



Delegates from 27 (twenty-seven) G-20 countries during the inaugural session of the G-20 Business Meet Kohima, focusing on 'Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnership in Agriculture, Food Processing, Tourism and Information Technology', held at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 5th April 2023.

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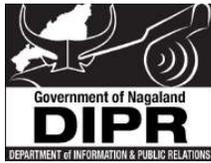
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Legislators of Nagaland Legislative Assembly during the two-day orientation programme for legislators held at Conference Hall, NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 26th April 2023.



A meeting with new heads of institutions was organized by Nagaland Board of School Education at Platinum Hall, NBCC, Kohima on 28th April 2023.



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PLANNING & CO-ORDINATION CHANGED TO PLANNING & TRANSFORMATION DEPARTMENT

In pursuance to the Cabinet approval vide No.CAB-1/14/2023 dated 9th March 2023, the Governor of Nagaland has issued an order to change the nomenclature of the present Planning & Co-ordination Department to Planning & Transformation Department.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPOINTS APPELLATE AUTHORITY

In supersession of the Urban Development Department notification of even number dated 29.10.2019, the Government of Nagaland has appointed and designated the following officers as Appellate Authority (AA), Public Information Officer (PIO), and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) for performing the function under Sections 5 and 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act NO. 22 of 2005) under Urban Development Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

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3. Longri Jamir, Assistant Public Information Officer, Contact No. 9856587394

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT APPEALS TO PUBLIC

The Department of School Education, Nagaland, in continuation of its efforts of mainstreaming Out of School Children (OoSC), has appealed to members of NGOs, Municipal/Town/Village Councils, Churches, Student Unions, and the General Public to register details of OoSC in the age group of 6 - 16 years (children who are not enrolled in any school or dropped out at any stage before completing secondary education) at the Google Form link provided at the DoSE, Nagaland Online Education Services Portal <https://dosenl.in> so as to enable the Department to devise mechanism for arranging special training and mainstreaming the OoSC in appropriate classes at neighboring Government Schools/ National Open School.

NBSE NOTIFIES SCHOOLS ON HEALTH OF CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a statutory body formed under Section (3) of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No. 4 of 2006) to ensure that the rights of children are protected especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. NCPCR has been mandated to inquire into the matters pertaining to violation and deprivation of rights and entitlements of children and to monitor the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children)

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Act, 2015 (Section 109, JJ Act 2015), the Right to Education Act, 2009 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

According to the data from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Diabetes Atlas 2021, India has the world's highest number of children and adolescents suffering from Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM), with more than 2.4 lakh children and adolescents (age group 0-19 years) in South East Asia (SEA region). The T1D Index has estimated, however, that there are 8.75 million persons with T1D in India alone. Persons with T1DM require 3-5 injections of insulin every day, along with 3-5 blood sugar tests every day, for a lifetime. Absence or disruption of standard care affects their physical and mental well-being, and can even be fatal. Children and adolescents living with T1DM face several challenges, which are made worse by inadequate medical care and/or inadequate medical supplies.

As such, NCPDR has taken cognizance on the petitions received from parents of the children diagnosed with juvenile diabetes or Type-1 Diabetes in the country. Since children spend one third of the day in school, therefore it is the duty of the schools to ensure that children with T1DM are provided with proper care and required facilities.

In this regard, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified all schools registered with the Board that in order to ensure health of children with Type-1 Diabetes, the following may be adhered to:

- A child with Type-1 Diabetes, who requires a mid-morning or mid- afternoon snack should be permitted by the class teacher to consume it.
- The child can participate in sports as advised by medical person.
- Children with Type-1 Diabetes giving their school exams and other competitive exams may be considered for the following:
 1. Permitted to carry sugar tablets with them.
 2. Medicines/fruits, snacks, drinking water, some biscuits/ peanuts/ dry fruit should be allowed into the exam hall and kept with teacher, and if required, these items shall be given to children during the examinations.
 3. The staff should permit the child to carry a glucometer and glucose testing strips along with him/her into the exam hall which may be kept with Invigilator/Teacher.
 4. The child should be permitted to test blood sugar and consume the above mentioned items as per requirements.
 5. Children using CGM (Continuous Glucose Monitoring), FGM (Flash Glucose Monitoring) and/or insulin pumps have to be given permission to retain these devices during exams as they are attached to the body of the said child. In case a smart phone is used as a reader, it may be handed over to the Teacher/Invigilator to monitor the blood sugar levels.

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ALUNG HANGSING TAKES CHARGE OF NSCPCR

The State Commission for Project of Child Right Government of Nagaland has notified that Alun Hangsing, NCS (Retd.) has taken over the charge of the Chairman, Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) w.e.f. 1st March 2023.

Hence, all correspondence and matters relating to child rights may be addressed to the Chairman, NSCPCR.

NSDMA APPOINTS APPELLATE AUTHORITY

In pursuance of Section 5(1) and 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and in suppression of all earlier orders regarding the appointment of PIO/APIO and FAAs, the following officials of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) have been designated as the First Appellate Authority (FAA), Public Information Officer (PIO), and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO).

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Designated as	Complete Address
1.	Lhouchalie Viya, IAS Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland	First Appellate Authority (FAA)	NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat. Kohima-797004. Phone: 0370-2270050
2.	Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager (Research & Planning)	Public Information Officer & Nodal Officer (PIO & NO)	NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat. Kohima-797004 Phone: 0370- 2270050
3.	Kevisede Usou, Section Assistant (Research & Planning)	Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO)	NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima-797004. Phone: 0370- 2270050

In case of absence of any of the above officers on account of leave, training, official duty, tour etc. the link of that PIO/FAA will automatically be designated to the link officer or the officer next in line under the regular incumbent for that duration.

This is issued with the approval of the Principal Secretary, Home, Government of Nagaland.

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NBSE INFORMS ON EXAM REFORMS

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all concerned that with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 laying special emphasis on transforming assessment for optimizing learning and developing the competency of the learner, the Board is taking steps to reform the examinations. The examinations will prioritize the basic learning outcomes and tests the core capacities/competencies, along with higher-order skills and application of knowledge in real-life situations.

As a consequence, the Board has revised the Question Paper Designs for all subjects for both Secondary and Higher Secondary Levels. Sample Question Papers based on the New Designs have been developed, which shall be effective from Class-IX Phase I & II Examinations 2023, HSLC Examination 2024, and Class XI Promotion & HSSLC Examinations 2024 for all subjects.

All schools registered with the Board have been directed to strictly follow the design and align the classroom teaching and assessments accordingly. The new designs should be implemented from the Mid-Term Examinations 2023.

The following booklets are made available in the NBSE portal www.nbsenl.edu.in:

1. Question Paper Designs and Sample Question Papers for Secondary Level and
2. Question Paper Designs and Sample Question Papers for Higher Secondary Level.

Hard copies of the booklets will be available in the Board's Office by the second week of May 2023.

Therefore, all Heads of Institutions have been requested to take note of the changes and instruct their teachers and students to make use of the resources given.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES APPELLATE AUTHORITY

In pursuance of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the following officials have been designated as Appellate Authority (AA), Public Information Officer (PIO), and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) in respect of the Science & Technology Department with immediate effect:

1. Appellate Authority (AA): Hokhuli K. Chishi, IAS, Secretary
2. Public Information Officer (PIO): Kuko Mero, Additional Secretary
3. Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO): K. Libanthung Patton, Under Secretary

STATE LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY RECONSTITUTED

In supersession of Planning & Transformation Department's Notification dated 29/11/2021, the Government of Nagaland has re-constituted the State Land Acquisition Authority with the following members:

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1. Chief Minister : Chairman
2. Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & Transformation
And National Highways : Member
3. Deputy Chief Minister, Home and Border Affairs : Member
4. Minister, Housing and Mechanical : Member
5. Advisor, Land Revenue : Member
6. Advisor, Agriculture : Member
7. Advisor, Transport : Member
8. Advisor, Urban Development : Member
9. Advisor, Geology & Mining : Member
10. Chief Secretary : Member
11. Director General of Police : Member
12. Principal Secretary, Urban Development : Member
13. Principal Secretary, Power : Member
14. Principal Secretary, Public Health Engineering : Member
15. Commissioner, Nagaland : Member
16. Commissioner & Secretary, Land Revenue : Member
17. Commissioner & Secretary, Works & Housing : Member
18. Secretary, Justice & Law : Member
19. Engineer-in-Chief, NPWD : Member
20. Chief Engineer, PWD (Housing) : Member
21. Chief Engineer, Power (T&G) : Member
22. Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering : Member
23. Director, Urban Development : Member
24. Deputy Commissioner, Kohima : Member
25. Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner : Member Secretary

The terms of reference, role and responsibility of the authority of the State Land Acquisition Authority shall be as under:

- a. Examine all proposals for land acquisition including compensation for buildings standing in the land to be acquired for the purpose of developmental projects or for public amenities or works of public benefit.
- b. To decide on the area of land required to be acquired and allotted to various departments and agencies for developmental and public utilities.
- c. To approve land compensation rates for various categories of land proposed to be acquired.
- d. To determine additional areas of land to be acquired for use for future developmental projects.

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- e. To review the utilization or otherwise of land acquired and allotted to various departments and agencies which have remained unutilized for more than B(three) years and decide on their cancellation or extension if found warranted.
- f. To direct enforcement of Building By-Laws and directions for construction of Government Directorates and offices/establishments particularly in the New Capital Complex Area.
- g. To effect eviction of encroachers of government land within the State.
- h. To direct preparation of Master Plans for District Headquarters, Administrative Headquarters and strict adherence to the Master Plans proposed by all concerned.
- i. Final approval of the proposals covered under item No. 17 of Second Schedule of Rules of Executive Business, 2020 as decided by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 26th October 2021.

The jurisdiction of the State Land Acquisition Authority shall extend to the whole State and also cover land and building required to be acquired by the State, even outside the State.

NEZCC INVITES SCHOLARS

The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Gol has invited applications from renowned scholars, who are sincerely interested to take up research oriented documentation works under NEZCC, Dimapur in the following fields - Folk & Tribal Music & Dances and Vanishing Art Forms of North-east viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura.

The applicant should be an Indian citizen and indigenous inhabitant of the concerned State. The selection of the project proposals will be finalized by a panel of experts constituted by the NEZCC.

The application forms and other details can be collected from the Office of the Directorate of Art & Culture/Cultural Affairs, Government of the concerned state or Shiipgram, Panjabari, Guwahati and Headquarter Office, Dimapur. The form is also available in NEZCC website [https:// fiezcddimapur.org.in](https://fiezcddimapur.org.in) and <https://www.facebook.com/NEZCC>.

Last date for submission of the application is 28th July 2023. Application received thereafter will not be accepted. Director, NEZCC shall have the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason.

NEZCC INVITES APPLICATION FOR GURU SHISHYA PARAMPARA SCHEME

The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC, Dimapur invites application for availing the Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme for 2022-2023. Candidates within the age group of 45 to 70 years having very good knowledge for imparting training in any cultural field of

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the region, i.e. folk dance/songs, bamboo/cane/wood craft, folk theatre, woodcraft, mask making etc. Emphasis is given on Dying & Vanishing Artforms of the region.

On selection and appointment as Guru, he/she will appoint an Assistant and 4 (four) Shishyas (within the age group of 15-25 years) and impart training for one year. The rate of honoraria per month for one year is as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Honorarium
1	Guru	@ Rs. 7,500/- per month
2	Accompanist (Assistant)	@ Rs. 3,750/- per month
3	Shishyas	@ Rs. 1,500/- per head per Shishyas

The application along with bio-data and supporting documents should be sent/ submitted to the Directorate of Art & Culture/Cultural Affairs of the concerned state.

