



President of India, Droupadi Murmu addressing the gathering during the Civic Reception held in her honour at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 2nd November 2022.



The World Bank team comprising of twelve members held a meeting with Core Committee & Technical Committee for implementation of ELEMENT project at Agriculture Production Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Kohima on 14th November 2022.



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kohima Science College and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – India during the workshop on 'Current and Traditional Practices for Sustainable Management of Aquatic Ecosystem' at Kohima Science College on 24th November 2022.



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NOTIFICATION ON BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics has issued a notification stating that it has come to the notice of the Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Nagaland that the Births & Deaths Certificates for delayed 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 & death is provided free of cost if registered within twenty-one (21) days of its occurrence.

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 thirty 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 on 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 contravening the above Clauses shall be punishable as per Clauses 23 of the Act.

KOVI MEYASE TAKES CHARGE AS EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR, ESD&E NAGALAND

In pursuance of Government Notification NO.EMP-2/277/2020 dated 06/10/2022, Kovi Meyase, NCS, Additional Secretary (L&ESDE) has taken over charge as Ex-Officio Director (HoD) Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, Kohima with effect from 10th October 2022. Henceforth, all D.O letters/confidential and other correspondences may be addressed to him by name till further order.

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REVISION OF RATES OF INTEREST ON GPF/CPF/AISPF ETC.

Following the rates of interest on GPF/CPF/AISPF etc. fixed by the Government of India, the Government of Nagaland has fixed the rates of interest accruing on GPF/CPF/AISPF, etc. as below:

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Sl. No.	Period	Rate of Interest
1	01-10-2022 to 31-12-2022	7.1%

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ASKED TO PROACTIVELY PROVIDE ONLINE SERVICES

To proactively provide various online services and also disseminate information on time to the citizens, all the Government Departments have been requested to update their official departmental websites regularly with well-structured and useful information about their departmental activities.

All the departments whose websites are maintained by the Department of IT&C may submit the content and information for update via email id - webupdate.ditc@gmail.com. The departments have been requested to visit the official portal of the State of Nagaland (nagaland.gov.in) on regular basis and forward data/information that needs to be updated/published in the official state portal via email id stateportal.update@gmail.com.

In this regard, to monitor and ensure that all the Government websites are updated regularly with the latest information and activities of their respective departments, a reporting mechanism was given out for compliance.

DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLL FOR ALL 60 AC PUBLISHED

The draft photo electoral roll has been published for all the 60 (sixty) Assembly Constituencies in Nagaland by the respective Electoral Registration Officer. The number of electors as per the draft roll, 2023 is as per the table below:

General Electors			Service Electors			Total Electors		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
637311	638473	1275784	7857	108	7965	645168	638581	1283749

The Electors-Population (EP) ratio of the State is 532 and the Gender Ratio stands at 1000 males:1002 females, as per the published draft roll.

Citizens can also file claims and objections with the concerned Booth Level Officer or with the AERO and ERO. Forms are available for download on ECI and CEO's website. Applications can also be filed/submitted online through www.nvsp.in and voterportal.eci.gov.in (links are provided on the ECI and CEO's website) or mobile app – VHA (Voter Helpline App) which is available for download in the Google PlayStore and Apple App Store.

The draft photo electoral rolls, 2023 is accessible on the website of the CEO, Nagaland under the following URL:

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General Electors: ceo.nagaland.gov.in/DownloadEroll

Service Electors: ceo.nagaland.gov.in/ServiceElectors

ISSUE OF PIMS-BASED GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS FROM P&AR

In supersession of all standing Government directives on the issue of Government Identity Cards, the Government of Nagaland has authorized the PIMS Cell P&AR Department to issue Photo Identity Cards to all Government employees and pensioners based on the PIMS data.

Henceforth, there will be one uniform Government Identity Card to establish the identity of the Government employees. It will be accepted as a valid identification by the State Government and the autonomous bodies functioning in/under the Government of Nagaland.

Government Identity Card for all Government employees and pensioners will be issued on an application basis as per the provisions given in this OM.

The Government Identity Card will be issued at the following rates:

Sl. No.	Category of employee	Rate in Rupees
1	Regular employee (Group A, B, C & D)	100/-
2	Others (Work Charged, Casual, Contract etc.)	100/-
3	Pensioners	100/-
4	When reapplying due to loss/theft	Double the rate prescribed above

District officials may submit their application in the prescribed format for a Government Identity Card with the countersignature of their District HoD to the PIMS Cell, P&AR department along with 2 (two) passport photographs through their respective Departmental PIMS nodal officer.

Directorate and departmental officials may submit their application in the prescribed format for the Government Identity Card with the countersignature of the HoD of their department to the PIMS Cell, P&AR Department along with 2 (two) passport photographs through their respective Departmental PIMS nodal officer.

Secretariat officials may submit their application in the prescribed format for the Government Identity Card with the countersignature of the AHoD of their cadre controlling department, to the PIMS Cell, P&AR Department along with 2 (two) passport photographs.

Government employees who are due to retire may submit their application in the prescribed format for Pensioner Identity Card, countersigned by the HoD/AHoD along with 2 (two) passport photographs, 3 (three) months before retirement through the Departmental PIMS nodal officer.

Pensioners may apply for the issue of identity cards directly to PIMS Cell P&AR Department with a copy of the relevant pages of the PPO order along with 2 (two) passport photographs in the prescribed format.

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Photo requirement:

- In color
- No shadows
- Taken within the last 3 months
- No spectacles unless medically required
- Must be facing the camera directly

Each employee is responsible for safely keeping and preserving their Government Identity Card as it is. Any changes/alterations made to the Identity Card by an employee will be considered forgery.

Each Identity Card is issued to a particular individual Government employee and it is not transferable. Exchange of Identity Cards or proxy usage is not allowed and will be viewed very seriously.

Each Government employee will be issued only a single Identity Card at a time. Any employee wrongfully holding more than one Identity Card is liable to be penalized. When applying for a new Identity Card on promotion/transfer, the old Identity Card must be surrendered to P&AR Department along with the application for a new one.

In case of loss or theft of the Identity Card, a copy of the FIR must be submitted along with the application for a fresh Identity Card.

The Identity Card will be the basis for entry to the Nagaland Civil Secretariat and other State level offices and must be displayed/presented when required by the authority.

Format for application for Identity Card:

1. Name of employee
2. PIMS number
3. Designation
4. Identity mark
5. Blood group
6. Phone number
7. Signature of the employee
8. Sign and seal of the departmental PIMS Nodal Officer
9. Sign and seal of the countersigned Authority (District HoD/HoD/AHoD)

All details on the identity card will be as per the information recorded in PIMS. This format is to be submitted with 2 (two) passport photographs.

A&C DIRECTORATE INFORMS RURAL LIBRARIES

The Directorate of Art & Culture has informed all Rural Libraries, registered under the Department of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland to submit the Annual Progress Report of their libraries. This is to monitor the progress of the libraries and the services they are rendering to the community. As per the Annual Progress Report received from the Rural Libraries, their performance will be assessed. Libraries that do not submit their Annual Progress Report will be treated as non-performing and are liable to be de-listed.

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All Rural Libraries registered under the Department of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland have been requested to collect the prescribed format, which will be available at the District Cultural Offices in the districts, and submit their Annual Progress Report to the respective District Cultural Officers, on or before 28th February 2023.

CITIZENS INFORMED TO UPDATE AADHAAR

During the past decade, the Aadhaar number has emerged as proof of identity of residents in India. Aadhaar number is being used for availing several government schemes and services.

To avail these schemes and services, residents have been encouraged to keep their Aadhaar data updated with the latest personal details so that there is no inconvenience in Aadhaar authentication/verification.

For residents who had their Aadhaar issued 10 years ago, and have never updated after that in these years, they have been requested to get the documents updated.

Keeping the documents in Aadhaar updated helps in ease of living, better service delivery, and enables accurate authentication. UIDAI has always encouraged residents to keep their documents updated.

Accordingly, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has provided the facility of document update to the residents, through which the Aadhaar number holders can update their Proof of Identity (PoI) and Proof of Address (PoA) documents in their Aadhaar.

This facility can be availed online through the 'my aadhaar' portal (<https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/>) by paying a fee of Rs. 25 or by visiting any nearest Aadhaar enrolment centre by paying a fee of Rs. 50.

To find out the list of supporting documents, residents are encouraged to visit https://uidai.gov.in/images/commdoc/List_of_Acceptable_documents_July2022.pdf . To locate your nearest center, visit: <https://appointments.uidai.gov.in/easearch.aspx>.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA VISITS NAGALAND


President of India, Droupadi Murmu being received by the Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi on her arrival at the Dimapur airport on 2nd November 2022.

President of India, Droupadi Murmu arrived at the Dimapur airport on 2nd November 2022, by Indian Airforce Aircraft BBJ. On arrival, the President was received by Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Jagdish Mukhi, Chief of Staff, Sumit Talwar, Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal IAS and Commissioner Police Dimapur Rothihu Tetseo IPS at the airport.

On her arrival at Assam Rifles Helipad, Kohima on 2nd November 2022, President Droupadi Murmu was accorded Guard of Honour by the 44 Mountain Brigade, 1 Battalion 3 Core Gorkha Rifles. Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Nagaland, Y. Patton, Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, DGP Nagaland, T. J. Longkumer, IG Assam Rifle Major General Vikas Lakhera, Deputy

Commissioner Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS and Senior SP Kohima, Kevithuto Sophie IPS received the President on her arrival at the helipad.

CIVIC RECEPTION AT KOHIMA:

Civil reception in honour of President of India, Droupadi Murmu was held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 2nd November 2022.

President Murmu, addressing the people of Nagaland, thanked the State Government and the people for the warm reception accorded to her, and said that this is her second visit to the North-East in less than a month, which she added, highlights the new national commitment to the people of the region. With her visit to Nagaland coinciding with the inauguration of various projects related

to education, road infrastructure and finance in the State, she expressed confidence that these projects will improve literacy and ease of living, and boost tourism and the economy of the State.

As Nagaland celebrates 60 (sixty) years of statehood in few weeks, the President expressed hope that all the Naga people will take the fullest advantage of the fresh opportunities accorded to them and share in the building up of prosperity and progress in the country. She stated that Nagaland has tremendous potential in tourism, and that Nagas with their vibrant culture and rich heritage exemplifies the motto of 'Unity in Diversity.' She added that the Hornbill Festival has become a popular platform for capturing and showcasing the colourful and beautiful culture of the State, and conveyed her best wishes for the

success of the upcoming Hornbill Festival.

Stating that the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India focuses on the overall development of the North-East Region, President Murmu added that the inauguration of several roads and bridges under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on the occasion will give a new boost to the connectivity in the region.

Calling the Naga youth as immensely talented and creative, with skilled young men and women of Nagaland, well-versed in the English language, working in the IT, hospitality and other sectors across India, the President said that providing them a holistic education remains the key to help them achieve their true potential.

President Murmu also lauded Nagaland for introducing the pioneering concept of Communitisation, with the aim of building a partnership between the government and the community, good effective management of the public sector institutions to improve service delivery. She also praised the good quality agro and horticultural produce of Nagaland, and said that the opening of 'Naturally Nagaland' outlets by the State Government has provided a new platform to local entrepreneurs, farmers and weavers to sell traditional handicrafts and handlooms.

Pointing that the literacy rate of women in the State is higher than the national average, and that Nagaland is the safest place for women in the country, President Murmu urged the women of Nagaland to come forward and get more involved in public life, adding that they can give a new dimension to the development journey of Nagaland.

Governor of Nagaland & Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi stated that the State takes pride in the diversity that makes the fabric of Modern

India; a diversity that is reflected in the customs and social structure, language, religion and ethnicities. He added that the common thread of shared cultural values and traditions that coalesce people of varied geographical regions across the Nation, surpasses all seemingly barriers with the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and strengthen the unity and integrity of our great nation. Prof. Mukhi said that as India celebrates 75 glorious years of Independence and march towards the next milestone, the vision and mission of an Atma Nirbhar Bharat is surely in the making, and the collective participation of every citizen of the country from the upper echelon to the grass-root will pave the way for greater nation building and ensure that India emerge as a dynamic and robust democratic polity.

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio said the people of the State are grateful for the President of India's visit to Nagaland, and also appreciated the President for virtually inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for many institutions and launching of projects, which he said will be kept as memories in the history of the State progress. Rio mentioned that President Droupadi Murmu is the first tribal woman President of India and also the first tribal woman to be the Governor of Jharkhand, and she has dedicated her life for the public, holding many public offices and contributed immensely to various reforms and initiatives for spread of education especially amongst the tribals.

Rio said that the people of the State and representatives were happy over her victory in the presidential elections. He stated that Nagaland being the oldest state in North Eastern Region, formed in 1963, has made developments and people are much better off economically today,

but much to be done, for which the people seek guidance and support even in the days to come.

Earlier, welcoming the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, and terming her visit to the State as significant, which reaffirms her concern and care for the tribal communities of the country and North East, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton said that President Droupadi Murmu is an inspiration for the tribal people across the country, including Nagaland, and expressed hope that her visit will pave the way for more milestones in the field of progress and development of the State.

During the programme the President of India, Droupadi Murmu carried out virtual inauguration and laying of foundation stones/launching of the following projects:

- a) 13 (thirteen) new Government Primary Schools and 4 (four) new Government Middle School buildings
- b) 14 (fourteen) new Government High Schools and 1 (one) new Government Higher Secondary School building
- c) Government Higher Secondary School, Mon Auditorium
- d) 5 (five) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Hostel buildings
- e) 2 (two) Residential Hostels for Underprivileged Girl Children in Mokokchung HQ and Peren HQ
- f) 13 (thirteen) Bridges and 11 (eleven) Roads across Nagaland
- g) New Treasury building with State Bank of India Branch at Capital Complex, Kohima
- h) 10 (ten) Eklavya Model Residential Schools across Nagaland
- i) Setting up of Smart Classrooms in 190

Government Schools across Nagaland.

As a mark of respect and gratitude, the President of India was felicitated by the Central Nagaland Tribes Council, Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organization, Tenyimi Peoples' Organization and other tribes and communities representatives.

During the programme, invocation prayers was pronounced by State Chaplain, Rev. T. W. Yamyap Konyak. The programme was attended by a host of Ministers, Advisors, senior government officials, Tribal Hohos, Civil Societies, students and the public.

PRESIDENT MURMU VISITS KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY:



President of India, Droupadi Murmu paying her respect to honour the fallen heroes during her visit to the Kohima War Cemetery on 3rd November 2022.

President of India, Droupadi Murmu visited the Kohima War Cemetery on 3rd November 2022 to pay her homage to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice while defending the nation and also laid a wreath to show her honour and respect to the fallen heroes.

The President was accompanied by the Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Minister of Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Minister of Soil & Water Conservation, V. Kashiho Sangtam, Chief Secretary J. Alam, Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS, Secretary, Art & Culture, Athel O Lotha IAS, ADGP (Nagaland, Law, and Order) Sandeep M. Tamgade IPS, IGP Assam Rifles, Vikas Lahera, and others.

PRESIDENT MURMU VISITS KIGWEMA VILLAGE:

President of India, Droupadi Murmu visited Kigwema village on the second day of her visit to Nagaland before her departure to Dimapur on 3rd November 2022. She was accompanied by Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, and other dignitaries.

During her visit, the President interacted with the Village Council members, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and the agriculturists at Kigwema Village Council Hall. The President also visited exhibition stalls set up by the SHGs where the Kigwema womenfolk demonstrated the traditional way of weaving and displayed varieties of agricultural products.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio thanked the President for visiting a Naga traditional village, Kigwema, and expressed that it was a proud moment for the people of Kigwema village

and hoped that she carry back home the good memories of visiting the Naga village. Under the Upadhyay Panchayat Sashakti Karan Puraskar (DDUPSP), Rio said that the Kigwema village was selected as the Best Village in 2021 and has been doing well in other schemes. The village has 34 SHGs, particularly womenfolk who have been doing well in the cultivation of vegetables and fruits.

