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Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar being accorded the Guard of Honour during his arrival at Assam Rifles Helipad, Kohima on 1st December 2022.



The fact-finding committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) visited Tuensang comprising of Advisor North-East MHA, A. K. Mishra, (IPS Retd.) as the leader, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Dr. Mandeep Singh Tull, IPS and Director, North-East Division MHA, A. K. Dhyani, both as members, from 16th to 18th December 2022.



Inter-Ministerial Central Team headed by Financial Advisor, National Disaster Management Authority, Ravinesh Kumar visited Noklak for damage assessment on 12th December 2022.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

LAUNCHING OF A CHATBOT FOR SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES (SLDs)

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) is launching a chatbot, an online tool, for Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs) on its website in partnership with ChangeInkk Foundation in Delhi. The chatbot can be accessed at <https://nbsenl.edu.in> and will help parents and teachers with answers to commonly asked questions on SLDs.

In India, both the New Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) & the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 recognize SLDs and stress the importance of creating inclusive education for this population. The RPwD Act 2016 defines inclusive education as a 'system of education wherein students with and without disabilities learn together and the system of teaching and learning is suitably adapted to meet the learning needs of different types of students with disabilities.' NBSE is committed to supporting individuals with disabilities to receive the right accommodations for various state-conducted examinations. They have already issued a notification elucidating guidelines on accommodations and requirements to include students with SLDs at the school level, available at <https://nbsenl.edu.in/cms/document/174/notifications>

SLDs recognize the differences in the way people's brain function, process information, and learn. They include Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia, along with Dyspraxia. Individuals with SLDs have average or above average IQs, but struggle with processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations. Nearly 5-15% of children struggle with SLDs in India. The actual extent is not known, due to lack of awareness and low levels of formal diagnosis (especially in local languages) in our country. As per global estimates, it could be as high as 1 in 5 students. This means that over 150 million individuals including 35 million school-aged children in India are affected by SLDs.

ChangeInkk Foundation is a nonprofit committed to creating pathways of success for neurodiverse individuals from cradle to career, in particular, those with SLDs by enabling an inclusive ecosystem. It is doing the path-breaking work of bridging the massive awareness gap to support people with SLDs in India.

NAGALAND STATE FOOD COMMISSION TO MONITOR NFSA-2013

The Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS) Department has issued a letter stating that on 24th November 2022, Advisor, F&CS, Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection and Taxes, Pukhayi Sumi declared the start of the functioning of the Nagaland State Food Commission in the presence of Chubasangla Anar, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, F&CS, Y. Renbonthung Tsopoe, Secretary, F&CS and the newly appointed Chairman, Medokul Sophie, Members Ghovili P Achumi, and Sethrichem Sangtam.

The Nagaland State Food Commission has been set up as per the provisions of Section 16 of the National Food Security Act 2013 which came into being in 2013. NFSA 2013 has been implemented in Nagaland since 2016. The main function of the Commission is to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the NFSA-2013 in the State and advise the Government, their agencies and NGOs involved in the implementation of food and nutrition related schemes. The SFC will also either suo-moto or on receipt of complaints inquire into the violation of the entitlement under such schemes. Complaints and grievances by beneficiaries can be addressed either directly to the Commission or to the District Grievance Redressal Officer (ADC Headquarter of the District).

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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NOTIFIES

The Academic Calendar 2023 has been notified for strict compliance of all Government and Private Schools within the State of Nagaland:

Month	Dates & Events
January	16 – 30 Admissions for all Classes to be completed
	18 Commencement of Regular Classes for Classes IX to XII
	20 VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC Meeting. Admission Mobilization
February	01 Commencement of Regular Classes for Pre-Primary to Class VIII
	07 DEO/SDEO meeting with Heads of Government Schools
	10 Parent – Teacher Association Meeting of respective Schools
	22-24 School Level Sports Week
February March	Conduct of HSLC, Class XI Promotion & HSSLC Examinations
	04 March VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC Meeting
	District Level GHSS/GHS/GMS Tournament
March April	Admissions for Class XII
	Commencement of Regular Classes for Class XII
	03 – 14 April Submission of students' enrolment & teachers' particulars as on 01/04/2023 to DoSE/NBSE/DEO/SDEO for Pre-Primary to Class X
	State Level GHSS/GHS/GMS Tournament
May	Admissions & Commencement of Regular Classes for Class XI
	I Term Examination for Classes I to VII
June	05 Observance of World Environment Day
	12 – 17 Submission of Class XII students' enrolment & teachers' particulars as on 01/06/2023 to DoSE/NBSE/DEO
	Mid Term Examination for Classes VIII to X
	19 June – 08 July Summer Vacation for Schools in Hilly Region
July	10 – 29 Summer Vacation for Schools in Plain Areas
August	07-11 Submission of Class XI students' enrolment & teachers' particulars as on 01/08/2023 to DoSE/NBSE/DEO
	District Level Science Seminar
	30 VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC Meeting
	II Term Examination for Classes I to VII
	Mid Term Examination for Class XII
September	05 Teachers' Day
	Phase I Class VIII & IX Final Examination
	State Level Science Seminar
	District Level Youth Parliament
October	State Level Youth Parliament
	Mid Term Examination for Class XI
November	10 VEC/WEC/SMC/SMDC Meeting
	11 Observance of National Education Day
	14 Observance of Children's Day
	26 Observance of Constitution Day
	III Term Examination for Classes I to VII

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December	01 Observance of Statehood Day & World AIDS Day
	Phase II Class VIII & IX Final Examination
	HSLC/HSSLC Remedial/Preparatory Classes till 15 December
	Declaration of Academic Results for Classes I to IX
	Winter Vacation from 18 December

Note:

1. 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month shall be utilized for class tests/ co-curricular activities/life skill classes/ social work, etc.
2. All General Holidays notified by the Government of Nagaland should compulsorily be observed as State/ National holidays along with 3 (three) local restricted holidays.
3. Specific schedules and instructions for the conduct of assessments/examinations shall be notified by the concerned authorities empowered to conduct the examinations.
4. Events of national importance notified by Government of India shall be observed by all schools functioning within the State of Nagaland.

NBSE INFORMS INSTITUTIONS TO MAXIMISE ENROLMENT OF YOUNG ELECTORS

The Nagaland Board of School Education has informed that the Election Commission of India has issued instructions to maximize the enrolment of young/prospective electors from the campuses through active participation of educational institutions, the details of which are given below:

1. The electoral rolls are prepared and revised, subject to the overall superintendence, direction, and control of the Election Commission of India under Article 324 of the Constitution, in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1950, and Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.
2. The Election Commission of India has always been committed to conducting a free, fair, and inclusive election, for which an error-free and updated electoral roll is a prerequisite. The electoral roll is updated regularly through the Annual Summary Revision and continuous updation, wherein special focus is given to the registration of new/prospective electors, who are/would be eligible for registration in the electoral roll.
3. Earlier, the registration in electoral roll was done with respect to one qualifying date, i.e. 1st January of the coming year. However, with the recent change in the registration process, provision of four qualifying dates has been introduced, i.e., 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October of the year in which the final publication of the electoral roll is done. The said provisions have enabled more prospective electors to submit advance applications/claims for registration in Form-6, upon the draft publication of the electoral roll, usually done in November every year.
4. The registration of new/prospective electors has always been a challenging task, and in spite of the Commission's consistent efforts for encouraging and increasing enrolment in the 18-19 age group, there has always been a shortfall in the registration number. As the majority of such prospective electors are part of the educational institutes, the Commission feels that registration of young/prospective electors can be maximized through active participation of educational institutions by providing:
 - (a) A dedicated space on institution's websites where a link for 'registration of new voters' along with awareness slogans may be given, to encourage the students for their registration as electors; this link would direct the applicant to Form-6 'Registration of New Voter' on NVSP portal.
 - (b) A field embedded towards the end of the registration/examination form with the tagline 'application form to be a new voter.' A click on the same would direct the applicant to Form-6 'Registration of New Voter' on the

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NVSP portal, by hyperlinking the tagline with the portal.

All the Heads of Institutions have been requested to take note and facilitate prospective students to register in the electoral roll.

MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DISCONTINUED OWING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CMHIS

The State Government implemented the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) by extending Health Insurance to all State Government employees and their dependents on 1st October 2022.

As per Government letter No HFW-7/B-15/2019/329 Dated 2nd December 2022, all Outside State Treatment & Medical Reimbursement systems for Government servants will be discontinued immediately. However, ongoing treatment/under treatment may continue till discharged, subject to settlement of medical reimbursement bill within six months w.e.f 1st October 2022. This notification is for information and necessary action.

ORDER ON GST

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (c) of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 (5 of 2022), the State Government has appointed the 1st day of October 2022, as the date on which the provisions of Sections 1 to 14, except Clause (c) of Section 11 and Section 12, of the said Ordinance shall come into force.

This Notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 1st day of October 2022.

SEC NAGALAND APPROVES LIST OF POLLING STATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

The State Election Commission, Nagaland has approved the list of polling stations in 39 Municipal Councils received from the Electoral Registration Officers. The datas are given below:

MUNICIPAL /TOWN COUNCIL 2022								
SL. No.	Name of Municipal/Town Council	Total No. of Wards	Polling Stations			Total Electors		
			No. of Polling Station	No. of Auxiliary Polling Station	Total No. of Polling Station including Auxiliary Polling Station	Male	Female	Total Voters
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Kohima Municipal Council	19	96			25439	26622	52061
2	Chiephobozou Town Council	9	9			819	866	1685
3	Tseminyu Town Council	9	9			1708	1773	3481
4	Dimapur Municipal Council	23	118			27814	28803	56,617
5	East Dimapur Town Council	11	16			5008	5038	10046
6	Ch moukedima Town Council	11	24			7654	8110	15764
7	Niuland Town Council	9	9			2043	1984	4027

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8	Medziphema Town Council	9	11		2448	2468	4916
9	Mokokchung Municipal Council	18	32		11913	12275	24188
10	Tuli Town Council	9	9		2619	2730	5349
11	Changtongya Town Council	11	11		3061	3265	6326
12	Mangkolemba Town Council	9	9		1371	1402	2773
13	Peren Town Council	9	9		1547	1710	3257
14	Jalukie Town Council	9	9		3088	3388	6476
15	Tening Town Council	9	9		683	726	1409
16	Wokha Town Council	15	30		7941	8213	16154
17	Bhandari Town Council	9	9		1275	1233	2508
18	Zunheboto Town Council	13	23		7247	7293	14540
19	Satakha Town Council	9	9		1605	1609	3214
20	Atoizu Town Council	9	9		912	990	1902
21	Aghunato Town Council	9	9		1765	1820	3585
22	Longleng Town Council	11	12		3500	3406	6906
23	Tamlu Town Council	9	9		555	526	1081
24	Mon Town Council	11	24		9797	9155	18952
25	Naginimora Town Council	9	9		1999	2017	4016
26	Aboi Town Council	9	9		2803	2605	5408
27	Tizit Town Council	9	9		1235	1322	2557
28	Tobu Town Council	9	9		1417	1339	2756
29	Tuensang Town Council	15	36		12062	11745	23807
30	Longkhim Town Council	9	9		1052	1093	2145
31	Kiphire Town Council	11	18		6104	5808	11912
32	Seyochung Town Council	9	9		952	934	1886
33	Pungro Town Council	9	9		2119	2106	4225
34	Phek Town Council	11	11		3996	3863	7859
35	Pfutsero Town Council	11	11		3577	3733	7310
36	Meluri Town Council	9	9		1977	1946	3923
37	Chozuba Town Council	9	9		1421	1414	2835
38	Shamator Town Council	11	11		3497	3181	6678
39	Noklak Town Council	9	11		2868	2748	5616
TOTAL		418	693		178891	181259	3,60,150

STATEHOOD DAY CELEBRATED IN KOHIMA

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio graced the 60th Statehood Day celebration at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2022.

Conveying his greetings on the occasion, Rio said the wonderful journey of six decades calls for celebration while remembering with utmost reverence all the leaders and visionaries, whose sacrifices and tireless efforts, gave the people their State. He maintained that the people must not let their differences overwhelm their common identity, and be united in their pursuit of greater goals and achievements.

On the Hornbill Festival, the Chief Minister said showcasing the beautiful cultural heritage is a collaborative celebration of all Naga tribes at one venue. With each passing year, it is becoming more vibrant, and larger, showcasing newer ideas and gaining greater recognition.

The Chief Minister said the development of human resources has been a focus area of the Government. In the last six decades, the State has seen giant strides being taken for the creation of educational and technical institutions for the development of human resources and the Government remains mindful of the utmost need to continue providing the best and latest educational facilities to our youth.

Maintaining that health is the greatest asset of an individual, Rio said a big step forward was taken towards ensuring affordable health care for all with the launching of the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on 14th October 2022. The scheme takes advantage of the insurance platform developed under the ongoing Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), which caters

to a limited population, to provide coverage of free and cashless treatment to the remaining population including government servants and pensioners. He called upon every citizen of the State to avail of this and get registered for CMHIS at the earliest possible to avail the full benefits of this scheme.

Rio said roads, remained at the top of the priority list and added that another 2,500 Km were added in the last five years. He stated that work on one of the most ambitious road projects of the State, the 'Foothill Road', was started, considering the enormous benefits that it is likely to bring to the people.

Stating that electricity and its supply to each part of the State is another very crucial element for the overall economic development, Rio added that in recent years by the construction of more sub-stations, transmission, and distribution lines, the reliability, stability, and distribution to all consumers both in urban and rural areas, are being continuously upgraded and improved. The installation of a large number of smart prepaid electricity meters in Dimapur and Kohima is another significant step being taken for the reduction of AT&C losses and improving revenue collection in the power sector, the Chief Minister said. He called upon everyone concerned, more so the farmers, to strive for making Nagaland one of the premier States regarding organic farm and horticulture produce.

Rio said that with the situation becoming even better, the Central Government would consider bringing out more areas from AFSPA soon and that the State continues to be among those States whose crime rates are the lowest in

the country.

Chief Minister Rio said sportspersons in the State only require the right mentoring, facilities, and the requisite infrastructure which the State is providing and will continue to do with even more commitment.

Rio stated that a significant step towards streamlining the process of recruitment to Government services and moving towards a completely merit and transparent based system was taken when NSSB was made functional and it successfully conducted its first-ever competitive examinations across the State for recruitment of 630 Group C posts under various departments in which more than 50,000 candidates appeared. Rio expressed the need for talented youth and entrepreneurs to not only explore opportunities within the State but also look beyond the borders of the State.

On the occasion of the 60th Statehood Day programme, seven (7) contingents took part in the ceremonial parade, led by Parade Commander, Z. James Sema, Deputy Commandant, 4th NAP Battalion, and Second-in-Command Rukulu Tunyi, Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP Battalion.

The Women Resource Development Department presented a dance performance, titled 'We are the Nagas.' The Children Choir (School Education Department) performed a special song titled, 'We are Warriors.' The cultural troupes which performed on the occasion are the Kevira Cultural Troupe, Kohima village representing the Angami Tribe, Dzülhami Cultural Troupe from Dzülhami village representing the Chakhesang tribe, Surumi Cultural Society, Surumi village representing the Sumi tribe, and Yimkhiung Berü Cultural Troupe representing the Yimkhiung tribe.

PROJECT SAHYOG LAUNCHED:

On the occasion of the 60th Statehood Day celebrations, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched Project Sahyog of the Nagaland Police at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2022.

The Chief Minister also released the Project Sahyog booklet and distributed Smart Cards to the IR Units through their respective nodal officers, Tiakala Ao, Deputy Commandant, 9th NAP IR Battalion, Limaakum T. Jamir, Deputy Commandant, 10th NAP IR Battalion, Kumtsu Yim, Deputy Commandant, 11th NAP IR Battalion, Masudong, Deputy Commandant, 12th NAP IR Battalion, Melite Kapfo, Deputy Commandant, 13th NAP IR Battalion, Velule Tureng, Deputy Commandant, 14th NAP IR Battalion and Tiajungla, Deputy Commandant, 15th NAP IR Battalion.

