



Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi with the Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan and the newly sworn-in Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphu Rio, Deputy Chief Ministers, and the Cabinet Ministers after the swearing-in ceremony held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 7th March 2023.

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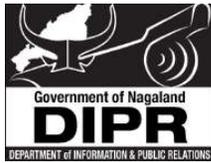
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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and senior government officials with the newly appointed Chairmen/ Advisors at the Chief Minister's Office, Kohima on 31st March 2023.



Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi arriving at the Assam Rifles Helipad, Kohima on 7th March 2023.



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H&FW DEPARTMENT ISSUES GUIDELINES

In the backdrop of media reports on rising cases of the new variant of COVID-19 (XBB 1.16) and also Influenza H3N2 in the Country, the Department of Health & Family Welfare reiterates the importance of limiting and reducing transmission of Respiratory Tract Infections:

The following factor such as inadequate attention to personal hygiene, sneezing and coughing without protection nearby of other people, closed-door gatherings, etc. contribute to increased transmission of viral respiratory pathogens like Influenza A (H1N1, H3N2, etc.) including COVID-19.

While most of these pathogens typically cause mild and often self-limiting illness manifesting as acute respiratory infection with fever and cough, in some cases, particularly amongst young children, old age people, people with obesity, and other co-morbidities (like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, chronic renal and liver disease, etc.) as well as pregnant women may suffer from a more severe manifestation of these diseases requiring hospitalization.

Therefore, in order to limit the transmission of these diseases, the following needs to be adhered to:

1. Respiratory and Hand Hygiene
 - Covering one's mouth and nose with tissue/handkerchief/elbow when coughing or sneezing.

- Avoiding spitting in public places.
 - Use of masks in crowded environments.
 - Frequent hand washing.
2. Early reporting of symptoms to Health Care Workers to initiate early care and treatment.
 3. Limiting contact with those people who are suffering from respiratory illness.

Dos and Don'ts for Infection Prevention and Control:

Dos:

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Wear masks and avoid crowded places.
3. Cover mouth and nose while sneezing
4. Avoid touching your eyes and nose.
5. Take plenty of fluids
6. Take Paracetamol for fever and body aches.

Don'ts:

1. Shake hands or use contact greetings.
2. Spit in public.
3. Take antibiotics or other medicines without consulting a doctor.
4. Eat together sitting close to others.

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In addition, concerning the XBB 1.16 variant of COVID-19, detection is done through Genome Sequencing of a Positive COVID-19 sample.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare would also like to inform the public that surveillance has been intensified and all the Rapid Response Teams are put on alert. Further, the public is encouraged to come forward for testing of those people exhibiting signs and symptoms of Respiratory Tract Infections.

Furthermore, though, there is a rising trend of respiratory tract infections including H3N2, and COVID-19, there is no report of increased severity and the public is requested to be vigilant and not panic.

HOME DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON CAR PASSES IN THE NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT

In an office memorandum, the Home Department informed that new car pass for entry into the Nagaland Civil Secretariat will be issued from 20th March 2023 onwards during office hours and directed all concerned to collect the new prescribed format from the Home Department, SAB 'A' branch and submit the same to Home Department by 30th March 2023. The old car passes will be invalid after 30th April 2023, the memorandum informed.

The following will be entitled to car pass - Ministers (3 No.), Advisors/Chairman (2 No.), MLA (1 No.), Chief Secretary & equivalent (2 No.), Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary holding additional charge and equivalent (2 No.). All other officers in the Secretariat in the rank of Joint Secretary and above/Additional Director & Head of Department & equivalent (1 No.), all officers in the Secretariat in the rank of Junior Section

Officer/Equivalent and above (not entitled to attach vehicle) (1 No.) and Nodal Officer(s) (1 No.)

The car passes shall be issued only for vehicles bearing Government Registration Number i.e. NL-10 and any other legally authorized by the competent authority. The car passes shall not be ordinarily issued for a vehicle bearing a private registration number. In exceptional/unavoidable cases, the same may be issued after obtaining an order/recommendation from the AHoD concerned.

For all officers in the Secretariat in the rank of Junior Section Officer or equivalent and above (not entitled to attach vehicle), car passes will be issued with a specific order from the Home Department on the production of certified documents of private vehicles registered in the name of the officer concerned.

In respect of Nodal Officer(s), car pass will be issued against only one vehicle, on production of formal order of

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nomination as Nodal Officer duly signed by the Head of Department. Further all departments have to ensure intimation to this Office whenever a Nodal Officer replaced. The old car pass held by the previous Nodal Officer should also be produced for issue of the new ones. Each Directorate is entitled to only 3 (three) car passes i.e. Director, Additional Director, and the Nodal Officer. The entitlement will be 4 (four) in the case of Directorates headed by the Principal Director.

The following will be the authorized parking areas of vehicles in the Secretariat:

1. Parking lot on the West (Gate-2): All vehicles with car pass X and Y
2. Parking lot on the East: All vehicles with car pass J and S
3. New parking lot (near Staff Bus Stand): All vehicles with car pass D, N, and O
4. Parking lot outside the Secretariat (Near NSSA Park/ATM): Private vehicles of the Secretariat employees.

The memorandum further notified that non-entitled vehicle pass issued to the Directorates and other establishments exceeding their quota as specified in this Memorandum will not be replaced or renewed henceforth for want of space.

NLA SECRETARIAT NOTIFIES ON APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF WHIPS

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat has notified that Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu, President, Naga People's Front has appointed Achumbemo Kikon, MLA as the Chief Whip of the NPF Legislature Party to the 14th House of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

In another notification, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat has notified that the NCP Legislature Party has elected Namri Nchang, MLA as the Chief Whip of the NCP Legislature Party w.e.f. 14th March 2023.

RNI INFORMS ON SUBMISSION OF FORM 1 TO RNI

As received from the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Office of the Registrar of Newspaper for India (RNI), it is to inform to all concerned publishers of newspapers for submission of (Form 1) Declaration to O/o RNI as per PRB Act.

The Form has to be submitted based on the authenticated Declaration from DM/Collector/SDM/CMM/DCP/ Specified authority, as per the Press and Registration of Books Act (PRB ACT) 1867.

It is to be informed that RNI has revised its guidelines and it is decided that in the fitness of things and as mandated under the Act, the Office of the Registrar of Newspaper for India, hereafter, shall process only those Declarations which are directly and officially received from the Authenticating Authority.

The authenticated original declaration (Form 1) has to be directly forwarded by the

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Authenticating Authority with effect from 1st April 2023 onwards, to the following Office Address - The Press Registrar, O/o the Registrar of Newspaper for India, 9th Floor, Sochna Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003 or email at registration-rni@gov.in.

NAGALAND POLICE INFORMS ON ENROLMENT OF CYBER VOLUNTEERS

The Nagaland Police through a press release, stated that in order to tackle and mitigate the menace of cybercrime and to ensure a clean safe cyber space, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has developed a Cyber Crime Volunteer Framework which enables the participation of citizens in tackling the cyber crime menace. The Cyber Crime Volunteer Framework aims to bring together the citizens having passion to serve the society.

It stated that the Cyber Crime Volunteer Framework can be accessed through the 'National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP)' (www.cybercrime.gov.in). Any Indian citizen can get himself associated by registering on the NCRP

as a 'Cyber Volunteer' by clicking on the 'Register as a volunteer' tab and following the instructions given. The volunteers will serve as a bridge between the law enforcement agencies of state and the citizens and help in spreading awareness amongst the people. In view of the rapid increase in cybercrime and use of emergent technologies by cybercriminals, it becomes imperative that the general public be made aware of the modus operandi of the cybercrimes. The volunteers will serve as a means to spread awareness amongst the general public, to reach out to the public through various social media platforms or any other means of communication, it added.

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES

In pursuance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and P&AR Notification No. AR-3/GEN-9/97 dated 13.08.2020, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to constitute a Committee consisting of the following Members to examine cases of request for exemption of posts from the notified list of identified posts for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:

1. Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department : Chairman
2. Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department : Member
3. Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department : Member
4. State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities : Member
5. Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department : Member Secretary

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The term of reference for the Committee will be:

1. To consider and recommend cases received from various departments requesting exemption of various posts from the notified list of identified posts for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities.
2. The Committee shall meet biannually to consider and recommend such cases which may be referred to the Committee from time to time.
3. To examine, consider, update the list of posts identified and earmarked for Persons with Benchmark Disability and inclusion of new abbreviations in the disability category.

SOCIAL WELFARE DESIGNATED AS NODAL DEPARTMENT FOR MANUAL SCAVENGING

In pursuance of this Department Notification No. AR-15/I/85(Pt) dated 08.07.2010, the Social Welfare Department is re-designated as the Nodal Department for all matters relating to the implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 including all the activities relating to

the Safai Karamcharis/Sanitary & Insanitary Workers.

All correspondence relating to the above-mentioned subject has to be addressed to 'The Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat Kohima -797004, Nagaland.'

DR. SOUMYA CHAKRABORTY APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR-CUM-DEAN OF NIMSR

The Department of Health & Family Welfare has notified that in supersession to its Office Order dated Kohima the 10th January 2023 and on the recommendation of the Search cum Selection Committee, Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR) Society, Dr. Soumya Chakraborty has been appointed to the post of Director-cum-Dean, Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR), Kohima in 7th CPC Pay Matrix Level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) per month plus all other allowances as are admissible under the rules in force from time to time with effect from 12.12.2022.

It also informed that the Terms of Reference for Director-cum-Dean of Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR), Kohima shall be as per the Bye Laws of the Society or as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time. Further, it informed that the order has been issued with the approval of the Cabinet dated Kohima, the 21st April 2022 and as approved in the first meeting of the Governing Council, NIMSR meeting held on 23.01.2023.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

The Directorate of Industries & Commerce has notified that the under-mentioned has taken over the charge of Director of Industries & Commerce with effect from 1st March 2023. Henceforth, all official correspondences & DO letter shall be sent to the mentioned below:

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NBSE ISSUES STUDENT-FRIENDLY MEASURES TO IMPROVE EXAM PERFORMANCE

It was notified for information of all concerned that the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has revised its existing rules to align with New Education Policy 2020 recommendations by incorporating new provisions in the conduct of examinations.

To facilitate students to improve their grades or marks to pursue higher education with their choice of subjects, provision is given to qualified/passed candidates to appear Improvement Examination in the same year. A successful candidate at the HSLC/HSSLC Examination desirous of improving his/her performance shall be given one chance in June/July of the same year to appear in three or fewer subjects. This provision will also help students to have the best of two examination options as envisioned in NEP 2020.

Provision for candidates who qualified at the HSLC Examination but secured Needs Improvement in one subject will be allowed to reappear in the Needs Improvement subject at the immediate examination so that they can apply for courses, fulfill certain recruitment criteria, and employment where they need to pass in all the subjects they have opted.

Besides the HSLC Compartmental Examination, Compartmental Examination for HSSLC students will be introduced w.e.f. 2023. Two (2) chances to appear for Compartmental Examination will be allowed to clear the failed subjects to reduce and prevent the drop-out rate at HSLC and HSSLC Examination.

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A candidate who appeared in the HSLC/HSSLC Examination conducted by the Board and was placed in Needs Improvement/Failed category shall be eligible to appear in all the subjects as repeater in the subsequent Board Examination. This category of candidates shall appear in the HSLC/HSSLC Examination as per the prescribed syllabi and courses laid down for the examination concerned.

The Heads of Institutions have been requested to note the revised/new rules and disseminate them to the teachers, students, and parents/guardians. The revised/new rules will be implemented with effect from this year. The following revised/new rules are enclosed as an annexure and it is also made available on the Board's website www.nbsenl.edu.in:

1. Rules relating to candidature for Improvement of Performance for HSLC and HSSLC Examinations.
2. Provision for needs improvement candidates in one subject to re-appear the said subject in the HSLC Examination.
3. Rules relating to HSLC and HSSLC Compartmental Examinations.
4. Repeaters for HSLC and HSSLC Examinations.

Rules relating to candidature for Improvement of Performance for HSLC and HSSLC Examinations:

1. A successful candidate at the HSLC/HSSLC Examination desirous of

improving his/her performance shall be given one chance in June/July of the same year to appear in three or fewer subjects.

2. Improvement provision for HSLC/HSSLC candidates who qualified for the examination but secured Needs Improvement grade/failed in one subject.
3. A successful candidate at the HSLC/HSSLC Examination with one need improvement subject/failed subject is advised to avail the chance of improving his/her performance.
4. Only one chance that is in June/July of the same year is permissible for improvement of performance.
5. The result of the improvement examination shall in no way affect the overall ranking of the main examination.
6. The candidate shall be given the option to choose his/her result from the two examinations (main and the improvement).
7. A candidate who intends to appear in the Improvement Examination shall immediately contact the head of the institution in respect of regular candidates or the superintendent of the examination center where appeared last, in respect of private candidates to get their forms forwarded after the declaration of the results.

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8. The surrendered admit card, mark sheet cum certificate, mark sheet, and pass certificate/certificate of qualification are returnable only after publication of the results of the examination at the option given by the candidate in writing within fifteen (15) days.

The revised/new rules will replace the old rules in Management of Examinations Page 31, Rule 9.

Provision for needs improvement candidates in one subject to re-appear the said subject in HSLC Examination.

As per the existing scheme of studies, to qualify for the HSLC Examination, the following criteria are followed:

1. An examinee must obtain Grade D or above in the five (5) externally assessed subjects, i.e. 40% marks in both external and internal, and Grade D or above in the two (2) internally assessed subjects.
2. Securing the qualifying grade in Language-I is compulsory and it is not replaceable with any other subject.
3. In the event of an examinee not securing a qualifying grade in one of the four externally assessed subjects (excluding Language-I) but securing a qualifying grade in the sixth subject, the qualifying grade of the sixth subject shall replace the 'Needs Improvement' grade.

Besides the existing qualifying criteria for HSLC, provision for candidates

who wish to pursue a course or apply for employment or fulfill certain recruitment criteria shall be given to such students to appear in the Needs Improvement subject at the immediate Improvement/Compartmental Examination of HSLC.

Rules relating to HSLC & HSSLC Compartmental Examinations:

1. A Needs Improvement category candidate securing Needs Improvement grade in three (3) or fewer subjects at the HSLC Examination or failing in three (3) or fewer subjects at the HSSLC Examination is eligible to sit for the Compartmental Examination.
2. An eligible candidate for compartmental shall reappear at the immediate compartmental examination to be held in June/July (after the result of the main examination is declared) in the same year. A candidate who fails to qualify/pass the Compartmental Examination (1st chance) held during June/July can reappear in the failed subjects in February/March HSLC/HSSLC Examination next year under the compartmental category.

An eligible compartmental candidate who fails to avail the 1st chance of appearing in the Compartmental Examination in June/July will also be given the 2nd chance to appear in the next HSLC/HSSLC Examinations held during February/March under the compartmental category.

