages of Mon district of Nagaland.



SUKHALU INAUGURATES NEWLY UPGRADED GHSS AT AHTHIBUNG

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu inaugurated the newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School at Ahthibung, Peren on 26th February 2022.

Advisor, K.T. Sukhalu in his inaugural address said there are 2,140 Hindi Teachers (1,308 under CSS and 832 under State programme) and a total of 830 untrained teachers (223 State and 607 CSS), and necessary instructions have been given to the untrained teachers to immediately undergo the required training. He stated under the NCTE rules, all the teachers should have the requisite qualifications for the teaching profession. However, there are many teachers who, despite time given by the Government, have not obtained the B. Ed and DEI.Ed. qualifications and therefore the Department is working on the VRS for untrained teachers.

Sukhalu also mentioned that because of the ban in appointments due to COVID-19 and disruption in recruitment activities for the past two years, the Government has decided to give one-time relaxation for two years w.e.f 22nd April 2021 for entry into government service. He also added the Department will also shortly be advertising for the recruitment of graduate teachers for science, math, and hindi. He also requested the village authorities, GBs, Council Members, and the SMC & VEC of the schools to check the attendance of the teachers and their services in the schools.

K.T. Sukhalu also asserted that poor enrollment in government schools is a serious concern that needs to be addressed by the local village authorities and due to this very poor enrollment, the Government is compelled to downgrade schools from GHS to GMS to GPS. Further, he encouraged the parents to invest in their child education as they are their future.

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang, the chief host of the programme said it is a historic day for the people of Peren district, particularly for the citizens of Ahthibung sub-division. He thanked the Chief Minister, Advisor School Education, and Principal Director, Directorate of School Education for fulfilling the dream of Ahthibung sub-division.

Others who spoke in the programme included Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying; Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts and National Highway, Longrineken and Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Shanavas C, IAS.

SDO (C) Ahthibung, Vekusheyi Rhakho chaired the inaugural programme while acknowledgment was delivered by KIN President, L. Singsit, IPS (Retd.), and the journey towards GHSS Ahthibung was shared by KSON President, Thangjamang. Senior SDEO-cum-DEO, Peren, Repainla Jamir proposed the vote of thanks. The dedicatory prayer was pronounced by ES KCCNS, Rev. Chungpao Khongsai.

Y. PATTON FLAGS OFF NEWLY PURCHASED VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT SPs

Deputy Chief Minister & Minister, Home, Y. Patton flagged off the newly purchased vehicles for District SPs during a function held at Police Headquarters, Kohima on 28th February 2022. Eleven (11) new Mahindra Scorpios will be given to the District SPs and for the remaining newly upgraded districts, procurement is under process, Y. Patton stated.

While stating that mobility and quick response to any situation, are some of the key functions of the Police Department, he expressed hope that with better vehicles now being provided to the SPs, they will lead at the front with alacrity and respond to any situation promptly.



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Patton said that the situation in the State has been largely peaceful, except for the Oting incident on 4th December 2021, for which he assured to provide justice to the innocent lives lost in that carnage. He informed that the investigation by SIT is almost complete, pending a few documentation.

Commending the Nagaland Police for the recent major seizure of smuggled gold of approximately 48 Kgs costing over Rs. 23 crore as per prevailing market rate and the improved detection of drugs, IMFL and contraband seizure being made by Nagaland Police, as a special drive against 'War on Drugs,' Patton expressed hope that the fight against drugs and other contraband will continue for the well-being of society and the younger generation. He also stated that special drive will be carried out against extortion more rigorously, adding that Nagaland Police needs to curb the menace of extortion and take stringent actions against anti-social elements on a war

footing.

Y. Patton lauded the performance of the IRBs at the recently concluded Punjab election and who are presently deployed in Manipur for the elections. He assured the support of the State Government to the Police Department to ensure law and order and better service delivery to the citizens.

Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer thanked the Deputy Chief Minister for his support to the Department and said that under the Deputy CM's leadership some of the achievements of the Department in the last three years have been the NPS cadre review and creation of new SP rank officers for the new districts. He stated that Nagaland Police has taken on the role of peacekeepers, adding that anybody who disturbs the peace, and if any harm is done to policemen/women officers, jawans during their discharge of duties, it will be dealt with strictly.

PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES 50-BEDDED COVID-19 HOSPITAL AT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DIMAPUR

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated a 50-bedded COVID-19 Hospital at District Hospital, Dimapur on 28th February 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, S. Pangnyu Phom mentioned that all these years, the State has been tackling COVID-19 with all of the manpower, facilities, and resources like the rest of the world to overcome the health crises.

Pangnyu said the Hospital is one of the most required and needed facilities to cater to people's needs with all the advanced equipment in place which will enable timely care and proper treatment. He expressed gratitude to the Novo Nordisk Foundation for the philanthropic funding in providing such a well-equipped hospital and appreciated the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India for selecting Dimapur district for this mega project and all involved for the successful completion. He mentioned that the State and the Department to help/assist and to provide better health facilities in the State, three new Districts Hospital buildings will be coming up in due course of time at Zunheboto, Noklak and Longleng district.

Director, Health Services, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi during his introductory note mentioned that the extension of the Hospital was developed with support from the Novo Nordisk Foundation, Embassy of Denmark in New Delhi,

C-CAMP Bengaluru and Invest India through AGNI Mission, under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India. He said that the institution will serve the people of Nagaland and assured the property will be taken proper care of.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS mentioned that as Dimapur is the hotspot for all commercial transactions and is highly populated, the city took a major hit during the COVID-19 crisis, but with the help of the Government and the administration, they were able to tackle it during the crisis. He extended his sincere appreciation to Novo Nordisk Foundation for their philanthropic act and also wished for their continuous partnership in the future.

Short speeches were delivered by Ambassador, Royal Danish Embassy in New Delhi, Freddy Svane; Counsellor Innovation, Royal Danish Embassy in New Delhi, Jakob William Oerberg; Chief Technology Officer, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India, Mudit Naryan, Uttam Bhattacharyya.

The programme was chaired by Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. I. Moatemjen while vote of thanks was delivered by Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Dimapur, Dr. Khrielasanuo.

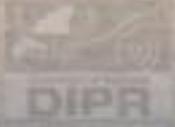




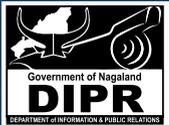
Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with dignitaries during the inauguration of 50 Bedded COVID-19 Hospital at District Hospital, Dimapur on 28th February 2022.



MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak with DC Mon, Thavaseelan K., IAS and other officials during the inauguration of Mini-Grid at Totokchingha village, Mon on 24th February 2022.



Governor, Assam and Nagaland Prof. Jagdish Mukhi receiving the rashtriya salute from Village Guards, Kiphire village during his visit to Kiphire, at Public Ground on 10th February 2022.



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