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Union Minister, Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda along with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Minister, Advisors and other dignitaries after laying the foundation stone of the Kohima Village Multipurpose (KVM) building at Kohima Village Ground, Ziekezou on 25th April 2022.



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State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro along with the officials of Nagaland Olympics Association after inaugurating the Paralympic Amenities at Nagaland Olympics Association Office, Kohima on 27th April 2022.



Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha and Advisor, Task Force For Music and Arts, Theja Meru with officials of US Consul General, Kolkata on 2nd April 2022.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

CABINET'S DECISION ON SUPERANNUATION AGE OF MEDICAL DCOTORS

The Cabinet has taken a decision to raise the superannuation age of all medical doctors, including AYUSH and Dental doctors, from 60 to 62 years of age through re-employment as a consultant/senior consultant/specialist to work in the hospitals and clinics. The willing superannuating medical officers opting for the extension will be allowed to join without interview but will be screened for physical fitness etc.

The Cabinet also decided to create 60 new posts, including 1 post of Director, 1 post of Medical Superintendent, 6 posts of Professor, 22 posts of Associate Professor and 25 posts of Tutors/Senior Residents for the Medical College at Kohima. The faculty can be engaged against these posts, beyond the normal superannuation age, on re-employment basis by the NIMSR Society (which was constituted earlier during the year for the Kohima Medical College) up to 65 years. Furthermore, in exceptional circumstances where such skills are not otherwise available, appointments may be made beyond 65 years and up to 70 years also by the Society.

In taking these decisions, the Cabinet was guided by the pronouncement made in the Prime Minister's speech at Saharanpur on May 26, 2016, and the decisions taken by the Central Government subsequently. The gist of these are as given below:

1. The Prime Minister had stated that the superannuation age of the doctors who are in Government hospitals, irrespective of whether it is 60 years or 62 years, would be increased, at the central and the state government level, from 62 to 65 years so that the services of these doctors are available for a longer time for teaching and government hospitals.
2. The Central Government issued an order dated 31st May 2016 enhancing the age of superannuation of various categories of Medical Officers of the Central Health Service (CHS) to 65 years. It was clarified by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that the Order is applicable to CHS only and the State Governments and others may take a decision to enhance the age of superannuation of doctors to 65 years, as per their requirements and circumstances.
3. During the extended period, the Medical Officers are placed in non-administrative positions, and extension is given only if they exercise the option of posting to teaching/ clinical/patient care/implementation of health programmes/public health programmes and functions and other areas/functions including advisory and consultancy etc. depending on their expertise and experience.

The Cabinet's decisions:

1. Will allow Medical Officers who want to serve the public further through Government Hospitals or Teaching Hospitals to continue to do so up to 62 years and 70 years respectively.
2. Will not in any way block promotional avenues of any of the junior officers.
3. Will not in any way block recruitment posts for new Graduate/PG doctors.
4. Will increase budgetary allocation towards healthcare vis-à-vis the overall budget of the State.

The Cabinet also noted that Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) has been requested to take up recruitment against 108 requisitioned posts expeditiously even though almost all the posts are currently manned by doctors engaged on contractual basis.

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SCHOOL EDUCATION CLARIFIES ON HINDI IMPOSITION ROW

With reference to media reports regarding the Hindi imposition row citing the statement of the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah that all the eight North East States have agreed to make Hindi compulsory up to Class X, Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS through a press release has clarified that:

The State of Nagaland follows three language formula up to class VIII and Hindi is offered as a compulsory language subject up to class 8. In classes 9 & 10, the students have the liberty to study either Hindi or any Modern Indian Language (Ao/Bengali/Lotha/Sumi/Tenyidie) or Alternative English as the Second Language.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 advocates adopting three language policy up to secondary, but it does not impose any language on states. As per NEP 2020, the three languages learned by children will be the choices of states, regions and the students themselves. The timeline for the implementation of NEP 2020 is within 2030 and the Ministry of Education has not issued any instructions for making Hindi compulsory in the secondary stage.

Policy No. 4.13 of the NEP 2020, which describes the three language policy, is reproduced below:

'4.13: The three language formula will continue to be implemented while keeping in mind the Constitutional provisions, aspirations of the people, regions, and the Union, and the need to promote multi-lingualism as well as promote national unity. However, there will be greater flexibility in the three language formula, and no language will be imposed on any state. The three languages learned by the children will be the choices of states, regions and the students themselves, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India. In particular, students who wish to change one or more of the three languages they are studying may do so in Grade 6 or 7, as long as they can demonstrate basic proficiency in three languages (including one language of India at the literature level) by the end of secondary school.'

W. HONJE KONYAK TAKES OATH AS CHAIRMAN NPSC

W. Honje Konyak and Thinuokhienuo Tseikhanuo took 'Oath of Secrecy' as Chairman and Member of the Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) respectively on 20th April 2022 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J Alam, IAS administered the oath, while Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS initiated the proceedings.

NERC OFFICE SHIFTED TO A NEW LOCATION

This is for the information of all concerned that the Office of the Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) at Upper Agri Colony, Kohima has been shifted to AG Colony, Kohima since March 2022.

Henceforth, all future official correspondences with the NERC should be made to the given address below:

Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), near Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Power, AG Colony, Nagaland, Kohima – 797001.

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DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS SHIFTED TO A NEW LOCATION

Additional Director & HoD, Directorate of Municipal Affairs, Nagaland, A. Chenithung Lotha has informed that the Directorate of Municipal Affairs, Nagaland has been shifted to a new location, adjacent to the Directorate of Urban Development, Nagaland, New Capital Complex Area, with effect from 11.04.2022.

The general public, official correspondences, and communications have been directed to take note of the same.

S&WC DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES NODAL OFFICER FOR METEOROLOGICAL RELATED MATTERS

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Government of Nagaland has designated Rongsenlemzung, Joint Director, Soil & Water Conservation, (Mobile No: 9436077650) as State Nodal Officer for meteorological related matters.

The designated State Nodal Officer will facilitate the smooth coordination between the ICAR, KVK, IMD, and the State Government for providing real-time weather related information weather-related information/agro-advisory to farmers under GKMS and other meteorological related matters.

P&AR INFORMS ON INTEGRATION OF STATE PUBLIC GRIEVANCES PORTAL WITH CENTRALIZED PUBLIC GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL AND MONITORING SYSTEM

Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department has stated that the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, intends to improve the grievance redressal machinery by integration of the public grievances of State Portal with CPGRAMS under "One Nation One Portal" to minimize the multiple log in problems. In this respect, each department needs to be integrated with the district level offices to serve as a single window interface for lodging complaints.

To expedite the process of integration, all the Administrative Heads of Department/Heads of Departments have been requested to take the following action positively:

1. Every AHoD/HoD/Subsidiary Offices shall assign a separate Nodal Officer for Public Grievances, at the Administrative/Head/Subsidiary and District Offices.
2. In the District level, the Deputy Commissioners will nominate the District Nodal Officer for Public Grievances to interface with every District Level Office for ensuring timely redressal of the grievances in coordination with agencies concerned.

The name of the assigned Nodal Officer for Public Grievances at the Administrative/Head/Subsidiary/District Offices along with all the necessary particulars may kindly be furnished to the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department at an early date for further necessary action.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE ERSTWHILE NIRMISC LTD. TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

Industries & Commerce Department Nagaland issued a notification stating that in the interest of

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public service, the Governor of Nagaland has ordered the transfer of all assets and liabilities of the erstwhile Nagaland Industrial Raw Materials and Supply Corporation (NIRMSC) Ltd. to the Government of Nagaland in order to facilitate the final closure and striking off of NIRMSC from the Registrar of Companies, North East Region, Guwahati, Assam.

SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMS ON VIDYANJALI

In consonance with the vision of National Education Policy, 2020, to involve volunteers under various programmes and catalyze interaction between students and volunteers by extensive use of technology and community outreach, the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has launched Vidyanjali, a volunteer management programme, which will benefit crores of students of government schools across the country.

Government Schools shall register on the Vidyanjali portal (<https://vidyanjali.education.gov.in/>) and post a list of required service/activity or assets/material/equipment on the web portal/app depending upon the number of students and their requirements, physical infrastructure available, availability of human resources and other resources on the school.

A volunteer can participate in the programme by registering on Vidyanjali portal and contributing to the identified list of services/activities and/or assets/materials/equipments in schools of their choice. The broad categories of contribution cover services ranging from subject assistance, the teaching of art & crafts, yoga & sports, and vocational skills to mentoring of students for career counseling and sponsoring of events/camps at schools and further cover support for basic civil infrastructure, electrical infrastructure, digital infrastructure, equipment for extra-curricular activities & sports, teaching-learning materials/equipment maintenance, and repairs, etc.

Heads of all Government Schools have been informed to register on the Vidyanjali portal and make the best use of the programme. Further, School Heads shall designate a suitable staff as School Vidyanjali Coordinator and submit his particulars (Name, Designation, Mobile Number, Email Address) through the DoSE Online School Monitoring Portal.

Detailed Guidelines and a User Manual are available at the Vidyanjali portal.

H&FW NOTIFIES ON COMMUNICATION BY GOVERNMENT SERVANTS TO THE PRESS

Health & Family Welfare Department has issued an Order which states about inviting attention to Nagaland Government Servant (Conduct) Rules, 1958 which prohibits government servants from broadcasting or publishing or any communication to the press or public utterance of any statement of fact or opinion not connected with the discharge of official duty, without prior government sanction.

The doctors in government service have been requested to take kind note of the above and refrain from engaging in any activity or communication in violation of the Nagaland Government Servant (Conduct) Rules, 1968. Any violation of the same shall attract disciplinary proceedings against the Government Servants under the conduct rules.

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BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN NAGALAND

In partial modification to the Department's Notification NO.UDD/7-GEN/07/2018 dated 29.11.2018 and 17.06.2019 and in pursuance to "Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules 2021 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India Notification NO.GSR NO.571 (E) on 12.08.2021 in the Gazette of India prohibiting identified Single-Use Plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential, by 2022, the Government of Nagaland has imposed a 'Ban on Single-Use Plastics in Nagaland' with a view to eradicate the menace of plastic and the serious environmental and ecological challenges posed by rampant use of plastics.

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

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

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

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

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

The District Administration & Sub-Divisional Administration/Urban Local Bodies shall decide and levy penalties against the defaulters in their jurisdiction.

A District Task Force already constituted in the respective district shall strictly monitor and function as squads for vigilance purposes and ensure the imposing of the ban on stocking, distribution, selling, and use of all single-use plastics below the permissible specification (microns and GSM) and stipulated timelines.

The ban on single-use plastics shall be made effective from the date of publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette in the entire State of Nagaland.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In pursuance to the D.O. No. 30/30/2021-Insolvency dated 8th March 2022, received from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to nominate Taliremba, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Nagaland as the Nodal Officer to act as interface between the State and the Insolvency and Bankrupt CT Board of India for Insolvency and Bankrupt CT Code (IBC) related matters.

I&C DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR



Outgoing Director, Industries & Commerce K. Hokishe Assumi speaking at the farewell programme held in his honour at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 31st March 2022.

The farewell programme of outgoing Director, Industries & Commerce K. Hokishe Assumi was held on 31st March 2022 at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima.

Outgoing Director, Assumi expressed appreciation to all the staff of the Department for their cooperation, love, and support. He said the Department of Industries & Commerce has a big role to play in the development of the State for which he called upon all the staff to work with

zeal and commitment while discharging their given responsibilities. He first joined the Department as Functional Manager on 7th December 1990 and later on took the charge as Director on 22nd October 2019.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba in his speech described the outgoing Director as a fatherly figure, approachable and a hardworking person. He lauded the outgoing Director for playing a proactive role in creating the Department as an effective machinery for the development of the State.

The outgoing Director was the first-ever recipient of a processed pension book from the Department on his retirement day. The Department has also informed to hand over the processed pension book to all the staff on their retirement day.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa; incoming Director, Vitsutho Nyuthe; CEO, NKVIB, Kuhoi Zhimomi; General Manager, Sukhoniai Langthasa; MD, NEP, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar; and Registrar, Kevirheineiu.

NATIONAL QUIZ WINNER VIPUTO YEPHTO FELICITATED

In the recently concluded 2nd National Level Red Ribbon Club Quiz competition at the Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan, Tripura; Agartala on 24th March 2022, the participant from Nagaland, H. Viputo Yeptho, B. Sc. (Botany) 4th Semester and Red Ribbon Club Member of Kohima Science college, Jotsoma emerged as the National Winner. The felicitation programme was organized by Nagaland State AIDS Control Society on the 31st March 2022 at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma.

H. Viputo Yeptho, in his speech extended gratitude to NSACS for the opportunity and the

college authority, his friends, and family for their prayer and support throughout the event. He also thanked Yashiyala Imchen from Mokokchung College of Teacher's Education, who was his quiz partner in the sub-regional and regional level RRC quiz competition.

Thungbeni Yanthan, Vice-Principal, KSC Jotsoma, congratulating H. Viputo Yeptho for winning the National quiz, mentioned him as one of the most talented students in the college and hoped that he will bring more accolades to the college.

Addressing the programme, Dr. K. Vikato

Kinimi, Director (Health), Project Director NSACS congratulated the winner for bringing laurels to the state in particular and to the Northeast and the whole of the Eastern Region of India in general by winning the prestigious 2nd National Level RRC Quiz Competition. He highlighted the high HIV prevalence rate in the state, especially among young people, and encouraged the students to join the Red Ribbon Club movement and be the agent of change in reducing the HIV prevalence rate in the state.

Felicitating the National winner, H. Viputo Yeptho, with a certificate and a cash prize of

Rs.1,00,000, Metevinuo Sakhrie, Joint Director, IEC NSACS highlighted that the competition was participated by the winners of the four (4) regional level quiz competitions from the states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, and Nagaland. She added that the intelligence, wisdom, and resilience of H. Viputo Yeptho have earned him the title.

The programme was attended by about 900 participants comprising NSACS officials, faculty members, staff, and the students of the Kohima Science College, Jotsoma.

PM MODI'S INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS THROUGH VC AS PART OF PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

JNV KOHIMA:

The live telecast virtual programme of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi interacting with the students, teachers, and parents from all over the world during the 5th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha,' held at Talkatora Stadium, Delhi was viewed by the students and teachers of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Kohima at the school auditorium on 1st April 2022.

Principal-in-charge, JNV Kohima, Besii Kollo said Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual event in which the Prime Minister responds to questions related to examination stress and related areas posed by exam warriors, and in the wake of the country coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and exams shifting back to offline mode, this year's Pariksha Pe Charcha is rather significant and builds knowledge-based economy of the 21st century. Pariksha Pe Charcha is a part of the larger movement led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to create a stress-free atmosphere for youngsters, to bring together students, parents, teachers,

and society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully.

It also noted that based on an online creative writing competition on a bouquet of themes, organized from 28th December 2021 till 3rd February 2022 through MyGov platform, the staff and students of JNV, Kohima also participated in the creative writing competitions.

JNV ZUKETSA:

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Lewoza, Zuketsa under Phek district joined Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction with students of India and abroad from class 9 and above at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on 1st April 2022.

Principal JNV Zuketsa, Himanshu Kumar informed that the temporary site of the JNV was built in 1995 in Zuketsa and shifted to Lewoza permanent site in the year 2006. JNV provides free textbooks, uniforms, food, bedding, and toilet items for ST and SC students whereas

Rs. 600/- per month is being charged for the general category. JNV Lewoza is affiliated with CBSE. He also informed that as per the norms, intake of students was 540 whereas the present enrollment in Lewoza is less than 50% due lack of awareness from the parents.

The students and teachers of JNV Zuketsa watched and witnessed the various displays and demonstrations by students and Prime Minister's inspection and interactions.

GHSS RUZHUKHRIE:

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu witnessed Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022, the unique interaction programme of the Prime Minister with

students held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on 1st April 2022 from Ruzhukhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima along with Kevileno Angami, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT; Tamsunaro Aier, Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha; Wonhungo Tsopoe, Director, School Education; Asano Sekose, Chairman, NBSE; Razouseyi Vese, Additional Director, School Education; Officers, RGHSS Principal, teachers, and nearly 300 students.

Necessary arrangements were made in schools functioning across the State for students of classes 6 and above to view/hear the telecast. Altogether, nearly one lakh students and teachers viewed the programme.

ABU METHA CALLS ON US CONSUL GENERAL AND CONSUL GENERAL OF GERMANY

Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha attended meetings with the Office of the US Consul General Kolkata and the Consul General of Germany, Manfred Auster on 2nd April 2022.

In the meeting, discussions were held on building friendships, strengthening bilateral ties, working collaboratively, and creating opportunities. Metha thanked them for their visits to Nagaland and also for their positive participation during the Hornbill Festival, and highlighted the initiatives of the Nagaland Government in the fields of tourism, arts, culture, music, and sports.