Project Sahyog has been devised by Nagaland Police in an attempt to reach out to the jawans of the Indian Reserve Battalions and their families for their welfare in a meaningful and effective manner, by assisting in providing subsidized medical assistance, education and transport facilities for their children and delivery of essentials at their doorsteps. The project has been designed and intended to be implemented in two-phase manner for IR families based in Dimapur and Chümoukedima. Phase-I will be implemented for medical assistance for the families, and Phase-II will be implemented for catering to various other needs of the IR families.

LOAN SANCTION LETTERS HANDED OVER TO ENTREPRENEURS:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Chief General Manager, North East Circle, State Bank of India, Vincent Menachery jointly handed over the loan

sanction letters to eleven (11) entrepreneurs through the President of the Business Association of Nagas (BAN), L. Mongkum Jamir during the Statehood Day celebrations at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2022.

A total of Rs. 4.57 crore was sanctioned for the

beneficiaries from Tuensang, Longleng, Wokha and Dimapur districts, encompassing various sectors. The initiative has been undertaken by the Business Association of Nagas (BAN) and State Bank of India to fund 1,000 entrepreneurs across the State.

HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2022

The 23rd Edition of the Hornbill Festival began at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2022 with Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar as the Chief Guest.

The Vice President of India in his greetings expressed that he was thrilled, excited and captivated by the energy of the Naga youth. He said Naga culture and the memories of his stay in Nagaland would be embedded in his heart even in the days ahead. He praised the rich Naga songs, dances, crafts, cuisines, etc. and expressed his happiness over the vibrant Naga culture and traditions.

Jagdeep Dhankhar said India is a land of culture and said that the place 'Kisama,' where the annual Hornbill Festival takes place, could become the place for 'culture of cultures.' Nagaland has been endowed with scenic beauty and the pattern of its landscape is captivating because of which he said, the State has great potential in tourism industry. The Nagas being very hospitable, loving and affectionate to its guests and outsiders could



Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar with Governor of Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi during the inaugural programme of the 23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2022.

boost the tourism industry in a big way, he said. He also mentioned about the rich horticulture produce of the State like kiwi, pineapple, coffee, etc.

The Vice President Rajya Sabha, appreciated the State for having the lowest crime rate against women in the Country.

Host of the Hornbill Festival, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that the Hornbill Festival exemplifies the Naga way of life, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Naga people along with the rest of the north-eastern states, showcasing the unity and oneness under a spirit of solidarity. He added that it is aimed at protecting, preserving and promoting the culture and heritage of the people, while creating opportunities for economic

growth and employment generation.

The Chief Minister said that the people of Nagaland aspire for genuine peace, and are hopeful that with the successful conclusion of the peace process, Nagas will be able to play a contributory role in the interest of humanity on the global stage. Rio also welcomed and extended his appreciation to all the tourists for visiting the State and expressed hope that they will be ambassadors of Nagaland.

Appreciating the Government of India for recognizing the Hornbill Festival as one of the premier and major events for performing artists in India, Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that as Nagaland celebrates its 60th Statehood Day, it is a joyous and blessed moment to celebrate the Festival of Festivals - Hornbill Festival and Statehood Day in one accord. Impressed by the colorful array of Naga costumes on display, and calling Nagaland an enchanting State, the Governor said because of the unique culture of the Nagas, the Hornbill Festival attracts so many guests from throughout the country and around the world.

Governor Mukhi urged the people to look back and introspect at what has been achieved over the last 60 years, and what ground remains to be covered. He expressed confidence that a final agreement – one that is fair to all and meets the expectations and aspirations of all, will be reached soon. As the State celebrates this year's Hornbill Festival, he appealed to everyone to share the feeling of oneness, love and forgiveness.

Greetings were delivered by Honoured Guests, Ambassador of France to India, Emmanuel Lenain; Trade Commissioner for South Asia & British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, Alan Gemmell and Australian

High Commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell Ao. Festival Host, Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, H. Khehovi Yepthomi pronounced the vote of thanks. The Tribal Guest of the occasion was Yeshüsü Tureng of Porba village, Phek district.

On the second day of the Cultural Day of Hornbill Festival, 2022 at Kisama, special guest, Ravi Bhatnagar, Director, External Affairs South Asia Office greeting the people of Nagaland said that as a representative of Reckitt, the Department has recognized that a healthy adolescent is a key to a healthier and happier future. He said that the holistic understanding coupled with the coordination of the people and Reckitt has translated into a robust programme and that the Centre has actively participated in a partnership with the State Government. He requested the Government to provide continuous support to implement the programmes and help in educating the young adolescents between the age of 10 to 19 years of age and help them grow up with life skills. He also said that the Department is glad to be the health partner during this iconic Hornbill Festival and said that the Festival is the ideal platform to reach out to the youths of the State, who in turn will enable to create healthier, happier, and progressive India.

The host of the festival was Tongpang Ozukum, Minister, of Housing and Mechanical, co-host Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor Information and Technology, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Technology. In the afternoon session, General Officer Commanding 101 Arena, Lt. General KC Panchanathan was the special guest.

In the morning session of the third day of the Hornbill Festival 'Cultural Connect,' Lt. General Jagamohan Singh Sidana, Commandant ACEME Col. Commandant Corps EME and his

wife graced the function. Minister for Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, and Advisor, Sericulture, Excise, and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio were the host. In the afternoon session, Justice Sanjay Kumar, Chief Justice Manipur High Court was the special guest. He was accompanied by honored guest Amrendra Kumar IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Shillong and Lt. Gen PC Nair AVSM, YSM, Ph.D Director General Assam Rifles. Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu, and Advisor for Village Guards, Information & Public Relations, S. Keoshu Yimkihung were host and co-host respectively.

The morning session of the fourth day of the Hornbill Festival was graced by Executive Director and State Head, Indian Oil Corporation, Guwahati, G. Ramesh as the special guest. The host of the programme was Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer, and the Co-Host was Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan. In the evening session, the host was Minister, Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum.

On the 7th Day of the Hornbill Festival, various cultural artists from the North-Eastern States performed their rich traditional dance and songs. The morning session was graced by Y. K. Chaubey, Chairman and Managing Director, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation as the chief guest and Medo Yhokha, Advisor Technical Education, Election as the host.

The evening cultural programme was held with Chief of Navy Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar as the chief guest with host, V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Geology & Mining. R. Hari Kumar mentioned that around 200 personnel from Nagaland are serving in different categories in the field of Navy. He

encouraged the younger generation to join for a short period of four years, to avail themselves of the opportunities in the field of Navy and serve the nation in different capacities.

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister, Yanthungo Patton was the host of the morning session of the 23rd Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 10th December 2022. The Deputy Chief Minister visited the Art Exhibition Stall at Kisama Hornbill Festival. He expressed happiness on seeing the Naga Portraits and mentioned the need to encourage the young generation specially Konyaks to preserve their art and culture. He was accompanied by Advisor for Prisons, Printing and Stationery, H. Haiying, and other officials.

The 23rd Hornbill Festival concluded at the Main Arena, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 10th December 2022, with Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest, and Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India as the honoured guest. Khehovi Yephthomi, Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture was the festival host.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio expressed gratitude to all the sponsors and partners for making the 23rd Hornbill Festival a success - The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, Reckitt - Health and Hygiene Partner, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. - Digital Partner, Hornbill TV - Media Partner, Toyota - Hornbill Music Festival Partner, Tata Motors/ Indian Oil/ State Bank of India/ Reserve Bank of India/MSME.

Chief Minister Rio thanked the people of Nagaland, the cultural troupes and artists who had come from all parts of Nagaland, the tourists and visitors for their valuable presence during the Festival. He requested the tourists and visitors to be ambassadors of the unique Naga experience,

so that more people will experience the Hornbill Festival in the coming years.

Greeting the gathering at the closing ceremony of the 23rd Hornbill Festival, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Sanjay Kishan Kaul said that the people of Nagaland are peace loving people who co-exist in harmony with their unique cultural and traditional system. He said that Nagas are known not only for their bravery but hospitality and warmth which he has experienced during his stay in Nagaland. Calling Nagaland as 'Land of Festivals,' he said the State has been on the national and international map of tourism which is a positive step in ushering development in the State, and he hoped that the Festival will bring people together from all across the globe and create a sense of unity in diversity.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, who was accompanied by his wife, termed the customary laws and traditions of the Nagas as unique, which are protected under the Constitution of India, and added that the Supreme Court of India has been recognising and upholding the Naga customary laws. He stated that the judiciary is an important pillar of democracy which gives opportunity and mechanism for dispute resolution, and a strong, effective and vibrant judiciary being the backbone of the society, and to ensure that no one misses out the opportunity to approach courts due to social and economic barriers, he assured the people that as Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority, access to justice for all will be provided by bridging the gaps.

Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yeputhomi said that post-pandemic, the Hornbill Festival has recorded an overwhelming number of visitors and tourists alike. He mentioned that this year, 1, 17, 753 tourists and visitors

witnessed the Hornbill Festival. He also made a special mention of all the cultural troupes for performing at the Hornbill Festival and thanked the participants, organizers and sponsors for the successful culmination of the Festival.

A cultural presentation 'Made in Nagaland' was performed on the occasion. Chef Gary Mehigan, Author and Restaurateur, and one of the original judges of Master Chef Australia lit the Hornbill Bonfire, which was followed by the Unity Dance, representing the Naga tribes.

IMAGI.LAND CHILDREN'S PARK:

Imagi.Land - A happy place for happy people, Children's Park was inaugurated by Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi and Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 26th November, 2022. The event is managed by the agency Imagination.

Activities like board games, bouncy castle, art and fun area, food stalls, were set up at the Park and the following bands - Avora Records, Aloba Naga and The Band, Blue Temptation, Moko Koza, Trance Effect, Digital Decibel, Penny Plan DJ Knack, Adrain C, Infinity Inc performed during live show (concert) held at Imagi.Land. Another interesting activity at Imagi.Land, Kisama was the '3 Shelf Project' which is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book and share a book or may return the books whenever they come back to Imagi.Land, Kisama. 'Love lock' wall was also installed at Imagi.Land where visitors can buy a lock and lock it on the wall as remembrance of their loved ones.

HORTISCAPE:

The Hortiscape at the 23rd Hornbill Festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio

on 1st December 2022 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

The Hortiscape comprises of Floral Galleria, Kaleidoscope Hortus and Naga Organic Pavilion. At the Floral Galleria, the winners of the Hornbill Festival Flower Competition, in categories of ferns & foliage, cacti & succulents, indigenous foliage & flowers, bulbs, tubers & rhizomes, orchids (indigenous), orchids (hybrids), and bonsai were on display. The competition was organized by the Horticulture Department.

At the Kaleidoscope Hortus, Hortiscape, to celebrate the rich biodiversity of the State's indigenous crops, such as Burmese Grapes, Pea Egg Plant, Bitter Egg Plant, Pungent Ginger, Sumac, Sichuan Pepper, Black Dammar/Raal, Pork Fat Nut, Sohiong/Black Berry, Ink Nut/Haritaki, Hog Plum, Fan Palm Seed, Wild Fig, Wild Apple, etc., were kept on display.

HIPFEST 2022:



Visitors and tourists viewing the photos at the HIPFEST photo competition-cum-exhibition at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2022.

Portrait Enterprise with support from Directorate of Information & Public Relations and Tourism Department organized the Hornbill International Photo Fest (HIPFEST) under the theme, 'Colours of Nagaland' at WW II area, Kisama on 1st December 2022.

Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Vincent Menachery inaugurated the HIPFEST

in the presence of Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Maria Yanthan, IAS, Additional Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo and Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong and other officials.

Joint Director, Information & Public Relations, I. Simon Teilia gave away the prizes to the winners. In senior category, Tshetshulo Naro from Nagaland bagged the first place while Irengbam Momocha Singh from Manipur and Pelevizo Meyase from Kohima bagged second and third position, respectively. The winner pocketed a sum of Rs 25,000/- while the second and third place won Rs. 20,000/- and Rs 15,000/- respectively.

In the junior category, Aiden from New Horizon School, Dimapur bagged the first position, Avidi Anar from Dimapur and Mezuni from Greenwood School, Dimapur came in second and third respectively. They were awarded Rs.10,000/-, Rs.7,000/- and Rs 5,000/- respectively while consolation prizes

were awarded to Parvej Akhtar from Kolkata, Pelevizo Meyase from Kohima, Monalisa Kar from Kolkata and Mezizo Swiho from Kohima with Rs 5,000 each. The panel of judges were Zhazo Miachieo, Merimvu Doulo and Jan

Skwara from Poland.

NAGA ORGANIC PAVILION:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visited the Naga Organic Pavilion put up by the Agriculture Department at the Hornbill Festival, Kisama on 1st December 2022.

Varieties of organic fruits and vegetables were

sold at reasonable prices by the Entrepreneurs Associates, Creating and Opportunities, Aolo Organic Passion Fruits Producer Company Limited, Mokochung, Wokha, Shillong, Meghalaya Spices and Agro products, and other organic products from Dimapur and Pfutsero, Phek. The Department also displayed their products, namely Brown Rice, Cereals, Black and Brown Glutinous Sticky Rice, etc. to observe the International Year of Millets 2023.

BAMBOO PAVILION:

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir inaugurated the Bamboo Pavilion, organized by the Directorate of Industries & Commerce at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2022. Inaugurating the Bamboo Pavilion, Imnatiba said that the Festival is a platform to provide an opportunity to local entrepreneurs to promote and sell their products. Around 110 stalls with handwoven fabrics, decorative pieces, traditional items and others were set up at the Bamboo Pavilion.

CRAFTSCAPE - THE NAGA CRAFT PORTFOLIO 2022:

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Development Commissioner, Nagaland, Amardeep S. Bhatia, IAS inaugurated the Craftscape - The Naga Craft Portfolio 2022, organized by Tribal Weaves at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2022. Visiting the stall, S. Bhatia witnessed the process of crafting and weaving, demonstrated by the craftsmen and weavers with weaving devices and hand tools.

ARTIST CORNER:

The Artist Corner, organized by the Department of Art & Culture, at the World War II Museum Kisama started on 1st December 2022. A total of 27 participants put up a total of 50 artworks which includes sculptures, oil paintings, modern arts and pencil sketches, and these artworks were put up for sale, with prices ranging from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 2,50,000. The Department informed that registration for the participants were carried out free of cost so as to promote the local artistes.

JIO - THE DIGITAL PARTNER OF HORNBILL FESTIVAL:

Jio joined the world-famous Hornbill Festival 2022 as the digital partner, in association with the Department of Tourism and Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland. This is the sixth year of Jio's association with the Hornbill Festival which is held at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. This association started in the year 2016 when Jio was launched in India, since then, Jio has expanded its services in every part of Nagaland and Northeast.

As an official digital partner, Jio provided Free Public Wi-Fi Services at Kisama village, Kohima. The Free Public Wi-Fi Services helped visitors connect to the internet and share their pictures and moments on social media. The media visiting Kisama village to cover the Festival got access to all-powerful Internet Leased Line (1 ILL Link of 100 Mbps) provided by Jio at the Media Centre, Kisama.

Live stream of the events from the Hornbill Festival were available on Jio TV & Jio Social Media Handles. Live streaming on Jio TV & Jio Social Media Handles has attracted millions of

viewers in the past from across the country and the world.

WW II PEACE RALLY 2022:

The WW II Peace Rally was held on 2nd December 2022 as part of the Hornbill Festival. The rally was flagged off from Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, and culminated at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. Altogether 11 squads participated in the rally including one squad from Thailand. The rally concluded with the prize distribution ceremony at WW II Museum Complex, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama with Mmhonlumo Kikon, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, New & Renewable Energy, Science & Technology as the special guest.