Kigwema Village Council Chairman, Balie Kere while welcoming the President of India, Droupadi Murmu and the entourage, said that the village is diligently partnering with the Central Government and State Government in various initiatives, policies, developmental works, and agendas. Balie also said that the Kigwema village is mightily contributing towards national security and integrity by way of donating 72.7% of its land and co-existing with the Army and Para-military forces stationed at Zakhama Military Station. He placed a fervent appeal to the President of India to support and look into the long-cherished desire of the people to have a National Standard Level Playground located between Military Station and Kigwema Village which is jointly shared by both parties. Balie also reminded the President about the appeal made to have a National Highway into four-lane by the people of the area during the visit of the then President of India, Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in 2002, and urged the President to genuinely take the request and upgrade the existing highway into four-lane for the growth of all-round development.

THREE DAY CAMPUS FILM FESTIVAL 2.0 CONDUCTED AT PCC

The three day Campus Film Festival 2.0 started at Patkai Christian College (PCC) on 1st November 2022. The Department of Multi Media & Mass Communication PCC, in collaboration

with the Film Association of Nagaland organized the event under the theme 'Exploring the world of cinematic realism.'

Special Guest, Joint Director, IEC, Metevinuo

Sakhrie while launching the film festival at PCC Auditorium said, since 2020, Nagaland State Aids Control Society (NSACS) under the aegis of the National Aids Control Organisation has been organizing online short films competition under the theme 'Knowledge is bliss.' She stated that the objective of the short film competition is to use the power of audio-visual medium blended with the creativity of young minds to spread awareness about the HIV/AIDS.

DPRO Dimapur, Lolano Patton also speaking as a special guest, pointed out that the scenario of film industry in Nagaland is still at its nascent stage. She however said that it is very encouraging to note the emergence of many talented Naga filmmakers whose documentaries and short feature films are being noticed by audiences across the globe. To capitalise on the keen interests shown by the younger generation towards film making, the Department

of Information & Public Relations Nagaland has been made the Nodal Department for Films for the State of Nagaland and since November 2018, the Department has also organised three Film Festivals, she said. Patton however clarified that the Department is not the funding agency as far as film industry is concerned but just the facilitating department. At times, the Department promotes the local film makers in a small way by rolling out commissioned programmes, she added. She lauded the young filmmakers while observing that even with limited facilities, they have made significant progress and was optimistic that the upcoming Naga filmmakers would bring more accolades with their stories through films even in the days to come.

Vice Principal, PCC, Angel Sonari exhorted the gathering and Festival Director, Yanphantsu Kikon took the time for curtain raising.

NAGALAND FARMER PRODUCER COMPANY AWARDED WITH HORTICULTURE VALUE CHAIN AWARD 2022

The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture) conducted a two day programme on 'Expansion of Horticulture Value Chain in India – Potential and Opportunities' from 1st to 2nd November 2022 at Vamnicom, National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune, India.

The programme was graced by Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India as the guest of honour. The Minister was accompanied by the State Agriculture Minister, Abdul Sattar, and State Horticulture Minister, Sandipanrao Bhumre of the Government of Maharashtra.

The Department of Horticulture, Government of Nagaland participated and exhibited organic products from the State in this programme. Three Farmer Producer Company (FPCs) from Nagaland supported by the Department of Horticulture under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) scheme, namely Molsang Organic Pineapple Producer Company Limited, Phek Organic Large Cardamom Producer Company Limited and Chansu Organic Kiwi Producer Company Limited were awarded the Horticulture Value Chain Award 2022 for their excellence in contribution towards the farming community.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES NIIE TRADE FAIR AT DIMAPUR



Dr. Aotoshi along with other panelists during the evening session of the Business Summit at the Trade Fair at NE Agri Expo on 4th November 2022.

Governor of Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated the National Integrate Innovate Expand (NIIE) Trade Fair under the theme 'Innovate, Integrate, Expand' on 3rd November 2022 at NER Agri Expo, Dimapur, organised by the Business Association of Nagas and supported by Ministry of MSME, GoI.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor expressed happiness over the entrepreneurs from Nagaland and many North East states participating in the three-day trade fair, and stated that the trade fair is a unique event because besides the trade fair, a business summit is also being organized where many topics of importance like employment, Agri tourism, logistics, business financing and Women entrepreneurship will be discussed.

The Governor informed that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has emerged as an important and dynamic sector of the Indian economy. MSMEs not only play crucial role in providing large employment opportunities but also help in industrialization of rural and backward areas, thereby, reducing regional imbalances, assuring more equitable distribution

of national income and wealth. Trade fairs like this help to showcase the vibrancy of the MSME sector. Nagaland has a young population and henceforth, Naga youth today should take up entrepreneurship and create jobs, as self-employment and giving employment to others is the way of development, he said. There are many schemes under the Ministry of MSME and initiatives by the central and state government which can be availed by young entrepreneurs to scale up, he stated.

Joint Director, MSME-DFO Dimapur, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, Taliwati Longchar, in his welcome address, stated that marketing is a strategic tool for business development, is critical for the growth and survival of MSMEs. Due to the lack of information, scarcity of resources and unorganized way of selling/marketing, MSME sector often faces problems in exploring new markets and retaining the existing ones. Keeping in view of these facts, the procurement and marketing support scheme has been introduced by Ministry of MSME to enhance the marketability of products and services in the MSME sector. He highlighted that the objective of the event is to promote local

products and services and create market linkage by engaging both buyers and sellers.

Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi also launched the website of MSME-Development & Facilitation Office.

On 5th November 2022, Session 3 of the Business Summit of Trade Fair was based on Business Financing. The morning session of Session 3 highlighted the Business Financing of Nagaland with its numerous potentials, young population, and high literacy rate that has vast scope for SMEs to establish and grow. One of the crucial inputs for businesses to grow and prosper is the timely availability of finance at reasonable terms. Post-COVID, PM Modi's 'Vocal for Local' initiative and banks and financial institutions' schemes have been the source to help build small businesses. The proficient and compelling arrangements by the financial players keeping in mind local factors are crucial to foster economic development.

Sashi Pongener, Former DGM, State Bank of India and Chairman, Nagaland Rural Bank CEO, of BAN Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Ltd. said that BAN is actively engaged and committed to encouraging and supporting Naga entrepreneurs, especially the young entrepreneurs. He also noted that one of the first joint stock companies to be set up in British

India was in the North Eastern State of Assam with its Headquarter based in London. He said both bankers and entrepreneurs needed each other for their businesses to grow. There was no District Industries Centre, no email, no WhatsApp nor STD phone facilities but the industry grew, expanded, and gave employment opportunities to many. Their success can only be attributed to their sheer determination, perseverance, proper planning, and disciplined approach. Today we have so many opportunities, options, and possibilities at our disposal, he added.

Addressing the 2nd Session of the Trade Fair at NER Agri Expo on 4th November 2022, Advisor, BAN, CEO of Window Media, Chairman, Echahaba Tea Growers Cooperation Society Ltd. Dr. Aotoshi impressed on the need for value addition, improved logistics, and exploration of markets near and far. Describing the local farming practices of Nagas as unique which has been a subject of interest, Aotoshi opined that the integrated model of bringing tourism into farmlands is becoming more attractive, as more people seek to 'Learn and relax.' There is huge potential for Agri-tourism in the state, he added.

The Session focused on Agriculture and Tourism Integration, In-field Traditional Farming Experience, Agriculture Logistics, and Air Cargo and connectivity.

TRAINING ON SERVICE AND ACCOUNTS MATTER HELD

The Water Resources Department held its second training on Service and Accounts Matter for the officers and ministerial staff of Mokochung, Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Zunheboto, Phek, Jalukie, Wokha and Longleng Division from 1st to 3rd November 2022. The training was held in the Chief Engineer's Office, Water Resources Department, Kohima.

Delivering the opening remarks, Er. K. Hutoi Sema, Superintending Engineer exhorted the participants to take the training programme as an opportunity to clear all their doubts, with regard to office procedure. He also exhorted the participants to enhance knowledge and skills of employees while providing information and instructions on how to perform tasks better.

Resource persons were Andreas Ezung, Under Secretary, Department of Economics & Statistics and Khinyi Woch, Retired Senior Accounts Officer, Treasuries & Accounts Department.

Er. Wapangnaro Imchen, Executive

Engineer, who chaired the programme, informed that the Department has been conducting such training for the past three years and it has brought immense benefits to the officers and staff in performing their duties as government servants effectively.

AHoDS & HoDS MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments (AHoDS/HoDS) was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Nagaland, J Alam, IAS at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 4th November 2022.

The Chief Secretary mentioned that the requisition of posts for direct recruitment through NPSC and NSSB has been circulated and urged those departments that are yet to submit the list, to do at the earliest. He also added that departments need to identify upcoming vacancies caused due to retirement at least one year in advance for timely recruitment.

The Chief Secretary urged the Directorates of the Government Departments regarding the pension to take serious note of timely disbursal and to take steps for ensuring that all the paperwork is completed before the employee's retirement. He also reminded that with the launch of the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme

(CMHIS), all State Government employees are eligible beneficiaries and should register in the portal to avail the benefits of the scheme. In this regard, he instructed the AHoDS and HoDS to get their staff registered at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary also instructed all to keep the departmental websites regularly with well-structured and useful information on departmental activities. Alam urged the Government departments to take priority in responding to the letters in a time-bound manner to improve the official corresponding system between the Central Government and various departments. He also urged the AHoDS & HoDS to give importance to the pending court cases and ensure that contempt of court does not arise.

The Department of Disaster Management highlighted the upcoming programmes such as virtual orientation, table talk exercise, and mega mock exercise.

CM RELEASES PLAYING KIT AND TEAM JERSEYS OF TEAM NAGALAND FOR 2nd NORTH EAST OLYMPIC GAMES

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially released the playing kit and team jerseys of Team Nagaland for the forthcoming 2nd North East Olympic Games to be held in Shillong, Meghalaya from 10th to 16th November 2022.

The designs of the kit and uniforms have been designed and conceptualised by the

internal design team of the Nagaland Olympic Association in collaboration with the design team of Kaki Marketing led by Kakivi Chishi.

The theme of Team Nagaland is #strongertogether and exemplifies the art price of renowned Naga artists Akup Buchem, who hails from Longleng district. The art piece printed

at the back of the Nagaland Track Jacket, is a depiction of Naga shawls tied in a knot and accompanies the message of Stronger Together.

Out of 18 sports disciplines in the North East Olympic Games 2022, the Nagaland Contingents will be participating in 17 sports disciplines, which includes Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Football, Golf, Judo, Karate, Lawn Tennis, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Wushu. The team kit includes Track Suit, Travel & Semi Formal Tee Shirt, Shorts, Competition Uniforms of Uppers and Lower, Training/Running Shoes

and Socks, Sports Backpack, Sports Trolley Luggage Bag, Sports Cap

Specialised sports disciplines like cycling, wrestling, etc have been provided separate kits and competition shoes. Spikes and shoes have also been provided for specialised events in athletics. Imported Cycles and kit have been provided for the cycling team and tennis rackets have been provided for tennis players.

A total of 285 contingents are participating in the Games. The Nagaland Team will be participating in 17 sports disciplines out of 18 Sports Disciplines of the Games.

CANSSEA ATTENDS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET AT MUMBAI

A three-member Confederation of All Nagaland State Service Employees Association (CANSSEA) team, led by its President Dr. Ilang, attended the All India State Government Employees Federation (AISGEF) National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting held at Sukkur Bhavan, Mumbai on 4th and 5th November 2022.

The meeting was attended by Employees Federations of 29 State Governments from all over India where the representatives participated in a marathon meeting for two consecutive days on urgent and important matters concerning employees' welfare issues faced by its members working under various State Governments. Considering the various issues confronting and looking at the overall plight and situation of the State Government employees in the country, it was collectively decided in the NEC meeting to go on an agitation on the following seven points charter of demands:

1. Regularise all contractual/outsourced, daily waged employees. Fill up all vacancies

through statutory bodies.

2. Scrap PFRDA. Enroll all subscribers under NPS to Defined Benefit Pension System.
3. Stop privatization of PSUs and downsizing of Government Departments. Give up System.
4. Stop communalism, save secularism.
5. Repeal Article 310 & Article 311 (2) (a) (b) (c) of the Constitution. Ensure the democratic trade union rights to employees.
6. Abandon National Education Policy.
7. Control price rise, strengthen the Universal Public Distribution System.

In addition to the above, other demands also included asking the government to constitute the VIII Central Pay Commission, release all DA/DR and to remove all riders and restriction on compassionate employment.

Earlier, the above Charter of Demands were thoroughly deliberated which is in continuation to the joint meeting that was held on 6th September with the leader of the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers at Sukomal Sen Bhavan, AISGEF HQ Faridabad.

In view of the above as stated, CANSSEA request all its federating units to be mentally prepared and cooperate as and when called upon

on the directives of All India State Government Employees Federation.

STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR NCD HELD IN KOHIMA

A State-Level Workshop for Non-Communicable Diseases - Nutrition, Lifestyle, and Management, which was co-led by Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Asangla Imti was held on 9th November 2022 in the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Asangla said the assigned workshop was to discuss with inputs from the departments about the current state scenario complemented by data available that are applicable, to look for any shortfalls and limitations, the prevention and control measures based on the hazard risk factors, multi-sectoral approach, priority areas that are lacking and focusing on potential areas, and discuss programme basing on the topic in the block level, district level, and rural level.

Principal Secretary and Development Commissioner, Amardeep S. Bhatia, IAS, in his virtual speech, asked the officers to see what challenges were being faced in the area. He asked them to draft the Non-Communicable Diseases prevalent in Nagaland, and see what the potential solutions to the problems are. He said it is an opportunity for the departments to specifically see what the State requires and to be innovated to tackle the problem.

Joint Director and SPO, NHM, Dr. Mereninla Senlen in her PowerPoint presentation on the topic 'National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio Vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)', pointed out that at present, Nagaland has 1 State NCD cell, 11 District NCD Clinics and 25 CHC NCD Clinics and the activities include Population Based

Screening (PBS), Opportunistic Screening Management of Common NCDs, counseling, physiotherapy, health promotion including use of IEC for Behavioral Change Communication. She also shared the achievement and targets of the department under NPCDCS.

Dr. C. Teheo who dwelled on the topic 'Tobacco Scenario in Nagaland,' highlighted that Nagaland is the 7th and 8th most tobacco-prevalent state amongst the North Eastern states. He pointed out that 13% of the population indulges in smoking tobacco and 30% in smokeless tobacco usage and 8.9 % use both smoking and smokeless tobacco. He also stated that Nagaland has the highest use of pan masala with tobacco in India with a prevalence of 21% and the tobacco use amongst the youth between 13-15 years is 42% (Global youth tobacco survey GYST-4 2019).

Dr. John Kemp while highlighting the Pradhan Matri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP), said Nagaland started the Haemodialysis in the year 2019 and many patients have availed the facility provided under PMNDP. He said the four districts where PMNDP through Fairfax India Charitable Foundation Limited has provided the Haemodialysis machines are NHAK, Mokochung, Dimapur, and Tuensang districts.

Dr. Bendangtula in her presentation said Ayush facilities exist in three intergraded Ayush Hospitals, 49 Ayush Health & Wellness Centres, and 49 Ayush doctors. She also said that the services given are Ayush ODP, Hypertension & Diabetes screening, Yoga sessions, Herbal

Garden, and participation in VHND where screening and awareness talks are given.

The departments present for discussion in the workshop were AHoDs and HoDs of Health & Family Welfare, Social Welfare, School Education, Urban Development, Higher

Education, Information & Public Relations, Youth Resources & Sports, and Food & Civil Supplies. Dr. Atsung Aier from CIHSR Dimapur and Dr. Along from Eden hospital Dimapur also partook in the discussion.

