



Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio visiting the exhibition stalls set up during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2023.



Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha IAS flagging off the walkathon held during the Iconic Events Week in honour of the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, in Kohima on 18th January 2023.



First time voters being felicitated by Election Commission of India at de Oriental Grand Hotel, Kohima on 13th January 2023.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

FINAL PUBLICATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS has notified that the final electoral roll with reference to 1st January 2023 as the qualifying date has been prepared and published on 5th January 2023 by the respective Electoral Registration Officer of all the districts in the State.

Total electors in the State as per the final published roll is as follows:

General Electors			Service Electors			Total Electors		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
653616	656035	1309651	7873	108	7981	661489	656143	1317632

The final electoral rolls can be checked/downloaded from the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland website at www.ceo.nagaland.gov.in

DoSE NOTIFIES HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Directorate of School Education has drawn the attention of Heads of all Government Schools (GHSS/GHS/GMS/GPS) to the Office's Notification of even number dated 16th June 2022, with regard to the fee structure which is to be followed in Government Schools functioning within the State of Nagaland.

Further, it is reiterated that No Admission Fee and Exam Fee shall be collected from students up to Class VIII except that to be paid to the NBSE as per RTE Act, 2009. The Order is for strict compliance by all concerned.

ADVISORY NOTE ON CMHIS ENROLMENT CAMPS

In reiteration of various directions issued by the Government on the matter of registration for Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and card generation under AB PM-JAY CMHIS, it has been brought to the notice of the authority that pensioners and persons without ration cards are being turned away from some enrolment camps. It is also being reported that some enrolment camps are charging money for registration beyond the Rs. 20 prescribed. While it is uncertain if this is being done with the active knowledge of the administrative officers conducting the camp, the SPOC have been requested to ensure that the directives on the conduct of CMHIS are followed. The following are being reiterated for compliance of all officers conducting the enrolment camps:

1. The CMHIS is intended only for the Indigenous Inhabitants/Permanent Residents of the State. Accordingly, only Indigenous Inhabitant Ration Card Holder will be eligible for the CMHIS Card.
2. All persons who are eligible to be covered under the CMHIS including ration card holders are to be assisted for registration/card issuance at the enrolment camps.
3. Registration for CMHIS (GEN) at the enrolment camps in rural area does not require PRC/IIC for persons indigenous to the district and residents of the village. The head of household and all members of the family will be certified by the Village Council Chairman on the household verification format, and this will be attested by the administrative officer present in the camp itself after physically verifying the applicants.
 - This will be uploaded by the operators and they will be approved instantly.
 - eKYC for each dependent is required for the card generation on the basis of OTP to their Aadhar linked phone number or biometric authentication.
 - However, this provision is available only to authorized Camp Mode operator log ins, and it is to be ensured that Camp Mode log ins are used during the enrolment camps where an administrative officer is available to physically verify and sign the household details.

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4. Registrations for CMHIS (GEN) at enrolment camps in the urban areas require the PRC/IIC for the head of the household only. Indigenous Inhabitant Certificate and Permanent Resident Certificate issued after 2016 are mandated to have the photo of the person and the name & signature of the issuing authority. Those Certificates issued prior to 2016 that have these data fields may also be accepted by the verifying authorities. The administrative officer present at the camp has to be satisfied of the veracity of these certificates before signing.
 - The other members of the household are not required to submit the PRC/IIC. However, each dependent can be added only on the submission of a documentary proof of relationship.
 - Such applications once uploaded will be approved instantly.
 - eKYC for each dependent is required for the card generation on the basis of household details enumerated in the ration card.
5. Ration card holders do not need to register. They can go directly for card issuance on the basis of OTP to their Aadhaar linked phone number or biometric authentication.
6. Charges: Only Rs. 20 can be charged for the registration of a CMHIS household at these camps. The card generation/issuing are to be free of charge, as Zephyr Operators are paid Rs. 25 per card issuance/delivered by NHA.
7. Kiosk ID: Ensure that all operators use the Camp Mode log ins/Kiosk ID so that the registrations being done are accurately reflected in the district dashboards which are being monitored by the respective Deputy Commissioner of the district as well as the State Health Authority.

STATE LEVEL MEDIA CERTIFICATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

In view of the upcoming General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023 and in compliance to Commission's instructions vide Letter No. 491/MCMC/1/2023/ Communication dated 5th January 2023, the State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) has been constituted as under:

1. Chairman : V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS
Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland.
2. Member : One Observer appointed by the ECI stationed in Kohima.
3. Member : Dzüvinuo Theünuo,
Additional Director & HoD,
Directorate of Information & Public Relations.
4. Member : K. Sonikumar Singh,
Assistant Director, PIB Kohima.
5. Member : Alice Yhoshu,
Journalist & President of Kohima Press Club.
6. Member Secretary : Alila Chang,
Deputy Chief Electoral Officer & Media Nodal Officer, CEO's Office.
7. Member : Tongtiliba Longkumer,
Director,
Directorate of Information Technology & Communication.

The State Level Appellate MCMC shall perform two sets of functions:

- I. Deciding appeal from both District and Certification Committee in the CEO's Office of advertisement as per the Commission Order No.509/75/2004/JS-I Dated 15th April 2004.

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- II. Examining all cases of paid news on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases taken up suo motu, in which case, it shall direct the concerned ROs to issue notices to the candidates.

SCHOOL EDUCATION ISSUES GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Guidelines on School Safety and Security, 2021 for fixing accountability of the school management in the matter of the safety of children studying in all schools including both Government and Private Schools in Nagaland notified by the Government of Nagaland vide Notification No. DSE/MISC/SAFETY/12-12/2022 dated 29th November 2022, have come into force from the date of issue of the aforementioned notification by the Government.

Heads of all categories of schools (Government/Private/KV/JNV/CBSE/CISCE/ EMRS) functioning within the State of Nagaland have been informed to download a copy of the Guidelines on School Safety and Security, 2021 made available at the Department's website <https://education.nagaland.gov.in> and also at the Department's Online Education Services Portal <https://dosenl.in>.

School Heads may sensitize all stakeholders regarding the Guidelines on School Safety and Security, 2021, and ensure the safety of children studying in their schools.

BANUO Z JAMIR SWORN IN AS LOKAYUKTA, NAGALAND

Banuo Z. Jamir, former Chief Secretary of Nagaland was sworn in as the new Lokayukta, Nagaland during a programme held at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 18th January 2023.

During the oath taking ceremony, Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS initiated the proceedings, while Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS administered the oath of office.

ECI NOTIFIES ON ELECTION SCHEDULE

The Election Commission of India through its Press Note NO.ECI/PN/1/2023 dated 18/01/2023 has announced the schedule for conduct of General Elections to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The schedule for the election is as follows:

Poll Events	Date and Day
Date of issue of Gazette Notification	31/01/2023 (Tuesday)
Last date of making nominations	07/02/2023 (Tuesday)
Date for scrutiny of nominations	08/02/2023 (Wednesday)
Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	10/02/2023 (Friday)
Date of poll	27/02/2023 (Monday)
Date of counting	02/03/2023 (Thursday)
Date before which election shall be completed	04/03/2023 (Saturday)

Consequent on the announcement of the schedule for the General Election to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2023, the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) comes into effect immediately. All the provision of the MCC will be applicable to the whole State with regard to all Candidates, Political Parties, the State Government and to the Union Government.

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NBSE ISSUES HSLC/HSSLC EXAMINATION DATE

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all concerned that the NBSE has scheduled the Board Examinations as follows:

1. High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination 2023
 - from 10th March to 22nd March 2023
2. Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examination 2023
 - from 9th March to 31st March 2023.

The Class XI Promotion Examination 2023 will be conducted simultaneously with HSSLC Examination in the afternoon from 9th March to 31st March 2023.

24,360 students have enrolled for the HSLC Examination 2023 and 16,083 students have enrolled to appear the HSSLC Examination 2023. A total of 22,005 students will be appearing for the Class XI Promotion Examination 2023.

The time of start of the examinations of HSLC and HSSLC will be at 9:00 am and Class XI will be at 1:00 pm.

The routines of the HSLC, HSSLC and Class XI Promotion Examinations 2023 have been made available at www.nbsenl.edu.in. The list of Examination Centres and School-wise allocation of Roll Numbers will be uploaded in the Board's website soon.

GOVERNMENT ID CARDS TO BE ISSUED BY P&AR DEPARTMENT

In the interest of the public service and as per the minutes of the joint meeting of the Departments of Home (SAB-A Branch) and Personnel & Administrative Reforms (PIMS Cell) held on 29.09.2022, the authority for issue of Identity Cards to all Government employees of the State has transferred from Home Department to P&AR Department with immediate effect.

Y. RUTH MURU DESIGNATED AS PRO, PHQ

In Supersession of all existing orders, SP (SCRB), PHQ has been designated as the Public Relation Officer (PRO of PHQ).

Charter of duties:

1. Preparation and dissemination of all Press Releases issued by PHQ after due consultation with competent authority.
2. Preparation and dissemination of all content on Nagaland Police (PHQ) Social Media handled including Facebook, Twitter etc.
3. Supervision and monitoring of all media content of Nagaland Police Units.
4. Administration of Nagaland Police Senior Officers Whatsapp Group and other Nagaland Police social media handles.
5. Liaison with DD, AIR and other media houses as required.

The details of the PRO:

1. Name : Y. Ruth Muru, NPS
2. Rank and designation : SP (SCRB) PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima
3. Contact number : 9436602442/8730873815
4. Email id : scrb-ngl@nic.in

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OVERLOADED HEAVY VEHICLES TO BE PENALISED

The Motor Vehicles Department, Office of the Transport Commissioner Nagaland has issued press information, stating that overloading on highways and roads is becoming a complex issue of concern in the State. The problem of overloading of heavy vehicles is so serious that not only is it causing damage to our road infrastructure, and rapid deterioration of roads resulting in increased maintenance and transportation costs, especially in the State where most of the roads lack quality, but also increasing the possibility of unnecessary loss of life.

Overloaded vehicles threaten road safety and are contributing to many fatal accidents on the roads. The overloaded vehicle not only puts the driver at risk but also passengers and other road users.

In light of general public safety and awareness, the Motor Vehicle Department has informed that any officer of the Motor Vehicles Department authorized on this behalf by the State Government shall, if he has reason to believe that a goods vehicle or trailer is being used in contravention of Section 113 of the MV Act, 1988, require the driver to convey the vehicle to a weighing device, if any, within a distance of 10 Km from any point on the forward route or within a distance of 20 Km from the destination of the vehicle for weightment; and if on such weightment, the vehicle is found to contravene in any respect the provisions of Section 113 regarding weight, he may, by order in writing, direct the driver to off-load the excess weight at his own risk and not to remove the vehicle or trailer from that place until the laden weight has been reduced or the vehicle or trailer has otherwise been dealt with so that it complies with Section 113 and on receipt of such notice, the driver shall comply with such directions.

In the exercise of powers conferred under Section 200 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1989 as amended by the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019, the Government of Nagaland vide Notification No. TPT/MV/3/2013 dated 12th November has empowered officers not below the rank of Assistant Road Safety and Enforcement Inspector under the Motor Vehicles Department and Sub-Inspector of Police under Police Department either before or after the institution of the prosecution offenses committed under Section 194 of MV Act 1988 with fine of minimum Rs. 20, 000 and Rs. 2,000 per excess tonne, and liability to pay for overloading.

H&FW NOTIFIES

The Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) has notified that Section 4 & 6 (b) of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce) Acts 2003 prohibits smoking in public places and sale of tobacco products within 100 meters of any educational institution respectively.

It also said that that all Health Centers come under the purview of public places and also all Health Centers are considered as learning centers and come under the purview of educational institution and contravention of the Provision of the Act by any person is punishable by law.

The Department stated that in exercise of the power conferred by Section 4 and 6 of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply, and Distribution) Act 2003 and also considering the ever-increasing disease burden attributed to tobacco use, the State Government declare all District Hospitals (DH), Community Health Centers (CHC), Primary Health Centers (PHC), Sub-Centers (SC), Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Offices, Medical Superintendent (MS) Offices, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) and Directorate of Health & Family Welfare as Tobacco-Free Zone and henceforth smoking, using of tobacco products within the hospital premises and sale of tobacco products within 100 meters from any hospital is prohibited with effect from 1st February 2023.

The Principal Director, all Heads of Offices in charge of Hospitals, CMOs, MSs and Nursing-in-Charge are authorized to take action against anybody who contravenes the provision of Section 4 and 6 (b) of COTPA 2003 within their jurisdiction.

DEPARTMENT OF H&FW BIDS FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR



A farewell programme was held for Principal Director, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare on 5th January 2023.

A farewell programme was held on 5th January 2023 at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) for the outgoing Principal Director,

Y. Kikheto Sema (IAS), Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW delivered a speech which was followed by citation and presentation by Dr. Temjentsungla, incoming Principal Director, DH&FW.

Retiring Principal Director, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi expressed gratitude to all the officers and staff of the Department for the support rendered, and encouraged all to continue to work together. The programme was chaired by Dr. Vibeitunuo Mepfuo, Director (Health), scripture reading and prayer by Joint Director, Dr. Khelito, and a special song was presented by NHM.

FAREWELL PARADE FOR T. JOHN LONGKUMER HELD AT NAPTC, CHUMOUKEDIMA

A Farewell Parade of T. John Longkumer, IPS, outgoing Director General of Police, Nagaland was held at NAPTC, Chumoukedima on 7th January 2023.

Thanking the Nagaland Police for the wonderful Farewell Parade accorded to him, Longkumer highlighted the history and experience of his service as a police officer and thanked all the Nagaland Police for cooperating, and expressed pride and gratitude to be associated with the Nagaland Police. He also paid respect to the policemen and women and officers who were with him during the Chattisgarh conflict.



Farewell parade of outgoing Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS was held at NAPTC, Chumoukedima on 7th January 2023.

NCC COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP AT MOKOKCHUNG

A Combined Annual Training Camp for NCC Cadets from schools and colleges affiliated with 25 Naga Bn NCC started at Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung on 6th January 2023. Around 250 cadets from the districts of Mokokchung, Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Shamator, Noklak, Wokha, Phek, Peren, Chumoukedima, and Kiphire participated in the camp.

The opening address was delivered by Col. CST Swamy, Camp Commandant. The basic tenets of discipline and the importance of various training activities planned for the cadets were highlighted by the officer. Lt. Col. Pradosh and a number of Associate NCC Officers and Permanent Instructor Staff attended the event.

A lecture was delivered by Molodongba,

President of the Mokokchung Voluntary Blood Donors Association on the benefits of blood donation. He said it is only the surplus blood in the body that is donated and the donors do not have any negative side effects from donating blood.

Athili, Chief Manager of the Financial Inclusion Division, State Bank of India Mokokchung spoke to the cadets about financial literacy and explained the benefits of opening a savings bank account. The importance of savings, investing, internet banking, and mobile banking was explained at length by the Chief Manager. Various schemes like Atal Pension Yojana and Atal Bima Yojana were showcased by the bank staff.

STATE FUNERAL FOR LATE DR. IMTIWAPANG AIER HELD

Nagaland State Government held a funeral programme in honour of former Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) and MLA, Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier at the Heritage, DC Bungalow, Kohima on 8th January 2023.

NLA Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer on behalf of the 13th August House and his family, said Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier was elected to the State Assembly from 23 Impur AC and appointed as Parliamentary Secretary of Geology & Mining, and also appointed as the 12th NLA Speaker on 21st March 2017. He was also re-elected in the same constituency in 2018 and served as MLA.