Speaking at the event, Mmhonlumo highlighted the participation and the sacrifices made by the Nagas during the Second World War and how the contribution of the Nagas was instrumental in tilting the outcome of the Battle of Kohima in favour of the Allied forces. He also mentioned, in brief, the history of the Nagas and how they came to be under the rule of the British forces after decades of conflict, Kikon concluded by paying tribute to all the Naga warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice during the 2nd World War as well as during the decade long conflict with the colonial forces.

Awards were also given out by the special guest for the following categories: Best Tourism Promotion Squad, Most Disciplined Squad, Best Uniformed Squad, Best Weaponry Squad, Best Maintained Jeep, and the Most Original Squad.

NAGA CHEF - SEASON 9:

Tokupu Sumi won the Naga Chef Season 9 held during the Hornbill Festival, Kisama on 9th December 2022.

Guest judge, Chef Gary Mehigan, Author and Restaurateur thanked the organizers and the participants for giving him the opportunity to try authentic Naga cuisines and new ingredients.

A total number of 7 (seven) participants competed for the coveted title of Naga Chef Season 9, of which, the 3 (three) finalists were Keneilhoubai-ü Lense, Kazusangba Jamir and Tokupu Sumi. The participants were judged based on the following rounds: Cooking Skills, Childhood Memories, Innovation Round, Just Desserts, My Naga Thali.

Tokupu Sumi received Rs. 2 lakh with gift hampers. Gift hampers were also awarded to the round winners. All the participants were given cooking master class. The judges of the Naga Chef Season 9 were Chef Joel Basumatari, Rovi Chase and Alemjungla Jamir and with guest judge, Chef Gary Mehigan, Author and Restaurateur, one of the original judges of Master Chef Australia. The event was managed by Synergy Group Enterprise and sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland.

OPEN AIR CINEMA:

Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha launched the Film Fiesta, Open Air Cinema at The Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2022. Said the Film Fiesta was organized by the Department of Information & Public Relations.

Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong said the Film Fiesta will provide an opportunity for the State's filmmakers to get their films in front of live audiences which is not very common in the State. She also thanked the Advisor to CM, Abu Metha for his support and encouragement in the Department's initiatives and activities.

Advisor, Abu Metha addressing the gathering



Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha launched the Film Fiesta, Open Air Cinema at The Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2022.

said that the Hornbill Festival is a platform to highlight the innovation, creativity, and vibrancy of Naga youth, it highlights Brand Nagaland and Naga soft power not just to the nation but also to the global community. Stating that it is about Nagas, celebrating their unique identity under the spirit of solidarity and unity.

Keeping in mind the magnitude of the Hornbill Festival and its impact on the State and its citizens, the Department of Information & Public Relations came up with the initiative to screen films to promote local talents and filmmakers while also promoting the culture of watching films which is not very common in Nagaland. Short documentaries and PSAs were also shown on the big screen to create awareness about our films among tourists, coming from various parts of the country and the world and also among our people.

The event began with the screening of Ground Zero, a documentary about sports persons from Nagaland and produced by the Nagaland Olympic Association. Throughout the three days, various short films and animations were screened along with documentaries including The Barefoot Wonder, a documentary on the legendary Naga footballer, Dr. T. Ao

to promote the young talents of the State, DIPR produced a short film titled, Weightless, which featured actors and crew who participated in the series of training offered by the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII) in collaboration with DIPR. The film premiered in front of a live audience on the final day of the Open Air

Cinema.

INDIGENOUS SHOT PUT:

A competition on the indigenous game of Shot Put was held at Pochury Morung, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2022. Altogether 11 individuals from different tribes participated in the competition. The 1st position, with a cash prize of Rs. 6000 was secured by Asukha K. Zhimomi and the 2nd and 3rd position, with cash prizes of Rs. 4000 and Rs. 2000 were won by Likho Garo and Shetha Chakhesang, respectively.

CATAPULT TARGET COMPETITION:

To revive the dying indigenous game, the Department of Tribal Affairs organized the 2nd edition of the Catapult Target Competition 2022, sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 3rd December 2022.

A total of 18 participants representing the cultural troupe of Zeliang, Sumi, Rengma, Pochury, Kachari, Ao, Kuki, and Chakhesang participated in the competition. The winners of the

competition were Imnasunep Ao, Akumnungchet Ao, and Kamminhao Kuki. They were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 10,000/-, Rs. 7,000/- and 5,000/- respectively along with certificates.

INTERNATIONAL HORNBILL NAGA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

The 15th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship 2022 was held at Amphitheatre, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 3rd December 2022 which was inaugurated by President, Rengma Hoho, Pollem Tep. Kezhaseluo Pienyu from Kohima won the Championship.

Pollem said Nagas are trying their best to promote wrestling, which has been one of the rich cultural practices of their forefathers. He expressed gratitude to the elders for promoting wrestling in their way till the NWA took over, and added that the NWA has been striving to give their best to promote the sport.

President Nagaland Wrestling Association, Dr. Haibe Zeliang who gave the presidential address said NWA is given the opportunity to showcase the rich culture and traditions of wrestling when local and tourists from abroad come to witness the Festival. Briefing the importance of wrestling he said that the Naga community is well known by the mainland on account of outstanding performance of wrestling, particularly wrestling belt.

In the professional wrestling category, the champion was awarded Rs. 1,20,000/-, Venuzo Dawhou from Thenyizu village got the 1st runner up with a cash prize of Rs. 80,000/-, Rukukhoto Khesoh from Yoruba village got 3rd prize of Rs. 40,000/- and Vemele Thingo got the 4th prize of Rs. 20,000/-.

PAINTING COMPETITION AS PART OF 'SDG ONE STOP DESTINATION:'

As part of the 'SDG One Stop Destination' of the Planning & Coordination Department at Hornbill Festival 2022, the Department hosted the painting competition on the theme Nagaland for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 3rd December 2022. The objective of this competition was to visualize SDGs from the lens of Naga culture and heritage. The winners were: first- Chorovelu Ringa, second- Vijendra Singh, and third- Mhonbeni Ngullie. The winners were awarded prizes by Nayantara Sasikumar, OSD (Planning) & SDG Nodal Official.

CHICKEN COOP-MAKING COMPETITION:

To revive the art of making handicrafts, the Department of Tribal Affairs organized a Chicken Coop Making Competition at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2022. The event was sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Eighteen (18) participants took part in the competition which witnessed weaving chicken coops with bamboo material, which is a basic and handy item used for storage in households. Nagas are good at making handicrafts but the knowledge and art are disappearing, especially among the younger generation. To revive the art, the organizers conducted the competition for the first time, and it plans to hold the event again next year during the Hornbill Festival.

Eunice Keppen, the only female participant in the competition won the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 15, 000, Kivihu Kinny was adjudged the second prize winner and got Rs. 10, 000, the third prize with a cash prize of Rs. 5000 was awarded to Mangkhohen. In the Best Chicken Coop Design category, Jill was adjudged as the winner.

STILT BAMBOO WALKING COMPETITION:

The Stilt Bamboo Walking Competition was held as part of the Hornbill Festival on 5th December 2022 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. Ngorayi Lohe bagged the first prize, Tachiho bagged the second prize and Ketholel Noho bagged the third prize. The winners pocketed a sum of Rs. 6000, Rs. 4000 and Rs. 2000 respectively. The event was organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports.

1st RC MODEL COMPETITION:

1st Hornbill Remote Control Model



Commissioner & Secretary, Tourism Department, I. Kitto Zhimomi, IRS and officials at the 1st Hornbill Remote Control Model Competition and Aviation Air Show held at the Nagaland State Stadium, Dimapur on 5th December 2022.

TRANSCENDING JERUSALEM THROUGH INDIAN LENSES:

Director CRMT ABCC, Rev. K. N. Kele inaugurated the 'Transcending Jerusalem Through Indian Lenses,' at Bamboo Hall, Kisama on 5th December 2022.

Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha who spoke at the venue said that this programme is simple but very significant, as it highlights the partnership between the Government of Nagaland, the Naga people, and the Government of Israel. He thanked the Photographers, the Embassy of Israel in India and the Ambassador of Israel, who was the honored guest in the last edition Hornbill Festival.

Advisor Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA), Theja Meru said the displaying of the photos is to strengthen the relationship with the people. The photos exhibited were by Simon Sebag Montefiore, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Yehuda Amichai, Ziv Koren, Elie Wiesel, Anne Frank, and others.

Competition and Aviation Airshow was held at the Nagaland State Stadium, Dimapur from 5th December till 6th December 2022. I. Kitto Zhimomi IRS, Commissioner & Secretary, Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland was the special guest at the programme.

I. Kitto Zhimomi said that the 10 day-event of the Hornbill festival has more than 600 events, so the students should grab the opportunity to learn from the events. The edition of this RC show is one such initiative and said that the aviation sector has lots of opportunities coming up. He also noted that this event is not just about flying remote control planes but also empowering the next generation. He said that the Government is trying to connect all 16 districts with 16 aircraft which they are working hard on, and it will not only help the tourism sector but also help the villagers sell their art and craft works.

WOODCRAFT DEMONSTRATION:

Artisans, Mhaseveyi Phesao, 26 years old,

and Nusakho Swuro, 30 years old, hailing from Chozuba under the Phek district, demonstrated their carving of the iconic house emblems symbolizing the stature of the individual as a feast giver, at the Naga Artisans' Meet, World War-II Museum, Kisama on 7th December 2022.

Mhaseveyi, a graduate in Arts stream from C-Edge College Dimapur and Nusakho Swuro started carving Mithuns, Tigers, etc. in 2015. Both are currently working under the owner of Craftwood, Veswuzo Phesao. They sell their Naga cultural and traditional designs and decorative crafts according to sizes, with some products being sold for Rs. 2,00,000/- and above. Many tourist visitors including school children from different institutions led by their teachers and faculty members also witnessed the event.

CANOE SPRINT/BOAT RACE:



Participants during the 2nd Canoe Sprint/Boat Race at Falcon Creek, Tsuza Eryu Doyang, Pangti village on 6th December 2022.

The 2nd Canoe Sprint/Boat Race which is a part of the Hornbill Festival began on 6th December 2022 at Falcon Creek, Tsuza Eryu Doyang, Pangti village under Wokha district. The event was graced by Principal Bailey Baptist College, Wokha Penthungo Ngullie as the special

guest. The event was organized by The Falcon Creek and supported and sponsored by the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland.

Addressing the participants on the first day of the competition, Penthungo Ngullie said Wokha district is blessed with a beautiful landscape that has the potential to generate revenues for self-sustainability. He urged the people to think in terms of exploring the gifted resources and potentials to a greater level. He further stated that through this kind of activities, one can create a greater platform to attract tourist as well as generate revenue to boost the economy for a progressive society.

ANGLING COMPETITION:

Organized by Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources in collaboration with Anglers Association Mokokchung (AAM), the 4th Nagaland Angling Festival was held at Star Fisheries, Japu village, Mokokchung on 6th and 7th December 2022.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mangkolemba, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao who was the special guest congratulated the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and AAM for successfully organizing the 4th Angling Festival. He also encouraged the village councils to focus on preserving the rivers and the forest resources.

Director of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Rongsenungba, emphasized on promotion of angling as a sport in Nagaland. He maintained that proper attention should be given to the sport as it helps in conserving and preserving the environment and rivers as a whole.

Chairman, Japu Village Council in his speech thanked the organizers and the participants for organizing such a programme in the village and assured that the people of the village would always welcome and cooperate for such activities.

EXPERIENCING THE TRUE ESSENCE OF NAGA VILLAGES THROUGH HERITAGE WALKS:

India Trail in partnership with the Government of Nagaland, came up with the idea of 'Heritage Walks,' which are designed to enable visitors to experience the true essence of Nagaland, and to take one on a journey to some of the most beautiful places in Nagaland during the Hornbill Festival 2022.

Nagaland known for its beautiful naturalscape and its beautiful villages, some of the Naga villages which are included in the list of 'Heritage Walks' are - Phüsachodü village, one of the biggest villages in Phek district is one of the hotspots for tourists, well known for the majestic Naga houses, Naga costumes and food; Kigwema village, nestled in the foothills of Mount Japfü, the second highest peak in Nagaland, is a hilly village in Kohima and is one of the many places which was once attacked by the Japanese troop during the World War II; Kohima village which is considered to be the second biggest village in Asia, is a must visit for anyone visiting Nagaland, where one can marvel at the beautifully carved out wooden gates and enjoy the scenic beauty of the village.

Along with the 'Heritage Walk,' tourists also experienced the 'World War II Battle of Kohima Walk.' This tour programme guided one through the battlefield of the Battle of Kohima, giving a glimpse of the graves of Indian, British, and allied soldiers who gave their lives in the year 1944, and pay homage to the fallen soldiers. During this tour, tourists also

visited the place where there is a Medium M3 Lee Tank that was abandoned during World War II.

KISAMA'S FIRST ART GALLERY:



Curator of 'A Way of Being' Kisama's First Art Gallery, Anungla Zoe Longkumer and her team.

The Department of Tourism, in collaboration with art curator, Anungla Zoe Longkumer opened the first ever Kisama Art Gallery with art exhibition, 'A way of being' at the Hornbill Festival 2022.

The exhibition, according to Anungla, is about expressing the changes through art, that occurs through passage and influence of time throughout Nagaland. She added that the exhibition features 17 artists of Nagaland who works across various media and most of them are self-taught artists. The theme of the exhibition 'A way of being' emerged as she realised a sort of story was being narrated through the several artworks she collected from different artists. The KAG sells prints and original work of the artists with certificate of authenticity. The artists who displayed their works were Akangsenep Jamir, Arieno Kera, Kutoli N, Lanu Pongen, Limatola Longkumer, Lipokmanen, Meren Imchen, Moaso

Aier, Nadia Jamir, Sekrese Mejura, Sinlo Kemp, Sirawon Tulisen Kathing, Temjen Art, Tetsong Jamir, Toni Sumi, Vineizotuo Tase and Vithuse Temi.

THE GREAT ESCAPE: AN OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE:

For the first time, the Great Escape of Mahindra Adventure was held as part of the Hornbill Festival. The Great Escape, Hornbill Edition was organized by the Global India Expeditions and Mahindra Adventure.

The off-road adventure was flagged off by Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Development Commissioner, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS at Apex Motor, Meriema, Kohima on 9th December 2022. Bhatia urged the participants to explore the villages and hoped that in the future, the interior parts of Nagaland will also be explored. He also hoped more off-road adventures will be organized. Bhatia also called upon drivers to drive responsibly.

Various Mahindra SUVs took part in the off-road adventure where they crossed multiple villages including Khonoma, Mezoma, and Jotsoma. The event was organized to promote

tourism and rural Nagaland through off-road adventures. This is the fourth time that the Great Escape has been organized in the State.

MEDIA FACILITATION CENTRE AT KISAMA CARRIES OUT BROAD COVERAGE OF THE FESTIVAL:

The Media Facilitation Centre at Kisama from 1st December 2022, provided daily news coverage on the events and activities taking place during the 23rd Hornbill Festival.

Owing to the wide reach that social media and the visual medium provides, and to keep up with it, this year, the Department of Information & Public Relations, Tourism Department and private media houses from the State and outside, had focused on these mediums, tirelessly working round the clock, to make sure that people have up-to-date and upclose experience of the Festival.

The role of media personnel has increased significantly over the years, and the Media Team at Kisama, besides providing timely coverage of the various events, also focused on highlighting the improvements and shortfalls of the Festival, which can be improved upon.

CELEBRATION OF AMRIT MAHOTSAV FOLK DANCE AND SONG FESTIVAL 2022

Amrit Mahotsav, Folk Dance and Song Festival was celebrated under the theme 'Cultural Mosaic' with Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Nchumbemo Lotha as the special guest at NSF Solidarity Park, Kohima on 2nd December 2022.