The Chief Minister's recent announcements during the budget session were shared with the foreign diplomats and he hoped for future collaborations in new policies like Hornbill on Tour, sports collaborations, and cultural exchanges. Both the US Consulate and the German Consul General appreciated the programmes of the Hornbill Festival and also expressed a positive desire to further enhance collaborations and partnerships in the future with Nagaland and the region.

The Advisor was accompanied by Advisor, TaFMA, Theja Meru.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW MEETING HELD WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Departmental review meeting was held with the Department of Higher Education and Technical Education at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 2nd April 2022.

PowerPoint presentations were made by

both the Departments highlighting their organization structure, mandates, activities, achievements, challenges, and future initiatives. The Department of Technical Education informed that there are seven functioning polytechnics in the State with an enrolment

of 742 students during 2021-22, availing various courses in technical and vocational education and training. The Department also stated that plans to introduce new Programmes/Courses such as Food Processing Technology, Diploma in Pharmacy, Tourism, etc. in the polytechnics to diversify educational opportunities and enhance the employability of the youth.

The Department of Technical Education informed that it has successfully selected and nominated candidates to study Medical and allied courses, Engineering, and Agri and allied courses purely on the merit basis through the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Mains and Nagaland State Entrance Examination (NSEE). A total number of 549 candidates have been nominated to various Agri & Para-Medical Courses (NSEE), Engineering Courses (JEE), MBBS, BDS & Allied Courses (NEET) and Diploma Courses both within and outside the State during the academic session 2021-22.

The Department of Higher Education stated that there are 15 Government Colleges in Nagaland and is producing around 7000 graduates every year. The Department also highlighted that the Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) shall be

introduced in all the affiliating HEIs from the 2022 academic session onward. CBCS consists of credit-based courses such as Disciplinary Major and Minor, Inter-disciplinary Major and Minor, Vocational/ Skill Courses, Project Works in Community Engagement and Service, Environmental Education, Value-based education. The Department also informed that the concept note on the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) of the State has been prepared by the Department and submitted to the Ministry of Education (HE), Government of India.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS in his concluding remarks, stated that the way of functioning of both Higher Education and Technical Education is different from other Government Departments and people expect the two departments to come up with new innovative ideas and bring positive change in the education system in the State. He observed that good initiatives are being taken up by both the departments and encouraged them to continue the good performance. Alam also said that the National Education Policy 2020 should be properly understood and called for its successful implementation in the State.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



World Autism Day was celebrated at Jo Foundation Inclusive School, Kohima on 2nd April 2022.

World Autism Day was celebrated at Jo Foundation Inclusive School, Kohima on 2nd April 2022 with State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro as the guest speaker.

Diethono Nakhro said this year's theme for World Autism Awareness Day 'Inclusive quality education for all,' was chosen to draw attention to the disruption of education especially for autistic children due to the pandemic. Despite the numerous constraints that exist, she appreciated the Inclusive School for providing quality education to the children. Nakhro said disability has been a neglected sector, not only by the government but by the society. Fortunately, there are improvements taking place, and conversations on disability in various sectors are now visible, she added. She maintained that awareness is not enough and the goal is Autism acceptance.

Daniel Thong Solo, Chairman of Jo Foundation Inclusive School said Autism is a disorder that hampers communication and

social skills. Autistic people are not able to express their feelings and they have problems understanding other people's feelings. He also explained that there are different degrees of autism: mild, moderate, and severe and early intervention is essential for providing support to autistic people which will give them a better quality of life. Support and therapy can help manage the challenges that ASD poses. Solo said he and his wife started the Inclusive School to help children who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) like their son.

Jo Foundation Inclusive School is looking after 34 special needs children with Autism, Down Syndrome, ADHD, intellectual learning disability, speech and hearing impaired, locomotor disability, and dwarfism. 'Kung-fu demo' and 'Colourful rainbow' were displayed by the Jo Foundation students, a special presentation was given by St. Joseph College, Jakhama, and a speech on 'Journey of an affected parent' was given by Vincent Belho.

TIKHIR TRIBE RECOGNITION DAY HELD

Special guest and Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung said only through a peaceful atmosphere and unity, a society can be developed. He said this during the Tikhir Tribe Recognition Day on 2nd April 2022 at the Public Ground, Kiusam town.

The Advisor while addressing the gathering, shared the long struggle for Tikhir tribe recognition and Shamator district up-gradation. He said the aspiration of the people was fulfilled after 40 years of struggle through unity and mutual agreement between the two tribes of Tikhir and Yimkhiung. Keoshu urged the gathering to maintain a peaceful atmosphere and unity to develop a good relationship with

neighboring tribes to progress.

President, TTC, K. Topan highlighted the brief history of Tikhir. Short speeches were delivered by President, ENPO, R. Tsapikiu; Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, Mhabemo Yanthan; NBOCWBB, Kekhrie Yhome; 14 Tribes Convenor, K. T. Vilie; Former Parliamentary Secretary, Heno; DC, Kiphire and DC, Shamator.

Other highlights of the programme included Tikhir traditional kitchen, a cultural presentation by Shamator village, Pokphur village, Anatonger village and Thonoknyu village. A folk song was presented by T. Lemrimong, a cultural song by Tikhir Women, Kiphire, war dance by Mutonger village.

STATE-LEVEL SPECIAL REVENUE TEAM OF POWER DEPARTMENT HOLDS MEETING

The State-level Special Revenue Team of Power Department held a meeting for the 2021-22 FY at the office of SLDC, Nagarjan (Kuda), Dimapur on 2nd April 2022.

Joint Secretary, Power, Sara S. Jamir, who is also the team leader for State Level Special Revenue Team of Power Department, in her opening remarks, said with the improvement of revenue collection, she believed that the department could provide better power supply to consumers in the days to come. Power being a service sector, priority should be given to providing good service to the consumers, she

added.

On the revenue collection, the Team Leader congratulated Team Dimapur and Chumoukedima for achieving Rs. 102 crore jointly. She commended the Dimapur and Chumoukedima Divisions for collecting more than 50% against the rest of the state revenue collection during the Financial Year 2021-22. She encouraged the two divisions to keep up with the momentum and work towards achieving 100% of the revenue target in the coming years, keeping in mind the satisfaction of consumers.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON AFSPA HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

A consultative meeting with Tribal Hohos and Organizations was held at Rhododendron Hall, Chumoukedima on 4th April 2022.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS welcomed all the members and briefed them that after almost three decades, AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act) has been lifted from certain areas of Nagaland. AFSPA has been removed completely in 3(three) districts and partially removed in 4 (four) districts of Nagaland and he expressed hope that further progress will be seen in the days to come.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said all stakeholders had appealed for the abolishment of the draconian law - AFSPA, and the Government of India has finally heard the appeals of the people. He said the State Government had formed a 22-Member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the Oting incident. He congratulated the members of the SIT for their prompt action in conducting investigations and submitting their

preliminary reports. Once the report is submitted and a case is filed, the contents of the report will be made known to the public. The Centre also formed its SIT and they have also submitted their report, he added.

Rio said total abolition of AFSPA may take time but the partial AFSPA abolishment is a test. During this crucial period, he stated that if law and order cannot be controlled, AFSPA may be reinstated, and appealed for co-operation with the Government to ensure that no untoward incidents occur. As the Naga solution is for all the Nagas, he appealed that the Nagas should harbor a sense of unity and oneness and not be selfish in their demands. He thanked the CSOs, Tribal leaders, and student bodies for always cooperating and supporting the Government.

Chairman, UDA, T. R. Zeliang stated that partial lifting of AFSPA is an experimental phase with the end goal of completely removing AFSPA from the State. He appealed for joint

responsibility and co-operation as the police would be handicapped without the peoples' support.

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said earlier notification on AFSPA issued in December 2021 has been withdrawn and fresh notification has been issued on the same. Out of 72 Police Stations, AFSPA has been withdrawn in 15 Police Stations. This can be seen as the first step toward the total abolition of AFSPA in the State. He stated that tribal leaders, leaders of apex bodies, Hohos, CSOs, and student bodies will have to play an important role and will have to take responsibility for keeping the peace as AFSPA may be reinstated if law and order problems arise. This is a combined responsibility

of all stakeholders involved, he added.

DGP, John Longklumer, IPS maintained that once AFSPA is removed, the responsibility of law and order, and maintaining peace will fall on the Nagaland Police. He informed that IRB personnel have been deployed at strategic locations to ensure the maintenance of law and order.

The Eastern Naga Students Federation appealed for total justice to be delivered to all victims of the Oting incident and that the GoN should remind the Gol in this regard. ENSF is still in non-cooperation with armed forces and will continue to do so until justice is delivered. Other tribal bodies also shared their opinions during the meeting.

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED TO PROMOTE WELFARE OF WORKERS

The Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (NBOCWFB) along with the Directorate of Information & Public Relations and Kohima Press Club launched a media partnership agreement at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 6th April 2022.

Chairman of NBOCWFB, Kekhrie Yhome said the partnership with the two organizations came about because DIPR has been consistently carrying out public relations and publicity work and the KPC has the talent for investigative journalism. He mentioned that the time was right for a first-of-its-kind collaboration with the DIPR and the Press.

Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong, and President, KPC, Alice Yhoshü signed the Media Partnership Agreement on behalf of DIPR and KPC. They expressed appreciation to Yhome for developing the idea of collaboration to promote the welfare of the workers.

The objectives of the partnership are

to encourage collaboration between tangent establishments and support each other's obligation to public services; to promote public interest and highlight sectoral focus on workers associated with building and other constitution activities; and to publicize NBOCWFB's activities and mandate, particularly on social justice schemes and welfare benefits.

DIPR was given the responsibility to produce two short documentaries - a below 90 seconds clip highlighting NBOCWFB's welfare benefits and schemes, and a below 10 minutes clip strictly related to trends, status, and conditions of buildings and other construction workers.

KPC would initiate, innovate and institute fellowships or awards against any medium of mass communication provided the objective is strictly related to trends and conditions of building and other construction workers.

NBOCWFB would provide financial assistance for the execution of the works.

HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACCORDS FAREWELL TO W. HONJE KONYAK

A farewell programme in honour of retiring Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, W. Honje Konyak was held at the Directorate of Technical Education, Kohima on 6th April 2022.

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along, describing Honje as a diligent leader, wished him a wonderful tenure as Chairman of Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC). He expressed hope that the Department of Higher Education and Technical Education will chart new ventures for the young minds of Nagaland and called for all the officers and staff of the department to work together for the good of the people.

Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha congratulated Honje Konyak for being appointed as the Chairman of NPSC, and stated that with his integrity, ability and determination for solving problems, there is a bright future for the youngsters, and expressed hope that he will reinstitute again the hope, trust and confidence the

youngsters have on the highest recruiting Board.

Delivering his farewell speech, W. Honje Konyak said that he worked in the department for 10 (ten) months, and that whatever was achieved during that period is not an individual achievement but due to teamwork. He said there is no issue that cannot be solved if people work hand in hand. He also urged the Higher Education and Technical Education Departments to work continuously for the upliftment of the society.

Director, Higher Education, Dr. Katoni Jakhalu said Honje Konyak worked with keen interest, energy, and with his vast knowledge and experience, he took up the challenges and provided the much needed boost to the department. She expressed her gratitude to the retiring officer for being the architect of the State's NEP 2020.

Director, Technical Education, Er. Mhaseto Nakro speaking at the farewell programme said that Honje Konyak's work culture has inspired and motivated them, and wished him success in his future endeavours.

DIRECTOR, F&CS FLAGS OFF THE 6th PMGKAY

Director, Food & Civil Supplies, V. Lovitoly Sema flagged off the 6th phase of Pradhan Mantri Garip Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), the additional allocation of foodgrains to all the AAY & PHH Ration Card Holders on 7th April 2022.

During a short programme held at FCI Storage Depot, Dimapur, the Director stated that the scheme was initiated by the Government of India as part of the economic response to COVID-19 to help to ameliorate the hardships

faced by the poor due to economic destruction caused by coronavirus, by providing additional food grains of 5 Kg per person per month to all the beneficiaries covered under the targeted Public Distribution System. She believed that flagging off additional foodgrains for six months would greatly benefit the beneficiaries.

Divisional Manager, FCI who also spoke during the programme assured cooperation for the successful implementation of various central schemes.

CM RIO GRACES APO GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Angami Public Organisation (APO) celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the theme, 'Angamimia Therhu' at Khuochiezie, Kohima on 9th April 2022 with Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio as the special guest.

In his address, Rio thanked the founders of APO and said because of their visionary leadership, the Angami tribe stands united and that has contributed to their progress. Recalling the British entry into the Naga Hills in 1832, Rio stated that the Angamis fought with them when they entered their land, which ended in 1879. Later on, the Angamis worked together with the Britishers when Kohima was made the headquarter. He also pointed out that amongst the 21 signatories of the Simon Commission, 15 were from the Angami tribe who represented the Nagas, and the forefathers sacrificed and contributed greatly to the Naga movement, which he stated is one reason why the Angamis have been blessed.

Rio added that many things may still be lacking but the unity, integrity, and the good practices of their forefathers have helped the Angami community to date. He exhorted the younger generation to continue the legacy so that through them, not just the Angamis but the

whole Naga society will be blessed. Pointing out the motto of APO 'Right is Might,' Rio called upon the gathering to uphold it so that there will be progress in the society. He stressed the need to stay united and achieve greater things.

All the 104 Angami Village Chairmen and the four Angami Range Presidents hoisted their respective flags. The Jubilee flag and APO flag were hoisted by Neiphu Rio and Razouvotuo Chatsu respectively. The Golden Jubilee celebration brought around 20,000 Angami people together from all walks of life to foster better understanding and unity by sharing food cooked from a common hearth.

APO President, Razouvotuo Chatsu, first APO President, Zapuvisie Lhousa also spoke on the occasion. Executive Director, ABCC, Rev. Dr. V. Atsi Dolie invoked God's blessings. The welcome address was delivered by Convenor, Organising Committee, K. Neibou Sekhose. Angami Women Organisation, Southern Angami Cultural Society, and Angami Youth Organization presented folk songs and dances. Special songs were presented by Angami Students Union, Angami Gazetted Officers Krotho, Menguseü Suokhrie, Atso Chasie, and Methanelie Jütakhrie. A unity dance was also performed by the gathering.

STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON SDGs HELD

A state-level workshop on NER District SDG Index 2.0, SDG India Index, 2021-22, and Multidimensional Poverty Index was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 12th April 2022.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba in his keynote

address, said that Nagaland is making consistent progress in SDG Index, which focuses on state-level performance. He added that the compulsive score for Nagaland improved from 57 in 2019 to 61 in 2021 and the State is ranked 19th among 35 States and Union Territories of the country. He stated that going by the North Eastern Region District SDG Index, some of the districts of

Nagaland are doing fairly well in certain goals such as zero hunger, clean water and sanitation, quality education, and gender equality. However, he said that more works need to be done for bottom-ranked districts and on some indicators at the State level.

Imnatiba mentioned that the Nagaland SDG Vision 2030, which was launched by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in August 2021, provides specific targets with measurable indicators and strategies to meet the aspirations of the people and to translate the Nagaland SDG Vision 2030 into reality. He also said, with the technical support of the UNDP and active collaboration from various departments of the State, the SDG Coordination Centre of the Planning Department, Government of Nagaland, is already making rapid strides towards achieving the goals.

Regional Head-North East India, UNDP John Borgoyary, in his address stated that UNDP is closely partnering with the Government of Nagaland and it will soon initiate a CSR initiative which will be part of the SDG Coordination Center under the Planning Department. The aim will be to tap resources from the private sector and other development partners. He added it will particularly be targeting those areas under SDGs.

Borgoyary informed that UNDP is partnering with the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland on Universalization of Immunization. Highlighting the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN), which is a software application developed in partnership with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, he said the programme is being implemented

in all the states of India. He also said that the programme has strengthened the health care system, especially in terms of addressing issues relating to immunization. He also said that as part of the eVIN, it has developed a COVID application in partnership with the Government of India and has been helping the Government of India and the Government of Nagaland in monitoring and managing COVID vaccinations.

Mimansa Mishra, Associate (SDG), NITI Aayog gave a presentation on SDG India Index 2020-21; NER District SDG Index 2020-21, and context setting on Version 2.0 and National Multidimensional Poverty Index. The State Planning Department gave a presentation on the progress of SDG localization. A presentation on the goal and indicator-wise presentation was given by NITI Aayog and discussed with the departments on SDG India Index 4.0.

Technical session on NER District SDG Index 2.0 SDG 1-8 and SDG 9-16: Presentation on Draft NER SDG Indicator Framework 2.0 on SDGs; concepts, methodology, definitions, and computations, discussion with State Departments on district-wise data reporting and challenges were also conducted. Way forward and sum up was proposed by Policy Specialist-SDGs, UNDP, Jaimon Uthup.

The SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) of the Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland was established with a mandate to act as a centre for knowledge dissemination, SDG monitoring, policy strengthening, and an accelerator of SDG implementation across the State.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS MOTORCYCLE EXPEDITION FLAGGED OFF


Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS flagging off the Army Medical Corps Motorcycle Expedition at the PHQ Junction Kohima on 13th April 2022.