HANDS-ON TRAINING OF EVMs AND VVPAT FOR DISTRICT NODAL OFFICERS



A hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines for district Nodal Officers of EVMs and VVPAT was conducted by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland Kohima at Tapi Hall, Japfu Hotel on 10th November 2022.

A full day hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines for district Nodal Officers of EVMs and VVPAT was conducted by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland Kohima at Tapi Hall, Japfu Hotel on 10th November 2022.

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS delivered the opening address whereby he stressed that the introduction of EVMs and VVPAT for elections are good initiatives by the Election Commission of India. He apprised that rumours and misconceptions regarding the misuse or tampering of EVMs cropped up but so far, there is no real proof. He encouraged the Administrative Officer as Nodal

Officers for EVMs and VVPAT to clarify doubts to the electors and if in case, false allegations/ rumours come about, if necessary, to take even legal action against the person/persons. He also stressed that protocol should be followed while handling the EVMs and VVPAT.

Resource person for the hands-on training was Deputy Chief Electoral Officer & State EVM Nodal Officer, R. Mhathung who spoke on EVM/ VVPAT-Technical and Administrative procedures, EVMs & VVPAT Operational & Handling Instructions, Training and Awareness of EVMs & VVPAT and hands-on demonstration on EVMs & VVPAT.

REVIEW MEETING OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

A review meeting of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the chairmanship of Secretary (DA&FW), Gol, Manoj Ahuja IAS was held at

Central Institute of Horticulture, Medziphema on 12th November 2022, in collaboration with CIH Nagaland.

The review meeting discussed schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare in eight (8) North Eastern states.

In the review meeting, discussion on the financial status of crops, the problems and issues faced and the requirements needed for major achievements projects, suggestion for projects, action plan to improve the implementation programme were carried out. The status of progress and issues of major schemes were discussed, along with the major constraints faced in reaching the target. Issues faced due to the non-availability of sufficient seedlings in a state like Mizoram and poor road connectivity hindering the progress in achieving the target were also discussed. The review meeting discussed in detail the issues and challenges faced by the eight North-Eastern states, namely

Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. Earlier, exhibition stalls were inaugurated by Secretary (DA&FW), Gol, Manoj Ahuja IAS. The stalls were set up by 1) Punglwa-B Village Women Livelihood CSS, Nagaland 2) Changsu Organic Kiwi Producers Company 3) Agriculture Department, Government of Nagaland 4) ICAR Nagaland and KVK Dimapur 5) Nagaland Bee Keeping Honey Mission 6) Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland 7) Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency 8) Molsang Organic Pineapple Producers Company Limited.

The programme was attended by Additional Secretaries, Secretary Commissioners from the Ministry of Agriculture, Agri officials, and other officials from all North Eastern states.

UNION MoS FOR H&FW VISITS KOHIMA

Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar visited Nagaland on 11th November 2022. A review meeting was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima with Secretary H&FW, Asangla Imti, Principal Director, Mission Director NHM, Project Director NSACS and officials from the Department, wherein the functioning of Health Care Delivery system was discussed minutely.

On 12th November 2022, a video conference was organized at Raj Bhavan Conference Hall with Kiphire district which was attended by the Deputy Commissioner, CMO, Medical Superintendent, Medical Officers, and Heads of

Offices of all departments, which discussed at length about the aspirational district.

Union Minister Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar virtually inaugurated the Maternity Ward Extension at District Hospital Kiphire. She inspected the ongoing construction site at the New Medical College, Phriebagie, Kohima, and visited UPHC Seikhazou, wherein she interacted with the health workers and ASHAs. She also visited the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) and held interactions with the doctors, nurses, and patients.

INAUGURAL OF STATE-LEVEL TRAINING ON STATE POLICY FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION HELD AT ATI

The inaugural programme of the training module for senior officers on State Policy: Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation

was launched by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS at Administrative Training Institute, Kohima on 14th November 2022. Personnel & Administrative

Reforms Department, Nagaland conducted the five day state level training in collaboration with St. Stephen's Centre for Advance Learning, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, and Information Technology & Communication Department, Nagaland assisted in the virtual conference session.

Addressing the senior officers present in the training, Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS stated that policymaking is a serious business and as bureaucrats, they are expected to know how policies are formulated and also be aware of the finer points of policymaking. He said that Nagaland being a small state and its administration simpler than other states, is perhaps the reason why the State has been working with simpler policies but as society is progressing and complexities increasing, he said that a deeper understanding of policy formulation

is essential for serving bureaucrats in Nagaland.

The resource persons for the training were Inderjit Khanna, former Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Prof. Amar Nayak, Professor of Strategy & Chairperson, Centre for Regenerative Ecosystems Design Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, and Deepak Sanan, former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Officers who took part in the training were from the departments of Information & Public Relations, Youth Resources & Sports, Transport, Rural Development, Social Welfare, New & Renewable Energy, Health & Family Welfare, Home, Soil & Water Conservation, ATI, Urban Development, Agriculture, School Education, NPWD (Housing), Home, Commissioner's Office, Tribal Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies, Water Resources, Higher Education and Land Resources.

STATE-LEVEL PAINTING COMPETITION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION



Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS was presented with the painting of the winner of the State Level Painting Competition on Energy Conservation at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima on 14th November 2022.

A State Level Painting Competition on Energy Conservation which was organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, NEEPCO, and Department of Education

was held at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima on 14th November 2022.

Principal Director, Thavaseelan K, IAS mentioned that art is a universal form of expression and increases motor skills. He said that there is a misconception that paintings and drawings only encourage creative skills, however, art is essential for physical, emotional, and mental well-being. He said that the competition would give a wonderful platform to students and would boost their confidence, helping many to take it up as a career. On energy conservation, Thavaseelan said that unless everyone makes an effort to energy conservation, the future of humankind

looks bleak. He concluded by encouraging the students that they should have a 'goal mindset' which will make them focus on the process of getting their particular goals in life.

Winners of the painting competition were

- first place was bagged by A. Bedila from Community Education Center, Dimapur, second prize by Keningulie Vizo from High Mountain School Dimapur, and third prize by Reeva Sharma from Hope Academy School, Dimapur.

MULTI-STATE LEVEL MOCK DRILL EXERCISES ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER HELD



Multi-State Level Mock Drill Exercises on Earthquake Disaster (NEPEX) was held at ATI, Kohima on 15th October 2022.

Multi-State Level Mock Drill Exercises on Earthquake Disaster (NEPEX), with the Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha IAS was held at ATI, Kohima on 15th October 2022.

Home Commissioner, delivering the keynote address, said Nagaland is one of the earthquake-prone states and requires the people to take serious measures and plans. He said people should be aware of Building Bylaws which are enabled to be operational since earthquakes can't be stopped. He added that construction and building are seen densely in areas due to population pressure, mostly Dimapur and Kohima, where people should be more cautious to plan and avoid disasters. He apprised all the HoDs/AHoDs to make sure on how to be prepared and minimize, proper understanding and response.

Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA Home Department, Johnny Ruangmei in his introduction

to NEPEX-Multi-State Mock Exercise, said that the objective is to qualify the capability of the State in responding to an event of any disaster, development, and strengthening of awareness, preparedness response and recovery loss, etc.

During the day-long programme, OSD Disaster Management Department & SDMA, Government of Rajasthan, Brijender Singh, Deputy Commandant General, Medozhalie Pienyu, NSDMA Joint Advisor (Ops), Nawal Prakash and officials from the force also talked about their roles in times of disasters. Departments of Health & Family Welfare, Police, Food & Civil Supplies, Transport and Power presented the DM Plan on Earthquake during the technical session. The programme was organized by Nagaland State Management Authority in collaboration National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs.

WALKATHON IN HONOUR OF TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTER

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS flagged off a Walkathon organized by the Department of Tribal Affairs in honour and recognition of the supreme sacrifices made by the Tribal Freedom Fighters at Ruzukhrie Government Higher Secondary School Ground,

Kohima on 15th November 2022 on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2022.

Hundreds of people from different tribes clad in traditional attires participated in the Walkathon which culminated at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP AT I&C DIRECTORATE

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in collaboration with the Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland, facilitated by Thinkthrough Consulting Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi organised a three-day capacity building workshop from 14th to 16th November 2022 at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima for policymakers from different departments of the Government of Nagaland involved in supporting identified thrust industrial sectors.

The three day programme aimed to emphasize the importance of an evidence-based policy-making process towards arriving at an enabling framework for inclusive and sustainable industrial development most appropriate to the State. Government officials from 16 (sixteen) line departments and agencies associated with industrial development in Nagaland participated

in the programme.

Dr. Rene Van Berkel, UNIDO Representative, and Head, Regional Office in India set the context for the capacity building and training programme, highlighting the importance of nurturing industries most appropriate to Nagaland, while Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Khekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS delivered the inaugural address. Parul Soni from ThinkThrough Consulting appreciated the State's efforts and UNIDO support in complementing these efforts. International experts from UNIDO, Dr. Anders Isaksson, Chief Capacity Development and Policy Advice Unit, and Christoph Hammer, Expert in Industrial Policy delivered hands-on and highly-interactive sessions leveraging UNIDO's tools on 'Enhancing the Quality of Industrial Policy (EQuIP)' during the programme.

12-MEMBER WORLD BANK TEAM VISITS NAGALAND

A team of 12 members from the World Bank arrived at Nagaland on 13th November 2022 for a four-day visit to Nagaland. The World Bank Team held a meeting with Core Committee & Technical Committee for implementation of Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT) Project on 14th November 2022 under the chairmanship of Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland

in his Office Conference Hall, Kohima.

The members deliberated on the overview, concept, scope, preparedness, government approvals, rationale, economic analysis, DEA readiness filter, and timelines of the project. Moreover, there was a threadbare discussion on managing procurement, finance management, contract and environment and social safeguards in the World Bank funded projects.

After the meeting, the team held another meeting with Land Resources Department at the LRD Conference Hall, Kohima. They also visited the GIS Campus and held a meeting with GIS Team.

On 15th November 2022, the team divided into two groups, visited the Jhum field at Chiechama, Naga Integrated Settled Farming-NISF Project at Boke-Botsa, Sendenyu Community Biodiversity Reserve, Khonoma and terrace field, traditional agro-forestry field, and Biodiversity Conserved Areas at Dzuleke.

On 16th November 2022, the team conducted a coordination meeting with all Agri & Allied Departments including four missions, Rural Development Department and Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall.

The World Bank team departed on 17th November 2022 after visiting Nagaland Bamboo Mission, Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission, and Organic AC Market at Chumoukedima.

NU HOLDS SEMINAR ON CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

A one-day International Seminar on 'Community efforts for conservation and biodiversity' was jointly organized by the Women's Studies Centre & Department of Education, Nagaland University, in collaboration with Education Society Nagaland University was held at the Kohima Campus, Meriema on 14th November 2022.

Director of Women's Studies Centre, NU Prof. Dr. Lungsang Zeliang delivering her keynote address, highlighted the present circumstances and practices of the various Naga communities and the government in conserving biodiversity in Nagaland.

The theme was deliberated over by two International speakers from Chiangmai University in Thailand, Prof. Dr. Yos Santasombat on 'Bio-diversity: Local knowledge and sustainable development' and Dr. Arratee Ayuttacorn on 'Community-based forest management and

indigenous knowledge of the Karen in Northern Thailand.' Associate Professor, Department of Education, NU Dr. Khotole Khieya, also spoke on 'Community efforts on conservation and management of the environment in Nagaland.' The speakers were unanimous about the important role played by the community in environmental conservation and the protection of biodiversity. They also stressed the need for documentation of the forest wealth and also on sharing of knowledge and experiences in this area as global citizens.

The lectures were followed by a video presentation on Bio-Diversity in Nagaland by the PG Students of the Department of Education, NU. During the deliberation and discussion session, ideas, perspectives, methods, and techniques on how the Nagas and communities from Northern Thailand conserve and preserve biodiversity and local knowledge were exchanged.

1st STATE OPEN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD

The first ever State Open Volleyball Championship, organized by Youth Resources & Sports Department (YRS) in collaboration with Nagaland Volleyball Association (NVA),

commenced at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 16th November 2022.

Director, YRS, Akumla Chuba while declaring the Championship open, said that

sports in Nagaland have come to the forefront and Nagas are second to none. Even with the challenges faced by the sportsmen in the State, she encouraged their dedication to sports and said that the Department along with the State Government will give their best to develop infrastructure and quality of sports in all districts. She also focused on the importance of fitness in life and asked the youths to be exemplary ambassadors of fitness and health. With many

lifestyle diseases that are on the rise, Chuba requested the sportspersons to show others how fitness is important in life. The Director further encouraged the women to take up sports because many potential professions have not been explored by Naga women. She also said that this would help in gender equality and the empowerment of young women.

A total number of 10 teams participated in the Championship.

NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATED



Dimapur Press Club celebrated National Press Day with the theme 'The media's role in nation building' on 16th November 2022 at the Rotary Club Dimapur Conference Hall.

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Dr. Naoram Nishika Singh, Associate Professor and HoD, Journalism and Mass Communication, St. Joseph University Chumukedima, in his exhortation, shared views and opinions on the National Press Day, and etiquettes and responsibilities of media. He explained that press should foster responsibility while highlighting the functions of media as the fourth pillar of democracy. The media is the

bridge between government and society, and lacking the role of responsibility can turn into destructive weapon, he added. Dr. Naoram also traced back to how the press came into being in India in 1966 and how we should develop and foster the objectives of press. He further advised the press people to be careful while carrying out their duties, stating that one small error can bring public disorder.

Short speech was also delivered by Temjen, Editor, Tir Yimyim who shared his thoughts about the press as nation builders.

JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS 2022 HELD AT KOHIMA



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2022 evening cultural programme was organized by the Department of Tribal Affairs on 16th November 2022 at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima.

The Nagaland Tribal Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs organized Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2022 evening cultural programme on 16th November 2022 at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima with the Minister of Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas name is a name given to 15th November by the Union Cabinet of the Government of India to honor tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda.

Imna Along said the first-ever programme of Janjatiya Nagaland also joins with the 12 crore tribal population across the country, stating that indigenous followers are called Janjatiya which

means tribal. He mentioned that under the leadership of Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Tribal Affairs Department was set up and rapidly, the activities are progressing. He encouraged the Naga Tribes, in general, to construct unity among the different tribes and give their concern towards unity. Stating that the programme is to create good relationships and oneness, he encouraged the 17 Naga Tribes to stand for the same.

On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2022, Angami, Ao, Chakhesang, Chang, Khiamniungan, Konyak, Kuki, Lotha, Phom, Pochury, Rengma, Sangtam, Sumi, Yimkhiong, and Zeliang cultural troupes participated.

STATE-WIDE MEGA MOCK EXERCISE HELD

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department conducted the Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX), a state-wide mega mock exercise on the 17th November 2022. The exercise was conducted on an earthquake scenario with a magnitude of 8.7 on the Richter Scale. This exercise was carried out to test the capability of the State to respond to, and also

manage any mega-disaster.

KOHIMA:

The Kohima District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in collaboration with Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) conducted the annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) 2022 on Earthquake disaster scenario of 8.7 magnitude

on 17th November 2022.

During the mock exercise, a simulated earthquake scenario of 8.7 magnitude was created where buildings collapsed and fire incidents were created at five locations - Grace Higher Secondary School Bayavü, Dr. N. Kire Government Higher Secondary School Siekhazou, Mt. Olive College Daklane, Mao Market BOC, and House No. A236 at Officers' Hill.

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Health & Family Welfare, Fire & Emergency Services, Police personnel, and Kohima Village Youth Organization (KVYO) were involved in the search and rescue operation where a total of 19 casualties, two deaths, four seriously injured, and nine with mild injuries. The mild injuries were administered with first aid by the rescue teams and serious casualties were taken to NHAK for necessary medical treatment. Police personnel were also deputed for crowd management at some affected sites.