Nchumbemo said the main objective of organizing the cultural mosaic was to suggest a form of multiculturalism as India is the land of culture and tradition and is one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Stating that Indian culture is rich and unique in its ways where

etiquette, style of communication, values, and beliefs were vital components of the culture.

Nchumbemo also suggested that society must encourage ethnic groups to maintain their ethnic diversity and identity and exhorted the gathering that participation through cultural exchanges would strengthen ethnic identity as Nagaland is also second to none with rich cultural heritage even though it is very small, with all the 17 tribes having different languages, customs, festivals, food habits. He informed that

the Government of India has undertaken a host of initiatives to promote Indian cultures globally and also in all the states in India and expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, TRI Division for accepting the proposal to conduct such seminars and programmes.

The Festival began with the lighting of bon-

fire by the special guest and National Anthem, cultural performances were presented by the tribes of Chakhesang, Pochury, Rengma, Sumi, Angami, Lotha, Zeliang, and Kuki. The Festival was organized by the Department of Tribal Affairs.

4th NAGALAND HONEY BEE DAY OBSERVED



The 4th Nagaland Honey Bee Day 2022 was held at NBHM, Multi-utility Centre 6th Mile, Chümoukedima on 5th December 2022.

agro-climatic conditions, there is a huge potential for beekeeping missions in the State, he said. He expressed his happiness that over the years many achievements and activities were undertaken by NBHM and Nagaland is now top in

The 4th Nagaland Honey Bee Day 2022 was held on 5th December, at NBHM, Multi-utility Centre 6th Mile, Chümoukedima. The event was organized by Nagaland Beekeeping & Honey Mission.

APC & Mission Director, Nagaland Beekeeping & Honey Mission, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, in his address stated that Nagaland is a blessed land, a land untouched by the green revolution. He pointed out that in Nagaland, with no potential for large and medium-based industries, the agro-based industry is the only potential option. Blessed with

beekeeping and honey missions in the whole NE of India, whether it be in quality or quantity.

Sema mentioned that the development of NBHM in the State has acted as a catalyst for other NE States to follow suit by establishing similar independent bee-keeping missions. He stated that with the State's favourable climatic conditions and biodiversity, it will not only promote sustainable livelihoods but also employment opportunities. Further, he pointed out that, with the availability of 10,942 Sq. Km fertile land, 66% of the land has potential for beekeeping. He

also expressed that the vision of the State is to produce 4 lakh bee colonies scientifically. If State can achieve this vision, it would be able to earn around 100 crore. Further, he lamented that there is such a huge demand for Nagaland honey but the State is not able to meet the demand due to poor marketing. He said that the Government is doing its best for sustainable livelihoods and to

create employment opportunities for the people and everyone needs to give effort and support.

The programme was chaired by Agriculture Officer & Team Member NBHM, Bokali A Chikhe. Short speech was delivered by Dr. Moasisang Longkumer. Success stories were presented by VDVK Chukitong, Wokha, Shancholo Ezung, and Progressive Beekeeper, Bade Village, Medopoyi.

KALYAN CHAUBEY LAUNCHES FIFA FOOTBALL FOR SCHOOLS

President, All India Football Federation (AIFF), Kalyan Chaubey formally launched FIFA Football for Schools at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 4th December 2022.

Chaubey said that the programme is being organized solely for the children, who are the future of the State. He said that he was in Nagaland to support children to become football players, to let them dream to play football at the highest level. Chaubey also said that he sees a ray of hope and a bright future for the children since they already have inbuilt talent and only need to upskill themselves for their future if the FIFA Football for Schools is meticulously managed and continues with proper strategy. He said that he will come back to Nagaland to ensure the success of the project in collaboration with the Government of Nagaland through Nagaland

Football Association (NFA) and assured that the All India Football Federation (AIFF) will provide all possible support to the State through NFA and see that every child, boys and girls get proper scientific technical football training.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha while greeting the officials said that FIFA Football for Schools (F4S) is an ambitious programme aiming to contribute to the field of education, development, and empowerment of millions of children. The Advisor also said that the project seeks to make football more accessible by incorporating football activities into the education system with valuable life skills and knowledge. Zale urged the schools to be more effective and efficient since it holds the key to the child's future.

2-DAY WORKSHOP ON 'STRENGTHENING PROJECT INTERVENTIONS' FOCUS- IFAD

Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East (FOCUS) a project funded by International Fund for Agriculture Development in Nagaland (IFAD) held a two-day workshop on 'Strengthening Project interventions' from 5th to 6th December 2022 at Capital Convention Hall, Kohima. The workshop was attended by officers and staff from the eight implementing project districts and staff from

the State Project Management Unit (SPMU) to improve the project's deliverance of services.

Y Kikheto Sema, IAS, APC & MD FOCUS Nagaland, in the closing session, encouraged all the staff to perform diligently in all the jobs they are assigned with. He pointed out the importance of external funds and projects coming into the State, stating that after 56 years of Statehood, IFAD funded FOCUS project is the first External

Aided Project implemented under the Agri and Allied Department. The project in its course of operation has faced numerous challenges, with its wide area coverage of 645 villages with limited human resources. Despite all the challenges the project has achieved tangible impacts in rural farming communities.

The APC urged all team members to make the best use of the remaining project period as

there are hardly 15 months for the project to wind up. He reminded and appealed to all contractual staff to continue rendering their best for the 1433 employment opportunities that IFAD-FOCUS has created at PMU & DMU, including Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW) and Lead Farmers engaged in last-mile delivery of the project.

WORLD SOIL DAY OBSERVED

MOKOKCHUNG:

In commemoration of World Soil Day under the theme 'Soils: Where food begins,' the Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Mokokchung, and KVK, Mokokchung along with the Agriculture Department and villagers of Khar observed World Soil Day on 5th December 2022 at Khar village under Mokokchung district.

The programme was led by Dr. Keviletsu Khate, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Mokokchung as chairperson. Dr. Khate while conveying a welcome speech briefed the participants on the significance of observing World Soil Day where it aims to create awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness, and encouraging societies to improve soil health.

In his keynote address District Soil Conservation Officer, Mokokchung, Ruokuosietuo Dzuwichu stated that World Soil Day is observed annually on 5th December ever since it was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002, as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. Over the years, soil degradation is posing a serious threat to

food security and environmental quality, that is caused by unsustainable agricultural practices, rapid urbanization, industrialization, commercial pollution, overgrazing, and long-term climate changes.

Ruokuosietuo mentioned that it is easy to destroy soil and its fertility within a short time but very difficult to regain them back to normal and will take 200-400 years to form 1 cm of soil. From this perspective, it has become imperative for all mankind to understand the importance of soil and take an individual and social responsibility to nurture them.

Topic on the importance of soil testing and Soil Health Card and proper management of soil with the use of organic manures and biofertilizers was delivered by Yimkum Kichu, AO, Agriculture Department, Mokokchung. PowerPoint on the production and application of various organic manures was presented by Imtisenla, ACTO Agronomy, KVK, Mokokchung. While, presentation on the importance of Agromet from the perspective of agriculture was delivered by N. Walling, SMS, Agromet, KVK, Mokokchung. Further, a demonstration of soil sample collection and geo-tagging was conducted by Opangtemsu, SCA.

SECHÜ-ZUBZA:

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation celebrated the World Soil Day at Training & Research Centre, Sechü- Zubza on 5th December 2022.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation celebrated the World Soil Day under the theme 'Soils, where food begins,' on 5th December 2022 at Training & Research Centre, Sechü- Zubza. Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS graced the occasion as the special guest.

Director, Soil & Water Conservation, S. K. Hekshe in his opening remark stressed on the need for stewardship to conserve the soil and

mitigate the threats to soil as much as we can and

strengthen our pledge to have sense of ownership in restoring and building the ecosystem.

The speaker, Kevileto Rote, ARO elaborated on

the theme and its aims to raise awareness of the importance of healthy soils for food production. He added that in order to keep our soils capable of delivering such an important ecosystem service, it is crucial to manage them with care.

Special guest, K. Libanthung Lotha in his speech emphasized to commit and proactively work towards improving soil health. He gave a clarion call for all to sensitize the public to act on what we preach i.e., 'Nurture the nature.'

NAGALAND ADOLESCENT GIRLS CLUB ANNUAL MEET-CUM-ADVENT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Nagaland Adolescent Girls Club (NAGC), under the aegis of Nagaland State Social Welfare Board (NSSWB) held its Annual Meet-cum-Advent Christmas Celebration 2022 with the theme, 'Live the Promise' with Joint Secretary, Department of Social Welfare & Secretary, NSSWB, Mhathung Tsanglao as the special guest at Auditorium Hall, State Institute of Rural Development, Kohima on 7th December 2022.

While reflecting on the journey of NAGC, Supervisor, NSSWB, Juliana Medom, said that it was officially launched on 22nd May 2008 and ever since, NAGC has been initiating programmes

such as awareness drive on sexual abuse, career guidance, skill development, cleanliness drives, pipe band, guitar classes, self-defence classes, Good Samaritan work, where the AGC girls go and take care of the elderly and 'The Red Letter Box' which is kept in school of NAGC members to write their grievances and social and psychological problems. NAGC also has been converging with departments such as, Health & Family Welfare on food safety, Nagaland State Legal Services on the theme, 'Know your rights campaign' where the girls were sensitised on POCSO Act, and schemes

in addition to the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and therefore, asked all the Deputy Commissioners to give it their top priority and lead from the front with regard to its implementation. He asked the Deputy Commissioners to conduct awareness programmes in their respective district by the 15th of December 2022. He appreciated Wokha district for the proactive role played in creating awareness and receiving applications for scrutinizing and approval. He encouraged the other districts to follow suit and also create a District Facilitation Centre with members drawn from the Agri & Allied Departments in the district in order to expedite the implementation of the scheme.

The Development Commissioner, Amardeep S Bhatia, IAS also highlighted the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and asked the Deputy Commissioners to ensure the saturation of registration of all government employees and public under the health insurance scheme so that health cards can be issued to all before the election process starts.

Further, the APC, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS reiterated that the Chief Minister's Micro-Finance Initiative (CMMFI) scheme is a first-of-its-kind

scheme in the State where the loan component is 60% to be provided by the banks and the State Government will provide 30% of the total project cost as a back-ended subsidy and the beneficiary will have to contribute just 10% of the project cost. In addition, KCC holders will have the additional benefit of a 4% interest subvention by the State Government. He also stated that the total cost of the CMMFI scheme would be around ₹217 crore, out of which ₹65 crore is subsidy from the State Government, ₹130 crore from the Bank, and ₹22 crore as beneficiary contribution. The CMMFI is expected to generate employment opportunities for about 1500 unemployed youths/entrepreneurs.

The Deputy Commissioners assured that they would organize awareness campaigns before 15th December 2022 and give maximum efforts for the success of the State Flagship programme.

The Chief Secretary also directed the Lead Bank to issue fresh directives to all the bank branches regarding their role and responsibility in the implementation of the CMMFI scheme so as to ensure the timely dispersal of loans to the beneficiaries.

NSSA CONFERENCE HELD



The newly elected members of the Nagaland Secretariat Service Association (NSSA) during the NSSA Triennial Conference at Secretariat Conference Hall on 13th December 2022.

President, Nagaland Secretariat Service Association (NSSA), Chubasangla Longkumer extended her gratitude to the NSSA members. She asked the members of the Association to stand strong and united and to be true torchbearers wherever they are posted, as they render services to the Government. NSSA is one of the mature services in the State and she encouraged the members to serve with pride and dignity. She emphasized the sincerity and commitment to work with the younger members of the association.

An obituary reference was made in the house by Chubasangla for the members: Late Heluibe Zeliang, Ex-Joint Secretary, Late Limatemjen I. Longkumer, Ex-Junior Section Officer (JSO), Late Veswesayi Kezo, Ex-Deputy Secretary, Late Khrieliehu Thur, Ex-Under Secretary, Late Atokali Chishi, Ex-Junior Section Officer (JSO) and Late Rabenthung Tungoe, Ex-Section Officer (SO).

The House unanimously approved the

present elected members to continue serving: Chubasangla Longkumer - President, Y. P Along - Vice President, Benito K. Swu - General Secretary, Chingai Panja - Assistant Secretary, Vibozoto Yiene- Treasurer and Johnny Humtsoe, Ex-President, NSSA as the Advisor. Other newly elected members are E. Longphyo Kikon as Vice President and Hosea Seb as Assistant Secretary.

General Secretary, NSSA, Benito K. Swu announced the General Secretary Report for the period of 7/12/2019 to 7/12/2022 where he gave a detailed discussion on the NSSA General Body, NSS Cadre Position during the period, the various activities, and purposes by the NSSA, the NSSA Golden Jubilee Celebration, COVID-19 related activities by the Association, and NSS Cadre Review.

Treasurer, NSSA, Vibozoto Yiene gave the Audit Report while Search Committee Report was provided by Joint Secretary Finance Deputy, Neikedoulie.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR ROs & AROs HELD AT ATI KOHIMA



A four-day certification programme for Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers was held at the Administrative Training Institute, Kohima from 13th to 16th December 2022.

In view of the forthcoming General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2023 a four-day Certification Programme for Returning Officers (ROs) & Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) of Nagaland in two simultaneous batches from 13th

to 16th December 2022 (Phase-II) was held at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima.

The second phase of the Certification Programme was conducted for the districts – Kohima, Zunheboto, Mon, Tuensang, Longleng,

Noklak, Shamator, Mokokchung, and Wokha.

During the inaugural session, Additional CEO, Ruokuovituo Khezhe gave the welcome address and highlighted the important role played by the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers in the conduct of the election.

The four days simultaneous training programme was conducted by Resource Persons/National Level Master Trainers (NLMTs) deputed by the Election Commission of India (ECI). The various sessions included - Nomination, including instructions on criminal

antecedent, scrutiny of nomination, withdrawal of candidature and allotment of symbol, Model Code of Conduct, qualification and disqualification, e-Roll, District Election Management Plan including COVID Guidelines, Service Voter Portal, EMS, ETPBS, NGRS, Observer Portal, IT Application including nomination, permission, poll day, counting, postal ballot, polling party and poll day arrangement, vulnerability mapping, expenditure monitoring, paid news and MCMC, EVM-VVPAT administrative procedure, and EVM-VVPAT hands-on.

e-NAGA SUMMIT 2022 HELD



Advisor, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C) and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon addressing the gathering at the e-Naga Summit 2022 at Directorate of IT&C on 14th December 2022.

The e-Naga Summit 2022 under the theme 'Towards promotion of secured digital services and investment opportunities in the State of Nagaland' was organized by the Department of Information Technology & Communication in collaboration with Indo-British Business Forum, United Kingdom at the Directorate of IT&C on 14th December 2022.

Advisor for Information Technology & Com-

munication and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon in his inaugural address highlighted that the e-Naga Summits held in the past, had people coming from across the world not only shared their ideas and programmes but participated and engaged with the State Government to ensure the objectives of the State in creating e-governance and IT culture. He also mentioned that the theme for the e-Naga Summit 2022 has

been designed to address the specific needs of the State and highlighted the progress the State has made in the past 10 years through investment in the road sector of the NHIDCL project, where 4-lane roads and road connectivity projects to the State capital Kohima from all districts have been taken up which has resulted in improvement in the rural sectors.

Kikon also added that in the e-district project, the IT Department has enabled 47 e-services where all the government department websites are hoisted on data centre which has made services easy to access online, and also the Government is focused and clear about its priority to use IT services.

CEO, Indo British Business Forum, United Kingdom, Kavita Sharma said Indo British Business Forum is a private firm committed to bringing investments in India and also an opportunity-based firm that looks for opportunities to bring investments in India, she mentioned that the UK Government and the Indian Government have signed a free trade agreement worth 52 billion pounds, where for the first time, UK fruits will enter India without any duty and vice-versa the fruits from the State such as kiwi, pineapple and dragon fruits. She also said that the firm is interested to invest in the power sector, and renewable energy. She also said that basic infrastructure in the State is not available and Nagaland need investment in roads, she also said there were opportunities for

young entrepreneurs and the small and medium industries that need to be addressed.

Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, of IT & Power, K. D. Vizo in his address said the Department of Information Technology & Communication was created in the year 2004 and the e-Naga Summit was organized in 2015 to promote e-governance culture in the State. He mentioned that initially they tried to create awareness amongst the politicians, the bureaucrats, the entrepreneurs, and businesses and were successful but the youths and the college students were more interested as their response was huge and as Nagaland has the most active in social media it was ready to take up e-governance and IT Sector. He also said IT culture is to bring transparency, accountability, and efficiency and change the mindset of the people about the work culture and society. He stressed that the biggest challenge is to change the work culture and the people along with technology change.

The resource persons were Nitin Agarwal, Director Leverage Capital, IBBF, Neichute Doulo, CEO Entrepreneurs Association Nagaland, Arun Sharma, Senior Digital Development Specialist World Bank, Rakesh Kumar Boylla, MD KR Project & Maestro Technologies IBBF, Kishore Shah CEO for SPOCHUB and ESDS Group, Nashik Maharashtra and Kedo Nagi, Proprietor, M/s Ramietech Solutions, Nagaland.

SDGCC, PLANNING & COORDINATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES 'NAGALAND FOR GREEN CHRISTMAS' CAMPAIGN 2022

The SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) of the Planning & Coordination Department has launched the third edition of the 'Nagaland for Green Christmas' Campaign 2022. This

Campaign focuses on mobilizing all the residents of Nagaland to celebrate a sustainable and environment-friendly Christmas. The key objective of this campaign is to align the



General Secretary, Nagaland Baptist Church Council, Rev. Zelhou Keyho with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Legislators during the inaugural of Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Chapel Hall at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 11th December 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS and Director General of Police, T. J. Longkumer during the launch of Project Sahyog booklet of Nagaland Police at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2022.



Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar releasing the stamp commemorating the 23rd Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2022.



IGAR (North) Major General, Vikas Lakhera being felicitated during the cultural programme held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 8th December 2022.



Lt. General Jagamohan Singh Sidana with Minister, Tribal Affairs and Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along during the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 3rd December 2022.



Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Nalin S. Kholi being accorded a warm welcome during the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 9th December 2022.



Judge of Supreme Court of India, Sanjay Kishan Kaul being felicitated by Advisor, Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yepthomi at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 10th December 2022.



Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar addressing the gathering of the cultural programme held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 7th December 2022.



A group of Kuki men carrying the head of a Mithun while performing 'Savailhun,' which is a song and dance, referring to a grand reception of bountiful hunting during the cultural presentation at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2022.



Lotha womenfolk performing during the cultural presentation at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 4th December 2022.



Pochury cultural troupe showcasing a folk dance during the Hornbill Festival, Kisama on 2nd December 2022.



Viewers enjoying a film screened during the Film Fiesta, Open Air Cinema at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2022.



Winners of the SDG painting competition organized by the SDGCC Planning & Coordination Department at Kisama on 3rd December 2022.



Guest Judge, Chef Gary Mehigan, Author and Restaurateur presenting a cheque of Rs. 2 lakh to the winner of Naga Chef Season 9, Tokupu Sumi at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 9th December 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom during the inauguration of Polytechnic Hukphang, Longleng on 17th December 2022.



Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi inaugurated the water supply for Aboi and Longching Headquarters under Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources project, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region at Aboi, Mon on 8th December 2022.

Christmas festival celebration to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) dissemination and spark on-ground action across the State for making this Christmas and beyond, sustainable. Nagaland has shared the responsibility to make SDGs a reality for the State, the country, and the world, as a whole.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year but not the most environmentally friendly. 'Nagaland for Green Christmas' is an endeavour to continue the effort towards a state-wide sustainable and environment-friendly Christmas to reduce carbon emissions. From the type of decorations we buy to the food we eat, everything – no matter how big or small – can make a huge difference. Some of the simple and effective ways of having a greener Christmas would be avoiding

plastics, decorating eco-friendly Christmas trees, DIY decorations, switching to LED lights, gifting reusable essentials, sending e-cards, buying ethically, composting the leftovers, connecting to nature, and suchlike. The key is to be mindful and incorporate small changes and considerations into our normal routine - think about the items we buy, how we use them, and how we dispose of them as well.

The Government of Nagaland through the SDGCC has been mobilizing individuals, communities, departments, institutions, and agencies, and to take action for the achievement of the SDGs, whilst building coalitions across communities and societies at the local level. This is yet another effort towards achieving the SDG Vision 2030.

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER



Outgoing Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Er. Hotovi Ayemi speaking during his farewell programme at the Conference Hall, Chief Engineer's Office, Kohima on 17th December 2022.

The Department of Water Resources bade farewell to its outgoing Chief Engineer, Er. Hotovi Ayemi in a short formal programme on 17th December 2022 at the Conference Hall, Chief

2020.

Er. Hotovi Ayemi thanked all the staff and officers of the Department for trusting his

Engineer's Office, Kohima.

Er. Hotovi Ayemi, first joined the Department on 1st July 1988 as an Assistant Engineer and served the department for thirty-four and half years. He was promoted to the post of Chief Engineer on 31st March

leadership and for diligently performing their duties during his entire tenure in the Department. He said that he had spent the best years of his life with the Department and had enjoyed working with all the staff and officers of the Department.

Er. Razouvolie Kelio, the incoming Chief Engineer, speaking at the programme congrat-

ulated the outgoing chief engineer for having completed his tenure at the office and mentioned that many notable projects had been initiated and completed under the amenable, astute, and dynamic leadership of his predecessor Er. Hotovi Ayemi.

INSPECTION-CUM-REVIEW MEETING FOR NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE HELD

The ongoing project of New Medical College, Phriebagei Kohima was inspected by Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Kikheto Sema, IAS along with officers from Directorate of Health & Family Welfare led by Principal Director, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, Director-cum-Dean of Medical College, Kohima and officials. The inspection-cum-review and the consultative meeting was held on 17th December 2022.

During the review-cum-consultative meeting which was held at Administrative Block Medical College, Kikheto emphasized that the major priority is to complete the Medical College and make it functional at the earliest. He suggested that some senior officers from the Directorate should be assigned exclusively to Medical College so that he/she can update the ongoing progress to higher-ups. He suggested that the

status should be updated at least once a week. He opined that a list of all names and contractors who are in charge of different buildings should be maintained for smooth communication along with a list of priorities. Additionally, he suggested forming a committee for each building.

Principal Director, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi in his speech expressed gratitude to Kikheto Sema, IAS for showing great interest and enthusiasm towards the Medical College for the welfare of Naga citizens. Additionally, he requested the engineers to give more priority to the project to speed up the work and mentioned that it is the wish of the Department to make the Medical College functional as early as possible.

Dr. Soumya Chakraborty, Medical Director-cum-Dean of Nagaland Medical College also highlighted the working process of the ongoing project during the meeting.

DGP LONGKUMER HOLDS MEETING ON ELECTION PREPAREDNESS

The Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS held a meeting on the law and order situation in the State and the election preparedness of the various units of Nagaland Police at the Conference Hall, Rhododendron Hall, Chümoukedima on 17th December 2022.

The conference was attended by Senior Police Officers from PHQ, Commissioner of

Police, Dimapur, and all SPs and Commandants. Limasunep Jamir, IPS, Inspector General of Police (Range), and State Police Nodal Officer (Election) gave a presentation on election preparedness. Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (L & O) and K. Martin Pienyu, IPS, Inspector General of Police (INT) highlighted the law and order issues.

MHA FACT FINDING COMMITTEE LANDS IN TUENSANG

The fact-finding committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) visited Tuensang comprising of A. K. Mishra Rtd. IPS, Advisor North East MHA as the leader, Dr. Mandeep Singh Tull, IPS, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB) and A. K. Dhyani, Director, Northeast Division MHA, both as members, from 16th to 18th December 2022.

The committee held a meeting with Eastern Nagaland Peoples Organisation (ENPO) on 16th December 2022. On 17th December 2022,

the committee members held a meeting with 7 Tribal Bodies, Hindu and Muslim communities of Tuensang town, Eastern Nagaland Women Organisation (ENWO) and Eastern Nagaland Students' Federation (ENSF). A joint meeting with Goan Buras, Dobashis and senior citizens, and a meeting with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendent of Police of six districts namely Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, and Shamator was also held.

ECI HOLDS MEETING WITH STATE NODAL OFFICERS OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE MONITORING

A video conference was conducted by the Election Commission of India with Nodal Officers of Election Expenditure Monitoring for the forthcoming General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023 on 19th December 2022. The video conference was chaired by Deputy Election Commissioner, ECI, Ajay Bhadoo. It was a preliminary review of the preparedness of various Law Enforcement Agencies for Election Monitoring.

The main function of the Election Monitoring team is for curbing the use of money power in elections through constant vigil and internal assessments and proactive actions through the deployment of enforcement agencies. In the meeting, it was also discussed that the Income Tax Department will be setting up a control room at Dimapur, a camp office at Kohima, and

monitoring teams in all 16 (sixteen) districts of Nagaland comprising two officers and 5-6 Inspectors in minimum.

The video conference was attended by Chief Electoral Officer Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Additional CEO, Ruokuovituo Khezhe, Joint CEO, Awa Lorin, and Joint CEO, Sharon Longchari along with Nodal Officers from Police, Income Tax Nagaland, State Taxes Department, State Excise Department, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Enforcement Directorate (ED), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (Dimapur Regional Unit), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Central Goods and Service Tax (CGST), State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), CISF (Dimapur Airport), Airport Authority of India Dimapur Airport, Department of Post, Railways, and Assam Rifles.

LONGLENG DISTRICT AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY OBSERVES WORLD AIDS DAY

Nagaland AIDS Control Society Longleng district observed World AIDS Day on 1st December 2022 at EBRC Hall, Longleng under the theme 'Equalize' with B. Henshet Phom, Vice Principal, Yingli College Longleng as the special guest.

B. Henshet Phom, Vice Principal Yingli College said that the aim of World Health Organization is to eliminate AIDS from the face of the world by 2030. He said 90% of new HIV infections are from marginalized sections of society who are discriminated, and added that

leaders and citizens have equal responsibility in spreading awareness on HIV/AIDS and the harmful effects of drugs.

Dr. Lipok Phom, MO, District Hospital Longleng addressed the gathering on the significance of the day. Welcome address was delivered by Lithei, DSRC, NSACS Longleng and short speeches were also delivered by District Legal Services Authority Longleng, Longleng Town Baptist Pastor Fellowship and Phom Students' Conference.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board held its monthly meeting on 7th December 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe.

Reviewing the last meeting agenda, ADC reminded the members to submit to the registration centre and nominate officers and their staff for approval for Chief Minister's

Health Insurance Scheme. He also urged officers to submit their detailed list of vehicles and government employees for drafting polling personnel for upcoming election duty. Further, he requested the Board to be well-prepared as the election schedule will be declared anytime soon.

During the meeting, EE PHE Tuensang highlighted the football exhibition match which was held in aid of the education mission for CWS.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR LIVELIHOOD CONDUCTED AT CHOZUBA

The DIC Chozuba in partnership with Kudatech Skill Centre, Dimapur conducted a 15-days intensive training programme on house wiring (Electrician) at DIC – Chozuba, with 25 trainees on 6th December 2022.

Cholzo Sophie, General Manager of DIC addressing the training programme, said the unemployment rate does not match the literacy rate in the State. The employment avenue in the

government sector is saturated and skilling is the core of self-employment.

Roko Kehie, a resource person from Kudatech, urged the trainees to be sincere and briefed them to follow the rules and procedures. Kevirekho Kuotsu from Kudatech Skill Centre, taught the trainees in skill development during the 15-days programme.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dharam Raj, IAS at DPDB Hall, Longleng on 6th December 2022.

In his address, the DC apprised the members of successfully concluding the 2nd Inter-Departmental Tournament 2022 organized by the Officer's Club in the district. Lauding the members for their cooperation and support, the DC said the tournament was a grand success because of the contribution and active participation of the officers and members.

After a brief discussion, the Board forwarded the following agenda to the concerned department for approval and necessary action. A proposal for the renovation of the DUDA guest house at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakhs was recommended and forwarded to Director, DUDA.

In regard to the registration of Kiyong-Kivong-Kiveli Welfare Society, the case was forwarded to the concerned department after it was found to be genuine and verified by the district administration. For the strict implementation of LADP schemes 2022-23, the DC informed that a committee headed by ADC Tamlu and DC Longleng will be constituted for implementing LADP projects under 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng, respectively.

The Health & Family Welfare Department presented their activities under the establishment of CMO and District Hospital, Longleng. Dr. Temsu, District Surveillance Officer Longleng, presented the activities under the establishment of CMO Longleng, and Dr. Khyouthungo Yanthan, Junior Specialist presented the activities of District Hospital, Longleng and the requirements needed by the department.

PROGRAMME ON CLEAN ELECTION CONDUCTED

ZUNHEBOTO:

A programme on Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) stressing on clean electoral roll and clean election was held at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 6th December 2022 with Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS and Superintendent of Police, Vishal Chauhan, IPS as programme speakers.

The Deputy Commissioner said keeping past experiences in mind the administration along with SP Zunheboto would see to it that the election is conducted cleanly and fairly which is also a core part of the Clean Election Campaign. He further said that there are some disturbing elements like the usage of alcohol, drugs, and money in luring voters, which hampers the smooth conduct of elections, but he assured that stern action towards violators

shall be initiated and also appealed to people for their cooperation and support in doing so.

SP Zunheboto spoke on the availability and preparedness of security saying that there are enough capable officers and security personnel to maintain tranquility in the district.

TSEMINYU:

The District Administration & Nodal Officer for Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), Ruokuosetuo Tetso, EAC Headquarter, Tseminyu in collaboration with the Council of Rengma Baptist Churches conducted the SVEEP campaign-cum- pre-Christmas celebration on 3rd November 2022 at Circuit House, Tseminyu town with the theme 'My Vote My Future,' with the aim of spreading awareness among voters to ensure

maximum voting in the upcoming Assembly Polls.

The District Election Officer carried out demonstrations, training, and awareness to sensitize the voters with EVM & VVPAT, where the youths and first-time voters actively participated. A skit competition on SVEEP was held in which Bethel Baptist Church emerged as the winner.

SURUHOTO:

A one-day programme on Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) on Clean Electoral Roll and Clean Election was held at Suruhoto SDO (C) Office on 8th December 2022.

Along with the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police,

GBs and Village Council Chairman, Colony GBs, Colony Chairman of Suruhoto town, all unit officials of recognized political parties under 33 AC, various NGOs, and CSOs participated in the programme.

Superintendent of Police, Zunheboto Vishal Chauhan, IPS said the main aim for this election is to make it a violence-free, free and fair election and requested the people to cooperate with the administration. He also said that the election is one of the most beautiful processes in the country and appealed to everyone to work hand in hand with the administration.

Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS requested the people to try to be violence-free and added that if violence happens he will have no option but to take action against the perpetrators. He further added that if any village declares 100% support to any candidate

or any political party, that particular village will be blacklisted and stern action will be taken against that particular village. He also requested the legal arms license holders to submit their guns and assured them that their guns will be intact and added that those submitted would have their gun license renewed for next year.

SATAKHA:



Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation campaign on clean electoral roll and clean election was held at General Zuheto Memorial Town Hall Satakha on 10th December 2022.

Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign on clean electoral roll and clean election was held at General Zuheto Memorial Town Hall Satakha on 10th December 2022. Along with the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, GBs and Village Council Chairman, Colony GBs, and Colony Chairman of Suruhoto town, all unit officials of recognized political parties under 33 AC, various NGOs, and CSOs participated in the programme.

AGHUNATO:

Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) on clean electoral roll and clean election campaign was held at Aghunato Area GB Hall, Aghunato on 21st December 2022.