On the occasion of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” and to commemorate 258th Army Medical Corps Raising Day under the aegis of Directorate General of Medical Service (Army), Army Medical Corps Motorcycle Expedition flagging off programme was held at the PHQ Junction Kohima on 13th April 2022.

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS who flagged off the Army Medical Corps Motorcycle Expedition acknowledged how much the Army Medical Corps have done and being the largest Medical Organisation in the world, they are in every nook and corner of the country, they are the frontline workers in the remote areas not only serving the army personnel but all the civilians. The Home Commissioner, also said that his heart goes out to all the doctors and medical fraternity who, during their line of duty, could not survive and saluted them as we could overcome the pandemic because of their selfless services.

Team Leader, Army Medical Corps Motorcycle Expedition, Col. Rajesh W. Adhau stated that the expedition journey was flagged off from 3rd April 2020, covering around 9800 Km or more in 22 days. Col. Rajesh W. Adhau also

stated that the main aim of this expedition is to show their appreciation to the doctors and the frontline workers who have fought with the COVID-19 pandemic since its outbreak for the last two and half years and the challenges faces by them during such times. He also said that the team expedition will have interaction with the civil doctors and the Directors of Medical Hospitals, Army Establishment, Medical Establishment, Civil Establishment, Medical Colleges and see what each state has done during the times of COVID-19.

Short speeches were also proposed by Joint CEO NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei and MD NHM, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Thorusie Kattiry.

Unique in the annals of AMC, this motorcycle expedition is being undertaken exclusively by the health fraternity of Army Medical Corps. The expedition team consists of 3 Special Officers, 2 Medical Officers, 3 Non-Technical Officers and 2 Other Ranks along with 2 reserve members from Army Medical Corps. The bikes are from Jawa Motors, special classic Army Fleet edition.

The flag-off of the prestigious expedition was carried out by the Surgeon Vice Admiral Rajat Datta, AVSM, SM, VSM, PHS, Director General Armed Forces Medical Services on 3rd April 2022 at National War Memorial, New Delhi. This unique effort not only strengthens the ‘Esprit De Corps and spirit of adventurism among all ranks of the Army but also helps in showcasing the tough and robust side of the AMC Warriors.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON NEAT INITIATIVES UNDER AICTE HELD

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) Nagaland held a meeting at DTE Conference Hall, Kohima on 13th April 2022 regarding the various initiatives of NEAT Cell AICTE. A detailed presentation about the AICTE Internship Portal, ELIS portal, NEAT Scheme was carried out and the Principals, Senior Lectures and officials of the DTE Nagaland attended the programme.

AICTE started the Internship Portal two years back, the apex body of technical education is offering 16+ lakh internship opportunities.

Vipin Kumar, Assistant Director, AICTE demonstrated the AICTE internship portal, ELIS, NEAT Portal and showed the functionality and facilities of the portals. Along with this, he also presented the statistics of the various portals till date.

“In Nagaland, due to remote and hill areas, lesser industries are available and students are facing problems to find the suitable internship opportunities and other skill enhancement activities in real-time projects. The initiatives which are explained and demonstrated today will definitely help us to overcome this problem, and it will enhance the employability skills of students of Nagaland State. This kind of initiatives undertaken by AICTE are really useful for upskilling, reskilling the students,” said Er. M. Nakro, Director, Technical Education, Nagaland.

Under these initiatives, enrolled candidates will be aided by a series of learning content provided AICTE Internship platform, NEAT Portal and ELIS Portal. These internship opportunities and e-content increases the youth employability through ‘learning by doing,’ also, it will enhance the credentials for graduates.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT OF NAGALAND 2021 RELEASED

Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS released the Meteorological Report of Nagaland 2021 at his office chamber on 13th April 2022.

In a brief formal programme, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS, Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation Department released a booklet titled, "Meteorological Report of Nagaland 2021" at his office chamber on 13th April 2022, in the presence of the department officials. The booklet was published by the Soil Survey & Land Use Planning Wing of the Department.

In his opening remarks, Rongsenlemzung, Joint Director who chaired the programme,

highlighted the importance of meteorological data for all agricultural related activities. He also stated that, according to expert opinions, the third world war could be due to "hydro-political issues or water related conflicts." Further, he mentioned that in the light of climate and water related threats, and the fast pace at which climate is changing, it is of most pressing need not only to record but also to document weather data.

STATE LEVEL CELEBRATION OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT HELD



Director (Health Office) USAID, Sangita Patel speaking during the State Level celebration of Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Center Diwas Felicitation programme-cum-Review meeting at the Capital Convention Centre Kohima on 14th April 2022.

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Director (Health Office) USAID, Sangita Patel addressing the Community Health Workers, said that the certificates represent the hard work and dedication over the past several years, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and even beyond. She said with Ayushman Bharat, we will see that community healthcare system continue to improve and people will avail better healthcare system. She informed the gathering that success and failure depends on the participation of all

the stakeholders, and appealed for continued help for its development and growth.

Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Ajit Ranjan in his keynote address, expressed his appreciation to all the health workers for rendering their tremendous service and leadership skills.

Mission Director, National Health Mission, Dr. Thorhusie Katiry in his welcome address, mentioned that

Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY) was launched as a step towards Universal Health Coverage. UHC entails ensuring all people have access to quality health services including prevention, promotion, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation without incurring financial hardship. The concept covers three key elements, namely access, quality, and financial protection. India is committed to achieving Universal Health Care for All by 2030, which is fundamental to achieving the other Sustainable Development Goals. Earlier, Awards were given to Best Performing CHO which was followed by unveiling of Wash Learning Resource Package (poster and iLearn module).

DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC & STATISTICS LAUNCHES ONLINE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS



Director, Economic & Statistics, Neidilhou Angami speaking during the launching of the Online Registration of Births and Deaths, Nagaland at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 19th April 2022.

The Department of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland launched the Online Registration of Births and Deaths, Nagaland at the Directorate Kohima on 19th April 2022.

Director, Economic & Statistics, Nagaland, Neidilhou Angami while launching the online application, said the Department had desired to have the online application facility for a long time and the launching of the application is an achievement for the Department. He said the registration of births and deaths is being implemented through the Registration of Births and

Deaths Act 1969 and Nagaland Correspondence Rule 1999, and to keep the pace of the ID regulation and on public demand, the Office of the Registrar General of India has come up with the software to enable the people to obtain online certificates. The main objective of the software is to facilitate and streamline the citizen service delivery system which has two purposes - to enable the public to apply, obtain death and birth certificates and to manage and record data.

The Director also highlighted that at present, two registrars are activated, one at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland, and the other at the District Economics & Statistics Office Kohima to have online registration of birth and death certificates, and the department in a phase-wise manner will also take up this facility in the coming days to all the district offices and all the 1465 registrars in the rural areas of the State. With the launching of the software application, he said, the general public and consumers will be able to have a convenient way to obtain birth and death certificates.

One can log in at crsorgi.gov.in to apply for online registration.

NAGALAND GB FEDERATION HELD ITS 30th GENERAL SESSION AT PHEK TOWN HALL

The Nagaland GB Federation held its 30th general session at Phek Town Hall on 20th to 21st April 2022, with the Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue & Parliamentary Affairs Neiba Kronu as the special guest.

Neiba Kronu said we need to maintain the right decision and truthfulness so that we can achieve our dreams. While appreciating

the GBs Federation for their tireless efforts in different fields, he requested them to keep up their services for the welfare of the people. He said a clear record on our customary laws should be maintained to avoid confusion.

MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu, also spoke on the occasion. The welcome address was delivered by Zedulhu Ringa, President PDGBA; Keynote address

was delivered by Rovilatuo Mor, Commissioner of Nagaland; felicitation by Razouvolie Dozo, Deputy Commissioner, Phek; cultural presentation

was performed by Chakhesang Cultural Institute Centre, Chethaba and folk song was presented by Chakhesang Women Society.

SEMINAR HELD ON SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA 2.0 AND NEP 2020



Resource persons and dignitaries lighting a lamp during the inaugural programme of a national seminar on Social Transformation in India 2.0 and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 held at the Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema on 21st April 2022.

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The inaugural programme of a national seminar on Social Transformation in India 2.0 and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was held at the Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema on 21st April 2022. The two-day seminar was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and organized by the Department of Teacher Education (DTE), Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema.

Member, NEP Committee and Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture and Forestry, Chattisgarh, Prof. Ram Shankar Kureel highlighted the Vision of NEP 2020, which he mentioned is to establish an education system that contributes to an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high-quality education to all, developing a sense of respect towards the fundamental rights, duties, and constitutional values, etc. and to instill skills, values and dispositions that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable de-

velopment and living, and global well-being. He said the key principles of NEP 2020 are respect for diversity and local context in all curriculum, pedagogy, and policy; equity and inclusion as the cornerstone of all education- al decisions; encouragement and facilitation for philanthropic, private, and community participation; use of technology in teaching and learning etc.

Director, Department of Higher Education, Dr. Katoni Jakhalu said whether we are ready or not, we are at the threshold of tremendous changes, especially in the education sector. Highlighting the State's higher education, she stated that a Task Force was constituted to make a recommendation for the implementation of the policy. She said that to create awareness, seminars and workshops were conducted online and offline, and attempts were made to spread awareness about the guidelines of NEP 2020 in different local Naga dialects, but so far, only Tenyidie has completed the translated version.

When it comes to key areas and agenda on equity in NEP 2020, Dr. Katoni stated that the State is well balanced in gender parity, in higher

education, female student enrollment for the last two years is more than their male counterpart. She stated that so far, out of 69 affiliated colleges under NU, 40% are NAAC accredited. She said that the State's policy is to establish at least one government college in each district, tuition fees are subsidized and proper facilities, smart classrooms, digitalized libraries are provided to ensure that no one is left out in digital learning and technology, but with the creation of five new districts, she stated that the task ahead is a challenging one. She maintained that huge gaps and perplexing challenges are ahead but as long as there is dialogue and exchange of ideas, the education sector of the State will progress with the rest of India.

Pro Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland University, Prof. A. K. Mishra said for the social transfor-

mation of the country, equal opportunities need to be provided for which education is fundamental. He added that teachers have an important part to play in the successful implementation of the NEP 2020 policy.

Dean, School of Humanities & Education, NU, Prof. Buno Zetsuvi said NEP 2020 envisages a great social change by transforming the educational system, however, she expressed her concern that India being a diverse country, it will not be possible to bring one whole relevant, perfect, acceptable policy suitable for the entire country, and added that flexibility and adjustments without disrupting the main aim of the policy are required. She lauded the organizers of the seminar, as through it, deliberations can be held for what is best for all the stakeholders.

IMCT VISITS DISTRICTS ACROSS THE STATE TO ASSESS DROUGHT

ZUNHEBOTO:

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited the Zunheboto district for assessment in wake of the drought during Kharif and Rabi on 21st April 2022.

During the team's visit, the departments of Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, and PHED gave PowerPoint presentations on the steps they took during the drought-like situation in the district. The team assessed and inquired about how the departments handled the situation.

The IMCT included Dr. Jintu Das, Joint Director, DJD Kolkata; Vijay KR Teotia, Regional Director, Fisheries; and Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Director, Expenditure, Finance Commission Division. They were accompanied by Khrolou Koza Lohe, AM(T&E) NSDMA Home,

Temsuwangshi, AM(R&P) NSDMA Home and various Nodal Liaison Officers.

The visiting team also visited Zungti village and Shiyepu village. The Central Team also visited Mokokchung on 22nd May 2022.

WOKHA:

Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited Wokha district on 21st April 2022 at Hammock Resort for the assessment of the situation in the wake of drought during Kharif and Rabi 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Wokha & DDMA, Chairman, Orenthung Lotha.

District Agriculture Officer Wokha, highlighted the drought like situations in Wokha district through the PowerPoint presentation, and the line departments had an interaction with the Team.

The Ralan villagers presented their grievances faced during the drought period. The Team, Deputy Commissioner, and officials went for site visit at New Wokha village and interacted with the villagers.

PEREN:

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) led by Advisor, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ruchika Gupta along with Under Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Deep Shikhar Singhal, and Research Officer, Sansad Marg, Dr. Md. Faisal Abdullah visited Peren district on 22nd April 2022 and held a brief meeting at Jalukie with Administrative Officers and various Heads of Departments to take stock of the drought-like situation in the district.

During the meeting, the Department of Agriculture, PHED, and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources through a presentation apprised the visiting officials of the ground realities that the departments have faced during the drought-like situation in the district.

The team also conducted field inspections at Mhainamtsi, New Jalukie, and Nkwareu village. The Central Team also visited Niuland.

KOHIMA:

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) on their visit to Kohima district had a briefing with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and line departments at DC's Office Kohima on 22nd April 2022.

The Team was led by Director CWC Sudhir Kumar, Under Secretary, Food and PD, Krishi Bhawan, Ram Chandra, Assistant Director, MNCF/DA, FW, Dr. Pradeep Kumar.

The Team said the purpose of their visit is to assess the drought situation in Nagaland

and requested the Agri and PHE departments to develop an action plan prior to the monsoon and reoccurrence of drought-like situation in Kohima district to assist the farmers in the cultivation in case of delayed or no rain, which would affect the cultivated plots and ultimately result in the loss of economy for the farmers. It also requested the departments to assist sustainable resources of water throughout the year not only in Kohima town but to rural people as well. Further, the Team requested the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services to have preparedness in case of drought and epidemic situations in the State.

DDMA Kohima highlighted drought-like situations in the State and drought mitigation measures undertaken during 2021. Measures to mitigate water scarcity in Kohima town undertaken by PHED, Urban Division Kohima were also highlighted. DDMA also highlighted the 1465.4 acres of agricultural crops affected by the drought situation during 2020-2021 in Kohima district, where 65 villages mostly from northern areas were reported to be affected.

Deputy Commissioner and DDMA Chairman, Gregory Thejawelie IAS also spoke at the meeting. The officials from the departments of Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, PHE, Rural Development, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Land Resource also attended the meeting.

After the briefing, the Team along with DDMA officials and line departments visited the drought-hit site at Gariphema village, Kohima for spot verification under the initiatives of DDMA. They interacted with the farmers and encouraged them to upgrade their cultivating system. It was informed that 30-40 households in the village were affected by the drought.

CS CALLS FOR DIGITALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONING

The departmental review meeting with the Department of Information Technology & Communication and the Department of Power was held on 22nd April 2022 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall.

The Department of Information Technology & Communication gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the activities currently being undertaken and shared a few infrastructure and capital shortage issues that the Department is facing which in turn is greatly affecting the service output. The Department also highlighted the issue of non-availability of real time data and information and regular updates from certain departments as a cause for concern when it comes to maintaining the official portal of the State Government and also in providing regular updates and information to the general public.

Apart from these, the Department of IT&C also shared some of the important activities currently being undertaken by the department like the State Data Centre which hosts the websites and applications of 70 departments, the online Inner Line Permit, Common Service Centres across the State, etc. One of the most important outcomes of the meeting was the proposal made by the Chief Secretary and his

team to phase out the manual process of issuing Inner Line Permit and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Certificates and to make the whole process digital within a time period of three to four months. Chief Secretary, J. Alam commended the IT & C Department for all the good work it was doing and urged upon the officers of the Department to further continue to bring new developments and innovations to the working of the State Government.

The Department of Power presented a very detailed report of its activities and projects currently being undertaken and also projects that are yet to be approved. The Department also expressed that the biggest problem it was facing is the shortage of manpower in carrying out maintenance work which is in fact, one of the most vital functions of the Department. One major point discussed in detail during the meeting was the purchase of power at very high rates from certain power sources. The Department also highlighted some of the new solar plant projects that it will be undertaking in the coming months. In conclusion, Chief Secretary J. Alam also commended the Power Department for relatively improving the power situation in the State and also in improving the power purchase and revenue generation deficit.

JAPANESE DELEGATION CALLS ON CS

A three-member Japanese delegation to Nagaland in connection with the World War-II Remains Recovery Project called on the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS in his office on 22nd April 2022.

The delegation expressed gratitude to the State Government for the cooperation and support rendered to Japan in locating the remains of fallen Japanese soldiers during WW-II. The team also

briefed the State Chief Secretary on the progress made during past years. They also informed that the team will be taking samples of the collected remains to Japan for DNA testing in order to identify the remains.

Alam assured the delegation of support and cooperation from the State Government. Nagaland Home Commissioner and other senior State Government officials were also present at the meeting.

UNION MINISTER ARJUN MUNDA VISITS KIPHIRE

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda visited Kiphire Aspirational District on 26th April 2022 and held a meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

In his address, Munda said that there should be all round development stating that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has set up Aspirational District with an aim to develop most backward districts in the country for overall progress. He urged the District Officers to work hard to get good rank in Aspirational District for development in the district. He also highlighted on the importance of Health and Education sector.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered by Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), District Welfare Officer, Executive Engineer, PHED, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer, Water Resources, Project Director, DRDA, District Agriculture Officer, District Sericulture Officer and District Administration.