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1. A candidate who does not appear or fail at one or both the chances of the compartment shall be treated to have failed the examination and shall be required to reappear in all subjects at the subsequent main examination of the Board as per the prescribed syllabi and courses laid down for the examination concerned to pass the examination.
2. The syllabi and course for the Compartmental Examination will be the same as applicable for the main examination of the year concerned.
3. The marks of internal assessment/practical/project marks of the main examination will be carried over to the Compartmental Examination.
4. The criteria for qualifying/passing the Compartmental Examination shall be the same as that of the main HSLC/HSSLC Examinations.
5. A candidate who is eligible for Compartmental Examination and intends to appear in the said examination shall immediately contact the head of the institution in respect of regular candidates or the superintendent of the examination centre where appeared last, in respect of private candidates to get their forms forwarded.

The revised/new rules will replace old rules in Management of Examinations Page 41, Rule 21.

Repeaters for HSLC and HSSLC Examinations:

A candidate who appeared in the HSLC/HSSLC Examination conducted by the Board and was placed in Needs Improvement/Failed category shall be eligible to appear in all the subjects as repeater in the subsequent Board Examination. This category of candidates shall appear in the HSLC/HSSLC Examinations as per the prescribed syllabi and courses laid down for the examination concerned.

- *The revised/new rules will replace old rules given in Management of Examinations w.e.f. the date of issue of this notification.*

PM NARENDRA MODI ATTENDS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NAGALAND CHIEF MINISTER AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

On 7th March 2023, the swearing-in ceremony of Neiphiu Rio as the Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang and Y. Patton as Deputy Chief Ministers, and the Cabinet Ministers of Nagaland was held at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima. The oath-taking ceremony was administered by Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan. Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for the fifth time.

In a historic event, the swearing-in ceremony was attended by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah, Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa

Sarma, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, J. P. Nadda, and a host of dignitaries, officials from various political parties, and

the general public.

The newly sworn-in Cabinet Ministers are G. Kaito Aye, Jacob Zhimomi, K.G. Kenye, P. Paiwang Konyak, Metsubo Jamir, Temjen Imna Along, C.L. John, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, and Bashangmongba Chang.

During the programme, the national anthem was rendered by the Music Academy, Kohima (TAFMA), and the Police Band. The invocation was pronounced by Temjenmongba Sempo, Pastor, Kohima Ao Baptist Church. Special performances, 'Hallelujah Chorus' by the Cantamus Choir (TAFMA), and 'This is me' by the Bright Lights (TAFMA) were the highlights of the swearing-in ceremony programme.

JAN AUSHADHI DIWAS WEEK OBSERVED IN NHAK

Nagaland observed Jan Aushadhi Diwas at NHAK Auditorium, Kohima on 7th March 2023. Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS said Jan Aushadhi Diwas has significantly impacted the lives of the common people by providing quality and affordable prices. He also said that during the last few years, the number of Jan Aushadhi stores has grown to more than 90,000 covering almost all the districts of the country. The product basket has been enhanced by more than 1700 drugs and 280 surgical and these medicines are at least 50% cheaper and in some cases, up to 80-90% cheaper than the market price of the branded medicines.

Sema lamented that although this concept is quite popular in many parts of the country, in our State, there is no dedicated warehouse in Dimapur and we have to place an order from other states. Also, due to the lack of courier service in many districts, one cannot avail the facility easily, he said. He encouraged the gathering to create awareness in the minds of the general people that, the cost of the Jan Aushadhi medicines are cheap not due to poor quality but rather for the benefit of the poorer section of the people, as they are tested in National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).

Nodal Officer, Senior Specialist, Dr. Lozino Peseyie, NHAK presented a PowerPoint on the topic 'Jan Aushadhi experience of lesser privileged patients' wherein she talked about the mission objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartaiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) and the characteristics of the Jan Aushadhi products. She also talked about 'generic drug/medicine' and why these cost less and give quality assurance on the products.

Mokokchung district bagged the 'Best Performing Kendras.'

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023 CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Padma Shree Awardee and former Member, UPSC, Dr. P. Kilemsungla graced the International Women's Day celebration as the special guest at the Heritage, Kohima on 8th March 2023.

In her address, Dr. P. Kilemsungla emphasized on young promising girls who, through their hard work, will go a long way in achieving the proposed targets in all fronts without the disheartened attitude of gender equality. She said that women should have great hopes of becoming achievers in their daily lives. She acknowledged the Government of Nagaland and line departments for taking care of old age people, lactating women, girl child and all the underprivileged children targeted to be facilitated through various government implementing agencies.

In her keynote address, Commissioner & Secretary, Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Anenla T. Sato, IAS stated that the 2023 International Women's Day is celebrated in Nagaland with a difference with two women legislators in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. Women participation in social, political and economic areas should not

be by mere presentation but by fully being aware of what we are and where we stand for in decision making, she said.

Secretary, Social Welfare and Administrator, Nagaland State Social Welfare Board, Martha Ritse, IAS spoke on the introduction to Mission Shakti (Umbrella scheme for safety, security and empowerment of women). Director, Women Resource Development, Vilone Sakhrie gave an overview of Transformative Livelihood Intervention Project and the Myki initiative.

In the technical session, Dr. Theyiesinuo Kreditsu, Assistant Professor, Kohima College, Kohima spoke on 'Digital Citizenship and Gender Equity, particularly for students and faculty members.' Moakumla Aier, Assistant Engineer, NIELIT spoke on 'Women in technology, briefing about the scope for Information Technology.' Kihika Sumi Chishi, DySP, Cyber Cell spoke on 'safety and security in digital spaces.'

The programme was organized by Social Welfare Department under the theme 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality' with other line departments, Department of Women

Resource Development, Nagaland State Commission for Women, Nagaland State Social Welfare Board and State Hub for Empowerment of Women.

PEREN:

District Administration and Sakhi One Stop Centre (OSC), Peren district celebrated International Women's Day at Kendung village on 8th March 2023.

Grace, Counsellor, One Stop Centre (OSC) as the resource person, speaking on the theme 'Digital innovation and technology for gender equality,' emphasized that bringing women and other marginalized groups into technology will create more solutions, more potential for innovation, and women's needs to promote gender equality. She also highlighted on various schemes provided by the Government.

Peheilusile, Case Worker, OSC enlightened the gathering about Sakhi One Stop Centre scheme, which provides a range of service including police assistance, medical aid, psycho-social counselling, legal counseling and temporary shelter to women affected by violence in an integrated manner under one roof.

SHAMATOR:

Tuensang District Legal Service Authority (under the aegis of NALSA) in collaboration with District Administration, Shamator observed International Women's Day at DB Hall, DC's Office complex, Shamator on 8th March 2023. Judicial Magistrate, First Class-cum-Secretary,



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TDLSA Speaker, Cheliam Khamniungan graced the occasion as the theme speaker. Laws related to women were highlighted by Berila, Advocate Panel Lawyer, TDLSA.

MELURI:

Women Department, Baptist Church, Meluri town celebrated the



ADC Meluri, Albert Ezung speaking during the International Women's Day celebration at Baptist Church Meluri Town on 8th March 2023.

International Women's Day on 8th March 2023 with ADC, Meluri, Albert Ezung as the special guest under the theme 'DigitAll:

Innovation and technology for gender equality.’

Ezang in his speech, stressed on women’s rights and gender parity, calling upon the gathering to acknowledge the value and importance of women in the society. He also emphasized on women empowerment which is needed in today’s life, and encouraged the womenfolk to work together for the upliftment of the society.

ABOI:

Aboi Sub-Division observed International Women’s Day on 8th March 2023 which was organised by the KNSK and Sakshi-One Stop Centre, Aboi in collaboration with District Administration, KVK Mon, ATBPF and ATSU, Aboi under the theme ‘DigitAll: Innovation and technology for gender equality.’

ADC, Aboi, Phuleshe K Yeptomi stressed on the importance of gender equality and its necessity in the present social life as well as for the future. He encouraged the women and girls to come out of their box and execute their roles as equals to men. Guest speaker, Vice Principal KHSS, Mon, Alem Konyak stated that women upliftment is a necessary step towards a secure future for women.

NU, KOHIMA CAMPUS:

Nagaland University Kohima Campus celebrated International Women’s Day on 7th March 2023, organised by Women’s Studies Centre under the theme

‘DigitAll: Innovation and technology for gender equality.’

While addressing the gathering, Special Guest, Prof. Rosemary Dziivichii, Department of English, Nagaland University spoke on the importance of reservation for women and highlighted how such policies ought to be encouraged as they pave the way for women to move forward. She also reminisced about Naga women’s journey for inclusion in the highest decision making bodies of the State. She also shared concerns about how women face challenges in cyberspace such as cyber bullying, trolling and harassment. She posed a question as to how far access to digital technology has actually reached women especially in the rural areas and she urged scientists and others to come forward with innovative solutions so that women’s participation could be increased in the digital world. She urged the male counterparts everywhere to listen to women’s voices which will go a long way in uplifting society.

4th NAP, THIZAMA:

The family welfare of 4th NAP Bn. Thizama joined the global community in celebrating International Women’s Day on 8th March 2023. As part of the celebration, 117 members of family welfare led by the wife of Commandant, 4th NAP Bn. Kevisiu participated in the celebration.

Guest speaker, Daisy Mezbur Sekhose Retd. Secretary, NSSWB highlighted the year’s theme ‘Embrace

Equity' and stressed the importance of recognizing and addressing the unique challenges and experiences of women. Based on her life experiences, she encouraged the women present to go beyond the boundaries of just being a housewife and gave constructive criticisms covering broad aspects from personal hygiene to time and money management.

GOVERNOR GANESAN VISITS NEZCC DIMAPUR

Governor & Chairman, NEZCC, La. Ganesan paid his maiden visit to NEZCC Dimapur on 9th March 2023.

In his address, the Governor congratulated all the officers and staff of NEZCC led by its Director Dr. Prashana Gogoi for their tireless efforts in promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the North East region. The Governor also thanked the Centre for encouraging documentation of various forms of arts, music, and dance which are disappearing.



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CIC MEETS GOVERNOR

Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland, I. Meyionen Jamir along with the two State Information Commissioners, Nosazol Charles, and T. Kekongchim Yimkhiung made a courtesy call on the Governor at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 10th March 2023.



CIC Nagaland, I. Meyionen Jamir along with the two State Information Commissioners paid a courtesy visit to Governor La. Ganesan at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 10th March 2023.

During the meeting, the State Information Commissioners congratulated the Governor on his recent appointment and shared the working system and functioning of the Commission and the effective implementation of the RTI Act in the State. The issue of misuse of the RTI Act both by the information seekers, as well as Public Authorities, was discussed. The Governor assured to extend his help both in the State and even at the Centre to strengthen the Act. Grievances faced by the Commission were also highlighted to the Governor in the meeting.

ART EXHIBITION TITLED 'THE HEALING SEASON' HELD AT DIMAPUR



Artists Limatola Longkumer and Heather Layton with the officials at the Art Exhibition held at IMC Hall Dimapur on 12th March 2023.

The Nagaland Art Center, located at IMC Hall, Dimapur hosted an international art exhibition titled 'The Healing Season,' featuring the works of Limatola Longkumer from Nagaland and Heather Layton from the United States.

The exhibition showcased a range of paintings and drawings, and the artists also displayed the results of their collaboration for which they exchanged artworks in the weeks leading up to the show, using imagery to communicate rather than words.

Heather Layton is a contemporary American artist who often addresses issues including women's history, politics, and intercultural relationship building. She has exhibited her artwork globally, including at the International Museum of Contemporary Art in Alaska, the Museum of Contemporary Arts Long Island in New York, and the Haslla Art World Museum in Gangneung, South Korea. Limatola Longkumer is a visual artist who is self-taught and defies traditional norms by using her art to address taboo topics such as sensuality and sexuality. Her artwork is rich in symbolism and draws inspiration from nature, music, women, and love.

MID-TERM REVIEW OF NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION NAGALAND

The Mid-Term Review on the National Health Mission (NHM) for the State of Nagaland was held at Nirman Bhavan, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi on the 10th of March 2023 under the chairmanship of Additional

Secretary & Mission Director, NHM, MoHFW Roli Singh, IAS, and State Team led by Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare.

During the meeting, Y. Kikheto Sema stated that, with the implementation

of NHM, the overall improvement in the healthcare delivery service in the State is prominently visible, with the lowest IMR and MMR in the country, improvement in the children's immunization coverage, elimination phase of TB cases and Malaria cases and Leprosy cases eradication are some of the few achievements. However, Kikheto stated that over the period of years, only 50% of the approved budget by Gol could be availed due to delay in contributing State Share. He also stated that the short receipt of grants has not only affected the implementation of the programme but also the timely disbursement of staff salaries. Sema mentioned that there are more than 2000 employees under NHM with the requirement of about Rs. 70 crore annually. The fund received over the years is just sufficient for salary and resulted in huge committed liability created over the years.

Sema appealed to the MoHFW to consider the release of subsequent installments even with the pending State Share. Kikheto also requested to release the approved budget in two installments instead of the present practice of four installments for the small and hilly states particularly Nagaland for effective

implementation of the programme.

On the non-utilization of XV FC grants for Urban and Rural Health Components for the FY 2021-22, Kikheto stated that since Nagaland is exempted from the purview of the 73rd Amendment of the Panchayati Raj Institution, the overall health sector is looked after by the Health & Family Welfare Department. However, since the fund was released to Urban and Rural Departments, the same could not be utilized to date. Sema stated that this matter has been discussed at the State Level Committee and that the grant is implemented by H&FW which is the Nodal Department.

The Additional Secretary & MD, NHM stated that XV FC Grants should be implemented by the H&FW Department of the State since it pertains to the Health Sector. She also agrees that smaller states like Nagaland would try to release the approved budget in two installments instead of four. The Ministry has by and large approved the proposal placed by the State Government, and advised the State Government to release the State Share in time to enable the Ministry to release the entire approved budget.

NAGALAND PARTICIPATES AT THE 26th AIFSM 2023 IN PANCHKULA, HARYANA

After a long hiatus of about 25 years, the Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Nagaland participated in the 26th All India Forest Sports Meet (AIFSM) held at Panchkula, Haryana from 10th to 14th March 2023. About 2400 Forest personnel from across the length and breadth of the nation participated in the 5 (five) day event.

The idea of AIFSM was conceptualized and held in Hyderabad in 1993 for the first time and has become a regular yearly affair since then.

The AIFSM aims to promote games and sports activities among the officers and staff of the Forest Department/organizations/institutions of the States, Union Territories, and the Central Government, thereby nurturing good health, team spirit, and camaraderie among them.

The event features a wide range of athletic competitions including track and field events, archery, rifle shooting, and various other conventional games and sports. A contingent of 10 persons represented Nagaland and actively participated in events like badminton, table tennis, carom, sprint, chess, powerlifting, rifle shooting, and quiz competition.