Minister for Planning & Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, and Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir (Ao Legislature Forum) expressed their grief and sorrow on the occasion. The eulogies also mentioned the contributions and achievements

of the deceased both at national and international level.

Former Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman of United Democratic Alliance (UDA), T. R. Zeliang said Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier had a selfless inclination and sacrifice for the common welfare of the people. He said the former speaker was a man of principle, devotion, and loyalty and his demise is a great loss to the AOs and the Nagas.

Wife of Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier, Kiehungle shared about Late Aier's illness and sudden demise, while expressing gratitude to the people and the Government for showing love and care.

President, Sungratsu Senso Telongjem Kohima, Er. T. Chubayanger, President, Kohima Aor Telongjem, Chubalepzuk acknowledged the well-wishers, and State Government and expressed their grief and sorrow on behalf of the

organization. DEF Kohima gave the Guard of Honour to Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier. Prelude by 'Kiwihira String Quartet' was displayed during the programme. Word of God and benediction was shared by State Chaplain, Rev. T. W. Yamyap Konyak. Secretary-in-charge, NLA, Khruohituno Rio who chaired the last rites programme, also read out the condolence messages of Governor of Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, and the State

Government.

A host of Ministers, Advisors, and MLAs, senior bureaucrats, and others attended the funeral programme. A large number of mourners laid wreaths, and paid their last respects to Late Dr. Imtiwabang Aier. The mortal remains proceeded to his native Sungratsu village to be laid to rest.

MEETING OF THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE ELECTION HELD

The Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS along with officers of CEO's Office held a meeting of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Election (SSCAE) on 9th January 2023 at the CEO's Office to deliberate issues on accessible elections with regard to the forthcoming General Election to Nagaland Legislative Assembly, 2023. The Steering Committee was chaired by CEO, Nagaland.

In the meeting, some of the important issues discussed were PwDs mapping and enrolment of voters, free transportation, polling station infrastructures (like location of the polling station on the ground floor/providing ramps/wheelchairs/volunteers for PwDs and senior citizens on the polling day), preparation of pictorial representation through posters and videos and sign language interpreters, appointment of Accessible Observers, IT infrastructure and accessible communication, training and

sensitization of polling personnel for facilitation of PwDs and senior citizens, coordination and partnership with CSOs/NGOs, home voting facilities and helpline facilities for PwDs and senior citizens.

The State Steering Committee on Accessible Election (SSCAE) Members who attended the meeting were Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton, Additional Director, Health & Family Welfare, Diethono Nakhro, State Commissioner for PwDs, Dr. Nitovi Shikhu, Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare, Temsunaro Aier, Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, School Education, Dr. Chumbeni Kikon, Joint Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, School Education, Lanusenla Lemtur, Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Tongpang L. Jamir, Nagaland Parents Association for Disabled and Venedulu Vero, Research Officer, Social Welfare.

MEDIA FELLOWSHIP 2023 LAUNCHED

The Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWBB) launched the Media Fellowship 2023 at DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima on 13th January 2023.

Chief Executive Officer, NBOCWBB, Dr. T.

Chubayanger, chairing the function, said that the first Media Fellowship was introduced in 2022, and motivated by the success of the fellowship, the NBOCWBB decided to announce the Media Fellowship 2023.

Dr. Kekhrie Yhome, Chairman of NBOCWBB said after the successful culmination of the first media fellowship which showcased the plight of construction workers, the NBOCWBB decided to award the fellowship to two parties, namely the Kohima Press Club (KPC) and DIPR. He said that DIPR will initiate the production of two documentaries on Immigrants Workers engaged in Nagaland in the building and construction sectors, and Internal Migration within Nagaland amongst Nagas in the search for livelihood through the building and construction sectors. He also said that KPC will initiate fellows/awards in three categories, Feature Writing/ Reporting, Photojournalism, and Video journalism.

During the acceptance speech, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, Additional Director and HoD, IPR said with such privilege bestowed to the Department as an organization, it is a challenge but also a delight to accept it and said that the Department will endeavor to deliver a production that will be worth showcasing to the public. She said Naga people do not lack talent or artistry in documentary production as a whole, except for some logistic and professional technicalities, but apart from that, Nagas do not lack creativity.

Theünuo thanked the board for coming up with a path-breaking initiative, not only concerning DIPR video production but by engaging Kohima Press Club. She said that the public has been given a glimpse into the world of the unorganized



Additional Director & HoD, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo with Chairman, Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Kekhrie Yhome and other officials during the launch of Media Fellowship 2023 at DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima on 13th January 2023.

sector. She further said that the daily wagers have to work daily despite the weather conditions and time, and are practically earning their livelihood through their toils and sweat. She said that if there is a gap in the delivery of the welfare schemes wherein the targeted beneficiaries are not getting the benefits, the Department is also duty-bound to bridge the gap. Theünuo said that KPC, being the most powerful voice in society to influence people, should highlight stories in objective ways and influence the public and policymakers in showcasing the plight of the workers.

Convenor of Kohima Press Club Media Fellowship 2022, Rita Krocha thanked NBOCWBB for awarding the media fellowship to KPC and said that apart from feature writing/reporting, this year, NBOCWBB has extended the fellowship to other mediums like Photo Journalism and Video Journalism which will impact in imparting awareness to the public.

The launch programme ended with the signing of the Contract Agreement with DIPR and KPC by NBOCWBB.

ECI VISITS NAGALAND



The Election Commission of India led by Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar during a press conference held at Kohima on 13th January 2023.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) led by Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners, Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel arrived at Kohima on 13th January 2023 evening.

On arrival, the ECI held a separate meeting with the various political parties of the State, Enforcement Agencies (both Central and State) at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima. The Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V Shashank Shekhar, IAS and state police nodal officers also gave a presentation on poll preparedness during the occasion. Later, the ECI also had an interaction with the first time voters.

On 14th January 2023, the ECI, led by the Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar, conducted

a press conference at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima. The panel highlighted various initiatives and programmes taken up by the Commission to conduct elections with the highest standard of transparency, accountability and credibility. The media personnel were also briefed on the steps and measures initiated by the Commission to promote clean and fair election. It also appealed to all the eligible voters to participate in the electoral process. It was informed that for the 60 Assembly Constituencies in Nagaland, there are 13,09,651 electors, with 6,53,616 male and 6,56,035 female. It added that there are 6,970 PwD electors, 1,675 centenarian (100+) electors and 30,049 first time voters (18-19).

ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON HEALTH STANDARDS HELD

A two-day orientation workshop for the State of Nagaland on Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) 2022 started on the 13th January 2023 at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Ritu Thurr, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland said that the main objective of the

workshop is to sensitize and create awareness to improve the areas of concern in the health sector as per IPHS norms. It will bring benefits in service delivery for the State and also help the Department improve the health indicators.

Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW stated that there are great challenges faced in the health sector in the State



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and requested all the officers present to propose setting up health units only on a need basis. He also urged the officers to have a consultation sitting with the churches and community to work together and come into partnership in building up community-based health centers in those that are lying non-functional.

The workshop comprised Offline and Online modes covering topics on the importance of IPHS 2022, Understanding Critical Areas, Support Services, Planning for IPHS and Linkages with

DHAP, Anemia Mukht Bharat, Human Resources for Health, Public Health Management Cadre, Challenges & Possible Solutions for IPHS implementation, with Prasanth K. S. PHA, NHSRC, Dr. Musarrat Siddiqui, NHSRC, NHSRC, Dr. Surajit Chowdhary, NE-RRC. Dr. Sila Deb, Additional Commissioner & in-charge, Nutrition Division, MoHFW, Mona Gupta, Advisor, HRH, NHSRC, Dr. Poonam, NHSRC, and Dr. Himanshu Bhushan, Advisor, PHA, NHSRC as resource persons.

CEO's OFFICE CONDUCTS TWO DAY DLMTS TRAINING PROGRAMME

In view of the upcoming State Assembly Election, Chief Electoral Officer's Office, Nagaland conducted a two-day Training Programme for District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs) from 17th to 18th January 2023 at DC's Conference Hall Kohima.

While briefing the Master Trainers, Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V Shashank Shekhar, IAS said that India is a democratic country and election is the heart of any democracy and at the heart of any governance. He, therefore, urged

the Master Trainers to ensure that thorough instructions and training are given to all the polling officials. The CEO also remarked that one small mistake can affect the entire election process and asked the officials to be very alert and careful and to minutely sensitize polling personnel in their respective districts and encourage them to co-operate fully with the district administration, police, sector officers, etc. for smooth flow of the election process. The CEO also requested the officials from newly created districts to bring up

any required support to the CEO's Office.

The DLMTs were divided into two batches, with the first batch comprising of Pughoboto, Peren, Longleng, Kiphire, Dimapur, Zunheboto, Wokha, Phek, and Mokokchung were placed

at DC's Conference Hall for the training, while Tseminyu, Noklak, Shamator, Chumoukedima, Tuensang, Kohima and Mon were placed at DPDB Hall, (District Planning Machinery) for the two-day training.

WORKSHOP CONDUCTED FOR SENIOR STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS

A two-day training workshop 'Nagaland Immersion' for senior health officials of the state focused on health system strengthening through capacity building conducted by ECHO India and NHM Nagaland was held at Hotel de Oriental Grand Kohima on 17th January 2023. The training apprised the State's health officials about effectively implementing ECHO'S 'All Teach All Learn' model of capacity building to further strengthen the state's health system.

During the inaugural session of the workshop, Mission Director, NHM, Dr. Ritu Thurr highlighted that with the signing of a MoU between ECHO India and NHM Nagaland a few years back, the TB Programme, Immunization, and the Nursing Councils of Nagaland were successfully initiated and also through the ECHO platforms, virtual training during COVID-19 pandemic successfully conducted, where more than 300 frontline workers across the State were trained. He also said the ECHO gave strong support and contribution to the State during the COVID-19 pandemic, initiation of various immunization with different models, and medical education were also successful.

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Kikheto Sema, IAS said though Nagaland has a small population, when it comes to the health sector, a lot needs to be done because of its geographical and topographical conditions. He said visualizing this importance in 2001, the government started a communalization to create

awareness amongst the minds of the people in the health and education sector but the state was not in a position to implement it, he, therefore, said the way forward with the intervention of Project ECHO to create awareness in the minds of the people and giving importance was by ways of motivations and training as they have only limited resources. He also mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic has opened the need to provide better health care to the people. He highlighted that the state government's vision is to provide equitable, affordable, and speedy health care to all its people, but the government cannot do it alone and needs all communities and right-minded organizations to be involved in this vision.

Associate Vice President, ECHO India, Dr. Sandeep Bhalia also presented a PowerPoint overview of ECHO India's Key Highlights. The resource persons for the two-day training were Manager Training Team, Palash Tiwari, Senior Executive Training Team, Ismail Ahmed, and Associate Manager Training Team, Sonam Parnami.

The ECHO India, established in 2008, is a non-profit trust focused on bringing equity primarily in the fields of healthcare and education through capacity building of healthcare practitioners and educators. In Nagaland, ECHO India has already established two tele-mentoring hubs and has partnered with the state's National Health Mission (NHM), State Tuberculosis

Cell (STC) Kohima, and the Nagaland Nursing Council, with an aim to build the capacities of healthcare workers in primary and tertiary care centres. The ongoing partnerships span various

focus areas, such as tuberculosis, COVID-19 vaccination advocacy, and mentoring nursing staff.

126th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE OBSERVED

KOHIMA:



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS unfurling the National Flag during the commemoration of 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 18th January 2023.

The unfurling of 126 National Flags for commemorating the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was held on 18th January 2023 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima with Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary described Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as one of the foremost and most loved freedom fighters of the nation whose epochal contributions in the freedom movement remain unparalleled that continues to inspire and live in the heart of every countryman. He also said

Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless sacrifices for the freedom of the nation has made everyone bow in reverence and awe.

During the occasion, 126 National Flags were unfurled at the Civil Secretariat Plaza led by Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam. Other highlights of the programme included the culmination of the participants of Walkathon and Brass and Pipe Band display by the Nagaland Police Training School Brass Band, Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band, 15th NAP (Mahila) Battalion Pipe Band and the 1st Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

On 18th January 2023, more than 500 volunteers from National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS), and Assam Rifles participated in the walkathon held during the Iconic Events Week in honour of the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The walkathon was flagged off by Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS from Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, and it culminated at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza. Speaking on the occasion, Sinha said that the walkathon was organized to give a befitting honour to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, whose birthday anniversary falls on 23rd January. He said that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was

one of the most patriotic and loved freedom fighters in the nation, and that Netaji had a close connection with the Naga people when he and the Indian National Army came and stayed in Nagaland during the Second World War.



Students participating in the Drawing & Painting Competition on the life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 18th January 2023.

As part of the celebration of Iconic Events Week and to commemorate the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a Drawing & Painting Competition on the life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima

on 18th January 2023. A total of 126 students from 26 schools in Kohima took part in the competition which was organized by the Nagaland Board of School Education. The 20 best drawings and paintings were chosen by three judges, who are artists from the Department of Art & Culture. The drawings were later put up for viewing at the Capital Cultural Hall during the evening cultural programme.

CHESEZU VILLAGE:

Commemorating the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a programme was observed in Chesezu village in Phek district with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS as chief guest on 18th January 2023.

Kumar Ramnikant said Netaji came to Chesezu fighting for the freedom of the country. Chesezu was fortunate to witness the inspiration, motivation, and teachings of Netaji. He urged Chesezu village to maintain the statue of Bose and assured that the district administration would also give its best. The DC appealed to the large gathering for a free and fair election in the forthcoming general election, adding 'great names have great responsibilities, therefore,



Director, Tourism, Keduosie-u M Rio unveiled the Watch Tower of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Chesezu village, Phek on 18th January 2023.

Chesezu should be a model village.'

Keduosie-u M Rio, Director of Tourism unveiled the Watch Tower of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (Funding agency - Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, and executed by Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland).

Vezo Swuro a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was present at the Iconic

Events and was also felicitated by the Deputy Commissioner. Earlier, a welcome speech was delivered by the Chairman of Chesezu Village Council. The unfurling of the national flag by the Deputy Commissioner of Phek, playing of the national anthem, cultural performance by Chesezu villagers, Netaji slogan - a tribute to Netaji by Sunday School children of Chetheba Town Baptist Church were the highlights of the programme.

RUZAZHO VILLAGE:

The 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was observed in Ruzazho village

in Phek district with Maj. Gen. Vikas Lakhera, SM, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) on 18th January 2023.

Lakhera said Netaji visited Ruzazho in 1944 and marked it as a historic village for Nagaland and India. Lakhera recalled Netaji Memorial Development in Nagaland was for the people.

Cekrolhu Swuro (living witness of Netaji) released balloons. Welcome address was delivered by Sesato Swuro, Chairman of Ruzazho Village Council. Subhasji Subhasji - Jazz Band 1 AR and Cultural Group were also performed.

TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON 'PREPARATORY SURVEY ON NAGALAND MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT' HELD

A one-day technical seminar on 'Preparatory Survey on Nagaland Medical College Hospital Development Project' to enhance the effectiveness of the project by introducing the knowledge, technology, and good practices of Japan and other states to the Department of Health & Family Welfare and the Nagaland Medical College Hospital under the JICA Survey Team was conducted at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 20th January 2023.