Minister for Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam

shared the grievances faced by the people of Kiphire district and appealed for more development.

Earlier, the Union Minister also visited ongoing construction of Eklavya Model Residential School and laid the foundation stone for EKRS for Kiphire district. The project is funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India and implemented by the Department of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. He also visited the ongoing construction of ITI started in July 2020 and to be completed by 2022.

At the arrival of Union Minister, DEF Kiphire displayed guard of honour and was received by the District Administration, Tribal Hohos of Sangtam, Tikhir, Sumi, government officials, DBs, GBs, BJP party workers at helipad ground Kiphire.

The Union Minister was accompanied by Joint Secretary, MoTA, PPS and APS to Union Minister, A. K. Singh, Commissioner & Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department and other dignitaries.

WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS CONDUCTED

A two-day workshop on "Emerging Crimes in Cyber Space: Role of Digital Forensics in Cybercrime Investigations" for Senior Police Officers of Nagaland, jointly organized by NIELIT Kohima and Nagaland Police was held on 25th and 26th April 2022 at Conference Hall PHQ, Nagaland with Ashok Dohare, IPS, DGP (Retd.) Madhya Pradesh and ASA Krishnan, Sr. Director (Retd.), Meity, Government of India as resource persons.

The first day of the workshop included sessions on Emerging Cyber Crimes and

Threats, Technical & Legal Challenges in Cyber Space by Ashok Dohare, and sessions on IT Act, attribution of Digital Evidence & Appreciation of Digital Evidence by ASA Krishnan.

On the second day, Er. Lanuwabang, Director, NIELIT Kohima highlighted the facilities and services offered by the NIELIT Kohima, which was followed by topics on Digital Forensic and Mobile Forensic, Cyber Security Policy by the resource persons.

Altogether, 54 senior police officers of Nagaland Police attended the workshop.

AH & VS DISTRIBUTES SHEEP AND GOATS UNDER NATIONAL LIVESTOCK MISSION

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services distributed sheep and goats to the farmers under the National Livestock Mission. This scheme is being launched in a few districts with the objective to introduce rearing of sheep and goat as a low investment but fast remunerative way of farming. As the meat consumption in the State is very high,

the Department stated that it will also be an alternative source of meat for the consumers.

The animals were handed to the respective district officials by Dr. Nsanthung Ezung, Additional Director & HoD, Directorate of AH & VS, Nagaland in the presence of officials from the Directorate and District CVOs.

NSDMA ORGANISES TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

The inaugural programme of the two-day workshop on 'Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate Change & Disaster Risk' was held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 27th April 2022. The workshop was organized by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with InsuResilience Solutions (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management), Swiss Re and Tata AIG.

Advisor, NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi addressing the workshop, stated that the Government through its various policies and efforts have been working towards mainstreaming the concepts of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation into policy making, planning and implementation. He said that the process of measuring risk and resilience is a complex task which requires detailed scientific analysis of risk and vulnerability of different areas. However, he said that such studies will help in developing realistic strategies for disaster prevention and mitigation in the State. The Advisor expressed hope that the workshop will help in understanding the issues better, help in coordination between various departments, and

strengthen community resilience to climate and disaster risks.

Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA, Home Department, Johnny Ruangmei stated that the objective of the workshop is to bring out a plan and after approval by the Administrative Heads, Chief Secretary, and the Government, it will be sent as a policy document. It will also bring out a DRR in ecotourism which will aim to be the first state in India to have a disaster policy on ecotourism. The workshop also aims to help understand the Prime Minister's Ten Point Agenda for Disaster Risk Reduction, develop understanding on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and work towards achieving SDG for DRR, mainstream DRR component into a development programme of each line departments, NGOs in responding to DRR. He also stressed on the need for each department to allocate a budget for disaster risk reduction for itself, which he stated is provided under the 14th Finance Commission provision.

Eugen Doce from InsuResilience Solutions (ISF) delivering the keynote address, said that the IPCC Report should also be included in textbooks in elementary schools, and

that it will also help the stakeholders to address the issues of climate change. He stated that three years ago, the ISF was launched since there was gap in climate risks insurance. He stated that insurance is an area that will help in fortifying the local authority, governments in the next two decades. Eugen shared that among the first presentations/submissions the ISF received was from Nagaland for funding, and in 2019, after meeting with Johnny Ruangmei in Dhaka, the ISF decided to fund the project which was submitted.

ISF's mission is to support innovative solutions to mitigate negative impacts of climate change. It fosters the development of needs-based and financially sustainable climate risk

insurance products in developing and emerging countries, increasing the resilience of poor and vulnerable households against extreme weather events and natural catastrophes. It is an important contribution of the German Government funded by KfW Development Bank to achieve the target of the international initiative on climate risk insurance 'InsuResilience.'

Welcome address was delivered by Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha IAS. The technical session on the first day of workshop were on the topics - Insurance mechanism against extreme weather events, challenges in the context of climate change and DRR in Nagaland, and policy praxis of disaster management.

NBSE CONDUCTS SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

A one-day School Leadership Programme was organized by Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) on 26th April 2022 at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kohima. The programme was designed to improve the Learning and Teaching practices in the schools and empower the Principals and Headmasters to implement the key recommendations of the New Educational Policy. The training programme also dwelt on upgrading the skills for better management of their schools. Altogether 275 participants attended the programme.

The resource person was Ramalakshmi Das, Senior Product Specialist, Orient Black Swan. In the first session, she spoke on 'Creating a mission and vision for the school headed by the school leader.' She said defining the vision and mission of the school would provide the educators and school leaders with a clear purpose for running the educational institution and give the direction for the school to take.

The Principals were trained on various aspects such as creating a mission statement and vision for the school as well as providing feedback to the teachers on the instructional practices and making learning more enjoyable for students.

In the second session, Ramalakshmi spoke on 'Building a cohort of focused educators to execute the plan.' She said it is important for school leaders to team up with other educators so as to realize the vision and mission of the school. The programme also discussed the role of the school leader in improving instructional practices for students and addressing the needs of students with varying learning styles to attain maximum learning benefits for each individual student. Furthermore, the programme addressed the importance of empowering teachers through up scaling their competencies through trainings that would equip them with the 21st century skills to teach students and to meet their needs while in the classroom.

In the inaugural programme, a short talk was given by the Special Guest, Dr. Neena Jha, Advisor, Education and Skills Practice, KPMG India. She said there are five stakeholders involved in the transformation process namely the student, teacher, parents, administrators and community through three scenarios which are “learn,” “help learn,” and “manage learn.” She said as school

leaders, one should do its duty with joy.

On the 27th April 2022, an orientation programme was held with the Principals of Higher Secondary Schools under Kohima district on the topic of ‘School Mentorship.’ In this, the Resource Person dwelt at length on how resources can be shared and also how the Principals can mentor other schools to perform better.

MMHONLUMO KIKON INAUGURATES BOOK EXHIBITION & SALE



Advisor, NRE, Information Technology & Communication and Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon releasing the ‘Archaeology of Mimi Caves,’ during the inaugural function of Book Exhibition & Sale at the Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 27th April 2022.

The inaugural function of Book Exhibition & Sale, sponsored by the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata was held with Advisor, NRE, Information Technology & Communication and Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon as the special guest at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 27th April 2022.

Kikon said the book exhibition will promote reading culture, sale and publications

by local authors. He said he has been observing the approach of writing history and retelling of stories and the transition from oral traditions to written form and has seen many transformations in the publishing and writing of local books. He said that it is important to promote their works through word of mouth, social media etc. He urged the gathering to be good ambassadors in promoting local books. He emphasized that more literary fests should be organized in the State and that one should not

be timid or shy in showcasing their thoughts and inputs during such events and platforms. The Advisor said many people have come to know about Nagaland as a State through authors and various books and they are keen to visit Nagaland after reading books about the State.

‘Archaeology of Mimi Caves,’ a publication

by the Department of Art & Culture, was also released by Kikon during the programme. The book Archaeology of Mimi Caves, Kiphire District, (Vol-1) was edited by archaeologists Prof. Tiatoshi Jamir, Department of History & Archaeology NU and Dr. David Tetso, Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College (Autonomous). The book brings to the fore the first investigations on cave archeology in Northeast, India. Kikon while releasing the publication, said that such publications will connect us with the archaeological mysteries of our culture.

Secretary, Art & Culture, Athel O. Lotha, IAS impressed upon the gathering that the Book

Exhibition and Sale is an initiative taken by the Department of Art & Culture to promote local authors and publishers of the State. Various books relating to Naga folktales, Naga history, children literature and research publications were exhibited and sold during the two day event.

A folk song was performed by the 'Angan Konyak Khong' which was followed by poetry reading by Dr. Theyiesinuo Keditsu, Assistant Professor, Kohima College. Rita Krocha, from the Penthrill Publication House, Kohima spoke about the experiences of publishing in Nagaland. Director, Art & Culture, Adela Moa delivered the vote of thanks.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV WEEK, NORTH EAST FESTIVAL CELEBRATED IN KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Week, North East Festival was celebrated at Shilloi Hotel Japfu, Kohima under the theme 'Journey of Nagaland since Statehood' on 28th April 2022.

Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his address said the North East festival is a weeklong festival celebrated in all the states of the North East as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav He said Nagaland has travelled a long time, like the country at the dawn of independence, was underdevelop, lacking infrastructure, and in every aspect considered as a backward country, but now the country is being counted as one of the most influential and most developed countries in the world with the largest democracy, the people have steadfast.

The Home Commissioner also stated, Nagaland has also being marching shoulder to shoulder with every initiative the country has been taking to make the lives of the people better by creating more infrastructure and compared to the figures from the dawn of statehood 60 years

back, now, on every parameter, the State occupies a place among all the states of the country as a proud state with achievement to show, having set a unique features on how the State has been run and others learning from it. He also urged that there are also areas where the State has been lacking and gaps to be filled but with zeal and passion, Nagaland can overcome those gaps and on the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahosav week journey, he called upon all to take a pledge to rededicate themselves and put their passion and zeal to make Nagaland one the most developed states in the country.

During the programme, Mezhur Higher Secondary School students presented a song, a cultural presentation by Angami Cultural Troupe and a Choral by Ameu Usou Zao and the Choir. Presentation on the "Journey of Nagaland since Statehood," and Photography Exhibition on "History of the State" were also displayed by the Department of Information & Public Relations. The programme was chaired by Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor.

SCREENPLAY WRITING TRAINING HELD

The 10-day training in basic course in screenplay writing culminated on 29th April 2022 at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima. The online video conferencing training was conducted by the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations, the nodal department for films in Nagaland.

Speaking at the valedictory service, Deputy Director, IPR, Siewatho Nyusou extended his appreciation to the FTII for conducting the free-of-cost training and Associate Professor, Ashwin B. Sonone for coordinating the same. He also thanked Sudipto Acharyya, the trainer of the course, for imparting his valuable knowledge and skills to the participants. Nyusou appreciated the participants for actively engaging and learning over the course of the training.

Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong mentioned that as part of the countrywide celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, FTII has decided to advance the cause of film education by conducting online short courses,

free of cost, for scheduled tribes participants residing in the State. In January 2022, training in smartphone film making was successfully conducted. She mentioned that courses on Screen Acting and Film Appreciation will be held in the coming days.

Course coordinator, Associate Professor, Ashwin B Sonone praised the participants for the tremendous job adding that the participants from the State have set a very high benchmark. He hoped that works of their works will materialize.

Trainer of the Course, Sudipto Acharyya expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the participants over the course of the training. He stated that it is just the beginning of a journey and encouraged them to continue writing, read books and watch films.

The participants were taught on various aspects of screenplay writing, composition, usage of narrative tools and on how to write a story in cinematic language. They were also taught how to use irony, suspense and thrill in their writings.

ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH EAST INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S FORUM HELD AT DIMAPUR

Under the theme, "Together in Unity," the 2nd Annual General Conference of the North East Indigenous People's Forum was held on 29th April 2022 at NEZCC, Stone Park, 4th Mile, Dimapur. The two-day annual conference was hosted by Nagaland Indigenous People's Forum (NIPF) and held from 29th – 30th April 2022.

Minister for Higher Education & Tribal

Affairs, Temjen Imna Along, speaking as the special guest, thanked Anup Chetia for making the forum into pragmatic and practical way which will carry forward the interest of the indigenous people of the States of the North East in the pursuit of preserving the culture, tradition, heritage and identity. The Minister encouraged the gathering to be assimilative in all approaches.

He hoped that the forum will give an opportunity to know and connect with one another and build a protected and prosperous future for the indigenous people of the North East. He urged the delegates to motive, encourage, preserve, practice, be consistent and pursue it in their very own level.

Chief Convener, NEIPF, Anup Chetia in his keynote address, highlighted that the forum was formed on 7th September 2017 with the objective to work for the greater interest of the indigenous people of the region and to promote and protect indigenous culture, language and identity of our people. He stated that the North East people are attached by a common cord

culture and living style which are different from the rest of the country. Despite the common umbilical thread, at times, the border disputes are created to divide the age old relationship among the north east people, which the NEIPF have vowed to address such issues by creating the common platform among the indigenous people and the need of the hour to uphold the spirit of democracy.

The forum is a platform for meaningful dialogues where indigenous people's representatives convey their concerns, requests and recommendations. The conference was attended by representatives from all the North East States.

APC CHAIRS COORDINATION MEETING

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y Kikheto Sema, IAS chaired the coordination meeting on implementation of PMKUSUM-Solar water pumping for agriculture and Rooftop Solar programme at the Conference Hall of NABARD, Nagaland.

Sema said that agriculture activities cannot be stopped and mentioned that the State Government should take up PMKUSUM as it already has Soil Health Management and Agromet programmes which could be incorporated in the Naga Model Integrated

Settled Agriculture.

Keynote address was delivered by the Senior Director, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Jeeven Jethani, Scientist F, who deliberated on PMKUSUM and Rooftop Solar Energy programmes. He also shared some success stories in other parts of the country, especially in the State of Tripura. GM NABARD, Tiakala briefed on NABARD's role executed in the State of Tripura under RIDF, followed by a PowerPoint presentation.

DIMAPUR DISTRICT WINS THE XXII INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DR. T. AO TROPHY 2022

The XXII Inter-District Football Championship, Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2022 started at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 18th April 2022 with the inaugural programme graced by Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye as the chief guest.

The Championship was organized by Nagaland Football Association (NFA) commemorating 50 Glorious years of NFA) and hosted by Mokokchung District Football Association.

Addressing the mammoth gathering at the programme, Kaito urged the participants

to inculcate the qualities of determination, discipline, and devotion that Dr. T. Ao displayed beside his talents and skill to achieve his dream in life. The Government of Nagaland is giving utmost priority to developing the sports sector to provide opportunities and platforms for our talented youths, he added. He also urged the participants to promote the message of unity to bring communities together.

Special guest on the occasion, Er. Zale Neikha, MLA & Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports encouraged the participants to give their best and continue to work on their skills and talent. Delivering the salutation speech from the host district, Metsubo Jamir, Minister, Rural Development said we are all familiar with the tales and legends that revolve around Dr. T. Ao but one valuable lesson we should learn from his life is the art of being realistic about setting one's goals to succeed in life. The presidential address was delivered by Neibou Sekhose, President of Nagaland Football association while Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS also delivered a short salutation speech on behalf of the host district welcoming the participants from all the district. Earlier in the programme, the welcome address was delivered by Meyisanger Lemtur, President Mokokchung District Football Association.

On 29th April 2022, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio graced the closing function of the XXII Inter-

District Football Championship Dr. T. Ao Trophy, 2022 as the Chief Patron at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung.

Delivering his address on the occasion, the Chief Minister said, North East is the talent bank of the country in the field of games and sports. Naga youth too have tremendous talent and potential but due to factors like poor infrastructure and a lack of an eco-system that promotes sports, the State has not been able to produce results on par with other regions of the country. To this effect, he said that the Government has come up with dedicated effort to create an eco system of sports that will enable the state to produce champions at the highest level.

Short speeches were also delivered by Minister, PWD (Housing & Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum and Vice President, NFA, Kiyeka S. Sumi. Vote of thanks was proposed by Convener, Planning & Organizing Committee, Merentoshi R. Jamir.

In the final match, Dimapur district defeated Mon District 2-0 to lift the XXII Inter-District Championship Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2022. The individual award winners are: Best Goalkeeper - Hemuka (Dimapur); Best Defender - Sanyem Konyak (Mon); Best Midfielder - Toka Assumi (Dimapur); Highest Goal Scorer - Yhunshalo Kent (Tseminyu); Player of the Tournament - Kakhevi Assumi (Dimapur).



Dimapur district, the winner of the XXII Inter District Football Championship, Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2022 with Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour and Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir and other officials at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokochung on 29th April 2022.



MLA, Chotisuh Sazo and Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo along with archery coach and trainees at Vamuzo Memorial Hall, Chozuba town on 26th April 2022.



A two day workshop on 'Emerging Crimes in Cyber Space: Role of Digital Forensics in Cybercrime Investigation' for Senior Police Officers of Nagaland was held at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 25th and 26th April 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with dignitaries and leaders of Angami Public Organisation during celebration of the 50th Anniversary of APO at Khuochiezie, Kohima on 9th April 2022.