DC, Zunheboto, SP Zunheboto, representatives of political parties, DBs, GBs, BLOs, BLAs, churches and VCCs attended the programme.

KOHIMA FOREST DIVISION RELEASES THE BOOK 'FEATHERS AND LEAVES'


Dharmendra Prakash IFS, released the book, *Feathers and Leaves: Flora and Fauna Documented in Forest Colony, Kohima* at Forest Office Complex, Kohima on 6th December 2022.

Dharmendra Prakash IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland released the book, 'Feathers and Leaves: Flora and Fauna Documented in Forest Colony, Kohima' an initiative of Kohima Forest Division at Forest Office Complex, Kohima on 6th December 2022.

Briefing about the book, Rajkumar M IFS, DFO Kohima, who conceptualized the book, said that people generally see Forest Colony, Kohima as a residential area with offices around but a huge part of the area is covered by forest which serves as a haven for the rich flora and fauna. He said that the idea behind this book is that,

by reading it people will want to contribute their part in conserving biodiversity. He concluded by saying that this book will guide those who want to do bird watching in Kohima. He also thanked Vedpal Singh, Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland for his support and his contribution of photos of the birds.

Dharmendra Prakash congratulated the Division for the initiative and encouraged them to continue the good work. He encouraged the team to come up with more such documentation in the future.

TRAINING ON HIV/AIDS CONDUCTED AT MOKOKCHUNG

One-day training on HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017 with District Administration, officials of all the offices, and members from Community-Based Organization was organized by District AIDS Prevention Control Unit (DAPCU) Mokokchung at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 6th December 2022. The training was sponsored by NSACS.

During the training programme, W. V. Patton, Chief Judicial Magistrate Mokokchung & Secretary Mokokchung District Legal Services Association (DLSA) delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the salient features of the HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, roles & responsibilities of Ombudsman and Complaint Officers.

SHIPONGER VILLAGE GUARDS OBSERVES 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

The Shiponger Village Guards observed its 50 years anniversary with Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung as the special guest.

The Advisor thanked all the Village Guards for their selfless sacrifice and service towards the

village despite a number of limitations. Keoshu said that Village Guards play an important role in protecting the village and maintaining law and order within its jurisdiction. He also unveiled the 50 years anniversary monolith.

LONGLENG DISTRICT TASK FORCE ON IMMUNIZATION MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Task Force on Immunization (DTFI) meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC & Chairman DTFI, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 6th December 2022.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that all departments and NGOs should take up the task and coordinate as a team to eliminate Measles - Rubella from the district. He also said that district should aim to achieve more than 95% MRCV-2 coverage and Full Immunization Coverage (FIC) as a whole.

Dr. Imnameren Phom highlighted the importance of Measles and Rubella elimination. He appreciated the stakeholders for their cooperation during the last MR campaign and requested the members to further cooperate with the team to conduct the elimination programme and sustain it in the district. Dr. Mhechekhro Mero, RRT gave a presentation on

the immunization status of Longleng district, MR elimination criteria, VPD surveillance, national strategies adopted for MR elimination, timelines and expectations from the district for achieving Measles, Rubella elimination goal by December 2023.

CMO, Dr. Kibangkumb further emphasized that Longleng being a comparatively small district can achieve the target if all the stakeholders work hand in hand and put effort. He further asked the Phomla Hoichem, church secretaries and churches to disseminate the importance of immunization to mothers.

DIO, also said that the backbone of the elimination programme is the Health & Family Welfare, School Education and Social Welfare departments. He urged the schools to collect the data on the immunization status of children so that more awareness programmes can be conducted.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting-cum-welcome programme in honour of new Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman Phek DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS at DPDB Hall, Phek on 9th December 2022.

Kuzholuzo (Azo) Nienu, MLA and Co-

Chairman of the UDA Government attended the meeting in which he said that officers should be sincere for the development of Phek district during their period of stay in the district. Azo also expressed his confidence in having efficient DC, SP, and Commandant in the district, and urged them to enforce the rule of law in the district for

the good of the citizens.

Kumar Ramnikant, DC & Vice Chairman DPDB informed the members to be cooperative with the District Administration in all kinds of official jobs particularly in the coming Assembly

Election in the State.

Detailed PowerPoint presentations of the departmental activities were given by the District Employment Officer and District Sericulture Officer at the meeting.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto held its monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 9th December 2022. DC Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chaired the meeting.

The DC said that since State Election is near, the administration has started enlightening the GB Federation, Sumi Hoho, Sumi Totimi Hoho, and various organizations about how to conduct violence-free and fair elections, and asked the members to play their part. He also added that the administration has started the seizure of alcohol and various abusive substances at various locations.

Zunheboto Superintendent of Police, Vishal Chouhan, IPS said the election process should be a celebration rather than a battlefield. He added that they will need the help of everyone and requested the cooperation of the public.

He further added that stern action will be taken against any government officials who are found campaigning or participating in any political party. He further added that all polling stations will be mandatorily covered by CCTV so as to avoid any anomalies in the election process.

The proposal for changing the nomenclature of Bethel School to Cedar School was taken up, and the Board agreed and the DC decided to forward it to the higher authority.

PWD (R&B) presented a PowerPoint regarding their department's ongoing and completed works and also various problems faced by the department, regarding which the DC asked the department to bring the details so that they can discuss and solve the problems together. The DC further directed the PWD Department to be sincere and make good roads for the public.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 8th December 2022 under the chairmanship of Advisor, Water Resources & Chairman Peren DPDB, Namri Nchang.

Reviewing the previous meeting minutes, DC reiterated the importance and benefits of Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme and also informed all the departments to contact SDO (C) Peren, Kelevituo Nisa if they have problems

while registering. He also requested the Heads of Offices to ensure that the registration of all employees is completed immediately instead of keeping it in abeyance. Further, he requested all the departments that are yet to submit the staff list in regard to the Election to do so at the earliest.

The agenda for Zonal Taxi Permit-Peren to Kohima was deferred to be discussed in the next meeting as there was no member to brief the Board, while the registration of Tribal Society,

Development of Tribal Society North East India, Head Office Jalukie, Old Peren was not approved as proper documentation report was not provided.

During the meeting, the Department of Land Resources and Agriculture also gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation of their respective

departmental activities.

Chairman and Advisor Water Resources, Namri Nchang briefly highlighted to the Board some of the major achievements and developments undertaken and ongoing in the district under the leadership of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

Shamator District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-picnic was held at Huhdang village on 9th December 2022.

Neithonuo Liegise, Programme Manager Elderline, Kohima, Nagaland launched the Shamator District Elderline and briefed about its importance and functions and provided the Elderline helpline number, 14567 for any inquiries and help.

The Board also recommended approval of bridge construction on Huhdang road, the

creation of EAC Headquarter, Kuthur.

S. Keoshu Yimkhiung Chairman of DPDB and Advisor Information & Public Relations and Village Guards welcomed all the members and also thanked Huhdang village for hosting the programme.

Thsuisie Phoiji, Deputy Commissioner, Shamator briefed about the forthcoming election and informed all the officers concerned to get prepared.

33rd GENERAL SESSION OF CHESSORE AREA GB ASSOCIATION HELD



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung arriving at the 33rd General Session of Chessore Area GB Association at Kiutsükiur village on 10th December 2022.

The 33rd General Session of Chessore Area GB Association was held on 10th December 2022 at Kiutsükiur village with Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung as the special guest. He emphasized on simplicity and truth, which he

said we need to inherit from our ancestors. He said village authorities and village chieftains are the grassroots and foundation of society and a strong society is dependent upon strong village authority, and that GBs are the keepers of our customs and traditions. He also urged village

heads to revive the village economy by farming cash crops that are considered best for their climate.

The programme was chaired by Mukam, invocation was pronounced by Kiumehan, Pastor KVBC. Welcome speech was delivered by T. Zhelo, Head GB Kiutsükiur village, keynote

address was given by Tochimong, President CAGBA. Short speeches were delivered by Thsuvisie Phoji, DC Shamator and S. Throngso, President YTC. A folk song was performed by Kiutsükiur Cultural Troupe and vote of thanks was delivered by K. Throngkiuba, Finance Secretary CAGBA.

INTER-MINISTERIAL CENTRAL TEAM VISITS DISTRICTS

NOKLAK:

Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited DDMA Noklak for a damage assessment in the district on 12th December 2022, headed by Ravinesh Kumar from NDMA, Anil Kumar Singh, Under Secretary Rural Housing Division, Department of Rural Development, Ankit Umrao, Assistant Executive Engineer (C), Brahmaputra Basin Organization, Central Water Commission. The team was accompanied by David Thupitor, Assistant Manager (Administration) NSDMA, Tsapi, Inspector of Statistics.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DDMA, Noklak, K. Mhathung Tsanglao welcomed the IMCT team and briefed them on the overall situation of the district. A PowerPoint presentation on the disaster situation of the district was presented by Tanghiu, District Project Associate, DDMA Noklak. The team visited three major damage sites, Kiammong landslide, Punyaongan (Noklak) landslide, and High School Sector 'A' Noklak.

KIPHIRE:

The ministerial central team led by Ravinesh Kumar FA, NDMA, Anil Kumar Singh Under Secretary Rural Housing Division, Department of Rural Development, Ankit Umrao Assistant Executive Engineer MoRTH, and officials from Kohima visited Kiphire and had a joint meeting with the district heads of departments and

various NGO leaders at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 12th December 2022.

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, T. Wati Aier highlighted the activities of DDMA Kiphire. He said that in the year 2022 due to heavy windstorm and natural calamities many houses were damaged and even road connectivity was affected in many villages. The DDMA Kiphire along with the administration visited the affected areas and incentives were given to those affected villages. Aier informed that awareness and training were held in various schools, public places, and offices by DDMA Kiphire for the students and public to be well prepared in times of earthquake and disasters.

The Power Department, and DEO Kiphire also highlighted some of the grievances and problems faced by the departments that were affected by the landslide and heavy windstorm, and in this regard, the ministerial team informed them to apply to the NSDMA and stated that matters will be looked upon at the earliest. The central team also visited the places affected by a landslide at Forest Ward Kiphire.

TENING:

Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited Tening on 12th December 2022. The team was headed by Superintending Engineer (C) Brahmaputra Basin Organization, Central Water Commission, Assistant Director (PFC-1) Department of

Expenditure, MoF North Block, New Delhi and accompanied by NSDMA Peren.

ADC Tening, Imsenperong Wati briefed the overall situation of Tening sub-division. A short PowerPoint presentation on the disaster situation faced by Nsong Circle was presented by EAC Nsong, Yimkum. I. Ozukum. He also highlighted some of the grievances and major problems face by Nsong area people during monsoon seasons and said that due to incessant rains and natural calamity, road connectivity were cut off by landslides, hampering the lifeline of the Nsong area villages.

WOKHA:

Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) led by Ravinesh Kumar, FA (NDMA), Anil Kumar Singh, Under Secretary Rural Housing Division, Department of Rural Development, and Ankit Umrao Assistant Executive Engineer (MoRTH) visited Wokha district on 13th December 2022 to assess the damage and loss that occurred due to various disaster like floods, landslides, etc.

Ravinesh Kumar, while briefing the Wokha District Management members said the two central groups will visit 6 (six) districts on their two-day visit to the State and do a spot assessment and report the findings to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for Central Assistance to the State from National Disaster Respond Fund. Kumar also said that the team will visit damaged sites to have an idea and how best to assist the State.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman Wokha District Management Authority Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS highlighted the damages to infrastructures, road connectivity within Wokha district, floods, landslides, human-elephant conflict, fire incidents, etc. that has occurred in the district.

The team also visited District Veterinary Hospital, at Saron Colony, Wokha for spot verification and assessment, where the hospital building is on the verge of collapse due to landslides and erosion.

PEREN:

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited Peren district and held a briefing with District Disaster Management Authority and other line departmental officials at ADC Office, Jalukie on 13th December 2022.

The team informed that immediate relief would be provided to each damage on a nominal basis. After the interaction, the visiting team along with DDMA officials and line departments visited Mongleu Irrigational Dam for spot assessment.

The team was led by Sanjay Singh, Superintending Engineer (C) Brahmaputra Basin Organization, Central Water Commission, Tanveer Ahmad Khan, Assistant Director (PFC-1), Department of Expenditure, MoF, North Block, New Delhi.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team arrived in Dimapur on 13th December 2022 and inspected the disaster sites in Chümoukedima area.

The team led by Superintending Engineer (C) Brahmaputra Basin Organisation, Central Water Commission, Sanjay Kumar Singh and Assistant Director (PFC-I), Department of Expenditure MoF, North Block, New Delhi, Tanveer Ahmed Khan inspected the sites starting from Pimla-Zhutovi, Pagalapahar, Sodzulhou, Seithekema Basa and Tsithrongse. During the inspection, the concerned departments briefed about the issues and damages caused by the monsoon. The team asked the line departments to submit their proposal and assured them that their grievances will be looked into soon.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-Advent Christmas was held at Nsonji Lake, New Sendenyu which was hosted by Chairman, Sendenyu Group with Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development and Chairman, Tseminyu DPDB, R. Khing.

A proposal for an EAC post was submitted by Daniel Tep and the Sendenyu Eco-Development

Board submitted biodiversity of wildlife at Sendenyu, and the committee recommended approval including a 32 KV power connectivity in the new district headquarter.

Longasen Lotha, Additional Deputy Commissioner briefed about the forthcoming State election and informed all the concerned officers to be prepared.

ADVISOR S. KEOSHU INAUGURATES THIYANG VILLAGE

S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards inaugurated Thiyang village on 13th December 2022. Thiyang village was established from the parent village, Y. Anner which falls under Chessore sub-division, Shamator.

S. Keoshu Yimkhiung unveiling the village

recognition monolith, congratulated Thiyang villagers for successfully getting the village recognized. He also urged the public to be more united, understanding, and cooperative and aim to be the best village in all-round development. The guest of honour, Vikram Singh DIG, 7 Sector Assam Rifles also unveiled the Public Ground monolith.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA ADMINISTRATION FACILITATES 'THE BLOOD ALLIANCE' CAMPAIGN AT CIHSR



Deputy Commissioner, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS along with others donating blood at Referral Hospital, Dimapur on 13th December 2022.

To facilitate the Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), the Chümoukedima Administration designed a campaign named 'The Blood Alliance' on 13th December 2022 at Referral Hospital, Dimapur.

Lately, having come to know that institutions struggling with maintaining a reserve of blood units, and with the cases of road accidents on the rise which puts added pressure on the blood bank of the institute besides the in-house demand, the Administration along with CIHSR have taken the initiative to device a strong network of volunteers, the 'Blood Samaritans.' One can register with Arhomo C. Ngullie through contact number - 9436270915.

The volunteers can be contacted by the

institute in times of emergencies and whenever there is a requirement for blood, besides regular donations.

DC, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS took the initiative in donating blood, while donors from District Police & staff, CRPF, DCP (Crime)

and officers, respective neighbouring villages, towns, and youth organizations donated blood. The Administration has appealed to all concerned citizens to come forward and help the institute to maintain a constant supply of blood reserve at all times.

WORKSHOP ON PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Rural Division Dimapur in collaboration with the Niuland Town Council (NTC) organized a one-day workshop on plastic waste management and segregation of waste at the source with the theme 'Freedom from Garbage' at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 12th December 2022.

ADC & Administrator NTC, T. Lemlila Sangtam in her keynote address said the event is a consortium of departments such as District Administration, Municipal Affairs, PHED, and Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB), collaborating for a common cause to make their town and district clean and green.

Meanwhile, Hukato Chishi, IFS, Member Secretary, NPCB urged the public to cooperate with the District Administration and carry forward the district to a better place. Chishi also said that NGT has imposed Rs. 200 crores on the State Government due to the failure of sewage and solid waste management in the State and added if they do not start managing solid, sewage and plastic waste today, the land and environment

will be in a worse situation after 10-20 years from now.