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS said health is one of the most important sectors that need to be addressed. He mentioned that for a Regional Institute or National Institute, the State would depend only on loan assistance from Union Government and also support from the Union Government and external agencies for various reasons. He mentioned that the first project with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was initiated in 2015 with Rs. 533 crore, of which, Rs. 115 crore have been availed in 2019 and

the project would wind up on 31st March 2027. He said also there are 608 district hospitals, CSCs, PSCs, and primary health centres across the State and called upon the officers and staff of the department to see to the needs of the people, especially in the rural areas and since the infrastructures of these hospitals and centres are in a bad shape. He also called upon the JICA team if they could take up such smaller projects too and also put out the offer to any individuals or organization of the state.

Team Leader, JICA Survey Team, Keiko Nagai in her keynote address through a PowerPoint presentation on Preparatory Survey on Nagaland Medical College Hospital Development Project, highlighted the project objective, its component, the target area, Concerned Agencies, Preparatory Survey, etc. She also highlighted the JICA and Official Development Aid (ODA) Loan and Applicable Japanese Technology and Experiences for the project.

Professor, Faculty of Chemistry for Medicine, Kagawa University, Prof. Kenji Wada, through a PowerPoint presentation highlighted the contents of the lessons one can learn from JICA Advanced Training for AIIMS and relevant Institutes, while Medical Human Resources Development Expert,

JICA Survey Team, Dr. Yoshihisa Yamazaki and Yukari Oshima explained on the examples of Clinical Training in Teaching Hospital in Japan.

A nine-member JICA Survey Team participated in the technical seminar.

PIB CONDUCTS MEDIA WORKSHOP

Vartalap, a one-day media workshop, was organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, under the theme SVEEP & Ethics of Election Reporting at Eastgate Hotel, Kohima on 21st January 2023.

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V Shashank Shekhar, IAS speaking at the media workshop, commended the villages which had recently passed resolution not to accept money, liquor or other inducements during the election, and he expressed hope that more villages will take up such resolution. While pointing out the various measures the government machineries have taken to provide free and fair voting, Shashank reminded that measures taken can be complemented only if voters, citizens, media and all stakeholders come together and provide required information to the enforcement agencies.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS in his speech encouraged the media to educate the people on free and fair elections and let the people know about their voting franchise.

He stated that the media should be there to give constructive criticism and hoped that the media can write positive stories or columns which will have an impact on the community.

During the technical session, Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong shared on the topic 'Checking misinformation specially in social media during elections,' highlighting on click bait, imposter content, biased news, propaganda etc. which are very prevalent on social media platforms. She said that these platforms have become a breeding place for misinformation. Imsong also shared on various past incidents of misinformation on social media. She also spoke on the need to combat fake news and misinformation.

Joint CEO, Nagaland, Sharon Longchari, spoke on 'Dos & Don'ts of election reporting- An ECI perspective,' and shared various provisions made for the media by the Election Commission of India. She also highlighted the media guidelines during elections.

MAJOR ORIENTATION-CUM-TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NEW RECRUITS OF POWER DEPARTMENT

In a significant initiative, Power Department conducted an extensive and constructive Orientation-cum-Training for all newly recruited Officers (4 Sub-Divisional Officers and 35 Junior Engineers) under the Department. The programme was aimed

to familiarize and acquaint the recruits with the functioning and objectives of the Department.

During the formal programme, Er. Moa Aier, Engineer-in-Chief (Power) encouraged the officers to be sincere and responsible in



Newly recruited officers with Engineer-in-Chief, Chief Engineers and senior officers of Power Department during the Orientation-cum-Training held at Kohima on 20th January 2023.

their duties to deliver quality service while also emphasizing the importance of revenue collection. Er. Tiameren Walling, Chief Engineer (D&R) asked the officers to be ready to face the challenges while discharging their duties and maintain utmost integrity while handling revenue matters. The Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. Penrithung Yanthan also encouraged the newly recruited officers to make good use of the Orientation-cum-Training programme to strengthen the Department and deliver the best service to the public.

During the Orientation-cum-Training, the

team had a field visit to some important Power Transmission and Generation Stations. They were also taken to working divisions to familiarize them with Operation & Maintenance and Revenue activities. The programme which began on 11th January culminated on 20th January 2023.

On the concluding day of the programme, the newly recruited officers shared their experiences. Delivering the closing remark, Engineer-in-Chief, Er. Moa Aier encouraged the recruits to maintain integrity, and credibility and not give up as they will be facing real challenges ahead of their service.

GOVERNOR MUKHI GRACES CONVOCATION OF NIT NAGALAND



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In his address, Prof. Mukhi said NIT Nagaland is the first centrally funded technical institute in the State, out of 31 NITs across the country. He said NIT Nagaland is one among the rapidly

growing NITs in the North East region of India and also stated NITs are established not only to promote technical education but to promote social ethics and a new generation with a vision of United India. The Governor encouraged the graduates not to look at this degree as an end to their education, rather, it should serve as a catalyst for their further pursuit of knowledge.

ORANGE FESTIVAL HELD AT RÜSOMA VILLAGE

A two-day Orange Festival 2023 was held at Rüsoma Village Ground Kohima on 24th January 2023. The third edition of the Orange Festival was organized by Rüsoma Village Council partnering with Orange, winter best Vitamin 'C' (Horticulture Department), Jacie (Soyabean) Taste & Tastee, (Agriculture Department), Organic Coffee Bar (Land Resources Department), Backbone of the Village (Rural Development Department) and Publicity & Media (IPR Department).

Speaking as the Fest Father, Additional Director, Rural Development, K. Neibu Sekhose stated that organizing such a festival reflects the unity and oneness amongst the villagers under the good leadership of the village council. He said the festival would set a good example to the rest of the Nagas and would also benefit the villagers as well as neighboring villages towards economic growth. Neibu further hoped that the village would continue to uphold the spirit of oneness and intensify orange farming for economic prosperity in the future.

In his short speech, District Horticulture Officer, S. Senka said that Horticulture is one of the major drivers for economic growth in the country and more remunerative than other

allied sectors which also provides employment possibilities. He said that horticulture crops such as oranges are more resilient to changes in weather conditions (climate change). He also spoke on the paradigm shift in horticulture where Smart Farming/Smart Horticulture is focused on transformation and reorientation from traditional farming to increase yields through productivity, improved resilience, and reduced side effects. He suggested various points to achieve smart horticulture such as Drip-irrigation, Post-harvest and value addition in horticulture crops, modified atmosphere packaging for long productivity and transportation of fruits and vegetables, and insect pollinators for improving productivity and quality of the crops.

Orange farming at Rüsoma village has become one of the main sources of income for the villagers/farmers, who generate cash in terms of lakhs annually. It is learned that presently, out of 78,000 orange trees, 13,000 trees have been harvested, 20,000 trees are at the initial stage, and 35,000 trees are yet to harvest in a week. The villagers are also hopeful that in 5-10 years, income generation annually will cross four to Rs. 5 crore.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF FOUNDATION COURSE FOR NCS (P) AND NSS (P) HELD AT ATI

The combined inaugural function of the NCS (P) 2023 Batch Foundation Course and the 52nd Batch NSS (P) Foundation Course was held at Vision Nagaland Hall, Administrative Training Institution Kohima on 24th January 2023.

Director General, ATI & APC, Nagaland, R. Binchilo Thong, IAS said that civil servants are the backbone of the state, working as a bridge between the common people and the government, as all policies and programmes are processed and executed through them. He said being fresh entrants into government service, training becomes more important because the education of the recruits before entering into government services is mostly degree-oriented whereas training fills the gaps between learning and practical requirements by giving a broad framework or idea of what to do in the workplace initially and improves the occupational skill and knowledge of the employee to work effectively. He also said the focus is to train and mold them in the desired direction and prepare them for government work equips with all the requisite skills, knowledge and attitudes to shoulder the responsibilities of a civil servant needed by the organization.

Addressing the NCS (P), Thong said the civil service that forms the core of government which is the most conspicuous part to start their career in the districts and sub-divisions as field officers and at senior levels, brings all the grassroots experiences to the policy-making role by occupying key posts in various departments. He also said the NSS is the repository of knowledge, rules, conventions and all things about files and paper works in the Secretariat, which is the seat of the State Government, and added that all other service officers, including those from the IAS and NCS, have a lot to learn from the NSS Officers who are permanent in the Secretariat as they are the main driving force, the engine in the Secretariat who can clarify doubts and guide higher ranking senior officers with their expertise thus having a great role to play in policy-making of the government.

A brief overview of the courses was also highlighted by Joint Director & Course Coordinator for NSS (P) Foundation Course, Kaholi Sema, and Assistant Director & Course Coordinator for NCS (P) Foundation Course, Dr. A. Alem W. Longchar. A total of 35 NSS (P) and 10 NCS (P) will undergo the foundation course.

NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

Nagaland celebrated the 13th National Voters' Day (NVD) on the theme 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure.' Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V Shashank Shekhar, IAS in his address stated that NVD is celebrated throughout the country on 25th January every year, on which day, Election Commission of India was established in the year 1950. This day is a day when all the citizens

can remember their rights and responsibilities as voters. The right to vote is not a simple right; people around the world have struggled a lot for this. Since independence, our Constitution has given equal voting rights to all citizens without any discrimination on the basis of merit, religion, race, caste etc. It is therefore the responsibility of all of us, especially our youth, who get the right to

vote for the first time, to exercise their franchise with utmost sincerity and inspire others to do so.

Deputy Commissioner & DEO, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS in his short address said that India became a republic with a hope that democracy, which we are holding on to, will stay forever. Till date, India is the largest democracy in the world and we are able to conduct elections and form government both in the central and the state level and the practice of democracy is upheld. He encouraged the young voters not only to criticize but also to take part in the election, and also urged them to make the election participative, inclusive and accessible.

On the occasion, the CEO gave away prizes for the following - Best Electoral Award 2023 to Thavaseelan K IAS, for his noble initiatives on Systematic Voters Education and Electoral and Electoral Participation during his tenure as DC & DEO MON of Mon district, Jt. CEO & State Nodal officer, Awa Lorin for his contribution in the smooth management of state Electoral Roll and Imnalensa, IPS, SP, Kohima for successful Security Management during the conduct of General Election to the Lok Sabha election, 2019 as SP, Mon. A Special Award 2023 was given to Ketousie, AEO (MIS) for her contribution on IT Application and Electoral Management in the State.

DC Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS also gave award to the following - Best BLOs, Kohima district, Peteneilhou Zenyu, PS 7 Kiruphema Bawe/Basa, 8 Western Angami, Chanda Rai, PS 15 - Chandmari (Upper-II), 9 Kohima town, Kekuolhounyu Yhome, PS - Peraciezie 2, 10 Northern Angami I, Visose-o Rulho PS 38 - Nerhe Model Village, 11 Northern Angami II, Adole Yhokha PS 18 Vikhozou (Kigwema), 14 Southern Angami 1 and Seketo Kintso PS

10 - Kidima (Upper) from 15 Southern Angami II. The DC also felicitated three village councils of Nihokhu under Niuland, Thizama and Kiruphema Basa Village under Kohima for resolving to conduct free and fair elections. The winners of the Poster Slogan Competition on the theme 'Ethical Voting' were also awarded with certificates - 1st to Ruokophrenuo Kisieze from Mount Hermon School, Kohima and the 2nd and 3rd to Dzuzieneinuo Keditsu, Mezbur Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Menuoville Zhotso, G. Rio School, Kohima respectively.

CEO, Nagaland administered the NVD Pledge and also gave away NVD Badge and appreciation certificate to the newly enrolled voters. A message from the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar was also read out on the occasion.

TSEMINYU:

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS along with Council of Rengma Baptist Church, Zunpha, Tseminyu observed the National Voters' Day on 25th January 2023 at CRBC, Zunpha Ground.

The DC stated that National Voters' Day is to encourage to all voters, especially to encourage the youngsters to participate in the election process.

The winners of the essay competition were also felicitated during the programme.

PHEK:

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Phek, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS graced the occasion of the celebration of the 13th National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 25th January 2023.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the newly enrolled voters to exercise their adult franchise by casting their votes in favor of any candidate of his/her own choice for the betterment of the State and the nation.

Booth Level Officer, Veduzo, Primary Teacher, GPS Mutsale village, under 19 Phek A/C was awarded the Certificate of Commendation in recognition of his distinguished service rendered as BLO towards the successful conduct of special summary revision of electoral.

The 13th National Voters' Day was observed at ADC's Office, Meluri on 25th January 2023 with ADC Meluri, Albert Ezung as the guest of honour. Best Booth Level Officer (BLO) of 20 AC Meluri was awarded to P. Neicha. The programme was attended by the Heads of Offices under Meluri Sub-Division, BLOs under 20 AC Meluri, Ward Chairmen and GBs of Meluri town, political parties and public leaders from various NGOs.

The 13th National Voters' Day (NVD) was observed on the theme 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure' at the Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office in Chozuba on 25th January 2023. Mutsoveyi was declared as the Best Block Level Officer (BLO) 2023 of the 18 Assembly Constituency, Chozuba. The felicitation of new voters enrolled was the highlight of the programme. The occasion was witnessed by political parties, BLOs, NGOs along with newly enrolled voters.

NOKLAK:

National Voters' Day was observed at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 25th January 2023 under the theme 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure' which was organised by the Noklak District Administration.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner &

District Election Officer, Noklak, K. Mhathung Tsanglao while encouraging the new voters, stated that, they have become a part of the decision making and urged them to vote wisely in order to elect the right person. He said every voter is equally important and called upon the voter not to be influenced by inducement and encouraged them to vote with a conscious mind.

The DC also gave away the Best BLO Award during the function. The awardees are Shangmo, Primary Teacher, GMS Nokhu and P. Shou, Primary Teacher, GPS Kingniu from 56 and 57 Assembly Constituencies. The DC also felicitated the first time voters during the occasion.

As part of the SVEEP campaign, District Administration, Noklak in collaboration with Dreamer's Production organized a Street Play on 'Ethical voting' at Police Point, Noklak town on 25th January 2023.

LONGLENG:

In Longleng, the 13th National Voters' Day was held at the DPDB Conference Hall on 25th January 2023. Young registered voters along with officials were present during the observation of National Voters' Day in Longleng.

MOKOKCHUNG:

A programme was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung with Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner said it was the day of celebration for all the voters with special emphasis on PwD voters and newly enrolled young voters. He also called upon the BLOs/Supervisors and all stakeholders to make the e-roll clean and transparent to increase the qualitative aspects

of election conduct in our district. He also dwelt on the issue of benchmarking PwD voters and special provisions on accessibility to voting facilities in the polling station. He also called upon every voter to vote with conviction without any impudence.

On the occasion, the Best BLO Award was also presented, and felicitation of newly enrolled voters and the administration of Voters' Pledge was carried out by ADC & ERO Mokokchung.

TUENSANG:

District Administration and Election Office, Tuensang conducted the 13th National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Tuensang, Nokchasashi said election is the biggest event in a democracy and encouraged the voters not to be influenced by muscle power and bribery. Voting is the only way through which one's voice can be heard and in electing a true leader in the government. He also highlighted the introduction of online voting for the PwDs and senior citizens and also encouraged the PwDs and senior citizens to come and participate in the election processes.

C. Akhangnongba SA, PWD 51/21 Yangpi 'B,' Chomongliba PT, GPS 52/23 Phir Ahir, Yensenlepba Chang GT, 53/19 NAP Sector S/W and A. Chumikham Chang PT, 54/9 Tuensang village as Best Performing BLOs under Tuensang district. Thungchanbemo Tungoe, ADC & ERO, Tuensang conducted the NVD Pledge.

WOKHA:

Wokha District Administration & District Election Office, Wokha organized the 13th National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha.