The Inter-Ministerial Central Team during their visit to Zunheboto district for assessment of the drought affecting kharif and rabi crops on 21st April 2022.



Joint Director, Information & Public Relations (IPR), Asangla Imsong along with officials and trainees during the 10-day training on basic course in screenplay writing held at the Directorate, IPR, Kohima on 29th April 2022.



The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services distributed sheep and goats to the farmers under the National Livestock Mission.



Phek Town Youth Society Clean Green Operation Committee carried out a tree plantation drive at Phek town on 26th April 2022.

MOCK DRILL AND TABLETOP EXERCISE ON EARTHQUAKE CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

NOKLAK:

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Noklak in collaboration with 12th Battalion National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team conducted a mock drill on earthquake at Noklak Headquarter on 2nd April 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DDMA Noklak, Hiazu Meru.

During the mock drill, the scenario of an earthquake of magnitude 7.9 on the Richter scale striking Noklak at 11 am was enacted. The rescue operation was displayed by the NDRF Kohima team while the Responsible Officer, Incident Commander, Operation Section, Planning Section, and Logistics Section communicated with each other to take stock of the situation. Company Commander, Assam Rifles Noklak, Major Arpit Gupta was the Observer of the mock drill exercise.

NIULAND:

Coordination meeting-cum-tabletop exercise on earthquake simulation mock drill was held at DC office Niuland on 2nd April 2022.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DDMA Niuland, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS briefed the gathering about the role and functions of the DDMA in the district. Meanwhile resource person, Assistant Manager (Relief, Recovery & Mitigation) NSDMA, L. Jonjibemo Odyuo highlighted the function of Incident Report System (IRS) and sequence of events for mock drill, discussion on locally available manpower and its resources. Group exercise was conducted for the command staff and general staff within the IRS structure of DDMA, Niuland.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:



A mock drill on earthquake was conducted at Chümoukedima on 8th April 2022.

District Administration in collaboration with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) conducted a mock drill on earthquake at Chümoukedima on 8th April 2022. The mock drill was done assuming the scenario of an earthquake of magnitude 8.7 on the Richter scale striking Chümoukedima.

Various rescue operation techniques were displayed at the incident site at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School and Bituo Marketing Complex, Chümoukedima. Meanwhile, 1st NAP Aaron Patton, 12 NDRF Assistant Commandant, Sanjay Prasad Sharma and Assistant Manager, NSDMA, Temsuwanshi Jamir witnessed the entire event of mock drill as observers and various suggestions were put forth to the District Administration.

TSEMINYU:

A mock drill on earthquake preparedness was conducted on 12th April 2022 at Christian Baptist School, Tseminyu organized by NSDMA in collaboration with NDRF, SDRF, District Administration, Police, and different departments of the district. Deputy Commissioner Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS presided over the mock drill. The attendees were trained on evacuation drills, search and rescue, and emergency response and coordination during natural calamities. Additionally, the police personnel were trained in First Aid for emergency responses. Nodal Officer, NSDMA Kohima, Thejangulie Zao gave a presentation on IRS structure at DB's Court, Tseminyu.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto District Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) 12 Battalion and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) conducted a mock exercise on 20th April 2022 at Zunheboto.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DDMA Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali said the public should not panic in any eventuality of actual disaster. He called for the SDRF and public to work together and that they should be prepared as the State is located in a high seismic zone.

The mock exercise simulated an 8.5 magnitude earthquake in the district. The exercise was done at the DC's Office Complex and Cornerstone Higher Secondary School to test the government's preparedness to respond to and manage impending disasters.

RIO GRACES MONYU FESTIVAL AT LONGLENG

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio graced the Phom Monyu Festival celebration at Local Ground, Longleng on 5th April 2022.

Greeting the gathering on the occasion of the Phom Monyu Festival celebration at Local Ground, Longleng on 5th April 2022, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, who graced the programme as the special guest, called upon the gathering to promote and preserve the rich culture and heritage by documenting it.

Rio stated that in order to promote and preserve these rich culture and traditions of the

people, Mini Hornbill Festivals and tribal festivals are organised in every district of the State. He exhorted the gathering to promote and protect the rich biodiversity and scenic beauty of the land while cultivating their fields. He advised the people to live with peace and harmony and added that development takes place only in a peaceful environment. Rio also assured for blacktopping of Longleng town roads and asked the Executive Engineer (Roads & Bridges), Longleng to come up with detailed estimate for the project.

The Festival host, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom urged the people to observe the Festival with meaning for a bountiful harvest in every walk of life and to be an agent and torch bearer of change.

Advisor, Tourism, Art & Culture H. Khehovi Yephthomi graced the second day of the Fes-

tival on 6th April 2022 at Local Ground, Longleng.

The highlights of the Monyu Festival were the beating of log drum by Tangha village, cultural dance performance by Hukphang Nyula, Pongo Union, Jakphang village,

Yachem Union, Longleng Sadar, and Yongnyah Block. Traditional competitions were held which included tug of war by 12 Wards of Longleng, stilt bamboo walking, grain grinding, pottery making, blacksmith, handicraft, and mat making.

AOLEANG MONYU CELEBRATED AT MON



Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow addressing the gathering during Aoleang Monyu Festival held at Local Ground, Mon on 5th April 2022.

The inaugural programme of the Aoleang Monyu Festival was held on 5th April 2022 at Local Ground, Mon with the theme, "Re-igniting the Inheritance."

Special guest for the event, Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow in his address conveyed Aoleang greetings to the people of Mon and to the guest of honour, MLA,

Government of Assam, Dharmeswar Konwar and all the visitors on behalf of the Konyaks. He highlighted the history of Naga-Ahom relationship and stressed on the importance of peaceful Naga-Ahom relations and the settlement of all issues through peace and dialogue.

MLA, Dharmeswar Konwar greeted the gathering at Mon on behalf of the people of Assam. Aoleang greetings message was extended by Manlip Konyak while the significance of Aoleang was briefed by Konngam.

The event witnessed Khümshü Loklak by Tangnyu Union, a performance for the remembrance and tribute of Oting massacre by Totok Chingkho Tangshim, cultural troupe display by Sheanghah Union and Wakching Wankon Union.

Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services and State Institute of Rural Development, Pohwang Konyak was the chief guest on the concluding day of the Festival.

SHAMATOR DISTRICT HOLDS ITS FIRST DPDB MEETING

The newest district of Nagaland, Shamator held its first District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Shamator under the chairmanship of Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkiung.

The Chairman highlighted the Shamator town history and thanked all the officers for their services in the district and expressed the need to work together more.

The Board unanimously approved the creation of 23 departments and the upgradation of 12 departments. The Board approved Longthu and Moyit village Primary School in Chessore block and Primary School at Khonangpong village under Shamator. The Board also approved Baptist School, Sotokur village and the upgradation of Class-IX to X of Temjin Memorial School at Kuthur village.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of April was held on 6th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren and Vice-Chairman, Peren DPDB, Sentiwapang Aier.

On the agenda for upgradation of Government Middle School at Jalukie and Samziuram to Government High School, after deliberation, the Board entrusted SDEO-

cum-DEO Peren to collect all the necessary documents from the Directorate before the next DPDB meeting.

The District Public Relations Officer, Peren, Information & Public Relations Department delivered a short departmental presentation. Later, the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) for registration of births and deaths and Peren District Skill Committee (DSC) meeting were also held under the chairmanship of DC, Peren.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEET CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PUGHOBOTO:

The first Pughoboto Inter-Departmental Sports Meet was declared open by MLA Y Vikheho Swu at Local Ground, Pughoboto on 7th April 2022.

Speaking at the two-day event, Swu thanked all the employees posted in Pughoboto for their participation and appealed to them to remain consistent and committed. Adding that every government employee has a big responsibility to shoulder the development of the State as well as the country. He encouraged citizens to contribute in any way to produce sportspeople.

All departments under Pughoboto were divided into four teams namely Tsyui from NAP, DEF, SIB, and NRB departments, Khucho team from District Administration, DEO, Rural Development, and Food & Civil Supplies, Yeti team included the departments of Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Industries & Commerce and School Education, while Tapu team were from PWD, Power, PHED and Social Welfare departments.

CHANGTONGYA:



ADC Tuli, Shaying Sheu along with officials and participants during the 4th Inter-Departmental Football Tournament under Changtongya Sub-Division, Mokokchung on 6th April 2022.

The 4th Inter-Departmental Football Tournament under Changtongya sub-division, Mokokchung, organized by Sub-Division Departmental Co-ordination Forum (SDDCF) started on 6th April 2022.

At the opening function, ADC Tuli Shaying Sheu urged the organizing committee to include women's games too in the next tournament, and he declared the tournament open.

While delivering the vote of thanks, SDO

(C) Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie mentioned the significance of the tournament, which he stated is to bring unity and to get to know all the government employees working under Changtongya sub-division.

WOKHA:

Two-day Wokha District Inter-Departmental Badminton and Table Tennis Open Championship 2022, organized by Wokha District Sports Council in collaboration with Wokha District Badminton Association (WDBA) and Wokha District Table Tennis Association started on 13th April 2022 at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Wokha.

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry who graced the opening ceremony as the special guest encouraged young people to take up sports as

a profession as the Central Government and the State Government is taking a keen interest in building up the capacity of sportspersons.

PHEK:

The Phek District Inter-Departmental Tournament began on 28th April 2022 at Badminton Stadium, Phek with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo as the special guest of the inaugural programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed on the importance of physical fitness for a healthy mental health. He called on the participants to develop friendship through the tournament.

WORKSHOP-CUM-SKILL TRAINING FOR WOMEN HELD IN WOKHA

Workshop-cum-Skill Training for women on use of mobile applications was organised by District Skill Committee (DSC) Wokha, Wokha District Administration, and DLCW-MSK under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima on 6th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha.

The workshop was conducted in three sessions. The first and third session was taken by A. Morimenba Amer, Joint Director, National

Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima. He highlighted the important tips for cyber security. During the second session, Technical Officer, NIELIT, Kohima, Moasunep Kichu presented on digital marketing, and highlighted on how to do social media marketing on Facebook and Instagram platforms.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha thanked the team from NIELIT, Kohima for conducting the skill training for women in the district.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M Shayung Phom on 8th April 2022 at the newly renovated DPDB Hall, Longleng.

The DC exhorted the members to be proactive by sharing their views and suggestions

and redressing their issues for better planning and development of the district.

Principal, Yingli College informed that the College was gearing up for the development of infrastructure and other basic needs of the College for assessment by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC). He said the College is striving hard to improve the

amenities to meet the required standard grading under NAAC and also to fulfill the criteria set by National Education Policy. Besides infrastructure development, he informed that community participation is also necessary for grading the College. The Principal appealed to the members to extend their full cooperation and support, both in-kind and cash, towards the development of the lone college in the district.

Departmental activities were presented by ADS, Food & Civil Supplies, while fortification of rice for better nutrition was proposed by State Technical Officer (Fortification), Shan Ezung.

The DC inaugurated the newly renovated DPDB Hall. The fund for renovation of DPDB Hall under LADP 2001-22 (₹ 5 lakhs) was contributed by MLA and Chairman DPDB, Longleng, B. S. Nganlang Phom.

ASSESSMENT CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

MON:

District Mission Authority, Samagra Shiksha, Mon conducted a block-level assessment camp for Children with Special Needs (CwSNs) for both school-going children and out of school children under Inclusive Education (IE) Mon from 17th to 22nd March 2022 at five different blocks.

The assessment camp was assisted by Soundbeatz Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, TPORC Imphal, District medical staff, and personnel from State Mission Authority, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland. The assessment camp mainly focused on visual impairment, hearing impairment, and locomotor impairment in the age group of 6-18.

The assessment camp was attended by 289 CwSNs out of which 140 turned up from Tobu block, 31 from Aboi block, 21 from Wakching block, 62 from Mon block, and 35 from Tizit block.

The CwSN identified during the assessment camp under hearing impairment in all the blocks received the hearing aids on the spot, while children with visual impairment and locomotor impairment will be provided with

spectacles, artificial limbs, and other appliances soon.

LONGLENG:

Assessment camps for Children with



Assessment camp for Children with Special Needs in the age group of 6-18 years was conducted at EBRC Tamlu and Longleng on 15th and 16th March 2022.

Special Needs (CwSNs) in the age group of 6 to 18 were conducted at EBRC Tamlu and Longleng on 15th and 16th March 2022, under the initiative of Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland. Children with hearing impairment, visual impairment, and locomotor disability were assessed for both in-school and out-of-school children. Hearing aids were distributed to those with hearing impairment during the camps. Altogether, 59 CwSNs attended the camps.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS said that the District will take up cherry plantations around the town for beautification, for which he sought support from all the departments

in the district

The Principal of Zunheboto Government College highlighted the requirements of the College. A PowerPoint presentation by Chief Medical Officer, Zunheboto was given by District Surveillance Officer, Zunheboto, Dr. J Hokugha Sema where the activities of the Department were highlighted.

DEMONSTRATION OF SCIENTIFIC CULTIVATION OF GINGER

ATMA Chunlikha Block, Tseminyu district conducted a demonstration on the scientific cultivation of ginger at Tesophenyu village and Yikhanu village on 29th and 30th March 2022.

A field demonstration was conducted by ATM

Sinlo Khing, ATM Chenobu Seb, and Kebengi Kent. The farmers were imparted with the knowledge of scientific cultivation of ginger and the various cultural operation needed for better production of the crop. Ginger seed (variety-Nadia) was distributed to the farmers.

RD BLOCK ORGANISES FINANCIAL INCLUSION MELA

NOKLAK:

In commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Block Mission Management Unit, Rural Development Block, Noklak organised a one-day Financial Inclusion Mela at the White Hall, Noklak village on 13th April 2022 under the aegis of Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission.

EAC Noklak Headquarter, Kathyinla said to uplift the social economy of the society, SHGs should work hard and try to start something different like detergent and candle making in the District. She also encouraged young girls to take up tailoring, parlour, and catering services in the district.

BDO and BMM Noklak, Namsung Phom shared the importance of Aadhaar Card and a bank account to get the benefit government schemes. While encouraging the SHGs, Phom encouraged them to continue working on income-generating sectors and endeavour to uplift socio-economic condition of the district.

Supervisor, Social Welfare Department, Noklak, Heping shared on National Social Assistance Programme such as IGNOAPS, IGNWPS, IGNDPS, and NPBS schemes. Under the Integrated Child Development Services, Heping elaborated on supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, immunization, referral services, health check-up, and nutrition and health education.

SBI, Noklak Bank staff, Worreithing Ruivah shared on PMJJBY, and PMSBY schemes -its benefits and eligibility. Worreithing explained about savings account, recurrent account, fixed deposit, Public Provided Fund, and Atal Pension Yojana.

District Coordinator, Health/ASHA Noklak, Mono shared on AB-PMJAY where he explained in detail Ayushman Bharat - its criteria and benefits of the scheme. During the occasion facilitation of various schemes like SBI/A/C opening for individuals and new SHGs, loan form filling up/sanctioning, insurance enrollment in PMJJBY-PMSBY, APY, and

enrollment in AB-PMJAY were conducted.

MON:

Block Mission Management Unit, Mon Block, Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Development Department on 14th April 2022 organised Financial Inclusion Mela at Town Council Hall, Mon in commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Special guest, EAC Mon Headquarter, M. Khenpa in his speech stressed on the

importance of financial inclusion and urged upon the SHGs to utilize the benefits of financial institutions and other government schemes.

Resource persons ADPM, DMMU, Mon, M. Hangsha Konyak, CDPO, Social Welfare Mon, H. Laitak Konyak, UDA, Agriculture Mon, Youngwan, Assistant Branch Manager NSCB Mon, Gaijonlong, District Manager, CSC Mon, Methna L Konyak, Supervisor NTEP Mon, Loshon, Counselor ICTC Mon, Ngamnye, addressed the gathering on various topics with key focus on financial inclusion.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 11th April 2022 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Phek. The meeting was chaired by ADC,

Phuleshe K. Yepthomi.

PowerPoint presentations were given by the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Transport departments.

15th SOUTHERN ANGAMI VAC EMERGES AS BEST PERFORMING VAC UNDER KOHIMA DISTRICT

The Village Adoption Committee (VAC) of 15th Southern Angami - II Assembly Constituency, adopting Sakhabama village with its theme as 'Towards achieving a sustainable Sakhabama' emerged as the Best Performing VAC under the aegis of Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) activities for the year 2021-2022. The second Best Performing VAC was awarded to the 8th Western Angami Assembly Constituency with Mezoma village as its adopted village. The two best performing VACs were announced during the Kohima DPDB meeting held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 13th April 2022.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes and took up the agenda on upgradation of SECHEM School, Nerhema village Class VII-VIII, upgradation of GMS Meriema to that of High School, and introduction of science stream at

Dr. Neilhouzhü Kire Higher Secondary School, Seikhasou. The Board after considering the necessity in the district to facilitate the student community has decided to recommend the matters to the Government for further necessary action.