Also speaking at the event, Imojungla Longkumer, District Coordinator, DWSM, PHED Dimapur stated that Swachh Bharat Mission 2 aims for villages to progress towards ODF-Plus status, where Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is implemented and Open Defecation Free sustainability is maintained. Plastic waste management is a distinct component of SLWM implementation at the village level which is to be an integral part of GPDP.

Yanathung Kithan, Scientist 'B' Nagaland Pollution Control Board highlighted the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 and duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner, waste generator, Urban Local Bodies, and village panchayat. Kithan also mentioned the Nagaland Integrated Waste Management Policy 2019, which is to achieve sustainable waste management throughout the State by 2030, and urged the participants to give community participation and follow the adage, 'My Waste My Responsibility.'

CHINGKAO PANGKHAO VILLAGE INAUGURATED

Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John inaugurated the newly recognized Chingkao Pangkhao village on 12th December 2022. He congratulated the people of Chingkao Pangkhao village and thanked all the neighbouring villages and well-wishers for their cooperation in creating

the newly recognized village. He also urged the villagers to respect the parent village and maintain peace and unity among themselves and also with the neighbouring villages.

Rev. N. Sheipa, Retired Evangelist KBBB, Missionary-at-Large dedicated the monolith.



Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John inaugurated the newly recognized Chingkao Pangkhao village on 12th December 2022.

Nokhah, VC Chairman of Chenloisho, Honkai Head GB Chingkao Chingha, Pongthra VC Chairman Wangti, Yemwang VC Chairman Chenmoho village, Manshen VCC Chaoha Chingnyu, W. Wangyem Angh Chingkao Chingnyu, EAC Headquarter Mon, Ya-ei BDO RD Chen Block delivered short speeches.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-Advent Christmas celebration was held at Hammock Resort, New Wokha village on 12th December 2022.

The Board during the meeting entrusted the following departments, Health & Family Welfare, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Wokha Town Council/ District Administration to submit an action taken report on the hygiene of slaughter houses under Wokha town in the next meeting.

Advisor, Law & Justice and Chairman Wokha DPDB, Dr. Chumben Murry in his address said that there is a lot of slaughter house under Wokha town but not even a single one is running hygienically, there are certain guidelines that needed to be followed as far as meat shops are concerned, whereby he entrusted the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Animal Husbandry &

Veterinary Services and District Administration to conduct a joint meeting and to come up with a definite plan for improvement.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon while speaking on the human-elephant conflict in the district, said that in the district where there are reports of loss of human lives, properties, cash crops, and plantations he said that those affected should be compensated through livelihood projects and other schemes set up by the government.

Mt. Tiya College also requested the Board for financial assistance for construction of ceiling for the general administrative building, which the Board discussed on the meeting agenda and forwarded the same to the concerned authority for consideration.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND FIELD REGISTRATION OF NBOCWBB

The inaugural programme of the awareness campaign and field registration of building and other construction workers in the Census Town of Kohima village and its urban suburbs was held at the Kohima Village Council Hall, Kohima

village on 13th December 2022. It was organized by the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWBB), under the leadership of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, and also Chairman of NBOCWBB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome.



People registering during the awareness campaign and field registration of building and other construction workers at the Kohima Village Council Hall on 13th December 2022.

Ayushman Bharat scheme, where one can avail Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for medical treatment, and highlighted the importance of naming an adult family member as a nominee instead of a child to avoid difficulties in claiming the benefits.

He said that the Welfare Board has been in existence for

almost 10 years, and expressed hope that more awareness and information will be disseminated so that the percentage of registration of workers increase in the days to come.

Delivering the welcome address, Helievio Solo, Chairman, Kohima Village Council said that it is a privilege for Kohima village to enjoy the benefits of the scheme which is being brought to their doorsteps. Adding that this programme is for the poor and underprivileged, he appealed to the villagers to register under this scheme as this will be beneficial in the long run.

Highlighting the NBOCWVB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome, Chairman, NBOCWVB said that they have gone to different parts of the State for registering workers, and in the process, have encountered instances where many people showed their enthusiasm by coming early and waiting to get their names registered, citing Seyochung as an example. He lamented that nearer home, there is a lack of awareness and interest, and appealed to the people to come forward for registration.

Dr. Yhome explained about the CMHIS, launched in October 2022 in Nagaland, and stated that the scheme is not just for government employees but the benefits can be availed by the general public as well. He informed that a registered worker is also eligible for benefits provided under

The NBOCWVB provides benefits and schemes such as Tool Grant, Insurance Coverage, Medical Assistance, Education Scholarship, Maternity Benefits. To avail of the scheme, one has to be (1) Workers engaged in building and other construction workers (e.g. Mason, Plumber, Carpenter, Electrician, Painter, Driver, Operator, and Helper of construction machinery, etc. (2) Workers above 18 years and below 60 years. On verification and approval of membership by the competent authority, a beneficiary is registered and issued Identity Card and Unique Registration Number. Welfare benefits involving money are all direct beneficiary transfers and there are no cash hand-outs. One can download or collect Application Form XXVII and submit it to the designated district-level Assistant Labour Commissioner Office or NBOCWVB Office or its Field Administrative Officer(s).

INAUGURATION OF CHENLOISHO LONGKHAO VILLAGE

Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John inaugurated the newly recognized Chenloisho Longkhao village on 13th December 2022. He thanked the Chief Minister for achieving the long-awaited dream of the people of Chenloisho Longkhao village, and added that the day is a historical day for Chenloisho Longkhao village.

The Advisor urged the citizens of the newly recognized village to live in peace and respect

their neighbouring villages and their parent village. He also said people's contribution and cooperation are necessary for village growth and development rather than depending only on the Government. He also urged the youngsters to avoid substances which are harmful to their health, and encouraged them to cultivate hard work, sincerity, and honesty.

AWARENESS CAMP ON CMMFI ORGANIZED

Kiphire District Administration in collaboration with line departments held an awareness-cum-sensitization camp on Chief Minister's Micro-Finance Initiative (CMMFI) at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 13th December 2022.

Addressing the local entrepreneurs and SHGs, DC Kiphire, T. Wati Aier said that the CMMFI scheme announced a few months ago by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman in the presence of CM Nagaland, and which is being implemented by Agriculture and allied departments requires no documents like patta or guarantor, and it is much easier for the beneficiaries to avail the loan. He also said that the Heads of Offices of concerned departments have been informed to assist the beneficiaries while applying for the forms.

During the programme, PowerPoint presentation were given by Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Agriculture, NSRLM, and Horticulture departments, followed by a short interaction.

EAC Kiphire, Ane Khieya said that the scheme is new and therefore more awareness programme will be organized in the future, and she also informed the interested individuals,

beneficiaries, and entrepreneurs to look up the website for CM microfinance, for more information updates on this scheme.

The Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative training was also organized at Vamuzo Memorial Town Hall, Chozuba on 15th December 2022. The training was attended by Ward GBs of Chozuba town, VDB Secretaries under the Chozuba Sub-Division along with the Business Union.

Wokha District Administration organized a one-day workshop on various schemes including Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI) at the Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall on 15th December 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS while briefing the gathering during the workshop said this programme is aimed to help and guide local entrepreneurs as to how the schemes can be availed, he also stated that despite the many schemes and projects introduced by the government to help the public, due to lack of awareness, the general public cannot avail the opportunity and with the view to sensitize the public and the entrepreneurs, this workshop has been organized.

Lead District Manager, SBI Wokha

Branch also highlighted the gathering about the procedures for filing applications and also reminded them to prepare the reports in such a way that they match with their projects because eligible beneficiaries will be selected accordingly, and also assured of all possible assistance while preparing the project reports and filing the application/forms.

Skill Development Officer, Wokha Anuranjan Singh also apprised the gathering about the different schemes available and introduced by the government for the welfare of local entrepreneurs, unemployed youths, and Self Help Groups. He also highlighted, in brief, the funding pattern and subsidy support related to the various schemes and projects.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD



MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu along with awardees of Aphuyemi Achievers Award 2022 during a felicitation programme held at Pughoboto town on 15th December 2022.

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held at DB's Hall, Additional Deputy Commissioner Office, Pughoboto on 15th December 2022 under the chairmanship of MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu.

Reviewing the agenda of last month's meeting, Vikheho inquired about the status of the office structure of the ADC Office, APRO, Sub-DIC, and solar plant and asked them to be ready to shift once the sub-division complex is inaugurated. The Board also constituted a 13-member Pughoboto Sub-Division Sports Council, with the ADC as the Chairman and the EAC as the Member-Secretary to look after the interest and needs of the sports persons of Pughoboto sub-division.

The Advent Christmas programme-cum-Aphuyemi Achievers Award was held at DB's Hall. MLA, Vikheho informed that the Aphuyemi Achievers Award is a felicitation programme that was constituted in the year 2014 to felicitate individuals from Aphuyemi excelling in various fields like academics, sports, music, and competitive exams, etc. in recognition for their outstanding achievement. Altogether 25 persons from different backgrounds were awarded the Aphuyemi Achievers Award 2022. He congratulated all the winners and asked them to continue their good work for Aphuyemi and the citizens of Pughoboto. Christmas gifts were given to 212 physically challenged persons from Pughoboto sub-division.

INAUGURATION OF CHENMOHO CHINGLEN VILLAGE



The newly recognized village, Chenmoho Chinglen was inaugurated on 14th December 2022.

Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John inaugurated the newly recognized Chenmoho Chinglen village on 14th December 2022. Chenmoho Chinglen village is established from the parent village, Chenmoho.

The Advisor urged the newly recognized village citizens to be more united, understanding and cooperative, and respect their parent village. He also thanked the parent village, Chenmoho for installing an Angh at the newly recognized village.

W. N. Wangshok gave a highlight on Chenmoho Chinglen village. Short speeches were delivered by Yamao, P. Penjei VCM Chenmoho Chingle, ADC Headquarter Mon, Chingak, Yemwang Angh delivered the welcome speech. Nganzei, Pastor Chenmoho Baptist Church dedicated the monolith.

C. L. John inaugurated the 2.5 MVA, 33/11KV substation at Chen town. He thanked the State Government, Chief Minister, Power Department, and all the well-wishers for successfully installing the machine. He also requested the Executive Engineer Power Department Mon and his team to connect power in some villages which are not connected. He also urged the people to cooperate with the Department and pay power bills on time.

WORKSHOP ON GOOD GOVERNANCE HELD IN DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

A workshop on Good Governance practices/initiatives in the district was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 22nd December 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS speaking in his inaugural address, stated that Good Governance is celebrated on the 25th of December every year in honour of the former Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday. He said it is celebrated for a week with

its motto 'Sushasan Saptah - Prashashan Gaon Ki Aur' campaign, which means good governance week and governance towards villages, and added that it has a lot of relevance in the context of Nagaland with around 80% of its population living in rural areas. Emphasizing a few points for good governance, Shanavas pointed out that adaptability and willingness to change would be the first thing towards good governance, and second would be the coordination and convergence amongst the

departments, which needs to be improved and work together for the public.

Presenting on the good governance practices/initiatives taken up by the district, EAC Kohima, Pichano Kikon highlighted about women's empowerment through menstrual hygiene management. She said that the District Administration in collaboration with Project Baala and other offices had organized an awareness training programme in November 2022 with its main objective to enable the female population to get access to safe, hygienic, and affordable menstrual products.

Senior Manager (Planning), Kohima Smart City & Development Limited, Yhunchilo Khing spoke on the implementation of Developmental Activities/Projects and said that Kohima Smart City through some of its projects and interventions has also leveraged Good Governance into the system, and informed the creation of the eKMC portal under ICCC for Kohima Municipal Council which has allowed the users (citizens) to avail the online facility of registering, renewal and payment for trade license, etc.

Executive Engineer PHED Kohima Urban Division, Er. Subongyanger presented on Jal Jeevan Mission where he highlighted on Village Action Plan (VAP) - Plan prepared by Gram Panchayat and or its sub-committee, i.e. Paani Samiti, User Group, etc. based on baseline survey, resource mapping, and felt needs of the village community to provide FHTC to every rural household, treat the generated grey water and plan its reuse, undertake surveillance activities, etc. He said that VAP would indicate the fund

requirement and timelines for completion of work under the Mission and will be approved by the Gram Sabha irrespective of the source of funding, all drinking water-related works in the village are to be taken up based on the VAP and water supply scheme, bulk water transfer and treatment plants, etc. to achieve overall drinking water security in the State, and to be used for financial planning to cover all rural households.

LONGLENG:

Longleng District Administration celebrated Good Governance Week on 21st December 2022 at DPDB Hall, Longleng.

Speaking on the occasion, EAC Headquarter, Longleng, Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak encouraged the officers, staff, and DBs of the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Longleng to recommit themselves to good governance. He mentioned that Good Governance Week is observed to make people aware of the government's commitment to providing a transparent and accountable administration in the country. It is also celebrated to enhance the welfare and betterment of the people.

Dr. Samuel Konyak stated that government officials/staff must take into account the needs and wishes of the people in true bottom-up approach and it should be implemented through the latest technological tools in a transparent, effective, and accountable manner. He said grievance redressal is at the core of good governance and citizens' voices must be heard and their grievances redressed at the earliest time frame.

CM RIO FLAGS OFF NAGALAND POLICE SOG VEHICLES

On the occasion of the 60th Statehood Day, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphu Rio flagged off the Nagaland Police Special Operations Group (SOG) vehicles. Following the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from 15 Police Station Areas in the State, Nagaland Police had to take the responsibility of not only preventing of crimes, maintenance of law and order, internal security of the State but also Counter Insurgency Operations. In this regard, two (2) battalions of Nagaland Armed Police (IR) have been identified as the Special Operations Group (SOG) for Counter Insurgency Operations in the State. To operate in any part of the State and to ensure mobility and intrepidity, procurement of various operational field level vehicles for the SOG and 44 vehicles have been

procured by Nagaland Police.

Nagaland Police first mob control truck, designed by PHQ MT was also launched on the occasion. This vehicle is equipped with hydraulic barricades, injectors to spray identification colours in 180-degree arc and has other inbuilt systems for effective crowd control. It is also equipped with bulletproof windshield and windows for added protection of the security personnel manning the truck.

The vehicle can be adapted to function as a Quick Response Team and can carry a section of armed jawans. With the hydraulic barricade fully extended, the vehicle can also be quickly deployed as an effective barricade spanning about 25 feet during emergencies.

JACOB ZHIMOMI INAUGURATES NLCPR PROJECT AT ABOI

Minister, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Jacob Zhimomi inaugurated the Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) Project, providing water supply by gravity, at Aboi, Mon on 8th December 2022. The project is funded by the Government of India, Ministry of DoNER, for Aboi Headquarter and Longching Headquarter in Mon.

Reminding that water is essential for daily life, Zhimomi said the people of Aboi and Longching will save valuable time through the project, and they do not have to fetch water from the hills. He said Nagas need to be united for prosperity

and urged the gathering to maintain unity for the greater good of the State.

The guest of honour, Eshak Konyak, MLA, 47 A/C, Aboi expressed appreciation to the PHE Department and the State Government for bringing the project to Aboi, Mon. The technical report was presented by Chief Engineer & HoD, PHED, Repangyanba Longkumer. He informed that the estimated cost of the project was Rs. 965.98 lakh. It was sanctioned on 14th December 2017, while the work started on 29th January 2017 and the commissioning date was 8th December 2022.

CHAPEL HALL OF NAGALAND LEGISLATORS DEDICATED AT KOHIMA

The Chapel Hall of Nagaland Legislators was dedicated by General Secretary, Nagaland Baptist Church Council, Rev. Zelhou Keyho at

Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 11th December 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio in his speech

thanked God for a very special and memorable day and said that there has been a long-felt need to have a permanent worship place for the Nagaland Legislators Christian Fellowship (NLCF).

