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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Chief Secretary, J. Alam and Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Asangla Imti during the launch of the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme at State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 14th October 2022.



Union Minister of Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, Pralhad Joshi addressing the gathering during the 1st ever North-East Geology & Mining Ministers' Conclave held at Niathu Resort, Chümoukedima on 31st October 2022.



Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer laying a wreath on the occasion of the Police Commemoration Day Parade 2022 held at Tennis Court, New Police Reserve, Phesama, Kohima on 21st October 2022.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

DoSE ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON CHILD KIDNAPPING

In view of cases of Child Lifting/Kidnapping reported across the State, the following directives are issued for strict adherence by all schools (Both Government & Private) functioning within the State of Nagaland.

1. One teacher may be made in charge of one section/class to control access of unknown persons to students and to check the identity and authenticity of every person who meets students in schools.
2. Attendance taken in the first period should be verified by all subject teachers during the subsequent periods.
3. If any student is found bunking classes, school authorities/teachers should confirm from parents whether the students are absent in actual or missing.
4. Regular awareness should be given to students, teachers, and parents in coordination with Police Department.
5. Students should be given awareness about preventing the case of kidnappings via movie clips/plays/painting or other competitions/awareness campaigns etc.
6. Students should be taught to rush and take help from nearby authorities like drivers on buses, principals/teachers in schools, parents, nearby churches, TTE on trains, etc.
7. Students should be taught to remember at least two emergency phone numbers and two addresses (parents/favorite teacher) to use in case of any emergency.
8. Basic self-defense may be taught in all schools. Instances where self-defense is to be used and where one should resist should also be taught.
9. There can be a Mock Drill to teach Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in case a child kidnapping case is reported with different scenarios like kidnapping at railway station/bus station/school etc.
10. Techniques like child shouting loud, 'Help Help Help' if anyone suspicious approaches child in public can be taught in mock drills.
11. Children may be taught indirect signals that a child can use to communicate to nearby people to save them from persons who pose a danger to them.
12. Information should be immediately shared with Police if cases of missing children get reported.
13. Child Helpline 1098 should be used immediately when any case of child kidnapping is reported.
14. Helpline Numbers of Local Police Station/Control Room shall be displayed in class rooms and prominent places within the school premises.
15. The assistance of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) may be taken to impart awareness to students, parents, teachers, and the public.
16. Parents may be advised to avoid uploading pictures of children on social media as anti-social elements track their activities like school time/sports time etc. and plan to kidnap accordingly.
17. The identity of shop owners nearby schools should be verified by the school authorities and Police/District Administration should be informed in case of suspicions.
18. CCTVs inside schools and outside school gates may be installed.

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CEILING OF TWO-WHEELER TAXI PERMIT

In continuation of this Department's Notification of even number dated 16th December 2021 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 95 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, the Governor of Nagaland has notified that the ceiling limit for issue of two wheeler taxi permit in each district shall be:

| DISTRICT | No. of Two Wheeler Taxi Permit |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Kohima | 150 |
| Mokokchung | 75 |
| Tuensang | 50 |
| Mon | 50 |
| Wokha | 50 |
| Zunheboto | 50 |
| Dimapur | 200 |
| Phek | 50 |

All other conditions will remain the same.

COMMITTEE FOR HIT AND RUN MOTOR ACCIDENTS SCHEME

In pursuance to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Notification No. G.S.R.163 (E) dated 25th February 2022, and in the interest of public service, the Governor of Nagaland has constituted a District Level Committee in each district with the following members to undertake all functions connected with the implementation of the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022:

1. Claims Settlement Commissioner (Deputy Commissioner) : Chairperson
2. Claims Enquiry Officer (Sub-Divisional Officer) : Member
3. Superintendent of Police/Deputy Superintendent of Police : Member
4. Chief Medical Officer of the district : Member
5. Regional Transport Officer/District Transport Officer : Member
6. Any member of the public or a voluntary organization : Member
connected with road safety aspects as nominated by the Chairperson
7. Nitish Ch. Dey, AM (D)/ Thiyam Shivanand Singh AO (alternate member) : Member Secretary

Terms of Reference:

1. Evaluate the progress of implementation of the scheme in the concerned district and take corrective steps, wherever necessary;
2. Submit a report on quarterly basis to the Standing Committee, including electronic form and the re-

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port shall, inter alia, include month-wise statistics about the claim applications received, awarded, pending and reasons for pendency;

3. Keep close liaison with other authorities in the district so as to ensure that the scheme gets adequate publicity;
4. Provide guidance or clarification to concerned authorities and claimants, wherever called for;
5. Raise awareness about the rights available to claimants and the provisions of compensation under the scheme; and
6. To meet at least once in each quarter with a minimum quorum of three members.

RESPONSIBILITY OF STAKEHOLDERS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY GUIDELINES

The National Commission of Protection and Safety of Child Rights (NCPCR) has developed a safety and security manual for schools, which aims to spread awareness regarding the importance of psychological interventions in all teaching institutes. The Guidelines for School Safety have been published by the Ministry of Education and NCERT as a directive to educational institutes for school safety. This manual and guidelines can be downloaded from the NCPCR website and the NCERT website respectively or also from the links given below:

Schooledn.py.gov.in/download/forms/Manual_School_Safety_Security.pdf

Ncert.nic.in/pdf/notice/GuidelinesSchool%20SafetySecurity.pdf

In this regard, the Heads of Institutions have been directed to constitute School Safety Committee according to the guidelines set by the NCPCR and NCERT in the manual and guidelines provided in the links above.

NAGALAND POLICE URGES CITIZENS TO STAY VIGILANT AGAINST CYBER FRAUDS AND CRIME

The Nagaland Police has urged the citizens to be alert about the various cyber frauds and crime prevalent in the state and have advised to remain vigilant and careful at all times.

Superintendent of Police (Crime) & PRO, PHQ Nagaland, through a press release, stated that one recent fraud experienced in the country and now in the State is phishing calls from scammers posing as customer care executives from Vodafone/Airtel/Jio and offering assistance for upgrading 4G SIMs to 5G to unsuspecting customers. The fraudsters send links in the name of 5G of telecom companies and if you open the link, there is a risk of hacking the phone. They ask for sharing personal/banking information/OTPs.

Another common fraud and still frequently used by criminals are hacking of personal accounts of popular social media apps like Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp, and use of the hacked accounts for fraudulent purposes like asking money/soliciting investments/bitcoins from their contact

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lists and siphoning money from accounts of unsuspecting victims. Also similar to this is the 'boss/friend impersonation scam,' where fraudsters steal identity and photos of the victims available in the internet and access the victims' friends from websites/contact list and send them messages asking for help in the form money transfer, merchant cards, e-wallets etc.

Also, some common frauds which are still active are:

- i. Fake customer care calls from banks regarding KYC updation/Debit Card expiry and asking bank account details and OTPs after which money is withdrawn from the victim's account. This fake call can also impersonate common payment apps like Google Pay, PayTm, PhonePe etc.
- ii. Sextortion where unsuspecting male/female victims accept video calls and messages from unknown numbers and are blackmailed for money after recording and morphing /misusing their pictures.
- iii. Fake lottery wins, loan/insurance sanction, scratch card coupons, investment opportunity, jobs, electricity bill etc. are also commonly used to scam innocent victims.

The public have been again requested to remain cautious and vigilant and not be duped by such scams. The fraudsters are experienced scammers and take extra efforts to appear genuine and operate through multiple identities, accounts, phone numbers etc.

Citizens are requested to maintain strict cyber security habits and practices as under:

- i. Never click on unverified links received through SMS, WhatsApp, Instagram etc.
- ii. Never accept request from strangers in social media without verification.
- iii. Never fall for attractive messages regarding loans, lottery, online game prizes, investment, bitcoins etc.
- iv. Always use official stores like Google Play/App Store for downloading apps. Check permissions settings for each app downloaded.
- v. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different social media accounts and enable two-factor authentication. Review your social media privacy settings strictly. Avoid sharing personal information in social media.
- vi. Never transfer money without completely verifying authenticity of the account, be it through bank transfer, payment apps, UPIs, e-Wallets etc.

In case of a financial fraud, public are to immediately call cyber crime Helpline Number 1930 and register complaints at www.cybercrime.gov.in.

NU TO COME UNDER CUET FROM 2023

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Education, Government of India has issued a circular (MO. F. 13-11/2020(CU) Dated 19th May 2022 that Central Universities of North-Eastern Regions including Nagaland University were exempted from Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission in the Under-Graduate programmes for current academic session 2022-23.

It is to be noted that from the next academic session i.e. 2023-24, all students intending to seek admission for Under-Graduate programmes will be required to appear for the CUET.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS HELD

International Day of Older Persons was observed at different places in the State under the theme, 'The resilience and contributions of older women' on 1st October 2022.

KOHIMA:

International Day of Older Persons was organized by the Department of Social Welfare at Highland Park, Kohima with Advisor, Social Welfare, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Noke Wangnao as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Advisor shared how the Department of Social Welfare has been working for the senior citizens of the State. He urged the officers and staff of the Department to work sincerely for the Department and the welfare of society.

Speaking on the theme of the International Day of Older Persons, Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Martha R. Ritse stated that this year's theme is to celebrate the life of well-deserved older women who have greatly contributed to society. She added that the theme serves as a reminder of the significant role older women play in traversing global challenges and contributing to their solutions with resilience and fortitude. She informed that as per the 2011 Census, the elder population of Nagaland stands at 1,39,494 or roughly, 7% of the total population of the State. Assuming that this proportion remains constant over the next 15 years, the Nagaland Vision 2030 states that the number of old age people will increase to approximately 2.23 lakhs by 2030, she added.

During the occasion, the State-Level Distinguished Senior Citizens' Award was

presented to Dr. Joyce Zinyu Angami and Prof. Talitsuba Alinger. The District-Level Distinguished Senior Citizens' Award for Kohima district was presented to Vizosul Luho of Khuzama village and Vitole Sothu of Viswema village.

A Health Mela was also conducted by the Department of Health & Family Welfare in observance of the International Day of Older Persons where the senior citizens were provided free medical services.

LONGLENG:

International Day of Older Persons was organized at PBCA Hall, Longleng with Dharam Raj, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng as the special guest.

DC Dharam Raj said that people should acknowledge the contributions made by older people and requested the youth not to ignore the words of wisdom given by our parents and older people.

The DC announced the Elder Line which is 14567 for older people facing survival difficulties to get assistance. He also gave away the Award for Senior Citizens for 2021-2022 to Nyangpen Phom from Tangha village and Pukyung Phom from Hukpang village.

MOKOKCHUNG:

At Ongpangkong Salang, Mokokchung, International Day of Older Persons was organized by the District Welfare Office in collaboration with the Office of Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung.

Addressing the gathering as a special guest, Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS mentioned that elderly citizens in the society needs special attention for their overall well-

being, and to meet these challenges, Government of India has come up with various schemes to assist the elderly citizens. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) is one such scheme to provide assistive devices to the elderly citizens, he added.

During the programme, Distinguished Senior Citizen Award was presented to Dr. Tiameren Ao and Temsula Lemtur. Token distribution of assistive devices under RVY scheme was given away to the beneficiaries. A medical camp was also held for the elderly to mark the occasion.

TUENSANG:

International Day of Older Persons was celebrated at Town Hall Tuensang on 1st October 2022 with Kumar Ramnikant, Deputy Commissioner Tuensang as the special guest, organized by District Welfare Department Tuensang.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant lamented that this day should be called International Wiser Persons Day rather than calling it as International Older Persons Day, to avoid the negative connotations of the celebration. He appreciated the strong community fabric of Nagas as compared to that of others, which gives better treatment to the older section of people, and he also advised them to follow the old age tradition without abandoning it.

The Health & Family Welfare department conducted a Special health camp, while the DLSA and Judicial Magistrate conducted free legal advice for the older persons and new registration

for the Aadhaar Card was also conducted on the spot. Longkhangba Yimkhiung and T. Amenla Sangtam were awarded oldest man and woman in the programme.



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PEREN:

International Day of Older Persons was observed at GB's Hall, Peren town on 1st October with ADC Peren, Keyirangding Hegui as the Special Guest.

The DC acknowledged and encouraged the elderly people to impart the social values which is much needed for the younger generation.

During the programme, Dineu N dang (85 years) and Wepenyi-U N dang (90 years) from Peren district were selected and awarded by the Social Welfare Department in recognition of their contribution to society.

PHEK:

International Day of Older Persons was organized by the Meluri Village Council.

Chiilekhu Nyusou, VCM Meluri urged the older people to live beautiful and contented lives and to show a good example to the younger generations.

Altogether, there are around 155 older persons in Meluri area including 82 males and 73 females. The programme was attended by VCMs of Meluri and well-wishers.

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DAY CELEBRATED



The National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was celebrated at Mount Olive College, Kohima on 1st October 2022, organized by Voluntary Blood Donors Association Kohima.

The National Voluntary Blood Donation Day which falls on 1st October 2022 every year, was celebrated at Mount Olive College Kohima with the theme 'Donating blood is an act of solidarity, join the effort to save lives,' organized by Voluntary Blood Donors Association Kohima.

Project Director, Nagaland State Aids Control Society, Dr. Akuo Sorhie said it is very important to celebrate this day extensively because the need of the hour is to make people aware of the facts and myths about blood donation to overcome the fear, ignorance, and misconception associated with this noble cause. She urged the voluntary blood donors to continue to be the Ambassador

and link to this noble act of life-saving. She informed them that blood is a vital component of human life and blood transfusion is required in many surgical and emergencies, therefore, blood donors play a vital role. To celebrate Voluntary Blood Donation Day, the Blood Bank Naga Hospital Authority Kohima awarded certificates to three organizations, namely Voluntary Blood Donors Association Kohima (VBDK), Blood Caritas, and Network of Blood Donors for their contribution.

The event was jointly supported by Nagaland Aids Control Society, Blood Band NHAK, Red Ribbon club, Mopongchuket Student's Union Kohima, and Imprint and Fusion Press.

The VBDK has launched an Android app called the 'Nagaland Blood Donors' in the Play Store where one can get registered as a Voluntary Blood Donor to donate as well as to receive blood in times of need. Altogether, 32 Voluntary Blood Donors donated blood on the occasion.

RTI WEEK OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

The week-long celebration of RTI Week, 2022 was observed at Kohima College Auditorium, Kohima on 7th October 2022. The RTI Week was observed under the theme 'RTI- a tool for transparent and accountable governance' from 5th to 12th October 2022.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland, I. Meyionen Jamir said

the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been one of the most empowering legislations for the people of India and has allowed them to meaningfully participate in democracy. Highlighting the Act, he said that Information Commissions are the final appellate authority and are mandated to safeguard and facilitate people's fundamental right to information. He also shed a light on various provisions provided by the Right to

Information Act. He informed that every year in India, about 40 to 60 lakh RTI applications are filed.

Meyionen however, lamented that the Act has been misused in the State by a few, who used it for personal gain, and has become a lucrative business. He stated that the Act should not be misused or abused, or become a tool to obstruct the development of the State or to destroy the peace and tranquillity of the society. He said that RTI blackmailers threaten the departments with exposure and thereby extorting money to the tune of several lakhs. He added that regular information seekers who indulge in corrupt practices shall be dealt with through appropriate provisions of the law.

Meyionen called upon the various public authorities to voluntarily disclose all information held by them, related to welfare schemes to educate the general public. He also urged that various mechanisms for online filing of applications should be put in place to facilitate people's right to information even during difficult times. He appealed to the people to make use of the provisions of the RTI Act to benefit the public, expose the wrongdoers in the Government departments and thereby bring about transparency and accountability in the governance system.

The CIC also gave away prizes to the winners of the college-level essay competition during the function. Kikhosou Rume of Kohima College was adjudged the winner while Imtinenla Longchar of St. Joseph's College and Tsureto Y. Yimchunger bagged the second and third places respectively. The essay competition was conducted by the National Information Commission under the theme 'RTI - a tool for transparent and accountable governance' on 3rd October 2022

where 15 colleges participated.