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STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS HELD AT KOHIMA



The state-level workshop for technology innovations, *TECHNOVATION Nagaland 2023* was held at Hotel Vivor Kohima on 14th March 2023.

The state-level workshop for technology innovations, Technovation Nagaland 2023 was held at Hotel Vivor Kohima on 14th March 2023. The host for the event was AIC (Atal Incubation Centre) SELCO Foundation and SDGCC, Planning & Transformation Department.

Er. Awalo Keppen, Assistant Manager, Nagaland Tool Room & Training

Center highlighted that the NTTC is a society of government under the Department of Industries & Commerce established in 2006. NTTC is also selected as one of the startup incubators under Startup Nagaland and they have been helping businesses to build up their visions. They are also involved with innovators in developing different types of technologies ranging

from Agri and allied services. He said that with adequate state-of-the-art machinery, the NTTC is ready to extend its services to all innovators.

Er. Kevitso Kenneth, Senior Scientific Officer, Science & Technology hope that this workshop will give an insight into scouting, supporting, and spawning local innovators. Nayantara Sasikumar IES, OSD (Planning) & SDG Nodal Officer in her keynote address, expressed delight for the sustainable innovations being initiated such as the SDG innovations, participatory action, and research initiatives, though it is a small initiative started last year. She maintained that through this initiative foundation and SDGCC with the support of the relevant government departments and local organizations, innovators would come up with their proposals and become successful entrepreneurs.

AHoDS AND HoDs MEETING HELD



Chief Secretary Nagaland, J Alam, IAS conducted a meeting on 13th March 2023 to review the G20 meet to be hosted by Nagaland on 5th April 2023 in Kohima.

A meeting of the Administrative Heads of Departments (AHoDs) and Heads of Departments (HoDs) was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 18th March 2023.

The Chief Secretary in his address reminded the officers to sincere in their duties, and asked the AHoDs and HoDs to monitor the attendance of their respective staff so as to avail services to the people.

Home Commissioner, Nagaland spoke on preparation for hosting the G20 meeting and to speed up in all identified venues at the earliest.

MEDIA WORKSHOP 'VARTALAP' HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day media workshop 'Vartalap' was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 18th March 2023 with the theme on 'Skill India and Digital India.' The programme was organised by the PIB Kohima, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Director, Employment, Skill

Development & Entrepreneurship, Kovi Meyase, and Joint Director, Information & Public Relations, I. Simon Teilia, were the special guest and guest of honour respectively.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Meyase stated that with improved digital literacy, resources and infrastructure, the distance between the Government and its citizens is providing a transparent and efficient delivery of governance. He said that under the PMKVY, the flagship programme has developed upskill and improve employability and earning.

Guest of honour, Simon Teilia stated that media should cultivate the essence of truthfulness and transparency while reporting. He added that they should do away with the old style of news for news sake but also act as a watchdog, which is the need of the hour.



Director, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Kovi Meyase speaking at the one-day media workshop 'Vartalap' held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 18th March 2023.

REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING OF GFATM PROJECT STATES HELD

High Level Review-cum-Dissemination Meeting on Intensified Malaria Elimination Project-2 (IMEP-2) NCVBDC was held on 18th March 2023 at Niathu Resort, Chumoukedima.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak while addressing the gathering as the chief guest, stated that National Vector Borne Control Program in the State is progressing steadily towards a Malaria-Free Nagaland.

During 2005-2022, 185 death cases were reported and the last case of death was reported in 2017. With the support of the global fund and the Directorate of National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control, Government of India, the State has been able to bring down malaria cases and control the morbidity and the mortality rate in the State.

Konyak also mentioned three districts i.e. Mokokchung, Longleng and

Zunheboto where no malaria cases were reported in the last three years. Other vector borne diseases such as Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Dengue are also being observed in the State and in the year 2015. Towards this, the Minister urged the Government of India & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to provide all the logistic support to the State and urged the State Department to stay alert/cautious so as to identify early symptoms to prevent any further spread in order to avert death and sickness that may arise.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH NLA HELD

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MEMBERS OF THE 14th NLA TAKE OATH:

Protem Speaker, Mhathung Yanthan administered the oath-taking to 59 Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), elected to the 14th NLA. Mhathung Yanthan was earlier administered the oath as the Protem Speaker by the Governor of Nagaland on 9th March 2023. Out of the 60 Members, 29 are new Members and 31 are returning Members.

OBITUARY REFERENCE:

Obituary reference was made to the passing away of Late Dr. Imtiwapang Aier, former Member of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) who expired on 7th January 2023. The 14th NLA also paid tribute to former MLA and Minister, Y. M. Yollow Konyak who passed away on 22nd March 2023.

SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS SPEAKER:

In accordance with Rule 7(3) of the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Fourteenth NLA. He was first elected to the post of Deputy Speaker of the 13th NLA on 18th October 2019 and later, elected unopposed to the post of Speaker on 7th February 2020.

GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN ADDRESSES 14th NLA:

Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan, delivering his first speech at the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), lauded the entire government machinery for ensuring the triumph of democracy and people's will through the successful conduct of the general elections.

The Governor mentioned that organic certification has been issued for a 23,000-hectare area in the State with the formation of 38 Farmer Producer's Organizations. He added that the 'Naga-integrated Settled Farming' to ensure sustainable livelihood for farmers and transform the present subsistence agriculture to commercial and sustainable agriculture was being initiated. He spoke on the plan of the State to introduce the concept of the 'Model Horticulture Village' wherein, one village each in all the 16 districts of the State shall be identified for the cultivation of a single fruit or spice crop based on the economic potentiality and agro-climate suitability in these villages.

Governor Ganesan said 1.35 lakh Low Input Technology chicks were distributed to the needy farmers from the State Poultry Farms which is expected to yield 337.66 tons of meat and also 16

Mobile Veterinary Units were inducted. He mentioned that the State will be taking up new freshwater finfish hatcheries, new rearing ponds, and the development of ornamental fish units and integrated fish unit. He said the State will be setting up soil testing labs in the newly created districts for the promotion and distribution of micronutrients, setting up of biofertilizers production units, and soil testing and analysis.

The State Government is facilitating the smooth transition of urban growth through the preparation of Development/Master plans and to make all cities/towns 'Water Secure'. He said that the State has achieved 100% online allocation and 100% supply chain management and has achieved more than 96% Aadhaar seeding for NFSA Ration Cards. Through Targeted Public Distribution System, the Department is taking initiatives to cover five more districts namely Peren, Dimapur, Longleng, Mokokchung, and Phek in the State with Fortified Rice from May 2023.

The Governor said that the Department of PHE under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), has provided a total of 2,22,583 Functional Household Tap

Connections, out of 3,69,794 rural households in the State. A total of 1,47,211 households are planned for coverage with drinking water supply under JJM during 2023-24. PHED has also initiated the Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus activities to reinforce the capacity of individuals and communities.

La. Ganesan said that the Tourism Department besides successfully organizing the 23rd Edition of the Hornbill Festival registered a total of 1,40,299 tourist footfall. He said that the Department has initiated 'Nagaland Off-Road' in collaboration with Wonder Beyond Boundary (WBB). The Department has also signed a Letter of Intent with Hotel Polo Towers Pvt. Ltd. Polo Grounds, Shillong for the re-development of Kohima Tourist Lodge into Star Category Hotel & Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation for the opening of budget hotel in the State capital.

La. Ganesan said that the Department of Urban Development is undertaking Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in urban areas of the State, and under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), has completed 17 projects out of 27, with 10 projects on the verge of completion. AMRUT 2.0 has been launched recently to make cities/towns 'Water Secure' which will cover all 39 ULBs in the State.

The Governor also said that the Nagaland State Disaster Management

Authority (NSDMA) will implement the Disaster Risk Reduction roadmap for Nagaland with coordination with 60 departments from 2023 to 2030. The Department has also developed Nagaland State Disaster Management Information System (NSDMIS) to simplify the core operation of NSDMA and all aspects related to Disaster Risk Reduction in line with global frameworks.

The Governor said that the Department of Women Resources proposes to undertake community-based resource development programmes for women in the districts, initiation of new programmes targeting business start-ups by women entrepreneurs, short-term training programmes for young women in apparels and accessories production, food processing, and setting up of mini processing units for upgrading the skills of women cultivators.

Governor Ganesan mentioned that the Department of the New & Renewable Department successfully commissioned Tsutsung Small Hydro Power (SHP) of capacity 1MW at Longsa Village under Mokokchung district. The Department also expects to complete the 5MW Solar Power Plant at Hovukhu Village under Niuland district during 2023-24 and convert 30 (thirty) Government Offices in the State having Off-Grid Solar Power Plants to grid connections. He said that the State Government has decided to make power generation development a high-priority

area to achieve energy self-sufficiency and is undertaking several hydro power projects like the 42MV Lower Tizu Hydro Electric Power (HEP) and 24MV Tizu Valley HEP. Further, to provide a stable power supply and strengthen the power transmission system in the State, the department has constructed Substations in various parts of the state bringing all districts under Extra High Voltage (EHV) Transmission System Build-Up and Strengthening project. In this regard, a 132kV Foothill Highway Transmission System Build-up and Strengthening project is being taken up for funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the proposed Foothill Highway area which has the potential for larger-scale economic development.

The PWD (National Highways) will be taking up the widening of the existing single-lane road to the intermediate lane for a total length of 178 Km on NH-202, including the construction of a major bridge at Yei River, improve and widen the existing lane to intermediate lane road between Mokokchung to Charge, and strengthen existing pavement of NH-36 from Dilla Gate to Tragopan Jn. (Dimapur city portion). Under the PWD (R&B), the Governor said that the Department is presently taking up construction and upgradation of 1104 Km of roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 2014 crore, and out of the ongoing projects, 715 Km of road will be completed during 2022-23, 269 Km of roads will be completed during 2023-

24, and 174 Km of roads will be completed during 2024-25.

The Government will continue to take steps for the early construction of the Foothills Road (Trans-Nagaland Highway), a 320-kilometre stretch of road, which will shorten the travel distance within the State and especially help the eastern districts to travel across the State without crossing inter-state boundaries; and connect economically important towns, boosting economic activities in a 3,000 sq. km mineral-rich region of the State. The DPR for Phase I and II of this proposed Road project has been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Concerning Medical College at Kohima, the State Government is making necessary efforts to fully establish it and start it from the academic year 2023-2024. He also said that the State Government along with the Government of India will try converting it into a Central Institute such as the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) at Imphal, or AIIMS like Institute, which would provide sustainability, as well as address the various capacity constraints.

The Governor said that the Department of School Education has been implementing many innovative projects for students across the State in association with leaders of the industry and NGOs. Under the World Bank-funded project, the Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Performance

Incentive Grants are being made available to all the 1953 Government schools in Nagaland to strengthen the role of community and School Management Committees and School Development Committees. On the Department of Higher and Technical Education, he said that the Department is taking steps to implement NEP 2020 from the next academic session with guidelines taken from the Association for Career Technical Education (ACTE) model curriculum, upgradation of eligible Diploma Institute to Degree Engineering College. The State Government is also pursuing the establishment of Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) in Nagaland which could give the State a national institute of importance and prove to be an immense help in promoting science and maths education and research in the entire region. The State Government has already acquired and earmarked about 200 (two hundred) acres of land for setting up the IISER in Sukhovi village in Chumoukedima district.

La. Ganesan said that the Tribal Affairs Department is moving towards early completion of 10 (ten) new Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Nagaland, the foundation stones of which were laid by the President of India during her visit to the State last year. About Social

Welfare Department, the Governor said that the Government is implementing 'Mission Shakti'- which is an integrated women empowerment programme. He further said that this mission has two sub-schemes- 'Sambal', which is for the safety and security of women, and 'Samarthya' which is for the empowerment of women.

Ganesan further said that the Government remains committed to ensuring the maintenance of law and order for a peaceful atmosphere in the State and the proactive management of law and order with better Police-Public Partnership is a way forward in society. He also said that the State Police will improve the forensic capabilities for scientific investigation which will help in better presentation of evidence.

The Government of India has taken an initiative regarding the issues of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation and through a team constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs is holding consultations with them. He said that the State Government is committed to assisting the entire process to bridge the development deficit and bring these areas on par with the rest of the State at earliest as possible.

ASSENT TO BILLS:

Secretary-in-Charge, NLA, Khruohituonuo Rio reported the assent of the Governor of Nagaland to 'The Nagaland Groundwater (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Bill, 2020' and 'The Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (5th Amendment) Bill, 2022.'

CM RIO PRESENTS BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023-24:



Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio presenting the Budget for 2023-2024 at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 27th March 2023.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio who is also the Minister in-charge of Finance, presented the first budget of the 14th Legislative Assembly for the year 2023-2024 on the floor of the house of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on 27th March 2023. Presenting the budget, Rio said the State Government aims to take Nagaland towards ‘A State of Excellence,’ and that the citizens must strive to excel in their chosen fields and careers and in doing so, push ‘Brand Nagaland’ and popularize ‘Naga soft power.’

Stating that the State Government will continue to keep the Naga political issue at the top of their agenda, Rio said the recognition of the unique history, culture and identity and our issue as political and the signing of the Framework Agreement and the Agreed Position, the Joint Statement made on 18th October 2022 at Kolkata, and the signing of the

‘Nagas are moving ahead’ at the meeting at Chümoukedima on 14th January 2023 are just some of the landmarks which the on-going dialogue has been successful in achieving.

Regarding the demand of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples’ Organisation for a separate State, Rio said the State Government has already recommended the formation of an autonomous region for our brothers and sisters belonging to the Eastern Areas. The Chief Minister placed on record that while the developmental deficits and economic challenges of the Eastern Region needs to be addressed with serious intent, the State Government will stand for unity of the Naga people at all cost.

Rio highlighted that the following will be incorporated into Government plans and schemes in the area of capacity building in the coming fiscal:

- Scholarship for sponsoring doctors for further specialised education.
- Exposure trips and study tour for progressive farmers.
- Capacity building to promote indigenous products & entrepreneurs.
- Scholarships and awards in the field of sports and games.
- Capacity building and Chief Minister’s Scholarships on music, arts and performing arts.
- Capacity building and training for meat and dairy production.

- Training centres and coaching institutes for students aspiring for civil services and common entrance exams.
- Sponsoring for courses in institutions within and outside the State for specialised studies.
- Introduction of Chief Minister's Journalism and Media Fellowship and study tour-cum-seminars for press and media fraternity.

Rio also highlighted on the Chief Ministers' Micro-Finance Scheme which endeavours to provide affordable credit to entrepreneurs engaged in the agriculture and allied sectors and micro enterprises. The Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) has already started the process of recruitments to posts notified to be recruited by the Board, however, Rio pointed out that all the existing vacancies would not be filled up as the Government intends to gradually scale down the number of Government employees so that more funds can be set aside for developmental activities.