DC Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS said this day is being observed to commemorate the establishment of the Election Commission of India and to inspire young voters to get involved in the election process and to let them know about their voting rights. He said the focus is not just on the number of voters but on the quality of voters, that is, the PwD voters (People with Disability) and the senior citizens with the focus to create more facilities and allow them to take part in the election process.

During the programme, M. Hachanbemo Ngullie and K. Y. John Ezung were awarded the Best Booth Level Officer (BLO) for 37 and 38 Assembly Constituencies.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

District Election Office, Chumoukedima celebrated National Voters' Day at DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima.

DEO & DC, Chumoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS appealed to the voters to make a choice not to take money to cast a vote but instead demand good roads, education, and hospitals.

A Certificate of Commendation and cash was awarded to Hongking Chang (4 Ghaspani-I) and M. Yourkrotuo Michia (5 Ghaspani-II) in recognition of the distinguished service rendered as Booth Level Officers (BLOs) towards the successful conduct of the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll 2022.

Screening of 'Main Bharat Hoon' song and the launch of the SVEEP video of General Election 2023 was carried out on the occasion.

KIPHIRE:

The 13th National Voters' Day 2023 was observed in Kiphire on 25th January 2023 at the

DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire, under the theme 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure.' The event was graced by DC & DEO, Kiphire, Wati Aier.

While addressing the gathering, the DC informed the gathering on the summary revision of electoral rolls on matters relating to the correction of names, ages, or addresses for the

final draft of the e-roll. He also led the pledge-taking ceremony.

During the programme, V. Leochum A/T from 59 AC, and Setongkyu G/T Singrep from 60 AC were felicitated as the Best BLOs. Felicitation was also offered to Yukhase Anar, Disabled Union President, Kiphire.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT HOLDS CO-ORDINATION MEETING

A coordination meeting was convened by Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) on 25th January 2023 at the Directorate of H&FW.

During the meeting, Sema said that the State Government desires to provide accessible and affordable health care to all the citizens, and encouraged the officers and staff to extend their cooperation in the future also. He said that the Administrative building of the Medical College, Kohima will be completed before May 2023, the boys and girls hostels will be completed before April 2023, the Sports Complex will be taken over by February 2023, the quarters for the Dean, Director and staff are almost finished, and the library and teachers common room will be taken over by June 2023. He gave the assurance that the Medical College will start before the academic session.

Sema said that the purpose of setting up 10-bedded ICU Hospital is to make healthcare accessible to the people living in far-flung areas



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research and NHAK, affiliating NHAK as a teaching hospital for NIMSR at Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 25th January 2023.

and the State is planning to expand 4 (four) more ICUs in the remaining districts. He said that even though Nagaland is a resourceful state, we need the help and assistance of other investors like the World Bank and JICA which will further strengthen our healthcare system.

During the meeting, a 'Tobacco Fee Pledge' was also undertaken declaring the Directorate of H&FW, Health Centres, District Hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centers, Chief Medical Officer Offices, and Medical Superintendent Offices as 'Tobacco Free Zone.'

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IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW and Dr. Temjentsungla, Principal Director, H&FW

affiliating NHAK as a teaching hospital for NIMSR.

74th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:



Governor, Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2023.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2023, Governor of Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi stated that the formation of the Republic on 26th January 1950 was the first milestone in the march towards realizing the dreams of the people in the aftermath of India's Independence.

The Governor said the day is to remember the efforts and sacrifices of the freedom fighters which gave India its Independence and created the Republic. He called upon everyone to recall the nation builders and architects of the Constitution, which gave India's identity as a Sovereign Democratic Republic.

During the occasion, Prof. Mukhi hailed the pioneers of the State, who made significant contributions and sacrifices in the realisation of Statehood. He said Nagaland was formed in 1963,

with a unique special constitutional dispensation that safeguard the identity and interests of the Naga people and it laid a solid foundation for developing the future of the people according to their own genius. He added that Nagaland was born under difficult circumstances and the building of a united Naga society, the nurturing of democratic ethos in a poor and challenged situation, and the safeguarding of tribal honor and dignity in a difficult political climate, was a challenge for all sections. He said Nagaland has, however made its indelible mark in the march towards growth and development of the country.

Prof. Mukhi said the State has achieved significant milestones becoming an equal and contributing partner in the nation building process. He underlined on the need to further explore and tap into the potentials of the State's resources, both natural and human, in order to enhance productivity of the people in all sectors.

The Governor highlighted on the need to reduce the developmental gap between the urban and rural, and to make this happen, he said it is imperative to take technology and make it relevant to the remotest and the most vulnerable group of people in the society and added that this demands creativity, good connectivity and deep rootedness of oneself to the society and being conscious of its problems, limitations and aspirations. He suggested that the agriculture sector can also rely more on technological advancement, through which mechanization and optimization of tools and implements can be realized for better harvest. Stating that the Nagas are second to none in human resources,

where many success stories are already being created, he said Nagas need to be focused and persistent in the pursuit of the highest knowledge and service towards community and humanity.

While pointing out that the quality of life of a society is often determined by its literacy rate, the Governor expressed his happiness over the State's literacy rate of 80.11% in 2021 as per National Statistical Office data which is above the national average, and stated that the State's endeavour remains to ensure that no child misses out on education and that every citizen of the State has a chance to better their lives which in turn will contribute greatly to the progress of the nation.

The Governor stated that the country has made quantum improvements in its capabilities to meet the challenges of health issues including COVID-19 and its likely future waves with the collective resolve and determination of one and all by making significant accretions in hospital beds, medical oxygen, ventilators, essential medicines, and also in improving logistic capabilities.

The Governor exhorted the citizens to introspect on the core values enshrined in the Constitution stating that if all come together in unity, the State will be on the accelerated path to progress and development.

On the occasion, 13 parade contingents took part in the March Past which was led by Parade Commander, Deputy Commandant, 4th NAP Battalion, Z. James Sema, NPS and 2nd in-command, Assistant Commandant, 4th NAP Battalion, R. Tunyi, NPS. The parade contingents were 1 Assam Rifles Bn, 78 Bn. CRPF, 37 Bn. BSF, Assam Police, DEF Kohima, 4th NAP Bn, 10th NAP (IR) Bn, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, NAP Rangers, Nagaland Police Training School Brass Band,

Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band and the 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Pipe Band.

Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi also inaugurated the exhibition stalls on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day celebration at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2023. He was accompanied by Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland, and his wife Kaisa Rio. 10 (ten) stalls were set up by various departments of the State Government during the exhibition, namely Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Agriculture, Land Resources, Sericulture, Information & Public Relations, Industries & Commerce, Art & Culture, Health & Family Welfare etc.

The closing programme of the 74th Republic Day was graced by Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS as the special guest.

In the Parade Contingents category, Assam Police bagged the first position while 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn. and 37 Bn. BSF were awarded second and third positions respectively. In the Exhibition Stalls category, Agriculture Department bagged the first position while second and third were bagged by Land Resources and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Departments respectively.

An exhibition football match was played between IGS Academy Girls XI and NASA 'C' Girls XI, with IGS Academy Girls XI winning with a score line of five goals to zero. A band display was presented by the Nagaland Police Training School Brass Band, 1 Assam Rifles Pipe Band, Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band and the 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Pipe Band.

Jakhama Sub-Division Office observed Republic Day by hoisting the national flag in all the government offices.

Chiephobozou Sub-Division also celebrated Republic Day at ADC's Office premises,

Chiephobozou, with ADC Alemyapang Longchar hoisting the national flag. Village Council members, GBs, government officials, and schools attended the programme.

AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY 2023:

President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service as Announced on Independence Day, 2021: K. Martin Pienyu, IPS, IGP (INT), Nagaland, Kohima.

Award of President's Police Medal (Announced on Republic Day, 2022): Rothihu Tetseo, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Nagaland.

Award of President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service (Announced on Independence Day, 2021): Vekhosa Chakhesang NPS, Commandant, 2nd Battalion.

Award of President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service (Announced on Republic Day, 2022): Rankathung Vikram Ezung, NPS, AIGP (OPS), PHQ.

President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service: Etssimongo Ngullie, DIG (Range), Mokokchung, Nagaland.

Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service: Israel G Xuivi, Deputy Commandant, 6th NAP Battalion, Tizit, Nagaland, and Abel Jonsuo Humtsoe, UBI, INT, HQ Kohima, Nagaland.

On the recommendation of the Screening Committee and approval of the Governor of Nagaland, the following persons have been selected for the award of Governor's Gold Medal on the occasion of Republic Day, 26th January 2023 (Announcement only):

1. Er. P. Tiakaba Yimchunger, Junior Engineer (MIS), Office of the Executive Engineer Transmission Division, Dimapur.

2. Dr. Anungla Imdong Phom, Additional Director, DUDA.
3. Aotula T. Imchen, IPS, S.P. Mokokchung.

Governor's Commendation Certificate Awardees (Announced on Republic Day, 2023):

1. Vechikhoyi Lohe, Principal, GHSS, Pfutsero.
2. Lucy Dounge, UBI, DEF, Phek.
3. Thejazelie Kire, UBSI, Int. Estt.
4. Ronchamo Kikon, Subject Matter Specialist, Directorate of Agriculture.
5. S. Yaongsanglee Chang, Regional Transport Officer, Kohima.
6. Dr. Fr. Francis Sebastian Cheerangal, Principal, St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Peren.
7. Karen Yephthomi, Principal, GHSS, Chumoukedima.

MOKOKCHUNG:



Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Pukhayi Sumi inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 26th January 2023.

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung, with Advisor, F&CS, LM&CP, Nagaland, Pukhayi Sumi unfurling the national flag and delivering

the Republic Day speech.

Altogether, nine parade contingents (DEF Mokochung, 2nd NAP, 13 NAP (IR), NHG, Pensioner (Defense Personnel), NCC MGHSS, NCC QMHSS, Bharat Scouts and Guides, and Band Platoon 2nd NAP Alichen) took part in the March Past with Assistant Commandant, 2nd NAP, Mayangniken as the Parade Commander and ABI Imlionen, 2nd NAP as the 2nd in Command.

On the occasion, the entertainment extravaganza included a presentation of cultural dances by Cultural Club Khensa village and Naga Wadir Club Ungma, exhibition Tug of War between Watsu Mungdang & Government Lady Officers and Uniform Personnel & Non-Uniform Personnel. Advisor Pukhayi Sumi also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by different departments.

Republic Day celebration was held in Changtongya town at SDO (C) Office complex, with Rorheu Peseyie SDO (C) unfurling the national flag.

The 74th Republic Day 2023 was celebrated at Mangkolemba Hq at the Public Ground on 26th January 2023, with ADC, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao unfurling the national flag, delivering the Republic Day speech. He also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by various departments.

WOKHA:



Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Wokha on 26th January 2023.

The 74th Republic Day celebration was held at the Local Ground Wokha with Minister for Rural Development & SIRD, Metsubo Jamir as the special guest.

Highlights of the programme included the presentation of folk songs by the Wokha Town Lakhuti Women Cultural Troupe and traditional rice pounding by the Longsa Women Cultural Troupe. Eight parade contingents DEF, 7th NAP, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Ex-Servicemen, NCC (Men & Women Cadet), and Bharat Scouts & Guides took part in march past, with Assistant Commandant, 7th NAP Bhandari, Akhieto Sema as the parade commander.

Metsubo Jamir also inaugurated the stalls put up by various departments, NGOs, and self-help groups. A football exhibition match was also played between W DFA and Deputy Commissioner XI.

Bhandari Sub-Division celebrated the 74th Republic day on 26th January 2023 at the Public Ground with ADC Bhandari Rohit Singh IAS as the special guest. The national anthem was sung by the Youth Department BTBC, Bhandari. Parade contingents were led by Ringamlung, ABI, 7th NAP Bhandari.

DIMAPUR:



Minister, Public Health Engineering Department, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebration at DDSC, Dimapur on 26th January 2023.

The 74th Republic Day celebration was held at DDSC with Minister for PHED, Jacob Zhimomi as the special guest.

Eight parade contingents, including Police Commissionerate, Dimapur, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn, Home Guard, Ex-Servicemen, NCC Dimapur, Governemnt College, Government High School, Burma Camp, Government High School, Lingrijan, 43 AR Band Platoon took part in the march past with Imkongsangba Jamir, Assistant Commissioner of Police East Dimapur as the Parade Commander, and Parade 2nd in command, Neichuzo Rio (ABI Police Commissionerate, Dimapur), Parade BHM, Havildar, Khekato Sema (Police Commissionerate, Dimapur). Performances were also delivered by AIKO Culture Troupe Pimla, a song by Holy Cross Higher Secondary School and a dance by Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Dimapur. In the evening session, there were prize distribution and a retreat by the 43rd Assam Rifles.

ZUNHEBOTO:



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Zunheboto on 26th January 2023.

Zunheboto district celebrated Republic Day at the Local Ground with Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly as

the special guest unfurling the national flag and inspecting the parade.

Special songs were presented by Kinitoli and Mughasheli and Natha Old Totimi. The special guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls. Altogether, eight parade contingents took part in the march past.

Pughoboto Sub-Division celebrated Republic Day at the ADC's Office premises, with ADC, Tiameren Chang unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute from the 'A' Coy 8 NAP Bn.

Republic Day was celebrated at Aghunato with ADC, Pakon Phom as the special guest.

Satakha celebrated Republic Day with SDO (C) Satakha Kupeusing Meru as the special guest at the ADC's Office compound.

TUENSANG:



Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Yangseo Sangtam taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebration at Tuensang on 26th January 2023.

The celebration was held at the Parade Ground Yangseo Sangtam, Deputy Speaker, NLA as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from the

march past contingents.

Kanchan Kumar Kandpal, Superintendent of Police, Tuensang reviewed the parade. A total of five parade contingents participated in the march past, namely DEF Tuensang, 3rd NAP, V. G. Tuensang village, V. G. Chingmelen, Ex-Servicemen and Band Platoon with Parade Commander Manish Bhartiya, SDPO Tuensang and Tyuyamki Yimkhiung as second in command. Changen Cultural Club and Sangli Cultural Troupe participated in the cultural event of the celebration.

Republic Day was also celebrated at ADC's Office Longkhim with EAC, Er. Keyileuteing Ndang as the special guest. After unfurling the national flag, he read out the Republic Day speech. A cultural song was presented by the Sangvi Cultural Club Longkhim to mark the occasion.

PHEK:



Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebration at Phek on 26th January 2023.

Advisor for Sericulture, Excise & Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio graced the 74th Republic Day celebration at Local Ground, Phek HQ. After unfurling the national flag, taking the rashtriya salute, he also inspected the parade contingents, followed by the Republic Day speech. He inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by Agriculture and Allied Departments during the celebration.

DEF Phek led by SI, Kuzhosa Epao, 5th NAP led by ABSI, Toshi Meren, Home Guard led by SI, Viboto H. Sumi, NCC Contingent led by Awele Kapfo were the parade contingents, with Assistant Commandant, Vedupe Lasuh and ABSI, Vizoto Zao as the Parade Commander and second in command respectively.

Presentation of folk dance and songs by Jericho II Youth and Jericho II Women Cultural Troupe were the highlights on the occasion. All District Heads of the Offices, government officials, GBs, and the public of Phek town attended the programme.

Republic Day was celebrated in Chozuba Sub-Division at ADC's Office complex under Phek district, with ADC Imokokla unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute. The national anthem was rendered by Government High School, Yoruba. Hoisting of the national flag in government offices and institutions and beating of retreat by the 5th NAP (Chozuba) were the highlights of the daylong celebration.