A film on RTI titled, 'My Right, My Voice' was screened during the event.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

RTI week was observed under at CTC Hall, Chumoukedima on 11th October 2022, to create awareness amongst the District Officials, Village Councils/VDBs, Students, Media, NGOs, CSOs, etc.

Advocate, Vikuolie Nihu Kera, speaking as a resource person, stated that to exist in a democracy, the public must know about the RTI, that it is considered the second independence for the citizens of India. It creates a practical regime of rights to information for citizens to secure for transparency and accountability or public authorities. It grants a statutory right to information for every citizen, to contain corruption. However, he also informed on what cannot be asked and what information cannot be given, which are exempted information under Sections 8 & 9, the exempted organization under Section 24 & Schedule II (Intelligence & Security organization).

Vikuolie also briefed on time duration, to get information within 30 days is a request for information, 48 hours concerns the life or liberty of a person, 40 days if a third party is involved, and 45 days on allegations, not a violation of human rights. He advised the citizens to enjoy their rights but remember their duties and obligation. The public has the right to appeal to the Public Information Officers (PIOs) or Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs), and go for a second appeal to the Nagaland Information Commission within 90 days from the date on which the first appeal decision was made, he added.

NOKLAK:

Right to Information Week was celebrated at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 12th October 2022.

SDO (Civil), Noklak Sadar, C. Phuniang informed the gathering that RTI Week is being held for the first time in the district. While elaborating on the RTI, he opined that the momentum of RTI has not fully picked up in the district, and hence, awareness of RTI is necessary. Further, He added on the advantages that can happen with the correct usage by the citizens as empowered through the Act and elaborated on the possible damages that may cause due to its misuse.

The programme was organized by Nagaland Information Commission in collaboration with District Administration Noklak and was attended by various departmental officials.

TSEMINYU:

Tseminyu, Tumben P. Tsanglao as the resource person.

Tumben Tsanglao, addressing the gathering, said that RTI promotes transparency and accountability in government functioning. He also stated that the applications can be submitted in English, Hindi, or local language addressed to the PIO/APIO, and if a person is below the poverty line, one can mention it and produce proof of documents like a Ration Card, ID Card, etc. so as to get exemption from application fee.

NIULAND:

Niuland district celebrated Right to Information week on 12th October 2022 at DC's Conference Hall Niuland.

Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Sara S Jamir, in her short address, stated that since 2005 when the RTI came into force, all the government offices and departments have maintained official

records that have led to more transparency and accountability in the governance. She said RTI is a good instrument, and urged people not to misuse it, and to seek the right information.

Various public leaders, GBs, Village Council members, and officials from the



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district attended the programme.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CULTURE PROGRAMME HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA


APC, Kikheto Sema IAS addressing the one-day workshop to promote entrepreneurship culture in Nagaland, conducted at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 7th October 2022.

Organized by Agri & Allied Departments and sponsored by the Ministry of MSME, Gol, a one-day workshop was conducted to promote entrepreneurship culture in Nagaland at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 7th October 2022.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS addressing the workshop, said it is time for the Nagas to usher peace and development in the State, and urged the people to realize the importance of work culture and self-reliance, and promote entrepreneurship and stress towards economic development of our State. He mentioned that the concept of entrepreneur culture has been increasing in Nagaland after the COVID pandemic and now is the time to provide all

logistics support to them.

Kikheto said that there is less scope in large and medium-scale industries in the State and the only hope is the Agri & Allied activities, where 70% of the population lives in rural areas and is engaged in this sector. Nagaland has been blessed with a varied agro-climatic zone where one can grow all kinds of fruits and vegetables, untouched by the green revolution the crops that grow are by default organic and there is huge potential when it comes to agro-based industries. He stated that Government employment has reached the saturation point and the only way and scope is to avail the opportunities of the schemes and policies of the Gol. He also highlighted the few factors that

need to be addressed such as meat & its products, fruits & vegetables and education where the State is spending a lot of money importing from other states. He said that these areas need to be pondered upon and addressed very seriously.

During the one-day workshop, the session topics were an overview session on MSME Sector, Credit facilitation, Capacity Linkage and Competitiveness, and Market Linkage and Competitiveness. The resources persons were Pawan Kumar Singh, Joint Director O/o DC(MSME), Delhi; Tali Longchar, Joint Director, MSME DFO, Dimapur; Sani Pongen, KVIC, Dimapur; Vijay Prakash, Zonal Head NSIC/ NISSH Guwahati; Peter T, NSSHO, Guwahati; Selwin Samraj, Assistant Director, MSME DFO,

Dimapur. The success stories of entrepreneurs were presented by Wati Jamir, M/S Aero-Bio Production Unit Dimapur; Dr. Esha Roy, Founder & Director, Arieltis Health Care Pvt. Ltd; Aditi Madan, Founder & Director Bluepine Foods Pvt. Ltd; Limanungsang, Founder of Jaong Everyday Express Transport & Logistics, Dimapur.

The objective of the MSME is to promote and support untapped creativity, and to promote the adoption of the latest technologies in MSMEs that seek the validation of their ideas at the proof of concept level. It primarily works for the development of people from backward and

rural areas. Nature of assistance for the design project is 75% and 60% (Small & Medium) of the total project cost up to a maximum of Rs. 40 lakh by the contribution of Gol and the student project is 75% of the total project cost up to a maximum of Rs. 2.5 lakh by the contribution of Gol. Components applicable to all sub-schemes are industry awareness programmes, training programmes, Regional/State/National workshops, Foreign Travels, International training, International benchmarking, exposure visits, and study tours for learning best practices relating to MSME innovative scheme.

SEMINAR HELD FOR DENTAL SURGEONS AT KOHIMA



Dr. K. Vikato presenting awards to Dr. N. Moa Jamir, Sr. Dental Surgeon, DH Kiphire and Dr. Sabino Kuoitso, Sr. Dental Surgeon DH Peren at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare on 7th October 2022.

Dental Surgeon, DH Kiphire in recognition of his sincere service beyond the call of duty, and the Department decided to award him the Principal Director Commendation Certificate for the year 2021-2022. Dr. Sabino Kuoitso, Sr. Dental Surgeon DH Peren was also awarded in acknowledgment of her achievement for being the first female Dental Surgeon of Nagaland.

A seminar-cum-training was held on 7th October 2022 at IDSP Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Kohima which was organized under the aegis of the National Oral Health Programme for Dental Surgeons under State, NHM & NOHP.

Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, gracing the programme, appreciated the Dental Doctors coming from near and far, giving importance to the noble profession. He presented awards to Dr. N. Moa Jamir, Sr.

The topics covered under this programme include Medical Emergencies in Dental OPD, Oral Cancer Screening, and Orthodontics: an Overview & Management of Childhood Dental Diseases. The resource persons were Dr. Nichukholie Vupru, Sr. Dental Surgeon, DH Phek MDS (Orthodontics); Dr. Sentirenla R Jamir, Jr. Dental Surgeon, IMDH Mokokchung MDS (Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery); Dr. Keneisenuo Kire,

Dental Surgeon, 32 Dental Clinic Kohima MDS (Orthodontics); and Dr. Imyangluba, Dental

Surgeon, Advance Dental Clinic Kohima MDS (Pedodontics).

STATE-LEVEL SCIENCE FAIR HELD IN DIMAPUR



State Level Science Fair 2022, organized by the Directorate of School Education, Nagaland was held on 7th October 2022 at Bethesda Higher Secondary School, Dimapur.

The State Level Science Fair 2022, organized by the Directorate of School Education, Nagaland was held on 7th October 2022 at Bethesda Higher Secondary School, Dimapur with Thavaseelan K, Principal Director, School Education as the special guest. Altogether, 11 participants from 11 districts participated in the Science Seminar and 30 participants from 10 districts participated in the Science Exhibition.

Thavaseelan K encouraged the students to keep faith in God, respect their parents, take responsibility for whatever comes in their life, inculcate good habits, work hard, to be humble, nice, and kind to everyone.

Tsupongla Shillen of Minister's Hill Baptist Higher Secondary School Kohima was declared the winner of the State Level Science Seminar 2022, while Jennifer Dukru of Bishop Abraham

Memorial School Phek and Shelly K. Kiba of Olympic Higher Secondary School Zunheboto were adjudged the second and third position winners. In the State Level Science Exhibition (Individual Category), Kumdang Naro of Wela Foundation School Tuensang was declared the winner, while Jemmenaro Walling of Bridges Academy, Changtongya Mokokchung and Vebulu Shijoh of Bishop Abraham Memorial School Phek were adjudged second and third position winners. In the State Level Science Exhibition (Group Category), Sourav Das and Suman Das of Bethesda Higher Secondary School Dimapur were declared the winner, while Archita Ghosh and Viani of St. Mary's Higher Secondary School Dimapur and Thungdy Tonen and Welen Monyu of Wela Foundation School Tuensang were adjudged second and third position winners.

WORKSHOP OF FIRST-LEVEL CHECKING OF EVMS & VVPATS

A full-day workshop on First Level Checking of EVMS & VVPAT for District Election Officers and Deputy District Election Officers (FLC-in-charge/FLC Supervisors) organized by the Election Commission of India in connection with the upcoming General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023 was conducted on 8th October 2022 at Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex, Dimapur.

Resource persons for the workshop were O. P. Sahani, Under Secretary, Pawan Bhattar, Section Officer, and Satish Kumar, Assistant Section Officer from the ECI and R. Mhathung, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer & National Level Master Trainer for EVM-

VVPAT. Presentations on EVM Technical and Administrative Safeguard, FLC Process, doubt clearing on entire management, and handling of EVMS/VVPAT in the Election process were conducted by the resource persons.

EVM/VVPAT Engineers from Electronic Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad led by P. C. Mandal, DGM, and Technical Officers Vadicherla Dinesh Datta and Sourav Mandal gave a presentation on the use of Pre FLC Unit (PFLCU) before the conduct of FLC process, demonstrations on symbol loading in VVPAT using Symbol Loading Unit (SLU) and hands-on demonstration on EVMS & VVPAT.

Er. ZALE FLAGS OFF FREEDOM MOTO RIDE AT KISAMA

The Freedom Moto Ride was flagged off from the Second World War Museum, Naga Heritage Village Kisama, Kohima by Er. Zale Neikha, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports on 9th October 2022.

During the flag-off programme, Er. Zale spoke briefly about the significance and history of the rally. He also lauded the courageous efforts of the 75 riders for undertaking the 75-day journey to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and spread awareness about fitness.

A special cultural item was performed by Jakhama Youth Organisation in honor of the Freedom Moto Ride. Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S), Wezope Kenye IAS, Additional Secretary YR&S, Anthony Ngullie, Director, YR&S Akumla Chuba, Additional Director, YR&S, Megolha Dolie, and others graced the event.

The riders departed to explore the iconic places of Manipur with District Administration and Police personnel accompanying the bikers till the Khuzama Check Gate.

DEPARTMENT OF H&FW OBSERVES WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The Department of Health & Family Welfare observed World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2022 at IDSP Hall, DHFW under the theme 'Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority.'

Principal Director, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, in his exhortation, rued that every year, lakhs of students, parents, and the general population fall

under depression and frustration for numerous reasons and that leads to mental health issues which are very concerning. Mental illness and its symptoms have been prominently evident with the present generation because of which we have lost many precious lives. He said the Department has to play a very vital role in society to eradicate mental sickness and save lives.

Dr. T. Wabang, Director (FW) in his keynote address, highlighted that the sole objective of observing World Mental Health Day is to create awareness about mental illness. It has been observed since 1992 with the initiatives of the Global Health Organization. According to WHO, 6-7% of the general population suffers from mental illness and about 1% of general Indians (9 million population) suffer from severe mental illness and about 10% from minor mental illness which often goes unnoticed. In Nagaland, 20,000 approx. are suffering from severe mental illness and two lakhs minor from mental illnesses. In addition to the existing health problems, many aspects of mental health have been challenged due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is estimated that there is a rise in both anxiety and depression disorders by 25% during the first year of the pandemic. Therefore, it is only necessary that mental health awareness should be propagated diligently to

fight this illness together, and also, mental health awareness should be recognized, promoted, and protected.

Dr. C. Kezo, Deputy Director, SPO, NMHP highlighted T-MANAS which is an initiative of Gol and has been announced by the Union Finance Minister in the Union Budget in February 2022. T-MANAS which stands for 'Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across State,' envisions providing universal access to equitable, accessible, affordable, and quality mental health care through 24x7 Tele Mental Health Services as a digital component of the NMHP across all Indian states/UTs to exponentially scale up the reach of mental health services to anybody who reaches out. He suggested that to implement T-MANAS in the State, the existing resources and platforms are to be mapped and partnerships to be strengthened to ensure mental health services to the entire population especially vulnerable groups.

COMPENSATION FROM SDRF TO SUPER MARKET VICTIMS

NSDMA, Home Department issued a press release stating that on 12th October 2022, in the Super Market area of Dimapur town, some trees were uprooted by strong gusts of wind, leading to the death of two persons, namely Holika aged 33 years, and Vijay aged 45 years, and causing serious injuries to two other persons, namely Moksodul Haq and Khetoli. 4 (Four) more persons also suffered minor injuries.

An amount of Rs.12,700/- each has been provided to the 2 (two) seriously injured persons as per the norms of assistance of MHA, Government of India from State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF), and an amount of Rs. 4.00 lakh each as compensation from SDRF will be provided to the Next of Kins of the 2 (two) deceased as soon as possible after following due procedure.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DAY OBSERVED IN KOHIMA

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department celebrated the International day for Disaster Risk Reduction on the 13th of October 2022 in Kohima. A brief formal programme was held at

the Heritage wherein, the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Disaster Management Authority, Shanavas C, IAS addressed the gathering.

Students from 10 schools, namely G. Rio,

Dainty buds, Mewi, Government Middle School PWD, Government School Daklane, Coraggio, Vineyard, RDNUMS, and Vinyuzo were invited to play a game called 'Mithun Caravan.'

The Mithun Caravan is an adopted version of the Japanese Iza Kaeru Caravan by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department. It is a disaster prevention education event, where the children learn about disaster prevention while playing

with families and friends. This is played by two teams or more with a maximum of 10 players on each side, the target group being Classes 3 and 4 students, or may be conducted also for other age groups. The objective of the game is to enhance the capacity of the children through an interesting set of games. This is to understand the concept of Disaster Risk Reduction by making disaster prevention activities more familiar and more enjoyable.

INTER-DISTRICT CATCH THEM YOUNG TOURNAMENT HELD



Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha with officials and participants during the closing ceremony of the Catch Them Young Tournament held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 14th October 2022.

The Inter-District Catch Them Young Tournament 2022 which started at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 13th October 2022, was declared opened by Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, A. S. Bhatia IAS as special guest.

Bhatia urged all the 16 districts' young participants in the tournament to maintain the three required international ethics in sports - discipline, hard work, and dedication. He said besides learning sports from schools, the Government also provides facilities including

coaches and puts more effort to identify young and talented kids to groom them to bring medals at the state, national and International levels. He encouraged the young players, who were selected from the respective districts that they are the beginning of the journey for Sepaktakraw sport. He added that sports teach a lot of life skills on how to perform in a team and, understand the strength and weaknesses in partnership. He also thanked the three international players - Viseyie Koso, Akumtila, Vesevilü Dozo, who shared their experiences during the event after bringing laurels to the State.

President, Nagaland, Sepaktakraw Association, Ruokuo Kire lauded the Youth Resources & Sports Department for allowing Sepaktakraw to develop at grassroot level through the conduct of the Inter-District 'Catch Them Young' Tournament. Sepaktakraw is 25 years old in Nagaland and has constantly maintained the Top 5 level in the national ranking (Girls - 3, Boys - 5). The Nagaland Sepaktakraw Team competed in 44 Regional and National

Championships and has achieved 74 Medals for the State.