The application forms and other details are available on the website of NEZCC: www.nezccindia.org.in (<http://nezccindia.org.in/Home/Advertisement>)
[http://www.facebook.com/ nezccdimapurNE](http://www.facebook.com/nezccdimapurNE)

RAJESH SOUNDARARAJAN TAKES CHARGE AS SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR

Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS assumed charge of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor of Nagaland, Kohima on the forenoon of 10th April 2023. All correspondences/ letters intended for the Secretary to Governor may be addressed as below:

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MEETING HELD ON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The School of Excellence in Skill Development (SoESD) was established at Government Higher Secondary School, Zubza through a MoU signed amongst the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (DESDE), Department of School Education (DoSE), and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT). The SoESD was set up to develop IT competencies, create awareness about cyber security and safety, and prepare young students from classes VIII to X for the future of work.

In this regard, a meeting was held on 30th March 2023 amongst the three stakeholders represented by Kovi Meyase, Additional Secretary & Ex-Officio Director, DESDE, Lanuwapang, Director, NIELIT, and Visashielie Suohu, Headmaster, GHSS, Zubza to develop a roadmap on initiating the skilling activities at SoESD. To promote optimum utilization of the SoESD, NIELIT has agreed to train two batches of 40 candidates in CCC (Course on Computer Concepts) course for the unemployed youths and students who have appeared their class X & XII exams at the SoESD.

FAZL ALI COLLEGE, MOKOKCHUNG AWARDED 'BEST COLLEGE' IN NCC ACTIVITIES

Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung emerged as the leader in NCC activities and was adjudged 'Best College' amongst 17 colleges under 25 Naga Bn. NCC during the

Training Year 2022-23.

The Senior Division (Boys) and Senior Wing (Girls) NCC cadets of the college took part in various activities like Rifle Shooting, Drill, Tent Pitching, Blood Donation, and cultural activities and received several prizes. The cadets have also been at the forefront of social welfare and patriotic activities like Puneet Sagar Abhiyan (cleaning of water bodies), Har Ghar Tiranga, Support to Orphanages, Tree Plantation, Yoga Day, etc. earning immense appreciation from the local communities.

The award ceremony was held in Fazl Ali College on 31st March 2023, attended by Dr. Wati Imchen, Principal, FAC, Col CST Swamy, Commanding Officer, 25 Naga Bn. NCC, Vinod Kumar, Vice Principal, Lt. Leremongla, ANO, Dr. Imliwati Longkumer, CTO, PI staff and a large number of NCC cadets.

In his presidential address, Dr. Wati Imchen thanked all 25 Naga Bn. NCC staff for providing timely guidance and wholehearted support to the college. He called upon the cadets to put in their best effort to retain the No. 1 position in the future also.

The 'Best Performance' Trophy and Certificate of Appreciation was handed over to the Principal by the Commanding Officer and the 'Best ANO' Certificate was handed over to Lt. Leremongla.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING OF MGNF, NAGALAND COHORT

The Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (DESDE) conducted a performance review for the

Mahatma Gandhi National Fellows (MGNF) programme under the World Bank-Assisted ‘Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP)’ of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India on 31st March 2023.

The MGNF programme is an initiative of the MSDE, implemented by the DESDE and the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIMK) as the Academic Partner. Under the MGNF programme, 11 young fellows are placed in 11 districts of Nagaland supporting the district administration for effective skill planning and management since October 2021.

In the presence of the Director, DESDE, the MGN Fellows made presentations on their initiatives around-awareness and mobilization for skill training, job melas, entrepreneurship development, advocating and pushing the skill development agenda in their respective districts.

STF MEETING ON IMMUNIZATION ON ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION-CUM-MEASLES AND RUBELLA ELIMINATION HELD

A State Task Force (STF) Meeting on Immunization on Routine Immunization-cum-Measles and Rubella Elimination was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Asangla Imti at IDSP Hall, DoHFW at 3rd April 2023.

State Immunization Officer (SIO) presented the status of the routine immunization of the State, percentage of zero dose children, dropout rates and the reasons for drop outs, objectives for

Measles and Rubella (MR) elimination campaign and the district wise targets for MR elimination.

Mission Director, NHM highlighted the operational challenges to achieve immunization coverage and requested support from the allied department from achieving the goal of no child left behind for vaccination from vaccine preventable



Secretary, H&FW, Asangla Imti addressing the state task force meeting programme on Measles Rubella Immunization at IDSP hall, H&FW Directorate, Kohima on 3rd April 2023.

diseases.

Asangla Imti commented on the need of a dedicated cell to monitor convergence between the allied departments to assess, review and evaluate for course correction. On this note, dedicated cell under MD NHM to be set up for monthly review to identify gaps and suggestions for closure, also, SIO, representatives from development partners and HMIS monitoring team to be part of this cell along with other relevant stakeholders. Convergence between allied department of Social Welfare, NSRLM, School Education and Health & Family Welfare Department for mobilization of caregivers to ensure children take up the due doses of the Routine Immunization vaccines and towards support for MR

Elimination campaign for which letter of convergence from respective nodal department to be shared with the District/Block/Village units.

Support from School Education towards Td injections for 10 years and 16 years age groups as part of convergence with Health & Family Welfare Department was discussed. The meeting also discussed that Anganwadi Centres are to be used as Immunization Centre at least once a month as part of convergence and VHND formats to be used for monitoring by the DTFI.

36th CONVOCATION OF IGNOU HELD

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Kohima, Nagaland held its 36th Convocation at Ura Academy Hall, Kohima on 3rd April 2023.

Certificates received from any conventional or traditional institutions/universities, and are recognised everywhere in the country and abroad. Prof. Prasain also highlighted about National Education Policy (NEP) and its avenues/courses for the students to get higher education through online in various disciplines where an individual can undertake two degrees simultaneously and more opportunities to venture out. He said that due to shortage of universities in northeast states unlike the other states in India, especially in Nagaland, IGNOU becomes ideal institution for any individual to pursue continuous studies to its higher level.

Regional Director, IGNOU Kohima, Dr. Timir Tripathi while welcoming 1,002 learners, who will be receiving their degrees and diploma certificates to the 36th Convocation of IGNOU, said that the



Vice Chancellor, Tripura University, Agartala, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain and officials with the graduating students from IGNOU at the 36th Convocation at Ura Academy Hall, Kohima on 3rd April 2023.

Speaking as the guest of honour, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University, Agartala, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain said that through IGNOU, thousands of students have benefited since its inception. He also informed that Degrees/Diplomas or Certificates received from IGNOU is equivalent to the Degrees/Diplomas or

main convocation function is being held at IGNOU HQ in New Delhi with the President of India, Droupadi Murmu as Chief Guest and Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan as the Guest of Honour. He informed that the convocation is also being held simultaneously held at 32 Regional Centres through teleconferencing mode, including

Kohima Regional Centre. He mentioned that out of 1,002 eligible students under Kohima Regional Centre, 633 are Master's degree, 129 Bachelor's degree, 125 Diplomas and 115 Certificates.

NAGALAND WELCOMES G20 BUSINESS MEET DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS

The State Government organised a programme to welcome and honour the G20 Business Meet delegates at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 4th April 2023.

Speaking at the programme, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio welcomed the delegates to the 'Land of Festivals,' stating that Nagas were known as war warriors in the past, and have now become peace warriors with the advent of Christianity in our land. He said that Nagas are rich in culture and traditions and the State still practices customary laws under the provision of Article 371(A) enshrined under the Constitution of India. Rio appreciated the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for extending their help to the State in hosting the G20 Meet.

Chief Minister Rio also released the Summit Booklet on the occasion. The guests were enthralled with music and dances including a variety of traditional songs and dances showcasing the vibrant culture of the Naga society.

NAGALAND HOSTS B20 CONFERENCE WITH FOCUS ON 'OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTILATERAL PARTNERSHIPS IN AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING, TOURISM AND IT'

The inaugural session of the fourth and last G20 Business Meet in North East, focusing on Opportunities for Multilateral

Business Partnership in Agriculture, Food Processing, Tourism and Information Technology witnessed the participation of 60 (sixty) delegates from 27 (twenty-seven) countries, Central and State Government officials, business communities, local entrepreneurs and stakeholders, held at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 5th April 2023. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the State Government, Ministry of External Affairs and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Trade (DPIIT) are partners in this B20 Conference at Kohima.

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, which plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023. The Business 20 (B20) is a group that represents the private sector within the Group of 20 (G20) Forum, to provide a platform for the business community to engage with the G20 and to offer recommendations on policies that can support global economic growth and development. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is designated by the Government of India as the Secretariat for B20 under its presidency of G20 Forum.

The G20 comprises of 19 countries namely Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States and the European Union

Delivering the welcome address, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) North East Council, Pradeep Bagla expressed hope that the B-20 Conference in

Kohima will not only carry the momentum forward but also set a new benchmark.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, Rupa Dutta mentioned that B20 Conferences in the North East Region of India have been held in Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and now, in Nagaland. She stated that DPIIT which looks at promotion of industries and internal trade, has two engagement groups - the B20 and Start-Up 20. Pointing out that GI initiative, which is also part of DPIIT, has given tags to three farm products - the Naga Mirchi, the Naga Tree Tomato and the Naga Sweet Cucumber, she said that the Government is also taking steps to promote organic farming in the State. Another key initiative of DPIIT is 'One District, One Product, of which 11 districts of Nagaland have been selected. She also mentioned that the Government has launched Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region, which aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode, and this can promote social entrepreneurship and start-ups. Rupa said that Nagaland has not only immense agro resources, but with a positive and progressing population available, Nagaland has good future potential in skill development, an area where the start-ups can do a lot of good works.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh said that the hosting of B-20 event in Kohima is an outcome of Prime Minister's vision that through India's G20 Presidency, India in all its glory should be showcased to the world, and he highlighted that initiatives like Prime Minister Development Initiative

for North East Region (PM-DevINE) showcases the importance being attached to the development of North East Region by the Government as 'New Engine Growth of India.'

Dr. Singh expressed confidence that North East will become India's gateway to South East Asia and it will have seamless land connectivity with the heart of ASEAN and beyond once the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway is completed. He also stated that the Government is continuously working for seamless land and rail connectivity with Bangladesh. Pitching North East India to the business community to invest in, Dr. Singh stated that NE can be seen as a potentially dynamic region of the world, surrounded by ASEAN, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan, with the youth from NE playing critical role in hospitality and care-giving sectors across India. With its rich human resource base, he said that NE can grow their business in NE and beyond, offering immense and relatively unexplored market opportunities.

Welcoming all the delegates and the participants, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio pointed out the great investment opportunities in the agriculture and allied sectors of the State, and urged everyone to consider exploring the immense possibilities in this sector. He also briefed on the huge potential for tourism industry, especially for those desiring a unique 'out of the box' experience. Rio said that, with a persistent zeal for learning new skills, coupled with the wide usage of the English language, the State's relatively young work force and a higher literacy rate than the national average, the State has an advantage especially in the services sector, and appealed to all to consider investing in this sector.

Chief Minister, Rio stated that over the past two decades, the State has opened up to the world, and it now offers huge untapped potential in several areas of trade and services to the outside world. Due to the lack of industrialisation in the past, there are large unexploited and unexplored natural resources available in the State, which provides tremendous opportunities especially for those who come early. He assured that the State is fully geared up to put in place all the requisite systems and the enabling policy frameworks for ensuring a robust exchange of investment and business opportunities and facilitating a rapid and sustained industrial development in the State. He invited all to experience and savour the unique culture, customs and traditions of the Nagas, while also exploring business opportunities for investing in several promising sectors and industries.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS highlighting the vast potential of the State, invited the business community to invest in the State assuring the Government's help in quick resolutions of issues that investors might face, adding that the State has a single window clearance system available through the National Portal, which is being further enriched. He added that the State's ingrained cultural ethos will ensure that contracts and agreements are honoured and enforced in letter and spirit.