On the agenda of rechristening of Government Higher Secondary School Kigwema, Medo Yhokha shared the backdrop of the school and the genuine desire of the four villages i.e. Kigwema, Mima, Pfuchama and Phesama under Southern Angami area, which was also recommended by the Board to the Government. On the proposal of establishment of Urban Development office for Kohima district moved by MLA Khriehu Liezietsu, Dr. Nicky also pressed upon the need to have a separate office for Kohima district to take up the district affairs, to which the Board decided to recommend the matter to the Government for further necessary

action.

Dr. Nicky also reiterated on the introduction of Village Adoption programme to other districts and requested the members to share it to fellow friends as he felt that the programme would be beneficial to the deserving section of the people at the grassroot level for other districts as well. The Board decided to share the documented VAC's programme to the Government and other districts.

Pointing out the need of District Officers

to participate in the area of capital building particularly on cleanliness and sanitation as emphasized by the Chief Minister during last year's DPDB day out, DC said that though some initiatives had been undertaken involving all government departments, stakeholders and agencies, there are still many areas which needs to be attended to. He therefore further sought cooperation from all departments and requested them to ensure their participation in respective areas towards building up the capital.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of March and April 2022 was held on 14th April 2022 at ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical) and Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Tongpang Ozukum.

Health & Family Welfare Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana while District Agriculture Officer presented on PM- Kisan Samman Nidhi focussing of the implementation initiatives of the project in the district. District Sports Officer also briefed the Board on 'Khelo India.'

After thorough deliberation the Board

approved the following schools for upgradation: upgradation of Langpangkong Tzukong Government High School, Chuchuyimlang to Higher Secondary School with science stream and upgradation of R. C. Chiten Jamir Memorial GHS, Changtongya to Higher Secondary level (arts stream). The Board also approved the proposal for running of Kinder Garden School at Mangmetong village. The Board also approved grant for Impur Christian Hospital, for which the Chairman will forward the matter for the next financial year, 2022-2023. The meeting also approved the upgradation of VHC to Veterinary Dispensary at Moalenden under Longsa jurisdiction. Registration of Language Translation Centre Society and augmentation of resource outlet was presented by Fazl Ali College.

TSEMINYU DPDB DELIBERATES ON DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was conducted at Deputy Commissioner's Chamber, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,

Women Resource Development and Chairman, Tseminyu DPDB, R. Khing on 14th April 2022.

The Board discussed on upgradation of various department office under Tseminyu district and it was agreed to send the proposal to

the higher authority. It also proposed for Master Plan for Tseminyu District Headquarter and agreed to send the proposal to the Government to acquire 250-500 acres of land. The Board also took up the matter relating to creation of new administrative units and invitation of development activities under Kasha jurisdiction. The members deliberated on introduction of science and commerce streams at Government Higher Secondary School, Tseminyu and agreed

to forward the proposal to the higher ups.

Construction of office building for SDEO Tseminyu, establishment of District Education Officer's Office and upgradation of Deputy CVO Office to Chief Veterinary Office were also discussed and will be forwarded to the concerned authority. The Board also discussed on establishment of Eklavya Model Residential School at Chunlikha under Article-275(1).

VARIOUS TRAINING CONDUCTED BY ATMA

TSEMINYU:



ATMA Tseminyu, Chunlikha Block conducted a training programme on different application methods of trichoderma on summer vegetable crops at Chunlikha village on 12th April 2022.

ATMA Tseminyu, Chunlikha Block conducted a training programme on different application methods of trichoderma on summer vegetable crops on 12th April 2022 at Chunlikha village. The training was conducted by ATM, Kebegi Kent who taught the farmers what trichoderma is and how it can benefit them in controlling various fungal diseases and promote their crops. She also taught them the various application methods and dosage of the bio-control agent.

The use of this bio-control agent not only fights diseases but also enhances the growth of the plants. It can be used either in dry or wet formulation or slurry. It is used in seed treatment, nursery treatment, seedling root dip and foliar application. For seed treatment 5 grams of trichoderma is mixed with 1 Kg seeds, air dried for half hour and is ready to be sowed. For seedling root dip 10-20 grams of trichoderma is mixed well in 1 litre of water and the roots of the seedlings are dipped in the solution for 15 minutes, shade dried for 15 minutes and then transplanted.

KOHIMA:

ATMA Botsa Block, Kohima district conducted training and field demonstration on scientific cultivation practices on intercropping of maize and french bean at Gariphe Basa village on 1st April 2022.

The resource persons ATM Neitsizo Zumvu at the training emphasized on the technical and modern scientific system of farming. Factors such as climatic conditions, soil type, management practices and cropping systems were imparted to them. ATM Hainenle

Tep shared on the cultivation practices of french bean. The various practices involved with it, like the time of sowing, seed rate and method of sowing, weed management and harvesting of the crop and advised the farmers to maintain appropriate crop spacing so as to get optimum yield per unit area, and also on the importance of proper cultivation practices.

Demonstrations on cultivation practices of kharif crops were also organized at Gariphema

village on 12th April 2022. The resource person, Hainenle Tep shared on the climatic requirements, soil type, raising of seedlings, transplanting, spacing and irrigation. Nursery beds for brinjal and tomato were raised with the participation of the farmers.

Altogether, 25 farmers attended the activities and they were provided with maize, french bean, brinjal, tomato and chilli seeds.

FIRE AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS



A personnel demonstrating safety measures to extinguish fire during an awareness programme on Fire & Emergency Services held at Noklak on 19th April 2022.

NOKLAK:

As part of the National Fire Service Week, Fire & Emergency Services, Noklak conducted an awareness programme on 19th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the theme, 'Learn fire safety, increase productivity.'

During the programme Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that most fire incidents happen due to carelessness and added that it is very important to have an awareness programme on fire safety.

The DC mentioned that most of the buildings in Noklak are constructed with timber without any fire safety. He therefore urged that while constructing buildings, safety measures should be given importance to save lives and properties. He extended his appreciation to all

the fire emergency staff of Noklak for working tirelessly and performing round-the-clock duty.

Officer-in-Charge F&ES Noklak, Thenuosielie Pielie explained the importance of National Fire Service Week and elaborated on classes of fire. Hands-on demonstration on LPG cylinder, fire extinguisher handling, and improvised method in rescuing/ first aid was demonstrated by F&ES Noklak personnel.

KIPHIRE:

Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Kiphire commemorated 'Fire Service Week' on 20th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire. The programme was held under the theme – 'Learn fire safety, increase productivity.'

In her short speech, Apila President of Akehta Sangtamlaru Thsingmujang spoke on the

importance of people's awareness to assist the firefighters during fire emergencies.

Tsarose Sangtam, Officer-in-Charge of Fire Station, Kiphire delivered a PowerPoint presentation on 'Fire Prevention and Protection System.' This was followed by a discussion where basic fire fighting, importance of fire

fighting appliances and equipments, and the National Building Code were discussed.

Drills and demonstrations were also carried out in session two held at the helipad, where HoDs, CSO leaders, and ward representatives participated.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Noklak district was held on 18th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics and Chairman, Noklak DPDB, L. Khumo

Khumo urged all the members to be regular in DPDB meetings and requested all members of different departments to share their views. He requested all the members to have a constructive discussion.

Vice-Chairman DPDB and DC Noklak, Hiazu Meru briefed the Board on the meeting held

with NITI Aayog on Sustainable Development Goals of the District. He asked the concerned department to submit the various data on time.

During the meeting, the Board approved and recommended for recognition of Hanyuk village. It also discussed the construction of staff quarters and security fencing of the health unit under Noklak district, and the NST Bus Service from Noklak to Thonoknyu via Nokhu. The Board also discussed the urgent need to establish a college at Noklak, as there is no college in the district at present. The proposals were approved and recommended to the concerned departments.

PEREN DISTRICT CAB MEETING HELD

Peren District CHILDLINE Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was held on 18th April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of SDO (C) Peren, Kemciyile.

A short PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Counsellor, CHILDLINE Peren, Ganchuimei wherein she briefed on CHILDLINE and its activities, intervention cases, advocacy issues, visibility, and achievements for the period from April 2021-April 2022. This was followed by a review of the status of the previous CAB meeting agenda which was followed by a discussion of the current agenda which includes: to translate

POCSO Act (2012) into local language viz., Zeme, Liangmai, Rongmei, and Kuki; to conduct special drives against underage driving and regular checks near schools and town areas; to organize a one-day seminar on child rights and child protection with community based organization and to conduct orientation and training for Village Child Protection Committee in collaboration with DCPU.

SDO (C) Peren, Kemciyile requested CHILDLINE team to coordinate with the departments and stakeholders for follow-up on the agenda discussed and implementation of the same.

TRAINING ON SOFT SKILL & IT SKILLS HELD
TUENSANG:

The Chang Wedoshi Setshang (Chang Apex Students Conference) in collaboration with Nagaland Tribal Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs and funded by TRI Division, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India organized a one-day training on Basic Soft Skill & IT Skills at CKS Hall Tuensang on 19th April 2022.

ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe who was the guest of honour encouraged the student trainees to be sincere since it will be important for life. He said social media is very helpful in life but one should know how to handle it. He also exhorted the trainees that this is the right age and stage for one to build a career and prepare for life.

The resource persons of the training were Aolemla Imsong, Superintendent, Child Protection Service Nagaland, and Tiamongla Kichu, SPA Social Welfare Department. The topics of the training were based on interpersonal skills, communication skills, basic internet skills,

optimizing the use of mobile phones, planning and management, and safety etiquette.

NOKLAK:

A one-day Basic Soft Skill & IT Skills training was held at Noklak village on 20th April 2022 at White Hall, Noklak, organized by Nagaland Tribal Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said organizing such training is very important for the youngsters to brighten their future careers, the higher level we go the higher skills we need, he added. He said we are living in a country with high population, high competition but there are limited jobs available therefore he said knowing soft skills and IT is very important while pursuing a career in government or private sector.

Resource persons were Superintendent of Child Protection Services, Aolemla Imsong, and SPA, PMMVY, Tiamongla Kichu.

WOMEN GRAM SABHA CONDUCTED AT LIZU NAGHUTO VILLAGE ZUNHEBOTO


Participants of the the first-ever women-only Gram Sabha held at Lizu Naghuto Village Council Hall, Zunheboto on 19th April 2022.

Lizu Naghuto Village Council under Zunheboto Block conducted the first-ever

women-only Gram Sabha in Zunheboto on 19th April 2022 at Lizu Naghuto Village Council Hall.

The programme was initiated as part of the gender friendly village for creating clusters of Model Gram Panchayat to achieve holistic and sustainable development through institutional strengthening of Gram Panchayats.

Women Welfare Officer, Ikali Wokhami spoke on the financial and political empowerment of women with special reference to Zunheboto district. District Coordinator, Kiyepu gave an introduction to different schemes and programmes for women's welfare and empowerment. Meanwhile,

OC Women Police Station Zunheboto, Kengbame covered topics including women's safety, sexual harassment, and gender stereotyping. Central Administrator, Sakhi-OSC Zunheboto, Alovini Yeptho spoke on services provided by Sakhi-OSC.

The Gram Sabha conducted a general discussion on issues and challenges faced by the women in the village, and the discussion led to the formation of the Women Grievance Cell to address women's issues and help them in getting legal advice.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON RIGHTS OF PwDs ACT 2016 HELD AT TUENSANG

Programme on sensitization and awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwDs) Act 2016 for State Government officials was held at Town Hall, Tuensang on 20th April 2022 which was organized by Mission Mode Team (Accessible India Campaign) in collaboration with the office of the State Commissioner for PwDs. The programme was attended by heads of government departments, leaders of NGOs, and church leaders.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro addressed the gathering on RPwDs Act 2016, status of implementation and way forward. She added that the RPwD Act 2016 is not just only for the government

functionaries but it includes the private, religious, NGOs, and other social institutions. A negative attitude towards the PwDs is still prevalent in our society, many PwDs children still find it hard to get access to education systems due to lack of trained teachers, infrastructural accessibilities, curriculum, etc. which needs to be addressed, she added.

Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Apila Sangtam spoke on Court directives, legal implication of non-compliance, where he highlighted on the directives of the Supreme Court, rights and entitlement, education, skill development and employment. She also shed light on writ petition, duties and responsibilities of the appropriate institutions, and offences and penalties as prescribed under the RPwD Act 2016.

ANNA YOJANA & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UNDER 'AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV' CELEBRATED ACROSS DISTRICTS

NOKLAK:

Celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 21st April 2022, organized by the Food & Civil Supplies Department.

Speaking on the occasion as special

guest, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is a scheme where additional foodgrains is allocated to all the beneficiaries covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System free of cost. DC mentioned that the scheme is a pro-poor initiative and taken up as a part of the

economic response to COVID-19 to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by the pandemic. Under the scheme additional foodgrains of 5 Kg per person per month is distributed, DC added. Meru also released a brochure during the occasion.

Senior Inspector of Supplies, Noklak, Metsisieto Zhasa in his keynote address informed that five phase of PMGKAY has been successfully implemented in the district. He also informed that PMGKAY Phase -VI has been flagged off which is scheduled from April 2022 to September 2022.

LONGLENG:

Celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held on 21st April 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng with ADC Headquarter, D. Robin as the special guest. The programme was organised by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Longleng.

ZUNHEBOTO:

A programme for the celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System (PDS), covering the PMGKAY scheme and as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' was held at Zunheboto District on 22nd April 2022 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS as the special guest.

Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS), Zunheboto, Kiyevi I. Swu, while giving a brief report on PMGKAY said that the scheme which was earlier initiated on phase basis of four months began on April 2020 and continued till date, with the 6th phase ending on September 2022.

WOKHA:

Celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under 'Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav' was held at Tiya Hall, Wokha on 21st April 2022 with ADC, Wokha, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao as the special guest.

ADS Wokha, Mhonthung Tungoe while giving a brief report stated that in Nagaland, the Department of Food & Civil Supplies has successfully implemented Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and it has started the Phase 6, from April 2022 and will be completed in September 2022. In Wokha, PMGKAY has immensely benefitted 18,756 cardholders with a population of 59,827, the Central Government has provided an additional phase making it 6 phases which the ADS (F&CS) said is a good opportunity and urged all beneficiaries to avail the benefit.

TUENSANG:



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS releasing a manual on Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 26th April 2022.

Celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, organized by Food & Civil Supplies Department, was held at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 26th April 2022.

Special guest of the programme, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS stated that PMGKAY scheme has served the public well during the pandemic and has benefitted the beneficiaries to a great extent, for which he also appreciated the Department and the stakeholders who were involved in the implementation part.

KIPHIRE:

Celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' organised by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS), Kiphire was conducted at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 27th April 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier mentioned that Kiphire being an Aspirational District, many schemes under various departments are developing the District. The DC released a brochure during the occasion.

MON:

Food & Civil Supplies Department, Mon observed the celebration of Anna Yojana & Public Distribution System under, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 26th April 2022.

Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Mon, Neisazo Domeh highlighted that the PMGKAY Phase - VI was flagged off on 7th April 2022 from FCI Depot, Dimapur.

JUSTICE SERTO GRACES MINI CAMP AT KIPHIRE

The Kiphire District Legal Services Authority under the aegis of NALSA organized a Mini Camp at Public Ground, Kiphire on 23rd April 2022 with Judge, Gauhati High Court, Executive Chairman NALSA Portfolio Judge of Kiphire District, Justice Songkhupchung Serto as special guest.

While addressing the public gathering, Serto said that the Mini Camp is organized with stalls set up by various departments to highlight various schemes, awareness, and activities being provided by the Government of India for the benefit of the people in the District. Serto said that one's profession is chosen by God to serve the people but not to rule the people, and urged the government servants to make a difference in their district by their presence and contribution.

Serto while emphasizing on the education sector said that education is important

for children, and added that without education, children have no future. He also said that the village authorities and teachers are responsible to take care of children by providing quality education as the Government has provided good infrastructure for better education.

NJS Secretary (Judicial), Justice & Law Department, Nino Iralu in her address said that Mini Camp is being organised to provide opportunities to the people under various departments and said that District Legal Services Authority is set in the district to assist people with any queries and help.

Awareness of three schemes and activities under the departments of Social Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, and Right To Education were highlighted by Advocate, Bendangwati Sangtam, Michael, and Advocate, Limkhushi.

COMBINED DPDB MEETING HELD

The combined District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland districts was held at Land Resource Centre, Ruzaphema on 22nd April 2022.

DC and Vice-Chairman, Dimapur DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS chaired the meeting while Advisor and Chairman Dimapur DPDB, Zhaleo Rio delivered the opening remarks.

All the five legislators from Dimapur

attended the meeting and delivered short speeches. The five legislators thanked the present government for creating two new districts from Dimapur i.e. Chümoukedima and Niuland districts for the sole purpose of administrative convenience. The legislators urged the officers for guiding and facilitating the inconveniences of the public in the newly created districts.