Oath-taking on behalf of players and officials was administered by Teputhuto Dzune and Arentoshi respectively.

During the closing function held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 14th October 2022, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports Er. Zale Neikha handed over the prizes to the winners and officials.

NAGALAND LAUNCHES CHIEF MINISTER'S HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

In a first of its kind in the State of Nagaland, the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) was launched on 14th October 2022 at the Chief Minister's State Banquet Hall, CMRC, Kohima, with CEO, National Health Authority, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. R. S. Sharma as the guest of honour, and Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest.

Delivering the keynote address, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam IAS informed that the Oriental Insurance Company Limited will be the insurance partner with whom the Government has already signed the agreement. With the Nagaland Sustainable Development Goal Vision 2030 launched in August 2021, envisaging that by 2030, Nagaland will provide equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services to the people of the State, the CS stated that CMHIS is a major step towards fulfilling this vision. He informed that the Government held multiple consultations with various stakeholders in the State as well as outside the State, and inputs from experts across the country, and came up with a Health Benefit Package that they hope will ensure a balanced and equitable access to quality healthcare for all.

Terming the launch of the CMHIS as a significant milestone, and acknowledging/lauding the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, guest of honour, CEO, National Health Authority, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. R. S. Sharma, who delivered his address live from Delhi, stated that with the launch of CMHIS, Nagaland will become the second state in North-east to have universal health coverage, taking India forward to realising its Sustainable Development Goal of universal health access. Informing that around 12,000 hospitalisations were recorded in NHA-IT platform, and with the CMHIS scheme to be launched in the NHA-IT platform, he assured that it is robust, scalable and can record millions of processes of the healthcare system.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the launching programme, stated that the CMHIS covering the entire population of the State, will expand the coverage of insurance benefits, over and above those being covered under Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat scheme. Under the scheme, the CM stated that the people of the State will have an assurance of better access to healthcare services than they had

ever before. Pointing out that for any illness that requires hospitalisation resulting in substantial expenditure, which may not be within the means of the family, Rio expressed hope that the scheme will help prevent such hardships. He stated that government servants on regular employment and serving legislators and their families will not have to go through the tedious and long process of medical reimbursement as they can avail treatment in a cashless manner.

Rio stated that it will be an opportunity for the private hospitals in the State to treat the patients and get assured payments, adding that there is tremendous interest generated amongst the private hospitals. He informed that consultations have been held with the private hospitals and the package rates have been revised to provide the best possible rates in the country, and that all the Government Hospitals in the State will also be empanelled to provide in-patient treatment under the scheme.

Rio further appealed to all the beneficiaries to enroll themselves on the online enrollment portal which is open now. In case they are not able to self-enroll, they should avail the free assistance that is being provided during the next fortnight all over the State at designated locations for e-verification. He also appealed to all hospitals to immediately enroll on the online portal so that they are able to provide services immediately.

Stating that a remarkable achievement has been made in the history of Nagaland by launching the CMHIS, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom said that people with the least means not only have greater health problems but are less accessible to health care due to unaffordability of hospitalization expenses. There are two schemes being implemented in the State covering specific population segments

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) scheme for the pre-identified deprived categories and Medical Reimbursement Scheme (MR Scheme) for the government employees and their dependent family members. In addition, government employees and pensioners their dependents are provided with a monthly fixed medical allowance to cover their out-patient treatment expenses, he added.

Pangnyu also pointed out that there is a substantial section of the society who neither belong to government employee family nor eligible for AB PM-JAY. The government of the day is responsive to these concerns of the people and have come up with a scheme which aims to reduce their financial burden, knowing that medical expenditure is a leading cause of impoverishment. He expressed hope that CMHIS will be an important stepping stone to achieve positive health and wellbeing, and a driver of economic prosperity for the State of Nagaland.

During the programme, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio released the CMHIS Policy Document, and also launched the CMHIS Beneficiary Registration Portal, thereby, initiating the Beneficiary Enrolment Drive. The Chief Minister also handed over the Ayushman – CMHIS Card to the beneficiaries, namely, Yinshom SS Konyak from the General Population Category, Neikholhoulie Belho from the Pensioners Category, and Solo Kent from the Government Employees Category. Empanelment Certificates were also handed over to Oking Hospital Kohima, CIHSR Dimapur, Olive Hospital Dimapur, District Hospital Mon and District Hospital, Longleng by the Chief Minister.

CMHIS (GEN) beneficiaries will be entitled to more than 1950 medical and surgical packages across 27 major clinical specialties

as well as entitlement to General Ward, similar to AB PM-JAY. CMHIS (EP) beneficiaries will be entitled similar to that available for Central Government employees under the Central

Government Health Scheme (CGHS) as well as differential room entitlement as per their employee grade.

VIRTUAL POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING HELD FOR FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) under the Election Commission of India organized a virtual training programme for Police Officers in connection to the forthcoming General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Tripura on 14th October 2022.

These police officers will act as State Level Master Trainers (SLMTs)/ Resource persons for

down-the-line training in their respective states. Some of the topics covered in the training were the Assessment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), requirement & State Police deployment, categorization of polling booths and vulnerability assessment, and security arrangements for pre-poll, polling day, and post-poll period. Altogether, 20 (twenty) Police Officers from Nagaland attended the training programme.

35th FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION AND STAKEHOLDERS MEET



The 35th Foundation Day celebration and Stakeholders Meet was held at ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun at Medziphema on 15th October 2022.

The 35th Foundation Day celebration and stakeholders meet was held at ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun at Medziphema on 15th October 2022, with Neiba Kronu, Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue

and Parliamentary Affairs as the special guest.

Inaugurating the Semen Processing Laboratory building, Neiba Kronu said that semen processing has seen a huge improvement in the breeding of Mithun compared to the old traditional method. He initiated that more inten-

sive breeding of Mithun should be done to attract tourists, commercial and consumption purposes.

APC, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS said Mithun occupies an esteemed position above

all other livestock for the Naga people and remains an inseparable part in terms of socio-economic value and tradition. Currently, there are four defined Mithun strains namely Arunachal, Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram named after the North East states. Kikheto said we need to upscale the productivity of the Mithun, through technological interventions, whereby, the existing system of rearing should be shifted from the traditional system to a semi-intensive system of rearing in its original breeding tracts by facilitating providing shelters, watershed areas, drinking water, vaccination ramps, salt feed yards and also providing herdsman for better attachment for easy handling in times of epidemics. He also compared the census of Mithun, which shows 40452 in the year 2003, declining to 23123 in the year 2020 due to the decline of forest land, lack of crossing over to other boundaries for fear of destruction of agriculture, and being killed by their predators wolf/tiger.

Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Director, ICAR-CIRC Meerut, and Former Director ICAR-NRC Mithun, Nagaland mentioned the hardships of reaching the 35th Foundation Day celebration and stakeholders meetings since 15th October 1987. He spoke about the species of Mithun and its low maintenance in feeding, adding that a Mithun calf weighs around 25 Kg during birth and within five years, it becomes around 500 Kg. He also urged the gathering to stop sacrificing the mighty Mithun for the feast and that it should be reserved for breeding.

Awardees were also felicitated for outstanding services. Mithun farmers from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland were also given inputs. The delegates also visited the Mithun Farm. The programme ended with an interactive session of Mithun Farmers with NABARD and SBI with co-ordinators Dr. Kezhavituo Vupru and Dr. Sapunii S. Hanah, and Farmers-Scientists interaction with Dr. Kober Khate and Dr. Vikram.

SMARTPHONE FILMMAKING TRAINING HELD AT DIPR



Valedictory programme of the five-day training on Smartphone Film was held at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima on 21st October 2022.

Five-day training on Smartphone Film Making began with an inaugural programme held at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations Kohima on 17th October 2022.

Additional Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, briefing the inaugural event, said four online courses have been conducted with the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) so far and in continuation with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the FTII is conducting the training based on the good response received from the training conducted earlier by IPR Department. She said that 10 years back, no one could have imagined that the Department would be conducting such training courses which give us an idea as to how fast technology is changing and how the Department is also trying to keep up with the changing technology. 'Technology doesn't wait for anyone and we must try to keep up with the pace, and who better than the premier technology institution in India and globally acclaimed FTII resource person with vast experience, will educate and train the upcoming generation interested in filmmaking in our State,' she added.

Dzüvinuo said that the Department's journey into the official way of filmmaking started way back in 2009 when it introduced its commissioned programmes. She added that earlier, Naga professionals who were interested in filmmaking in the State were professionally and technologically trained in video production

and mass communication by DDK personnel through the IPR Department, and opportunities were very limited. Eventually, IPR was made the nodal department in film through far-sighted retired senior officers' initiatives, and IPR started engaging with the trained professionals. She mentioned that it is a path-breaking initiative to work with the youth of the State who are genuinely interested in making filmmaking.

Course Director, Prof. Ajmal Jami sharing a short speech on smartphone filmmaking training, said expressed enthusiasm to engage with the trainees and walk the path of filmmaking together and encouraged the trainees to be engaging and not to hesitate to get the best out of the training programme.

Registrar, FTII, Sayyid Rabeehashmi, IIS said filmmaking is about creativity, adding and that in spite of the tools one is using to make films, the most important is creativity. He stated that FTII is for those people who want to tell their story and who want to make a movie but cannot, due to lack of skills. Also briefly highlighting the trainees on the history of FTII, he said that the film institute was established in 1960 as Film Institute of India and later became Television Institute of India in 1974. He said that the FTII has so far produced a number of critically acclaimed artists, actors etc. in the film industry. He encouraged the trainees to take up Post Graduate courses as this training is just the beginning of the filmmaking process.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER HOLDS MEETING WITH FTII PUNE AND STAKEHOLDER DEPARTMENTS

The Registrar, Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), Sayyid Rabeehashmi, IIS, Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred, officials from the Information & Public Relations and

Technical Education departments called on the Development Commissioner, Nagaland, Amardeep S. Bhatia IAS at Development Commissioner's Office, Nagaland Civil

Secretariat, Kohima on 17th October 2022.

The meeting was held to hold preliminary discussions about the prospect of FTII offering various courses in filmmaking and related courses for film enthusiasts in the State by collaborating with educational institutes and concerned government

departments. Deliberations were held at length regarding logistic arrangements, targeted group of students and trainees, course contents and feasibilities of offering short term as well as long term courses. The meeting decided to further hold discussions with concerned stakeholders and take the project further.

ANCSU ORGANISES COLLEGIATE MEET

Under the theme 'Metamorphosis,' the All Nagaland College Students Union organized a Collegiate Meet on 18th October 2022 hosted by Sakus Mission College, Dimapur.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Minister of State for Sports & Youth Services, Tourism, Information & Communication Technology, Mizoram, Robert Romawia Royte said students of today have more opportunities and chances to survive and face the challenges of life than before. He encouraged the students to take part in all kinds of games not only as a career choice but also to keep themselves fit and in good health. He further said that it is mandatory on the part of all institutes to integrate sports into the entire educational curriculum, as only fit people can be productive and successful. He advised the students to set their priorities with due care and maintain discipline and personal hygiene and fitness. He wished the best to 1300 participants

registered from 32 different colleges during the five days of sports week and encouraged all the participants to participate and compete in a true sportsmanship spirit.

Further, mentioning the National Education Policy 2020, Robert said that significant importance has been given to sports in the policy. All states are in the process of preparing to cope with new challenges ahead. The Mizoram Sports Policy 2019 and subsequent granting of industry status to sports proved very fruitful in the endeavor for infrastructural and promotional advancement, he said, adding that as many as 30 new astroturf football grounds will be in place before the end of 2023. A good number of other sports infrastructures are also being created across Mizoram, he added.

Administration of oath was carried out by Games & Sports Secretary, ANCSU, Achiru Pfithu.

FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS STATE LEVEL TRAINING OF TRAINERS

To update the technical knowhow and upgrade the soft skills of technical officers of the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Government of Nagaland successfully conducted a State Level Training of Trainers (ToT) on 'Recent advances in fisheries technology & soft skill development' under Rashtriya Krishi

Vikas Yojana (RKVY-2021-22) on 19th and 20th October 2022 at the Directorate, F&AR, Kohima.

R. Rongsennungba, Director, F&AR requested the officials to actively participate in the training and presented a brief report on the achievements and status of fisheries in the State.

Resource person Dr. S. K. Das, Principal



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Scientist & Head Division of Animal & Fisheries Science, ICAR, Research Complex, NEH Region, Meghalaya highlighted topics on Recent Advances on Aquaculture & Fisheries with special reference to hilly states, fish nutrition, and feed technology and recent advances in post-harvest technology.

Resource person for the second technical session, International Ashoka Fellow awardee (2001), Neichute Doulo, Founder & CEO, of The Entrepreneurs Associates highlighted traits of

true professionalism, communication skills, and the importance of time management.

The valedictory function was graced by Former Director, F&AR, Kevisa Kense, IAS, Secretary, Water Resources Department who in his speech encouraged all the officers to re-dedicate harder and work sincerity for the upliftment of the fisheries sector in Nagaland.

Altogether, 80 Technical officials from the districts attended the programme.

UNION CABINET MINISTER PARSHOTTAM RUPALA HOLDS REVIEW MEETING AT KOHIMA

Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala paid a two-day maiden visit to Nagaland on 20th and 21st October 2022. On his arrival at Kohima, the Minister held a review meeting with MLA & Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing, MLA & Advisor, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics and Statistics, L. Khumo along with Department Officials from Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and

Fisheries & Aquatic Resources at Dzukuo House, Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

PowerPoint presentations were given by the Department Officials from Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources. This was followed by interaction with the Union Minister.

Union Minister, Parshottam Rupala assured that he would consider the need based proposals which will benefit the farming community and the entrepreneur. He encouraged the Department



Union Minister, Parshottam Rupala called on the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio at his official residence on 20th October 2022.

Officials to use modern and scientific technology for the welfare of the people through various

programmes of the Ministry.

The Union Minister also called on the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio at his official residence.

The Union Cabinet Minister also visited Kiphire (Aspirational District) on 21st October 2022 to review the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Sector Schemes of the Government of India with the Deputy Commissioner and Department Officials concerned.

POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY PARADE HELD AT KOHIMA

The Police Commemoration Day Parade 2022 was held at Tennis Court, New Police Reserve, Phesama, Kohima on 21st October 2022.

Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS while taking the salute, said that Police Commemoration Day Parade is a day to respect and pay homage to those brave policemen who laid down their lives so that we may have a better tomorrow. He stated that on 21st October 1959, a CRPF Mobile Patrolling Party led by DCIO, Karam Singh was ambushed by the Chinese Troops in Aksai - Chin Area of Ladakh, where 10 brave policemen were martyred in the battle. In recognition of their selfless sacrifice, the Commemoration Parade is held every year.

Longkumer also said that policemen and policewomen are taught to be the preserver of law & order and to protect the integrity and security of the nation. He lauded the Nagaland Police Officers and all the Police Personnel who have made supreme sacrifice in the past years till date, while performing

duty. He urged the personnel gathered to not only observe a day of remembrance of those fallen comrades, but also rededicate and renew their pledge to serve the people, to secure and maintain public order, and safeguard the internal security and contribute to the development of the nation.

The number of policemen all over India who laid their lives in service of the nation stands at 264. Laying of wreaths was led by DGP followed by other officials. The Police Commemoration Day Parade was led by Parade Commander, ABSI, Paul Chawang of Kohima DEF, 1st Platoon of 4th NAP was led by Platoon Commander, ABSI, Tsasel Angami, 2nd Platoon of DEF Kohima was led by Platoon Commander, ABSI, Vesunu Tetseo. Brass Band was led by Hav. Ayo Sakhrie and Kisan Toli and Commander was ABSI, Neibau Meofhuo of Kohima DEF.

A host of police officers, police personnel and retired police officers attended the commemoration parade.