Rio stated that the State Government hosted the three-day Corporate Social Responsibility Conclave to showcase the State's potential for investment absorption in human resources, tourism and hospitality, forest and environment, agro- based industries and organic produce. As on date, the funds actually received, formally committed, and the value of goods stand at about Rs. 82

crore.

The Chief Minister stated that all CSS implementing departments are now required to manage all receipts and expenditure as well as submission of Utilization Certificates through the PFMS portal, and under this new system, both the State as well as Central Government have the facility of viewing all transactions undertaken from the Single Nodal Account linked to PFMS. Central Share and State Share need to be released within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of fund from the Central Government, failing which we shall have to pay penalty of 7 % per annum on the amount received, requiring all the CSS implementing Departments to ensure timely movement of files. Rio also pointed the trend of most departments paying less attention to their core activities and focusing more on construction of offices and residential buildings needs to be corrected.

The Chief Minister announced the Annual Development Outlay for the year 2023-24 fixed at Rs. 82,000 lakh, reflecting an increase of Rs. 4,500 lakh or 5.49% over the current financial year. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 25,000 lakh have been earmarked for State Matching Share for CSS programmes to ensure release of funds by the Central Government.

The Agri and Allied Sector has been provided with a total outlay of Rs. 5,426 lakh. Agriculture Department has been provided Rs. 1,736.09 lakh for construction of offices and quarters, of

which Rs. 706.09 lakh is earmarked for core activities like agri farm roads, promotion of indigenous products and capacity building and exposure trips for farmers, and State Matching Share for CSS. Horticulture Department has been provided Rs. 590 lakh for construction of horti link roads, augmentation of marketing of horticultural produce, development of flower clusters and other core activities. Soil & Water Conservation Department has been provided Rs. 400 lakh for construction of Departmental Guest House and other core activities.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department has been provided Rs. 470 lakh for various activities like strengthening of pig breeding farms and setting up feed and fodder manufacturing units through private participation and pig breeding farms in the district. Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department has been provided Rs. 350 lakh for development of cluster-based fisheries and to institutionalised farmer's producers organisations.

Rio said Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department have been provided Rs. 420 lakh for setting up high tech nurseries to promote indigenous wild fruits in Nagaland. Cooperation Department has been provided Rs. 250 lakh for construction of office at Mokokchung. Land Resources Department has been provided Rs. 600 lakh for various departmental activities. Water Resources Department has been provided Rs. 354.48

lakh for various core activities. The Chief Minister said that Rural Development sector has been provided with Rs. 3,400 lakh for various activities. Department of Under Developed Areas has been provided Rs. 2,400 lakh for core activities and iconic projects.

Power Sector has been given a total outlay of Rs. 1,902.28 lakh. The Distribution and Revenue has been allocated Rs. 721 lakh while for Transmission and Generation, an amount of Rs. 1,181.28 lakh has been earmarked. New & Renewable sector has been provided Rs. 220 lakh for infrastructure works at the new Directorate Complex and for conversion of off-grid power plants in Government offices to grid connections.

Industries & Commerce sector has been provided with Rs. 913 lakh while Sericulture Department has been provided with Rs. 430 lakh. Department of Geology & Mining has been provided Rs. 150 lakh and the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation has been provided Rs. 318 lakh to facilitate shifting of the decorative stone plant from Chumoukedima to Ganeshnagar.

In the Roads and Bridges sector, Rio mentioned that an amount of Rs. 5,680 lakh has been provided for development and improvement of roads, rehabilitation of bridges and for construction of a Research Lab Centre at Dimapur. Mechanical Engineering Department has been provided Rs. 100 lakh and Road Transport sector has been provided Rs. 678.51 lakh for

construction of 6 helipads in various parts of the State, for acquisition of new buses and preparation of DPR for a short landing strip. Motor Vehicle Department has been provided Rs. 412 lakh for construction of offices and installation of weigh bridges in various parts of the state.

Science & Technology Department has been provided Rs. 443.33 lakh while the Department of Information Technology & Communication has been provided an outlay of Rs. 416 lakh for activities like construction of the State Data Centre, website and software development. Tourism Department has been provided Rs. 1,055 lakh for the Hornbill and Mini Hornbill festivals, for various construction works and for participation in various fairs and festivals in the country.

Rio informed that Planning Machinery has been provided Rs. 578.66 lakh for activities like construction of quarters and infrastructure in various parts of the State. Department of Economics and Statistics has been provided Rs. 320.49 lakh. The Department of Food & Civil Supplies has been provided Rs. 300 lakh while Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection has been provided Rs. 150 lakh. Department of Evaluation has been provided Rs. 270 lakh for various construction works and evaluation studies. Rio stated that Department of School Education has been provided Rs. 3,056.11 lakh while the Department of Higher Education has been provided Rs. 1,123.07 lakh. State Council of Educational Research

and Training has been allocated Rs. 510 lakh and the Department of Technical Education has been provided Rs. 172.37 lakh.

Department of Youth Resources & Sports has been provided with Rs. 1,025 lakh for various activities like capacity building for youth empowerment, tournaments and sports activities, capacity building for music and arts, and TaFMA and Hornbill related activities. The Department will also implement Chief Minister's Scholarship for music and arts. He informed that the Department of Art & Culture has been provided Rs. 350 lakh for Hornbill related and core activities. The Hornbill Festival, which is the Government's flagship event under the slogan of 'Land of Festivals' will further be improved and internationalized with professional organization and promotion. As one of India's most popular tourism events, the Chief Minister said that this festival has become a priceless asset as it continues to brand Nagaland.

The Chief Minister stated that the Department of Health & Family Welfare has been provided Rs. 2,100 lakh for construction works in hospitals, construction of quarters and up gradation of health centres in the newly created districts. The Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Kohima, is awaiting the formal clearance of the National Medical Council to commence its academic session for the year 2023-24. He informed that the Department of Public

Health Engineering has been provided with Rs. 1,795 lakh for various water supply works and constructions. The Department of Public Works (Housing) has been provided with Rs. 3367.99 lakh for construction of offices, quarters and flats, which includes construction of Naga Patient Home at Vellore. The G.A. Housing has been provided Rs. 2,505.49 lakh for construction of DC, ADC and SDO offices, circuit houses, flat type quarters and other construction works in various parts of the State. The Police Housing has been provided with Rs. 919.60 lakh for Police housing and other constructions. The Justice & Law Department has been provided with Rs. 292.47 lakh for various construction works like judicial quarters, customary courts and district courts.

Home Guards Department has been provided Rs. 497.77 lakh for construction works and development of the Central Training Institute at Toluvi Dimapur. Jails Department has been provided Rs. 500 lakh for construction of jails and other works in jails in various parts of the State. Excise Department has been provided with Rs. 132.42 lakh for construction of a triple storied building for staff.

Urban Development Department has been provided Rs. 774.03 lakh for roads and infrastructure development activities. Municipal Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 230 lakh for procurement of urban sanitization machinery, Rio informed.

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Department has been provided Rs. 310 lakh for construction of office buildings and quarters, and for multi-media mobile vehicles. Labour Department has been provided Rs. 330.50 lakh for construction of flats, labour welfare centres at Tuli, Doyang and Weziho. Employment, Skill Development & Employment Department has been provided Rs. 319.73 lakh for construction of staff quarters, skill development programs and for the ongoing construction of flat type staff quarters at Mokokchung.

Rio stated that the Department of Social Welfare has been provided Rs. 1,123.40 lakh for construction of offices, handicapped and blind schools and child welfare and destitute homes. Other activities include correctional services, prevention of drug abuse and procurement of Aadhaar kits for children. Women Resources Department has been provided Rs. 300 lakh for livelihood intervention and core activities.

Chief Minister Rio said the General Services Sector has been provided Rs. 4,126.48 lakh which includes Rs. 300 lakh to Printing & Stationery Department for construction of flat type quarters, Rs. 125 lakh to the Administrative Training Institute for improvement and expansion of the training complex, Rs. 720 lakh to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat for construction of three residential quarters and refurbishing of the MLA Hostel. Rs. 968.08 lakh has been provided to Fire & Emergency Services for

construction of staff quarters, garages, duty rooms, purchase of firefighting equipment and improvement of the directorate office complex. It also includes construction of rainwater harvesting facilities at Kiphire, Phomching and Wokha fire stations.

Treasuries & Accounts Department has been provided Rs. 136.74 lakh for construction of Sub-Treasury office at Chozuba and for capacity building activities. Border Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 185 lakh for the ongoing flat type quarter construction at Meriema. Parliamentary Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 50 lakh for parliamentary study tour. Taxes Department has been provided Rs. 491.54 lakh for construction of ongoing flat type staff quarters and for a new office building of Commissioner Taxes. Village Guards has been provided Rs. 275 lakh for construction of new barracks in three districts of Eastern Nagaland, for improving amenities at the Central Training Institute Dimapur and in two V.G. guest houses. Election Department has been provided Rs. 90.12 lakh for construction of central warehouse storage for EVM & VVPAT at Chumoukedima.

Home Department, Disaster Management has been provided Rs. 320 lakh for activities of the State Disaster Management Authority, capacity building and mitigation programs. Tribal Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 150 lakh for construction of staff quarters. Minority Affairs Department has been provided Rs. 315 lakh for construction of playgrounds,

community halls, and amphitheatres.

Rio mentioned that other allocations include Rs. 12,500 lakh for State Matching Share to CSS. Another Rs. 12,500 lakh has been incorporated into the respective demands of CSS implementing departments, Rs. 2,500 lakh for land acquisition, Rs. 1,000 lakh for CMCF, Rs. 100 lakh for Monitoring Cell activities, Rs. 150 lakh for the GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Rs. 180 lakh for SDG initiatives and Rs. 3,000 lakh for innovative programmes.

The Chief Minister highlighted on the gradual increase in the revenues in areas like State GST, which has increased from Rs. 788.37 crore during the pre-pandemic year 2019-20 to Rs. 1,092.21 crore during 2021-22. The revenues from the Coal sector have also seen increase from Rs.53 lakhs during 2019-20 to Rs. 2.03 crore during 2021-22. During the current financial year, it has already reached Rs. 5 crore as per the latest details furnished by the department, and is expected to cross Rs. 8 crore by the end of the current financial year. Other areas of improvements in performance include the Forest sector that has seen a good increase in revenue from Rs. 13.72 crore during 2019-20 to Rs. 19.06 crore during 2021-22. Despite these encouraging trends, Rio informed that the State's own revenues still account for only 12.36% of total revenue receipts, which is barely sufficient to cover the salary expenditure for two and half months.

Rio mentioned that over the 5-year

period from the year 2020-21 up to 2025-26, the Revenue Deficit Grant will reduce by an amount of Rs. 910 crore.

Rio lamented on the huge loss faced by the Power sector. By the end of the current financial year 2022-23, the amount spent on power purchase is estimated to reach Rs. 580.89 crore while revenues may barely touch Rs. 280 crore. The last four years have witnessed a total loss of Rs. 1,079.74 crore in the Power sector. He also informed that an amount of Rs. 12.64 crore was spent by NST on fuel alone while the Department was able to collect revenue of Rs. 6.50 crore only.

With regard to the budget proposals, CM Rio informed that for the financial year 2023-24, the gross receipts stand at Rs. 23,145.66 crore and gross expenditure at Rs. 23,085.66 crore. The closing accumulated deficit has reduced substantially from the estimated closing amount of Rs. 2,212.74 crore in Budget Estimates to Rs. 1,334.17 crore in the Revised Estimates. He added that since the current year's transactions are estimated

to result in a negative balance of Rs. 40 crore, the year 2023-24 is estimated to close with an accumulated deficit of Rs. 1,374.17 crore.

The Chief Minister highlighted that on the receipts, State's Own Tax and Non-Tax Revenue stood at Rs. 1,950.56 crore; State's Share in Central Taxes, Rs. 5,812.05 crore; Central Assistance (Grants & Loans), Rs.8,050.63; Internal Debt (including WMA from RBI), Rs. 7,330.91 and Recovery of Loans and Advances by State Government, Rs. 1.51 crore which totals to Rs 23,145.66 crore. While the expenditure incurred includes Non-Development Expenditure (excluding Servicing of Debt), Rs. 11,491.76 crore, Servicing of Debt (including repayment of WMA), Rs. 7,325.27 crore and Development Expenditure (including CSS etc.), Rs. 4268.63 which totals to Rs. 23,085.66 crore. The balance after expenditure stands at Rs. 60.00 crore. The Public Account (Net) stood at Rs. 100.00 which brings the Current Transactions to Rs. 40 crore.

REPORTS LAID ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE:

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio laid the Economic Survey 2022-2023 of the Directorate of Economic and Statistics. He also presented the following:

- i. Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on Social, Economic, General and Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31st March 2020. (Report No. 2 of the

- year 2022)
- ii. State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March 2022 (Report No. 1 of the year 2023).
- iii. Finance Accounts 2021-2022 (Vol-I & Vol-II)
- iv. Appropriation Accounts 2021-22.

Rio laid the Review of the Trends in Receipts and Expenditure for the First, Second and Third quarter of the year 2022-23, as required under Section 11 of the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2005. Rio also moved for consideration of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Sixth Amendment) Bill and the Nagaland Fire & Emergency Services Bill, 2021 which were introduced in the House on

23rd March 2023. The House agreed for both the Bills to be passed. Further, Rio moved to introduce the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2023 and the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023 and that the Bills be taken into consideration. The House agreed and both the Bills were passed. Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2022-2023 and Demand for Grants for the year 2023-2024 were also passed by the House.

NLA MEMBERS DISCUSS ON BUDGET 2023-24:

MLA, Kuzholuzo Azo Nienu participating in the general discussion on the budget, said that the budget is pro people and is in common man's interest. He suggested that a consultative meeting of all the 60 members be held regarding the budget. He also suggested that the nomenclature of Advisor should be changed to Minister of State.

Advisor, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe participating in the discussion on the budget 2023-24, termed the budget a comprehensive and citizen-oriented budget. He said that the budget gives equal importance to both the urban and rural population and appreciated the inclusion of youth empowerment.

MLA, Naiba Konyak termed the budget 2023-2024 ENPO friendly and described the budget as the best ever presented on the floor of the Assembly. Konyak also thanked the leader of the house for considering the plight of the backward tribes and placed ENPO's demands under

the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI in line with the Naga Political Issue. Since 2023 is the International Year of Millets, Konyak appealed to the Government to give more importance to the eastern areas since majority of the cultivators practiced Jhum cultivation where millets are grown on a large scale.

MLA, P. Longon said that Nagas yearn for peace and development after traversing through such a tumultuous journey on the issue of Naga political problem. As such, oppositionless government is needed to bring mutual consensus on any issue(s) related to Indo-Naga Political issue.

Minister for PHED and Corporations, N. Jacob Zhimomi said the introduction of CMHIS will benefit the sections of middle class, lower middle class and below poverty line citizens of the state to facilitate in health sector. Huge losses in the power revenue sector due to communitization policy in the rural areas should be checked

and by applying rechargeable power meter the power revenue can improve. He also apprised the issue in poor services of the telecom service providers which the Government needs to take up the issue for better services.