The main staging area was staged at the ground of T.M. Government Higher Secondary School Kohima where all the line departments and stakeholders reported at the staging area after the emergency siren was sounded at 9:03 a.m to respond to the disaster.

The main Observers for the exercise were S. Jamir, Lt. Col. 1 Assam Rifle, Limaakum Jamir, Deputy Commandant 10th NAP (IR), Matsungshilu, Deputy Commandant 4th NAP Battalion, K. S. Meena, Deputy Commandant 37 BSF Chedema, and R. J. Prasanna, Assistant Commandant CRPF.

MON:

District Disaster Management Authority, Mon conducted the Nagaland Emergency

Preparedness Mock Exercise at Mon Hq. An incident response team for the exercise was instituted with Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS as the Responsible Officer and ADC Mon, Y. Chingyak Konyak as the Incident Commander. The Exercise was carried out in four incident sites at Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF Office, KNSK building, DPRO Office building, and District Hospital. Four strike teams comprising SDRF, F&ES, and Medical personnel were dispatched to the incident sites. The exercise concluded with a debriefing of the IRT and comments from Section Chiefs and Observers.

NIULAND:

District Disaster Management Authority, Niuland organized Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Mock Exercise at Niuland town on 17th November 2022. Immediately after the siren was alerted, Incident Response Team reported to DEOC, Niuland, after which the Deputy Commissioner & Responsible Officer activated the IRS. The team quickly set up the ICP led by Incident Commander at the Public Ground. All units got activated for the response. The rescue operation team from SDRF was pressed into action for the rescue mission. Various rescue operation techniques were displayed at the incident site by the SDRF Team & Community First Responders. The district medical and relief personnel along with an ambulance reached the incident site and transported all the injured persons and dead bodies to the nearby medical and relief camps.

LONGLENG:

Mock drill was conducted at Longleng Local Ground from 9 am to 1:30 pm. The siren alarm

was sounded at 9 am followed by the Responsible Officer (RO) instructing the Incident Commander (IC) to take stock of the situation. The IC reported back to the RO after gathering reports about the damages and casualties from the wards and villages. The Incident Response Team (IRT) arrived and reported to the RO. The Strike Team along with response operation resources from various sources gathered at the staging site. The logistics section took note of the available resources and reported the matter to the IC. After a final briefing by the IC, the Operation Section Chief (OSC) deployed the Strike Team along with the Medical Team for rescue operations at two locations. The strike team later proceeded to the final location forming a Combined Rescue Operation.

PEREN:

District Disaster Management Authority, Peren in collaboration with District Administration and Line departments conducted the mock exercise at Jalukie town on 17th November 2022. The drill was carried out in different locations which included Christian Higher Secondary School, ITMS, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Government Higher Secondary School, Daily Market, and Residential Area. During the exercise, it was reported that Jalukie-Dimapur and Jalukie to Peren roads were completely blocked due to major landslides and also some houses were on fire. From all the incident sites, casualties were taken to the staging area by the rescue teams where they were taken care of depending on the conditions. 25 Assam Rifles Deputy Commandant, Vijay Pal Singh, Barail Valley School Administrator, Daniel Zeliang, and CVO Peren, Dr. Namsiu Thou who were the observers.

TUENSANG:



Mock exercise on earthquake was conducted in Tuensang on 17th November 2022.

Mock Exercise on earthquake disaster was conducted at Tuensang town, organized by Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (Tuensang district) in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority. The Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) incident sites were at DC's Office old building, the Old PWD Complex, and under construction building of the District & Sessions Court. The staging area was done at the Parade Ground, a makeshift hospital was arranged at the Badminton Stadium and de-briefing was conducted at Town Hall Tuensang. The SDRF, Fire & Emergency Services, DEF, CMO & Staff, Wireless, DPRO Office, and NCC took part in the session.

TSEMINYU:

The mock exercise in Tseminyu was conducted at Baptist Higher Secondary School Tseminyu, Government High School New Town and Residential Building and Market Area. The Incident Commander and other IRTs rushed to

the staging area to take stock of the situation and resources for mobilization. Altogether, 60 casualties, 13 dead, 12 seriously injured, and 35 minor injuries were reported from different areas.

PHEK:

In Phek district, the staging area for Relief Camp, Incident Command Post, Operation Section, and Planning Section were set up at the Local Ground in Phek town. The mock exercise was conducted by work distributions in the 'District Level Incident Response System (IRS) Structure' of various sections, headed by Razouvolie Dozo, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DDMA Phek.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:



Mock drill exercise was conducted in Chumoukedima on 17th November 2022.

The mock drill exercise in Chumoukedima was done by projecting a real-life situation. No prior traffic arrangements were made and the rescue teams were also assigned their tasks on

the spot from the staging areas, where all the resources were kept ready. As soon as the siren sounded, DC Chumoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS called for an Emergency Operation Centre located at the CTC Office and briefed all the officials and stakeholders for carrying out their tasks in the staging area. The mock drill exercise was conducted in two locations, DC Office and CTC Office. It was successfully conducted in association with different concerned departments like the Medical Team, Police, NDRF, Traffic and CTYO volunteers, RD, Agri, Fire services, etc.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator District Disaster Management Authority with the 12 Bn NDRF Team conducted the exercise at the St. Xavier School Campus.

WOKHA:

At Wokha, the mock exercise was conducted at four locations, namely Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Libemo Memorial School, District Employment Office, and Daily Bazaar Wokha. Demonstrations on the rescue of building collapse, partial building collapse, and fire incident were conducted where 74 different types of injuries and casualties were categorized which was demonstrated by personnel of SDRF and Home Guards & Civil Defence staff on how to perform search and rescue and to provide first aid.

NOKLAK:

During the exercise, the SDRF Team from Tuensang participated in assisting the rescue and operations. The exercise was witnessed by hundreds of people especially students from different schools. Dr. Jacob Lalmalsawm, 2 i/c 14 Assam Rifles, Noklak was the observer during the exercise.

DIMAPUR:

The staging area was set up at the Nagaland Stadium Dimapur while Pantaloons, Forest Department Residential Area, Government High School Lingrijan and GHS Sarbura were the incident sites during the mock exercise. The siren was triggered at 9 am as information regarding the occurrence of a hypothetical earthquake of magnitude 8.7 on the Richer Scale and was received at the District Emergency Operation Center. Thereafter, the Responsible Officer briefed the Command staff, after which the Incident Commander along with the other Incident Response Team rushed to the staging area to take stock of the situation and resource mobilization. NEPEX exercise at Dimapur was organized by the District Disaster Management Authority Dimapur in collaboration with NSDMA, NDRF, and SDRF.

KIPHIRE:

The exercise in Kiphire was held at three locations - Government Higher Secondary School, Daily Bazaar, and District Agriculture Office. The rescue method was held in two manners - fire scenario and earthquake. The main staging area was set up at Helipad Ground Kiphire and the relief camp at Local Ground Kiphire where the line departments and stakeholders reported after the siren was sounded at 9 am to respond to the disaster. A rescue crew involving 60 personnel from Fire & Emergency Services and Nagaland Police was dispatched to the incident location. 80 volunteers from different schools and colleges, government departments, and agencies participated and played their respective roles and responsibilities assigned to them in the Incident Response System.

CPA INDIA REGION ZONE III & NERIPSTR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING HELD IN KOHIMA

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone III and Executive Council, North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training & Research (NERIPSTR) was held at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 17th November 2022.

The meeting was chaired by Speaker of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Pasang Dorjee Sona. Speaker of Legislative Assemblies

of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Assam, Sikkim, and Deputy Speaker of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim Legislative Assembly with Secretaries of Legislative Assemblies attended the meeting, which was hosted by Nagaland.

A short video was presented on the achievements of the National eVidhan Application (NeVA) in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, which is the first state in India to implement NeVA.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT COLLEGE PRINCIPALS HELD

The Annual Conference of the Government College Principals was held at Conference Hall, Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima on 18th November 2022. Minister of Higher Education

and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along graced the occasion as the special guest.

Along stated that the Higher Education Department has been working with moral

responsibility in building the lives of students, which are the human capital resources of the state. He asked the gathering not to count only their weakness but to remind themselves of the commitment with which they have set to work. He also urged them to mold themselves to changing times. The Minister lamented that despite being a literate state, Nagaland has a very low Human Development Index and an unemployment problem among many other problems. He stressed the need to turn the human capital resources into assets of the state. He stated that Nagas are going through a threshold - politically, traditionally, socially, and economically. He called on the need to build a new, strong, and vibrant Nagaland.

Director of Higher Education, Dr. Katoni Jakhalu stated that the teaching profession is a privilege but it comes with great responsibility. She said that teachers are the molders and shapers of the younger generation, who have the potential to be the State's assets or its biggest liability. Dr. Jukhalu also highlighted various issues caused due to online classes and exams. She called upon the gathering to be hands-on educators, mentors, and guardians of the youth. She encouraged them to strive to emulate Bhutan in the happiness index on their respective campuses and create the right environment for the campuses or community to

be rooted in social and moral responsibility.

Meritorious Service Award for both teaching faculty and ministerial staff was also given during the programme. The following were the awardees of 2022: Dr. Evothung Ezung, Assistant Professor, Kohima College, Kohima; Dr. Lanurenla, Assistant Professor, Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung; Dr. Mahabir Jha, Assistant Professor, Yingli College, Longleng; Teisovi Gerald Meyase, Assistant Professor, Kohima Science College (A) Jotsoma, Kohima; Dr. Purna Chandra, Assistant Professor, Zisaji Presidency College, Kiphire; Sevelu, Mali, Kohima College, Kohima; Zuluwati, Attendant, Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung; Besuta Venyo, LDA-cum-Computer Assistant, Phek Government College, Phek; Hingtalak, Chowkidar, Peren Government College, Peren; Z. Bushem Phom, Senior HA, Yingli Government College, Longleng; Benedict Ed. Shitio, UDA, Directorate of Higher Education, Nagaland. The award is given out once every three years to the employees under the Department of Higher Education. It comes along with a certificate and cash of Rs. 30,000/- for a teaching faculty awardee and Rs. 20,000/- for a ministerial staff awardee.

Sessions on orientation on API Scores under CAS & APAR and the role and responsibilities of a HoD & DDO were taken up during the day.

FOUR-DAY RESIDENTIAL TRAINING UNDER JAL JEEVAN HELD IN DIMAPUR

Inaugural of four-day Residential Training under Jal Jeevan was held on 16th November 2022 at Hotel Theja Fort, Dimapur. It was organised by the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM), supported by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Gol. The training was held from 16th – 19th November 2022.

Vice Chancellor, USTM, Meghalaya, Prof. G. D. Sarma speaking as a special guest, pointed out that providing water to every household is necessary as 80% of the diseases are water-borne. He urged the gathering to know how to save, conserve natural water, and supply quality water, as water creates an important role in the

maintenance of the health and economy of the State. He stated that North East is blessed with sufficient rainwater but due to deforestation during the rainy season, the content of iron is not safe to consume directly. Another problem is the groundwater pressure due to the increasing population. He also appealed to all to protect the natural sources instead of depending on or using treatment sources. He added, to achieve the target besides implementing, one should involve personally and maintain records and details of the funds, as with proper planning, commitment and monitoring, the Center will grant funds.

Associate professor, Nodal Officer, KRC USTM, Dr. Nibedita Paul highlighted the objective of the training, stating that Jal Jeevan Shakti was launched on 15th August 2019 and the mission, under implementation with the State, aims to enable every household in villages to have Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC). She pointed out that the objective of the training is to assist, empower, and facilitate the planning of participatory rural water supply for ensuring potable drinking water, the importance of water quality standards, roles & responsibilities of all stakeholders in planning and implementation.

WORLD FISHERIES DAY CELEBRATED

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Nagaland celebrated World Fisheries Day on 21st November 2022 at Thizama Government Fish Farm, Kohima which was attended by Department officials, staff, fish farmers along with District Fishery Officers from different districts.

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Department organized a special training programme on 'Recent advances in fisheries' for the progressive fish farmers of the State to commemorate World Fisheries Day 2022 and also had a fruitful interaction with the fish farmers.

The Department organized a formal programme which was graced by Kiyangulie Rutsa, Pastor, Chüziema Baptist Church. The keynote address was delivered by Lotimenba, Additional Director who highlighted the significance of celebrating World Fisheries Day to demonstrate solidarity with all fishermen, aquaculture, and affected stakeholders



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worldwide, as it aims to draw attention to habitat destruction, overfishing, and other serious threats to the sustainability of marine and inland stocks.

The presentation of the Best Fish Farmer Award was initiated by Ketusielie Angami, Joint

Director. The Department awarded citations along with cash prizes to the 'Best Fish Farmer' from all the districts and the awardees shared their success stories.

Commissioner & Secretary, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources challenged all the fish farmers to work harder and strive to double their income for sustaining their livelihood. She also

encouraged the fish farmers to create awareness among other farmers on profitable ventures of fish culture and to increase fish production in the State. In addition, she emphasized the importance of integrated fish farming which generates extra income and through fish farming, one can address the problem of unemployment and food security.

INTERACTIVE MEETING HELD AT NAGALAND HOUSE NEW DELHI

The Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS held an interactive meeting with various student bodies and young working professionals from Nagaland based in Delhi on 21st November 2022 at Nagaland House, New Delhi.

Delivering the keynote address, CEO Nagaland highlighted the importance of young voters' registration and participation, with special emphasis on free and fair election, C-Vigil, etc. He encouraged the young voters to register themselves during the present ongoing e-Roll summary revision and to also exercise their right to vote during election. The CEO also apprised that the Election Commission, during a recent CEO's Conference, highlighted that there are many students and young working professionals studying or working outside their respective states and therefore, there is now an emphasis for the department to connect with this section of the population and to further facilitate enrolment and participation for these voters.

A short PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Joint CEO on the basic information for new

voters' registration. During the presentation, the Joint CEO emphasized that India has the largest youth population, which makes for around 66% of the total population. Not only does this show the voting power of this demography, but it also indicates the demographic which would be most impacted, and therefore, the population that should care most about voting.

Over 50 participants from various student unions like Naga Students' Union Delhi, Angami Students' Union Delhi, Delhi Eastern Naga Students' Union, Ao Students' Union Delhi, Chakhesang Students' Union Delhi, Sumi Students' Union Delhi, Lotha Students' Union Delhi, Rengma Students' Union Delhi and young working professionals of Nagaland in Delhi attended the meeting.

The formal session was followed by an interactive session with the attendees sharing their views and suggestions, and doubt and questions were addressed and made note of by the officials present. The programme was organized with the assistance of the Office of the Residence Commissioner, Nagaland House Delhi.

WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CONDUCTED

A two-day international workshop on current and traditional practices for sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems started at

Kohima Science College (A), Jotsoma, Kohima on 24th November 2022.

During the inaugural session, a MoU was

signed between Kohima Science College and GIZ-India where Principal, Kohima Science College Dr. Temjenwabang and Co-Lead Climate Change and Circular Economy Group - GIZ India, Dr. Thomas Lennartz were the signatories.

Dr. Thomas in his address, expressed his happiness in signing the MoU with the Kohima Science College for sustainable livelihood. He said GIZ initiated 18 projects all over India with various topics such as current markets, new India etc. He also spoke on climate change and conservation & preservation of biodiversity. He also highlighted on the contribution of GIZ-India and the targets and contributions of the organization.

Project Manager, GIZ India, Patricia Dorn virtually spoke on 'Protection and sustainable management of aquatic resources in the North Eastern Himalayan Region of India.' She encouraged the participants to guide the local community on sustainable management.

Additional PCCF, Nagaland, Ved Pal Singh said each one should give importance on

traditional practices for sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems. He also spoke on the need to maintain the ecosystem so as to provide livelihood, food security, control floods and ground water level. He urged upon the participants to be good researchers and bring concrete data and to learn from the workshop.