CM RIO BRIEFS MEDIA ON G20 BUSINESS MEET

Addressing media persons at the Chief Minister's Office, Kohima on 5th April 2023, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio informed that Kohima is witnessing the convergence of 60 overseas delegates from 27 countries. The delegation includes diplomatic, focused

trade and business delegates.

The Chief Minister mentioned that Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is facilitating the Business to Business and Business to Government meetings. He said the overseas business delegates are getting the opportunity to interact with the local industry during B2B and with the Government in the B2G sessions for potential investment, collaboration and tie-ups. He added that over 100 B2B and B2G requests were generated for interaction with Government Departments in Tourism, Commerce & Industries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Healthcare and Food Processing.

Rio also stated that the State Government is taking advantage of the presence of a large contingent of international delegates by making elaborate arrangements not to showcase investment and partnership opportunities, but also to provide a unique experience for the visiting delegates with an exposure to Nagaland's culture, cuisine, art, festivities and scenic beauty.

Chief Minister Rio said that Nagaland will benefit from the B20 Conference as it is strategically located and will help Nagaland develop as a base for boosting links with ASEAN countries. He mentioned that the trade potential of the State lies in its strength in agro & forest based, mining & minerals based and services based industries. He said the North East Region and Bangladesh have close ties and Nagaland is set to benefit from the cooperation. He stated that the State is open for potential tie-up in the areas of Tourism, IT, Agriculture and Infrastructure Development and with the participation of leading nations in these areas, it will help the State to push the economy to greater

heights. He added the B20 conference will usher new opportunities for the people of Nagaland.

Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh said 'Diversity is the strength of the North Eastern States' with more than 250 ethnic tribes domiciled in the region. Hitherto, the North East Region was reckoned as landlocked but with the formation of bilateral and multilateral ties with other countries, the region has now become the centers for investment and partnering with other global business communities and platform for various collaborations. He stated that the G20 meeting is a good platform to showcase to the world the potential of the North Eastern Region. He said that the region is the new engine for the growth of India. He also assured that the Ministry of External Affairs is ready to assist the states in exploring the potential areas of the region for investment and promotion of partnership in the business sector.

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh also expressed the desire for collaboration of educational institutions, and construction of all-weather roads in all the border villages having close proximity with international boundary lines. He also proposed for opening of more border hubs. He added the principle of the Government of India is to deliver to the last mile villages.

PLENARY SESSION OF THE G20 BUSINESS MEET HELD AT KOHIMA

The Plenary Session of the B20 Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnership in Agriculture, Food Processing, Tourism and Information Technology was held at the State Banquet

Hall, Kohima on 5th April 2023, with representatives from different countries, business communities, stakeholders taking part in the discussion.

Addressing the gathering, Financial Adviser, North Eastern Council, Gaigongdin Panmei said Inter-Ministerial Team was formed to improve foreign trade with North Eastern Region, and highlighted new industrial policy for North East Region. Speaking on energy sector, he stressed on the potentials of 5G technology, 3D printing, Bamboo-Ethanol, Tissue Culture Nurseries, Natural Rubber, etc.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, R. Binchilo Thong IAS spoke on Agriculture Business Potential in Nagaland, specifically mentioning Turmeric, Papaya, Naga King Chilli, packaging materials, planting materials, small and customised machinery. While highlighting the agriculture demographics, he said about 73% of the population is engaged in agriculture and allied activities. He also stressed on activities that have gained popularity such as bee keeping, fish farming, sericulture, livestock rearing, etc.

Addressing on Agriculture & Food Processing, Executive Director, Godrej Agrovet Limited, Burjis Godrej highlighted on the booming sustainable oil palm cultivation in the North East Region and also the Government's interest in investment for cultivation of oil palm. He also pointed out the need to have a nodal department for single point of contact for easy managements, along the lines of Public Private Partnership.

Chairman, Echahaba Tea Growers Cooperative Society Limited, Dr. Aotoshi spoke on introducing prospective investors taking advantage of the G20 Summit. He expressed the view that farming in Nagaland is purely organic and above all, the ancient way of farming is natural in itself but unfortunate that Nagaland has failed to acquire organic

certification.

Head Certification Business TQ Cert Service Private Limited, Krishna Datta briefed on TQ Cert & TQ Services and its initiatives in organic certification and Indgap certification.

Expressing his perspectives, CEO and Managing Director, CubeTen Technologies Private Limited, Haobam Joyremba highlighted on the IT sector which can be applied in the field of agriculture, finance, education, tourism etc. He also spoke on the 'Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.'

Founder and CEO, Resham Sutra Private Limited, Kunal Vaid speaking about the prospects in core sectors in industry perspective session textiles, said that his company is working on improving life and livelihoods of rural textile producers across the country and is building India's largest farm. He said that silk textiles has existed in North East Region for more than 2500 years, and this opportunity is worth more than three billion dollars and an opportunity to create 200,000 new jobs. He added that his company is working with the vision of building local farm to fabric value things and to create a sustainable lifeboat and financial information.

Chapter Chairman, NE Association of Domestic Tour, Operations of India, Arijit Purkayastha said that tourism and hospitality sectors are vital part of the global economy contributing substantially to job creations. In economic growth in recent years, there has been tremendous increase in joint venture partnerships. He said one of the important sectors in tourism is the Film Tourism as it has huge potential, and highlighted the need to promote tourist destination.

Commissioner & Secretary,

Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, speaking on the Investment Opportunities and Support Ecosystem for doing Business in Nagaland, mentioned that Nagaland has many cottage industries based on handloom and handicraft. He elaborated on the roadmap towards industrial development in the State and support ecosystem in which the existing policies are Nagaland Start-up Policy, Nagaland Tourism Policy, Nagaland Bamboo Policy, Nagaland IT Policy and Nagaland Water Policy. He also mentioned about the policies which are under consideration like Nagaland Trade Investment And Industrial Policy, Nagaland State Logistics Policy, Nagaland State Land Bank Guidelines, Nagaland State Food Processing Industries Policy and Nagaland Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act. He said that Nagaland is biologically and culturally diverse, the agro and textile products reflecting this uniqueness. Nagaland is identified as a biological hotspot, so by investing in sectors such as agriculture, tourism, healthcare, education, infrastructure and sports, Nagaland can become a hub for economic activity and growth not just for the State but for the entire North East Region of India.

Expressing his pleasure on attending the B20 Business Meet, Ambassador, Cuba, Alejandro Simancas said that he has discovered the culture and traditions and witnessed the beauty of the landscape of Nagaland and also appreciated the hospitality of the State Government and its people. He said that the concept in his homeland 'Cuba' is humanity which he feels India also shares. Mentioning some sectors in economic relations, he considers India as an extra strategic partner for Cuba in the plan to change the energy markets like wind energy, solar energy and biomass energy.

He also mentioned the bio pharmaceutical industry which is the most dynamic sector in the last 25 years. The Cuban Covid vaccine has been effectively applied not only in Cuba but also in many Latin American and Asian countries and even in Europe and Africa. He specified that Cuba would like to offer all the capacity in the field of medicine, education and sports.

Ambassador, Iceland, Gudni Bragason shed light on the areas where Iceland and Nagaland can partner in, such as clean energy, tourism, health sector and research and development.

High Commissioner, Jamaica, Jason Keats Mathew Hall while addressing the delegates of the G20 Business Meet, highlighted the successful business models of Jamaica and the investor friendly environment in his country. He emphasised on the tremendous potential of the coffee industry in Nagaland as well as the tourism industry, and said that Jamaica is open to collaborate with Nagaland in developing the tourism sector. He also explained on the need to realise the importance in the link between agri industry and the tourism industry.

Ambassador and Consul General, Panama, Yasiel Burillo mentioned about the similarities between Panama and Nagaland, and briefly spoke on how her country is devoted to sustainable development. She also mentioned about the similarities with Nagaland when it comes to agricultural practices and the importance given to produce organic products, and expressed that Panama is open to the idea of having a cultural exchange with the people of Nagaland.

Congratulating the host, Nagaland for organising such a beautiful conclave, Ambassador, Paraguay, Fleming Raul

Duarte said that there is a lot of similarities between the people of Paraguay and Nagaland when it came to the cultural practices and traditions. He also said that Paraguay is dedicated to promote eco-tourism and extended a warm welcome to the people of Nagaland to visit Paraguay for a cultural exchange programme.

Consul General, Germany, Manfred Auster speaking at the B20 Meet, acknowledged the ongoing political issue in Nagaland and said that the rule of law must prevail at the end in order to ensure a long lasting solution to any conflict. He also commented that sustainability is the key to all business endeavours and acknowledged the rich biodiversity of Nagaland. He further added that Nagaland has huge potential in the tourism and textile industry, and expressed hope that the G20 nations would seriously view the business opportunities in the State and act upon it.

President, India Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Matlub Ahmad suggested the State to set up a Task Force for ensuring fast development of trade, investment and connectivity for trade between Nagaland and Bangladesh. He stated that the development of Matarbari deep sea port in Bangladesh offers Nagaland with opportunity to export their agriculture goods and other products. He highlighted some immediate doables between Bangladesh and Nagaland in the field of herbal medicines, trade in spices, and also Naga coffee which he added is very good and offered to set up a Naga Coffee parlour in Bangladesh. Other areas where he suggested that they can partner in are in tourism, bamboo sector and setting up of readymade garment industry in Nagaland with the help of Bangladesh, which is the second largest producer in the world at

present.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu Kense delivering the concluding remarks, said that much more needs to be done to fully utilize Nagaland's potential in various sectors. She summarised the areas where Nagaland can offer the business community to invest in the State such as agri & allied sector, tourism, handicrafts and handlooms, human resources, IT, sports and music, etc.

CULTURAL SHOW AT KISAMA

Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along warmly welcomed the G20 delegates to the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama where the Hornbill Festival is held every year. The Hornbill Festival is organized every year by the State Government since 2000 under the patronage and visionary leader of the present Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, he said. It is also known as the 'Festival of festivals' with an idea to showcase the unique culture and traditions of the Nagas at a common platform where all the Naga tribes enthusiastically partake with their vibrant culture and traditions during this festival, he added.

The guests were enthralled by different ethnic tribes with their cultural songs and dances.

B20 DELEGATES VISITS

KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY

B20 delegates from G20 countries visited the Second World War at the Commonwealth War Cemetery, Kohima, Nagaland on 6th April 2023.

One of the delegates, Dr. Sanjay Mehrotra, President of Indian Association of Japan, said that he had a fruitful interaction

with the Chief Minister of Nagaland during the three-day Meet. He said that the Japan delegation especially wants to focus on fresh drinking water solutions, street lights on the highway, and a monorail from Dimapur to Kohima which will help in crowd management. He also said that the team is interested in industrialization like food processing which will generate job opportunities for the unemployed youths of Nagaland.

The visit to the Commonwealth War Cemetery, Kohima was initiated to provide a unique experience of Naga history to the delegates

ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS DECLARED

TOBACCO FREE ZONE

As decided during a coordination meeting with the Nagaland Private Practitioners Association under the chairmanship of Commissioner & Secretary, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS on 4th April 2023, all private hospitals in the State have been declared as 'Tobacco Free Zone' with effect from 11th April 2023. It may be also stated here that, the Department had earlier declared all Government Hospitals/ Health Care, Health offices in the State as 'Tobacco Free Zone' since 1st February 2023.

Recollecting the relentless contribution of the private hospitals in the fight against COVID-19 during the pandemic, Kikheto conveyed appreciation of the Government to the private hospitals for their collaboration with the Government in various healthcare services. He also appealed to the private hospitals to continue to work together even in the days to come, and to participate in the health information collection system of the department, so that health information from both public

and private sector is captured on real time.