WENN CELEBRATES THE JOURNEY OF WOMAN ENTREPRENEURS

Book launch-cum-Wenn Bazaar, celebrating the journey of Woman Entrepreneurs in Nagaland (WENN) programme was held on 22nd October 2022 at the Sky Garden, 7th Milestone, Chumoukedima.

Sukriti Somvashi, Communication Expert, Project Her&Now, GIZ Representative said that Project Her&Now is an Indo-German Development Cooperation project implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in partnership with the Government of India, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The project had been initiated based on the fact that currently, India's female labor force participation stands at 19%. Similarly, less than 20% of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in India are led by women. According to estimates, equal participation of women in the labor market would increase India's GDP by 27%. Entrepreneurship is one important opportunity to increase women's participation in the economy and to realize India's growth potential.

Guest speaker, Lithrongla G. Sangtam, IAS (Retd.) said women are the backbone of the economy in Nagaland but they can't progress without networking. The hardships that woman entrepreneurs go through are visible but we do not know or realize their needs, be it in the infrastructure need or the financial support, adding that there are blockages and shortcomings when it comes to supporting women entrepreneurship. She also stated that we Nagas focus only on being a retailer and do not know the market of wholesale. Unless we know the commercial, we can't be called entrepreneurs, she said. The former bureaucrat lamented that the Naga society is free and open but there are blockages from the society and families when it comes to women entrepreneurship. She urged the entrepreneurs and women to build one's social structure.

Inaugural of WENN Bazaar was carried out by Stephanie Mumenthaler, Advisor, Project Her&Now. The book also features two Naga women entrepreneurs – Vekuvolu Dozo and Nengeithem Hengna at the WENN book.

RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL TEACHERS' AWARD 2022, MIMI YHOSHÜ FELICITATED

The Department of School Education, Nagaland, Kohima organized a felicitation programme for Mimi Yhoshü, Head Teacher, GMS Officers' Hill, Kohima, the recipient of National Teachers' Award 2022 on 25th October 2022.

Principal Director of School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS in his speech lauded the students, staff and community for the collaborative team work and the emphasis on skill development in spite of limited resources in

the school.

Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Nokchashashi in his speech encouraged the awardee to become a global educator and to strive for excellence.

The National Teachers' Awardee 2022, Mimi Yhoshü dedicated the award to the students and teachers of GMS Officers' Hill Kohima and her family members. In her speech, she mentioned that with the aim of improving the handwriting of her students, she is learning the art of calligraphy.

Further, to create interest and do away with the fear of mathematics and science subjects, she has committed to give a sum of Rs. 5000 each

to those students who secure distinction in both subjects in Class 8 Board Examination w.e.f. the current academic year.

TRIBAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

The Department of Art & Culture, Nagaland, organized a Tribal Festival with the theme 'Igniting cultural traditions' at Amphitheatre, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 26th October 2022 with Advisor, Art & Culture and Tourism, Khehovi Yepthomi as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Khehovi expressed his happiness to witness the colourful cultural troupes from different tribes and said that the Naga people have a rich and unique culture, with different dialects and traditions and everyone must strive to protect the unique tradition and culture. He said that we live in such a society which is in danger of losing the identity and culture, and urged that everyone should encourage one another and teach the younger generation the ways of our culture by organising such events. He also encouraged the people to form cultural clubs and have cultural exchange programmes.

Yepthomi said that the Government of Nagaland has introduced the Hornbill festival, Mini Hornbill Festivals and Tribal Festivals to promote and preserve the rich Naga culture. He encouraged the people gathered to make such an event a way of life and not just a one-time event.

Secretary, Art & Culture, Athel O. Lotha, IAS in her welcome address, said that the Nagas are artistic people having a colourful culture and it is a representation of the Naga's earliest creative experience. She said that these creative activities are found in the physical aspects which are reflected in the folk dances and folk songs. She added that even though Nagas have similar cultural practices, there are distinctive features which are peculiar to each tribe. She expressed hope that this type of festival will serve as a reliable source of information and ignite in reviving the rich culture of Nagas.

305 NAGALAND CONTINGENTS TO PARTAKE IN THE 2nd NE OLYMPIC GAMES

The send-off ceremony organized by Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) for the 305 athletes and coaches contingent representing Nagaland to partake in the 2nd NE Olympic Games was held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 27th October 2022.

Chief Minister of Nagaland and President Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) Neiphiu Rio in his message to the athletes to participate in the North East Olympics, said it is an opportunity

for them to grow and added that sports is not a part-time job but a full-time job that needs hard work to excel, consistency and commitment. He also announced a special cash prize of Rs. 50,000, Rs. 25,000, and Rs. 10,000 respectively to the athletes securing gold, silver, and bronze medals in the upcoming 2nd Northeast Olympic Games.

Rio stated that in the field of sports, Nagaland needs a collective joint effort to make sports a

sustainable pursuit since the State is lacking behind the rest of the Northeastern states and called upon all to put up a concerted effort to excel at sports at the national and international level, and not waste too much time and resources in blaming one another. He also added that the State Government will be constructing Indoor Stadiums and Astro Turfs playgrounds in all the District Headquarters and will continue to facilitate training, coaching, and establishing Academy. He also stressed the need to use the created infrastructure in a proper manner.

Secretary General, NOA, Abu Metha in his introductory remarks stated that Nagaland is sending a total of 305 athletes including coaches and officials to represent the State and will participate in 17 disciplines out of the 18 disciplines to be played in the NE Olympic Games. Metha, exhorting the sports persons, said that

the opportunity to represent Nagaland is itself an achievement for all the athletes and also noted that there has been discussion, deliberations, and sharing of opinions in the sports story of Nagaland across many platforms and has now come to the central point of discussion for NOA, sports fraternity of Nagaland and the citizens of the State for opinions. Metha also stated the aspiration of the State is to produce champions, but one has to get an ecosystem that promotes sports as a whole and an ecosystem that has good infrastructure such as experts in the field of biomechanics, sports nutrition, strength and conditioning, video analyst, researchers, sports scientists, physical education, teachers, exposure, training, scholarships, rewards and incentives and recognition for sports persons.

A documentary entitled 'Ground Zero' was also screened.

KHELHOSHE POLYTECHNIC ATOIZU CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF ACADEMIC ESTABLISHMENT

Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu celebrated its 50th year of academic establishment on 29th October 2022 with Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio as the special guest at Multipurpose Hall, KPA.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister thanked the dedication of the faculties for enabling many students to pass out from the institution. He lauded the landowners who donated the land and cooperated in establishing the institution. He appealed to the public of the area saying they are the guardians of the institute and hope they will continue to look after it as they are doing. The people of the area, and faculties should have a combined effort to attract more students from the State and outside as well. With the institution trying to be a full-fledged engineering

institution, he said the Government will give its full cooperation to pursue it. He urged the people to unite and said tunity is the need of the hour, Nagas should set aside all sorts of tribalism and work towards Naga unity and Nagaism. The Government of India has recognized the unique identity of the Nagas and that it is up to them to be united to achieve their goals.

The Chief Minister also unveiled the 50th Anniversary Stone.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Temjen Imma Along, Minister of Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, K. T. Sukhalu, Advisor, School Education, and officials from the Technical Education Department. Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Sumi Hoho, and Sumi Totimi Hoho also attended the celebration.

NSF CELEBRATES 75 YEARS JUBILEE

The Naga Students' Federation celebrated its 75 years Jubilee at Naga Solidarity Park, Kohima on 29th October 2022 under the theme 'Call to oneness' with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest and LowangchaWanglat, former Minister, Home & Finance, Arunachal Pradesh as the guest of honour.

Neiphiu Rio, speaking at the platinum jubilee celebrations, said that it is a joy to see the Naga Family from all Naga inhabited areas coming together as one to celebrate the occasion. Rio also acknowledged the effort of the pioneers of the NSF 75 years ago, whose vision and aspirations are the guiding light of the federation today and congratulated the federation for completing 75 years in the service of the student community as well as the Naga people as a whole. He hoped that the NSF would continue to remain strong and carry on its legacy of serving and unifying the Naga people even in the coming years. Rio urged the student community to utilize the resources available to them to the fullest extent to reach much greater heights in the years to come.

Lowangcha Wanglat said that NSF has produced outstanding people from all walks of life and hoped that it continues to play its

exceptional role for the State and the country. He said now is the time for NSF to walk the talk for geopolitical issues of the North East. The objective of good leadership is to help people who are doing poorly in life. There is a need to reflect on and correct past mistakes and he believes that the relationship between the Nagas of Arunachal Pradesh and the Nagas of Nagaland can be one of the defining moments in Naga history. He further said that the unity among the Nagas everywhere is rooted in the values that they share. He said that NSF has an important part to play in empowering the youths since ultimately they will help in breaking away from the stereotypes and assumptions of the old traditions. There are many challenges ahead but despite the imperfections, he believes that the Naga people will come together in unity.

The occasion was graced by a host of representatives from different student organizations of the North East including Assam Students' Union, Khasi Students' Union, and North East Students' Organization led by their Advisor Dr. Samujjal Bhattacharjya. K. Temjen Jamir, Convenor, Planning Committee gave a brief speech on '75 years of NSF – Setting the Context.'

GOVERNOR JAGDISH APPRECIATES JVSJ

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi appreciated the objective and work of Janjati Vikadh Samiti Nagaland (JVSJ). He was speaking during the Diwali Milan on 30th October 2022 at Signal Angami Basti Dimapur.

Prof. Jagdish stated that Government alone cannot achieve its goal or make the plans successful without the involvement of the

citizens. He said that which Modi Government involves all organisations and individuals to make the mission complete.

The objective of Janjati Vikash Samiti Nagaland (JVSJ) is to work for upliftment of tribal people in the country through proper education, good health, traditional culture and support them to get respectable employment or profession.

Guest of honour, Bhagwan Sahay, a national executive of JVS explained about three core values in life, and cited how the students of JVS make dreams into reality. He informed that a student from Nagaland became a scientist and is presently in ISRO with the support of JVSN.

He said Janjati Samiti is working for 10.39 crore tribals and also running hostels and schools in the country.

Traditional songs, prayers and dance were also performed by different tribal students and teachers

PHOTO EXHIBITION & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DISPLAY IN CELEBRATION OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

In commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Eight Years of Seva, Sushasan & GaribKalyan, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Kohima in collaboration with St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Kohima organized a Photo Exhibition & Artificial Intelligence (AI) Display on 31st October 2022, with Minister of Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest.

Temjen Imna Along, while addressing the crowd, said that through Eight Years of Seva, Sushasan & Garib Kalyan, the Prime Minister's vision is to empower the poor and the helpless of the country, and Nagaland is also enjoying the benefits of this policy. He expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Broadcasting for allowing the young minds and the citizens of the State to know the good governance and strategy of the Gol. He also said that India, during the pandemic, was one of the first to help

different developing countries and within these eight years, it has uplifted many other nations in the world.

Principal Director, School Education Department, Thavaseelan K, IAS said that the setting up of AI in schools is fundamentally changing the way students and teachers understand and assimilate information in today's world. He further said that AI has immense potential to transform any field of human nature to sustain human life. Artificial Intelligence in education has the potential to be a game-changer for every child. On the photo exhibition, the Principal Director asked the students present to access information and consume knowledge through the photos since photos transcend time. It is essential to get into the world of photography because it gives a perspective view to look into the future and also to look at how the country has progressed.

UNITY RUN HELD



Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS administered the Pledge of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 31st October 2022.

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Additional Secretary for Youth Resources & Sports, Anthony Ngully flagged off the Unity Run-cum-culminating Clean India Campaign 2.0 from the Second World War Tank area to NSF office premises in the State Capital, Kohima on 31st October 2022.

Anthony, in his short speech, said the nation is celebrating to commemorate the birth

anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October through this Unity Run irrespective of cast, creed, and religion. He highlighted how the 'Iron man of India' united India when it was divided into many princely states. He also administered the pledge of the National Unity Day to preserve the unity, integrity, and security of the nation and also to strive hard to spread this message to the countrymen.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Naga-

land, which was participated by NSS, NYKS, and volunteers. Earlier, marking National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the participants cleaned up the litter in the WW - II Tank surroundings - an iconic place in Kohima.

Niuland District Administration organized the 'Run for Unity' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Niuland town on 31st October 2022. Administrative staff, Police personnel, Dobashis, students, and public leaders started the Unity Run at the DC's Office, which culminated at GHSS.



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CEO AND TEAM HOLD MEETING WITH POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS

V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland along with officers of CEO's Office, Ruokuovituo Khezhe, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Awa Lorin, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, R. Mhathung, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, and Alila Chang, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer held a State level meeting with political parties on 31st October 2022 at the CEO's Office chamber in connection with Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date.

At the meeting, the CEO and his team of officers apprised the political party members

present about the Amendment of Election Laws, application of Forms 6, 7, 8 and new Form 6B relating to voluntary linking of Aadhaar with EPIC where all the forms can be applied through online mode using the nvsp.in and voterportal.eci.gov.in as well as the mobile voter helpline app. The members were also apprised of the appointment of a Booth Level Agent (BLA) in every polling station. They were briefed about the four qualifying dates i.e. 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October for the Special Summary Revision 2022-2023.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE BIDS FAREWELL TO ROVILATUO MOR


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The Commissioner's Office organized a farewell programme for the outgoing Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor IAS on 31st October 2022 at Commissioner's Office, Kohima.

Rovilatuo thanked God for sustaining him through thick and thin during his 38 years and 2 months long career in Public Service. Mor also thanked the Government of Nagaland for allowing him to serve the people in various capacities and to key postings. He expressed a feeling of satisfaction in resolving many pending issues, some of which dated back to British times while in the chair as Commissioner, Nagaland. While appreciating and thanking the officers and staff in different places and departments he had worked with, he said that every officer has to take up the challenges and serve the public efficiently and in sincerity while enjoying the given opportunity and being a role model in bringing changes in the society through one's best efforts. He also

said that the best years in service are during the junior stage and encouraged the upcoming young officers to grab the best opportunity to give maximum contribution.

Nagaland Chief Secretary, J. Alam acknowledged the works and duties performed by the retiring officer, under whose guidance many far-reaching decisions and solutions have been made and solved. The Chief Secretary said that Rovilatuo Mor is a man with clarity of mind and a man who possess the degree and quality meant for the job. Home Commissioner, Nagaland, and incoming Commissioner of Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha remarked that the outgoing Commissioner had a magnificent career with glorious achievements and said the officer has left a good legacy for the successor to follow suit. Nagaland DGP, T. John Longkumer described the retiring officer as a messenger of peace and tagged him as a pillar of hope, a man of calmness, rationality, and clarity of thoughts.

Joint Commissioner (Hq), L. Jamithung Lotha, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C IAS, Commandant Village Guards,

Mongkoyanchu Chang, President, Nagaland Dobashis Association, President, Nagaland GBs Federation also spoke on the occasion.

1st NORTH EAST GEOLOGY & MINING MINISTERS' CONCLAVE HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The 1st North East Geology & Mining Minister's Conclave was held on 31st October 2022 at Niathu Resort, 7th Mile, Chumoukedima.

Union Minister of Mines, Coal & Parliamentary Affairs, Gol, Pralhad Joshi speaking as a special guest, stated that Ministry of Mines is making continuous efforts to encourage mining activities pan India. Addressing concerns and demand put forward by the North East Mines and Coal Minister's Committee, Pralhad Joshi said that the North East Region (NER) has been accorded top priority for development under the Prime Minister's agenda of transforming India. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has taken up 108 projects in NER on different mineral commodities during the last five years and 23 mineral exploration projects on various commodities in NER in current field season 2022-23. The Government is also funding projects through National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET), he added.

Two mineral exploration projects of Limestone & Iron Ore of Nagaland funded by NMET have been already completed. NMET is also providing financial assistance for procurement of machinery/laboratory equipment/instruments etc. to State DGMs upto 10% of the total approved exploration projects in year. A Joint Working Group has been constituted by Ministry of Mines for different states to resolve several issues related to the process of auctioning.