The objective of the project is the protection and sustainable management of aquatic freshwater ecosystems in the states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland. The project also aims to strengthen the knowledge and management capacities of state and local stakeholders for climate-friendly management of aquatic freshwater ecosystems. The proposed major activities is to make strategic capacity building and training of relevant stakeholders to conduct inventors, surveys, data, analysis and establish an M&E system in collaboration with IFB Potsdam and others.

The programme was attended by scientists, researchers and NGOs from various State Biodiversity Boards.

VIDEO CONFERENCE ON POLL PREPAREDNESS HELD

A video conference with all the Deputy Commissioners & District Election Officers, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, and Superintendents of Police regarding poll preparedness for the General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2023 was convened by the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland with his team of officers on 24th November 2022.

The Chief Electoral Officer apprised all the DEOs and SPs by saying that thorough

preparedness should be undertaken in all aspects relating to the election. The State Police Additional DG, Renchamo Kikon who was also present in the video conference briefed about the requisition of CAPF, logistic arrangements, communication and deployment plan of security. The DC & DEOs and SPs of each district also shared their preparation for the upcoming General Election and their concerns and issues.

NBOCWBB's DOCUMENTARIES LAUNCHED

The Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWBB) launched documentary videos about the plight and welfare

schemes of labourers on 24th November 2022 at the Conference Hall, DIPR, Kohima.

While launching the videos, Chairman,



An international seminar on 'Community Efforts for Conservation and Biodiversity' was held at Nagaland University, Meriema, Kohima Campus on 14th November 2022.



Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K and other officials with the winners of State Level Painting Competition on Energy Conservation at De Oriental Grand Hotel, Kohima on 14th November 2022.



Horticulture Officer, Dr. Alongba Tzudir with awardees at the National Level Horticulture Value Chain function at Pune on 1st November 2022.



Former Executive Secretary ABTM, L. Bendangla Jamir releasing the Souvenir Book of Ao Baptist Arogo Mungdang (ABAM) Sesquicentennial Celebration (150 Years of Christianity) at Impur on 1st November 2022.



Deputy Commissioner, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS interacting with school children during the inauguration of Hanging Library at GMS Tenyiphe II and GMS Block IV, Chümoukedima on 18th November 2022.



ATMA Chiephobozou Block, Kohima conducted a demonstration on cultivation practices of winter crops at Ziezou and Zhadima villages from 28th to 29th October 2022.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with officials and sports persons during the inauguration of Loyem Memorial Astroturf Ground-cum-opening of the 30th Loyem Memorial Trophy 2022 at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang on 5th November 2022.



Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir inaugurated the Longjang Helipad at Longjang village, Mokokchung on 23rd November 2022.

NBOCWBB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome mentioned that the Board's job is to give as much publicity to the construction and building sectors which are usually the least appreciated group. He congratulated the DIPR for doing a wonderful job in undertaking and providing good service in

helping the Board. He hopes that in the future, there would be a bigger collaboration and such initiatives will take the people of Nagaland forward. The Documentary Videos are available in DIPR's YouTube channel.

CULMINATION PROGRAMME OF NATIONAL HEALTH PROJECT HELD

The culmination programme of Nagaland Health Project (NHP) (A World Bank Aided Project) was held at the Capital Cultural Centre, Kohima on 24th November 2022, with Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom as the special guest. NHP which has two components, namely Component 1 (Community action for health and nutrition) and Component 2 (Health system development), with support from World Bank, aims to improve the management and delivery of health services and increase their utilization by communities in targeted localities in Nagaland without duplicating existing government programmes.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Pangnyu Phom said that Nagaland Health Project is the first state level project funded by the World Bank, with its focus on selected sites such as District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres and its catchment villages. He said that high volume ground level storage tank was projected to be constructed to store water from roof waterharvesting and elevated water tanks to be used to store and supply running water to the health facilities through pipe line has been constructed in 175 health facilities. Civil repair and renovation works have been completed in four Nursing Schools and PMTI, 9 District Hospitals, 158 targeted health facilities,



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom with other senior government officials releasing a booklet on Nagaland Health Project (NHP) during the culmination programme held at the Capital Cultural Centre, Kohima on 24th November 2022.

also, repair and renovation works in 2 District Hospitals, construction of Library and Theatre Block in Nagaland Medical College is in progress, he added.

Minister Pangnyu stated that since its inception, Nagaland Health Project (NHP) has successfully signed 133 contracts, of which only 16 remains active and the rest 117 contracts are completed. As of today, NHP on average, has achieved 95% physical and 82% financial progress. He added that even during COVID-19 pandemic, NHP constructed oxygen generation plants house at 8 District Hospitals and installed oxygen pipelines at various health facilities.

Retired Principal Director & Former Project

Director, Nagaland Health Project, Dr. Nandira Changkija narrated about the difficulties faced in the early years of the health sector in the State, and how NHP concept was started. She credited the World Bank team, State Government, bureaucrats involved in bringing about the project in spite of so many hurdles faced. With the project extended up to 2023, she said it is the responsibility of the community for the success of the project. She expressed hope that the project will cover all the recognized villages, with 700 villages being covered at present. She also requested the authorities to use the funds judiciously.

Senior Health Economist, World Bank, Marion Jane Cros highlighted the role of the community, stating that it is the key driver which has really helped shape the health system of Nagaland. She also lauded the State for implementing the project through Result Based Financing, which she stated is not easy to implement. She further added that the NHP has been able to help in system strengthening which she hoped will continue further through the lessons learnt. To further institutionalize the project, she pointed out the need for funding, and requested the government to address the issue of financial assistance so that the community will be able to continue the good work.

Secretary and Chairman, Project Executive Committee, Asangla Imti said that as with every development stories, there are lessons to learn, to improve upon, and how these interventions needs to be carried forward in the future. She pointed out that firstly, at the district level, quarterly reviews were not conducted regularly, and this needs to be taken seriously; secondly, record keeping, proper documentation and timely reporting is not up to mark, this needs to

be practiced with sincerity as this is an important input for policy makers to plan and frame policies; thirdly, Project Grievance Redressal Mechanism needs to be addressed as it is important to monitor and address problems on the spot; fourthly, the Village Committee at the grassroot need to figure out how to improve the health system, need to plan properly so as to spend the funds judiciously. This requires the collective efforts of the stakeholders including the District Officers. Communitization needs to be practiced and implemented. She said that it is responsibility and obligation of all to work hand in hand, and to improve the health delivery system in the State.

Sharing the journey of Nagaland Health Project (NHP), Deputy Director, NPH, Dr. Thomas Keppen said that NHP was started in 2015, earlier, it started off as Nagaland Multi Centre Health Project. In 2015, under Component - I, it was started in 19 Health Communities in Jalukie Block (Peren) and 13 Health Communities in Noklak (Tuensang) as pilot sites. When it first started, the project faced challenges such as difficulty in information dissemination, coordination within the department and among the departments, resistance from the committees etc. It was officially launched on 1st June 2017, and was designed in such a way that it would strengthen the community and benefit all. Initially

Imnasenla Shanbur Jamir, Consultant, World Bank, shared on the Learning & Sustainability Plan of Nagaland Health Project. During the programme, experiences were shared by representatives from Village Health Committee, Health Sub Centre Management Committee, Health Centre Management Committee, Hospital Management Committee, District Health Society, and District Programme Management Unit.

Minister Pangnyu also awarded Certificates and cash award to the Best Performing Committees (3 Centres - CHC/PHC/VHC/Sub-Centres from

each district in all the 11 districts, excluding the newly created districts of Noklak, Tseminyu, Niuland, Chumukedima and Shamator).

TRAINING ON SCREENPLAY WRITING CONDUCTED



Prof. Sudipto Acharyya, Senior Faculty, Direction Department, Whistling Woods International, Mumbai speaking at the valedictory programme of the 10-day Screenplay Writing course at the Directorate of IPR on 25th November 2022.

An inaugural programme of 10-day training on Screenplay Writing was held at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations on 14th November 2022 with Prof. Sudipto Acharyya as the resource person. The training was imparted

free of cost under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

Additional Director, DIPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo mentioned that the first phase of training which was conducted online was a success due to the resource person and the FTII. She said that screenplay writing is a whole new world for Nagas to explore and she encouraged the trainees to take advantage of the ongoing training. Theünuo also briefed on the history of the Department.

Prof. Sudipto Acharyya, Senior Faculty, Direction Department, Whistling Woods International, Mumbai, hoped that the experiences and initiatives during the training will help in encouraging to create more screenplay writers in the future.

The training was conducted by the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in collaboration with DIPR for ST participants residing in Nagaland from 14th to 24th November 2022. The 10-day Screenplay Writing training concluded on 25th November 2022.

NAGALAND PARTICIPATES IN IITF 2022 AT PRAGATI MAIDAN

The Nagaland Government on 14th November 2022 participated in this year's India International Trade Fair (IITF), which was held under the theme 'Vocal for Local, Local to Global.' As many as 14 counters were set up in the Nagaland Pavillion which was formally inaugurated by Director, Industries & Commerce, Vitsutho Nyuthe.

With nearly 2500 exhibitors from India and

abroad, IITF 2022 was held in a total area of 73,000 sq. m. Nagaland rented a 100 sq. m. area on the first floor of Hall No. 3 at Pragati Maidan. Besides Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation (NHHDC), individual entrepreneurs and enthusiastic youths participated in this year's IITF. The extravaganza continued till 27th November 2002.

This year, the fair assumes a special

significance as it coincides with celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 75 years of India's Independence. Importantly, IITF offers an ideal platform to showcase indigenous and traditional

products from far-flung regions and states under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign. Twenty-nine (29) States and Union Territories participated.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY



Nagaland Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS reading out the Preamble to the Constitution of India during the Constitution Day programme held at Nagaland Civil Secretariat on 26th November 2022.

A programme was held in Nagaland Civil Secretariat to celebrate the Constitution Day, which, throughout the country, is celebrated every year on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the constitution of India and to honour and acknowledge the contribution of founding Father of the constitution.

Nagaland Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS in his short address, mentioned that the Constituent Assembly of India which was

established in 1946, took almost three years to complete its historic task of drafting the constitution and on 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted the constitution of India which came into effect on 26th January 1950. In the programme led by the Home Commissioner, the preamble to the constitution was read out by all the officers and staff of the secretariat attending the programme.

TRAINING ON 'APPLICATION OF WATER ACCOUNTING PLUS (WA+) TOOL FOR WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT'

Inaugural of the five-day training on 'Application of Water Accounting Plus (WA+) Tool for Water Resources Management' under the National Hydrology Project (NHP) was held on 28th November 2022 at the Conference Hall of State Data Centre, Chief Engineer Office, Water

Resources Department, Kohima.

In his welcome speech, Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer (NHP) Water Resources Department, Er. Hotovi Ayemi said that the training on Application of Water Accounting Plus (WA+) is the first of its kind to be conducted in

the State and it is of utmost importance so that people can evaluate, manage, and assess the water resources in our State.

Er. Wapagnaro, Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nagaland in her introductory speech, said that lack of water information and consensus hinders water reform. She said that Water Accounting Plus (WA+) serves as a tool to evaluate and plan Water Resources Management, monitor changes in water resources, and assess the impacts of future interventions. So, this training is useful for the planning and management of water resources in Nagaland as it gives an accurate estimate of water availability and it provides an informed decision for the water planners in a basin or state. She also said that in the absence of data or data scarcity particularly for regions like Nagaland State with hilly terrain, this tool becomes more important.

Dr. P. K. Singh, Scientist D from the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, said that the WA+ system is a python-based tool and utilizes

freely available, open-access data and satellite information to estimate the water resources. It provides information on water withdrawal and utilization, water and land productivity, and agricultural water consumption in the form of standardized factsheets.

National Hydrology Project (NHP) is being implemented in the state of Nagaland and the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee in association with Water Resources Department (WRD), Kohima is conducting a study on the 'Application of water accounting plus tool in the State of Nagaland.'

This capacity-building programme is intended to improve the skills of officials from the Water Resources Department, Nagaland, and to make them acquainted with the WA+ tool and independently run its applications in the state. A total of 17 participants from the department participated in the training programme

Dr. P. K. Mishra, Scientist D, and Dr. P. K. Singh, Scientist D from NIH, Roorkee were the Resource Persons providing the training on WA+.

YR&S DEPARTMENT CONGRATULATES NEOG MEDALISTS

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Government of Nagaland, Kohima acknowledged and congratulated all the medal winners and participants from the State at the recently concluded 2nd Edition of the North East Olympic Games held at Shillong, Meghalaya.

The Department also congratulates all the medalists and participants from Kohima and

Dimapur Sports Academies. A total of 35 athletes from Indira Gandhi Academy (KISCE), Kohima, and State Sports Hostel, Dimapur took part and won a total of 32 Medals (9 Gold, 10 Silver, and 13 Bronze) for the State. The Department also congratulated and acknowledged the hard work and sacrifices rendered by the coaches.

STUDY TEAM LED BY APC, KIKHETO TOURS VIETNAM

A team comprising of Agriculture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department officials headed by Y. Kikheto Sema IAS, Agriculture Production

Commissioner (APC), Nagaland undertook a week-long study tour to Vietnam from 23rd to 28th November 2022 with the primary objective of learning the successful agriculture and allied

practices including Agro-Eco Tourism in sub-urban and rural areas in Vietnam.

The team visited the urban organic farm in Hanoi and interacted with the farmers regarding the marketing of the products. The team further had a meeting with the Dean and Officials of Da Nang University where they were apprised of the Research and Development activities. The team experienced first-hand the popular Agro Eco-Tourism of TraQue Vegetable Village

and Tea Estate at Hoi An and observed various management aspects of the enterprises. It was observed that the size of the farm does not determine the economy of a farm but intensive agriculture with proper scientific management of inputs with diverse crops particularly high-value marketable crops, vegetables, and medicinal plants including herbs integrating aspects of tourism will promote a sustainable enterprise ultimately leading to settled farming.

ADVISOR S. KEOSHU YIMKHIUNG GRACES THOKTSUR VILLAGE GUARDS GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung graced Thoktsur Village Guards Golden Jubilee celebration on 31st October 2022 as special guest at Thoktsur village.

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In his speech, the Advisor said that the Village Guards personnel had rendered their invaluable service in guarding, protecting, and maintaining law and order in its area. He also said that their invaluable services and sacrifices

had been nationally recognized by being conferred many awards in recognition of their meritorious service and sacrifices over the years. He urged the VGs to shun their differences to achieve development and progress in the remote areas of the State, and to set an example of unity and strength by living in harmony.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur Batra, IPS said that the Village Guards are the one who guards places where the police personnel cannot reach. She said that beginning in 1957 and even during Merapani War, VGs have rendered their

invaluable services and supreme sacrifices and added that people must salute them for their acts of bravery and heroism and urged them to continue living to their good name as the finest VGs volunteer.

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo as the guest of honour also spoke on the need to live in unity.

DISTRICT LEVEL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION HELD AT KIPHIRE

District Administration Kiphire under the auspices of NITI Aayog's, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations organised a District Level School Spelling Bee competition on 1st November 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

This is the first Spelling Bee Competition

organised in the district with the aim to encourage learning, through improvement of vocabulary and understanding of words.

The competition saw participation from 10 schools with 23 students. After three rounds of spelling challenges, four winners were



District Level School Spelling Bee competition was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 1st November 2022.

announced. First prize was bagged by Seye from Loyola Higher Secondary School; 2nd position by Thingrila A Sangtam, Saramati View Modern School; 3rd by Tsurikhumla, Christian School Pungro; and 4th position by Sarah Poudel, El Beth School Kiphire.

DC Kiphire, T Wati Aier appreciated the efforts of the students and also urged the students to

participate in co-curricular activities which helps in strengthening their academic performance. He also gave away the prizes to the four winners.