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir apprised the house on budget utility for the maximum development of the State, to use in a transparent manner.

MLA, A. Nyamnyi Konyak suggested that hydro projects should be set up in different districts so as to generate more power and revenue. Konyak also sought for early completion of the foothill road.

Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology, K. T. Sukhalu mentioned on transfer and posting of government officials, recruitments through NSSB and regulation of Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act, 1989.

Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome said that the budget is comprehensive with special stress on capacity building, youth centric initiatives and innovative.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon who participated in the discussion on the Budget 2023-2024, said that on the issue pertaining to LADP, the present allocation is not sufficient to bring any kind of development in the constituency and earnestly appealed to the Government to look into the matter and enhance the

amount from the present allocation of Rs. 1.5 crore to Rs. 3 crore. Bhandari being an Inspection Bungalow since 1957, he also suggested on the formation of 'Installation & Introduction of Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board' under Bhandari Sub-Division. He also urged the Government and the departments concerned to look into the matter of 'Human & Animals Conflict' in Bhandari Sub-Division where elephants damage properties and cultivation including human lives. On oil exploration and extraction, he requested the Government to find out the best possible ways to benefit the people with proper understanding of the land owners and locals of those particular areas.

Advisor, Transport and Technical Education said the Budget 2023-2024 emphasized on overall sectors in line with the capacity building initiated by the Government. He also mentioned on the importance of CSR in the budget which he said will be a model to bring all round development in the state. He appealed to all the departments to calibrate new ideas and revitalise and reverse the deficit trend in the State's exchequer.

Advisor, NRE and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe termed the budget a comprehensive and citizen-oriented budget. He said that the budget gives equal importance to both the urban and rural population. Nyuthe also appreciated for coming out with a budget that gives

importance to youth empowerment.

Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Village Guards, CL John termed Budget 2023-24 as a people's budget.

Chief Minister & Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio in his concluding remarks on the discussion on the budget 2023-2024, thanked all the participants for raising constructive criticism, suggestions and pertinent issues of importance to the state and public.

On designation of Advisors, Rio said that the issue needs to be discussed and it is beyond our purview since the court has already struck down the nomenclature 'Parliamentary Secretary' in its adjudication when the downsizing came into effect. For a small state like Nagaland, the Council of Ministers is limited to Chief Minister and other 11 ministers, he added. On construction of High Court building, he said that Rs. 30 crore have been sanctioned during 2022-2023 on Special Assistance and 80-85% of the works has been completed. It has been delayed partly due to CBI case and partly due to outbreak of COVID 19. Rio also mentioned that the funds have been provided by the State Government only unlike other NE states like Meghalaya and Tripura where central funds were provided for construction of High Courts. He informed that the two multi-level parking in Kohima town funded by Smart city Development is soon to be completed and nearing its inauguration.

On government servants not

attending offices and funds allotted being diverted to other activities, Rio assured that he will take these issues seriously and further informed that quarterly review will be on regular basis. He also mentioned that the State Government has been working hard to do away with bogus appointments where appointments without sanctioned posts are not issued PIMS.

Rio also briefed to the house on the issue of exploration of Petroleum, Oil and Natural Gas while replying to a question raised by MLA, Achumbemo. Border dispute should be amicably settled on the Disturbed Area Belt before exploration and extraction of oil is done, if not royalty tax has to be shared, he informed. He further said that the State will start for exploration and extraction if only royalty tax from DAB is satisfactory. On LADP, he assured that the Government will look into as and when budgeting position improves. On human and animal conflict and damage to properties and cultivation, he stated that a committee will be constituted to find out ways and means to handle the issue particularly where elephants roam freely in border areas.

On raising of upper age limit due to pandemic, Rio informed that this is a subject which needs thorough discussion and deliberation. On educational sector vis-à-vis shortfall of teachers particularly in eastern areas, he said that Rationalisation of Teachers" is required by the Department in order to address the issue.

Chief Minister Rio said that the

Budget 2022-203 has a position balance in the current transaction with a sum of Rs. 150.30 crore only. He further stated that the number of employees drawing

GPF amount is more than the number of employees depositing money into GPF account because of which there is a huge gap appeared in the total deficit.

NLA DELIBERATES ON NAGALAND MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001:

Advocate-General, Nagaland, K.N. Balgopal gave a brief explanation and appraised the Members of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on the Nagaland Municipal Amendment Act and the views of the Supreme Court on the floor of the house. He highlighted the provisions enshrined in the constitution pertaining to the Municipal Act and minutely elaborated the views and opinions of the Supreme Court in this regard vis-a-vis the implications and difficulties confronted by the State Government in conducting the ULB elections.

Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye initiated the discussion on matters of urgent public importance pertaining to the Urban Local Bodies issue which was supported by MLA, Namri Nchang and seconded by Advisor, Kropol Vitsu.

Kenye remarked that the ULB issue is an ongoing issue confronting the Nagas for three decades. As the Act of parliament cannot be segregated, without realising it, successive governments tried to fulfil the aspirations of the people. Some proposals were rectified but the principles of the act could not be touched. A serious review has to be done on the Act, he opined. Basing

on Article 371(A) he said that it will be best to have our own system to regulate in line with the Act. He said that women in Naga society are regarded as peacemakers in our society and privileges are accorded to them and so, reservations impact our Naga social practices. He further urged that it will be better to leave it to us to frame our own system in line with what is being laid down in the Act, citing example of the Ministry of Rural Development on which they have allowed the local bodies to go hand in hand with its laws and our Naga customary practices and systems and that liberty should be allowed with the Urban Local bodies as well, an Act framed by the Nagaland Government. In conclusion he pleaded the house to take consideration in repealing the Nagaland Municipal Act to suit with our existing social practices.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge for Planning and Transformation, participating in the discussion, highlighted the whole scenario in chronological order on the proposed ULB elections, the civil society's disagreement to conduct the said election with 33% women reservation and the tax on land and buildings. He also highlighted in the events that followed the escalation of the law and order situation

which caused loss of precious lives and damage of many government properties. Based on the events, he supported the move to repeal Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001.

MLA, Kuzholuzo (Azo) Nienu discussing on the Urban Local Bodies issue highlighted on the 2017 ULB election imbroglio. While extending his support for repeal of Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001, he called for enactment of an Act in consonance with the Naga customary and social practices. Advisor, Tribal Affairs, H Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi, MLAs Nuklutoshi, Naiba Konyak, Limaonen Chang, Jwenga Seb, Dr. Neisatuo Mero, P. Longan on behalf of MLA, Namri Nchang also spoke and shared their desire for repeal of the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio

participating in the discussion on matters of urgent public importance, stated that the elected members have to listen to the voice of the people and should not go against their wish. He highlighted on the series of events that had happened with regard to the conduct of ULB election. He stated that in spite of consultative meetings, there is stiff opposition from various sections of the society. He also shed a light on the various demands made by tribal Hohos and other organizations. Rio called for proper dialogue with all interest parties so that elections can be held with effective participation of the people. He also called for consideration for repeal of the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001 in toto and move expeditiously for making a new Act keeping in mind the special privileges of the people of Nagaland in term of Article 371(A) of the Constitution.

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE NAGALAND MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001:

The full text of the resolution to repeal the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001 that was passed unanimously on the last day of the 1st session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly is as follows:

‘The House has noted the stiff voices of opposition to the Urban Local Bodies Elections under the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001 by the Tribal Bodies, Civil Society Organizations and every section of the society. The House has also taken note that the implementation of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 has always been fraught with much controversy due to the public perception that the Act runs contrary to the spirit of Article 371-A.

Unanimous Resolutions were passed by this House in the year 2012 exempting Nagaland from the provisions of Part IX A of the Constitution of India pertaining to 33% reservation for women in Municipalities and Town Councils. This said resolution however, was revoked by another resolution in the year 2016 by this House.

Then in December 2016, election programme was notified by the State Election

Commission for elections to the ULBs, wherein the date of poll was scheduled on the 1st February 2017. There was, as we are all aware, wide spread agitation and bandhs declared all over the State by various Tribal Bodies/Hohos and organizations representing the various tribes of Nagaland. The Government was faced with a delicate law and order situation, where various government buildings were burned down and precious lives were also lost. The entire State machinery also came to a standstill for several weeks, as the organizations had called for closing down of all Government offices and banned plying of all Government vehicles during this period.

Considering the overall situation, the Government had to declare the election process to the ULBs as null and void. On 9th March 2022, a resolution was passed in the State Level Consultative Meeting wherein the various tribal bodies and other organizations were present in which it was resolved that the elections to the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) should be conducted as per the 74th Amendment Act of the Constitution of India. While the Government was gearing up for conducting the election various tribal bodies and other organizations passed resolutions for overhauling the Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 so that it is in consonance with the provisions of Article 371-A of the Constitution of India and till then boycotted/refused to participate in the Urban Local Bodies Elections. Meanwhile the Supreme

Court of India had already given directions to go ahead with the elections. The Government in the meanwhile received reports about the law and order situation which could worsen with the passage of time in the event the elections are held without making the demanded changes.

Accordingly, the Cabinet met on two occasions to resolve the impasse. By the time it came to light that there will not be any participation in these elections owing to the boycott by all the Tribal Hohos and various organizations. The defining trait of law is its enforceability. If people are not willing to come forward to participate in the elections they cannot be compelled to do so. In these circumstances the Cabinet resolved to refer the matter to the Legislative Assembly for discussion.

The House has deliberated in the matter, and deems that the Urban Local Bodies election cannot be conducted unless the Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 is repealed.

The House unanimously resolves on this day, the 28th March 2023, that the Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 be taken up for repeal in toto with immediate effect, and to govern the Urban Local Bodies, law be enacted expeditiously which will take into consideration once and for all the grievances of all the interested parties so that the elections could be conducted in accordance to law.'

The resolution was considered and unanimously passed by the August House.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CLARIFIES

Finance Department, in a release, referred to the news articles appearing in the local dailies relating to the closing budget deficit. The Press have in their write-up indicated a deficit budget of Rs. 1374.17 crore for the financial year 2023-24. The Department has clarified that this is the accumulated deficit. For the year 2023- 24, for which the budget was presented by the Chief Minister, the deficit is Rs. 40 crore.

Further, due to the releases of CSS backlog and Civil Deposits during 2022-23, the accumulated deficit has been reduced from Rs. 2212.74 crore to Rs. 1334.17 crore. This represents a huge reduction of deficit by Rs. 878.57 crore.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING HELD

For the first time, 45 Head Teachers of Government Middle Schools (GMS), Nagaland were trained in School Leadership by School Leadership Academy (SLA), SCERT, Nagaland, from 13th March to 17th March 2023 at the State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT), SCERT, Kohima. The SLA conducted a 16-day School Leadership Development Programme for School Heads of Government Middle schools, Nagaland for the first time through blended mode. Eleven (11) days of project work started from 18th March to 28th March 2023 in their respective schools. A total number of 45 participants attended the training.

Courses on Perspective on School Leadership, Developing Self, Transforming Teaching Learning Process, Team Building and Leading, Leading Innovations, Leading Partnership, Leading School Administration, Faculty Development and Etiquette of using PPT were covered during the training.

TOBACCO EPIDEMIC IN THE STATE

The tobacco epidemic has been taking a heavy toll on society as indicated by the rising trend of the incidence of diseases and economic burden related to tobacco use and our society must wake up to the threat posed by the tobacco industry before it is too late.

The National Tobacco Control Programme has been carrying out various activities to create awareness about the danger of tobacco products through awareness programme in educational

institutions, churches, and communities. Apart from that, District Tobacco Control Cells in all the districts are carrying out enforcement activities to enforce the provisions of COTPA 2003 on regular basis. The sections of COTPA 2003 that the State Tobacco Control Cell is prioritizing are Section-4 which prohibits smoking in public places to protect non-smokers from the effect of secondhand smoke in public places, offices, and workplaces. Section 6 (a) Ban on sale of Tobacco products to

anybody below 18 years of age and Section 6 (b) Ban on sale of tobacco products within 100 meters of any educational institutions. The Department is also trying to invoke the provision of Section 77 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act 2015). In this, if any person gives or cause to give to any child, any intoxicating liquor, narcotic drugs or tobacco products, or psychotropic substance except on the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner such person shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend up to seven years of imprisonment or a fine which may

extend up to Rupees One lakh. An officer from the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police or equivalent rank in other departments is authorized to act on this.

Dr. Arenla Walling, Deputy Director and State Nodal Officer, NTCP stated that even though tobacco has become a serious threat to our society, particularly to the wellbeing of the younger generation, there is no total ban on the sale of tobacco under COTPA 2003. She also stated the Department has not asked any third party to do enforcement except the authorized officials and if there are any such activities, the Department has nothing to do with it.

CENTRAL TEAM IN THE STATE FOR FOOD TESTING SYSTEM

Commissioner Secretary, Health & Family Welfare-cum-Commissioner Food Safety, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS interacted with visiting official team from the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), GoI, led by Prof. V. K. Tiwari at the FSSAI notified State Public Health Laboratory (State Food Laboratory) on 22nd March 2023. The team consisting of Prof. V. K. Tiwari, Dean, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, CMO, and Dr. Ramesh Gandotra, ARO visited the SPHL for 'Rapid Appraisal of Strengthening of Food Testing System including Provision of Mobile Testing Labs (SOFTTEL)' in the country in collaboration with the Food Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI from 21st to 23rd March 2023.

Kikheto Sema acknowledged the FSSAI, GoI for the provision of all required logistics to upgrade the Food Laboratory and enabling it to obtain NABL accreditation, making it one of the few food laboratories in the Northeast state and with the ongoing infrastructure development and logistics installations once completed, the state-of-the-art laboratory will be able to function optimally and also may assist the other neighboring states. He apprised them of the need for another such Food Testing facility preferably in Tuensang district which can cater to eight districts viz. Mon, Longleng, Tuensang, Noklak, Shamator, Kiphire, Zunheboto, and Mokochung district.

Presently, the State has one functional Food Safety On Wheels (FSW) and two new Modified Food Safety on Wheels (MFSW) provided by GoI which are to be made functional shortly but given the geographical terrain where the distance from one district headquarter to another takes time unlike that of the mainland, for better coverage of the State, the team



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has been requested to highlight the need of four or more MFSW to the GoI. This step is a significant milestone in ensuring the safety and quality of food products and it demonstrates the Government's commitment to public health and safety. However, the Department alone will not be able to achieve and sustain it, therefore, requested all stakeholders to give cooperation and support in its endeavor.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CSR COMPLIANCE & PROJECT MANAGEMENT HELD

The Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland held a capacity-building training programme for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Compliance & Project Management at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 23rd March 2023.

Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred IAS spoke on the importance of CSR projects with a special focus on the Northeastern states and Nagaland. He said that the two-day capacity building on CSR is a first of its kind in Nagaland and mentioned that this training would be an interactive

session, to understand the aspirations of the NGOs for the development of Nagaland and to deliver productive projects to the society. He also assured that IDAN will assist and make sure there is a CSR team available to support the NGOs every time to address all the queries.

CSR Manager, IDAN, Chichanbeni Kithan said that this capacity-building event is focused on NGOs and CSR. She said that NGOs play a critical role in addressing and promoting sustainable development, environmental challenges,



Joint Secretary IDAN, Reny Wilfred IAS speaking at the capacity building training programme for CSR Compliance & Project Management at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 23rd March 2023.

and social welfare, however, NGOs are often restricted by resource constraints which severely limit their ability to achieve their objectives. Therefore, in order to effectively carry out the missions, they require resources and partnerships with other stakeholders and that is where CSR comes in, she added. She also mentioned that, in recent years, CSR has emerged

as an increasingly important concept in the business world and through CSR initiatives, businesses/corporations can provide financial, technical, and other resources to support the work of the NGOs. The new capacity building center was also virtually inaugurated by the special guest, Reny Wilfred IAS.

DEPARTMENT OF S&WC CELEBRATES WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation (S&WC) celebrated World Meteorological Day under the theme 'The Future of weather, climate, and water across generations' on 23rd March 2023 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate.

A short speech was delivered by S. K. Hekshe, Director of Soil & Water Conservation, highlighting the importance of Meteorological and Hydrological Services for the safety and well-being of society. He also stated that World Meteorological Day reminds us of changing climate and the need to educate the public on the important happenings in meteorology, such as global warming and the increased frequency of natural disasters. He forewarned that weather, climate, and water cycle will be different in the coming years from the past. In view of these changes, he highlighted that the weather, climate, and hydrological services will immensely help people to tackle the associated challenges and seize the opportunity, which is in resonance with this year's theme 'The future of weather, climate and water

across generations'. In commemoration of World Meteorological Day, the Director released a booklet entitled, "Meteorological Report of Nagaland 2022", which was published by the Soil Survey and Land Use Planning Wing (SSLUP) of the Department.

WORLD TB DAY OBSERVED AT KOHIMA

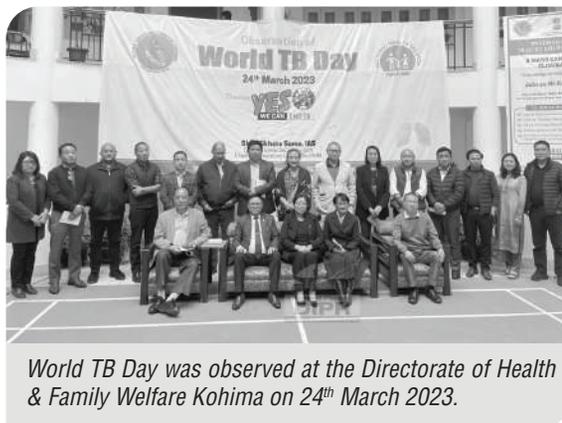
World Tuberculosis (TB) Day was observed at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kohima under the theme, 'Yes We Can End TB' with Kikheto Sema, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary-cum-Chairman, Executive Committee NHM as the special guest on 24th March 2023.

Kikheto, while exhorting the gathering, said that each year, World TB Day is commemorated on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic, he urged the people to renew their commitment and rededicate themselves in the fight against TB and also unite to work towards the elimination of TB. He added that TB remains one of the world's deadliest infectious killers, and the global efforts to combat TB have saved an estimated 66 million lives since the year 2000. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed years of progress made in the fight and TB deaths increased in 2020 and 2021.

The year 2030 is the deadline fixed for eliminating TB across the world (SDG target) but India has committed to end TB by 2025, five years ahead with the clarion call given by the Prime Minister of India at the 'Delhi End TB Summit' on 13th March 2018. The campaign calls for a social movement focused on patient-centric and holistic care driven by integrated actions for TB Free India, so aligning with the National Strategic Plan, the State Strategic Plan to eliminate TB in Nagaland by 2025 has been drafted.

The GoI has also launched the 'Community support for TB patients,' also called the 'Nikshay Mitra Campaign' and 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA),' an initiative that was launched by the President of India on 9th September 2022 calling well-wishers/donors (individuals, corporates, NGOs, elected representatives, etc.) to adopt and support patients who are not financially sound and provide nutritional support as most of the TB victims are poor.

Dr. Ritu Thurr, Mission Director NHM, said a strong political and administrative



World TB Day was observed at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Kohima on 24th March 2023.

commitment is required, an uninterrupted supply of TB drugs, and a better sensitization to achieve the goal of eradicating the disease. He gave his commitment to look after five TB patients for six months.

Y. PATTON INAUGURATES POLICE OFFICERS AND UNIT COMMANDERS MEET 2023

The Nagaland Police Senior Officers and Unit Commanders meeting was held at PHQ Conference Hall on 24th March 2023. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Deputy CM and in-charge of Home and Border Affairs, Y. Patton lauded the Nagaland Police and Senior Officers for their relentless efforts in maintaining law and order situation and the peaceful conduct of general election to the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023. He said that with the lifting of AFSPA in 15 police stations jurisdiction in Nagaland after the Oting incident, additional burden have been shouldered upon the Nagaland Police to play primary role in maintaining law and order and tackling of insurgents, and urged the officials to be more responsible in any situation that may arise.

Patton also recollected that Nagaland Police has grown from 1000 personnel in 1980s to about 26,000 in 2023, and emphasized on the urgent need to improve the efficiency of the Department by reorganization and restructuring the police force for better and optimal utilisation of manpower and resources. He further dwelt on improvements in infrastructure, logistics, FSL, CCTV etc. and immediate need to devise a mechanism to reduce

work related stress and exhaustion of the IRB Personnel and requested the DGP to work out at the earliest. He urged the Department to bring up any feasible and workable plan to tackle the new age crimes and ensured full support and cooperation for the upliftment of the Department in all levels. Y. Patton also took serious note of about 3000 police personnel found being attached as bodyguards to former legislators, retired bureaucrats and officers and asked the DGP to recall all the attached police personnel and redeploy them to their own units within two months time.

In his welcome address, DGP Rupin Sharma said that the war in drugs has been prioritised and serious measures are being taken to combat the drug menace, including educating the police personnel to let them understand the ill effects and the seriousness of the problem. He reminded the police personnel that ignorance of law is not an excuse and shall be dealt with sternly if found guilty and therefore, urged all the police personnel to be responsible. He also stated that Nagaland Police is the first to take Anti-Narcotic Pledge in the entire country.

Deputy CM, Y. Patton administered the ceremony of Anti-Narcotic Pledge.

INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH KAZHETO KINIMI, ADVISOR, AH&VS



Department of A.H. & Veterinary Services held an Introductory meeting with its Advisor and Commissioner & Secretary, Kazheto Kinimi and Vikeyie Kenya, IAS at the Directorate Conference Hall on 24th March 2023.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) held an introductory meeting with the Advisor of AH&VS, Kazheto Kinimi and the Commissioner & Secretary, AH&VS, Vikeyie Kenya, IAS on 24th March 2023 at the Directorate Conference Hall.

Chairing the meeting, Director of AH&VS, Dr. Nsanthung Ezung expressed his hope that under the dynamic leadership of the Advisor, the Department will be taken to

higher heights of achievement and progress. An overview of departmental activities was highlighted by the Additional Director, Dr. Thungben Yanthan. A short speech was also delivered by the Commissioner & Secretary who emphasized on the overall development of the Department through the co-operation of all the officials.

Advisor Kinimi said that the Department of AH&VS is a major and key department that can directly contribute to the economic growth of the State and affect the lives of the rural population. Besides policy implementation, he stressed on streamlining the Department by posting the right officers in the right post to deliver and do justice to their assignments. He appealed to the officials and staff to work more sincerely and work as a team to reach its potential.

B. L. VERMA INAUGURATES

3rd MON INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND EXPO-2023

B. L. Verma, Union Minister of State, DoNER & Co-operation, Government of India, graced the inauguration function of the 3rd Mon International Trade Fair & Expo 2023 as guest of honour on 25th March 2023 at Local Ground, Mon town. He was accompanied by K. Konngam, Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts, Art & Culture, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Anuradha S. Chagti, Joint Secretary, N. Simte, Under Secretary, DoNER, Sekhar Dey, APS and Alok Rai, PA



Minister of State, DoNER & Co-operation, Government of India, B.L. Verma graced the inaugural programme of the 3rd Mon International Trade Fair & Expo 2023 on 25th March 2023 at Local Ground, Mon Town.

to Union Minister.

Minister Verma said he was highly impressed to see the rich culture of Konyak tribe and added that under the able leadership of the Prime Minister, Ministry of DoNER, Government of India will try to extend maximum possible support for the inclusive development of the remotest places like Mon.

Konyak Union President thanked the Union Minister and his team for gracing the occasion and also expressed gratitude to District Administration led by DC, Mon for taking such a wonderful initiative to promote local products, brands along with cultural and traditional development.

2nd NAGALAND HARM REDUCTION CONFERENCE HELD AT KOHIMA

The 2nd Nagaland Harm Reduction Conference based on the theme 'Making a difference' was held at Vivor Hotel, Kohima on 28th March 2023. The conference was jointly organized by Kripa Foundation, CDC, PATH, NSACS, NUN, NNagaDAO and CAD Foundation.

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS addressing the conference, informed that regarding the HIV situation in the State, as per NACO HSS Plus Report 2021, the ANC prevalence is at 1.61% against the national average of 0.22, which is the highest in the country. The adult prevalence rate among 15-49 years of age is at 1.36% against the national average of 0.21, which is the second highest in the country. Only 16% of the youth (15-24) have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS, 45% of youth does not know source of condom, and 37% of sexually active youth are engaged in high-risk sexual behavior (NFHS-IV). The data of December 2022 in the State indicates that about 21% of the HIV positive cases are those below the age of 24, while the major route of HIV transmission is through the Sexual (87%) and Injecting (6.7%)

route. The HIV Sentinel surveillance of 2021 shows a worrying trend of increase in HIV prevalence amongst the IDU (from 1.3% to 2.24%).

Kikheto, appreciating all the NGOs and field team who are tirelessly working to reach out to the hidden population and deliver services on time, said that with the active support of NSACS, NACO, development partners and all stakeholders, the State was able to bring down the HIV prevalence amongst IDU from 39% prevalence in 1991 to 2.4% prevalence by 2021. He called upon all concerned to keep on working so that new infections and further transmission of HIV is halted completely in the State. He also assured that the Health & Family Welfare Department and the State Government will work closely with all the development partners, stakeholders, NGOs for prevention of drugs, HIV & AIDS and take care of affected people.

Dr. Melissa Nyendak, Director, Division of Global HIV & TB, CDC India, US Government was the special guest at the conference.

IT&C AND E&S HOLDS INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH ADVISOR, SETHRONGKYU



Advisor, IT&C, Economics & Statistics, Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam with officers of the Department of Economics & Statistics during a felicitation-cum-familiarisation programme at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 30th March 2023.

The Department of Information Technology & Communication (IT&C) held an introductory meeting with Advisor, IT&C, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu at Conference Hall of the Directorate, Kohima on 29th March 2023.

Director, IT&C, Er. Tongtiliba Longkumer in his welcome address congratulated the Advisor and expressed hope that through his dynamic leadership, the Department would benefit in various activities. A

presentation on various activities of the department was highlighted by Program Officer, Er. Akumla Aier.

The Department of Economics & Statistics also organised a felicitation-cum-familiarisation programme for Advisor, Economics & Statistics, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam at Conference Hall, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 30th March 2023. Commissioner & Secretary, Economics & Statistics, Kevileno Angami highlighted the role and importance of the Department in collecting various statistical data and dissemination of data for policies formulation. A presentation of the departmental activities was presented by Director, Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Angami. Advisor, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam, in his speech, urged the officers and staff to sincerely carry out the assigned duties to take the Department to the highest level of excellence. He sought cooperation in the true spirit of transparency and honesty for the growth and welfare of the Department.

WELCOME PROGRAMME HELD FOR ADVISOR ZHALEO RIO

A welcome programme for the new Advisor of Urban Development Department & Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.) was held at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Urban Development, Kohima on 30th March 2023.

Director, Urban Development, A.

Chenithung Lotha in his welcome address, said that the Department is fortunate to work under the dynamic leadership of Advisor Zhaleo Rio and mentioned that the Department will look forward to his advice and guidance.

Principal Secretary, Urban

Development and Municipal Affairs, I. Himato. Zhimomi gave a brief presentation of the Department set-up, the Central Scheme and Programmes like Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission -Urban (SBM-U), National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), Incubation of new city-Nagasaki Global City and State Programmes like Scheme for Special Assistance to States (SSAS) Urban Roads, maintenance of Urban infrastructure works. Zhimomi also apprised Rio of other issues and concerns of the two departments.

Advisor Zhaleo Rio in his speech said that the departments are vast and

there are many challenges, but with the support and cooperation of the officers and staff, he is confident that the departments will be able to serve the public diligently. Rio also said that there are many flagship programmes in the departments, which are on-going and with sincere efforts of everyone working in the different levels of the departments, he was confident that it would be completed smoothly. He called on the departments to work together as a team and to evaluate, study, analyse, exchange views and ideas for speedy implementation of projects and programmes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NAGALAND EDUCATION MISSION SOCIETY HELD

The 36th Executive Committee meeting of the Nagaland Education Mission Society (Samagra Shiksha Nagaland) was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30th March 2023.

The agenda on the audit report was discussed and receipt of the second instalment for elementary and secondary education was updated to the house. A PowerPoint presentation was presented, highlighting that the enrolment showed a slight decline in Government and Private Schools in the last academic session while there was a slight increase in the Central Schools. It also highlighted the statistics of teachers in Government Schools of

Nagaland state in each section of the classes.

The members discussed the linking of Aadhaar to the student's profile so that every anomaly can be detected. Education profile teachers, both trained and untrained teachers, was also presented and discussed. Activities like distribution of uniforms and text books, media & community mobilization, National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding (NIPUN) and Numeracy Bharat Programme, Kala Utsav, Virtual Reality Lab and Vocational Education were also presented. The proposal for the academic year were also presented and discussed.

SERICULTURE WELCOMES ADVISOR IMKONGMAR

Sericulture Department organized a welcome programme in honor of Imkongmar, Advisor, Sericulture Department and Minority Affairs on 30th March 2023 at the Directorate Conference Hall. The programme was held in presence of Henkhahao Singson, Commissioner & Secretary, Sericulture, and officers and staff of the Department. T. Sanny Pongener, Director of Sericulture presented an overview of the Department. Advisor Imkongmar called upon the officers and staff of the Department to work together sincerely for the development of the people.



Sericulture Department organized a welcome programme in honor of Imkongmar, MLA & Advisor, Sericulture Department & Minority Affairs at the Directorate Conference Hall on 30th March 2023.