Pfutsero Sub-Division also celebrated Republic Day at ADC's Office premises with ADC Jopheth Woch unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute. National Anthem was sung by Baptist School, a patriotic song by Nazareth School Pfutsero, and a cultural item was performed by the Hills Brothers.

The 74th Republic Day celebration was also



Minister of State, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma with officials during a meeting held with officials of Peren district at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 5th January 2023.



Officers from the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region, officials of District Administration, Mon and Longleng with village leaders and GBs during their visit to Sawa village on 18th January 2022.



Union Minister of Home Affairs & Cooperation, Amit Shah virtually inaugurated various projects from Nousi Auditorium Hall, Chümoukedima on 6th January 2023.



Banuo Z. Jamir, the new Lokayukta Chairman, Nagaland being administered the oath of office by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 18th January 2023.



NCC cadets at the demonstration of weapons during the Combined Annual Training Camp held at Fazl Ali College Ground, Mokochung on 10th January 2023.



Officials and participants during a seminar on handloom and handicrafts held at Y. Anner village, Shamator on 18th January 2023.



Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, T. Yangseo Sangtam inaugurated the Elevator and State Commissioner of People with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro inaugurated the Ramp in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Kohima on 16th January 2023.



Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba inaugurated the Industrial Training Institute, Longleng at Pongo in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS on 9th January 2023.

observed at Meluri on 26th January 2023 at the Local Ground. ADC Meluri, Albert Ezung as the special guest unfurled the national flag and read the republic day speech. Five parade contingents, namely Village Guards of Meluri, Christian Mission Higher Secondary, Meluri, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Meluri, Government Higher Secondary School, Meluri and VG Pipe Band of Meluri took part in the march past, with ABSI, Johnny Chakhesang, 5th NAP Bn. as the parade commander and Havildar Pongthrong Konyak as the second in command. The ADC also inaugurated the exhibition stalls which were set by SDAO Meluri, NSRLM of Meluri, Pochury Hoho and Forest Department.

PEREN:



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebration at Peren on 26th January 2023.

In Peren, Minister, Housing & Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum after unfurling the national flag, took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents, and delivered the Republic Day speech at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren HQ, on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day celebration on 26th January 2023.

Parade Contingents from DEF Peren, 9th NAP (IR) Bn. Saijang, Government Higher Secondary School Peren and Peren Government College took part in the march past, led by Parade Commander, Lunso, SDPO Jalukie and Abi Viloto S. Chishi, R.I. RHQ. as the parade second in command.

The 74th Republic Day was also successfully celebrated at ADC's Office, Jalukie with T. L. Kiusumong Tikhir, ADC, Jalukie as the special guest.

MON:



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Mon on 26th January 2023.

The 74th Republic Day was observed in Mon on 26th January 2023 at the Local Ground. The programme began with the Parade Review by SP, Mon, T. Uniel Kichu, IPS. The Ceremonial Flag Hoisting and Inspection of Parade were carried out by the special guest, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom.

March Past contingents included the 6th NAP, DEF Mon, Village Guards, 6th NAP Pipe Band, Ex-Servicemen, Wangkhao Government College, GHSS Mon Town 'A' and GHSS Mon

Town 'D,' led by Assistant Commandant, 6th NAP, K. Hekato Sumi. The event also witnessed a song by Aman N Konyak and cultural dance by Mon Vale College Cultural Troupe.

In the evening programme, the event concluded with prize distribution and display of band followed by 'Beating of Retreat Ceremony' by 6th NAP Pipe Band.

The 74th Republic Day was observed at Wakching Sub-Division under Mon district at the SDO (C)'s Office, with SDO (C), James Renbi Kikon unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute from Nagaland Police. The programme was attended by DBs, GBs, and others.

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at Tizit with ADC Keyirangding Hegui as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag and took the salute at the ADC's Office complex, Tizit.

Chen Hq. also celebrated the 74th Republic Day at Mini SDO (C) Complex, Chen town with SDO (C), L. Mongo Khamniungan unfurling the national flag and taking the salute from NVG Chen Town. Government officers, staff, and NGOs attended the celebration.

The 74th Republic Day 2023 was celebrated at Monyakshu SDO (Civil) Headquarters on 26th January 2023. S. Bumang Head DB in-charge unfurled the national flag and took the salute from Special Guards. Department staff, DBs, and Village Guards attended the function.

ADC, Phuleshe K Yepthomi graced the 74th Republic Day celebration held at the Public Ground, Aboi on 26th January 2023. Four contingents, namely 11th IR, Aboi, VG, Ngangching, NCC, GHSS, Aboi and Longsang Memorial School, Aboi took part in the march past.

KIPHIRE:



MLA Yitachu addressing the gathering during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Kiphire on 26th January 2023.

The 74th Republic Day celebration was observed at the Public Ground, Kiphire HQ on 26th January 2023. MLA, Yitachu graced the programme as the special guest. He unfurled the national flag and took the salute from the six parade contingents.

Cultural presentations were performed by Kisetong Village Cultural Troupe and Nilejo Cultural Troupe of Sitimi village, while a special song was performed by Khumtsase Sangtam.

Exhibition stalls were put up by Agri & Allied Departments, KVK, Election, Veterinary and Medical Department on occasion of the Republic Day celebration. Volleyball exhibition matches were also played between Young Defender Club & Elite Frontier Club and Amity Club & Ynite Sporting Club.

EAC, Pungro, Yitachu Thur hoisted the national flag at ADC's Office, Pungro and took the ratriya salute.

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at Seyochung ADC HQ Office complex with ADC Seyochung, Renbemo Ezung as the special

guest. The national anthem was sung by students of St. Mary's High School, Seyochung town. The programme was attended by the government officials, employees, GBs, DBs and the general public.

LONGLENG:



Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Longleng on 26th January 2023.

In Longleng, the celebration was graced by Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan at the Public Ground, Longleng. The special guest unfurled the national flag and took the salute and inspected the six parade contingents comprising of DEF Longleng, 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok, Village Guards of Pongo, Bauthung Government Higher Secondary School, Yingli College, and Pipe Band 12 NAP (IR) Chingtok.

Modern Folk Fusion by Aman & friends, inauguration of exhibition stalls by the special guest, and a Volleyball Exhibition Match between Team Naro & Team Manthei were the highlights of the day-long event.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

The 74th Republic Day celebration in Chumoukedima district was held at the



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu taking the rashtriya salute during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Chumoukedima on 26th January 2023.

Chumoukedima Town Public Ground. On arrival, Minister of Planning & Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs and Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu unfurled the national flag and inspected the parade contingents, followed by his address.

The parade contingents, namely 1st NAP, 15th NAP Mahila Battalion, Tetso College, Nagaland Police Central School, Government Higher Secondary School, Chumoukedima, St. Joseph University, Ex-Servicemen, Pipe Band, Team of Assam Rifle Training Center was led by parade commander ACP, Chumoukedima, Ninoto Zhimomi, and 2nd Parade Commander ABI, Aren Jamir, NAPTC. Folk dance was performed by Chekiye Cultural Troupe, and the day ended with retreat by the 1st NAP Battalion, Chumoukedima.

Republic day was celebrated at ADC's Office Complex Medziphema, Sub-Division with ADC, Imsongmeren unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute. Cultural presentation was also performed by the Medziphema Village

Angami Cultural Troupe.

NOKLAK:

Advisor, Village Guards, and Information &



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Village Guards, S. Keoshu Yimchunger taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebration at Noklak on 26th January 2023.

Public Relations, S. Keoshu Yimchunger unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from five contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration held at Public Ground, Noklak Hq.

The parade contingents, namely DEF/NAP, Village Guard Pathso, Village Guard Wansoi, Ex-Servicemen, and Assam Rifle Pipe Band were led by parade commander Assistant Commandant, 3rd NAP Noklak, Tianungba, second in command and Parade CHM ABSI, Penthong, and Hav. K. Peshiu respectively.

The Advisor also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by the Agri & Allied Departments, Horticulture Department, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department, and Noklak District Handloom & Handicrafts Council. Registration of

the CMHIS stall was also set up in the ground.

In the evening session, a football exhibition match was played between DPDB Noklak and Khamniungan Sports Council. The programme ended with the beating of retreat by the 3rd NAP Noklak.

Thonoknyu Hq under Noklak district celebrated the 74th Republic Day at SDO (Civil) Office campus. The national flag was unfurled by SDO (C), C. Wangan Phom and the rashtriya salute was carried out by NP, NAP, and VGs. All the DBs, GBs, and Adhoc Town Committee attended the programme.

TSEMINYU:

The 74th Republic Day celebrated at Rengma



Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye addressing the gathering during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Tseminyu on 26th January 2023.

Sports Association Ground, Tseminyu Old Town with Minister of Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito as the special guest who unfurled the national flag and inspected the parade contingents led by ABSI, Shoyelo Seb, 'B' Coy 4th NAP.

'C' COY 10th (IR) BN, NCC Baptist Higher Secondary School Tseminyu, NCC DBS Tseminyu, GHSS Tseminyu, and GHS New

Town Tseminyu were the contingents while the national anthem was rendered by Christian School Tseminyu students. The highlights of the programme were a folk dance by Kandinu Cultural Troupe and a folk song by GBs Union Tseminyu. G. Kaito also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various departments. KVK department displayed an Agri drone.

NIULAND:

The 74th Republic Day celebration at Niuland



Minister, Geology & Mining, Soil & Water Conservation, V. Kashiho Sangtam inspecting the parade contingents during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Niuland on 26th January 2023.

town was graced by V. Kashiho Sangtam, Minister, Geology & Mining, Soil & Water Conservation. The special guest unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from the 8th NAP and five other contingents under the command of ACP, Niuland, James Jami.

JNV Nihokhu and Kuhoxu Village Children Ministry performed a special presentation while folk song and folk dance were presented by Education Colony (Women) Niuland town and P Vizheto village respectively.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator celebrated the 74th Republic Day



Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying addressing the gathering during the 74th Republic Day celebration at Shamator on 26th January 2023.

with Advisor, Prison, Printing, and Stationery, H. Haiying as the special guest.

The parade commander was Tongpang, Assistant Commandant, 3rd NAP Shamator and contingents from DEF Shamator, 14th IR, V. G. Shamator, GHSS Shamator, and St. Xavier School Shamator took part in the march past. A patriotic song was presented by St. Xavier School Shamator, Taekwondo demonstration was presented by Taekwondo Association Shamator, cultural exhibition was set up by Thopun Cultural Troupe Shamator, followed by the inauguration of the stalls.

BLOCK-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON JAL JEEVAN MISSION CONDUCTED AT CHARE TOWN

As part of Jal Jeevan Mission, one-day Block Level Workshop was conducted on 4th January 2023 at Area Court Chare Town, Tuensang by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) in collaboration with Alongphi Welfare Society with the theme 'Source water conservation and its sustainability in rural areas.'

Assistant Professor, Fazl Ali College, Nohochem Sangtam said that conservation of water starts from the participation of community in

the village areas, through limiting of deforestation and jhum cultivation, to maintain the balance of spring water. Toma JE, PHED Chare Block spoke on the topic of community participation in Jal Jeevan Mission.

The function was followed by demonstration of Practical Field Testing Kits of water by the department. The function was attended by WATSAN Committee and village council members from 12 villages.

MINISTER OF STATE, BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA VISITS PEREN

Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma visited Peren district on 5th January 2023 and held a meeting with the officials of Peren district at DC's Conference Hall, Peren. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS.

During the meeting, officials from Rural Development, Public Health Engineering, Agriculture, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Social Welfare, Horticulture, District Industries Centre, Health & Family Welfare, Power, Fisheries, Lead Bank Manager, Land Resources, and Water Resources highlighted

the progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes undertaken under their respective department. The Minister in his address advised all departments implementing central schemes in the district to make the best use of the schemes and also assured them that the Centre would extend all possible assistance.

The Minister along with District Administration also visited the electrification project at New Market, Jalukie and Amrit Sarovar site at Punglwa village. He also visited Punglwa 'B' village and interacted with the beneficiaries of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

SVEEP ACTIVITIES HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

NIULAND:

As a part of Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activity under DEO Chümoukedima, a mobile demonstration van was flagged off for EVM/VVPAT awareness from the Office of Deputy Commissioner by DC Niuland, Sara S. Jamir on 5th January 2023. The mobile van was set up in Niuland town market area and awareness was imparted on the use of EVM/VVPAT. In addition, a hands-on demonstration of the use of EVM/VVPAT was

given to the public.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

ADC Chümoukedima, Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo officially launched the Poster Campaign under SVEEP activities at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 11th January 2023. Wideo said that the motive behind the poster campaign is to sensitize the public on issues relating to voter awareness and electoral process for ensuring clean election. The poster campaign

which is written both in English and Nagamese, covered all the villages under Chümoukedima district, besides Chümoukedima town.

KOHIMA:



Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS flagging off a Mobile Demonstration Van at the DC's Office Complex, Kohima on 11th January 2023.

As part of the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign and in connection with the forthcoming 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly election 2023, Mobile Demonstration Van (MDV) was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS at the DC's Office Complex, Kohima on 11th January 2023. The demonstration was done at five locations within Kohima town to create awareness of the use of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voters' Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). Altogether, 89 electors participated in the awareness programme. Besides, the message on a free and fair election for the upcoming election on NLA 2023 was disseminated in vernacular language.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of January was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 9th January 2023 under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman, Peren

TUENSANG:



ADC, Thungchanbemo with officials and performers at the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation programme held at Tower Clock, Tuensang on 25th January 2023.

The District Administration and Election Office, Tuensang organized a Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme at Tower Clock, Tuensang on 25th January 2023.

ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe highlighted the objectives of the SVEEP campaign. He also encouraged citizens above 18 years of age to get self-registered so that they can enjoy the right to vote in the electoral process of the biggest democracy in the world. He also launched the clean election pledge signature campaign during the programme.

EAC Tuensang, Arhonbeni Ezung encouraged all to take part in the forthcoming election in a free, fair, and peaceful manner in the district. She also emphasized 'one man one vote' and an ethical and moral election. She mentioned the power of the voters to elect good leadership for the district so that the development and upliftment of the society can be achieved.

DPDB, Vineet Kumar, IAS.

Reviewing the agenda on Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme enrollment, the DC reminded the Board that since deduction from salary has already started, he requested the

departments which have not completed the enrollment process to do so at the earliest.

Regarding election preparedness, Kumar informed the Board that all Heads of Department as the Nodal Officers should ensure that employees are present during the training which will commence soon. He also pointed out that since the district is facing shortage of employees since 2012-2013, due to retirements, exemptions to election duty will not be entertained, if not

genuine. Further, he asked the members to maintain political neutrality.

After the meeting, training on the rational use of EVMs and wireless set was imparted to the members by EAC Peren, Seyievilie Pfkuri and Additional SP Peren, R.T. Chang, respectively. A meeting on election preparedness was also held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner.

PREPARATIONS/TRAININGS FOR STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2023

KOHIMA:

A meeting of all the Nodal Officers of different Election Cells in connection with the ensuing State Assembly Election, 2023 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 9th January 2023.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS briefing the Nodal Officers, highlighted the roles and responsibilities of Nodal Officers of different Election Cells. He called upon them to be mentally prepared and form their respective teams before the announcement of the election. He also emphasised on various important sections of election process and asked them to start working with their respective team for smooth functioning of the election process. The meeting also had a detailed discussion on the management of manpower, training, material and transports, and other different election cells.