The competition was moderated by Ane Khieya, EAC Headquarter and judged by MGN fellow Sukanya and NITI Aayog Byju's Fellow, Prarthana.

ATMA CONDUCTS FIELD DEMONSTRATION-CUM-MOBILIZATION OF FARMERS

ATMA BOTSA BLOCK:

ATMA Botsa Block conducted two-day field demonstration-cum-mobilization of farmers at Tsiemekhu Basa and Teichuma village on 28th and 31st October 2022, respectively.

Two farmer groups were mobilized where field demonstration on packaging of winter crops were conducted. With the active participation of the farmers, nursery beds for cabbage, broccoli, pakchoi, onion, and cauliflower were set up with technical specifications.

Farmers were also appraised on the importance of raising nursery beds with proper maintenance, time for transplanting, the importance of irrigation, land preparation before transplanting, and crop spacing.

SECHÜ-ZUBZA BLOCK:

Sechü-Zubza block, Kohima conducted three demonstration programme and mobilized two groups on 31st October and 2nd November 2022 at Thekrejuma village. Kajini Isabella Zinyü, BTM mobilized two groups for food security and a self-help group consisting of ten members each.

Keviravono Visa, ATM spoke on the importance of nursery management and its advantages. She said that crops grown by nursery raising provides favourable growth conditions and makes them less susceptible to weeds, pests, and pathogenic infections. It is economically more profitable as vegetable seeds are very expensive, particularly hybrids, so the seed can be economized by sowing them in the nursery.

Thejavizonuo, ATM spoke on the topic 'Package of practice for root crops.' She mentioned the importance of spacing, intercultural operations, and health benefits. Ketsivino Nakhro, ATM spoke on the topic 'Line sowing of peas.' She apprised the farmers of the cultivation practices of peas and their management practices. Hands-on demonstrations on all three topics were carried out and seeds were distributed.

TSEMINYU:

Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Tseminyu block mobilized a farmer's group on 31st October 2022 at Rengmapani village. The group's name is Gwani, consisting of 12 women members. Dr. Vibeilie Joseph Keretsu, BTM briefed on the concept of group forming.

A hands-on demonstration was also conducted on the topic, package of practices for coriander where Sutsunginla Pongen, ATM Tseminyu block was the resource person. Proper land preparation, spacing, irrigation, weeding, etc. were highlighted to the farmers.

JAKHAMA:

ATMA Jakhama block conducted a field demonstration on nursery bed preparation for cole crops and line sowing for field peas, french beans, and raddish at Kezoma and Jakhama villages on 28th October and 2nd November 2022, respectively. Hands-on demonstration for seedbed preparation, line sowing with proper spacing, mulching, and its importance, and irrigation were taught to the farmers. The farmers were appraised on the importance of timely intervention, weeding, and timely transplantation of nurseries. Direct line sowing for field peas, french beans, and raddish was also given a hands-on demonstration where ridges and furrow system was followed with intercropping

field peas and French beans. The importance of intercropping with legumes for soil health was also highlighted.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

ATMA Chiephobozou block under Kohima district conducted a demonstration on cultivation practices of winter crops from 28th to 29th October 2022 at Ziezou and Zhadima villages, respectively. A hands-on demonstration on nursery bed preparation was conducted. The importance of site selection, land preparation, spacing, management, and advantages of a nursery bed were discussed. The farmers were also informed of the transplanting time which can be done after 30-40 days when the seedlings attain 3-4 leaves. Integrated pest management for winter crops was also conducted where the effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management was highlighted. Methods of selecting a good variety of disease-free seeds, soil solarization, weed control, and the importance of growing trap crops along with the main crop were also shared. Two groups of women farmers were mobilized. The farmers were apprised of the concept of forming a food security group and the importance of maintaining an activity register.

CHUNLIKHA:

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Chunlikha block conducted demonstrations and mobilization of farmer's group on 29th and 31st October 2022 at Kandinu and Gukhanyu villages, respectively. The topics were cultivation practices for winter vegetables and cultivation practices for field peas which were carried out by resource persons, Kebegi Kent ATM, Sinlo Kent ATM, and Chenobu Seb ATM. Winter vegetable seeds were distributed to the farmers. Two groups of women farmers under



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the nomenclature Ketiju FSG and Shyekerhun Logwa FSG were mobilized by resource person, BTM, Khatemenla.

KOHIMA:

ATMA Kohima block conducted two-day demonstration-cum-mobilization of farmers' groups at Perizie (L. Khel) and at Ziechazou, P. Khel on 2nd November 2022 and 3rd November 2022, respectively. Topics covered were demonstrations on winter crops and root crops. ATM Mayangthemba Longkumer imparted knowledge on improved scientific methods such as proper spacing, advantages of proper tilling operations, methods of seed treatment, etc. to the farmers. ATM Mezhezovi Belho demonstrated the importance and advantages of a raised seed bed in nursery preparation for vegetable seedlings. Farmers were apprised on the importance of the scientific method for nursery bed preparation.

ASSESSMENT OF TRAINEES ON HANDLOOM WEAVING CONDUCTED AT WOKHA



Trainees showcasing their finished products during the assessment of trainees on handloom weaving conducted at Wokha on 4th November 2022.

To ascertain the effectiveness of training imparted by way of practical demonstration of acquired skills and to assess the proficiency in skills imparted to the trainees based on the standards used by the relevant industry segment and to ensure that the trainees after attending the skilling programme are ready to take up regular work at shop floor level as skilled workers, an assessment of trainees on handloom weaving was conducted at Wokha on 4th November 2022.

The assessment was conducted as part of the 45-day skill upgradation on handloom weaving under Samarth scheme which began on 8th September 2022 at Blue Hill Colony, Wokha. The Samarth scheme training is aimed to promote skilling and skill up-gradation in traditional sectors for persons interested in weaving and to implement a cluster development model to stimulate dormant clusters by intervening in the areas of production, technology, marketing,

and skill development to enhance productivity, competitiveness with collective efforts and initiatives of individuals units.

Assistant Director, Weaving Service Centre, Dimapur, Naresh Jambhulkar attended the assessment programme as the Observer. Altogether 18 trainees attended the skill upgradation programme. Earlier the trainees also exhibited their finished products which were weaved during the training period.

The training was sponsored by the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Development Commissioner for Handlooms, New Delhi, and the same was conducted in collaboration with Charity Club Multipurpose Society, Wokha - the implementing partner for Wokha district. Weavers Services Centre, Toluvi, Dimapur Nagaland organized the training programme.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON TACKLING DRUG MENACE

Kiphire District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 5th November 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, T. Wati Aier.

During the meeting, certificates were given to five tour guide trainees/operators, which was sponsored through the Aspirational District programme fund (NEC). Aier said that Kiphire is blessed with scenic natural beauty and landscape and with tourists visiting the district occasionally, he appealed to the trainees to assist the tourists at all times.

On using of Helipad ground for recreational activities by the public, the DC warned the citizens not to enter the Helipad ground except for utilizing chopper services. Strict action in the

form of imprisonment or fine will be imposed on all defaulters with immediate effect, he said. The DC also requested the Ward Chairmen, NGOs, and ward authorities to check the place from time to time.

With the increase in drug abuse in the district among the youth, the Board decided to send a proposal requesting for posting of a Narcotic Officer to tackle the drug menace.

Fire & Emergency Services and District Disaster Management Authority, Kiphire presented their departmental activities. Samir Thapa highlighted some of the activities taken up by Grassroots Innovation Augmentation Network (GIAN) Gujarat, an NGO to undertake market research and project development to identify the unique products of Nagaland.

TOKHU EMONG MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2022 CELEBRATED



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio extending Tokhu Emong greetings to the people of Lakhuti village, Wokha on 7th November 2022.

Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining and Soil & Water Conservation, K. Libanlung Lotha, IAS as the special guest inaugurated the three-day Tokhu Emong Mini Hornbill Festival celebration on 5th November 2022 at Local Ground, Wokha.

Libanlung called for the preservation of the age-old traditional practices, customs, and cultures to keep one's identity alive. He reminded the Lotha people that they are blessed with rich fertile land having the ability to sustain agricultural, horticultural, and other varieties of plant growth which he opined will result in sustained and consistently high yield of quality agricultural products. He urged the people to utilize the natural resources to the fullest extent, and also appealed to have accountability to protect and respect their environment.

In Lakhuti village, Wokha, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio attended the celebration and while extending Tokhu Emong greetings to the people of Lakhuti village, said that Tokhu Emong signifies the hard labour and the sweat put in the harvest, and it is time to give thanks to the Almighty for all the blessings received. He expressed happiness that the State has come up with a compilation of documents on how to keep the tradition, culture,

and important festivals alive. Rio added that through this festival let all spread the message for the Nagas to come together and work to solve the Naga Political Issue.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan while extending greetings on the occasion, thanked the Chief Minister of Nagaland Rio for gracing the festival and showing love and concern for the Lotha people. He said that Tokhu Emong is a time to emulate the principles and the great values that their forefathers

had passed down through generations and wished all the people that this festival brings peace, unity, and understanding.

MLA, Imkong L Imchen during the Tokhu Emong festival held at Local Ground Wokha organized by Lotha Hoho on 7th November 2022 highly spoke of the Lotha community saying that the Lotha community contributed towards the Naga movement strengthening through various resolutions adopted from Wokha district. He also said that through the Lotha Tribal Council's (LTC) initiative, the Lotha Hoho earlier known as the LTC hosted the first Naga Convention at Wokha district, and he added that the Lotha community envisions Nagas as one and lauded them for having one general platform called Nagas of Nagaland where Naga Hoho came into being. He called upon the Lotha Hoho to push forward in restructuring what they have begun so that Nagas of Nagaland will have one common platform. He wished the Lotha community prosperity through the celebration of Tokhu Emong Mini Hornbill Festival and to rejuvenate the goodness of the Lotha community so that they continue to contribute towards the Naga society in general.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7th November 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren and Vice Chairman DPDB, Vineet Kumar, IAS.

Presiding the meeting, DC requested the district HoDs present to ensure that all the employees under their respective departments get their registration done under Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) at the earliest.

On the agenda for publicity of various departmental activities, DC urged the departmental heads to promptly forward their activities in the DPDB WhatsApp group or share to DPRO Peren to ensure that different departmental activities are

reflected in different news agencies.

The DC also reiterated that several complaints have been received from the public regarding the absence of Officers, and for which the DC warned them to be present at their station to ensure the smooth functioning of offices as well as to cater to the needs of the public.

In the meeting, Senior Treatment Supervisor, Christy from Health & Family Welfare Department gave a detailed presentation on the Nikshay Mitra scheme which is an initiative of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), while the People's Plan Campaign (PPC) 2022 for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the Financial Year, 2023-2024 was also highlighted by PD, Moa Sangtam.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING FOR NOVEMBER HELD

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 7th November at DB's Hall, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Pughoboto under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, Pughoboto DPDB, Y. Vikheho Swu.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the Board discussed the shifting of Additional Deputy Commissioner's 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 the same area. Chairman, Pughoboto SDPDB, Y. Vikheho Swu informed that the main purpose for constructing the office within an area was done to provide better service for the people. He informed that the Board members have discussed and agreed to rename Mini Civil

Secretariat at Mishilmi as Sub-Divisional Office Blocks. Project Director NRE, Imliakum apprised the members that the construction of the solar plant was completed. He informed that though the installation of the solar plant was commissioned in November 2018, the overall charge till date is managed by the NRE Chairman SDPDB.

Y. Vikheho Swu added that the subdivision of Pughoboto is envisioned to provide the most congenial working environment for Government servants and the public. It also visualizes itself as a social hub. The Chairman informed that the Park shall provide space and facilities for outdoor meetings. In due course, the complex shall also promote and develop healthy outlets like a Futsal field, gymnasium, jamming music centre, gaming centre interspersed with eateries, and retail outlets run by private investors and entrepreneurs shortly.

DPDB MEETING HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for November was held on 10th November 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chaired the meeting.

The agenda discussed were on the Public Library at Zunheboto and Veterinary Health Centre at Ghukiye village. President Sumi Literature Board, Vehoshe Murru apprised the members present on the need for a public library in Zunheboto town. He said that the Sumi Literature Board will be celebrating its 75th Platinum Jubilee in December 2022, and that the Literature Board is planning to set up a public library and sought approval and help from the Board members. The Board decided that it will further discuss the matter with the appropriate committee for approval.

Chief Veterinary Officer Zunheboto sought the approval of the Board for setting up a Veterinary Health Centre at Ghukiye village which is very essential for the villages in the area. The Veterinary Officer said that the village

is ready to donate land for the proposed health centre without any preconditions. The Board unanimously decided to approve for setting up the Veterinary Health Centre.

DAPCU Nagaland State AIDS Control Society reported that there were no cases of discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients in the district. Advocate Esther, Legal Services Authority gave a brief presentation on the legal aspects of stigma and discrimination.

PHED department gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ongoing Jal Jeevan scheme in the district where they highlighted the completed projects and the ongoing projects.

District Sports Officer, Youth Resources & Sports, Atoli gave a PowerPoint presentation on the objectives, activities, and needs of the department. She highlighted the recent achievements and activities of the athletes of the district during the recently concluded Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games and thanked the various departments who rendered help to the athletes and the District Sports Council Zunheboto during the event.

PHEK DPDB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) conducted its monthly meeting at the DPDB Conference Hall, Phek on 10th November 2022 under the chairmanship of T. Moa Lemtor, ADC Phek.

The meeting discussed the agenda for the registration of Goodwill Society, Chozuba town; Progressive Care Society, Kutsapo village; and Living Cluster Society, Phek town. The Board agreed to recommend them for Government's

approval.

The meeting also discussed about the Verification Committee for LADP 2022-2023 and agreed to recommend it to the higher authority for approval.

Detailed PowerPoint presentations of departmental activities were made at the meeting by EE Power, Phek, Er. Lhuvoyi and SDO, PWD (Housing), Er. Wekhape Puro.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON 'MENSTRUAL HYGIENE' LAUNCHED IN KOHIMA



Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS with Project Baala Team and others during the awareness programme on menstrual hygiene at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 9th November 2022.

The training and awareness programme on 'Menstrual Hygiene' and free distribution of reusable sanitary pads in different locations under Kohima district from 9th to 11th November 2022 was launched on 9th November 2022 by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima. The training programme was organized by the Kohima District Administration in collaboration with Project Baala, District Education Office, District Welfare Office, and One Stop Centre, Kohima.

Launching the programme, Shanavas said that the district was fortunate to have the Project Baala team to create awareness on menstrual hygiene and provide free distribution of reusable sanitary pads for the people of the district. He said the taboo of menstruation exists in many states of our country because of ignorance, which leads to gender issues and anti-social activities. He, therefore, said that the purpose of this workshop was to create awareness about menstruation with the project team, covering more than 3000 beneficiaries in the district. He hoped that the

training will be the first step towards building the confidence of women and called upon the master trainers to understand well and spread awareness, especially to the children who are in their initial period of menstruation.

Soumya Dabriwal, Founder and Parul Kamra from the Project Baala team were the resource persons who spoke on the important issues of menstrual hygiene, sustainability when it comes to period management, and waste issues associated with menstruation. They shared that the purpose is to create awareness to mitigate the challenges associated with periods and encouraged the master trainers to spread awareness so that every woman and girl has access to safe and sustainable menstrual hygiene products along with holistic and accurate information to manage menstruation.

More than 200 Teachers and Anganwadi/ASHA workers from Kohima Sadar Circle/CDPO Tribal, SDO (C) Jakhama Circle and Sechu Zubza Circle, and EAC Kezocha Circle attended the launching programme as Master Trainers. The Baala Team-2 at Dobashi Court ADC

Chiephobozou Headquarter trained the teachers and Anganwadi/ASHA workers (Master Trainers)

from ADC Chiephobozou Circle and EAC Botsa Circle.