Further, Kikheto Sema stated that with the aim to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses, the Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana campaign under the Department of Pharmaceuticals. He urged the private hospitals to come on-board the scheme and use generic medicines which is available through special outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana Kendra, so as to reduce the healthcare expenditure of every citizen particularly for the poor patients.

Responding to the appeal by the Commissioner & Secretary on private practice by government doctors, nurses or other employees, the Nagaland Private Practitioners Association assured not to engage employees of the Government in private hospitals in compliance to the provisions of Nagaland Health Care Establishment Act 1997.

The Department has assured the Association to fast track the process of approval and renewal of licences under the Act and as a measure to promote the Policy on 'Ease of Doing Business', the Department will develop a portal to enable online submission of application and will also discuss with respective authorities on various statutory requirements for registration of hospitals for speedy approvals.

In connection with Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY & Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), the Department is working on revision of the health benefit package rates so that it is rational and attractive to private hospitals within and outside the State, thereby enabling the beneficiaries access to wide range of

hospitals. Meanwhile, the Association has also assured to extend services to the beneficiaries of both schemes.

The coordination meeting was attended by senior members of Nagaland Private Practitioners Association led by its President, Dr. Victo Wotsa and from the Department, Principal Director, Dr Vibeitunuo M. Sachu and senior officials.

INAUGURATION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT EDC, KOHIMA

The Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) was established as a collaboration between the State Government and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati through funding support from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship,



Additional Secretary & Ex-Officio Director, Kovi Meyase, with trainees of the Entrepreneurship Development Programme at EDC Kohima on 5th April 2023.

Government of India, as part of the Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Project. The primary objective of this center is to develop the entrepreneurship ecosystem within the State Government through various means such as Policy Framework, Governance Structure, Research for Sector Profiling, Programme and Curriculum Development, Awareness Generation, Mentorship Development Programmes,

and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes.

The inaugural session of the first Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) took place in the EDC at Government ITI Campus Kohima on 5th April 2023, was graced by Kovi Meyase, Additional Secretary and Ex-Officio Director, Employment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship Department as the guest of honor. The welcome address was delivered by Utpal Bayan, in charge IT Department and EDC, Kohima from IIE Guwahati, who briefed the attendees about IIE Guwahati and the objective of the EDP programme.

In his inaugural speech, Meyase pointed out that unemployment among the youth is a significant cause of concern and urged the trainees to consider entrepreneurship, which is a practical solution to mitigate it. He emphasized that the State Government is putting a strong emphasis on promoting entrepreneurship through schemes such as the CM Micro Finance Scheme and Start-up Nagaland, and urged the youth to consider becoming 'job providers' instead of solely relying on government employment opportunities.

ADVISOR HEKANI INSPECTS INDUSTRIAL SITES AND PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu along with Commissioner & Secretary, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, Director, A. Temjen Jamir and department officials inspected industrial sites and projects of the Department in Dimapur and Chümoukedima District on 10th April 2023. The purpose of the visit was to assess the functioning of the industrial sites and to identify areas where improvements can be made.

During the inspection, the team

toured the project site at Toluvi Village, Factory site at Viola Colony, Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre (NTTC), Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Ganeshnagar. The Advisor also engaged in a session of discussion with officers of the Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre and interacted with the students.

The Advisor commended the Department for its continued work in promoting industrial activities and commerce in the State. She urged the officials to take steps to attract more investments and create more job opportunities for the people of Nagaland. The officials assured the Advisor that they would continue to work towards the growth and development of the sector.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF SPECIAL INDUCTION TRAINING FOR NCS (P) 2023 BATCH HELD

The inaugural function of the six weeks special induction training for NCS (P) 2023 batch was held at Administrative Training Institute, Kohima on 11th April



NCS (P) 2023 batch with the resource person and other officials at ATI, Kohima on 11th April 2023.

2023.

Exhorting the probationers, Secretary, P&AR, Akunu S. Meyase said that the training modules has been modified

and designed with special emphasis to our State, and therefore the training is expected to be very beneficial for the new officers. She mentioned that in this training, the resource person and the experts will be covering all the important topics and current issues, as well as soft skills for the officers and therefore, urged the officers to imbibe all the knowledge and wisdom of the experts from this training.

Earlier, a brief overview of the course was also shared by Deepak Sanan, IAS (Retd.) Views of the NCS (P) were also shared during the introductory session.

FELICITATION OF TAEKWONDO MEDAL WINNER

Felicitation of medal winners (Taekwondo)-cum-launching programme of scholarship to meritorious sports person and remedial class for academy trainees programme held at Hall A, IG Stadium,



Advisor Keoshu Yimkhiung and officials with medal winners during a felicitation programme at IG Stadium, Kohima on 11th April 2023.

Kohima on 11th April 2023.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Keoshu Yimkhiung, the special guest of the programme urged the trainees to be more disciplined and committed so that they would excel and lead them to go beyond

others. He also highlighted the interest of the Government of Nagaland towards the sports sector which is a promising avenue for people who are committed to sports as a carrier. The Government's approach towards the new education policy which may be applied sooner in our state will be incorporating music, arts, handy craft, sports, etc. and will be very beneficial for career building for young people, he added.

Director of Youth Resources & Sports, Akumla Chuba highlighted the department's initiative on the scholarship to meritorious sports persons in terms of cash in category wise and remedial classes for academy trainees in term tuition to cover the missed out subjects.

Visabei-u Peseyie, Teakwondo Coach gave a brief profile of Teakwondo in Nagaland State. The felicitation of the following medal winners was held: The 36th National Sub-junior Taekwondo Championship held at Cuttak Orrisa - Shiusuthong Tikhir won Gold under the 23 Kg category and Shiuthong won Silver under the 25 Kg category; 5th Cadet-Under 14 years National Taekwondo Championship held at Kota Rajasthan - Manong Konyak won Bronze under 41 Kg, Thongti Thonger won Bronze under 45 Kg and Longkhon Phom won Bronze under 57 Kg category.

P&T DEPARTMENT HOLDS MEETING WITH DEPUTY CM, T. R. ZELIANG

Meeting of officers of Planning & Transformation (P&T) Department was held at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall on 12th April 2023 with Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & National Highways, T. R. Zeliang, who mentioned that re-naming of Planning & Coordination Department to Planning & Transformation



Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & Transformation, T.R. Zeliang speaking at the meeting of officers of P&T Department at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th April 2023.

was necessitated due to the many changes that have come about in the development and planning domain during the past years. He said, 'With the change of Coordination to Transformation, I am hopeful that each one of us will re-orient ourselves and act on our respective responsibilities to transform not only in the Department but the State in general.'

Zeliang informed all the DPOs to reactivate and to update themselves with the progress of development activities taking place in the District and Sub-division under various

A presentation about Planning Department was made by Deputy Development Commissioner, Chorayi Veyie. Deputy Development Commissioner, Pudusul Luho presented about the schemes and Project Director, Er. Mhathung Kithan presented about GIS & RS Centre.

**MEETING TO REVIEW
ACTION PLAN ON JAL SHAKTI
ABHIYAN: CTR 2023 HELD**

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J Alam IAS held a meeting to review the Action Plan on Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2023 at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall,

Kohima with participating departments under JSA: CTR 2023 on 13th April 2022.

JSA: CTR-2023 was launched on 4th March 2023 in all the districts of the country, covering both rural and urban areas with the theme 'Source sustainability for drinking water' from 04.03.2023 to 30.11.2023. As the development of existing water sources is imperative to ensuring potable and quality drinking water, JSA this year is focussing on strengthening the water sources.

During the discussion with the participating departments under JSA, the Chief Secretary said there are five water-stressed districts in Nagaland, namely Longleng, Kohima, Tuensang, Zunheboto, and Kiphire. He said sustainable water sources and water conservation are in the interest of everybody in the State since water availability is becoming a major challenge. He mentioned that not only should the departments be physically involved but the government and the people together need to be actively involved in this important endeavor.

**MANIPAL UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNMENT
OF NAGALAND SIGNS MoU FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF PARAMEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Karnataka and the Department of Health and Family Welfare (DHFV) Nagaland and Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), Nagaland on 13th April 2023 facilitated by Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Kohima.

The objective of signing the MoU is

to facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programmes which serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development of the general public and persons with disabilities.

With the signing of this MoU, it is expected that more premiere educational institutions will be following the lead of MAHE to sign agreements with Government of Nagaland for extending academic opportunities and capacity building of students from Nagaland.

A total number of 200 seats per year shall be reserved for students from Nagaland in the following 22 undergraduate health professional programmes offered at MAHE, Karnataka like B. Sc. Radiotherapy Technology, B. Sc. Anesthesia Technology, B. Sc. Emergency Medicine Technology, Bachelor of Audiology & Speech Language, Bachelor of Occupational Language, Bachelor of Optometry, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, B. Sc. Cardiovascular Technology, B. Sc. Clinical Nutrition & Diabetes, B. Sc. Exercise & Sports Sciences, B. Sc. Health Information Management, B. Sc. Medical Imaging Technology, B. Sc. Laboratory Technology, B. Sc. Laboratory (Lateral), Bachelor of Optometry (Lateral), B. Sc. Medical Imaging Technology (Lateral), B. Sc. Nuclear Medicine Technology, B. Sc. Perfusion Technology, B. Sc. Psychology, B. Sc. Respiratory Therapy, B. Sc. RRY & DT, B. Sc. Physician Assistant and Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics. As part of the course, the selected candidates shall undergo mandatory foreign language training for availing opportunities abroad and the training shall be provided by MAHE.

Apart from reservation of the seats, a 25% concession to the existing fee shall be offered to the students selected on merit from Nagaland for the 22 programmes

under MCHP, Manipal. To lower the financial burden on the parents for professional education of their wards, IDAN and MAHE will be facilitating educational loans for interested candidates. MAHE will be extending support for campus recruitment and for higher studies for successful candidates.

As part of the collaboration, MAHE and the Government of Nagaland will be exploring opportunities extending the MoU for regulated courses like B. Sc. Nursing and M. Sc. Nursing and for Articulation Programme for Commerce and Health Informatics with two year training in India and two year training abroad.

During the signing of MoU, MAHE assured that the Academy will give its full support for career guidance and international fellowship abroad in the near future. The Academy also said that it will provide a provision in the MAHE website for Nagaland so that the general public will be aware of the opportunities provided by the Academy for students of Nagaland and can directly apply as well.

MINISTER PAIWANG BRIEFS MEDIA ON MEDICAL INSTITUTE

Press Conference at Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) was held on 19th April 2023 at NIMSR Conference Hall, Kohima.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak said it was a historic day for the people of Nagaland to start Medical College after 60 years of Statehood. The 100 MBBS seats 'Letter of Intent' for the academic year 2023-24 was approved by the National Medical Commission, Medical Assessment & Rating Board (MARB).

The Minister said that LOI/LOP from the NMC is not the end but it is beginning to start the Medical College and requested cooperation, prayer, and support from all the people of the State.

Commissioner and Secretary, H&FW, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS had submitted the Agreement, Affidavit, and Compliance Report on 7th February 2023 that all the required Infrastructures, Manpower, Equipments, Teaching Hospital etc. would be ready by 31st May 2023 to start 100 MBBS Seats for the academic session 2023-24. The 2nd Compliance Agreement, Affidavit was sent to the NMC on 6th March 2023. Kikheto said that the medical college will create an opportunity not only for the State's success but will also help students who are unable to pursue medical studies outside. He mentioned that the teaching staff was recruited purely on merit basis and there was no conflict of interest in faculty selection.

Principal Director, NIMSR, Dr. Soumya Chakraborty said that this college/institution is an asset not only for Nagaland but for the entire country, adding that it is one of the first Post-COVID achievements in the country.