A meeting with representative of political parties was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Kohima on 20th January 2023. The DC and DEO explained all the legal provisions and instructions of the Election Commission relating to expenditure and its monitoring and the consequences of failure to comply with them. The DC informed about the

ceiling limit of expenditure for the election. The political parties were sensitized on various ECI instructions and guidelines on MCC, EE and IT related matters by the concerned Nodal Officers.

Training of BLOs of Kohima district for the forthcoming election was conducted on 24th January 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima. The training was imparted in connection with the distribution of Form 12D for absentee voters for the category of senior citizens, PwDs, and COVID-19 suspects or affected persons.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

Electronic Voting Machines (EVM)/ Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) demonstration using Mobile Demonstration Van for EVM/VVPAT was carried out in Chümoukedima town area on 11th January 2023.

With the initiative of District Election Office, Chümoukedima, a live demonstration of how EVM and VVPAT machines work was conducted to clear doubts and apprehension regarding EVM. Every effort was made to sensitize the public on how the machines work and also to let them know their voting rights. The demonstration was carried out at Chümoukedima 2nd Gate Auto Stand, by Master Trainer, Bodevi Shuya.

The Election Expenditure Monitoring Team held a meeting on 12th January 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima. The meeting was held for preliminary review of the preparedness for the forthcoming assembly elections. DC & DEO, Chümoukedima, Abhinav Shivam, IAS chairing the meeting, highlighted to the team that the main function of the Election Expenditure Monitoring Team is to curb the use of money power during elections. He also mentioned the roles and responsibilities of the Election Expenditure Monitoring Team, and further appealed to the teams to go through the manual book for better understanding of their duties.

The police personnel carried out a flag march in Chümoukedima town area under the supervision of ACP, Ninoto I Zhimomi on 19th January 2023 at Chümoukedima. The objective of the flag march conducted by police and central forces is to ensure peace and harmony in view of the forthcoming State Assembly Elections and aimed at reinforcing public confidence in law and order machineries and also in building friendly relations between the police and the public. The flag march was carried out from Agri Expo Gate and culminated at Chümoukedima Town Square.

DIMAPUR:

Election Expenditure Monitoring training for the forthcoming election for 2023 was held in the DC's Office in Dimapur, where the training was given by DC & DEO Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS. In the training, he urged the AROs and EEMs to coordinate better with the ROs as they have to submit the daily report. He also reminded all the EEM team members to be sincere and cooperate for the forthcoming State Assembly Election.

DC & DEO Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS

officially launched the voters' awareness video reel on 30th January 2023, as part of DEO Dimapur SVEEP campaign from his official chamber. The one-minute video reel features reigning Mister Dimapur, Aosunep Tzudir educating young and old on clean election and the value of one's vote.

TSEMINYU:

A one-day workshop-cum-training programme for Sector Magistrates and teams for Static Surveillance and Flying Squads was conducted in the official chamber of ADC and Returning Officer for 12 AC Tseminyu, on 10th January 2023.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS exhorted the officers to take up election duties and responsibilities as a challenge for setting good precedence, as a new district.

Superintendent of Police, Tseminyu, Temjensenla Jamir, IPS reminded the crucial role played by magistrates of FST and SST in election expenditure monitoring. She also exhorted the officers present to exhibit sound leadership skills and sincerity in guiding their respective teams.

Additional Deputy Commissioner & Returning Officer for 12 AC Tseminyu, Longasen Lotha highlighted that sector officers and magistrates are the lynchpins for the peaceful and successful conduct of elections.

EAC & Assistant Election Officer, Tseminyu, Tumben P. Tsanglao as a resource person for the training programme gave PowerPoint presentation on vulnerability mapping for sector officers, magistrates, flying squads and static surveillance teams, and the various reporting channels and formats throughout the electioneering process.

PUGHOBOTO SUB-DIVISION:

In view of the upcoming General Election of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Election, a coordination meeting was held at ADC's Office Pughoboto on 13th January 2023. The meeting was attended by all the Vice Chairmen Adhoc Town Council and Village Council Chairmen. Head GB, GBs, DBs, ES SABAK, ES NCRC, Rev. Fr. Parish Priest President, President SAKK, and representatives from Totimi Hoho.

ADC & District Election Officer, Tiameren Chang briefed on the rules and regulations and urged all citizens under Pughoboto sub-division to cooperate with the government officials and security force for the successful conduct of the upcoming General Election 2023. SDPO Pughoboto, Hankiumong informed that six (6) companies of the paramilitary will be stationed in Pughoboto for the smooth conduct of the election. He also highlighted the importance of law and order within the Pughoboto Assembly Constituency. SDO (C) and Returning Officer, Pughoboto, R. Daniel Angami spoke on the requisition of vehicles and informed the public to deposit arms to the respective authority as per official order.

TUENSANG:

A consultative meeting in connection with the conduct of the forthcoming general election to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 14th January 2023 with ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe as chairman.

During the meeting, nodal officers assigned to the election process discussed the law and manpower management, transportation, EVM management, expenditure monitoring, the importance of media, complaint redressal and

voters helpline, and the SVEEP campaign for the general election.

Further, ADC Tuensang urged officers to maintain discipline and stay back in the station till the process of election is completed. The meeting was attended by all the nodal officers who were appointed to perform various election duties.

Tuensang District Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell Training was held at DC's Conference Hall on 16th January 2023. The members of the Cell were briefed by ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe and Sr. TO Tuensang, Imti Chang, Nodal Officer for Election Expenditure Monitoring conducted the entire training.

PHEK:

DC & DEO Phek Kumar Ramnikant, IAS conducted training of various teams (Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell, Assistant Expenditure Observers, Video Surveillance Team, Video Viewing Team, Accounting Team, Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Team, Media Certification and Monitoring Cell) at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 18th January 2023.

All areas of concern, regarding the Election Model Code of Conduct, were thoroughly deliberated during the training programme. DC instructed the officials to be very devoted and careful in all the specific works on election duties till the election process is over.

LONGLENG:

A meeting on, the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other instructions, issued by the Election Commission of India for all political parties and media under Longleng district was held on 20th January 2023 at DC's Conference

Hall, Longleng under the chairmanship of DC and DEO Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS. The DC briefed the guidelines of the Election Model Code of Conduct and appealed all to extend cooperation to the State and district election machinery. He urged all political parties, candidates, government employees, and citizens to adhere to the Model Code of Conduct to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of the General Election 2023 in the district.

The Static Surveillance Team (SST), Flying Squad Team (FST), and Media Certification & Monitoring Committee (MCMC) under the Election Expenditure Monitoring Team (EEM) was constituted under the 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng and the first meeting was convened by the Deputy Commissioner and DEO Longleng on 21st January 2023.

Briefing on the roles and responsibilities of the respective teams DC & DEO, Longleng, Dharam Raj and Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Pritpal Kaur asserted that the primary duties of the teams are to stop malpractice and illegal use of cash, liquor, drugs, arms to ensure free, fair and peaceful election in the district. They informed that during the checking if any cash exceeding ₹ 50,000/- is found or carrying election materials or any drugs, liquor, or arms, it will be seized and reported. To prevent any allegations during the checking and seizure of illegal items they instructed the teams to videograph the whole event of checking by the video team and submit a report daily.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The second round of meeting-cum-training for all the Magistrate/In-Charge, police personnel (FST/SST), team leaders of Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell under Mokokchung district for

the upcoming general election was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 20th January 2023.

During the training, Election Expenditure Monitoring Module for AEO, accounting team, MCMC, flying squad team, static surveillance team, video surveillance team and video viewing team was shared by Dhritishree Bordolai, MGNF, Aosanen, DLMT and Lipoktoshi, DLMT, respectively.

Training for Sector Officers/Magistrate and Sector Commander under Mokokchung District was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 24th January 2023. During the training session, a PowerPoint presentation on the roles and responsibilities of Sector Officers was presented by Dhritishree Bordolai, DC Office Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. District Level Master Trainers also demonstrated the handling of EVMs to the officers.

NOKLAK:

A meeting with the District-level Standing Committee and representative of political parties was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak. During the meeting, Khathyinla, EAC Noklak Headquarter explained all the legal provisions and instructions of the Election Commission relating to expenditure and its monitoring and the consequences of failure to comply with them. The political parties were also sensitized to various ECI instructions and guidelines on MCC, EE, and IT-related matters by concerned Nodal Officers.

KIPHIRE:

Training for the sector magistrates was organized in Kiphire at DC's Conference Hall on 27th January 2023, which was presided over by



EAC Kiphire, Ane Khieya with Master Trainers and Sector Magistrates during a training held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 27th January 2023.

EAC Headquarter, Ane Khieya. Master Trainer, I. Temjen Ozukum, Assistant Professor ZPC Kiphire imparted training on the theoretical part, covering the topics on the preparation of sector maps, vulnerability mappings, pre-poll responsibility, poll day, and poll eve responsibilities, Hotingkyu Sangtam taught practicals on EVM/ VVPAT and Selila (Facilitator) imparted training on postal ballot.

Training for BLOs of 59 and 60 Assembly Constituencies was organized in Kiphire on 28th January 2023 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire. EAC Headquarter Kiphire, Ane Khieya imparted training on postal ballot voting by absentee voters, under the category of senior

citizens of 80+, persons with disabilities, and COVID-19 suspects or affected persons.

Training for Presiding Officers and 1st Polling Officers was conducted on 30th January 2023 at Government Higher Secondary School, Kiphire. DC and DEO Kiphire, Wati Aier briefed the polling officials to be sincere in learning the procedures and he said that the poll procedure would be the same as before, except few changes or additions made. Wati Aier said any occurrence of law and order problems during the polls should be reported to the Sector Magistrate.

WOKHA:

Three-day training programme for the Presiding Officers, 1st Polling Officers and 2nd Polling Officers, 3rd Polling Officers, and Grade IV staff started on 30th January 2023 from Government Higher Secondary School, Wokha. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS while briefing the polling personnel reminded them of their roles and responsibilities while performing their assigned task. He also urged them to attend the training session attentively so that they can do their assignment effectively and for the smooth conduct of election.

NEW VILLAGES INAUGURATED

TENING NAMSAN:

The inauguration programme of the newly recognised Tening Namsan village was held on 9th January 2023 with Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang as the chief guest.

Namri Nchang in his short speech, advised the

elders and the council members of Tening Namsan to work hand in hand with the administration and other government functionaries to witness more development activities even in the coming days. He called on the citizens of the newly recognised village to live in peace.

NCHANGRAM NAMSAN:

The newly recognized Nchangram Namsan village under Tening sub-division, Peren was officially inaugurated by Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang on 11th January 2023.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the Advisor congratulated the Nchangram village and urged the villagers to stand united and work together for the welfare of the village. He also encouraged the gathering to march together for progress, be it social or in the economic field and called on the citizens of Nchangram Namsan to extend support and cooperation to the Government to achieve further development in the future.

NSONG NAMCHI:

Newly recognised village, Nsong Namchi, under Tening sub-division, Peren was officially inaugurated by Advisor for Water Resources, Namri Nchang on 18th January 2023.

Namri Nchang while speaking as the special guest encouraged the people from the village to promote the spirit of oneness and unity for progress in all spheres.

Chairman Nsong Namchi delivered the welcome address and President, NSU, Rangtalak proposed the vote of thanks. A cultural dance was also performed by Nsong Village Youth Organisation. The Advisor unveiled the monolith which was followed by a dedicatory prayer pronounced by Pastor Nsong Namchi, Saha.



Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang along with District Administration officials during the inauguration of newly recognised village, Nsong Namchi, under Tening sub-division, Peren on 18th January 2023.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The first Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the year 2023 was held on 11th January 2023 at the DC's Conference Hall.

Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto highlighted the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme and appealed to the district heads of offices to speed up the registration process of their staff.

The meeting was also attended by Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation and Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, G. Kaito Aye. He appealed to the officers of the district to see to it that the coming election is conducted peacefully.

Sakhi One Stop Centre gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work and functions of the Centre.

PHEK DPDB HOLDS MEETING

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at DPDB Hall, Phek on 10th January 2023.

The meeting discussed the agenda for the change of the school name, A. G. School Chesezu Basa to Tsuswu Chesezu in Phek, for which the Board agreed to recommend it for

Government's approval.

L. Imlinungba Longkumer, Jailer, and Venezohu Dawhuo, Superintendent of Excise presented detailed PowerPoint presentation of all the activities and functions of the Department of Prison (Jail) and Excise at the meeting.

DISTRICT LEVEL SOCIAL AUDIT PUBLIC HEARING UNDER MGNREGS HELD**CHÜMOUKEDIMA:**

The District Level Social Audit Public Hearing under MGNREGS & DRDA Dimapur was held on 12th January 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima.

Project Officer, DRDA Dimapur, Narola Imkong chairing the meeting, thanked the Social Audit Team for taking the time to conduct the social audit in the villages for transparency, and requested the villages to heed the advice and suggestions of the team for development of the villages.

State Resource Person SAU, Nagaland, Vepo Keyho informed that seven (7) villages under Chümoukedima Block, seventeen (17) villages under Kuhuboto Block and six (6) villages under Aghunaqa Block were audited during the last phase of social audit. He mentioned that the Social Audit Unit was established in the year 2014 for accountability and transparency of all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of all the departments besides MGNREGA scheme, under Rural Development Department. Further, he briefed that the social audit is being held regularly to review the process of audit being held in the village level which is later uploaded in the Government website.

The Board also reaffirmed the Gram Sabha

Resolutions and resolved to maintain detailed Transparency Board for all the executed projects as per the specification of Ministry guidelines to - organize Rozgar Diwas on a regular basis; to update Job Cards with all the necessary details; to maintain three phases photographs for all the executed projects; mismatch amount between MIS and Block Office sanction was noted and resolved to take necessary action to rectify the error; recovery of Rs. 160,515 for Kuhuboto Block (Pishikhu, Kushoto, Luzheto, Kuhoto, Nishevi, Lukuto) and Chümoukedima Block (7 Mile, Khriezephe, Sodzulhou, Diphupar, Kirha, Selouphe and Toluvi) was submitted in cash by the concerned resource person to the chairperson; recovery for other villages are given time till the end of January 2023 to deposit the amount to the concerned official; rectification in regard to mismatch of amount in MIS and social audit finding has been submitted by officials of Kuhuboto Block for Pishikhu, Padala, Phuhoto and Lukuto village during the public hearing.

WOKHA:

District-level social audit public hearing under MGNREGA for projects implemented during the financial year 2020-2021 for Wokha district was held on 12th January 2023 at DC's Conference

Hall, Wokha. Twelve (12) villages namely Asha, Pangti, Sungro, Yanthamo, Sunglup, Yanchucho, Longsung (Sanis Block) Niryo, Yikhum, Ekhyoyan, Elumyo, Okheyen (Wokha Block) were audited during the 3rd phase social audit during the financial year 2022-23.

Assistant Director, from Social Audit Unit Nagaland, Imlirenla Sanglir in her introductory remark briefed on the importance of social audit under MGNREGA and emphasized on following the guidelines during the implementation of projects.

EAC Wokha, Rosy Sangtam represented the

District Administration, wherein she emphasized the maintenance of 3 phases of photos as documentary evidence. District Resource Person, Loluvole Thakro and Block Resource Person, Yanathung Odyuo highlighted the audit findings, and accordingly, resolutions were brought out after general discussion such as maintenance of a detailed transparency board for all the executed projects, the conduct of Rozgar Diwas on regular basis, proper maintenance of records and documents, maintenance of three-phase photographs.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13th January 2023 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Chamber, Tseminyu.