While highlighting the details of the construction work, the Chief Minister said that the site selection was done on 21st October 2021 and the construction works started on 1st November 2021 and it took 13 months and 10 days to complete the Chapel Hall. While thanking all those involved in making this possible he said that the present society was divided and the only platform to come together was through religion and as Christians, he urged everyone to forgive

one another and unite to work for peace in our land

Delivering Christmas greetings to the gathering, Deputy CM, Y. Patton urged everyone to celebrate in a true Christian spirit by spreading the message of love, joy, and peace even to non-Christians and urged every section of the society irrespective of political affiliations, organizations to keep aside their differences and focus in bringing long-lasting peace and harmony in our land and said that Government of the day is committed and has been working hard to bring early solution to the Indo- Naga Political issue, as a facilitator

HEALTH CENTRES INAUGURATED

CHINGKAO CHINGHA SUB-CENTRE:

elders, and Health Committee to cooperate with



the staff for better and smooth working and also to provide better health care.

PHC CHENLOISHO AND SUB-CENTRE CHENLOISHO WANGTO:

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Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John inaugurated the Chingkao Chingha Sub Health Centre on 12th December 2022. He unveiled the monolith which was dedicated by Wangkap, Pastor Chingkao, Chingha. He thanked the Government for creating a health sub-centre with a beautiful building. He also urged the village

Primary Health Centre, Chenloisho and newly created Sub Health Centre, Chenloisho Wangto village on 13th December 2022.

The Advisor stated that health is wealth and he called upon the villagers, civil societies, church members, and citizens to cooperate with the staff to work efficiently for the people. He also

said that the church and the health centre are connected, as the church is a spiritual healing centre and the health centre is a physical healing centre. He also urged the staff to work honestly and set a good footprint in such a far and remote place.

Dr. Neiphrezo, SMO Aboi speaking on behalf of Health & Family Welfare said that community participation is very important in the smooth functioning of the health centre and sought the community support and cooperation in the smooth functioning of the centre.

MINISTER PANGYU INAUGURATES COVID HOSPITAL IN MOKOKCHUNG



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangyu Phom with dignitaries and officials during the inauguration of the 39 Bedded COVID Hospital at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Mokokchung on 15th December 2022.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangyu Phom inaugurated the 39 Bedded COVID Hospital at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH) Mokokchung on 15th December 2022 in the presence of Tongpang Ozukum, Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), James Lester, Key Coordination, C-Camp Bengaluru and Uttam Bhattacharyya, Consultant North-East C-Camp, Guwahati.

The Hospital is developed with support from Novo Nordisk Foundation, Denmark, Royal Danish Embassy, New Delhi, C-Camp, Bengaluru & Invest India through AGNli Mission under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India.

The Minister also unveiled the foundation stones of Government College of Nursing under

the Central Sector Scheme 'Development of Nursing Services 2022-2023' and 50 Bedded Critical Care Unit, under National Mission 'Emergency COVID Response Package-II 2021-2022' at IMDH Mokokchung.

Minister, S. Pangyu Phom said the 39 Bedded COVID Hospital at IMDH is set up to strengthen the much-needed health infrastructure. He also expressed his gratefulness to C-Camp Bengaluru for setting up the Hospital. On the upgradation of Nursing School to Nursing College, he stated that this is taken up to improve and upgrade the nursing services in the State as there is an increasing requirement of highly skilled nursing personnel due to rapid advancement in medical technology. He also expressed his appreciation to the Government

of India for taking up this initiative under the Central Sector Scheme 'Development of Nursing Services.' He also said the government has decided to set up the first Critical Care Unit with 50 Bedded capacities at IMDH Mokokchung

owing to its location and accessibility not only for the inhabitants of Mokokchung district but to the neighbouring districts, to augment the capacity of the hospital to manage patients requiring critical care during pandemics and other emergencies.

CM RIO INAUGURATES POLYTECHNIC LONGLENG

Addressing the people of Longleng during the inauguration of Polytechnic Hukphang, Longleng on 17th December 2022, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio congratulated the Technical Education Department and the people of Longleng district for completing the project as committed by the Government. He expressed optimism that the inauguration in the district will benefit the people in shaping their destination with available technical skills, and stated that education is the backbone of any kind of development.

Rio informed that out of the ten (10) Polytechnic institutions in the State three (3) institutions were established in Mon, Tuensang, and Longleng under the ENPO area and asserted that the target of his government is for an equal share of the development of the whole State irrespective of districts and tribes.

Highlighting various infrastructure developments under ENPO jurisdiction the CM asserted that 40 percent of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana scheme is invested in the

development of ENPO areas. Rio also highlighted the construction of the National Highway from Mon to Dimapur via Pangsha, Noklak, Kiphire, and Zhunheboto. He said that another foothill road project along with rail connectivity from Tizit under Mon district to Dimapur is also underway.

The CM also announced that a Civil Engineering College in Longleng with 30 students will be launched shortly and followed up in other districts. Rio further informed that for the development of ENPO areas four administrative headquarters have been upgraded to full districts including Longleng. Appealing to the people to take responsible roles and ownership of the Polytechnic Institute, he said without the cooperation and support of the local people establishment of any kind of institution will be a failure. Pointing out that Longleng is the gateway to the people of Tuensang, Aboi, Tobu, and Mon, Rio said the ongoing development of good road connectivity in the district will contribute to the economic growth of the people.

S. PANGNYU INAUGURATES VILLAGES AND SHC

Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated newly recognized villages Yongsham, Mungkhu, and Meyongkhang village and also three (3) Sub Health Centres (SHC) at Yongphang, Hukphang and Mongtikang villages on 16th and 17th December 2022.

In his inaugural speech, Pangnyu Phom called upon various leaders of the Phom community comprising of NGOs, churches, and political and civil societies to change their selfish mindset and focus on community development of the district giving special treatment to the areas lagging by upholding peace with feeling of oneness as



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurating the new Sub Health Centre at Yongphang on 17th December 2022.

pledged by the Phom community during Phom Day on 6th of June annually. Asserting that Phom is a peace-loving community he said divisive politics have led to hatred and disunity among the people and advised the gathering to refrain from such politics and move forward together for a prosperous future. Sakshi Block was selected as an aspirant block of the district keeping in mind the backwardness of the block to push forward together with other blocks of the district, he added.

While inaugurating the SHC at Yongphang, Hukphang and Mongtikang, Pangnyu said the status of the Health & Family Welfare Department was very low with many non-functional Sub-Centres in the State when he took charge as the Minister of the Department. He asserted that the COVID-19 pandemic was a blessing in disguise to improve the healthcare facilities and infrastructure development

of hospitals in the State.

Pangnyu informed that for the benefit of the ENPO areas a Medical College was established in Mon and Nagaland Ayush College in Longleng. At Yongphang, Pangnyu said with the ongoing road construction under the NEC rehabilitation scheme from Longleng to Tuensang, Yongphang village has become an epicentre for development due to its connectivity with Mon and Tuensang districts besides Longleng. Therefore, he said keeping this priority in mind Yongphang Sub-Centre was proposed to provide medical facilities not only to Longleng but also to the people of Mon and Tuensang districts.

Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom also inaugurated Toiching village under Longleng district and Sub-Centres at Orangkong, Yaongyimchen and Lingjan Agri link road, in the presence of DC Longleng, Phom People Council, Village Council and civil societies on 19th December 2022.

CM RIO LAUNCHES NAGALAND STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the Nagaland State Disaster Management Information System (NSDMIS) and Decentralized Relief Payout System (DRPS) at Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 16th December 2022.

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The NSDMA, Home Department is on the path towards developing a Decentralized Relief Payment System to fulfill the obligation of timely relief payment to the affected communities/families by extreme weather disaster events. The DRPS is developed with the aim to provide easy access to relief services to the citizens and to mainstream an instant and timely relief payment system for the affected community. Embarking on Blockchain Technology as a powerful way to enhance or supplant traditional relief payment systems, NSDMA forges instant relief payment

to the remote parts of the State through this platform. The NSDMIS and DRPS is a seamless relief payment software platform powered by Blockchain Technology built by NSDMA and supported by the Insu-Resilience Solution Fund from the Frankfurt Institute of Finance and Management, Germany. The InsuResilience Solutions Fund (ISF) promotes the development of innovative and sustainable climate risk insurance products in developing and emerging countries, to improve the resilience of poor and vulnerable households against the impacts of climate change and natural disasters.

The NSDMIS has been developed to simplify the core operations of NSDMA. Core operations include, keeping a record of disasters & funding assistance to disaster-affected people, keeping track of weather patterns to anticipate and

mitigate disasters and all aspects related to disasters, and disaster reduction and mitigation in line with global frameworks such as Sendai and Hyogo Frameworks.

The NSDMIS is unique software, a first-of-its-kind in India, which provides a great opportunity for NSDMA as well as Nagaland to gain

recognition at national as well as globally. With an increase in data and information, the NSDMIS will become a crucial decision support tool for the key decision makers. In that, the NSDMA will move a step closer to realizing its vision to make Nagaland a disaster-resilient State.

ADVISOR R KHING UNVEILS FOUNDATION STONE OF VHC AT TSEMINYU



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing unveiling the Veterinary Health Centre at K. Station, Tseminyu on 20th December 2022.

The foundation stone of the Veterinary Health Centre at K. Station, Tseminyu was unveiled by Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing

on 20th December 2022. Short speeches were delivered by President Kandi Public Union, John Kath, DC Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi (IAS), Director AH& VS, Dr. Nsanthung Ezung.

HIPFEST: THE TRUE 'WINDOW TO NAGALAND' (A DIPR feature by Morotsung Longchar, IA)

Every year, thousands of tourists from across the globe flock to Kohima to witness and be part of the much-acclaimed Hornbill Festival. The Hornbill Festival was first started in the year 2000 with a vision to share and present the unique and colourful culture and traditions of the Naga people to the outside world and over the years, the Festival has gradually grown in stature and has today become one of the biggest festivals in the country and a must visit event for travel enthusiasts all over the world. However, not all tourists can afford the luxury of staying in Nagaland for weeks, exploring the entire width and breadth of the State, and witnessing the people of Nagaland and their rich cultural heritage. This is where the 'HIPFEST,' one of the events of the Hornbill Festival, plays a vital role in presenting our picturesque State and its beautiful people to tourists and visitors from different parts of the world without the need to physically travel to every part of the State.

'HIPFEST' jointly organized by Portrait Enterprises and the Department of Information & Public Relations is a photography competition-cum-exhibition under the theme 'Colours of Nagaland.' HIPFEST is an annual Hornbill Festival event held at The Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, and is one of the highlights of the Festival. The event seeks to promote not just the photography talents of the State but most importantly aims at providing a glimpse of the State as a whole, its picturesque landscapes, and its beautiful people to the thousands of visitors that throng the venue during the Hornbill Festival. Like the saying goes, 'a picture is worth a thousand words,' the pictures exhibited

at HIPFEST tell the story of our Naga people, our cultures, our heritage, and most importantly depict our Naga way of life. With pictures of the breathtaking landscapes of Nagaland also being exhibited, the event also promotes eco-tourism in the State by essentially presenting locations which one can visit and experience the natural beauty of the State.

The 2022 HIPFEST saw more than a hundred avid photographers submitting their photographs for the competition out of which winners from two categories, senior and junior were selected by a panel of judges comprising of well-established and renowned photographers. The judges for the HIPFEST 2022 comprised of: Jan Skwara, a renowned documentary and travel photographer from Poland whose works have been featured in publications like National Geographic Poland, Digital Camera, The Sun, The Mirror, etc.; Kekhriehazo Miachieo, an award-winning photographer based out of Kohima, Nagaland whose works are focussed on human interests and environmental portraits; and Merimvu Doulo, a professional artist, photographer and graphic designer who is also the proprietor of Artworks Kohima. His most notable works include the coffee table book titled 'Where Warriors Waltz-Festivals of Nagaland' and he is also the designer of the official logo of the Government of Nagaland.

HIPFEST over the years have become an integral part of the Hornbill Festival and has been instrumental in promoting photography in the State and has managed to provide a platform for many up-and-coming photographers to exhibit their works and get their works appraised

by renowned professional photographers from whom they can learn and further their creative talents. Out of all the positives of HIPFEST the most valuable contribution the event has made is

that of providing 'a true window to Nagaland - its beautiful landscapes, its people, its cultures and traditions.'

WITH LOVE FROM POLAND
(A DIPR Feature by Morotsung Longchar, IA)



Jan Skwara, the photographer from Poland taking portraits during the Hornbill Festival 2022 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

The Hornbill Festival attracts tourists of all kinds from all over the world and most of them are usually simple travel enthusiasts who attend to enjoy the sights and sounds that Hornbill Festival has to offer. However, a small portion of the tourists who come to the Hornbill Festival are professionals in various fields who come with a specific purpose and look forward to accomplishing something worthwhile during their visit to the festival. The vibrancy and the richness of our cultural heritage that is on show during the Festival is the main attraction and has been

the subject of intrigue for many of these tourists.

The 2022 edition of the Hornbill Festival saw an encouraging turnout of international tourists, most of whom have come simply to get a glimpse of the cultural extravaganza that is unique to Nagaland alone. However, a certain gentleman from Poland attended the Hornbill Festival 2022 with a rather purposeful objective in mind. The gentleman in question is Jan Skwara, a documentary and travel photographer from Poland. Jan Skwara is a renowned photographer whose works have won multiple awards like Travel Photographer of the Year, National Geographic Grand Photography, Leica Street Photography, and Alamy Photo Competition, and has also won the Frames from the World Poland, three times. His works have also been featured in many renowned publications like National Geographic Poland, Digital Camera, The Sun, and The Mirror.

What sets Jan Skwara apart from the hundreds of travel photographers that come to the Hornbill Festival every year is his purpose of coming to Nagaland. Jan Skwara is on a mission to document vanishing cultures using historic techniques and antique equipment to ensure that the essence of these cultures which have their roots in the past are not lost by using modern

technology. Jan takes his photographs using the age-old 'wet plate collodion' process which was invented in 1851, by Frederic Archer and is one of the oldest photography techniques. He also uses a 70-year-old large-format camera for capturing his photographs.

The Department of Information & Public Relations co-ordinated with Jan Skwara during his stay in Nagaland and provided logistical help by providing space for him to set up his dark room at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama where he has been documenting our Naga culture. Talking about the Hornbill Festival, Jan said that he enjoyed being here at the Festival and mentioned that it was a great idea to bring all the tribes together in one place to showcase the diverse culture and traditions to the thousands of tourists who have come to witness the Hornbill Festival. He further stressed that the Festival is an excellent way of preserving Naga culture which in time would vanish if steps are not

taken to preserve it. He also said that for him as a photographer and a tourist, it was a good opportunity to learn something new and get to know more about the Naga people and their rich culture and to talk to the local people and share experiences. He lastly mentioned that he enjoyed the Naga cuisine the most out of all his experiences in the State.

The Hornbill Festival despite everything has been successful in one thing and that is showcasing our rich culture and traditions in all their glory for the world to see and experience. Jan Skwara is one of many who will take back with him an experience that only our Naga people can provide and through his works and photographs more people around the world will come to know about our Nagaland, our beautiful landscape, our hospitable and kind-hearted people and most importantly our unique and rich cultural heritage.



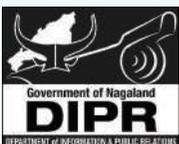
Participants during the culmination of 16-days of activism against gender-based violence under the theme 'Unite! Activism to end violence against women and girls' at Jongshinokdang Hall, CTC Aolichen, Mokokchung on 10th December 2022.



Shamator Battalion Assam Rifles in coordination with NCC 1st Naga Girls, Noklak, and Holy Angel High School, Noklak carried out a walkathon & awareness drive on HIV/AIDS on World AIDS Day at Noklak town on 1st December 2022.



President, All India Football Federation, Kalyan Chaubey launching FIFA Football for Schools at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 4th December 2022.



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