CM RIO HANDS OVER APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO CHAIRMEN/ADVISORS

Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio officially handed over the appointment letters of the 11 newly appointed Chairmen/Advisors at the Chief Minister's Office, Kohima on 31st March 2023.

Rio presented the appointment letters to Advisor to Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry, Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha, Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman, NKVIB, Dr. Neiphrezo Kreditsu, Chairman, DAN, Dr. Watizulu Jamir, Chairman, NHL, Thongwang Konyak, Chairman, NSMDC, Kuputo Shohe, Chairman, MARCOFED, Dr.

M. Chuba Ao, Chairman, Honey Mission, Obed Quinker, Chairman, Bio-Resource Mission, Wanpong Konyak, Chairman, NEPED, Supongmeren Hoki and Chairman, TaFMA, Theja Meru.

The Chief Minister called upon the Chairmen/Advisors to work together as a team and sought their support and cooperation in all situations. He said that it is a privilege to serve the people but it comes with a lot of responsibilities. He asked them to be mindful of their responsibility and to be in the service of the people.

FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF KHRUPI SOTHU, IAS

A farewell programme was held in honour of Commissioner & Secretary, New & Renewable Energy (NRE), Khrupi Sothu, IAS, at the Directorate of NRE, Kohima on 31st March 2023.



Retiring Officer, Commissioner & Secretary, NRE, Khrupi Sothu speaking during the farewell programme held in his honour at the Directorate of NRE, Kohima on 31st March 2023.

Chairing the programme, Arikumba, Joint Secretary, NRE mentioned that Krupi Sothu joined Government Service as NCS officer in 1989, and served the State Government in various capacities for a period of 34 years. He commended the outgoing officer for his punctuality and sincerity in his assigned duties.

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe speaking during the farewell

programme, mentioned that he and Krupi Sothu joined the Nagaland Civil Service (NCS) together in 1989, and reminisced about their training days as NCS probationers. Describing him as one of the most educated and sincere officers, the Advisor wishes him a healthy and prosperous retired life.

On behalf of the officers and staff, Director, NRE, Er. Kimaba congratulated Khrupi Sothu on his achievement of retiring from government service. He mentioned that the outgoing officer joined the Department of NRE in December 2022. He called the retiring officer a man of vast experience, and till his last day of government service, he was sincere in his works, which is a quality the Department needs to learn and inculcate. The Director said that the outgoing officer retiring in good health and without blemishes in his career is an inspiration for all.

Outgoing Commissioner & Secretary, NRE, Khrupi Sothu commended the officers and staff of the Department for being efficient, responsible and sincere in their job and thanked them for their team work and cooperation. Expressing his regret that he couldn't do much as he was posted in the Department for a short period of time, he added that whenever any queries were asked, the officers and staff were very helpful and prompt in their response, and assigned duties.

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP HELD AT KSC, JOTSOMA

A two-day international workshop on 'Ethnographic Fieldwork and Field Recording' was held at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma on 29th and 30th March 2023. The workshop was funded by the Department of Anthropology, Kohima Science College Jotsoma, the Highland Institute Kohima, Anthropological Society of Nagaland Kohima, and Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research, USA.

Dr. Anungla Aier, a renowned Naga anthropologist, former principal of the college, and retired Director of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, delivered her keynote address on 'Fieldwork among Indigenous Communities.' Speaking on the uniqueness of indigenous communities, she underscored the importance and relevance of ethnography as a method and as a product in understanding and revealing the tacit knowledge and experiences of the indigenous communities. She highlighted the importance of the ethnographic method as a qualitative research method and its wide applicability and usefulness not only in anthropological research but also in other social science disciplines including market research appraising the edge of the ethnographic method.

Dr. Christian Poske, an ethnomusicologist who has worked extensively on the performing arts of eastern and Northeastern India and Bangladesh, and a fellow at the Highland Institute, Kohima, was the resource person for the workshop. Delivering his first address on 'Ethnographic Fieldwork in Ethnomusicology,' he highlighted the close relationship between ethnomusicology and anthropology. Following this, Dr. Poske conducted six sessions each followed by a group activity session. The sessions focused on the technical aspects of conducting research work and imparting hands-on training on handling different tools and devices for collecting and recording data. The sessions dwelled on topics such as participant observation and interviews, research ethics and informed consent, audio and video recording practice, data management, and cataloging field recordings.

The workshop was attended by students, research scholars, and faculties from different colleges and universities across India.



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FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING ON PICKLE MAKING FOR SHGs CONDUCTED AT PEREN



C-CERP organized Food Processing Training on Pickle Making for the Self Help Groups of 7 JFMCs, Batch-I and II, under Peren Division at Forest Resource Center, Jalukie on 10th March 2023.

C-CERP organized a food processing training on pickle making for the Self Help Groups of 7 JFMCs, Batch - I and II, Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) under Peren Division on 10th March 2023 at Forest Resource Centre, Jalukie.

The event was organized to commemorate International Women's Day with women's SHGs. Liangsi Niumai, Director, C-CERP, in her welcome address, apprised that the event was organized as part of the convergence programme under the NFMP. She stated that as a facilitating FNGO, assistance was provided to SHGs for improving and promoting their skill in IGAs by utilizing the available farm products.

Sr. Anita Nolis, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's College, Jakhama graced the occasion by planting and watering a litchi sapling. She encouraged the women to know their rights and exercise them

accordingly.

Ileukaibe, Livelihood and Planning Expert, Divisional Management Unit, Peren, encouraged the women to make use of the surplus produce that they harvested from their fields and gardens to generate income through IGA. He informed the SHGs that Peren Division is initiating to form Chairatsi (King Chilli) cluster development for the JFMCs under NFMP.

Resource Person, Fr. Paul Maipan, Director and Rector of Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre, Dimapur, briefed the trainees on the important usage of spices and ingredients in making pickles. He taught the right way/size and shape of cutting, slicing, and chopping the vegetable and meat items to be used for pickle. A different method of pickle-making was also explained. The SHGs learnt fish, pork, beef, and mixed vegetable pickle making.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP HELD FOR SANITATION WORKERS IN MOKOKCHUNG

Organized by Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC), a free medical camp and workshop on sanitation and hygiene for MMC sanitation workers was held on 13th March 2023 at MMC Conference Hall, Mokokchung.

Additional Deputy Commissioner & Administrator, MMC, Chumlamo Humtsoe, in his keynote address said that everyone should be thankful to the sanitation workers for their dedication and tireless effort in keeping the town clean and beautiful. He maintained that the good health of the sanitation workers should be the priority so that they can carry out their work effectively. Chumlamo also asked those sanitation workers who do not have the Ayushman Bharat Card to apply at the earliest saying that it would be beneficial for them and their families. He also thanked the Medical Officers and staff for rendering their services and all those who have contributed to making the programme a success.

DPDB MEETING HELD AT TUENSANG

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 17th February 2023 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Tuensang DPDB, Nokchasashi.

In the review of the previous meeting minutes, the DC enquired on the completion of Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme registration and asked

the remaining to be done at the earliest. He also advised all the Heads of Offices to attend the DPDB meeting without fail and added that failure to attend the meetings shall result in reporting to the respective Directorates of the erring officers.

Departmental activities were presented by Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Agriculture Department.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held in the official chamber of Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu on 17th March 2023. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Tseminyu DPDB, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS welcomed the members present and congratulated the MLA of 12 A/C Tseminyu, Jwenga Seb, who also attended the meeting.

ADC Tseminyu, Longasen Lotha apprised the Board on the preparation for the ULB election under Tseminyu district. He urged the Heads of Offices to keep in touch with their staff and convey all necessary information as and when required.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon the members to be actively involved and

mentally prepared for any assignment whenever entrusted and carry it out diligently. Departmental activities was presented by SBI Tseminyu.

YUVA UTSAV HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

A one-day Yuva Utsav/Youth Festival with the theme 'Goal of Developed India' was held on 18th March 2023 at Kohima College, Kohima. The festival was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Kohima under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in collaboration with Kohima College, Kohima, District Administration and District Culture Office Kohima, Department of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland.



Additional Secretary, YRS, Anthony Ngullie with officials and participants of Yuva Utsav at Kohima College, Kohima on 18th March 2023.

Special guest of the inaugural programme, Additional Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Anthony Ngullie, in his speech said that Yuva Utsav is being

held as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to upgrade the skills in all the fields for the upliftment of youths of the nation. Anthony also dwelled on Panch Pran (5 goals) proposed by Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and encouraged the students and youths of the State to be self-disciplined, sincere, honest, obey the rule of law, support each other and be patriotic to be a good citizen of the country.

District Programme Officer, District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit (DAPCU), Kohima NSACS, Sentimongla Tzüdir delivered a short speech on infection of HIV/AIDS. She also highlighted the Dos and Don'ts and cautioned the students to be responsible and careful and follow the guidelines of NSACS.

PEREN:

St. Xavier College, Jalukie, and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports organized District Level Yuva Utsav at Xavierite Auditorium on 22nd March 2023. The event was held under the theme 'Remove any trace of colonial mindset.'

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan in his address said he was delighted to know that the college has produced University Toppers, NSS National



Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan launching the E-Rickshaw (Women-Empowerment Initiative) during the Yuva Utsav celebration held at Xavierite Auditorium, St. Xavier College, Jalukie Town on 22nd March 2022.

Awardees from the President of India, NCC National Campers, and medal winners of Nagaland Olympic, 2022. He also added that he was delighted to know that many of the students have found places in the State team of Cricket, Archery, Football, Athletics, etc. and stated that this shows the college is not only confining itself to the pursuit of academic excellence but in other co-curricular activities as well.

The Governor said the number of female students in the college has been comparatively higher than that of male students in the last few years which itself is another remarkable feature about the college. To uplift the well-being of the citizens of our country, La. Ganesan said we must first empower women.

The Governor also launched the initiative for women i.e., “the introduction of e-Rickshaw’ as a new resource for the girl students, to be managed by the girl

students and supervised by the women’s cell. With this new introduction, he hoped that it will instill in youth, especially girls, a greater sense of dignity of labor and responsibility.

TUENSANG:

The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Tuensang, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in collaboration with the District Administration, Tuensang and Sao Chang College Tuensang organized a one-day mega event of Yuva Utsav at Sao Chang College, Tuensang on 15th March 2023. Kishore Barman, District Youth Officer NYKS Tuensang, highlighted the main objective of the programme under the theme ‘Panch Pran and India@2047,’ and also about the G20 Presidency and its theme ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ or ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future.’

Special guest of the event, Zerutso Kesiezie, EAC Tuensang emphasized the importance of youths in nation development and how the youth can play a pivotal role in nation building activities. He highlighted the focus of ‘Panch Pran and India@2047,’ where he stated that the main aim will be to develop India and to remove any trace of slavery or colonial mindset, taking pride in one’s heritage and legacy, unity and solidarity, and speaking on the Vision of India @2047, he gave an insight on various government youth centric

schemes to empower Indian youth and pave the way to achieve the India@2047 vision.

LONGLENG:

The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Longleng, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in collaboration with the District Administration Longleng and Yingli College, Longleng organized a one-day mega event, Yuva Utsav at Yingli College, Longleng on 24th March 2023, with Trongdiba Tongpi Sangtam, SDO (C), Longleng as special guest.

Sangtam spoke on the importance of youths and their contributions to society and also highlighted the negative impacts of anti-social elements affecting the youths at this age. He also stressed on how the youths can be more productive by changing their priorities and skilling themselves and gave an insight into various schemes launched by the Government of India and Nagaland.

Dr. Limasungla, Epidemiologist from CMO Office Longleng, and Dr. Vilie,

VAS Longleng were also present at the event. They highlighted statistics of various animal related diseases and diagnoses and ways and means to prevent them.

Kishor Barman, District Youth Officer NYKS, Longleng delivered the keynote address where he highlighted the main objective of the programme under the theme 'Panch Pran and India@2047' and also about the G20 Presidency and its theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.'



The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Longleng in collaboration with the District Administration and Yingli College, organized a one-day mega event "Yuva Utsav" at Yingli College, Longleng on 24th March 2023.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Phek DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS on 17th March 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Phek.

The Deputy Commissioner

acknowledged the members and their staff for their cooperation during the recently concluded 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly Election.

The Board also discussed the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), in which the Chairman

encouraged the members for necessary action to ensure 100% registration of employees at the earliest.

The Department of Evaluation and Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection presented their departmental activities during the meeting, in which their responsibilities and functions were highlighted.

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY OBSERVED IN KOHIMA

World Oral Health Day 2023 under the theme 'Be Proud of your Mouth' was observed at Chedema village, Kohima.

Dr. Meribeni Odyuo, Joint Director & SPO (NOHP) highlighted on the theme of the programme and a short awareness on tobacco was given by Dr. Arenla Walling, Deputy Director & SNO (NTCP).

Dr. Theyiephrezo Khimiao, Director Dental (DH&FW) who was the special guest, encouraged the school children and members to look after their oral health for overall health by maintaining consistent oral hygiene. He also encouraged the VHC to make oral health a priority, and extended his support to make oral health awareness a success.

A total of 70 students from GMS Chedema and Holy Cross School Chedema were screened by visiting Dentist from the NOHP Division. To encourage healthy oral habits, the students were given oral health kits and a brushing calendar. Further, the students were given referral cards for further examination.

POSHAN PAKHWADA 2023 LAUNCHED ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

The celebration of Poshan Pakhwada 2023 was launched on 20th March 2023 at Kohima. The Poshan Pakhwada 2023 was celebrated with various activities at block levels in the district from 20th March to 3rd April 2023 with the following three themes - Promotion and popularization of Shree Anna/millets for nutritional wellbeing, celebration of Swasth Balak Spardha and popularizing Saksham Anganwadis.

Deputy Co Commissioner Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS asked the concerned department to have coordination with all the convergent departments, and sought

their active participation for the successful implementation of the action plan in the district. He also informed the concerned department to submit a report on the activities taken up with photographs after the closing of the programme.

TUENSANG:

District level launching programme of Poshan Pakhwada 2023 in collaboration with Sangsangnyu ICDS project was held at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 21st March 2023. DC Tuensang, Nokchasashi said that in the past, children were malnourished but with the convergent departments implementing different schemes such as the Mid Day Meal



Poshan Pakhwada 2023 was launched by DC Tuensang, Nokchasashi at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 21st March 2023.

by the School Education Department and Social Welfare Department at Anganwadi Centres, nutritional food are provided for the health of the children. He further said Poshan Pakhwada is a fourteen-day long programme where the Social Welfare Department will be conducting different activities at the district, block and village level. He called upon all the convergent departments and the community leaders to give their cooperation for the successful implementation of the programme at the district. The DC also administered the Poshan Pledge and officially launched Poshan Pakhwada 2023.