Assuring NER of complete support, Pralhad Joshi further stated that the Ministry through GSI and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) can organize

training programme for State Geologist and other functionaries for their capacity building. Such programmes can be organized by GSI in its Shillong Centre or GSITI at Hyderabad as per the convenience of states.

However, Joshi also stated his concerns regarding auctioning process in the NER and urged the State Governments to resolve the issues pertaining to auction in different states of North East region. He added that the establishment of resources and their successful auction will bring economic prosperity through revenue augmentation, employment generation, industry influx which will further lead to overall growth and development of the NER. The successful auctioning of the blocks can also act as a catalyst to bring other financing sources to the region.

Later, addressing the media, Joshi said the Government is also keenly examining the environmental implications of coal and oil exploration while also ensuring that the rich mineral resources are properly exploited for the benefit of the region.

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Niephiu Rio, at the outset, congratulated Chairman & Convener Dr. R. Lalthangliana, and Co-convener V. Kashiho Sangtam, for taking the initiative in organising and hosting the 1st NE Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave in Nagaland. He hoped that this conclave will open a new chapter in the history of mineral exploration and mineral development in NE India. He said that the



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering during the celebration of 75 years of Naga Students' Federation at Naga Solidarity Park, Kohima on 29th October 2022.



Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu celebrated its 50th year of establishment with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest at Multipurpose Hall, Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu, Zunheboto on 29th October 2022.



Assistive aids being distributed to differently abled persons in the presence of Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 7th October 2022.



In view of the general election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023, the first level checking of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) started in Nagaland on 11th October 2022.



A community-level skill development training under Jal Jeevan Mission support activity was organized by Public Health Engineering Department, Longleng Division at VCC & VDB Conference Hall, Longleng on 8th October 2022.



Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Kiphire conducted District Youth Convention under the theme 'Sense of duty among citizens' at Hopongkhyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 15th October 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and other dignitaries during the inauguration of Kezoma Urban Station, Kohima on 28th October 2022.



Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture and Women Resource Development, Anenla T Sato, IAS flanked by Director, Horticulture, Dr. Elithung Lotha, ADC Mangkolemba, Langkosen Tsanglao and other officials during the inauguration of the newly established Sub-Divisional Horticulture Office at Mangkolemba on 14th October 2022.

visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and dynamic leadership of Union Minister of Mines and Coal has brought about major reforms in the mining sector of the country which are positively impacting the rest of the states in the country both in mineral exploration and mineral production. However, he stated that, it is a matter of great concern that the Northeast States are yet to make a mark in the mineral block auction regime of the country and this issues need to be addressed as we are unable to sustainably exploit our mineral resources at war footing.

Rio stated that Nagaland, besides Oil and Natural Gas, has economically viable mineral resource of coal, limestone (cement and chemical grade), multi-metal magnetite and minor mineral resources especially sandstone distributed in all districts of the State. He informed that we have not been able to exploit our resources due to harsh rugged terrain and remote locations, which does not have sufficient connectivity, the land ownership systems and other logistics factors. We also have been hampered by the prolonged non-settlement of the Naga Political Issue. These factors have inhibited the proactive participation of exploration and extraction agencies in the State.

Rio expressed that only the State Directorate of Geology & Mining with its limited resources of machineries has been undertaking very few exploration activities. The State Directorate has the manpower, but is unable to take up more mineral blocks on account of lack of modern machines and equipments. Henceforth, he urged the Union Ministry to take note and provide assistance for capacity building of the State Directorate, and also urged the Ministry to handhold the State G&M departments to fully exploit the new reformed regime. They should

use accredited exploration agencies, not only in the public sector but also private sector, for scaling up exploration activities. In this regard, he requested the Ministry of Mines to consider increased funding for exploration, including for the untapped Minor Minerals, in the State.

In the oil exploration and extraction sector, Rio said we have started discussions with Government of India and Assam for finalizing the tripartite MoU for the Sectors A, B, C, D, E and F of the Disputed Area Belt along Nagaland – Assam border. Once confidence in DAB is rebuilt, we should be able to take up exploration and extraction in the remaining part of the State, for which a bipartite MoU is being discussed with the Government of India, he informed.

Assam Chief Minister in his address, endorsed the resolution passed by the NE states during the summit and urged the Central Ministry to give due consideration to their demands. While taking the example of states like Orissa and Arunachal Pradesh where the economy of the states have improved drastically in the last two decades due to the proper exploration and utilisation of their natural resources, he urged Nagaland Government to expedite the exploration of its oil and natural resources.

Eight resolutions were presented at the conclave, out of which five resolutions were passed and three resolutions are subjected to further approval. Highlights of the session conclave included welcome address by Chairman & Convenor, Minister Commerce & Industries (Geology & Mining) Health & Family Welfare, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Mizoram, Dr. R. Lalthangliana; Remarks by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Gol, Sanjay Lohiya, IAS; Report on discussion presented by Principal Secretary,

Commerce & Industries, Government. of Mizoram, Easter Lalruatkimi, IRS; An open discussion with all the North East States. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by

Minister, Power Cooperation Mines & Minerals, Indigenous & Tribal Faith & Culture, Government of Assam, Nandita Gorlosa, followed by cultural presentation.

UNION MINISTER PRALHAD JOSHI BRIEFS MEDIAPERSONS

Union Minister of Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs, Gol, Pralhad Joshi said that the Government is keenly examining the environmental implications of coal and oil exploration while also ensuring that the rich mineral resources are properly exploited for the benefit of the region. He said this while briefing mediapersons during the 1st ever NE Geology and Mining Ministers ' Conclave held at Naithu Resort, Chumoukedima on 31st October 2022.

Joshi opined that the confidence of local citizens should be taken into account to get the

land. 'If we get the land, people will be benefitted and the economy will grow,' he maintained. He revealed that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed record domestic production of coal during the current year with more than 900 million tones, adding that by the year 2025, India desires to stop import of coal. Assuring to give Rs. 5 crore each to all the NE State for exploration purpose, Joshi said he is ready to give more to the performing states while adding that there is no dearth of funds under the present Central Government.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN AT PHEK DISTRICT


Public Health Engineering Department, Phek division observed Swachhata Hi Seva campaign on the theme 'Visual Cleanliness' from 15th September to 2nd October 2022.

Public Health Engineering Department, Phek division observed Swachhata Hi Seva campaign on the theme 'Visual Cleanliness' from 15th September to 2nd October 2022, aiming to generate greater community participation and reinforce the concept of 'Sanitation as everyone's business.' To kick off the campaign, Gram Sabha meeting on Open Defecation Free Plus elements and Swachhata Hi Seva was conducted in all four (4) blocks-Phek, Chozuba, Meluri, and Pfutsero under Phek district. The participants include Swachhagrahis and WATSANs from every village, also known as foot soldiers of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Following the campaign, a wide variety of activities were carried out in almost every village under Phek district led by Swachhagrahis and WATSANs, such as cleaning garbage sites, public places like Anganwadi Centre, Panchayat Hall, village approach road and water bodies, plantation of trees at water sources, wall painting, poster campaign, creating awareness on the ill effects of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) by organizing Gram Sabha at village level and passing resolutions for the ban on SUPs. The campaign was carried out successfully with active participation from every corner of the district.

TRIBAL FESTIVAL HELD IN PEREN

District Cultural Office, Peren organized a one-day tribal festival under the theme 'Igniting Cultural Traditions' on 3rd October 2022 at Peren Town Stadium. ADC Peren, Keyirangding Hegui, gracing the occasion, lauded the Department of Art & Culture, Peren for organizing such a mega event on culture and traditions. He spoke on the uniqueness of the Nagas and the importance

on how to put a price tag on one's culture and encouraged the people to preserve and protect the tradition for prosperity. The ADC also advised the youngsters to be well acquainted and safeguard their cultural values, which gives one's identity. Hegui also encouraged the gathering to maintain proper documentation of tradition and culture.

Folklore on 'Widow' and 'Sunlight' was recited by Idwaheina and Iheigongbe, while Peren Students Union, Peren Village Heruima, Jalukie (B) Heraka Youth Dance troupe, and

Government Higher Secondary School Peren Cultural Troupe presented cultural songs and dances.

CHAIBERATSI NGYI, NAGA KING CHILLI FESTIVAL HELD AT PUILWA NEW VILLAGE, PEREN



Former Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang and other officials during the 1st Naga King Chilli Festival held at PUILWA New village, Peren on 7th October 2022.

Organized by PUILWALUI Council the 1st ever Naga King Chilli Festival (Chaiberatsi Ngyi) was held at PUILWA New Village, Peren on 7th October 2022 with United Democratic Alliance, Chairman and former Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang as the special guest.

Zeliang, speaking at the programme, said King Chilli is a native crop of Nagaland and is believed to have originated from the Zeliangrong area. This Chilli is so famous, particularly among the Zeliangrong people that it has so many different names: Chaibe-ra-tsi (Zeme dialect), Chaha-ra-tsi (Zeme dialect), Chai-thiu-rasi (Liangmai dialect), Saptingsai-su (Rongmei dialect), etc. Also known as Naga Mircha or Raja Mircha in Nagamese and Ghost Pepper in English. The best quality of Naga Mircha

originates from Peren district though it is grown in other areas too. Recently, in July 2021, a consignment of Naga Mircha sourced from the Tening area of Peren district was exported to London, UK via Guwahati by air for the first time which speaks volumes about the superior characteristics of Naga Mircha grown in Peren district, Zeliang stated.

Zeliang stated that in Peren district, it is widely believed that the ideal place for cultivating Naga chilli is across bamboo and banana plantations where bamboo/banana fields are cut down and burnt before cultivation (or slash and burn cultivation). This method of cultivating King Chillies is popular in Peren district hill areas and areas under the Tening sub-division which are famous for the supply of King Chillies

to Dimapur and Kohima and outside the State. The King Chillies coming from Peren district are considered to be of the best quality with superior taste, aroma, flavour, and pungency as compared to others coming from other areas. Apart from fresh and dried form, there are various ways in which these chillies can be marketed, in the form of powder, pickle, sauce, etc. As such, there is huge scope for business ventures for the local people of Peren district. Zeliang also added, that just recently, in September 2022, a King Chilli Festival was organized at Seiyama village

under Chiephobozou Block, Kohima district in collaboration with Horticulture Department.

Zeliang also spoke on the importance of the World Bank, adding that World Bank adopted two districts in Nagaland (Peren and Tuensang) for the scheme, Nagaland Rural Livelihood Project (NRLP). He said it is time for all to focus on developing areas that can generate income and improve the economy of the people.

A short speech was also delivered by MLA & Engineer, Picto Shohe, and IAS(Retd.), Kelei Zeliang.

ASSISTIVE AIDS DISTRIBUTED TO PwDs IN MOKOKCHUNG

Distribution of assistive aids to differently abled persons, a CSR initiative of District Administration, Mokokchung and Ocwen Financial Corporation, Bangalore was held at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung with Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer.

Speaking on the occasion, Sharingain said unlike other advanced countries disability is a subject matter which is new to the people, and is least discussed, but it is time we realize that it is a matter that needs to be addressed. He said

assistive aids were given to let the differently abled persons express and demonstrate their abilities and show what they are capable of. The NLA Speaker expressed appreciation to Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung and his team for all the initiatives taken and thanked the Ocwen Financial Corporation, Bangalore for their noble deeds.

During the programme, 50 wheelchairs, 30 hearing aids, 50 walking stick elbows, and 50 underarm crutches were distributed to the beneficiaries.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th October 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of ADC, Peren, Keyirangding Hegui.

In the meeting, the Board agreed to forward the application for registration of 'Pink Blossoms Society', Samzuiram village which has been involved in providing support to destitute people

particularly to girl children and women by giving vocational training, education, job placement, etc.

The meeting also approved the proposal for setting up ATM Booths in Jalukie town and District Headquarters, Peren. As entrusted, the Department of Soil & Water Conservation and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services also gave PowerPoint presentations of their departmental activities.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

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

Addressing the DPDB members, the DC asserted that DPDB is an important platform where the development activities of the district are discussed to take appropriate decisions for the welfare of the people. DC pointed out that a positive attitude and active participation of the members and Heads of Offices (HoO) are required for a positive outcome. Dharam Raj further said that DPDB is also an important platform for every HoO and member to coordinate and learn each other's activities through the PowerPoint presentation in every meeting.

While presenting the agenda for registration of the societies, the DC informed the members to scrutinize the motives of the society before

the application is submitted to the DPDB for forwarding to the Government.

The members debated on safe drinking water and Plastic Waste Management Unit (PWMU) after the PowerPoint presentation by the PHED. The members emphasized on underground water quality testing from different zones of the district and issue of public advisory awareness, identifying safe drinking water availability in the district.

The Board also stressed on PWMU for the safe disposal of plastic waste without hazards to lives and the environment. The Board urged the PHED to identify agencies for the disposal of plastic waste for recycling.

Earlier, the Board forwarded the agenda for the registration of society submitted by the Kangching Shutheivongangla, Tamlu, and the expansion of public ground submitted by the Kangching Village Council and Students' Union.

PHEK DPDB MONTHLY MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at its Conference Hall, Phek on 10th October 2022. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Phek DPDB, Razouvolie Dozo chaired the meeting.

The meeting discussed agenda for the registration of a multipurpose society in respect of Laruri Village Women Society under Meluri sub-division and Sakraba Village Multipurpose Society of Pfutsero sub-division. The members deliberated

and agreed on recommending it to the Government for approval. In connection with society registration, the DC informed the Board that no recommendation for society registration will be made unless it is properly authenticated and verified.

A PowerPoint presentation was made by District Sports Officer Phek, Wutsutho where various sports activities that are being undertaken in the State by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports were highlighted.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING UNDER JJM HELD AT LONGLENG

A community-level skill development training programme under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) support activity was organized by PHED Longleng Division at VCC & VDB's Conference

Hall, Longleng on 8th October 2022.

SDO (Civil) Longleng, Trongdipa Tongpi Sangtam, gracing the occasion acknowledged the PHED, Longleng for organizing the training

and exhorted the participants stating that skill development training is an opportunity to enhance skills and become self-reliant while contributing to the economy at large. He also said JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water to all households in rural areas and encouraged the trainees to be sincere and take up this kind of activity which will provide sustainable income.

While delivering the keynote address, District Chemist, Sumachiba Walling said the

training programme is aimed at imparting skills to the villagers for routine maintenance of drinking water distribution assets to ensure the sustainability of water supply infrastructures.

It was followed by a practical session where the participants were imparted training in the field of Plumbing, Fitting & Masonry.

Certificates were also handed over to the participants by EE, PHED Longleng, Er. NothongolKera. Altogether 60 trainees from 15 villages attended the training programme.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 11th October 2022 and the meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB and Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The members were updated on the 50% repair completion of the Dikhu Bridge between Tuensang and Mokokchung road by Executive Engineer (National Highways). He also updated the meeting outcome of PWD (NH) and NHIDCL, regarding the zero point to 95 Km toward Tuensang. He informed about the missing bolts and nuts of the bridges between Tuensang to

Mokokchung for which an FIR has been filed at Police Station, Longkhim.

Nikshey Mitra, a programme to put an end to Tuberculosis in India calls for community support in eradicating TB, for this programme, the CMO office also called the DPDB members to come forward in assisting and aiding the 181 existing TB patients in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang also encouraged all the district HoOs to impart departmental practical education to school students. He asked them to report on the programme initiated by the departments in the schools at every DPDB meeting.

SAMBHAV MISSION HOLDS INTERACTIVE SESSIONS AT RUCHAN VILLAGE, WOKHA

Anuradha S. Chagti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Delhi, (i/c of Sambhav Mission Mode programme for focussed development of backward blocks/villages) held an interactive session with the Village Council, GBs, VDB, SMDC, VEC, Health Committee, WATSAN, ASHA, ANM, AWW, etc. at Ruchan village on 10th October 2022.

The Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, who also carried out personal visit to the primary schools and Anganwadi Centre held an interactive session with the villagers for first-hand information on the current status of the identified village. In the session, she said Sambhav Mission Mode is a programme formulated by DoNER to achieve saturation of development targets in selected/ identified backward blocks or villages

across the North East by convergence and monitoring performance of key indicators such as access to the healthcare system, education, financial inclusion, clean drinking water and sanitation, clean and affordable energy and power, road connectivity, etc.

While highlighting the need for road connectivity for economic activities, the Council Chairman,

Ruchan village, stated that although the village is highly endowed with economic and development potential, lack of road connectivity causes loss to their hard labour and hampers their growth.

District Administration, officials from line departments as well as public and church leaders were also present during the interactive session and spot visitations.

WILDLIFE WEEK 2022 CELEBRATED AT TUENSANG

A week-long Wildlife Week 2022 under the theme 'Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration' was celebrated by the Tuensang Forest Division on 10th October 2022. Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, and Vishal, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Tuensang graced the occasion.

DFO Tuensang, Samom Khelen Singh, IFS delivered the keynote address where he highlighted the significance of wildlife and also reminded a citizen's duty to preserve and have a sustainable relationship with nature.

While speaking on the occasion, Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Vishal, IPS spoke about ecological imbalance caused

by human activities such as hunting and deforestation.

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant said that due to the Naga society's hunting practices, huge parts of the forest and its wildlife have already disappeared from the vicinity. He advocated practicing environmentally friendly habits and to reduce the use of plastics and other harmful chemical substances. He acknowledged the Department for organizing such programmes.

Around 50 students participated from various schools where cash prizes along with certificates were awarded to the winners of essay and drawing competitions.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held on 11th October 2022 at DB Hall, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Pughoboto under the chairmanship of MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes on the discussion for shifting of ADC office Pughoboto to the new building along with the sub-division office of Industries & Commerce, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Information & Public Relations, Youth Resources & Sports, and New Renewable Energy departments which is

located in its premises, Y. Vikheho Swu informed that the main purpose for constructing the office within an area is to provide better services to the people and better coordination between departments. He asked all the concerned department personnel whose office buildings are completed to prepare for shifting to the new building and also enquired about the status report of the offices and to submit before 25th October 2022.

The Board also discussed the setting up a Fire Station at Pughoboto sub-division. Vikheho thanked

the public of Pughoboto town for the successful implementation of the monthly cleanliness drive which is held on the last Friday of every month.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer,

Pughoboto, Veronica Yeptho gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the various welfare schemes undertaken by the Department for the farmers.

TSONGLAKNYI FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT KIUSAM TOWN



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo addressing the gathering during the Tsonglaknyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival celebrated at Kiusam town on 11th October 2022.

Tsonglaknyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival of the Tikhir tribe was celebrated at Kiusam Town on 11th October 2022, hosted by Tikhir Tribal Council with Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo as the special guest.

The message of Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio was delivered by L. Khumo Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics. The Chief Minister stated that the Tikhirs have a very rich culture and tradition and they must continue to preserve the same. He mentioned that while inaugurating the new district of Shamator, the Government gave the district tag 'Brotherhood District' and urged the people to lead the way in promoting brotherhood and peaceful co-existence amongst all sections of society.

CM also congratulated the Tikhirs on being recognized as a separate Naga tribe which is very significant, but added that recognition is only the beginning, people must strive to excel

in every way in the days to come. He appealed to the Tikhir people to be proactive and strive for economic development through positive people participation and availing the assistance given by the Government. The Chief Minister urged everyone to use this festive occasion to purify,

humble themselves before God and work towards reconciliation, retrospections and renew the spirit of peace and prosperity.

'Tsonglaknyi' is the main festival of Tikhir and also the most important festival of the Tikhirs. It is celebrated for four days from the 9th to 12th of October every year. The word 'Tsonglaknyi' is made up of three words 'Tsong' meaning shield, 'lak' meaning sanctification, and 'nyi' meaning festival. Tsonglaknyi is a festival of the sanctification of the shield. It also means the sanctification of the weapon along with their wealth and valuable assets as well as the purification of the menfolk. The festival is one of the most important among the Tikhir festivals.

Special guest, L. Khumo in his speech said the traditional festival has been an indispensable part of people's life since the olden days. The Tikhir Nagas, like other tribal societies, has a richly unique culture and tradition. Traditional festivals play a leading role in preserving traditional culture

and promoting cultural continuity. The Advisor mentioned that for many years, Tikhir community struggled for recognition and by the grace of God, Tikhir community has achieved their long-cherished dream. Khumo assured that whenever

the Tikhir community needs him, he is ever ready to assist them in every aspect. While highlighting the significance of the festival, he encouraged the elderly people to teach the youngsters about the rich culture and traditional way of life.

JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DoNER VISITS SHANGSA MON



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Anuradha S. Chagati during her visit to Shangsa village, Mon on 12th October 2022.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Anuradha S. Chagati visited Shangsa village in Mon district on 12th October 2022 and held an interactive meeting with the Village Council and various stakeholders at the Council Hall, Shangsa village.

The purpose of her visit was to make people aware of the SAMBHAV Mission mode programme which focuses on the development

of backward blocks/villages across the Northeast by converging and monitoring key indicators such as access to health, education, drinking water, electricity, and financial inclusion. During the interaction, she enquired as to how the village is utilizing and implementing the various Central and State Government Schemes at the grassroots level. She also directed the village functionaries to highlight the development requirements of the village and the shortcomings of the various schemes. After the interaction, she visited the village school and Anganwadi Centre.

The development requirements and grievances of the village were shared by Village Council Chairman, A. Teilei Konyak.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary & OSD, Planning Department Nayantara Sasikumar, Planning Officer, Chingmei Phom, District Administration, and officers from line departments.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th October 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. The meeting was conducted by Vice-Chairman, Wokha DPDB

and Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS.

Chairman, Wokha DPDB and Advisor, Justice & Law, Dr. Chumben Murry, in his opening remark said all the Heads of Offices in the district

should make it mandatory to attend the DPDB meeting without fail as all important deliberations and decisions are taken through this august house for the welfare and benefit of the district.

During the meeting, the following agenda were discussed and approved and recommended to the Government for necessary action: Registration of societies for Wokha Town Wokhae Ekhung, the establishment of a Sub-Centre at New Wokha village, and the Board also approved for establishment and creation of new Assistant Public Relations Officer's Office (APRO) at Sanis, ADC Headquarter.

The DPR (proposal) submitted by AUDO (Urban Development), Wokha for the improvement of circular roads from Forest Junction to High School Junction via PWD-Fish market, Etsuchukha-Jonsulan to NST Junction

amounting to Rs. 3.78 crore (approximate), measuring about 4 Km was also approved by the Board for recommendation to the higher authority.

Dr. Chumben while reacting to the PowerPoint presentation offered by DUDO & Administration, Wokha Town Council (WTC), urged the Urban Development Department to work in coordination with WTC and start executing plans for the naming of the roads/lanes within Wokha town area. While thanking the Postal Services, Wokha branch for highlighting their activities in the district, he said that in modern times, postal services are very important, yet Wokha district is lacking behind to meet the aspiration of the district, therefore, he urged the department to improve their delivery system/service for the benefit of the people.

KIPHIRE DPDB DELIBERATES ON INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The monthly Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 13th October 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, T. Wati Aier.

The DC congratulated Dr. N Moa Jamir, Senior Dental Surgeon, District Hospital Kiphire and Er. AkokSair, EE PHED for their great achievements and also for bringing laurels to Kiphire district.

The DC highlighted the CMHIS and encouraged all government employees to avail the opportunity. Kiphire being an Aspirational District, the central team are visiting the district from time to time to evaluate the developmental works and activities carried out in the district so he informed all the departments to be ready with

the presentation.

During the meeting, some of the agenda discussed were: Proposal for the opening of B.C. Olive School in Kiphire; Constitution of Verification Committee for LADP 2022-2023; Inter-Departmental Badminton Tournament.

During the meeting, it was also informed that Stargazer, 'Discover and Elevate New Talents,' an Arts and Entertainment Management from Kiphire district, founded by Albert Jingru and Yangkhong Sangtam in the year 2022, plans to sponsor talented singers and musicians for basic music courses soon by partnering with music institutes in the State.

Later, a PowerPoint presentation was given by DPRO, Kiphire wherein he highlighted the overall departmental activities.

HANDS-ON TRAINING ON FIELD TESTING KIT HELD AT WOKHA

Under the ongoing 'Swachh Jal Se Suraksha' (SJSS) campaign (2nd October 2022 - 26th January 2023), the District Water and Sanitization Mission (DWSM), PHED Wokha Division conducted a two-day hands-on training on Field Testing Kit (FTK) for grassroot level workers at three strategic locations under Sanis block, Wokha district on 11th and 12th October 2022.

District Chemist, Er. Aremo highlighted the water quality issues, and ways of water contamination and gave a demonstration on the use of FTK. The FTK, provided to the users, covers the detection of eight parameters (physical & chemical) namely pH, turbidity, total hardness, chloride, free chlorine, fluoride, nitrate, and iron. H₂S vials for the detection of bacteriological

contamination were also distributed to the trainees. The FTK trainees were reminded and also made aware of their responsibility to carry out the surveillance duty as per the Jal Jeevan Mission, Government of India guidelines.

District Coordinator, Chuba Longchar highlighted water-borne diseases, health effects, and safe handling and storage of drinking water.

The participants of the Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance training included Village Council members, WATSAN committee, Swachhagrahis, ASHA, and Anganwadi workers, etc. The objective of the campaign is to ensure the supply of safe drinking water through regular water quality monitoring and surveillance by including all the stakeholders.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto district held its monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 14th October 2022, with Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chairing the meeting.

Mali requested the members to be present at the station all the time for the smooth functioning

of the offices and to serve the public sincerely. He further added that for the celebration of Zunheboto jubilee and Ahuna celebration, a discussion will be held in the next DPDB meeting with all the legislators under Zunheboto district, and directed everyone to be present in the meeting.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Tsemnyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 13th October 2022 in the official chamber of Deputy Commissioner, Tsemnyu with R. Khing, Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Women Resource Development, and Chairman, Tsemnyu DPDB.

The Advisor appealed to the officers to remain in the station and reminded all the members that

attending DPDB monthly meeting is an official responsibility and duty of every member.

A presentation on biodiversity conservation was given by President, Rengma Village Council Chairman, Kegwasing Keppen. ADC, Tsemnyu, Longasen Ezung informed the members that Tsemnyu district has received EVMS/VVPATs from the Election Office. A PowerPoint was presented by Jonah, JAA (Treasury).

KOHIMA DPDB TAKES UP VARIOUS ISSUES


MLA & Chairman, Kohima District Planning & Development Board, Keneizhakho Nakhro addressing the DPDB meeting held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th October 2022.

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for October was held under the chairmanship of MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th October 2022. The meeting was chaired by ADC Kohima, Rhosietho Nguori.

On the agenda of setting up of ATM Booth at Sechü-Zubza Headquarter and Mobile Network Tower at Dzülekie, the Board deliberated on the matters and after taking note of the requirement and necessity, it was decided to recommend the setting up of the ATM to the DLC under Lead Bank Forum, and for mobile tower, it was decided to take up with the BSNL for necessary actions.

On registration of societies, the Board decided to recommend the Emerging Society, Below Oriental Collage, Kohima to the Government. It also decided to recommend the Nagaland Development Board, Naga Bazaar, Kohima on the condition that they will comply with the Board's suggestions made during the meeting. The Board further recommended the Tsieramia Council, Kohima village for registration while reviewing the last meeting minutes.

Besides the agenda, the Board also took up the report on social media regarding

the shifting of regional taxis beyond the limit of Kohima Municipal Council. SDO(C) Sadar informed the members that the decision of shifting the regional taxis to ISBT, Kohima which is around 3 Km away from Kohima town was taken up after a series of RTA meetings with all the concerned stakeholders and the primary objective of this step is to ease the traffic congestion within Kohima town.

The Board was also informed that the RTA before shifting the taxi stand took the following measures keeping in mind the welfare of the commuters, reduced the Kohima –Dimapur Taxi fare from Rs. 350/- to Rs. 330; dedicated NST (4) and Smart City buses (4) were pressed into service to ferry passengers back and forth from Kohima town to ISBT apart from Local taxis; rates of bus and taxi services plying from Kohima to ISBT and other destinations have been fixed by RTA to deter any random excess charges.

The social media report about extra charges being levied by the taxis has been viewed seriously by the RTA and it was informed that strict action will be initiated against such defaulters to the extent of cancellation of taxi license. In this regard, the citizens have been requested to ensure that appropriate information such as providing the taxi registration number to the authorities (DC Office) or the ANTA helpline number (Mobile Number - 9436694693) are given for follow-up action.

Departmental presentation on Poshan Maah 2022 was presented by Akali, District Welfare Officer from Social Welfare Department; HIV/AIDS scenario by the PLHIV in the district

was presented by Sentimongla Tzudir, District Programme Officer, District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit, Kohima and community support for

patient with TB was presented by Dr. Chibenthung Kithan, District TB Officer.

TRAINING CONDUCTED ON COMMUNITY-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS UNDER JJM

The Public Health Engineering Department, Wokha division, Water & Sanitation Support Organisation (WSSO) organized a four-day (17th October to 20th October 2022) training on community level participants under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) project for the Village Council Chairman, VDB Secretaries, and WATSAN members at WDVCCA Multipurpose Building Hall. The training was imparted by SLIEM (Salt Lake Institute of Engineering & Management Ltd. Kolkata).

EAC Wokha, Yentingbou lauded the department for organizing such programmes for the village functionaries to sensitize them about the importance of safe water and hygiene, conservation of water, and most importantly to remind them about their roles and responsibilities on how to maintain and operate after the completion of the project.

SE, PHED, Dimapur, Er. Gwatilo Tep apprised about the status of JJM project in the State, and stated that the project was started in the year 2019-2022 and the Government has

directed to finish the project by 2024, and as per 15th October 2022 status report, the State has achieved 52% of the project. While congratulating Wokha district for the commendable job and achieving 71% functional household tap water connection within the district, he said Wokha district is ahead of the State's percentage and urged the department to continue with the same commitment and dedication and achieve the target within the stipulated time.

Dr. Biplab Ghosh, resource person, SLIEM Skills, while giving a brief introduction about the purpose of imparting the training, said the aim is to sensitize the village functionaries about the concept of JJM and Har Ghar Jal, how to maintain traditional drinking water supply tap water connection, vision, mission, objectives, goals, and opportunities under JJM, water quality monitoring and surveillance, enabling environment- development of responsible and responsive leadership, overseeing of water supply infrastructure during construction by the community and post-implementation monitoring.

YUVA UTSAV/YOUTH FESTIVAL 2022 HELD AT KIPHIRE

The Department of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Kiphire under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the District Administration, Kiphire organized a one-day mega event with the theme 'Sense of duty among the citizens' at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 15th October 2022.

Special guest, Ane Khieya, EAC Kiphire, in her speech, stated that as a good and responsible

citizen of the country, one must be aware of the fundamental rights and duties. She stated that responsible citizens build their community into a good habitat to live in and also urged the youth to inculcate the habit of cleanliness. With the fast-changing development taking place today, she said that the world need youths who are hard-working and dedicated to their work, and she appealed to them to inculcate 'Dignity of labour'

and to abstain from all social evil practices so as to create a sound and healthy environment.

The features of the festival were competitions on the cultural event, declamation, young writer's contest, young artists, and photography contest.

P. Rebecca Rangnamei, DYO, NYK Kiphire in her welcome address stated that the main objective of the programme is to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the young and to engage them in nation-building activities.

She mentioned that the NYKS activities include education, cleanliness, health sanitation, awareness of social issues and self-employment and entrepreneurship development, and also in preserving their rich culture.