**FIRST 1000 DAYS INTERVENTION
UNDER NHM LAUNCHED**

The launching programme of first 1000 Days of Intervention under National Health Mission was held at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima on 20th April 2023 in the presence of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak as the special guest and Commissioner and Secretary, DoHFW, Y. Kikheto Sema as the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister

Paiwang highlighted on the importance of Antenatal Care and Delivery at Hospitals, Nutritional support, Breast feeding, importance of vaccination etc. As parents and families, we are expected to have good knowledge about the 1000 days of a child's life and utilize this knowledge for the betterment of the child's future since this period covers the growth of the child's physical, mental and intellectual development, he said. He said that the critical intervention or services like antenatal Care, hospital delivery, timely vaccination etc. are available in Health Facility Centers, and also during the Village Health and Nutrition Days so the parents must avail the full advantage of the services.



Minister H&FW, P. Paiwang Konyak with senior officials of Health & Family Welfare Department during the launching programme of first 1000 day at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 20th April 2023.

Paiwang also encouraged all the District Health Officers led by the CMO to be committed to this noble cause to ensure that all the services must reach to the last villages of Nagaland. Medical Department is also on a pilot project on 'Birth Waiting Home' at Mon and Kiphire districts to encourage institutional delivery under the care of skilled health providers and safety of the mother and child so as to reduce

morbidity and mortality. He called upon all to make an honest commitment to ensure that our children get all the possible support especially in these First 1000 Days for a brighter future.

Y. Kikheto Sema mentions that Nagaland has the lowest coverage of ANC, institutional delivery and vaccination in the country, and some reasons for the low coverage include traditional beliefs/customs, ANC check-up and geographical barriers-covering long distance to facility and also the road conditions etc.

Dr. Longri Kichu UNICEF gave an introduction on the First 1000 Days, Dr. Supongmeren, Gynaecologist DH Mokokchung spoke on the importance of antenatal care and delivery at hospitals, Department of Social welfare gave a presentation on PMMVY Scheme & Nutritional Support during the first 1000 days, while Dr. Ruutuo-u Sorhie, Consultant Pediatrician NHAK spoke on breast-feeding: the complete nutrition and early childhood development. Dr. Sheila Longkumer spoke on the importance of vaccination in children. NSRLM gave a presentation on SBCC through SHG institution and Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, SPO, RCH spoke on village health sanitation and nutrition day.

UNION MINISTER DR. L. MURUGAN VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Dr. L. Murugan landed at Dimapur Airport on 21st April 2023. On arrival at Dimapur Airport, the Minister was received and felicitated by Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir,

Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, V. Maria Yanthan IAS, Secretary, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Sotsula, and officials from PIB and Doordarshan.

Dr. L. Murugan visited Phek held



Union Minister of State, Dr. L. Murugan addressing the Heads of Offices and CSOs of Phek district during the interaction meeting at the DPDB Hall, Phek on 21st April 2023.

an interaction meeting with the Heads of Offices and CSOs of Phek district at the DPDB Hall on 21st April 2023. The Minister said the Central Government's vision is to develop the North East Region with railways and highway connectivity, communication network, and DTH connectivity, which is being undertaken in the State. He expressed happiness to the people of the district over the implementation of technology in fish farming and integrated farming and called upon the start-up companies and farmers to come forward to avail the facilities of PMMSY as it provides farmers with seeds, feeds, processing units, hygienic markets, cold storages, and National Livestock Mission schemes as it provides subsidies to farmers engaged in poultry, piggeries, integrated farming. He asked the officers to take up these schemes to the ground level to the farmers. He also informed that the Central Government has announced the allotment of Mobile Veterinary Vans for animal assistance to all the states since

the Government has been concerned with animal husbandry, fisheries, and dairying.

During the programme, Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan virtually inaugurated the Fishery Infrastructures Assisted under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and awarded certificates to five fish farmers for their outstanding performance in fish farming.

Reports on departmental activities were also highlighted by the Department of Information & Public Relations, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services. The

Minister was accompanied by Advisor, Civil Administrative Work Department, and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo.

On 22nd April 2023, Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan arrived at Lerie Helipad, Kohima after his visit to Phek district. On arrival, he was received by Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kazheto Kinimi Commissioner & Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Vikeyie Kenya, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Dr. Nsanthung Ezung and other government officials.

STATE LEVEL YOUTH FESTIVAL HELD IN KOHIMA

State Level Youth Festival in Guitar Recital, Quiz and Essay Writing competition was held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima with Keoshu Yimkiung, Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports as the special guest on 21st April 2023.

Addressing the gathering, the Advisor said the participation should be memorable and a learning experience irrespective of the outcome of the competition, and that many of the youths keep up everything so easily and many of them become irresponsible after facing

failure or success. He urged the gathering to support one another in every possible way to promote and take forward the young generation to greater heights in the near future.

The winners of the Quiz competition were: 1st Kohima, 2nd Dimapur and 3rd Mokokchung, Essay competition: 1st Keviseto Mekro, Kohima; 2nd Imolemla Mokokchung and 3rd Atoli N Sumi, Kiphire and in the Guitar Recital: 1st Kohima, 2nd Phek and 3rd Tuensang.



State Level Youth Festival in Guitar Recital, Quiz and Essay Writing competition was held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 21st April 2023.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR LEGISLATORS

A two-day orientation programme for legislators was organized by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) Lok Sabha Secretariat at Conference Hall, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 26th April 2023.

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer, in his inaugural address, said that in a 60 Member House of the 14th NLA, there are 29 new Members from different backgrounds including two women legislators, who are ready to take on new challenges and responsibilities. He said that as lawmakers, they all need to keep themselves abreast of the changing trends and educate themselves to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities more effectively. The legislators are the bridge between the public and the government, their primary responsibility is to find solutions to people's problems and to make the legislature effective, it is necessary that the people's representatives should be sensitive to the problems of the people and work towards fulfilling their hopes and aspirations. To be an effective legislator, one should understand the Constitution of India, the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House, and the practices and conventions of the House, as a prerequisite in their sincere effort towards public service.

The Speaker said that he is proud to announce that Nagaland created history by becoming the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme and with the collective support of the government

officials, the State is moving towards becoming completely paperless in the early future.

The Resource Persons from PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat were Vinay Kumar Mohan, Joint Secretary, Ravindra Garimella, Former Joint Secretary, Santosh Kumar, Director, Partha Goswami, Additional Director and Sovan Kumar Ganguli, Additional Director.

The second day of the orientation programme for legislators of the NLA concluded on 26th April 2023. Delivering the valedictory address, Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye stated that despite the late start, the State has been doing its best to catch up with the rest of the country in parliamentary affairs. He highlighted on some of the historical political events that had happened in the State. Sharing on the anti-defection law, Kenye stated that Nagaland was the first state to test the Act. He said that over the years, new versions of laws and acts have evolved without compromising the basics, which he said is the beauty of the Indian democracy.

WORLD MALARIA DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

The State Vector Borne Disease Control Programme organized World Malaria Day, with the theme, 'Time to Deliver Zero Malaria: Invest, Innovate, Implement,' on 25th April 2023 at Health & Family Welfare Directorate, Kohima.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vibeituouno M. Sachu said that World Malaria Day is observed every year on the 25th of April to recognize global efforts to control malaria. The National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control in the State

has been progressing steadily toward a malaria-free Nagaland. She said that there is a sharp decline in malaria morbidity and mortality, and there have been no malaria deaths since 2017, from 75 deaths in 2006. Sachu said that this is a major step towards their goal for the elimination of malaria, but there are many more things to be done in order to have a Malaria Free State.

In recent years, three districts namely Mokokchung, Longleng, and Zunheboto have been successful in malaria control programmes with no malaria-positive cases reported. To successfully eliminate malaria by 2030, the Principal Director said that the Department harnesses the existing approaches and innovations such as Highly Sensitive Rapid Diagnostic Testing Kits, Long Lasting Insecticidal Bed Nets, Advanced Anti-Malaria Drugs, and Advanced Data Management Systems.

Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS said that as the State observes World Malaria Day, there is a need to create awareness about the devastating effect on health, social and economic consequences due to malaria. To achieve this goal, he added that we need political support and cooperation from the line departments and institutions, the public, NGOs, and faith-based organizations.

Three Best Performing Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) under Kohima district were felicitated - Chichanbeni, Lerie SC, Temsujungla, AG, SC, and Keneiphrenuo, Rusoma, SC.

State Programme Officer, NVBDCP, Dr. Neisakho Kere presented the programme overview and also a short demonstration on malaria eradication.

PEREN:

Peren district observed World

Malaria Day-cum-District Task Force meeting on 25th April 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, New Peren Headquarters.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar IAS DC-cum-Chairman DTF (IMEP-2) said as the district observed World Malaria Day with the rest of the world, the district should work consistently to reduce it to zero level. He also encouraged not to lower guard but to take prevention as guidelines given by the Department. The DC also apprised all the departments to take precaution manner their surrounding offices. He appreciated the ASHAs in the district at the village level for working tirelessly in the process of guiding the community.



DC, Peren, Vineet Kumar felicitating the ASHAs on the occasion of World Malaria Day at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 25th April 2023.

The ASHAs of New Puiwa village, Sailhem village and Gaily village were felicitated with Rs. 5000 along with a citation certificate.

Dr. K. Limatula Ao, CMO, Peren stated that everybody needs to keep the surroundings clean and encouraged to raise awareness and give an effort to control and prevent eventually eradicated malaria in the district.

Dr. Hedungkiebe, DVBO, Peren presided over the observation of World Malaria Day, presented the Malaria Elimination Programme Review and highlighted early diagnosis and radical treatment and case-based surveillance. He also stated that the ASHA performs tests on individuals in the village or when the patients visit HUs, they are provided with free testing and treatment.

DIMAPUR:

World Malaria Day was held at the CMO's Conference Hall in Dimapur on 25th April 2023.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of DTF for Malaria Elimination, Sachin Jaiswal IAS said malaria is a global concern however improvement has been seen in the past few years. He said that in Dimapur, malaria cases have been declining and stressed the need to change to a cleaner environment and lifestyle. He also urged the department to be more creative and give more awareness programmes.

A brief highlight of the programme was delivered by Peter Sangtam (District VBD Consultant). He stated that the Elimination of Malaria is to be done in all blocks by 2027, interrupting indigenous transmission of malaria throughout the district and preventing the re-establishment of local transmission of malaria in an area where it has been eliminated, and maintaining district malaria-free status by 2030 and beyond.

Felicitation of the Best Performing ASHAs were awarded to Latika, Katoli, and Kughali Achumi.

MOKOKCHUNG:

World Malaria Day was observed on 25th April 2023 at the CMO's Conference

Hall Mokokchung.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, District Task Force for Malaria Elimination, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS maintained that there is no scope for complacency when it comes to diseases, therefore, everyone needs to be alert and carry on with the awareness programmes. The DC said that children are more vulnerable to malaria and all other diseases. Mentioning the importance to educate and making the parents aware, he asked the concerned department to carry out the task of visiting the household in the villages so as to promote awareness. He further said that community support is the key factor to contain the disease and said all the PHCs should also be able to treat the disease.

In the programme, the three Best Performing ASHAS were felicitated - Chubatola (Chakba), Sunepmongla (Longmisa), and Toshinaro (Lakhuni).

TUENSANG:

Tuensang district observed World Malaria Day on 25th April 2023 at CMO's Conference Hall Tuensang.

Nokchasashi, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang said that since there is only one hospital in the district, manpower needs to be rationalized due to the shortage of staff. As malaria is under the elimination phase, he encouraged the medical staff led by the CMO to continue working hard to achieve zero malaria in the district.

The significance of World Malaria Day was presented by Dr. Alemba R. Jamir, Sr. Specialist District Hospital Tuensang. Dr. Jamir addressed the status of malaria in the district and also shared the importance

of case-control in the district. Felicitation for Best Performing ASHAs in the district was awarded to Akum from Sangsangnyu village, Tonching Yangmai from Hakchang village, and Imtitula from Alisopur village.

FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR STATE AWARD (HANDICRAFT) HELD

The felicitation programme for the State awardees in the handicraft category was held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 25th April 2023.

A total of 30 individuals were awarded in different categories of arts. Kekhrievor Kevichusa, Commissioner & Secretary (I&C) was the special guest of the programme and Padma Shree Awardee 2023 Neihuno Sorhie was also present in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Kevichusa advised the awardees to keep striving so as to excel more in life, and to inspire others along the way, adding that winning awards and accolades opens up avenues for self-business and makes them legible for future national and other such prestigious awards. 'We expect changes and progress in the textile sector of the State and for which the Department and the awardees should cooperative to bring the textile to the greater heights and to become competitive with the neighboring states,' he added.

Padma Shree 2023 Awardee Neihunuo also encouraged and congratulated the awardees at the function. She also shared her journey toward the civilian highest award.

A. Temjen Jamir, Director of Industries & Commerce highlighted that the award was being given by the Ministry

of Textile in 67 categories based on criteria like design, techniques, materials used, traditions, etc.

JICA TO SET UP 400-BEDDED HOSPITAL AT NIMSR, KOHIMA

A 17-Member Japanese team comprising of officials from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Headquarter led by Rei Sagawa and Hajime Taniguchi, Senior Representative of JICA India and JICA Survey Team visited Kohima for discussion of the proposed project of setting up of a 400 Bedded Teaching Hospital at Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR), Kohima campus on 26th April 2023.

During the two day discussion, it was agreed to include construction of the Teaching Hospital building, provision of equipment and IT&C as well as technical collaboration in health sector.

The final meeting with the JICA representatives was held under the chairmanship of the Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with the Principal Director, Dr. Vibeitunuo M. Sachu, Dr. Soumya Chakraborty, Director NIMSR and officials of NIMSR and Directorate of H&FW at NIMSR Conference Hall.

Issues discussed were finalization of facility planning based on geological survey and feasibility, cost of the project, timeline of project implementation along with formation of Project Management Unit. The Teaching Hospital building will have 14 storeys with a rooftop helipad and all other facilities related to patient care services and teaching facilities. The hospital will be equipped with the latest technologies in healthcare.

Kikheto Sema while appreciating the JICA team for taking up the much-needed project of 400 bedded hospital, also stated that once it is implemented, this will be the second JICA project after 60 years of Statehood. Sema also stated

that the proposed project is expected to be one of the biggest Externally Aided Project in Nagaland. He appealed to both the team, JICA and the H&FW Department to work closely in collaboration to complete the project within the stipulated time frame.

PARLIAMENTARY QUIZ COMPETITION HELD IN KOHIMA

The State Level Parliamentary Quiz Competition organised by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs was held at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on 28th April 2023.

encouraged the students to take advantage of the platform to showcase their skills and to gain new insights and perspectives. He assured that the Department will continue to organise such events so as to encourage



Commissioner & Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Parliamentary Affairs, Wezope Kenye addressing the students during the State Level Parliamentary Quiz competition at ATI Kohima on 28th April, 2023.

Commissioner & Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Parliamentary Affairs, Wezope Kenye, IAS gracing the occasion as the special guest, said that the competition is being held to celebrate the remarkable young minds and their thirst for knowledge, and it embodies the curiosity and desires of the students to explore and learn new ideas. Kenye reminded that the competition is not just about answering questions correctly but about showcasing the ability to think critically, to analyse, interpret information and to apply it to the real world scenario. He urged the participants to approach the competition not just as a challenge but as an opportunity to learn and to grow. He also

the students from Nagaland to participate in such events.

Altogether, students from 13 districts participated in the competition. Students from the newly created districts Chümoukedima, Niuland and Tsemínyü also participated in the competition for the first time. Dimapur district bagged the 1st position, followed by Kiphire district in 2nd position, Longleng district in the 3rd position and Mokokchung district in the 4th position. The cash prizes of the State Level Parliamentary Quiz Competition were as follows: 1st prize - Rs. 20,000, 2nd prize - Rs. 15,000, 3rd prize - Rs. 10,000 and 4th prize - Rs. 5,000.

IDAN SIGNS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH NTTC AND ECO-GREEN

On April 28th 2023, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), as part of building a conducive ecosystem for building Investment and Entrepreneurship in the State facilitated and signed a tripartite agreement on technology transfer between Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre (NTTC) and Eco-Green.

Abu Mehta, Chairman of IDAN expressed that the project will lead to enhancement of rural livelihood activities. The agreement signed included technology transfer for manufacturing of nearly 10 rural entrepreneurship machines and equipment, training, aftersales and market linkages. He also expressed that NTTC should be re-branded and shall be converted into a state-of-the-art manufacturing support centre, which will lead into more such engagements with national and international entities, centres of excellence and world class institutes.

Principal, NTTC highlighted that the project will also include training for value added products such as banana fibre products, pineapple fibre products, and banana leaf tea cups, plates etc. This will enable rural entrepreneurs in Nagaland to specialize in their products and branding, with available resources in the State.

Eco-Green highlighted the marketing potential's that they have for produces from Nagaland in their existing marketing channels in Austria, US and UK. The potential of using the Stingy Nettle fibre and other natural fibres of Nagaland to build a specialized product category for export from Nagaland through Eco-Green Channel



Abu Metha, Chairman, IDAN with the Principal of NTTC and Project Director of Eco Green Unit, Coimbatore TN at the Consultative meeting held on 28th April 2023 at Vivor Hotel, Kohima.

was also deliberated for creating a niche market for Nagaland products abroad.

The event concluded with signing of MoU and discussion on prospects of upgradation of NTTC with commercial, economic and innovation verticals under the institution.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP HELD ON PALM CULTIVATION

The Department of Agriculture organized a state level workshop-cum-awareness programme on Oil Palm cultivation in the State on 28th April 2023 at Agri-Expo site, Chumoukedima.

Special guest, Advisor of Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan said oil palm market is huge in the country where more than 50% of oil palm is imported from different countries. He said oil palm cultivation in the State is suitable and urged the farmers to work hard and give their best efforts to boost the economy. He also mentioned that the State Government has earmarked

15000 hectares for oil palm cultivation and around 1000 hectares is currently being utilised. The Advisor also reminded the two private companies (Godrej Agrovet Limited and Patanjali Foods Limited) with which the Government of Nagaland has signed an MoU to develop trust and confidence for a successful venture.

Official from the two private companies also held technical session with oil palm farmers from Peren, Chumoukedima, Niuland, Dimapur, Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts.

NBSE HOLDS MEETING WITH NEW HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS

A meeting with new Heads of Institutions, organized by Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) was held on 28th April 2023 at Platinum Hall, NBCC, Kohima.

Asano Sekhose, Chairman, NBSE in her keynote address, reiterated that the Heads of Institutions and NBSE should work in close coordination towards a common goal of imparting quality education. She said along with the position comes great responsibilities and the need to equip themselves to meet the challenges of the ever-changing trends of providing meaningful education. As heads, it is their responsibility to drive the school in the right direction and motivate the teachers and students to do better. She also highlighted the recent activities undertaken by the Board to align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Dr. Visakhonu Hibo, Principal, Japfü Christian College, Kigwema, the resource person, shared the topic 'Expectations from the Heads of Institutions.' As Heads, it is

imperative to improve oneself every day, start practicing and learn new things. She encouraged the Heads that the NEP 2020 will become meaningful only when the head activates the changes. The aim of education is for all-round development, and as Heads, one should work towards the wholesome growth of the students.

The second session of the day started with the presentation of the activities on Academic and Examination Matters by Iluheing Nsarangbe, Joint Secretary (Academic), NBSE. IT Matters and Interventions introduced by the Board were presented by Kekhrielhoutuo Nakhro, Chief Coordinator, IT, NBSE.

Books on vocational subjects were distributed to schools for their library reference.

100th EPISODE OF MANN KI BAAT SCREENED AT RAJ BHAVAN

A special screening of the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat 100th Episode was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 30th April 2023. Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi speaking on the 100th Episode of Mann Ki Baat stated that the programme has become a unique festival of the goodness and positivity of the people of India celebrating people's participation. He said every episode was unique with a novelty of new examples.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Modi had telephonic conversations with people who have made immense contributions to the society. He said many talented people have reached the pinnacle

of success due to their work. In order to promote tourism, the Prime Minister called on the people to visit 15 tourist destinations outside their own state, in the country. He stressed that significant changes can be brought through collective efforts. He added Mann Ki Baat has always moved forward with goodwill, service-orientation and duty-bound spirit.

A message from Director General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay was also shared by Modi.

Secretary to Governor, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS read the Governor's message on the occasion. In his message, Governor La Ganesan stated that the Prime Minister conducts Mann Ki Baat programme every month with an objective of establishing a dialogue with the citizens of the Country on issues of day-to-day governance. He said that the essence and conduct of the programme reflects the cultural ethos and heritage of the country and reaches out to a wide spectrum of socially, economically and culturally diverse people.

Governor, La Ganesan said the Mann Ki Baat programme has successfully established a mechanism to take welfare

schemes and policies to the people and generate awareness about the same. He stated that the platform was extensively used by the Prime Minister during the COVID-19 crisis to educate the masses about the pandemic.

The Governor said the programme highlights stories of change makers from different parts of the country who work selflessly, which are otherwise missed out by the mainstream media. He highlighted an interaction of the Prime Minister with an NCC cadet from Nagaland during one such programme. He also shared that the Prime Minister appreciated the Lidi Kro-u society, a group from Kohima Village, for their effort in preservation and propagation of the Naga traditional arts and crafts. He hoped that many more achievers from Nagaland will find mention in the programme in the future episodes.

In commemoration of the 100th Episode of Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat, an exhibition was put up by the Central Bureau of Communication, Kohima depicting change makers mentioned in the programme over the years. It may be mentioned that the first episode of Mann Ki Baat was aired on 3rd October 2014.

PHOM UNION KOHIMA CELEBRATES MONYU FESTIVAL

The Phom Union Kohima (PUK) celebrated Monyu Festival with MLA, B. Bangtick Phom as the special guest at Nagaland Baptist Church Council Convention Centre, Kohima on 1st April 2023.

Phom in his speech extended festival greetings to the people who had gathered to share the blessing and joy of Phom Monyu. He called upon the gathering to work together to strive ahead and to live in unity for the uplift of the community.

Kohima Village Council Chairman, Helievio Solo conveyed his greetings to the Phom community. He appreciated the Phom people living in Kohima for showing their



Phom Union Kohima celebrated Monyu festival with MLA, B. Bangtick Phom as the special guest at NBCC Convention Center, Kohima on 1st April 2023.

love and honour and wished the friendship between the Phom community and other communities will be stronger than ever.

Eastern Nagaland People's Union Kohima (ENPUK) President, N. Toshi Chang in his speech said, celebrations are a way of expressing joy, happiness and gratitude. He also mentioned that it is an opportunity to bring people together and create memories

that will last a lifetime.

Other highlights of the Festival included significance of Phom Monyu demonstrated by PSUK and Youth Department of KBPC, a lullaby performed by Tamlu Bühü Union Kohima, a folk song presented by Phomla Hoichem Kohima Unit and the Phumnyu Union Kohima performed a folk dance with beating of log drum.

DISHA MEETING HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

NIULAND:

Adapt with change of time and challenges, stated Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yepthomi while addressing the officers during the District

Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting that was held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 3rd April 2023. MP & Chairperson, DISHA said the Committee was set up to monitor the efficient and time bound development of Centrally Sponsored Schemes all over the State.

Yeptomhi, also encouraged the departments to co-ordinate and identify the villages and beneficiaries for effective implementation of the schemes and instructed the officers to sensitize the public so that development reaches the grass root level.