LONGLENG:

The Department of Social Welfare, Longleng launched Poshan Pakhwada 2023 at Longleng under the theme, Millet for nutritional well-being, Celebration of Swasth Balak Spardha and Saksham

Anganwadis on 21st March 2023 at CDPO’s Office, Longleng. The programme was attended by Anganwadi Workers and helpers and the convergent departments under Longleng district.

The Department also organized a cooking and baby show competition, under ICDS project, at CDPO’s Office, Longleng on 29th March 2023, with SDO (C) Longleng, Trongdipa Tongpi Sangtam as the special guest.

Speaking at the programme, Sangtam shared on proper nutrition and emphasized on the importance of organic food which are locally available for consumption, and told the gathering to give importance on organic crops available locally.



The Department of Social Welfare Longleng, under the celebration of Poshan Pakhwada organised a cooking and baby show competition, under ICDS project, at CDPO Office Longleng on 29th March 2023.

COOPERATIVE AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT BAGHTY



Resource persons with participants during the Cooperative Societies Awareness programme held at the Community Hall, Baghty town, Wokha on 21st March 2023.

The Cooperative Training Centre Medziphema, Nagaland, Department of Cooperation in collaboration with National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and ARCS Office Wokha, held a cooperative awareness programme at the Community Hall, Baghty town on 21st March 2023.

The programme which is aimed at strengthening the people for economic self-reliance had experts from KVK, Wokha, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services departments, and Nagaland State Cooperative Bank (NSCB) Wokha as resource persons and trainers, who imparted awareness on how to participate and render services in a socio-economic organization for the benefit

of its members and thus enable them to attain increased income, savings, investments, and productivity instead of being a social liability and dependent on others.

T. Alanthung Ngullie, SRCS Wokha, speaking on functions and objectives of cooperative societies, said that the main objective of a cooperative society is for the economic growth of its members through mutual help, where profit is shared equitably. He also highlighted potential areas to promote self-sustenance, economic surplus, and generating employment at the local level through cooperative societies. The process of organizing a cooperative society was also made aware to the farmers and the public.

DC TUENSANG INAUGURATES CHONGSHEN VILLAGE

Nokchasashi, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang inaugurated Chongshen village on 24th March 2023 at Tuensang. Speaking on the occasion he thanked Chongshen Nyebe for his selfless contribution of land to set up Chongshen village. He added that every new village face many problems in infrastructure and development but it can be overcome through unity and cooperation. The DC advised the Village Council members to administer the village



DC Tuensang Nokchasashi Inaugurated Chongshen village at Tuensang on 24th March 2023.

in accordance with the Nagaland Village Council Act 1978, and plan better infrastructure development in the village. He assured the gathering of the Department's support in future. In the function, short speeches were delivered by Nusanglemba, President CKS, Koma Yangbou VCC C-Khel, Chingmak, President CGOA. Welcome address was delivered by B. Beshang, VCC Chongshen village, blessing and consecration was given by Rev. Achu Chang, Executive Secretary CBLT and vote of thanks was delivered by W. Chollen DB. The programme was attended by public leaders from neighbouring villages, wards, and churches from Tuensang town.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 24th March 2023 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS while reviewing the implementation of the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), reminded that as of now, the registration done for CMHIS in the district is only 39 percent. He requested all district Heads of Offices and employees in the district to do a review and try to cover 100

percent at the earliest.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, a status report on the repair and maintenance of District Hospital, IMDH Road, Mokokchung, was given by the Department of Urban Development, where it was reported that 70 percent of the work has been completed and the remaining work would be completed in two weeks time, to which the DC asked the Department to give maximum effort in supervising the work so that it will come out as desired. Ao Senden President, Chubawati Longchar, who also attended the meeting, maintained

that many hardships have been taken in the repair and maintenance of District Hospital IMDH Road, Mokochung. He, therefore, reminded the concerned department that people need quality work and they will not compromise if the matter is not taken seriously.

The meeting also reviewed the

shifting of the Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) to Yimyu, on which the Deputy Commissioner asked the department officials to take care of the restoration work (electricity and water connection) at ISBT, at the earliest. DC said that shifting of ISBT will contribute to the easing of traffic congestion in the town.

RCH CAMP HELD AT WUI AND CHOKLANGAN, NOKLAK

District Health Society under Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Noklak held the Reproductive Child Health Camp at Wui HWC (Thonoknyu Block) and Choklangan HWC (Noklak) on 25th and 26th March 2023.

In both the villages, a short programme was held with the villagers before the camp. Dr. Victor NC, CMO urged the villagers to be more health conscious, and asked to avail the services provided free of cost at their doorsteps by the health providers. Under this programme, he reminded that priority will be given to the pregnant women and children.

During the camp, FGD, immunization and family planning activities were held where twelve (12) women received the IUCD. A total of 176 OPD patients were treated during the camp. The team was led by C Hosea, DPM along with the staff from CMO, District Hospital Noklak and Wui and Choklangan HWC, Noklak.

GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN VISITS TSEMINYU DISTRICT

Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan, visited Tseminyu district on 28th March 2023 and held meetings with department officers and civil societies at DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu. He expressed happiness on visiting Tseminyu, one of the newest districts in Nagaland.

The Governor said that the State has come a long way since statehood in terms of education, health, road connectivity, telecommunication, standard of living, etc. but it still has a long way to go before catching up with other states of



Governor, La. Ganesan visited health wellness centre at Chunlikha on 28th March 2023 and interacted with the doctors and staff.

the country. The people of Nagaland should also enjoy the fruit of development like the rest of the people of the country. It is the duty of every government agencies and the departments to work hard and ensure that every citizen of the country enjoy the fruit of development, he added.

The Governor called upon the District Administration to ensure that the flagship programmes of the Central Government are diligently and earnestly implemented for the welfare of the people. He said that development should not be reflected only on paper. He also requested the Deputy Commissioner of the district to have periodic reviews of various schemes and programmes and take necessary action to meet the goals and targets if there are any shortfalls.

The Governor interacted with civil societies, Rengma Hoho, Rengma Women Association, Rengma Selo Zi.

Memorandums were submitted to the Governor, which he assured to look into, and requested the public to co-operate with the government for development.

The Governor also visited Chunlikha village under Tseminyu district therein the apex body of Kithagha Public Organization President, Khinyi Woch submitted a memorandum to the Governor with a request to intervene in creation of EAC Headquarter, upgradation of GHS Chunlikha to GHSS, upgradation of health care facility, etc. Another memorandum was also submitted with a request to take up various activities for the development in the area. He expressed happiness on the maintenance of cleanliness, water supply, health care sector, etc. He added that participation of women is the most important thing to bring change in the society.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th March 2023 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS.

The Board deliberated on the agenda of Cimorb Public School, Kezo town, Chakhabama, seeking permission of opening a new private school. The officer-in-charge highlighted that, the school was established in the year 2010 and it has enough classrooms, furniture and TLM for the children. The officer-in-charge also stated that the overall academic performance of the teachers is good as the performance of students for the last three years were found to be satisfactory. She also mentioned that the management of the school is well planned and fulfilled all the necessary criteria laid down by the Department.

The meeting also deliberated on the agenda of change of nomenclature from Charity School, Kohima to Charity Higher Secondary School, Kohima for upgradation till Class 11, which the Board decided to take it up with the higher authorities for consideration.

The DC also highlighted on the draft prepared for the new members of Village Adoption Committee 2023-2024 and Verification Committee for Local Area Development Programme. District Sericulture Officer, Kohima highlighted the departmental activities on silkworm rearing and the schemes available.

SDRF WOKHA AND NEEPCO CONDUCT MOCK DRILL

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Wokha & North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) successfully conducted mock drill to enhance emergency preparedness at Doyang Hydro Power Station on 28th March 2023.

The one-day disaster awareness and mock drill was held at NEEPCO, DHPS for the employees of NEEPCO, VKV school teachers and students, CISF personnel, LOU DHEP and for the local populace of DHPS township. The mock drill was aimed at improving emergency preparedness and response in the event of an actual emergency.

The mock drill was organized by NEEPCO, Doyang in collaboration with Department of Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Wokha. The drill simulated a real-life emergency situation to test the readiness and response of the employees, school community and local residents. The drill involved various scenarios, including fire, earthquake, etc.



A one-day disaster awareness and mock drill to enhance emergency preparedness at Doyang Hydro Power Station was held at NEEPCO Wokha on 28th March 2023.

During the programme, District Commandant, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Wokha, Ngongval E Phom spoke on the advantages of conducting regular mock drill exercise and the various preventive measures to be taken before, during and after an earthquake. Company Commander, Lanutemjen spoke on the mock drill and evacuation plan. Instructor Havildar, Mhonyamo Humtsoe demonstrated various types and usage of fire extinguisher. Altogether, 30 personnel of Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF Wokha participated in the mock drill.

OFFICIALS VISIT PUNGRO

Joint Secretary, Anuradha S. Chagti and Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Nehjamong Simte paid a visit to Pungro Sub-Division, Kiphire on 29th March 2023. Their visit's focus was for the development of backward blocks/villages. An interactive session was held at Village Council Hall, Phuvkiu village, Pungro,

Kiphire along with the District/Block Officials, Village Council, GBs, VDBs, ASHA, etc., where the grievances and needs of the villagers were shared and discussed.

District Administration and other officials also joined the two officials during the interactive session and site visitation.

DISHA MEETING HELD AT CHÜMOUKEDIMA

District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 31st March 2023.

The coordination meeting chaired by ADC Medziphema was held to ensure better coordination with the elected representatives and officials from the district. The members deliberated on developmental issues in Chümoukedima district.

At the meeting, DISHA Chairperson and Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi highlighted that Central Government intends to make all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) transparent. He said that in the past, many CSS all over the States could not be completed as per the schedule and also failed to give the details of work distribution for which the policy has changed, that any department wherever sanctioned CSS project



DISHA Chairperson and MP (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi, addressing the departments' officials at the coordination meeting at DC Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on 31st March 2023.

fund is provided, until and unless the first installment completion report is given, the Central Government will not give the subsequent installment.

Tokheho pointed out that from 2023, the Central Government does not allow any State to keep money in their

civil deposit. Whatever is due to the Department, the State Finance Department has to release to the Department and the Department has to disclose the bill. Hence, he urged the respective departments who are yet to submit, to work in an efficient and time-bound manner.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT BHANDARI

A coordination meeting and departmental review for discussion of departmental activities and other related matters was convened by Achumbemo Kikon, MLA 40-AC, Bhandari with the departmental officers at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Bhandari on 31st March 2023.

Chairing the meeting, the MLA sought the cooperation of the Heads of Offices under the sub-division to work together with transparency and accountability, to usher in change to uplift the living standard of the people.

The MLA also expressed hope that if the Bhandari sub-division is granted the status of Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) soon,

many progressive agenda for all-round development, including economic growth and infrastructural development, benefits from government policies, schemes and programmes, would be deliberated and decisions would be taken accordingly for their execution.

The MLA also appealed to the officers and the departments to carry out their official duties and deliver their services to the people by being at the work station instead of running the office from elsewhere.

In the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Rohit Singh, IAS, and the Heads of Offices highlighted the activities of their respective departments.

WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR SHG CONDUCTED AT MON

District Urban Development Agency, Mon under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) organized Women's Economic Empowerment for Self Help Groups at Urban Development Office, Mon on 31st March 2023.

Resource person, Srimoyee Neogi presented some video clips on how others progressed through Self Help Groups. She explained how the Government helps the SHGs by lending money from the bank. She added that women do not need to be limited by

others, and that freedom comes through women's economic empowerment.

While delivering the welcome address, K. Temjennaro Longkumer, ADC & Chairman DUDA, DAY-NULM shared her gratitude to the participants for attending the programme. She said that through this kind of programme, SHGs will be able to grow more. She also said that being a mother, and wife there may be lots of challenges but urged them not to give up, and that every woman has her own

abilities.

Addressing the gathering, Thungdemo R Humtsoe said that women's economic empowerment is the capacity of women to participate, contribute and have recognition for their valuable contribution. He stated that female earning and bargaining power translates into greater investment in children's education, health, and nutrition, which leads to economic growth in the long term.

GHSS TIZIT BUILDING INAUGURATED



Minister of State, Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Co-operation, Government of India, B. L. Verma virtually inaugurated the newly constructed building of Government Higher Secondary School Tizit, Mon from NIC Conference Hall, Mon on 25th March 2023.

B. L. Verma, Minister of State, Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Co-operation, Government of India, virtually inaugurated the newly constructed building of Government Higher Secondary School Tizit, Mon from NIC Conference Hall, Mon on 25th March 2023 in the presence of K. Konngam, Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts and Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Anuradha S. Chagti, Joint Secretary, N. Simte, Under Secretary, DoNER, Sekhar Dey, APS and Alok Rai, PA to Union Minister. The President, KU, KNSK and KSU were also present during the programme.

The project was funded by the North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER.

During his speech, the Minister of State informed the participants about the vision and mission of the Ministry of DoNER with special emphasis on the North-Eastern Region. While dedicating the building to GHSS, Tizit, he expressed hope that the building will be instrumental in educational development of Tizit sub-division. He also informed that Tizit has been selected as a Backward Block and all necessary efforts are being taken to ensure inclusive and participatory development.

NEW APPROACH ROAD TO AR CAMP
AT IG STADIUM INAUGURATED BY ADVISOR, YR&S



Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S), S. Keoshu Yimkhiung with officials of YR&S Department and other dignitaries during the inauguration of the new approach road to AR Camp at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 29th March 2023.

The new approach road to Assam Rifles Camp at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima was inaugurated by Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung on 29th March 2023.

After the inauguration of the new approach road, the Department of Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S) also held a familiarization programme with the new Advisor of the Department, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung.

Delivering the welcome address, Commissioner & Secretary, YR&S, Wezope Kenye, IAS said that the Department is fortunate to have a young and dynamic leader as the new Advisor of the Department, and expressed hope that under his leadership, the Department will continue to take up many new innovative activities and bridge the gaps in the Department.

Advisor Keoshu reminded the gathering that it is the goal of the State Government to take Nagaland towards a 'state of excellence,' and to fulfil this, the government

employees should take their assignments seriously and help their concerned departments and the State to march ahead. He also sought the cooperation of the staff and officers of YR&S Department, assuring that he would try his best to work for the betterment of the Department. He emphasised that the YR&S Department has a huge role to play in 'youth empowerment,' which can only be fulfilled if all the officials play their respective roles with full dedication and sincerity.

Highlighting the core functioning and activities of the Department, Director, YR&S, Akumla Chuba informed that talent hunt in various sports disciplines across the districts, free coaching camps in different disciplines, refreshers courses for DSOs/Coaches, etc. are conducted. She also mentioned that at present, 22 associations are being given grant-in-aid according to their performance by the Department. The State has two Sports Academy at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima and Sports Hostel at Dimapur.



Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton with Nagaland Police Senior Officers and Unit Commanders during a meeting held at Police Headquarters Conference Hall, Kohima on 24th March 2023.



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer called on the Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 29th March 2023.



Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan with the Legislators of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 21st March 2023.



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