The resource persons of the event were Gagan, Assistant Professor ZPGC and Tsalichum Sangtam, General Secretary Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Kiphire and Sukanya, MGNF Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

NBOCW WB AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & FIELD REGISTRATION HELD AT OLD RIPHIM VILLAGE, WOKHA



Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board organized awareness campaign and field registration at Old Riphim village, Wokha from 13th - 15th October 2022.

Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCW WB) organized a three-day awareness campaign and field registration at Old Riphim Village, Wokha from 13th - 15th October 2022 at Mt. Morashen Hall. The programme was organized by Old Riphim Village Gazetted Officers Forum (ORGOF).

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome, Chairman, NBOCW WB stated that his team is actively involved in sensitizing the people about the various benefits available for the builders and construction workers, where beneficiaries are identified and guided in availing

of the benefits available.

Delivering the keynote address, T. Chubayanger, CEO, NBOCW WB said that digital and online facility has been made for easy registration, making it convenient for the unregistered workers and he, therefore, encouraged the unregistered workers to register themselves with complete documentation. He also reminded the registered workers to renew their registration on time and follow the laid down guidelines so that the beneficiaries do not face problems in the process of availing of the benefits.

The NBOCW WB has been constituted

by the Department of Labour, Government of Nagaland to assist and help the construction workers in availing the social security benefits and sensitization of the public at the grassroots

level. During the three-day campaign and field registration recorded, around 280 registrations/enrollments were made from Englan range, consisting of eight villages.

DC CHÜMOUKEDIMA URGES HoDs TO BE MENTALLY PREPARED FOR ELECTIONS

Deputy Commissioner, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS while informing that Chümoukedima has been designated as Election District, urged the Head of Departments under Chümoukedima district to be mentally prepared for rendering services, in terms of manpower. He said this while addressing the District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting on 19th October 2022 at the Conference Hall of DC Chümoukedima. To make the DPDB meeting more meaningful and action oriented, Shivam advised the department heads to give agenda for deliberation during the DPDB meeting, for the betterment of the district.

In the meeting, District TB Officer highlighted on the basic information of National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) with special focus on Chümoukedima, Dimapur and Niuland districts. She said that the vision of NTEP is to achieve TB Free India by 2025 as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and to achieve universal access to quality TB diagnosis and treatment for all TB patients in the community. She also highlighted on the infrastructure set

up of NTEP in Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland and also the financial benefits to TB patients through Nikshay Poshan Yojana which is being implemented since April 2018.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered with regard to District AIDS Prevention Control where the responsibilities, key functions, services under National AIDS Control Programme were highlighted.

The Agriculture Department presented a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the agro ecological situation of Chümoukedima district, land use pattern, crop production status, oilseeds production and the ongoing schemes/programmes.

Other highlights of the meeting included review of previous meeting minutes where the proposal for registration of Biblical Leadership Institute, Dhansiripar was recommended by the Board. Opening of new schools, namely Royal School at Thilixu village, Dimapur and Greenfield Academy School, Ganeshnagar, Dimapur were also approved by the members.

CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

In order to promote cleanliness and hygiene, the Longleng Town Council launched the second phase of cleanliness and hygiene campaign on 18th October 2022 by distributing waste collection kits to sanitary workers who have been actively involved in the upkeep of solid waste collection through house to house collection.

Citing the performance of Longleng Town Council in the recent Swachh Survekshan 2022, Administrator, Longleng Town Council, Trongdiba Tongpi Sangtam stressed on the significance of keeping a clean and wholesome environment whether in homes, offices or public areas. He further pointed out that the Town Council will



In order to promote cleanliness and hygiene, the Longleng Town Council launched the second phase of cleanliness & hygiene campaign at Longleng on 18th October 2022.

continue its efforts by focusing on large scale public participation by sensitizing the society about the importance of community participation and working together towards making the town a better place to reside in.

Further, in order to control and regulate stray

dogs, the Town Council and Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Longleng in collaboration with the ward authorities started compulsory registration and vaccination of dogs. All dog owners within Longleng town are required to mandatorily register their dogs and

ensure their custody within the premises of their respective residence and wards. Dog Welfare & Monitoring Committee has been set up by all the respective wards to monitor and ensure the welfare of dogs within their respective jurisdiction.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 19th October 2022.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS reviewed the previous DPDB agenda.

The Board approved the proposal for change of beneficiaries for LADP 2022-2023 under 41 Tizit Assembly Constituency. It also deliberated on the upcoming Departmental Tournament.

Chief Medical Officer, Mon highlighted on the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS).

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD



MLA & Chairman, Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board, Imkong L. Imchen addressing the DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 20th October 2022.

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 20th October 2022, at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Imkong L. Imchen.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare gave a PowerPoint presentation on TB Elimination and reported that in Mokokchung, presently, there are 185 TB patients. The Health & Family Welfare officials urged the members to come forward with every possible help, saying that it is only through collective efforts that TB can be eradicated.

Report on Livelihood Project taken up by DPDB under LADP (Common Pool) 2021-2022, was presented to the Board. The five member committee, headed by the Deputy Commissioner, stated that the Project was taken up by brooding

and distributing of 10,000 no. of 14 days old broiler chicks to 100 beneficiaries (SHGs and individuals) covering all 10 constituencies. During the six week exercise, the team inspected and monitored the beneficiaries in four-phases. The success story of the Livelihood Project taken up by DPDB Mokokchung, reported that total investment was 10 Lakhs and total turnover of the beneficiaries were 22 Lakhs 10 thousand. Livelihood Project Best Farmer Award was given to Moatemsu from Aonglenden Constituency.

In the meeting, shifting of the present NST Office and all Public Transport Buses (Both Government & Private) to ISBT Khensa was discussed. During discussion, MLA & Chairman DPDB Mokokchung, Imkong L. Imchen maintained that the issue is genuine and that it has been discussed on many occasions.

GHSS, PEREN CELEBRATES PLATINUM JUBILEE



Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu with former Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang and others during the celebration of 75th anniversary of Government Higher Secondary School, Peren on 22nd October 2022.

Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Peren celebrated its 75th anniversary at the School's premises on 22nd October 2022 with Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational

Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu as the special guest, who also unveiled the Jubilee monolith.

Sukhalu encouraged the gathering to impart quality education with good infrastructure and urged the parents to focus and invest more in education. He also said that the Government is trying its best to ensure

education in the interior areas. Sukhalu also advised the teachers to be sincere in their duty and stay committed to students in imparting education and to ensure good enrolment in the school.

Former Chief Minister and Chairman UDA, T. R. Zeliang who graced the occasion as the chief host, extended his appreciation and spoke on the service rendered by the teaching faculties, management board, pioneers, and non-teaching staff of the GHSS for the upliftment of the school. He stated that GHSS Peren is one of the most fortunate schools in the district and that from an economic point of view it is a

big relief for the students for being upgraded to science stream with qualified teachers. He acknowledged the teachers for their dedication and efforts in delivering successful results for the students each year.

The school also honored the alumni, former heads of the school, assistant heads, and supporting staff for their immense contribution to the school.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING HELD

Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 26th October, 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, Dimapur DPDB, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS.

The agenda discussed during the meeting were bifurcation of the existing Development Block of Chümoukedima between Dimapur district, where Project Director, DRDA, Dimapur, Kethosituo Sekhose presented a proposal stating that with the creation of Chümoukedima district, the jurisdiction of Rural Development (RD) Chümoukedima, Dhansiripar and Kuhuboto now falls under the districts of Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland, which has given rise to administrative inconvenience, particularly for the Block Office, as the BDOs now have to report to two different district authorities. Henceforth, a proposal was submitted for those villages under Dimapur district to be constituted into a separate block consisting of 31 villages. Second proposal is to have two blocks under Dimapur district instead of one - East Dimapur RD Block and West Dimapur RD Block.

The Project Director also appealed to the Board to consider three villages - Sangtamtila, L. Hotovi, Shozukhu under Dimapur district, which is presently under Dhansiripar and Kuhuboto RD Block. Third proposal presented for consideration

of Bamunpukhuri B village, which falls under Chümoukedima Block, to create VDB (Village Development Board) for the village by bifurcating the present Bamunpukhuri VDB into Bamunpukhuri 'A' VDB and Bamunpukhuri 'B' VDB.

After thorough deliberations, the following agenda were taken into consideration - opening of new school, 'The Family Tree' at Kushiabill village under Dimapur district; registration of Society of Ex-Servicemen League, Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland located at Naharbari; Operation Rescue Nagaland located at IHSDP Complex, United North Block-B, Burma Camp; Nagaland Kalwar Samaj located at Zakiesato Colony, Dimapur; Euro Welfare Society located at H/No. 109, Midland Colony, Dimapur.

Other agenda were deliberated on Grant-in-Aid for St. Paul Higher Secondary School, Lhomithi village, Dimapur; GPS Kirha UDISE Code 13060212201; GMS Veterinary Colony Burma Camp UDISE 13060501502, where it was taken into consideration for approval.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) highlighted on the CMHIS scheme, wherein he informed that the procedure of the scheme is going on in all the departments. Under the scheme, employees and pensioners can avail up to Rs. 20 lakh and the general public can avail up to Rs. 5 lakh, he added.

SEMINAR-CUM-WORKSHOP ON PM-FME SCHEME HELD

CHOZUBA:

District Industries Centre under the flagship of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India organised a one-day seminar-cum-workshop on CSS-Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) at Vamuzo Memorial Hall Chozuba, Phek on 26th October 2022.

The District Resource Persons for PM-FME scheme will handhold and give support to the interested entrepreneurs, assist the entrepreneurs in the preparation of Detailed Project Report, online application process, bank loan process and in obtaining the necessary registrations and licenses.

The resource person, General Manager of DIC (Chozuba), Cholzo Sophie delivered lecture on topic PM-FME: Aims & Objectives, Processes & Procedures; Inspector of Industries & District Resource Person, Kezhaletuo Khruomo imparted on Support to Food Processing Unit and Eligibility Criteria; Inspector of Industries & District Resource Person, Wekhrope Akami highlighted on modalities and sharing of portal details and how to apply; Designated Officer (Food Safety), Peterson Pongener shared on Food Safety and FSSAI Registration; Lead District Manager (Phek), Biplab Thakuria presented on banking modalities and processing of applications in the banks, Chairperson of CWWS (Eche Hilly Food Products), Nezelu Nyekha delivered a lecture on experience sharing on food processing.

More information for Food Processing Industries and financial support procedures are available in the official website and in YouTube. The seminar-cum-workshop registered 44 participants.

KOHIMA:

Seminar-cum-workshop on Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme was held on 27th November 2022 at DIC Conference, Kohima.

Briefing about the PM-FME scheme, Functional Manager DIC, Kohima, Sihangle Wanth said that taking cognizance of the contribution of micro food processing, unorganized enterprises and challenges that impede them, MoFPI has launched PM-FME, adding that the objectives under the scheme includes capacity building of entrepreneurs through technical knowledge, skill training and hand-holding support services; increased access to credit to existing micro food processing entrepreneurs for technology upgradation; support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Producers Cooperatives and Cooperative Societies along their entire value chain to enable micro-enterprises to avail common services; support for the transition of existing enterprises into a formal framework for registration under the regulatory framework and compliance; integration with organized supply chain by strengthening branding and marketing.

Wanth also said the scheme would adopt a One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap the benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services, and marketing of products where the ODOP approach would provide a framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure and more than one cluster for one product in one district. Stating that a cluster would extend beyond one district, the States would identify food products for a district, keeping in perspective the focus of

the scheme on perishables; the ODOP could be a perishable agri produce, cereal-based product, or a food product widely produced in a district.

TSEMINYU:



Officials and participants during the workshop on Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme held at Tseminyu town on 28th October 2022.

One day workshop on Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) was organized by the Sub-District Industries Centre, Tseminyu under the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 28th October 2022 at the Conference Hall of Rengma Hoho Office, Tseminyu town.

Elia Kesen, Agriculture Officer, Tseminyu highlighted about the available raw food produced in Tseminyu district that can be processed. In the 2nd session, a PowerPoint presentation on the

guidelines and procedure of PM-FME scheme was presented by Benny Khing, Inspector Sub-DIC Tseminyu after which guidelines and brochures were given out to the participants.

NOKLAK:

Seminar and workshop on CSS- Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 27th

October 2022.

SDO (Civil) Noklak, C. Phuniang said the PMFME scheme is a part of the vision of the Government to make the country self-reliant by way of generating employment and income and also to promote the formalization of the sector. The scheme will support farmers, producer organizations, Self Help Groups, co-operatives societies, and new and existing individual entrepreneurs. He expressed hope that the PMFME scheme will be successful in the district and urged the stakeholders to work for the successful implementation of the scheme in the district.

MEGA JOB FAIR HELD AT DIMAPUR

Mega Job Fair was organized by Emporium Training & Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. Nagaland in association with District Skill Committee-District Administration, Dimapur along with Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Chairman of the District Skill Committee, Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS as the guest of honour on 28th October 2022

at District Agriculture Office, Dimapur.

Temjenkala Aier, CEO of Emporium Training & Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. Nagaland said Mega Job Fair is a focused event with a vision to generate employment of candidates in the hospitality, cruise and aviation space. He said that the District Administration has been very instrumental



Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Chairman of the District Skill Committee, Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS addressing the gathering at the Mega Job Fair event in Dimapur on 28th October 2022.

in bringing about awareness of this event by helping and supporting them in launching social media and other media campaigns across the State. She informed that Emporium Training & Consultancy Pvt. Ltd was formed in Kolkata on 1st May 2007, later, in 2018, the company came up with its 1st Skill Development Centre in Nagaland. Since then, it has trained and placed almost 5000 students across India and overseas.

Sachin Jaiswal congratulated the youth who were participating and the neighboring states who have turned up for this event. He also urged the participants to adapt to the environment wherever they are posted.

Big companies and industry names like Delta Group, ITC Hotels, Jio World Center, Taj, Encalm, Strecis, and the Park took part at the Mega Job Fair.

PROF. JAGDISH MUKHI VISITS DISTRICTS

ZUNHEBOTO:

Governor of Nagaland & Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Zunheboto district and held an interaction with the District Administration, District heads of department, Civil Society Organizations, political parties, NGOs and the business community at the DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 28th October 2022.

During the interactive meeting with various government departments, Mukhi urged the agri and allied departments to encourage the farmers, mentioning that, every farmer and their family should get value of their produce and besides farming they should also be encouraged

to take up other income generating activities such as cattle rearing, poultry, plantation, etc. He also urged the concerned departments to ensure that every farmer get access to soil card, seed, manure, pesticides and other assistance and thereby encourage them to cultivate those crops which are suitable in their soil. He called on the Agriculture department to have an income statistics of the farmers and support the farmers to increase their yield by helping and assisting them in whatever way possible. He advised the district to encourage and give major importance to bamboo products and bamboo plantation.

Mukhi further appealed to the District

Administration to monitor the flagship programmes of the centres that are implemented by various departments and agencies. He also enquired on the status of universal electrification, Jal Jeevan Mission (supply of drinking water to every household), universal health care and PMAY-G (Housing for All) etc. and how the departments are working to ensure the above schemes are implemented properly for the benefit of the public. Mukhi also stated that health care is a very important sector and urged to the medical department to organise blood donation camps which will also make the blood bank more efficient and successful



Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi during an interactive meeting with district officers from various departments, NGOs/Hohos of Pochuri tribe at Avankhung on 29th October 2022.

During the meeting with the Civil Society Organizations, the members presented a memorandum requesting the Governor with a message that the public yearns for peace and political settlement at the earliest. He was also apprised on the pathetic road connectivity of Zunheboto district and urged him to take up the matter with the state government in priority.

Prof. Mukhi expressed that he had come here to interact and feel the pulse of the public and quoted that, 'I am a public man all my life and I want to work with the public.' He also assured to take the message of the people to the Central Government.

Later, he also held a security review meeting with Police, Assam Rifles and SIB of the district.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto,

Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS presented a power point presentation and highlighted about the district and the schemes which are being implemented in the district.