The Board members approved and recommended to the Government for registration of Women Club Tseminyu which was presented by Asole Tep. The PowerPoint presentation

was presented by Horticulture Assistant, DHO Tseminyu, Vivili J.

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer for 12 AC Tseminyu, Longasen Lotha requested all departments to be mentally prepared for the conduct of election to the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023.

SÜKRÜNYE FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT PHEK

The inaugural function of the Sükrünye Festival by the Chakhesang Tribe was held at Local Ground, Phek on 14th January 2023. The guest of the inaugural function was MLA and Leader of NPF legislature party, Kuzholuzo Azo Nienu.

Azo Nienu delivered Sükrünye greetings on behalf of the Government of Nagaland to all the Chakhesang people, and he also expressed gratitude to Phek Town Youth Society and Nehru Yuva Kendra Phek for organizing the Sükrünye Festival in a grand manner. He shared about the objective of the Festival and said that Sükrünye Festival is to renew the body and soul and make



MLA Kuzholuzo Azo Nienu graced the Sükrünye Festival held at Local Ground, Phek on 14th January 2023.

oneself holy by cleansing the body and soul of the village as a whole, and bringing forth blessing and unity amongst all communities of Nagaland.

Traditional fire making and lighting of Sükrünye torch, top fight, catapult shooting, bamboo pole race, greased bamboo pole climbing, and other games were the highlights of the celebration.

Speaking at the celebration of Sükrünye and Youth Festival held at Local Ground, Phek town on 15th January 2023, DC Phek, Kumar

Ramnikant, IAS as Sükrünye guest, spoke on the significance of Sükrünye Festival- 'purification,' for which he called upon the people to purify one's heart so that celebration of the Festival becomes more meaningful. He acknowledged people's support for preserving traditional festivals and called upon the youths to sincerely preserve their traditional culture and also urged them to come forward with new ideas that will benefit the community.

DISTRIBUTION OF AID TO PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE IN LONGLENG

'Samajik Adhikari Shivar' a camp for the distribution of aids and assistive devices to 'Divyangjan' under the ADIP Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India was organized by the Department of Social Welfare, Longleng in association with ALIMCO and District Administration Longleng at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 14th January 2023.

SDO (C) Longleng, Trongdiba Tongpi Sangtam spoke on the occasion and interacted with the beneficiaries. He lauded the efforts of the Social Welfare Department and ALIMCO for organizing the assessment and distribution camp for the physically disabled people of the district. Trongdiba also requested the beneficiaries to use all the appliances sensibly as huge public money was involved in the procurement of the aids and appliances.

DWO in-charge Longleng, Longlang Phom appealed to ALIMCO to hold more such assessment camps in different parts of the district in the future to ensure coverage of more beneficiaries.



Officials along with a beneficiary during the distribution of aid and assistive device at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 14th January 2023.

ALIMCO Officer P&O, Supongwati Jamir expressed appreciation to District Administration, Longleng and Social Welfare Department, Longleng for the tremendous support and enthusiasm shown during the assessment camps held in September 2022. He mentioned that such an immensely positive response and feedback was well received by the Ministry and thereby Longleng district was chosen as one of

the 67 locations in the country to conduct the 'Samajik Adhikari Shivar' distribution programme.

Demonstration on the use of devices were performed by Prosthetist and Orthotist, ALIMCO, Suman Kumar and Audiologist, ALIMCO,

Jagganath Sahoo. Different types of aids and assistive devices distributed among identified Divyangjan registered included wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks, rollators, smart cane, MSIED kits, hearing aids, etc.

NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 16th January 2023.

DC & Vice Chairman, Niuland DPDB, Sara S Jamir said 2023 will be the year of eradication of proxy teachers in the district, for which the DC urged all the officers and public leaders to cooperate with the authorities. In line with the grievances and problems highlighted by the DEO Niuland, Sara informed the DEO to prepare a proposal for the upgradation of the High School to a Higher Secondary School since Niuland district has only one Higher Secondary School.

The following agenda were deliberated and approved during the meeting - recognition of Heveto village under Kuhuboto sub-division; report of Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) by all HoDs; and highlight on Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI).

DEO Niuland, Bohovi Yeptho while delivering a departmental presentation highlighted various achievements and problems in the department, including the inclusion of the Kuhuboto division into Niuland DEO, which is presently under SDEO Dimapur.

TSÜNGKAM NEO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

Along with the rest of the Yimkhiungs across the State, Shamator Town Thüneo committee organized Tsüngkam Neo on 16th January 2023 with S. Yanba as a special guest. He wished the people a joyous celebration of the Festival and a prosperous year ahead. The significance of the Festival was shared by public leader, Doki

Kecham.

Y. Anner - oldest village also celebrated Tsüngkam Neo Festival with a prayer by Pastor Pintsü and a message from Head GB, K. Yimtokiu. The village council also organized competitions such as volleyball, traditional songs and dances, and top spinning.

MIMKUT MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

The three-day 9th State Level Mimkut Mini Hornbill Festival under the theme 'Unity Through Culture,' organized by Kuki Inpi Nagaland, sponsored by Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland, began on 16th January 2023 at GMS Ground, Molvom village under Medziphema sub-division, Chümoukedima.

On the first day of the Festival, special guest

Retired Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Alun Hansing graced the Festival. He emphasized the importance of celebrating the Mimkut Festival and exhibiting their ethnic culture through work that represents their roots. He also wished the Kuki community to carry peace and prosperity through their festival.

On the second day of the Festival, Chief

Secretary, Government of Nagaland, J Alam, IAS was the special guest. Addressing the gathering he said the Kuki tribe has contributed to every sector of development, whether in farming, government, or any other sectors in the State. He lauded them for their hard work in contributing to the development of the State and encouraged the community to continue working hard and emphasize on education which he said will develop not only the community but also help in developing Nagaland.

Special invitee, ADC Medziphema



Crowds gathered during the Mimkut Mini Hornbill Festival celebrated at GMS Ground, Molvom village, Medziphema sub-division, Chümoukedima on 16th January 2023.

Imsongmeren urged the Kuki Community to carry on their good approach towards unity and progress for a better future.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) decided to request the State Government for establishing Modern Slaughter House during the DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 18th January 2023.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Wokha DPDB, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS. During the meeting, the Board discussed on registration of ESEN Electrical Society, report on slaughter house, review of CMHIS for Wokha district and preparations for the forthcoming election.

Chief Veterinary Officer, Wokha, Dr. Mhonchan Shitiri while highlighting status of slaughter house in Wokha town, suggested that slaughter house should be situated away from residential areas with good hygienic facilities. He also said that as per the direction of the DPDB,

a committee has been constituted with ADC & Administrator Wokha Town Council, CVO, CMO and FSO Wokha, with the purpose to verify the status of slaughter house in the town area. Accordingly, the team inspected the slaughter house in and around Wokha town and has suggested the following points - relocation of the present slaughter house and lairage away from residential area, regulation of transportation, animal slaughter licensing and meat inspection, regulation of meat scale counter. The committee also suggested that the district needs to have modern slaughter house, which the Board members deliberated on and decided to request the State Government for establishing modern slaughter house in the district.

On review of CMHIS for Wokha district, the DC informed those departments who are yet to

register, to do so at the earliest for the benefit of all the government employees. While briefing the members for the forthcoming election, he urged all concerned to gear up to ensure that there is no laxity on the part of employees while in the process of executing election related activities.

DC stated that, the target is to ensure that there should be no violence and no repoll in the district during the forthcoming election. The

DC also warned that no government servants/employees are to take part or engage in any election activity in promotion of a particular candidate. He added lapses on the part of government employees during the election process will be dealt seriously and action will be initiated, zero tolerance against those erring employees and he urged all to perform their assigned responsibilities with outmost dedication.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 18th January 2023 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Nokchasashi.

The DC apprised all the Head of Offices to be present in station and to be cooperative since election times are approaching. He also

enlightened the members about the expected early declaration of the elections and requested to get ready to carry the assigned duties and tasks for the smooth functioning of the forthcoming election. He stated that once the election dates are declared, all the machineries will be activated and everyone should all work as a team and give their best, as government employees.

SEMINAR ON HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFTS HELD AT Y. ANNER VILLAGE

Seminar on handloom and handicrafts was held at Y. Anner village, Shamator on 18th January 2023. The seminar was organized by Researchers Documentation Committee on Yimkhiung Cultural Attires and Ornaments (DCoYT&O) and Yimkhiung Tribal Council (YTC) with Ruthsan Kiuthsuthong, Member, DCoYT&O as the resource person.

Ruthsan Kiuthsuthong acknowledged the community for preserving the rich tradition and culture of the Yimkhiung tribe. She appealed all the weavers to maintain its originality as mixing of modern designs will result in loss of its credibility. The seminar was attended by village elders from various villages, scholars and YTC team.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The first meeting of Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the year 2023 was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 19th January 2023 under the chairmanship of DPDB Chairman & MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro.

During the meeting, DC & Vice Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Shanavas C, IAS said that the

election is around the corner and as per the election guidelines, Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) should be available in all the Polling Stations where majority of the Polling Stations are at school buildings, he, therefore, asked all the line departments - PHED, Power, Social Welfare, School Education and other related

departments to ensure that the facilities of running water, drinking water, power connection, ramp for PwDs voters and school toilets, etc. are set up at the earliest.

The meeting reviewed the last meeting minutes and took up the agenda on the registration of societies. The Board decided to recommend Angami Public Organization, Sangtam Baptist Church Kohima Welfare Society, Baptist College Alumni Association, Mission Compound Kohima, and Go-Taxi Service, Kezuozou, Kohima to

the Government for further necessary action, after verifying the necessary criteria and data. In regard to Viswema Disabled Parents' Association, the Board decided that the matter be taken up through the concerned department of Social Welfare for further action

PowerPoint presentation on the implementation activities of Jal Jeevan Mission taken up under Kohima, urban and rural, was presented by the PHED Department.

KHAOZAOSIE HOK-AH-CUM-HANDICRAFT FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT NOKLAK

Khaozaosie Hok-Ah-cum-Handicraft Festival was celebrated at Public Ground, Noklak town on 20th January 2023 with Former Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Nagaland, S. Heno as special guest. The event was organized by Khamniungan Tribal Council in collaboration with Noklak District Handloom & Handicraft Council.

S. Heno stated that for all-round development, peace is paramount important. He mentioned that the Khaozaosie Hok-Ah Festival is a time for making peace treaties between villagers and a time for merry-making and sharing meats with neighbours and cousins. Heno appealed to all the Khamniungan community members to live in unity and be peace-loving citizens.

Heno urged upon the tribal leaders, public



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leaders and elders, DBs, GBs, and village elders to serve the people with dedication and work harder for the upliftment of the district. Further, he urged the community to preserve and practice culture and tradition.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, K. Mhathung Tsanglao stated that the Festival brings unity and urged to maintain a peaceful atmosphere for all-around development. The DC urged the district people to practice the habit of forgiveness and

to live in unity.

S. Heno also inaugurated handicrafts and handloom stalls which was followed by cultural display and dance by Khamniungan Cultural Club, Noklak town and Noklak Town Women

Cultural Group.

Thonoknyu Headquarter under Noklak district also celebrated the Khozaosie Hok-Ah-cum-Thonoknyu Town Cultural Club's 2nd Cultural Day on 20th January 2023 at Public Ground.

KIPHIRE LAUNCHES ONLINE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS & DEATHS

Organized by Kiphire District Economics & Statistics, online registration of births & deaths was launched at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 20th January 2023,

Speaking at the programme, DC Wati Aier said that the launch of this new system is to facilitate public access to birth and death certificates in online mode, which is more systematic and centralised. He encouraged the department to publicize more on this system.

District Economics & Statistics Officer Kiphire, Holikhum Sangtam informed that the applicant/

general public can access the online website i.e. www.crsorgi.gov.in and log in through the general public signup. The certificate generated from the system has a unique registration number, QR Code, Bar Code, and embedded facsimile signature of the registrar along with the imprinted state birth and dead logos, DESO said. He also mentioned that the computer-generated certificate is to be recognized as legal document along with the certificates issued manually by the Registrar of Births & Deaths.

DoNER OFFICIALS VISITS MON AND LONGLENG

Suresh Kumar S, Statistical Advisor (Joint Secretary Level), Chief Nodal Officer for Nagaland, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Nehjamang Simte, Deputy Secretary, DoNER and Dharmendra Kumar, Section Officer, DoNER visited Sawa village in Mon district and Yongam village in Longleng district on 18th January 2022 and held an interactive meeting with the village councils and various stakeholders.

The visit aimed to generate awareness among the citizens about the 'SAMBHAV

Mission Mode' programme which focuses on the development of backward blocks/villages across the North-East by converging and monitoring key indicators such as - access to health, education, drinking water, electricity, and financial inclusion.

During the interaction, the central team enquired how the community was utilizing and implementing the different Central and State Government Schemes at the grassroot level. The team also instructed the village officials to draw attention to the need for local development and the flaws in the various projects.

GOVERNOR PROF. JAGDISH MUKHI VISITS LONGWA VILLAGE IN MON

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and his wife, Prem Mukhi visited Longwa village, Mon on 21st January 2023.

During his interaction with the heads of offices

in Mon district, Governor said he is privileged to be in a historical village. He narrated the launch of Swachhta Abhiyan from Red Fort in Delhi, people wondered why Prime Minister Narendra



Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi interacting with heads of offices in Mon district at Longwa village on 21st January 2023.

Modi was talking on some minor issues. But the launch of the scheme has created wonders in the country since children in schools developed the habit of not littering around, and today the common site of throwing trash out of the car window in Delhi is not seen. He added that the notion of sanitation is adopted through inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi.

Governor also stressed on the Prime Minister's vision for electrification to ensure that every house and not just every village, get electrified, and today all the villages are electrified in Mon except for a couple of new villages, he said. He maintained that the success

of schemes depends on the practicality of the scheme, good leadership and strong monitoring at the lower level.

Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner, Mon to look into the grievances of the School Education Department and write a letter to the concerned authority for posting the required teachers in the district educational institutions. On learning that science stream is offered

only in one Higher Secondary School in Mon, he directed the DC to take action to introduce science in another Higher Secondary School. Prof Mukhi also asked the DC to write to the concerned authority and follow up to ensure there are required laboratory technicians and other medical technicians posted in the district.

DC Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS during the interaction, said Mon has potential in village tourism since lots of tourists visit due to the location and also the good culture of the people. He also said that handicrafts and handloom have potential in the district.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

Kohima observed National Girl Child Day at Kohima Orphanage & Destitute Home on 24th January 2023.

Social Welfare Commissioner & Secretary and Administrator NSSWB, Martha R. Ritse, IAS addressed on POCSO Act 2012, she briefed that this Act protects children from offences of

sexual assault and harassment and offenders would suffer serious punishment. She also informed the children present there, that if they find themselves in such situations they should call the Government provided number of child helpline - 1098/181.

Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi sharing the importance of National Girl Child

Day said that it is a significant step towards girls seeking to address gender imbalance and discrimination against the girl child.

LONGLENG:



National Girl Child Day was celebrated at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng from 21st to 24th January 2023.

District Administration, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Sakhi One Stop Centre, Longleng celebrated National Girl Child Day from 21st to 24th January 2023 under the theme 'She is our Tomorrow' at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng.

On 21st January, the OSC team along with the District Administration organized plantation drive and planted around 50 tree saplings at different wards of Longleng. On 22nd January 2023, a slogan competition was organized with youth from 11 wards followed by two days Inter Ward Girls Volleyball Competition.