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Social Welfare, Agriculture, Horticulture, Health & Family Welfare, School Education Roads & Bridges, Public Health Engineering Department, Rural Development and Land Resources gave detailed presentation of central schemes implementation from the year 2018- 2022.

MON:

Tokheho Yeptomhi, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, chaired the Mon District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting on 25th April 2023 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon.

The following departments gave PowerPoint presentations of various activities held under DISHA: Additional Director of Supply, F&CS, Mon; Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Mon; Executive Engineer Power, Mon; District Welfare Officer, Mon; District Agriculture Officer, Mon; Chief Medical Officer, Mon; Social Welfare Department, Mon; Executive Engineer, PHED, Mon; Project Director (DRDA) Mon; and District Horticulture Officer, Mon.

TUENSANG, SHAMATOR AND NOKLAK:

Tuensang, Shamator and Noklak District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 27th April 2023.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Chairperson, DISHA, Tokheho Yeptomhi highlighted about the DISHA Committee and added that in many States, Centrally Sponsored Schemes could not be completed as per the stipulated time frame. Yeptomhi encouraged the Heads of Offices from the district to co-ordinate with one another for efficient and effective implementation of developmental schemes which will benefit the people at the grassroots level.

In the meeting, Food & Civil Supplies, PWD (R&B), Social Welfare, Agriculture, Health & Family Welfare, Land Resources, PHE, Rural Development and Horticulture departments gave presentations on the departmental activities that are being implementing in the district.

LONGLENG:

The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Longleng and Member Secretary DISHA Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 26th April 2023.

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies highlighted the works and activities under different schemes on various flagship programmes and emphasized the importance under PMGKAY and the importance of 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) were also highlighted.

The Department of Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) presented the activities of the Department, including inspection, supervision, construction and maintenance of roads and bridges. The ongoing schemes such as Pradhan Mantri

Gram Sadak Yojana-II (PMGSY-4), Economic importance (E) road, North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) 4, North East Special Infrastructure Development Schemes (NESIDS) under NEC and Central Road Fund (CRF), and Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI) were also briefed. EE PWD (R&B), Longleng assured that the Yongam - Yongnyah Road via Nian would be completed within two weeks' time. The house reiterated on the pressing need of creation of SDO PWD (R&B) at Tamlu ADC Headquarter.

The Department of Agriculture presented various CSS activities such as NFSM (National Food Security Mission), NFSM Oil Palm, RAD (NMSA)- Rainfed Area Development, (RKVY)-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, (PMKSY) - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, SMAM-Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanization, PM Kisan (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) were addressed by the Department of Agriculture. The department also provided marketing sheds, distribution of tools and implements, and irrigation channels. The Chairperson & MP, expressed his views that distributing agricultural tools and equipment to the beneficiaries needs to be tampered down if it is politically influenced and do not reach the genuine needy farmers.

The Department of Horticulture highlighted the schemes implemented such as MIDH (Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture), PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchal Yojana), CDB (Coconut Development Board), NEC (North Eastern Council).

The Department of PHE Longleng Division presented on the flagship programme of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and its implementation status. The list of

villages taken up under JJM during 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and those proposed during 2022-23 was highlighted. The MP directed the Department that all ongoing/uncompleted work from 2020-21 at various villages under the district be completed by September this year.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare presented the Health Units under Longleng district, man-power of the Department, and the report on Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), JSY/JSSK Incentives to Beneficiaries (Mother & Infant), Nutritional Support to TB Patients, and National Centre For Vector Borne Disease Control activities done by the district were also highlighted.

The Department of Social Welfare presented their activities and achievements under programmes like (PMMVY) Maternity Benefit Program, ICDS and Poshan Pakhwada. During the discussion, Yepthomi lamented that only a meager amount was allocated yearly by the Social Welfare Department Longleng for Poshan Pakhwada when it should be receiving a lot more.

The Department of Rural Development highlighted on Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district such as MGNREGA. Status report on implementation of schemes were shared. Poor identification of wage seekers focusing job cards, demand of works by the job card holder, identification of schemes for wage incentive, payment of wages fortnightly, issue of work site facilities, material component and timely inspection of schemes. They also shared some of the problems faced by the Department during the implementation such as geo tagging, Aadhaar linking and bank account with

beneficiaries. Status report on PMAYG implementation was also shared. Status on implementation of 15th Finance Commission and NSRLM were also highlighted.

The Department of Power presented their activities and achievements under CSS programmes like (DDUGJ) Additional and DDUGJY-NEW (BAL UE-HH) Schemes in the district.

KIPHIRE:

The District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 28th April 2023.



Kiphire DISHA meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Tokheho Yephthomi at DC's Conference Hall Kiphire on 28th April 2023.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Chairman DISHA, Tokheho Yephthomi highlighted that the DISHA committee was set up to monitor and implement the developmental work activities and also to review the progress of development activities and various schemes in the state. Citing the examples of other neighboring states' development, he said that the works in the State are not satisfactory as many of the departments have not yet completed their projects as per the stipulated time.

He encouraged all the Heads of Offices to work with dedication and enthusiasm for the effective implementation of the developmental schemes for the benefit of the people as well as for the upliftment of Kiphire district.

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies highlighted the activities under various schemes and mentioned the PHH & AAY beneficiaries and also the importance of 'One Nation One Ration Card'

The Chief Medical Officer presented the facilities providing incentives to the beneficiaries of mother and child under JSY/JSSK schemes. Under JSY (Janani Suraksha Yojana) 23 facilities are conducting institutional deliveries. JSSK (Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram) is mainly available for mothers and infants from the level of PHC and above.

The Department of PHED highlighted the different central schemes under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Under Gramin Mission, the departmental activities include the construction of IHHL, community sanitary complex, and solid & liquid waste management. Under JJM the Department aims to provide drinking water supply to every rural household in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on a regular and long-term basis. Out of 112 Aspirational Districts in India, Kiphire district is ranked in 28th position under Jal Jeevan Mission.

PHEK:

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Tokheho Yephthomi visited Phek and held a meeting with District Development Co-ordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA), Phek on 29th April 2023.

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Kumar

Ramnikhant IAS, chairing the meeting, highlighted the role of DISHA Committee in the district in implementations of all flagship programmes for transformation of the district. He also apprised the MP (LS)

and said that all the schemes and projects in respective departments are implemented in accordance with the given guidelines in the district.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD



MLA & Chairman Pughoboto SDPDB, Dr. Sukhato A Sema with Government officials and Village Council Chairmen during at the SDPDB Meeting held at DB Hall, Pughoboto on 4th April 2023.

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning Development Board (SDPDB) conducted its first meeting under the chairmanship of the newly elected MLA, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema held at DB Hall, Pughoboto on 4th April 2023.

The Board deliberated on various agenda like construction of GA Rest House, improvement of road from Kashanyu junction to Pughoboto, creation of Sub-Treasury Office, creation of SBI at Pughoboto, upgradation of Adhoc Town

Council to Town Council, setting of Fire Station, Sub-Jail and Land Resources Department.

Chairman Pughoboto SDPDB, Dr. Sukhato A Sema in his address called on all the government officials to have a clear road map for the development of Pughoboto. He added that special emphasis will be given on youth empowerment, capacity building, and assured financial support for the students and encouraged the youth to give special focus on games and sports.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of April was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 10th April 2023 under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Mimister and Chairman, Peren DPDB, TR

Zeliang.

On the agenda of shifting of Government College, Peren, Vice Principal, Albert briefed the members on the basic infrastructure that is presently in place and further informed them that the road connecting to the college from Peren SP Office has also been cut off due to a

landslide which needs major re-cutting.

Regarding the agenda on starting of Polytechnic College, Peren, Lecturer, Theja highlighted the infrastructure status as well as some of the multiple challenges faced which includes - proper road connectivity, electricity, demarcation of boundaries, water connectivity, transportation, and health care which needs to be addressed at the earliest. In regard to the demarcation of boundary and water connectivity, the Chairman asked the college to write an application to LRSO and EE PHED so that necessary work can be carried out.

On the issue of land patta, the timeline for construction by land allottees and the new proposal of allotment for Peren HQ, SDO (C), Kelevituo Nisa informed that a circular has already been issued to all the HoDs to pay premium through Treasury Challan for the issue of Land Patta Book of respective departments on or before 30th April 2023. In regard to this, the DC requested all the allottees to start their construction within 2023 itself, failing which their land patta shall be cancelled. Further, TR Zeliang asked the HoDs to obtain proper land patta, proper measurement, and proper demarcation, and also take allotment orders so as to avoid encroachment.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Peren, R. Tochumong Chang briefed on the urgent need to construct SDPO Office and residence at Jalukie, for which the Chairman entrusted him to do the necessary assessment first.

At the meeting, the Board also approved the application for Grant-In-Aid for the renovation of Haisuiwang School, Kamdi. Other agenda discussed in the meeting were - road alignment from Peren town to Headquarters, Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, and a proposal

submitted by Peren town during Platinum Jubilee.

Deputy CM and Chairman, Peren DPDB, TR Zeliang in his address expressed his willingness to work with the HoDs, public leaders, and the public for the welfare of the district. Stating that DPDB is the only platform where the members can coordinate with each other and share their views and come to a logical conclusion, he encouraged the members to be regular in attending the DPDB meeting. Further, TR Zeliang requested them to attend their offices sincerely and also advised the departments implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes as well as State Sponsored Schemes to highlight their ongoing and upcoming projects in the meeting in order to keep each other updated.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th April 2023, the meeting was chaired by Advisor, Agriculture and Chairman, Wokha DPDB, Mhathung Yanthan. MLA Mhonbemo Lotha and MLA Achumbemo Kikon also attended the meeting.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan said that Government is very serious about good governance and bringing change to the State. He mentioned the need to give effort to make DPDB a very effective and systematic institution as all important policies and programmes pertaining to districts are discussed in this platform and urged all officers to give their best service in order to bring about change and to benefit the district in planning and developmental process.

Yanthan also urged all departments and allied agencies to come out with a

common approach and systematic planning in regard to government programmes and policies for a progressive society. He also suggested that aspirational villages for the four constituencies in the district should be continued, where he named the following villages N/Longidang village under 37 Tyui A/C, Humtso under 38 Wokha A/C, Aree under 39 Sanis A/C and Mekokla village under 40 Bhandari A/C, selected for the next phase.

MLA Mhonbemo Humtsoe assured his best for the benefit of the district and also said that he will work in coordination with the other elected representatives in the district and also urged all departments to extend support in implementing the government policies and programmes.

MLA Achumbemo Kikon suggested

revamping Kyong Academy and also renaming GFHSS Wokha to Mhondamo Memorial Higher Secondary School, as Mhondamo was the first Graduate among the Lotha and the first Education Minister of the State.

Achumbemo Kikon also suggested that the status of the Bhandari Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board be recommended, and the Board after deliberation approved to recommend it to the higher authority.

Supplementing on the issue raised by Advisor Yanthan in regard to human elephant conflict in the district, Kikon stated that the department concerned should come out with preventive measures to ensure that this issue is addressed, as majority of the people in the rural areas depend on farming.

NATIONAL CLEAN AIR PROGRAMME

HELD AT DIMAPUR

Under the theme 'Awareness and Capacity Building,' the National Clean Air Programme was held at Don Bosco School Dimapur on 10th April 2023.

Scientist 'B' Nagaland Pollution Control Board, Yanathung Kithan presented

a PowerPoint where he highlighted various sources of air pollution and its effects on people. He mentioned that under the National Air Monitoring Programme, Nagaland has 11 manual monitoring stations and one (1) CAAQMS station – seven (7) manual stations at Dimapur in Bank Colony, NPCB Office, Viola Colony, Tenyiphe-II Chümoukedima, Burma Camp,



Scientist 'B' Nagaland Pollution Control Board, Yanathung Kithan addressing at the National Air Clean Programme held at Conference Hall, Don Bosco School, Dimapur on 10th April 2023.