Commissioner of Police (CP), Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo briefed the gathering about the law and order situation in Dimapur. According to the CP, traffic congestion and road accidents are some of the major challenges, for which he advocated the need for more CCTV cameras in the District.

Deputy Commissioner, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam in his short speech opined that Dimapur, Chümoukedima, and Niuland districts being the modern face of Nagaland need to be developed in every aspect.

Agenda discussed in the meeting included a change of nomenclature from Logos School to Footprints Academy, Pillar School Diphupar A village to Amazing Grace Mission Centre at Seithekema A village, and the opening

of a new school by the name Dohron Kids Academy was recommended by the members.

The Board also approved the upgradation of schools which included Government High School, Lingrijan to Government Higher Secondary School, Lingrijan, Ebenezer Public School, Sewak Lotha colony, N. N. Nagi School, Kuda village A- Khel, GPS Ikishe Dimapur GHS and Molvon to Government Higher Secondary School, Dimapur.

The Board approved in principle the renaming of Nagarjan Road to Nimesdo Sakhrie Road subject to submission of NOC. The establishment of a Mobile Dispensary Medical Outreach Service Centre was approved by the Board after deliberation. The establishment of the Co-Educational Institute Berachah MPCS Ltd. was agreed upon in principle by the members subject to the submission of the verification report.

Society registration for Children's Hope Library, Dimapur District Welfare Society, Deaf Community of Nagaland, Naharbari Dimapur and Haemophilia Society Nagaland Chapter, Ayimti Sector B Dimapur, were recommended by the Board.

BLOCK LEVEL HEALTH MELA CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

JAKHAMA, KOHIMA:

In commemoration of 75th year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the Block Level Health Mela was held at Jakhama Primary Health Centre (PHC) under Kohima district on 25th April 2022. The Mela was organised by the District Health Society Kohima, Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).

The Mission Director (NHM), Dr. Thorusie Katiry spoke on the key services to be

provided during the Health Mela which includes maternal and child health, family planning, IEC-family welfare, reproductive transmitted illnesses, sexually transmitted illnesses, AIDS screening and treatment, NCD, meditation and lifestyle counselling, tobacco and alcohol cessation, cancer prevention awareness, communicable diseases related on personal/environmental hygiene, leprosy control, TB control, malaria, skin care, eye care on refractive error, cataract screening, digital health ID creation - ABDM, Ayushman Bharat card issuance, general health

check-up, tele-consultation with specialists, Indian system of medicine - ayurveda, yoga, unani, homeopathy, awareness on exhibition of all services, field publicity - using local folk, art and play, ENT screening and dental consultation.

CHANGTONGYA:

In commemoration of 75th year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' a Block Level Health Mela, organised by the District Health Society, Mokokchung was held at Community Health Centre, Changtongya on 26th April 2022.

Altogether, 290 persons availed the medical services. Free medicines were also distributed during the event.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

Commemorating the 75th year of India's Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the 2nd Block Level Health Mela was held at Community Health Centre, Chiephobozou, Kohima on 27th April 2022 organised by District Health Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare (NHM) in collaboration with the departments of State Health Authority, Food Safety (FSSAI), Youth Affairs & Sports, AYUSH, School Education, Information & Broadcasting, Women & Child Development, Panchayati Raj Institution, Directorate of Urban Development and Directorate of Art & Culture, supported by Ministry of Health & Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

Stalls for reproductive child health, NCD, communicable diseases, eye care, general awareness, ENT, and dental were opened for the public during the Health Mela, where medicines were also given to the patients free of cost. Altogether, 24 villages under Chiephobozou Block were covered during the Health Mela.

BHANDARI:

The District Health Society, Wokha conducted a health mela for Bhandari Block in commemoration of 75th year of India's Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Town Hall, Bhandari on 28th April 2022.

Key services such as general OPD care, dental, eye care and screening, child, mother and pregnancy care, vaccination for infants and COVID-19, AYUSH and counselling for substance abuse, addiction and awareness on HIV/AIDS, etc. were made available during the Health Mela. Information, education and communication on healthcare and related services were also disseminated through informative pamphlets, fliers and booklets in the programme.

SECHÜ-ZUBZA:



An elderly citizen availing medical service during the Block Level Health Mela held at Primary Health Centre Sechü-Zubza, Kohima on 28th April.

A Block Level Health Mela was held at Primary Health Centre Sechü-Zubza, Kohima on 28th April 2022, organised by District Health Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare (NHM) in collaboration with the AYUSH, Women & Child Development, Panchayati Raj Institution, Directorate of Urban Development, supported by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

More than 300 patients availed free medical facilities and services during the Health Mela.

MANGKOLEMBA:

As part of the celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' a Block Level Health Mela organised by District Health Society, Mokokchung was held at Community Health Centre, Mangkolemba on 28th April 2022.

Patients from Mangkolemba Sadar were provided with various services such as child speciality, bone speciality, eye speciality, medicine speciality, dental, ENT and AYUSH by doctors from Imkongmeren District Hospital, Mokokchung.

As part of the Block Level Health Mela and to foster and inculcate the habit of well-being amongst the student, a Yoga awareness programme was conducted at Town Hall Mangkolemba on 28th April 2022. The programme was conducted by trainers from Information Education and Communication (IEC) Chief Medical Office, Mokokchung. The Yoga session was conducted by Instructor, Aosenla I Imsong and Instructor, Meren N Longkumer while a health talk was presented by Imnutnangnen.

TESOPHENYU:

District Health Society, Tseminyu conducted a Health Mela at Primary Health Centre Tesophenyu in commemoration of 75th year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' which was graced by Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R Khing on 29th April 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS expressed his gratitude to the H&FW Department for supplying medicines

to the rural people and the committee members for their cooperation.

CHEDEMA:

A health mela, in commemoration of 75th years of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' was held at Chedema Health and Wellness Centre, Kohima on 30th April 2022. It was organised by the District Health Society Kohima, Department of Health & Family Welfare (NHM) and supported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo while chairing the programme said that the National Health Mission (NHM) has been contributing in transforming the healthcare facilities, the services and strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in effective manner. She said that one of the intervention in this direction is organising health melas, where information on the wellness, behaviour, preventive measures for diseases along with the healthcare services for early detection and treatment of diseases have been found to be popular amongst the masses.

WOKHA:

Commemorating the 75th year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Wokha conducted a Block Level Health Mela for Wokha Sadar Block at Likya Community Hall on 30th April 2022.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Wokha Dr. Zuben Kikon while highlighting the importance of organizing health mela said that it is not only to provide health check-up free of cost but also to create awareness to the public on various healthcare schemes and programmes initiated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, with efforts to bring health

services to every doorstep with the target of improving health status of the general population.

CHOZUBA:

A one-day Block Level Health Mela was organised at Community Health Centre (CHC), Chozuba on 30th April 2022. The medical team comprising of doctors with different specialities was led by Senior Medical Officer, CHC Chozuba, Dr. Imchatoshi.

People from different sections of the society, both young and old, availed the free medical services. Services such as PMJAY registration, Tele Consultation and e-Shram were also provided during the Health Mela.

TENING:

In commemorating the 75th year of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' a health mela was held at Tening Community Health Centre on 30th April 2020.

The programme was chaired by MO Tening, Dr. Menangtongzuk, while MO, AYUSH Tening, Dr. Nuksung gave a brief highlight of the Block Level Health Mela.

AHTHIBUNG:

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the District Health Society Peren organised a Block Level Health Mela at Primary Health Centre Ahthibung, Peren on 30th April 2022.

Various ailments were screened and checked by a team of doctors including a medicine specialist, a dentist, a skin specialist, an AYUSH MO, an ophthalmic assistant, four CHOs, and various nurses, lab technicians, and assistants. The District Team was led by DPO (RCH & UIP), Dr. Kiholi.

Altogether, 262 OPDs were recorded, 78 diabetes and hypertension screenings were done, 55 cataract screening, 40 Yoga and meditation participants, 5 TB screening, 50 screening for oral cancer, 10 malaria screening, 3 Hepatitis-B screening, 30 ABHA Health IDs created and 10 Ayushman Bharat Health Cards were also issued during the Health Mela.

The health camp was successfully organised and conducted under the guidance of MO AYUSH, Dr. Vezokholu together with MO, Dr. Thangmang, MO, Dr. Arba, and BPM Ahthibung Block, Tamsumenla Kipgen.

KISAN MELA HELD ACROSS THE DISTRICTS

JALUKIE:

Farmers' Fair-cum-Exhibition on Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Farmers Scientist Interaction under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was jointly organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Peren and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Peren on 26th April 2022 at KVK Farm, Jalukie. The



ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang addressing the gathering during the Farmers' Fair-cum-Exhibition on Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Farmers Scientist Interaction programme held at KVK Farm, Jalukie 26th April 2022.

programme was graced by ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang as the chief guest while NZPO President, Kevipelie and DEAN, CAU, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Jalukie were the special guests.

Speaking in the inaugural programme, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang stressed on sustainable farming and crop insurance scheme which will benefit the farmers in the district. In this regard, he requested the concerned department to initiate relief schemes for the welfare of the farmers.

Dean, CAU, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Jalukie in his address said KVK and ATMA share the same mandate and one goal, i.e. the upliftment of the farmers. He emphasized on water conservation and rain water harvesting as well as priority wise use of water. He added that management of water resources is the main area which needs to be looked after in Nagaland, for this the community and individual concerned should also play an important role and work together with KVK and ATMA.

WOKHA:

Under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' District Kisan Mela celebration was held on 26th April 2022 at Tiya Hall, Wokha with Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Governing Board, ATMA, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha as the special guest.

Deputy Commissioner on behalf of the farmers expressed gratitude to the Government and Department for organising such events to sensitize and train the farmers, which he said will help farmers boost their economy. The DC also said, under KVK numerous trainings are imparted and urged the people to take advantage of the services available.

Soil & Water Conservation Officer, Wokha, Lidemo informed that the Department has

started the soil testing in a phase manner, where 1 (one) village is selected from each of the 7 (seven) blocks under Wokha district during the first phase and works are almost on the verge of completion after which Soil Health Card (SHC) will be issued to all the farmers. He further informed that in the second phase five villages will be selected from every block to expedite the work and urged all villagers to extend support during this exercise.

KOHIMA:

ATMA Kohima district in collaboration with KVK, Tesophenyu organised a day long Kisan Mela under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Farmers participation is our priority' campaign.

As per the directives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, a day long Kisan Mela was organised at High School Junction, Kohima with women FIG/CIG/FSG and progressive farmers from all the seven blocks of Kohima district.

ATMA Kohima also disseminated technical folders in local dialect under the guidelines of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The folder includes some schemes such as Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs), National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), Kisan Credit Card Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Farmers Scientist Interaction was also conducted during the Kisan Mela where Senior Scientist and Head KVK Tesophenyu Kohima, Ruokuovilie Mezhatu along with his team interacted with the farmers.

LONGLENG:

ATMA Longleng and KVK Longleng organised a day-long District Level Krishi Mela

of Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari Campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 26th April 2022. The programme was chaired by DAO Longleng, Sugangmar Longchar.

The officials from agri and allied departments highlighted their ongoing schemes and projects available for the farmers. The highlights of the day included farmers-scientist

interaction, felicitations of progressive farmers from Longleng, Tamlu, and Sakshi blocks for their contribution in the field of agriculture, horticulture, and livestock, exhibition of agricultural tools and implements were also showcased during the programme. 107 farmers from different blocks and villages participated in the programme.

FREE ARCHERY COACHING CAMP FOR GIRLS LAUNCHED AT CHOZUBA

MLA, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo inaugurated the Free Archery Coaching Camp for Girls under the flagship of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), organised by District Administration and DLCW - Mahila Shakti Kendra, Phek in collaboration with Chakhesang Archery Association at Chozuba on 26th April 2022.

Dr. Sazo speaking as the special guest said that Nagas have the potential to win even in the Olympics. He said Chekrovolu Swuro, who participated in the Olympic, is from the area and the young sportspersons in the area also

have the potential in rifle shooting and archery with proper discipline and encouraged them to master their trait through the training camp.

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo said games and sports are part of children's life and one can make a livelihood through sports. He appealed to the young people to maintain discipline with enthusiasm for the coaching camp.

Nagaland Archery Coach, Hunezo Thisa shared the purpose of organising the free coaching camp at Chozuba.

WORKSHOP-CUM-SKILL TRAINING FOR WOMEN HELD AT JALUKIE

National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima in collaboration with District Skill Committee (DSC), Peren District Administration, DLCW-MSK Peren under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Jalukie Battalion Assam Rifles organised a workshop-cum-skill training for women at Women Welfare Hall, Jalukie town on 27th April 2022 with NIELIT Kohima, Joint Director, Daniel Meren and Technical Officer, Moasunep Kichu as

the resource persons.

It was held under the theme 'Capacity building in IECT including training in digital skill sets and current industry demanding technologies for various sections of society in the NE States.' During the programme, the participants were made aware on the topics - use of mobile applications for digital payment, e-Governance services, IT applications, digital marketing and cyber security.

SAKHI - ONE STOP CENTRE INAUGURATED AT MON

Advisor, Social Welfare and Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Noke Wangnao inaugurated the Sakhi One Stop Centre (OSC) building at Mon on 1st April 2022.

Speaking at the inaugural, Noke congratulated the District Administration headed by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS for finishing the project at a record time under limited funds.

A brief report on OSC building

construction was given by EAC Mon and Nodal Officer, OSC Mon, Molosangla. The project was completed within a period of six months with a total budget allocation of Rs. 48,69,372/-. As per the guidelines of the Ministry, the total area of the ground floor is 1100 sq. ft. and 300 sq. ft. for the first floor, however, in order to provide ample space for the victims and functionaries, OSC Mon was completed with a total area of 1680 sq. ft. for the ground floor and 1064 sq. ft. for the first floor.

THE HANS FOUNDATION DONATES 9 MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS TO MON



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Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Noke Wangnao expressed appreciation to the Hans Foundation on behalf of all the elected members from the district for bringing the project to the district.

COO of the Hans Foundation, Brig. Shalendra S. Katariya urged the Hans workers to make sure that the service reaches the last household in the district.

The MMUs are all-terrain 4x4 customized ambulances aimed at reaching all the villages in Mon district to provide basic primary healthcare, generic medicines, and laboratory services in the rural setup at a subsidized rate.

Out of the nine MMUs, four will be stationed at Mon Headquarter, two at Tizit, two at Aboi, and one at Tobu, and will visit all the villages in the district once a month. Each MMU will have a Qualified Doctor, ANM, Pharmacist, Lab Technician, Social Development Officer, and Driver with a total of 54 employees for all the 9 MMUs who would be managed by the Foundation.

S. KEOSHU YIMKHIUNG FLAGS OFF NST SERVICE AT CRESSORE

The Nagaland State Transport (NST) service at Chessore was flagged off by Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung.

The Advisor thanked the Government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu

Rio and Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation and Railways, Land Resources, Pawai Konyak for making the dream come true for the people of Chessore sub-division.

Pastor, Town Baptist Church Chessore, Tokiumong delivered the dedicatory prayer.

SUKHALU INAUGURATES GHS AT PEREN



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu along with Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang, Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan and other officials during the inauguration of the newly upgraded Government High School at DC Colony, Peren on 7th April 2022.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu inaugurated the newly upgraded Government High School at DC colony and introduction of Science Stream at Government Higher Secondary School, Peren on 7th April 2022.

K.T Sukhalu in his inaugural address

said that educating a child is a collective responsibility of both the community and the department. He congratulated all the teachers for their valuable efforts in managing the school in spite of limited resources and assured to provide the required facilities and said that the process for infrastructure is in progress and shortage of qualified post graduate teachers will be addressed soon across

the State.

Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang and Advisor, horticulture and Border affairs, Mhathung Yanthan also spoke on the occasion.

RUSOMA HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE INAUGURATED

Director (Health Office) USAID, Sangita Patel inaugurated the Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) Rusoma, Kohima on 13th April 2022.

Addressing the villagers and department officials present, Sangita acknowledged the commendable support and participation towards

the Department in the development of Rusoma – HWC since 2019. She stated that such kind of partnership between the Government and community can be shared with other states and can be taken as a model for them.

Mission Director, National Health

Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Thorhusie Katiry said that with the Health Unit being converted to Health & Wellness Centre, the health services have improved with increased OPD, commencement of institutional delivery. He added that Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre and the placement of Community Health Officers (CHOs) in the HWC has brought about quality healthcare closer to the people. He urged upon the villagers to take advantage of the HWC and the service rendered through it, and most importantly, to give

their full support to the team posted there.

NISHTHA/Jhpiego from USAID Mission India has been a core partner in the State since the beginning of Ayushman Bharat - Health & Wellness Centre initiative and has played a pivotal role in supporting the State to achieve the target being given by Government of India. NISHTHA has been supporting the State in digital interventions like Naga Telehealth, Tele Track and iLearn, and also provided tremendous support in COVID-19 initiative.

NAMRI NCHANG INAUGURATES NEWLY UPGRADED GHS AT BEISUMPUIKAM

Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang inaugurated the newly upgraded Government High School at Beisumpuikam, Peren on 14th April 2022 in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Peren and other officials.