EAC Headquarter, Longleng, Chingmei spoke on the theme 'She is our Tomorrow.' She encouraged the girl child to participate in all the activities to gain more

knowledge and experiences and to improve and empower themselves. She stated that love, care, and respect for a girl child begins at home. She further spoke on inequalities faced by girls in our country and enlightened the gathering on the rights of a girl child.

COUNCIL HALL AND SUB HEALTH CENTRE INAUGURATED AT MAPULUMI

The inaugural function of the Council Hall and Sub Health Centre at Mapulumu under Akuluto, Zunheboto was inaugurated by Advisor CAWD & NSDMA, Kazheto Kinimi on 5th January 2023.

The inauguration of the sub-centre and the council hall was held at different places. Head GB of Mapulumu village, Khekato Chishi expressed gratitude to the Advisor for the

successful projects completed for the people of Mapulumu in particular and the area in general. He extended gratitude to Dr. Vikato Kinimi for taking the initiative in creating the new Sub-Centre at Mapulumu village. It was all under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio that the development could take place, he added.

DISTRICT WATER QUALITY TESTING LABORATORY INAUGURATED AT JOTSOMA



Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS with officials during the inauguration of District Water Quality Testing Laboratory, at PHED Water Treatment Plant, Phezhu, Jotsoma on 5th January 2023.

District Water Quality Testing Laboratory, accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) was inaugurated by Chairman DWSM & Deputy Commissioner, Shanavas C, IAS at PHED Water Treatment Plant, Phezhu, Jotsoma on 5th January 2023.

During the inaugural programme, the DC mentioned the side effects and different

chemicals present in the water which are not only harmful to users but for generations to come. He spoke about the benefits of the NABL laboratory and mentioned that other developed countries are cautious of what they drink and we should also learn and implement that in our life.

Urban Division Kohima Lab Head & Executive Engineer, Subongyanger stated that under Jal Jeevan Mission all the laboratories are to be NABL

accredited and the infrastructure and processes of water testing laboratories should comply with NABL standards and protocols. The accreditation will ensure a seamless improvement in terms of resources and competence of the laboratories in years to come and help laboratories generate valid results and finally ensure that drinking water supplied in every household in rural/urban Nagaland is safe for consumption.

Er. Subongyanger also mentioned the benefits of NABL for the people, as an assurance of genuine reports from accurately calibrated testing, confidence in personal performance tests, elimination of the need for re-testing thereby saving money and time, satisfaction from the service provider, and better control of the laboratory operations and feedback.

UNVEILING OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION STONE NOKLAK



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying and other officials after unveiling the foundation stone of Noklak District Hospital on 5th January 2023.

The foundation stone of Noklak Community Health Centre (CHC) upgradation to District Hospital was unveiled by Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom in the presence of Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying on 5th January 2023.

The Minister stated that the hospital is upgraded by the Government but upliftment and early improvement of the hospital will mostly depend on the support of the local citizens. He thanked the land donors for their contribution and urged them to avoid disturbance while developing the District Hospital.

Advisor, H. Haiying urged the citizens to work collectively leaving aside their differences. He thanked the State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and the

Health & Family Welfare Department for the concern shown towards the district. He urged Noklak citizens to take good responsibility and extend their support to the staff.

RIO LAUNCHES 10-BED ICU PROJECT AND TELE ICU HUB

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the 10 Bed ICU wards across 12 district hospitals during a programme held at Capital Cultural Centre, Kohima on 6th January 2023.

Speaking at the launching of the 10 Bed ICU

Project, Rio extended his appreciation to the project partners and the Department of Health & Family Welfare for the completion of ICU facilities with tele-connectivity in 12 district hospitals. He said the project was initiated during the second



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with other officials visiting the Tele ICU Hub at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 6th January 2023.

wave of COVID-19 when the State Government approached the eGov Foundation through Nachiket Mor on 31st May 2021 after which an MoU was signed with the eGov Foundation, Nirmaan Organisation, and Karuna Trust.

The Chief Minister said it was difficult to make ICU facilities operational in district hospitals other than at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima and added that the project will innovatively address the shortage of specialist doctors through the Tele-ICU Hub at NHAK. He said that specialist doctors at NHAK will now be able to monitor and provide critical care remotely over a high-speed internet connection and using cameras. He added that without the physical presence of the specialist doctors and instead through their remote guidance, the trained healthcare staff at the district hospitals will be able to provide the ICU services. He also said that the project has the potential to transform the provision of critical

healthcare services in Government Hospitals in the State.

While appreciating Nandan Nilekani and Srikanth Nadhamuni for their constant support and Vinod Khosla for funding the 10-Bed ICU project and Tele ICU Hub, the Chief Minister encouraged them to use technology to meet the challenges of development and attracting investment in remote mountainous areas like Nagaland.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Tele ICU Hub at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima during the day. Srikanth Nadhamuni, Chairman, 10BedICU Org., expressing delight at working with the Government of Nagaland, stated that the pace at which the project has gone is incredible, with the organization working in eight states, he said that Nagaland is the first State where it has launched 10 Bed ICU in every District Hospital within one year.

Srikanth stated that all the districts have been covered and they will endeavour to launch it in the new districts as well. He explained that the first pillar is equipment to set up 10 Bed ICU, which is state-of-the-art equipment with the ventilators being imported from Switzerland and having a three-year warranty. The second pillar being the Tele-ICU at NHAK which is connected to the District Hospitals so that all the Hospitals can have access to specialized services. He

further explained that Tele Hub at NHAK and District Hospitals are connected through cloud software, and Google has offered its software to Nagaland for free for one year.

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom stated that with the help of the project, the State will be enhancing its critical care infrastructure. The Minister assured that all the District Hospitals will be provided with high-speed internet connectivity to ensure that specialized services at NHAK are available in all the districts. He further stated that the 10 Bed ICU project is not just a measure against COVID-19 but it is a long-term investment in the State's overall critical healthcare delivery. He also requested the eGov Foundation and the donors in setting up ICU facilities in the newly created districts as well as set up another Tele Hub at CIHSR, Dimapur.

Speaking at the launching programme virtually, Founder, Khosla Ventures, Vinod Khosla stated that the successful completion of the 10-bed ICU project with Tele ICU Hub in less than a year is a big achievement. He said the project is a precursor for better and cheaper healthcare. Khosla said that the only way for access to quality healthcare for the remote rural population is through the use of innovative technologies and standardized medical protocol.

Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, INFOSYS, addressing the launching programme virtually, stated that the project is a part of a long series of projects in India of creating Digital Public Goods, public goods for the society and the people using digital technology such as Aadhaar, DBT, UPI, etc. He added that technology used properly for the benefit of people is the only way that we can drive an equitable and inclusive society, where everyone has access to education, health, and

career advancement.

The 10BedICU Project is an innovative Public Private Partnership project between the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, and 10BedICU partner NGOs (eGov Foundation and Karuna Trust) led by eGov Foundation. The Project was launched in June 2021 as a response to the devastation caused by the COVID-19 second wave. The intervention has evolved from a relief project into a system-strengthening project. The Project tries to bridge the gaps in critical service delivery in India.

An MoU was signed on 21st July 2021, between the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, and 10 Bed ICU partner NGOs (eGov Foundation and Karuna Trust). The 10 Bed ICU partner raises funds through donors in India and abroad to provide medical equipment, technology (software & hardware), and capacity building for medical and hospital staff. And the government provides the physical infrastructure, human resources, and other operational expenses to run the ICU units set up under the project.

To oversee the project, a Project Management Unit with senior bureaucrats, including the Home Commissioner and Health Secretary, and members from 10 Bed NGO partners was constituted. In Nagaland, the Health Department also created a sub-committee consisting of senior officials from the Health Department to assist the PMU members and ensure speedy implementation.

HDFC Bank Parivartan funded the 10BedICU ward in Dimapur District Hospital, and Vinod Khosla supported the 10 Bed ICU wards in all the other districts. Vinod Khosla also funded the Tele-ICU Hub. Karuna Trust and Nagaland Gandhi

Ashram are the field NGO partners of the project in Nagaland. Hamilton Medical Switzerland also donated one ventilator for every two ventilators procured.

10BedICU is made possible by eGovernments Foundation's CARE platform, a cloud-based open-source patient management tool, as well as smart capacity management software and patient management software. These form a Tele ICU module that runs on Google Cloud's secure,

scalable and reliable infrastructure and can be seamlessly accessed in real-time by medical professionals at the TeleICU Hub at NHAK and the connected spoke hospitals.

The 10BedICU is being implemented in 8 states, including Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Meghalaya. 200 ICU units have been set up across the project states.

AMIT SHAH INAUGURATES PROJECTS

Union Minister of Home Affairs & Cooperation, Amit Shah virtually inaugurated various projects across Nagaland from Nousi Auditorium Hall, Chümoukedima on 6th January 2023. 42 VR laboratories and 9 Atal Tinkering Labs in various Government Higher Secondary Schools, 12.5 MV Sub Station in Chiephobozou, Trekking & Base Camp at Saramati, Thanamir village Kiphire and RCC 2-Lane Bridge at Doyang river near Governor's Camp, Liphayan, at the cost of Rs. 51 crores, were virtually inaugurated.

Shah, in his address, mentioned PM Modi's vision of three Ps for the state of Nagaland -

Peace, Progress & Prosperity which he said have been successfully implemented in the State. Reduction of insurgency-related incidents and law & order in the State made significant improvement in the last eight years, stated the Minister. Shah also said the 15th Finance Commission has allocated 4,773 crores and 219 crores as a special package in 2021 to the State of Nagaland. The process of removing the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) in the State is placed in a gradual manner. Various Central Sponsored Schemes that are being implemented in the State were also mentioned.

IMNATIBA INAUGURATES ITI, LONGLENG

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba inaugurated the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Longleng at Pongo in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom and Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj on 9th January 2023.

Addressing the gathering, Imnatiba said that since the upgradation of Longleng as a district headquarter in the year 2004, the district has been witnessing tremendous changes gradually in all round development activities for the Phom community and the people of Longleng. Briefing

on the importance of ITI institutions, he said it provides skills, training and certificates to qualify for a government job or to set up one's own business for self-sufficiency.

The host, S. Pangnyu Phom in his speech, clarified that the ITI institute established under Pongo jurisdiction is meant for the entire people of Longleng and Pongo village is the guardian of the institution. Therefore, he urged the Pongo Village Council and the landowners to take the ownership with full responsibility of the ITI for the entire Phom community. Pangnyu informed that the ITI will provide training skills along with

a certificate for job opportunity, and dropout and poor students who cannot go outside for further studies will be given the privilege to build their career. He appealed to the gathering to avail the opportunity provided by the Government wisely for the progress of the people without any hindrance to any development activities taking place in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS in his short speech asserted that Nagas have inborn talent and skills, and if given the opportunity to train properly in technical skills, they will get more job opportunities, especially the unemployed youth. Enumerating on various streams and trades which the ITI can provide to create job vacancies, the DC urged the

department to focus more on additional training along with the traditional training to boost service sector in the State.

Deputy Director, ITI Kohima, Er. H. Alongse while highlighting on the project, said that the cost of ITI Longleng was estimated for Rs. 6 crore and 20 lakh, excluding the machineries and equipments, which will come in the second phase. He appealed to the landowners and the Pongo Village Council to create cordial relationship with the department for all round development of the institution. Alongse also apprised that the department is moving for creation of post to ITI Longleng, Kiphire, Peren and Dimapur. The ITI Longleng will function by July and August 2023, he added.

PANGNYU INAUGURATES GB CUSTOMARY COURT



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the Customary Court of GB's Association of Longleng on 9th January 2023.

Asserting that GBs are the guardian and custodians of the customary law and order, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, S. Pangnyu Phom called upon the GB Association, Longleng to maintain dignity and prestige of the GB, and discharge their roles and responsibilities wisely with utmost sincerity. Pangnyu was addressing the inaugural function of the Customary Court of GB's Association of Longleng on 9th January 2023 near the Public

Ground PPC Ward.

Pangnyu stated that random appointments of GBs without following government policies and traditions, negative attitudes, and involvement of GBs in politics have lost some of the dignity and trust of the people in the recent past, while adding that existence of GBs since the era of the British Raj was attributed to the responsive role played by the early GBs. He appealed to the association to reform and rededicate themselves in their noble service, and restore the past glory, respect, and dignity of the GBs by adopting a wise decision to deliver justice to the people. He informed that although GBs are not government servants yet they are very much part and parcel of the government because GBs are authorized and appointed by the Government to maintain law and order under their respective jurisdiction/village.

The Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, in his speech, said he was of the view that GB's Customary Court should have been bigger to preserve the customary documents and books because it is a traditional

institute that has a strong root connection with the people. He lauded the GBs for coming up with the beautiful building without financial support from the Government. Speaking on the grievances of the GBs, the DC assured that the administration will extend cooperation and

support to the association to redress their issues. DC also felt that more roles and responsibilities should be entrusted to the GBs along with financial assistance from the Government. It is the right time to focus on the preservation of the institution by the Government, he added.

INAUGURATION OF CSR UNNATI SKILL CENTRE AT KOHIMA

Inauguration of CSR Initiatives Unnati Skill Centre Kohima, UNXT, and Innovation Studio was held at the State Capital Secretariat Conference Hall on 12th January 2023.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS graced the inaugural function. He stated that in the present scenario, most people in Nagaland depend on government services and the agricultural sector. Chief Secretary referring to the Unnati skill innovation asserted that young people in Nagaland are enthusiastic to learn, and given the platform, they would perform positively. J. Alam said that this kind of skill innovation opportunities should be provided to the younger generation. He also stated that the partnership with Boeing will help the people of Nagaland to progress further. He also appreciated the Joint Secretary of IDAN, Renny Wilfred, and his team for tirelessly working for the welfare of the State as well as for the younger generation.

A welcome address was given by Renny Wilfred, IAS, Joint Secretary, IDAN where he thanked Praveena Yagnambhat, Chief of Staff & BGE Lead, Boeing international for proposing to set up a youth empowerment centre in Nagaland. He said this will ultimately lead to the setting up of a Unnati Skill Centre in Nagaland. He thanked



Chief Secretary addressing the gathering during the inauguration of CSR Initiatives Unnati Skill Centre Kohima, UNXT, and Innovation Studio was held at the State Capital Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th January 2023.

the Department of Technical Education for coming selflessly and acting as the facilitating agency to take forward the ongoing project in the State. Wilfred further mentioned that the Unnati training will be for 35 days with 100 percent job placement and the courses offered are GST, spoken english, computer skills, life skills, hygiene, counselling, and confidence building in the community. Wilfred also stated that Unnati will provide job placement to the trainees as per their competencies in various companies. He highlighted and appreciated the initiatives of IDAN led by Alemtemshi Jamir, CEO, and acknowledged him for being the guiding force for setting up the training centre in the State.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam inaugurated the project supported by Boeing namely, Unnati Skill Centre Kohima, UNXT programme for Nagaland, Innovation Studio, and solar power backup for examination cell for 10 Government Colleges in Nagaland.



Officials and participants during the 13th National Voters' Day, which was held at ADC's Office, Meluri on 25th January 2023.



Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare, Martha R. Ritse addressing the gathering during the National Girl Child Day celebration at Orphanage & Destitute Home, Kohima on 24th January 2023.



Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar and his team being received by CEO Nagaland, V Shashank Shekhar, IAS and other officials on their arrival at Assam Rifles Helipad, Kohima on 13th January 2023.



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