WORKSHOP ON PM-FME HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

TUENSANG:

A workshop on Prime Minister - Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) was conducted at CKS Hall Tuensang on 10th November 2022. The workshop was conducted by the Department of Industries & Commerce, Tuensang and the special guest of the programme was ADC Tuensang, Thugchanbemo Tungoe.

Speaking on the programme, the special guest advised all the attendees to be serious in such workshops on government schemes since such schemes are beneficial. You all can be taught banking along with other governmental schemes which will be very resourceful for the beneficiaries, he added.

Khumchopi Sangtam highlighted the food processing trade for entrepreneurs. He also mentioned the government's programme on One District One Product (ODOP) and also highlighted on how to apply for the PM-FME scheme by individuals and SHGs.

WOKHA:

One-day workshop-cum-seminar on Prime Minister - Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) was held at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School on 18th November 2022, organized by District Industries Centre (DIC) Wokha.

General Manager DIC, K. Myingthungo Kikon highlighted about PM-FME scheme and stated that there are nearly 25 lakhs food processing enterprises in the country that are unregistered and informal, and said that the PM-FME scheme is designed to address the challenges faced by the micro-enterprises in the food processing units and thereby tap the potential of groups and co-operatives in supporting the upgradation and formalization of these enterprises.

Assistant Inspector, DFO Office Wokha, Rimachang Aier delivered on the topic 'Fish as ODOP & PM-FME' where he gave detailed technical knowledge on preparation of fishery pond, fertilizer, feeding and pond management, design of the fish farm, and its significance.

NIULAND:

A one-day workshop on Prime Minister-Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme was held at District Industries Centre, Niuland on 24th November 2022.

District Resource Person, Imliakum gave a detailed presentation on PM-FME scheme which was followed by Vikki Kiba, Inspector of Industries who delivered the role of DIC in implementing the scheme.

TRAINING ON GRAM PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT PLAN HELD

A series of training was conducted in Longjang, Longpha, and Khanimu villages of the Kubolong block on the 5th and 6th November

2022. The training was initiated under the project for creating clusters of Model Gram Panchayats to achieve holistic and sustainable development

through institutional strengthening of Gram Panchayats and enablement of quality GPDP across India, coordinated by the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR).

The training was on Gram Panchayat Development Plan 2023-2024 and the localization of Sustainable Development Goals and it was conducted by R. Supongtula who is deployed in the block. She emphasized people's participation

in decision-making to bring holistic, quality, and sustainable development in the village and emphasized the process and plan cycle of GPDP. She also spoke on the nine thematic aspects of localizing SDGs and preparing thematic and quality GPDP. The training also included group activities for the villagers to have hands-on experience in preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plan.

WALKATHON RALLY HELD IN KOHIMA

A Walkathon Rally under the theme 'A step for participative electors' for special summary revision organized by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland along with the Office of the Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Kohima was held from Sokriezie Park, PHQ Junction to DC's Office Complex on 9th November 2022.

The Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland, V. Shashank IAS in his brief address talked about how in India, the democratic system of governance was adopted, and he reminded that in a democratic election process, if a citizen's

name is enrolled then only he/she can cast a vote.

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS in his introductory remarks, said that any citizen of a state who is an ordinary resident of the state, residing for six (6) months or above has to enroll in the election so that they can exercise their democratic voting rights. If someone has to be enrolled or shifted or deleted, all this has to be done in this period starting from 9th November 2022. He encouraged all the ward leaders/ colony leaders and NGOs to ensure a clean e-Roll in order to avoid any issues during election time.

LONGLENG DPDB DELIBERATES ON SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Longleng DPDB, Dharam Raj, IAS at DPDB Hall, Longleng on 10th November 2022.

While presenting the agenda for approval of teachers and fourth grade staff in the Government High School (GHS) and Government Middle School (GMS) in the district, Senior SDEO and DEO in-charge Longleng, Yahuto Kath highlighted

the grievances faced by the government schools in the district due to shortage of teachers. He informed that out of the existing 15 GHS in Longleng, 7 GHS are functioning without Maths Teacher, 10 GHS without English Teacher, 2 GHS without Science Teacher and 5 GHS with no Hindi Teacher. He further apprised the members that as per the standard criteria of the school, the actual requirement of teachers in these 15 GHS are 21 Maths Teacher, 17 Science Teacher, 10 English Teacher and 11 Hindi Graduate Teacher.

Kath also informed that 18 GMS in the district do not have fourth grade staff and suggested for post creations. Asserting that one cannot expect good results without teachers, he said shortage of major subject teachers is directly affecting the students performance in their examinations.

Supplementing to the Senior SDEO, the DC lamented that with such situation, the grievances of the government schools in the district will go on unless the Government comes up with a new

policy to redress the issues.

After deliberating on the issue, the Board forwarded the approval of teachers' requirements and creation of fourth grade staff in the schools. The Board also forwarded for grant-in-aid to Good Shepherd School, Longleng.

EAC Sadar, Chingmei highlighted on Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and setting up of registration centres for enrollment of government employees and beneficiaries under CMHIS.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 11th November 2022 under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant,

IAS. During the meeting, the Board was updated on the Skill Mela which was held at Dimapur. The DC apprised on Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme and the registration process was briefed to the members.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS & DEATHS LAUNCHED AT ZUNHEBOTO



The online registration of births and deaths was launched at Zunheboto by Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 11th November 2022.

The online registration of births and deaths was launched at Zunheboto by Deputy Commissioner and District Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 11th November 2022.

DESO & District Registrar of Births & Deaths, Zunheboto, K Rhonbemo Kithan in

his welcome address gave a brief overview of civil registration system where birth and death records are maintained, and he added that now after launching the online registration service, the public can apply for certificates at the comfort of their homes. He also mentioned that Zunheboto is the fourth district in Nagaland, after Kohima, Dimapur and Peren, to launch the online service.

The service has been possible with the help of Department of Information Technology & Communication and one can log in to <https://crsorgi.gov.in> to avail the services.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul

Bhanudas Mali after launching the service said that strict scrutiny should be done for issuing the certificates. He also said that the Department should check that proper documentations are uploaded and verified.

DEPUTY CM, Y. PATTON GRACES AHUNA FESTIVAL



Sumi menfolk performing a traditional dance during the Ahuna-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival at Local Ground Zunheboto on 12th November 2022.

Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Nagaland, Y. Patton was greeted with the warmest war cry by various cultural troupes, as he made his way as special guest, into the Ahuna (post-harvest festival) celebration at Zunheboto district on 14th November 2022. Deputy CM was also accompanied by Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, V. Kashiho Sangtam, Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection and Taxes, Pukhayi Sema, Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying and Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Reseatrch & Training, K. T. Sukhalu.

Special guest, Y Patton, greeted the Sumis on the occasion of Ahuna Festival, and also reminded the people of the brotherhood they shared in the past and the similarities they pose till

the present day. While stressing about the Naga Political Issue, he conveyed that the Nagas are looking forward to the Sumis and its leaders who head major political bodies, to lead the Nagas as a whole to bright days ahead. He expressed his appreciation of the mass marriage culture being adopted by Sumis and lauded the initiators of the mass marriage policy in society. He said that the citizens of the district should always encourage development in the district, and appealed to the landowners to work out solutions regarding land issues to encourage development in the district.

Advisor Pukhayi while speaking at the celebration said that they should never forget their roots which are their tradition and culture, and that, remembrance of this, is the actual celebration of the Ahuna Festival. He further

added that the Nagas should always remind themselves that they all came into being from one house and home in the past.

The Akuluto - V. K. Area Union Kohima also celebrated the Ahuna Festival hosted by the MLA of 31 A/C Akuluto and Advisor, CAWD and NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi at his official residence

on 14th November 2022. The Advisor, Ahuna Papu (Ahuna father) while welcoming the area people said that there will not be any progress in society without unity and therefore urged the area people to love, respect, and keep their bond strong to move forward for a better future.

SUMAN AND SAANS LAUNCHED ACROSS DISTRICTS

CHANGTONGYA:

Block level SUMAN and Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) was launched at Community Health Centre, Changtongya on 12th November 2022 by SDO (C) Changtongya, Rorheu Peseyie. Speaking on the launching programme, he called upon all to disseminate about the scheme to the general public for availing the facilities at the hospital. He also encouraged the healthcare workers to rededicate themselves to ensure better healthcare systems.

Delivering the keynote address, SMO CHC Changtongya, Dr. Imtjungshi Aier said that the objective of SUMAN is to achieve zero maternal and infant death through quality care. He highlighted the entitlement scheme and services that can be availed through the scheme at the hospital. He said World Pneumonia Day is observed on 12th November and that SAANS Campaign emphasizes the protection, prevention, and treatment to save children from pneumonia.

NOKLAK:

District Health Society under Chief Medical Officer, Noklak launched the Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) on 12th November 2022 by Deputy



District Health Society under Chief Medical Officer, Noklak launched Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully at Noklak on 12th November 2022.

Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru, and Dr. Victor NC CMO in-charge at CMO's Conference Hall, Noklak.

In his brief speech, DC Noklak stressed that health is a major public issue and that all convergent departments should actively participate in creating health awareness at the grassroots level. He also acknowledged the roles played by NGOs and Faith Based Organizations and further spoke about the importance of making the church another platform to reach out to the general public to develop health-seeking behaviour, particularly for children under five to reduce the infant mortality rate in the district.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF PEREN TOWNSHIP CELEBRATED IN PEREN TOWN


Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Ministers, Advisors, MLAs and other dignitaries during the 75th Anniversary celebration of Peren township held at Peren town on 16th November 2022.

The 75th Anniversary of Peren Township celebration commenced on 15th November 2022 with renowned speaker and Pastor of Police Baptist Church, Peren, Dr. Hiazuheing Ntang as guest speaker.

Dr. Hiazuheing spoke on the importance of unity and urged the gathering to maintain community peace and unity in God's name and added that even the weak become strong when it is united. Unity represents togetherness and being there for each other and it is a must for every solution, he said. Ntang said that Peren people should continue to strive forward physically, spiritually, and politically to witness many more successes and progress.

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio graced the anniversary celebration of Peren Township on 16th November 2022 at Peren town.

Rio said it was only through God's grace that they were able to reach this important milestone. Celebration of a Jubilee is always a joyous occasion and it is an opportunity for introspection of the past, and also for charting out new

visions and horizons for the future. He said the need of Naga society today is forgiveness and reconciliation at various levels. He stated that if people cannot forgive each other and rise above narrow tribalism, and if people cannot unite and act as one people, even if the Government of India and the NPGs sign a final peace accord or settlement, there will not be real peace.

Rio said Peren district has good prospects to become a prosperous and self-reliant district since it is near the State Capital and the commercial capital, Dimapur. On road connectivity of the Peren district, he said it would be greatly improved shortly, with the new National Highway 129-A passing through Peren will provide alternative connectivity between Nagaland and Manipur. Once, the Kohima-Lekie Road is completed, it will provide a good corridor to Assam also.

Former Chief Minister and UDA Chairman & Chief Host, TR Zeliang said that Peren town was established on 1st April 1947 and has since grown gradually with the changing time. He said

the establishment of Peren town has a very divine and beautiful story to it and narrated that when an administrative centre for the people of the area was necessitated during C. R. Pawsey's tenure as the last Deputy Commissioner of Naga Hills, the following places were proposed viz. Peren, Poilwa, Benreu, Tesen and Tening. After days of consultation, in the presence of all 25 ancestral village representatives, a consensus was arrived upon to establish a town at the present location, Zeliang stated.

Zelaing said the Mithun and the human figurines seen there today are a recreation of the event that took place on 1st April 1947 when the inauguration and declaration function was held by the sacred act of slaughtering a Mithun and partaking its meat by all the representatives of the 25 villages. It is the customary practice of the Zeliangrong people to invoke God's blessings for the newly established village or town to slaughter the best Mithun or a pig for those who cannot afford Mithun, and the same was done during the establishment of Peren Town. With only 5 human

figurines standing today he said the aim is to put up a total of 25 human figurines, to signify the 25 ancestral villages, which will be unique and one of a kind in Nagaland.

Zeliang said that the town has historical importance in the State in general and District in particular. During the British era, the British Path comprised 10 IB Rest Houses from Kohima to Lekie in Assam and this path passed through the town. To keep this British track/path alive, he said the Kohima-Peren-Lekie road was constructed under NEC during the 1980s which at present requires improvement.

Zeliang lauded the Jubilee Committee headed by the ADC for coming up with a noble concept to make Peren town an Orchid Town which he said is the right decision at the right time. He congratulated the womenfolk of the town who have contributed by bringing so many orchids to beautify the town on the occasion. Zeliang further urged each and everyone to continue to dedicatedly work towards making the town an exemplary one in cleanliness and peace.

SAMARTH SCHEME INAUGURATED AT DIC TUENSANG



The skill upgradation training on handloom weaving under Samarth scheme was inaugurated at District Industries Centre Office in Tuensang on 15th November 2022.

The skill upgradation training on handloom weaving under Samarth scheme was inaugurated at District Industries Centre Office in Tuensang on 15th November 2022 in the presence of ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe. The scheme is sponsored by the Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handloom), Weavers Service Centre, Government of India.

Tungoe encouraged all the trainees to be very serious and attentive in the training sessions. Stressing on the importance of the scheme he said the scheme will help in upgrading their skills which will directly boost their trade and in turn will allow small-scale industries to generate employment.

Naresh Jambulkar, Assistant Director of

Weavers Service Centre Dimapur gave the objective of the Samarth scheme. The skill upgradation from spinning to the utilization of the handloom to shuttle loom apparatus. The Samarth scheme will be for 45 days of training which will cover 315 hours and the attendance will be through biometric system that will be monitored from Delhi, and 80% of attendance will be eligible for the certification, stipends, and other beneficiaries, he added. The trainees are assured of Rs. 300 per day to compensate wage during the time of training, he said. He also mentioned the Pehchan Card and its importance to the weavers of the district and highlighted the benefits to the cardholders for availing loans and subsidies.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th November 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Wokha DPDB, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS chaired the meeting. Chairman, Wokha DPDB and Advisor, Justice & Law, Dr. Chumben Murry also attended the meeting.

The proposal for upgradation of Government High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Wokha village was approved and recommended by the Board. While approving and recommending the proposal for registration of Rifle Association Wokha the Chairman, Dr. Chumben Murry reminded the Association members that shooting should be an art and should be purely on sports activity and not for hunting purpose as hunting is banned all over the State.

During the meeting, Senior Dental Surgeon and District Nodal Officer of the National

Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Dr. Daisy presented on the implementation of Tobacco-Free Educational Institution guidelines in Wokha district, where she pointed out that out of 189 educational institutions in Wokha district the COTPA team under NTCP has covered 67 educational institutions in spreading awareness and sensitizing about the harmful and ill effects of tobacco products. Reacting to the Action Plan, Deputy Commissioner reminded the School Education Department's NTCP team to give more effort to achieve the target of making tobacco-free zone in all educational institutions by 31st January 2023.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha also presented activities undertaken to eliminate and eradicate TB and Malaria in the district.

Dr. Chumben Murry launched the Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU). MVU is a component of establishing and strengthening veterinary hospitals and dispensaries sponsored by the

Government of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying to the states on 100% Central assistance under the Livestock Health & Disease Control programme with the main objective to increase the accessibility of veterinary services to the farmers at their

doorstep. This MVU is customized and equipped to provide veterinary healthcare through a single-window delivery system in the form of making diagnosis, treatment, minor surgeries, collection of samples, vaccination and artificial insemination, etc.

PUNGRO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pungro Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) monthly meeting was held at ADC's Office Pungro on 15th November 2022. ADC and Vice Chairman, Mhomo Thungoe called upon all to be in their

place of posting. Public organisation and VG Parade Commander were asked to share their grievances. Repair of roads were also deliberated in the meeting. A PowerPoint presentation was given by officials from the Agriculture Department.