Addressing the inaugural function, Nchang stating that all things can be possible with unity among the people, he encouraged the elders, teaching staff and the student community

to work hand in hand so that the village and its people may prosper. The Advisor declared that funds for construction of school auditorium hall have also been sanctioned and further called on the people to strive for excellence.

Pastor of BBC, Haggam Disuang pronounced the dedicatory prayer, while school report was presented by GHS Beisumpuikam Head Teacher, Niumai Witingthuilw.

INAUGURATION OF KHELO INDIA CENTRE (SHOOTING) AT LADYBIRD SCHOOL, MOKOKCHUNG



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum trying out his shooting skills at the Khelo India Centre (Shooting) at Ladybird School, Mokokchung on 19th April 2022.

Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum inaugurated the Khelo India Centre (Shooting) at Ladybird School, Mokokchung on 19th April 2022.

While addressing the gathering, Minister said as sports is becoming one of the fastest and biggest growing businesses in the world, our youths therefore should avail such infrastructures to hone their talent and excel at the highest level of competition. He also urged the students to work on their God-given talents to achieve success in life.

INAUGURATION OF KHELO INDIA CENTRE (BADMINTON) MOKOKCHUNG

Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye inaugurated the Khelo India Centre (Badminton) at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Mokokchung on 18th April 2022.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion the Minister said, the Government of Nagaland in line with the Government of India's

programme 'Khelo India' with an objective for mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports, is putting much effort to create modern sports infrastructures, creating opportunities for athletes in the State, he, therefore, called upon the youths to take advantage of this facility and make maximum use of it.

VILLAGE GUARDS REST HOUSE INAUGURATED AT THIZAMA

Village Guards Rest House at Thizama, Kohima was inaugurated by Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung on 20th April 2022.

Addressing the gathering, Yimkhiung hoped that the Rest House will benefit the VG personnel and the public by providing the much-needed accommodation during their visit to the State Capital for official works. In his few months of taking charge as the Advisor of Village Guards, Keoshu said he has observed that the VG organization today has many loopholes in its infrastructure and development, and this needs to be seriously worked out. He also suggested a separate Directorate/HoD for the Village Guards to maintain a proper system in its working and functioning.

Presenting the Technical Report for the VG Rest House, Executive Engineer, CAWD, Er. Sungti Amer said that having felt the need for accommodation of VGs traveling to the capital for State functions and official works, the building was conceptualized in 2014-15, during the tenure of the then ACS & Commissioner, Banuo Z. Jamir. The construction of the building which is a (G+2) storied RCC structure with a total floor area of 525

sq.m/5651 sq. ft. was carried out by Contractor K. C. Angami & Sons Consortium. It commenced on 4th October 2016 and was completed on 16th October 2017, and the estimated cost of the building stands at Rs. 236.85 lakh.

Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS said that no appointments can be made since there are no sanctioned posts for staff like caretakers, cooks, etc. initially, the Rest House has to be managed/maintained from an internal adjustment of funds from the Commissioner's Office. He requested the VIPs visiting the Rest House to help and support the maintenance, and appealed to all the guests to cooperate in maintaining the hygiene and infrastructure of the Rest House. Rovilatuo Mor mentioned that the rates for room rent etc. will be fixed, with a concession to be extended to the VG personnel, and the income collected from the room rent, food and lodging, etc. will not go to the government exchequer but should be accounted and utilized judiciously for the upkeep and maintenance of the Rest House.

Commandant, Village Guards, Tuensang, Mongkoyanchu Chang and Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom also spoke on the occasion.

FOUNDATION STONE OF A 5 MEGAWATT SOLAR POWER PLANT LAID AT NIULAND

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy (NRE), Information Technology, Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon laid the foundation stone of a 5 Megawatt Solar Power Plant at Hovukhu village, Niuland on 20th April 2022. The solar power plant will be the first and biggest clean energy in the State that can produce 7-8 million units annually once completed, it can be further upgraded to 10-15 MW if successfully implemented. While addressing the gathering, the Advisor sought co-operation from the villagers to facilitate the developmental activities.

The project is expected to be completed by 31st March 2023.

Minister, Public Health Engineering, Jacob Zhimomi thanked the Advisor for the Solar Power Project at Hovukhu village and urged the villagers to be cooperative and vigilant.

MP Rajya Sabha, S Phangnon Konyak reminded the gathering that the self-reliant project is the vision of the Prime Minister of India. Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi, Director NRE, and other officials were present at the stone laying ceremony.

H. CHUBA CHANG LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX MON

Advisor, Justice & Law and State Council of Educational Research & Training, H. Chuba Chang on 22nd April 2022 laid the foundation stone of District Court Complex and inaugurated the Judicial Officer's Quarter at Mon.

Speaking at the event, Chang stated that there should be a balance between customary laws and the judicial system for smooth functioning and proper delivery of justice in the society. He stressed on the importance of legal awareness among the Naga society.

MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak thanked the Department for marking the start of the project with the laying of the foundation stone. He expressed hope that the project would be completed soon and also improve the justice delivery system in the District.

Secretary Judicial, Department of Justice & Law, Nino Iralu, NJS stated that the

judicial system in Mon is complete, however, there is a need for infrastructural improvement. This need for improvement is being addressed with the laying of the foundation stone and the inauguration of the judicial quarter, she added.

DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS praised the Judicial Officers for functioning very effectively despite the infrastructural difficulties and asserted that with the completion of the Complex, their ability to deliver justice would be facilitated in a better manner. He expressed hope that the Complex gets completed fast for Mon to have its own District Court Complex soon.

Executive Engineer, CAWD, Sungtiba Amer highlighted the technical report of the judicial quarter in which the total estimated cost i/c sites and services stands at Rs. 223.61 Lakh. It is a Ground + 1 storied RCC building with a total plinth area of 4118.40 sq. ft.

CM RIO INAUGURATES HYDROLOGY PROJECT CONVENTION CENTRE IN DIMAPUR

The inaugural function of the Hydrology Project Convention Centre (HPCC)-cum-commissioning of Automatic Weather Station & Piezometer, constructed under National Hydrology Project (NHP) was held at E. E. Investigation Cell, 4th Mile, Dimapur on 23rd April 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that the coming of this technology will improve the management of water as well as help the farmers, industrial sector, and domestic uses. He hoped that with this technology in place, the data and information would go to the people and help adopt better practices in the utilization of water.

Advisor, Water Resources (WR), Namri Nchang mentioned that there are 12 existing projects under NHP in Dimapur, of which some are in progress, some remain completed and some are to be initiated soon. He said that taking advantage of the provision under NHP, the HPCC at Dimapur needs to conduct and facilitate all NHP related training, workshops, and events.

Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer (NHP) WR, Er. Hotovi Ayemi who gave an overview of the National Hydrology Project said that the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation is coordinating the implementation of NHP as a central scheme with World Bank assistance. The approval of the Union Cabinet for implementation

of NHP was conveyed on 23rd June 2016, for a duration of 8 years. He pointed out that under this project, the department has been able to establish hydro met observation, networks, and Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS). The department has successfully constructed 3 Piezometers at Kohima, Tuli (Mokokchung), and Dimapur districts to check the rise and fall in the groundwater level. However, considering the drastic climate changes globally, leading to the depletion in the surface water, there is an urgent need to explore the groundwater, he stated that the department envisages proposing additional Piezometers in the remaining districts to be accommodated under this programme.

Er. Ayemi mentioned that the department has set up a water quality lab for which furnishings have been completed while procurement of glassware and accessories is under process. The State Data Centre has been constructed at Kohima to serve as the Hub for data entry.

Executive Engineer-cum-Project Manager for HPCC (NHP), WR, Er. Keduvizo Sophie in his brief technical report, highlighted about the projects. He pointed out that HPCC has been initiated under the National Hydrology Project to build up departmental staff capacities, and impart awareness and use of the latest technologies and tools involved in water monitoring and management systems.

UNION MINISTER ARJUN MUNDA LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF KOHIMA VILLAGE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

Union Minister, Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda laid the foundation stone of the Kohima Village Multipurpose (KVM) building at Kohima Village Ground, Ziekezou on 25th April 2022.

Munda stated that it is the vision of the Prime Minister to see that the North Eastern states come to par with the developed states of the country. He added that the Government

of India is putting in a lot of effort to see that development in all the areas are looked into so the people of the region do not feel left behind, and added that the development of tribal areas should be ensured.

The Union Minister said that there are over 700 tribal groups in India with their own unique identity, tradition, culture and language. Being a tribal himself, he said that where ever one goes in the midst of tribal people, they see the characteristics of the tribal people. Munda stated that in terms of culture and tradition, all tribals in the country are one. Munda stated most of the Aspirational Districts are tribal areas and their priority is to visit all the aspirational districts in the country.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking at

the programme called Munda 'a friend' who has a deep concern for the tribal people. He stated that the Union Minister laying the foundation stone was a blessing. Rio urged Munda for release of fund for the building on time so that the building will be completed as scheduled.

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along, who also spoke at the function, informed that the first phase of funds has been released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the Department of Tribal Affairs, Government of Nagaland. He urged the village leaders to issue land certificates and other papers for construction to start early so that the Department of Tribal Affairs can coordinate with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to get the remaining funds early.

MYKI STORE INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing inaugurated the Myki Store at Dimapur on 26th April 2022.

The Myki Store, an initiative of Department of Women Resource Development to promote products of local women through the Transformative Livelihood Intervention Project and other livelihood programmes, was inaugurated on 26th April 2022 at Kuda village, Half Nagarjan, Dimapur by Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing.

Addressing the inaugural programme, Khing stated that the Women Resource Develop-

ment Department since its bifurcation from Social Welfare Department has been able to work for the upliftment of women in the State through its State Grant-in-Aid. If some Centrally Sponsored Schemes come under it, the Department will be able to move further ahead as desired, he said. Expressing his happiness to see women progressing in

many areas including education, employment and becoming equal partners in socio economic development, the Advisor said that self-reliant projects, even in small and humble ways can improve the economy of the family and of the State as a whole.

Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development, Anenla T. Sato in her opening remarks stated that the food and apparel section under the brand name Myki has become the

pride of the State as many acknowledge its quality and it is being sought after even outside Nagaland. She said that with the addition of baking, fashion designing and graphic designing in the syllabus, and with a little more effort and improvement, they can even compete at the international level.

Products such as tailored apparels, accessories, local food products, handmade jewellery, crafts, etc. were in display for sell. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Dr. Kethoser Kevichusa.

EAC YACHEM RECEIVES NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Advisor, CAWD and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Kazheto Kinimi inaugurated Yachem EAC office building on 25th April 2022 in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Deputy Y. Yangseo Sangtam, Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, MLA C. L. John, Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Longleng.

In his inaugural speech, Advisor Kazheto Kinimi said that the new office building would bring the people closer to the Government for better governance and the Government to the people. He asserted that government office buildings are people's property and therefore, it is the equal responsibility of both the public and the government to protect and care for it.

Minister, Pangnyu Phom informed that the furniture for EAC office, Yachem was contributed by the five villages of Yachem Circle and urged other administrative headquarters to follow suit. Clarifying that post creation was not done in any of the newly established EAC post

in the State since 2005 and majority of them do not have new office building, he asserted that Yachem is fortunate to have a new office building and extended gratitude to the Department officials led by Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi for successfully completing the construction of the new office building.

DC Longleng, M. Shayung Phom extended gratitude to the government for allocation of fund for the office building after 10 years of its establishment. In order to ensure all-round development of the administrative headquarter, the DC also suggested for posting of independent administrative officer and creation of post at Yachem. Informing total allotment of land for the administrative headquarter, Shayung appealed to the people not to encroach Government land but to have ownership of government's properties.

Advisor Keoshu Yimkhiung and Deputy Speaker Yangseo Sangtam also spoke on the occasion. Technical report was delivered by EE, CAWD, Er. Sungtiba Amer. Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Pastor Yachem Baptist Church, Rev. M. Adao.

DIETHONO NAKHRO INAUGURATES PARALYMPIC AMENITIES

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro inaugurated the Paralympic Amenities at Nagaland Olympics Association (NOA) office, Kohima on 27th April 2022, Kohima.

The State Commissioner thanked the Government for taking a proactive step towards the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through Paralympic amenities in the State. She said that the unique ability of sports to transcend

linguistic, cultural and social barriers makes it a great platform for inclusion of PwDs. She also said that through sports, people without disabilities can interact with disabled people in proper context and will help them reevaluate their thinking about disabled people. On the other hand, she said that sports will help disabled people to force change in the society about PwDs.

Nakhro further said that with proper support, there is a guarantee that many will make a mark in both national and international arenas. She also appealed for sports facilities to be made fully accessible for disabled people and lauded the NOA for taking a very crucial step which she said has opened doors for inclusion of

disabled people in the society.

Advisor to Chief Minister, Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha said with the streamlining of the NOA, Paralympic sports will have an inclusion in the future sporting events. He requested the citizens to give more respect and support to the people who faced challenges due to their disabilities. He assured the support and commitment of the NOA for inclusion of disabled people through sports. He appealed to all sections of the Naga society to come forward and support the venture of NOA. He added that the Paralympic Committee will work from the office of NOA and that the NOA is ready to include Paralympic sports in the forthcoming Nagaland Olympics.

OFFICIAL STATE RIGHT OF WAY (RoW) PORTAL LAUNCHED

The official State Right of Way (RoW) Portal was launched by Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon on 27th April 2022 at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima.

Speaking at the launching programme, Kikon stated that telecom connectivity has now become an essential service with the paradigm shift to work from home, virtual meetings and video calls, online classes, etc. The uptake of e-Services, e-Commerce and e-Governance and online classes have increased significantly, he added.

The Advisor informed that the Department has undertaken a comprehensive guideline as notified by the State Government on 2nd December 2019, stipulating a set of standards for granting of permission for installation of telegraph infrastructure both over ground and underground within the territorial jurisdiction of

Nagaland.

Kikon said the online portal has been developed for processing of applications and issuance of permission by the nodal officers and approving authority under the guidelines. In pursuance of the notified guidelines, the State Right of Way (RoW) online portal has been developed with the objective to ease the process for obtaining permits and bring transparency, accountability and responsiveness to all stakeholders while processing the application for Telecom Infrastructure Permissions, he added.

Kikon informed that all physical forms presently available for the identified services will be made accessible to applicants as e-Forms through the Portal. As a result, the applicant will be able to fill the form online and submit it electronically. The submitted e-Form will be routed through RoW portal to the respective nodal officer and approving authority for examining and issue of permission.

CM INAUGURATES NEW MOKOKCHUNG DC OFFICE

The newly constructed Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Mokokchung was inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 29th April 2022.

The Chief Minister in his speech maintained that the design and workmanship of the new DC office, Mokokchung was up to the mark which was made possible through joint efforts. Acknowledging the generous gesture of the land owners for donating the land, the CM said unlike other parts of the country, in Nagaland, land and its resources belong to the people, therefore, land owners should give land

to the Government for development.

Rio said, in Nagaland most of the government buildings which were constructed right after the attainment of Statehood are old which needs to be replaced. He said when the time comes, other districts should also do proper architect design like the one built at Mokokchung. He also said that the Administration and Police departments are two of the most important departments and urged the two departments to build good relationship.

Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Associate Pastor MTBA, Rev. Temsuwati Kichu.

TOVIHOTO INAUGURATES 20 MVA, 66/11kV SUB-STATION AND ASSOCIATED 66kV TRANSMISSION LINES AT MON



Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi speaking during the inauguration of the 20 MVA, 66/11 kV Sub-Station at Mon Power House on 29th April 2022.

Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi inaugurated the 20 MVA, 66/11 kV Sub-Station at Mon Power House and associated 66 kV transmission lines funded by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) on 29th April 2022.

Ayemi in his speech stressed on the importance of the field workers and appreciated their hard work and service while also urging them to continue to work with dedication and sincerity.

Chief Engineer (T&G), Power, Er. Penrithung Yanthan stated that the Department has initiated for installation of 132 kV Transmission Line and 132/33 kV Sub-Station at Mon which is included under the Intra-State Transmission Plan. The transmission line will be connected from the upcoming 132/33 kV Sub-Station at Longleng and has been referred to Central Electricity Board which has shown its appreciation, he added.

Additional Chief Engineer (T&G), Power, Er. Wabangmeren Jamir while briefing on the technical report highlighted that the project was implemented through EPC turnkey contract mode at a revised sanction cost of Rs. 20.68 crores, bifurcated into two packages for ease of project implementation with LoA value of Rs. 7.88 crores and Rs. 12.80 crores, respectively.



Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio inaugurating the newly constructed Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex at Mokochung on 29th April 2022.



Advisor, Social Welfare and Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Noke Wangnao inaugurated the Sakhi One Stop Centre building at Mon on 1st April 2022.



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung inaugurated Village Guards Rest House at Thizama, Kohima in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, MLAs, Commissioner Nagaland, Commandant, VG Tuensang and other officials on 20th April 2022.



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