AVANKHUNG:

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited Avankhung village, under Meluri sub-division of Phek district on 29th October 2022, and conducted series of interactive meetings with the district officers from various departments, NGOs/Hohos of Pochury tribe.

Governor urged the department officers to handle various developmental flagship schemes to properly implement and said that various programme/schemes should reach the concerned citizens for the development of the State and nation. Regarding education system, he stated that education should not only be on bookish knowledge, but said that children up to primary standard should be taught in their mother tongue, and should be imparted about their own culture

and tradition, so that it will create a feeling of unity and patriotism for greater interest of the Nation.

In agriculture sector, the Governor asked the concerned department officers and District Administration to monitor whether the farmers' income are increasing through flagship schemes for farmers, in the State.

During an interactive meeting, the Governor urged upon Pochury Hoho and Pochury Women

Hoho to preserve their culture and tradition which, he stated, is important for the future. Regarding the Hoho's demand for upgradation of Meluri sub-division to district, he informed that it is a State subject and the State Government is taking care of the demand.

Governor also conducted interactive meeting with Police and Assam Rifles for proper security condition of the State's border.

BAUTUNG GHSS, LONGLENG OBSERVES GOLDEN JUBILEE



Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS with other officials during the 50th Anniversary celebration of Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng at the School Auditorium on 28th October 2022.

The 50th Anniversary of Bautung Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Longleng was celebrated with Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS as the special guest on 28th October 2022 at the School Auditorium.

In his address, Thavaseelan congratulated the school and the faculty members for celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Quoting that

education is the key to success and the most powerful weapon to change the world, he exhorted the students to learn, equip, update and change with the given resources to achieve their goals. To transform their goals and dreams into reality, he advised the students to be sincere and committed to their studies.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS acknowledged the fruits of development provided by the school. He said the school has contributed a lot to the development of Longleng district, and further appealed to the students to learn more and perform more, set high goals, and try to achieve them through their hard work and dedication.

UNION MINISTER PARSHOTTAM RUPALA FLAGS OFF MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT IN NAGALAND

The Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) was flagged off jointly by Union Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Parshottam Rupala and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at Secretariat Plaza, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 21st October 2022.

Union Minister, Parshottam Rupala speaking at the function, said that it is an auspicious occasion for the State of Nagaland to flag off the MVU in every district which will help farmers, particularly in far flung areas, to keep their animals healthy and bring medical facility to their doorstep. Rupala urged the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department to make full use of the facility so as to increase the animal population, and added that timely treatment given to animals through the mobile facility will result in good production and in return, Nagaland can soon become self-sufficient in producing milk, meat and eggs for consumption.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said the MVU is much needed in the State, particularly in the far flung areas. Rio said that the MVU will travel to remote areas and provide veterinary health care through a single window delivery system in the form of making diagnosis, treatment, minor surgeries, collection of samples, vaccinations,

Artificial Insemination (AI) and medicines, etc. Rio further envisaged that the induction of the vehicle unit will immensely benefit the livestock farmers especially in a State like Nagaland where connectivity is a main constraint for providing effective and timely veterinary services. He also encouraged the farmers and entrepreneurs to start rearing and investing in piggery, dairy, fisheries and other animal activities to increase production and to stop importing dairy and meat products from other states.

Rio also said that though 70% of the population of the State of Nagaland are dependent on agriculture and livestock, yet sadly, Nagaland still lacks the mechanism to check the health of the animals which is imported to the State. He therefore, appealed to the Department to set up a breeding farm for pigs in every district so that quality meat can be produced within the State, further adding that animal feeds should be produced in districts which will be economically viable for the farmers.

Under Government of India assistance, the State customized 16 vehicles for 12 districts, one each with Elisa Laboratory, Veterinary Field Assistant Training Institute, Vaccine Bank and State Level Monitoring Centre.

PILOT PROJECT ON e-SELLING CARDAMOM LAUNCHED

Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India conducted an Export Oriented Seminar with focus on the spices of Nagaland at the Auditorium of Niathu

Resort, Dimapur, Nagaland on 28th October 2022 in collaboration and coordination with the Horticulture and Industries & Commerce Departments, Government of Nagaland. The



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan along with officials during the launch of the pilot project on e-Selling of large cardamom at Niathu Resort, 7th Mile Dimapur, on 28th October 2022.

event aims to promote the indigenous spice varieties of Nagaland viz. Large Cardamom, Turmeric, Naga Mircha, Ginger, etc.

A pilot project for e-Selling of Large Cardamom in the Nagaland, initiated by the Spices Board in collaboration with M-Junction was launched during the event on the same day by the Secretary, Spices Board, Kochi, D Sathiyam, IFS who participated in the event virtually.

In order to share the information related to the trading and export of spices as well as other agri-horticultural crop products with the stakeholders of Nagaland and NE states as a whole, Spices Board had organized the export-oriented seminar in Nagaland. Dignitaries from the State Industries & Commerce, Agriculture and Horticulture departments, Members of Farmers Producers' Company from different

districts, traders from different parts of the State and officers from State and Central Government departments participated in the seminar.

The seminar was graced by Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan who appreciated the Spices Board for organizing such type of export-oriented seminar in the State. He congratulated the Spices Board for taking initiative in the development of spices crop since many years. He also emphasized on working hand in hand with various allied government departments for the development of spice sector in the State with more emphasis on marketing aspects. He appreciated the Spices Board for taking initiatives for better marketing of large cardamom and to connect with traders and exporters of the country and from abroad, and stated the need for more research and market infrastructure.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS addressed the programme and elaborated the spice production potentiality of the State including other agricultural crops with intrinsic quality. He appreciated the Spices Board for launching e-selling of large cardamom in the State.

Joint Director, Industries & Commerce, P Tokugha Achumi encouraged the participants including the State Government officers to take advantage of the technical sessions of the seminar and align them to One District One Product schemes in various districts of Nagaland.

D. Sathiyam, Secretary, Spices Board also implied that the export oriented seminar will help to highlight the potential of the entire NER in general and the state of Nagaland in particular, for the development and export promotion of unique agricultural products, especially spices. He said that strength of the region is the presence of unique agri products and spices of high intrinsic values, another strength is that the cultivation in the region, especially in Nagaland, is organic by default. He said that the region has the potential to emerge as the preferred destination for export sourcing, and the know-how imparted through the seminar by Spices Board in collaboration with the State's Agriculture, Horticulture, Industries & Commerce departments, and the officials of DGFT, will help the entrepreneurs in the State to gain better understanding on the requirements of exports as well as the support programmes available under various government agencies.

CM RIO INAUGURATES KEZOMA URBAN STATION

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the newly recognized Kezoma Urban Station at Kezoma on 28th October 2022. He was accompanied by a host of Advisors, MLAs, and dignitaries at the inaugural programme held at the Kezoma Stadium.

Addressing the gathering of Kezoma, Kezobasa, Kezo town, and Sakhabama, Rio congratulated them for achieving their long-

awaited dream of Kezo town being recognized as Kezoma Urban Station and expressed happiness for the achievement. On the occasion, he announced that he had sanctioned money for the construction of an Indoor Stadium at the Station which can also be utilized as a multi-purpose hall.

Pointing out that for the development of the Station, Rio said the first and foremost is

to have a Circular Road for easy access to life and suggested bringing out a master plan (mapping) for the station with assistance from the Urban Development Department. He said the Government will make plans and work hand in hand with them to accomplish their vision for the Station in days to come.

Stating that more than 50 percent of the population was found to have shifted towards the urban areas as per Nagaland 2011 Census, Rio said that, be it rural or urban, one has to work hard for his livelihood. As for urban, Rio said business or entrepreneurship plays an important role to grow the economy and he encouraged the youth to get themselves trained in such areas for economic growth and all-round development. He also suggested coming up with a daily market or weekly market as the Station is located near the National Highway. Rio further called upon them to maintain the Naga tradition and custom,

to have self-respect, follow and implement the rules laid down by the Government and to have unity and strive hard for further development of the Station and wished Kezoma Urban Station a success. Rio also unveiled the monolith, and Assistant Pastor of Koinonia Baptist Church, Rokopra Mekro offered the dedicatory prayer.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha on behalf of his people, thanked the Chief Minister under whose leadership, he said the desires of the Kezo range people, for more than 50 years, could be achieved. He also thanked Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire for recommending the matter to the Government. Zale further sought the support of the Chief Minister to bring government developmental programmes for the upliftment of the range people.

STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN NAGALAND

(A DIPR feature article)

The registration of births and deaths in the country is being carried out under the provision of Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969. The responsibilities of implementation of this Act lie with the respective State Governments/Union Territories (UT) Administration which frames its own rules for this purpose. Under Section 4(3) of the said Act, the State Government, through Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths in each State/UT, who is the Chief Executive Authority in the concerned State/UT, is responsible for work of registration of births and deaths under the provision of RBD Act, 1969 and rules and orders made thereafter.

Births and deaths statistics are key variables in national policy formulation and play a critical role in population dynamics. These vital statistics are invaluable for planning, monitoring and evaluating various programmes related to primary health care, family planning, maternal and child health, education and public housing, etc.

In accordance with the RBD Act, every local registrar sends a monthly report along with the statistical part of the reporting forms to the District Registrar who compiles district-wise information and submits it to the Chief Registrar in accordance with the mechanism as may have been prescribed in each State/UT.

In Nagaland, altogether, there are 1455 registration units spread across the State and the local registrars, who are mostly school teachers, carry out the work of registration of births and deaths in their respective unit voluntarily without any remuneration in any form.

The data for the State of Nagaland under various categories are as follows:

Number of registration units and level of reporting 2020:

| STATES/UTS | REGISTRATION UNITS (NUMBER) | | | LEVEL OF REPORTING (%) | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| | RURAL | URBAN | TOTAL | RURAL | URBAN | TOTAL |
| India | 282069 | 8754 | 290841 | 96.0 | 96.3 | 96.0 |
| Nagaland | 1423 | 32 | 1455 | 43.6 | 83.9 | 44.5 |

Nagaland's performance w.r.t. the top two and bottom two States/UTs under Death Registration completed within prescribed time limit of 21 days:

| SL. NO. | STATE/ UNION TERRITORY | DEATH REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN 21 DAYS | REGISTERED DEATHS | % |
|---------|------------------------|---|-------------------|------|
| 1. | Punjab | 227158 | 229846 | 98.8 |
| 2. | Chandigarh | 17906 | 18370 | 97.5 |
| 29. | Nagaland | 847 | 2509 | 33.8 |
| 32. | Assam | 38424 | 187085 | 20.5 |
| 33. | Arunachal Pradesh | 469 | 3475 | 13.5 |

Nagaland's performance w.r.t. the top two and bottom two States/UTs under 'Birth Registration completed within prescribed time limit of 21 days:

| SL. NO. | STATE/ UNION TERRITORY | BIRTH REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN 21 DAYS | REGISTERED BIRTHS | % |
|---------|------------------------|---|-------------------|------|
| 1. | Gujarat | 1101021 | 1103241 | 99.8 |
| 2. | Puducherry | 28890 | 28977 | 99.7 |
| 32. | Arunachal Pradesh | 2308 | 39493 | 5.8 |
| 33. | Nagaland | 779 | 46079 | 1.7 |

Number of Infant Deaths registered by Sex and States/UTs (Rural/Urban), 2020:

| INDIA/ STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES | RURAL | | | URBAN | | | TOTAL | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON |
| India | 18844 | 14725 | 33582 | 64469 | 45303 | 109797 | 83313 | 60028 | 143379 |
| Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Number of Still Births Registered by Sex and States/UTs (Rural/Urban), 2020:

| INDIA/ STATES/ UNION TERRITORY | RURAL | | | URBAN | | | TOTAL | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON |
| India | 34917 | 30229 | 65194 | 49203 | 43130 | 92374 | 84120 | 73359 | 159645 |
| Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Number of Births Registered by Sex and States/UTs (Rural/Urban), 2020:

| INDIA/ STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES | RURAL | | | URBAN | | | TOTAL | | |
|---|---------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | MALE | FE- MALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FE- MALE | PERSON |
| India | 5905859 | 5460718 | 11367009 | 6690841 | 6164215 | 12855435 | 12596700 | 11624933 | 24222444 |
| Nagaland | 14461 | 13845 | 28306 | 8701 | 9072 | 17773 | 23162 | 22917 | 46079 |

Number of Deaths Registered by Sex and States/UTs (Rural/Urban), 2020:

| INDIA/ STATES/ UNION TERRI- TORIES | Rural | | | Urban | | | Total | | |
|--|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | MALE | FE- MALE | PER- SON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON | MALE | FEMALE | PERSON |
| India | 2790772 | 1896907 | 4687774 | 2091812 | 1336138 | 3428108 | 4882584 | 3233045 | 8115882 |
| Nagaland | 464 | 188 | 652 | 1375 | 482 | 1857 | 1839 | 670 | 2509 |

Time Gap in Birth Registration - States/Union Territories, 2020:

| STATE/ UNION TERRITORY | WITHIN TIME LIMIT | MORE THAN 21 DAYS BUT WITH- IN 30 DAYS | MORE THAN 30 DAYS WITHIN 1 YEAR | AFTER ONE YEAR |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Nagaland | 779 | 191 | 2292 | 42817 |

Time Gap in Death Registration - States/Union Territories, 2020:

| STATE/ UNION TERRITORY | WITHIN TIME LIMIT | MORE THAN 21 DAYS BUT WITHIN 30 DAYS | MORE THAN 30 DAYS BUT WITH- IN 1 YEAR | AFTER ONE YEAR |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Nagaland | 847 | 91 | 657 | 914 |

It can be seen from the published data of 2020 for India and the states that steps needs to be taken to improve the system. Therefore, in order to strengthen registration of births and deaths in the State, the following proposals have been placed for consideration of the State Government:

- i. Bring the Village/Ward Council into the loop and make them responsible for births and deaths to be registered compulsorily within the time limit of 21 days in their respective jurisdiction.
- ii. Earmark at least Rs. 1200/- per annum to be paid as honorarium to each Registrars.
- iii. Notify all hospitals, both Government and Private and medical practitioners, to furnish the Cause of Death Form to all those deceased who received the last treatment from them.

The Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Nagaland in a notification dated 27th October 2022 stated that Births & Deaths Certificates for delay registration are being issued by the Registrars without following the procedure as enshrined in the Registration of Births & Deaths Act 1969 and the Nagaland Registration of Births & Deaths (Amendment) Rules 1999.

As per the Registration of Births & Deaths Act 1969, the registration of birth and death is provided free of cost if registered within 21 days of its occurrence, and under Clause 13 (1), any birth or death of which information is given to the Registrar after the expiry of the period specified, but within thirty days of its occurrence, shall be registered on payment of such late fee as may be prescribed.

Under Clause 13 (2), any birth or death of which delayed information is given to the Registrar after 30 days but within one year of its occurrence shall be registered only with the written permission of the prescribed authority and on payment of the prescribed fee and the production of the affidavit made before a notary public or any other office authorized in this behalf by the State Government.

Under Clause 13 (3), any birth or death which has not been registered within one year of its occurrence shall be registered only on an order made by a Magistrate of first class or a Presidency Magistrate after verifying the correctness of birth and death and on payment of the prescribed fee.

Therefore, any Registrar registering and issuing Birth & Death certificates in contravention of the above Clauses shall be punishable as per the Clauses 23 of the Act.

(Source: Economics & Statistics Department)



Advisor, Art & Culture and Tourism, Khehovi Yepthomi and officials along with cultural troupes during the Tribal Festival celebration at Amphitheatre, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 26th October 2022.



International Day of Older Persons was observed under the theme 'The resilience and contributions of older women' at Meluri, Phek on 1st October 2022.



Union Minister, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio flagging off the Mobile Veterinary Unit at Secretariat Plaza, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 21st October 2022.