NOKLAK LAUNCHES DIFFERENTLY ABLE PERSONS ASSOCIATION

Launching programme of the Noklak District Differently Able Persons Association (NDDAPA) was held at the DC's Conference Hall on 16th November 2022, chaired by Kathyinla, EAC Noklak Headquarter.

The provisions and eligibility criteria of being a disabled person were briefed by CMO Noklak, Dr. Victor.

DC Noklak, Hiazu Meru in his speech said that disabled persons are present in all societies and it is everyone's duty to love, respect and help

in all walks of their life and proper job reservation must be given to disabled persons.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur also expressed her love and affection for disabled persons by narrating the story of one of her family members, who is also differently abled.

President of NDDAPA, Heno expressed the problems of disabled people and urged the gathering to help in their struggles.

MON DPDB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at the Conference Hall of the Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mon on 18th November 2022, chaired by DC and Vice Chairman, Mon DPDB, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS.

The Board deliberated on the process of registration of government employees in the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme during which the DC appealed to all the HoDs to ensure the registration of their staff on due time.

The Board also discussed and approved the following agenda: Grant-in-Aid to Outreach Ministry, Mon town; opening of a new private school at Mon village; opening of new GPS at Walo Ward, Mon town

The Board also heard a request from the Chairman of Chenloisho Village Council concerning the application submitted to the Board requesting the Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) to take up the road from Chenloisho Wangto to Mini Hydro Project, Tehok. In this

regard, the DC directed EE Aboi, PWD (R&B) to gather necessary information on the road and present it to the Board for deliberation at the next meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by BDO Tobu, Moba W. Konyak showing the activities of DRDA in the district.

‘SWACHHTA RUN’ ORGANIZED TO COMMEMORATE WORLD TOILET DAY

WOKHA:

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Wokha Division on 19th November 2022 organized a ‘Swachhta Run’ at Zero Point, Sanis Block in compliance with the direction from the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, a run for ‘Sampoorna Swachhta’ to commemorate World Toilet Day. The participants of the Swachhta Run included WATSAN Members, Swachhagrahis, Asha and Anganwadi Workers, volunteers, youth, and schoolchildren, among others.

At the beginning of the run, each participant took the Swachhta pledge. Along the run’s route, banners, posters, and other IEC materials from SBM (G) Phase II were on display.

PHEK:

Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Phek celebrated World Toilet Day on 19th November 2022 at Khomi village, Phek by organizing ‘Swachhta Run’ under the theme ‘Sanitation and groundwater - Making the invisible visible,’ which focuses



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on the impact of poor sanitation of groundwater and how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes, and soil, polluting underground water resources. Participants from three villages namely, Upper Khomi, Middle Khomi, and Lower Khomi participated in the Swachhta Run.

GREEN PEREN, GREEN GROWERS MEET HELD AT JALUKIE

As an initiative to promote the income generation activities of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), a two-day event was organized by Divisional Management Unit (DMU), Peren, NFMP of Peren Forest Department along with

the Care Centre for Environment and Rural Poor, the FNGO partner with DMU, Peren on 24th and 25th November 2022.

As many as 23 Self Help Groups (SHGs) from 9 villages in Peren district showcased and sold their locally grown and developed products

under the theme 'Green Peren, Green Growers Meet' in Jalukie town. The purpose of the event was to create a common platform for the SHGs to sell and exhibit their local products which include handicrafts, organic vegetables, fruits, etc. The programme was organized in collaboration with the Land Resources Department, Nagaland Tool-

Room & Training Centre and 25 Assam Rifles.

Nagaland Forest Management Project under the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Nagaland aims to conserve forests, balance ecology, preserve diversity, and improve the sustainable livelihood of villagers and women empowerment.

NEIPHIU RIO LAUDS KOHIMA DPDB ADOPTION PROGRAMME

The Village/Ward Adoption Committee programme under the aegis of Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) is an innovative programme, said Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio while addressing the DPDB members during the Kohima DPDB Day Out-cum-Advent Christmas held at Youth Recreational Hall, Pfuchama, Kohima on 29th November 2022. Kohima Legislators, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire; Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha; Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha; MLA & Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Keneizhakho Nakhro and MLA Khriehu Liezietsu also attended the programme.

Rio lauded the Kohima DPDB for coming up with such an innovative programme of village/ward adoption programme for the welfare of the villages and farmers. In the context of Nagaland, if the villages are not developed, then Nagaland can never be developed and our target is to double the income of farmers and make village life more comfortable, said Rio.

Appreciating the district officers for taking active part in the Board and carrying out the government's policies and programmes, he encouraged them to share the important

responsibilities amongst the members and to help out the public towards the development of the district. He also challenged the district officers to take keen interest in bringing innovation and adopt good policies and set an example for other districts.

Rio also emphasised on Permanent Residence of Indigenous People, indigenous people in Nagaland, stating that the real responsibility lies with the grassroots i.e the Village Council and the nearest administrative officer who will be certifying the person for issue of Indigenous Certificate from Deputy Commissioner's Office. He therefore said that the responsibility is with the village council to give the right certification of the person to avoid any penalties and the administrative officers should be aware of the amendment of the Village Council and Tribal Council Act and guide the district people.

On the DPDB agenda, setting up a verification committee for LADP Scheme 2022-2023, the Board decided to have one level of verification in the month of December. For change of medical administration from CMO Dimapur to CMO Kohima for the village of Thekrujuna and creation of sub-center, the Board decided to forward it to the concerned department.

IEC AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR THONOKNYU AND PANSO BLOCK HELD

As a part of ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) awareness, Implementing Support Agency (ISA), Public Health Engineering Department, Tuensang Division and Alongphi Welfare Society conducted village level IEC activities under Thonoknyu and Panso Block in Noklak district from 19th to 30th November 2022, covering more than 18 villages.

During the training, ISA PHED team visited Jal Jeevan Mission pre-implementing villages (yet to start), implementing villages (ongoing) and post-implementing villages (completed villages).

During the training, PHED ISA Team highlighted on the importance of community

participation for the success of JJM in the villages, Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and source water conservation and safe drinking water quality, regular checking of water quality through Field Testing Kits (FTK), operation and maintenance.

FTK handling, by the villages, FTK user/Swachhagrahis and WATSAN Committee, was also demonstrated by the ISA Team during the training. The trainees were Village Council members, WATSAN committee members, Swachhagrahis, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and church members.

CM RIO INAUGURATES MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AT ZUNHEBOTO



Zunheboto Multi-Purpose Hall was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at Zunheboto on 4th November 2022.

The Multi-Purpose Hall Zunheboto was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 4th November 2022.

Neiphiu, while addressing the gathering at the inauguration programme said Zunheboto is known as the land of warriors, and now with civilization and Christianity, there is no more head hunting and urged upon the people of Zunheboto to be the warrior of peace. He added that games and sports teach discipline and team spirit, and therefore urged upon the sports persons to make a strong community, with the building having been completed.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu while speaking at the event informed that Rs. 2 crore were initially allotted out of which Rs. 60 lakh for land was used and Rs. 60 lakh more was allotted, and added that due to funding deficient, he approached the CM for another one crore

which was allotted and it could be materialized at the stipulated time.

President, Sumi Hoho, Niheto Jimomi while delivering the welcome address lauded the CM for his initiatives in the Zunheboto district while highlighting that under the CM's Chairmanship, purchases of land were made for Supply Godown costing Rs. 70 lakh, land compensation at Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu costing Rs. 2.78 crore, Zunheboto town graveyard costing Rs. 66.78 lakh, land extension for Zunheboto Government College costing Rs. 25 lakh and Multi-Purpose Hall costing Rs. 60 lakh besides other developments. Mentioning about 50 years of Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu (KPA) existence, he urged the authorities to take measures to introduce degree courses at KPA at the earliest, and if possible in the upcoming academic session.

CM RIO INAUGURATES SOVIMA POLICE STATION


Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton with other dignitaries during the inauguration of Sovima Police Station at Chümoukedima on 5th November 2022.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Sovima Police Station in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister, Y. Patton at Sovima village, Chümoukedima on 5th November 2022.

In his address, Rio said the creation of the new Police Station was necessitated not only for the security of the 14 villages that comes under it but to cater to the security of sports persons, specially from the national and international teams, since the Nagaland Cricket Ground (Sovima) hosts many BCCI matches such as Ranji Trophy, Cooch Behar Trophy and Col' C. K. Nayudu Trophy. The location has many government and private institutions such as St. Joseph University, ICFAI, Testo College, Zoological Park, Shokhuvi Railway Station, etc. therefore, he urged the police personnel to render their best possible service for the people.

While reiterating his government's sincere commitment in the field of sports, Rio urged the youths to actively pursue sports as a profession, and said sports is one of the shortest and easiest way if one desires fame and riches. He

added that the State Government has already earmarked cash awards for the state/national/international medal winners, and the government has already established a sports police battallion so as to employ successful sports persons into the Police Department.

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister, Y. Patton thanked the CM for his visionary leadership and for his personal initiative due to which the new police station was made possible. Patton said the primary duty and responsibilities of the police is to maintain law and order and he added that they are the most visible representatives of the government during hours of need, danger, crisis and difficulties. While referring to the challenges of today's world, specially in the area of information technology and the use of social media, these challenges need to be urgently addressed, and admitted that the Police Department need to strengthen its infrastructure and mechanism to upgrade their expertise in the field of cyber- security and cyber-crime in the State.

CM INAUGURATES LM ASTROTURF GROUND

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground-cum- opening of the 30th Loyem Memorial Trophy 2022 on 5th November 2022 at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang. Loyem Memorial Astro Turf ground is the second of its kind after Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima in the State. The 30th Loyem Memorial Trophy 2022 was organized by Chang Wedoshi Setshang (Chang Students' Conference) with the theme 'Goal for Friendship,' it is one of the oldest trophies and highest-paid tournaments in the State.

Speaking on the occasion, Neiphiu congratulated and appreciated the stakeholders who participated in the construction with determination and commitment to making the dream project a reality. He expressed hope that the astroturf ground helps in bringing the young talents of the district to national and international levels. He also reiterated the construction of astroturf in every District Headquarters but raised concern about the reliance on the Centre for funding since Nagaland does not generate enough revenue to construct all immediately. He also stressed the importance of cricket and its scope and he encouraged the people of Tuensang to participate in cricket matches.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Niekha in his short speech stressed the importance of nurturing sports. MLA, Toyang Changkong Chang on behalf of Loyem Family, shared the history of how the LMT came into existence and became one of the longest-running trophies in the State.

President Angami Sports Association, also in his short speech, appreciated the gesture of Chang Sports Association for inviting Angami Sports Association for a friendly match in the opening ceremony of the 30th LMT 2022. The President of ASA as a token of friendship invited the Chang community to give the list of those who want to train for wrestling, and committed to giving coaching to interested individuals. He also announced that ASA will be teaming up with wrestlers from Kazakhstan in which he also invited Chang individuals to take part in the coaching. He hoped this friendship will flourish and grow stronger beyond borders. President CKS also in his short speech appreciated Rio and his government for earmarking Loyem Memorial Ground for the construction of the astroturf ground and making their long cherished dream a reality.

HANGING LIBRARY INAUGURATED AT GMS TENYIPHE II AND GMS BLOCK IV CHÜMOUKEDIMA

Deputy Commissioner, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS inaugurated Hanging Library at GMS Tenyiphe II and GMS Block IV, Chümoukedima on 18th November 2022.

EAC Chümoukedima, Dziesengunuo Mere in her brief speech stated that the value of reading in children's education is enormous as it holds the power to form active citizens in the composition of a more aware and respectful society. Reading

encourages several skills in kids, such as language, vocabulary growth, aptitude development, creativity, and curiosity. Hence, making a library of books available to children in their growing and developmental stage is very important for their overall development, she added.

Mere informed that with the vision of instilling a reading culture, a small library of books comprising mainly of story books and rhyme

books, targeting the primary and middle school students, the books were donated by Pratham Books, Books for all Trust, Noida with the initiative

of DC Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam. She hoped that this little initiative will sow the seeds of cultivating the habit of reading in the students.

WOMEN RESOURCE CENTRE, MOKOKCHUNG INAUGURATED

Women Resource Centre, Mokokchung under Women Resource Development was inaugurated by Vilone Sakhrie, Director, Women Resource Development on 23rd November 2022.

While inaugurating the Centre, Sakhrie apprised the gathering that due to the pandemic and post-pandemic difficulties, the inauguration of the Centre was delayed. Nevertheless, he assured that various women-centric programmes and activities shall be implemented as per the needs and requirements of the District in due course of time. Also, while applauding the Department's long partnership with the Watsu Mungdang for implementing various programmes in the District, and sensing the need to upgrade the skills and activities of the women in the district he further assured that, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two parties, various collaborative activities will be charted and implemented accordingly.

S. Arenla Longkumer, President, Watsu Mungdang gave a brief description of how the concept of the Women Resource Centre, Mokokchung was conceived and pursued by Watsu Mungdang. She elaborated on the vision of Watsu Mungdang about the future programmes and activities to be taken up.

During the closing remarks, T. Thungbemo Patton, WRDO & Officers In-Charge Mokokchung informed that the basic foundation of Cooperation between the Department and Watsu Mungdang shall be based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two parties on 20th February 2020 in the Office Chamber of Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development. He also informed that apart from the clause reflected in the MoU for the mutual benefit of both the parties to bring socio-economic empowerment in Nagaland, both parties will work together in various areas in the future.

DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX AND e-SEWA KENDRA INAUGURATED AT LONGLENG



Judge Gauhati High Court, Justice Kakheto Sema along with other officials during the inauguration of District Court Complex, Longleng and e-Sewa Kendra on 24th November 2022.

The District Court Complex, Longleng and e-Sewa Kendra was inaugurated at Longleng on 24th November 2022 by Justice Kakheto Sema, Judge Gauhati High Court.

In his inaugural address, Justice Kakheto Sema said that having a separate court complex will help the judicial officers function independently and fearlessly and encourage the judicial officers

and lawyers to dispense justice to the people.

Justice Sema also said that with the introduction of e-Sewa Kendra in Longleng district, the lawyers, litigants or any person can get access to their case status easily and also obtain orders and judgment which will help not only the judicial officers and lawyers but also the public in general.

DIRECTOR RD INAUGURATES AMPHITHEATRE AT PHIRO VILLAGE

Director, Rural Development (RD), Liboni Humtsoe inaugurated the Amphitheatre at Phiro village under Wozhuro Block of DRDA, Wokha, under 15 FC (untied) during 2022-23, on 26th November 2022.

While addressing the gathering during the inaugural function the Director expressed gratitude to the Wokha District Village Development Board Association (WDVDBA) for their sincere effort in successfully implementing the project, Humtsoe also thanked the land owner for generously and being willing to donate the land to construct the amphitheatre.

Liboni also stated during her inaugural speech that this amphitheater at Phiro village is the first of its kind in Wokha district which was constructed under 15 Finance Commission

2022-23. Highlighting the many project and schemes provided by the government to develop their areas, she urged the village functionaries especially the Village Development Board (VDBs) to transparently and judiciously utilize the funds and implement the schemes as per the specifications and guidelines for the benefit of the community.

President WDVDBA, Mhondamo Shitiri while welcoming the gathering on behalf of the Phiro village and the WDVDBA thanked the Director, RD department for the keen interest and for initiating the project. He also thanked the land donors, Late Shandamo and Late Khvudemo Odyuo and their families for generously donating the land to construct the amphitheatre.



Union Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar with officials of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland during her visit to Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 11th November 2022.



Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along with Principals of Government Colleges during the Annual Conference of Government College Principals at Conference Hall, Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima on 18th November 2022.



Speakers and Deputy Speakers of North East Legislative Assemblies along with other officials during the joint meeting of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone III and Executive Council, North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training & Research (NERIPSTR), held at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 17th November 2022.



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