Dhobinala, Kuda-C, Nagarjan, and Kohima has four (4) manual Monitoring Stations opposite NST Office, PWD Junction, High School Junction, Upper Midland. While as of waste management scenario in Nagaland, there is only one scientific treatment plant at Kohima having 50 TPD Capacity, funded under the Asian Development Bank assisted NE Region Urban Development Programme funded through the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Kithan highlighted that the annual average concentration of RSPM which the Government has set is 60, where below 60 shows the air quality is good. But as for Dimapur city, the consecutive years from 2019-2022 have shown 79, 78, 99, and 97, which is increasing. While RSPM for Kohima from 2019-2022 has shown 91, 89, 77, and 72 which shows an improvement. The air quality of Kohima and Dimapur city has been placed under non-attainment cities with respect to particulate matter (PM10), which shows a serious concern, he added.

Kithan further pointed out that under National Green Tribunal Order it is directed to impose a penalty to violators, concessioner, ULB, and any person or body responsible for such burning shall be liable to pay environmental compensation of Rs 5000, in case of simple burning, while Rs 25,000 in case of bulk burning. He informed that the Central Government launched National Clean Air Programme (NACP) as a long-term, time-bound, national level strategy to achieve the targets and it has aimed at a 40% reduction in particulate matter by 2026.

Yanthan urged all the individuals, local bodies, gram panchayat, and village councils to ensure that the open burning of plastic waste does not take place. Air

pollution is affecting people throughout their lifetime and it is the sole responsibility of not only one department but the whole community and individual to come together to improve the quality of the environment, he added.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation programme in honour of newly elected legislators, S. Pongshi Phom and B. Bangtick Phom was held on 6th April 2023, at DPDB Hall, Longleng under the chairmanship of S. Pongshi Phom.

Speaking at the meeting, MLA, S. Pongshi Phom expressed his gratitude to the Longleng district administration led by the DC, SP and other officers for the sacrifices made by the district officers and staff, public figures, NGOs, and churches during COVID-19 pandemic. He also sought for their support and cooperation. He also said that as government employees, one must be at their place of posting so that they can serve the people effectively. He acknowledged the officers and staff who have come from different locations to serve the people.

S. Pongshi Phom said the administration and the general public should constantly maintain a cordial relation and environment. He called upon them to give their best in the service of the people. He also asked officials to approach him without reservation about any issues pertaining to the improvement, welfare, and development of the community.

B. Bangtick Phom called upon the gathering to exchange their knowledge and help each other. He also exhorted the Heads of Offices to put in more effort for the welfare of the community, and assured of his support and cooperation.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ILL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO HELD AT LONGLENG

An awareness programme on 'Ill Effects of Tobacco' with resource person Dr. Bongau Phom, District Nodal Officer NTCP Longleng was held at St. Joseph School, Longleng on 12th April 2023.



An awareness programme on the "Ill effects of tobacco" was held at St. Joseph School Longleng on 12th April 2023.

At the programme, Dr. Bongau Phom said tobacco contains nicotine which is one of the most addictive substances and thereby when one initiates consuming tobacco it becomes a lifelong addiction, so from a tender age one needs to carry out an awareness campaign to make the youth aware of the danger posed by it. The most susceptible time for initiating and experimenting with tobacco use is at the tender age of 10 years. Moreover, teens who use tobacco today are three times more likely than non-users to use alcohol, eight times more likely to use marijuana, and 22 times more likely to use cocaine.

Tobacco is sold rampantly in Longleng which needs strict laws and regulations. Ninety percent of oral cancer is caused by tobacco. Pre-cancerous lesions

are seen in many patients and they can turn into full-blown cancer in 10 years.

Along with the awareness campaign, screening of oral cancer was organized by District Hospital Longleng for higher classes of St. Joseph School, Longleng.

MINISTER PAIWANG KONYAK VISITS DISTRICT HOSPITAL MON

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak during his tour to Mon visited the District Hospital Mon Headquarter on 11th April 2023. He appreciated and congratulated the doctors, nurses, and staff for handling the situation excellently during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also assured to address the issues which the Medical Superintendent highlighted.

Paiwang requested the officers, doctors, and staff to utilize the internet facilities and added that he plans to provide serviceable laptops to CMO and Medical Superintendent very soon for video conferences to share their problems and grievances.

Commissioner Secretary, Health & Family Welfare said District Hospital Mon is one of the best hospitals in terms of infrastructure. He appreciated the work of MSF. He said WHO, under the Sustainable Development Board, plans to eradicate Tuberculosis by 2030, and India to eliminate it by 2025, five years ahead, whereas India is having the maximum number of TB cases in the world and there are 4000 plus TB patients in Nagaland and Mon with the highest. He also requested the doctors, nurses, officers, and netizens of Mon to cooperate in the construction of the Medical College, Mon.

The Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare stated that the ICU facility

in District Hospital Mon will be functioning very soon. About the shortage of manpower, she assured them to look into the matter at the earliest.

CMO Mon gave a brief description of District Hospital Mon and also of Mon district. She shared the grievances like shortage of manpower not only in District Hospital Mon but also at the health centre in Mon district.

PHEK DPDB MEETING-CUM-FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation programme in honour of the newly elected legislators of Phek district was held at the DPDB Hall Phek on 12th April 2023.

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero requested the officers of the district to work together for the benefit of the people and the district. He also said the area of his concern as an MLA will be plantation of trees and prevention of deforestation, road connectivity and maintenance of road and to bring development, sanitization of health centres with more manpower and to revive government schools in the district.

MLA and leader of NPF Party, Nagaland, Kuzholuzo Nienu called upon the officers to have a positive mindset and to work for peace and development of the State. He requested the Board members to work together for the upliftment of the people, and to focus on good governance, cooperate, and provide justice without any politics, and be a part of the solution so that the work done in the district will be memorable.

Advisor, Civil Administration Works Department and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo

called upon the Board to work as a team to serve the people so as to achieve their desired goal, he added that politicians and officers have different responsibilities but if they work together sincerely and honestly they can uplift the district.

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe called upon all to have an objective, and give their best to the society. He also called upon the members to be honest and give justice to their work.

Minister, Power, Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman, Phek DPDB, K. G. Kenye exhorted the Board members to support, give cooperation, work together so that the public grievances are met.

During the meeting the following agenda were discussed, up-gradation of Meluri Sub-Division to District, up-gradation of SDO (C) Chizami to ADC Headquarter, work plans for Phek District's 50th Anniversary celebration and up-gradation of Chetheba town EAC Headquarter to SDO (C) Headquarter.

GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN VISITS MOKOKCHUNG

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan visited Mokokchung on 13th April 2023, and held a meeting with the Head of Offices and leaders of civil societies in the district.

In his speech, the Governor mentioned that, though it is his maiden visit to the district, he is aware of many good things about Mokokchung district and the Ao community, such as being the pioneer in many fields and also being the cleanest town in the State and also in the North East.

The Governor mentioned his appreciation to the people of the district

for the huge turnout of voters during the recently concluded General Election and maintained that there can be rule of law only with the active participation of the people. He reminded the people not to undermine the election process and the electorates if the society is to move forward.



Governor, La. Ganesan interacting with Government officials and representatives from the civil societies at the DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 13th April 2023.

Touching upon basic necessities, the Governor said like education, other basic service such as health care, drinking water and financial institutions must be made available at the doorstep of the citizens, especially for the down trodden people. He also urged upon the officers of the concerned departments to ensure that the flagship programmes of government pertaining to basic services are diligently implemented for the welfare of the people. The Governor also requested the Deputy Commissioner of the district to have periodic review on the implementation of various schemes and programmes in the district and to take necessary action to meet the goals and target, if there are any shortfalls.

The Governor was optimistic that the political problem of Nagaland will be

solved and Nagaland would prosper and be at par with the rest of the country.

Representatives from the Ao Senden, Watsu Mungdang, AKM, GB Union, All Ward Union, MCCI and other civil societies shared their grievances and opinions on certain issues related to ULB Election, Naga Solution, women empowerment, Civil Service Project (UPSC Aspirant Trust Fund), drinking water problem in Mokokchung town, proper road connectivity of all the districts etc., to which the Governor said that he would draft letters to the concerned Ministers and the Chief Minister, and assured that he would do whatever he can in his capacity.

MONTHLY DPDB MEETING HELD AT CHÜMOUKEDIMA

The Chümoukedima District Planning & Development Board meeting for the month of April was held at DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima on 13th April 2023 under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio.

At the meeting, Zhaleo Rio stated that Chümoukedima being a new district, his priority is to make it a modern model district and as the DPDB Chairman, he said that he is ready and willing to guide and help in whatever way he can. He appealed to various departments to continue with their work in true spirit for the betterment of their Department as well as the district. He also urged the departments to come forward, extend full support in various central schemes and highlight it in the meetings.

During the meeting, the Board reviewed the last meeting and approved

the recognition of Vihoshe village under Dhansiripar Sub-Division Chümoukedima. Other agenda deliberated at the meeting were registration of Magi Star Group Society at Tenyiphe- II village, recognition of Rankanyan and Longsen village under Dhansiripar, which were approved by the Board. The Board decided to discuss recognition of Shikato village at the next meeting after it is authenticated and verified.

WORKSHOP ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND UPLIFTMENT HELD AT WOKHA

The Department of District Urban Development Agency, Wokha organised a one-day programme on Women Empowerment & Upliftment for Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ DAY-NULM at VDB Hall, Wokha on 13th April 2023.

Deputy Director, Urban Development, Wokha, Kiholi Kinimi urged the participants representing various SHG to strengthen their activities in order to carry forward their groups to greater heights. She also apprised the gathering that through SHGs, women entrepreneurs are provided with micro loans to sustain their business and stated that depending on their activities and efforts various kind of help are being extended, and appealed them to be more active. She also highlighted the various schemes and loan policies available.

Manager, Nagaland Rural Bank, Wokha, W. Longshithung Tsope who also spoke during the function, said the Government supports the SHGs by providing skill based training and administrative help to build successful business, and urged them to avail the opportunity available. He also encouraged them to inculcate the habit of saving, using banking facilities among members, and properly maintain book

records and other activities record in order to maintain transparency. He also urged them to follow digital mode of transaction, as now the system is emphasizing on digital transactions.

During the second session, discussion on basic training and hand holding support to SHGs were held, which was conducted by CO, DUDA, Wokha, Myingthunglo Ezung.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DC's Office Conference Hall, Tseminyu on 13th April 2023 with MLA and Chairman Tseminyu DPDB, Jwenga Seb. He urged all the Board members to be sincere in their duties for the upliftment of the district and transform it into a successful model district in terms of infrastructure, socio-economic development, etc.

DC and Vice Chairman Tseminyu DPDB, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS reviewed the last meeting minutes. He also stated that strict attendance of all the DPDB members will be maintained so that development activities are not put on hold.

NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE WEEK OBSERVED

KHUZAMA:

Fire Station, Khuzama observed National Fire Service Week on 14th April 2023 with the theme, 'Awareness in Fire Safety for Growth of National Infrastructure.' The programme was held at Sacred Heart High School, Khuzama.

During the programme, Officer-in-charge of Fire Service Khuzama, Maisunsilakbo appealed to the gathering to take note of the demonstration shown in fire safety measures - LPG care maintenance

and safety, rescue technique bandages and operation of fire extinguishers. He advised the public not to panic during fire incidents but to inform the fire station immediately.



Fire Station, Khuzama observed National Fire Service week at Sacred Heart High School, Khuzama on 14th April 2023.

PFUTSERO:

Officer-in-charge of Fire & Emergency Services, Pfutsero, Kevizelhou Chupuo and his team organized a



Fire & Emergency Services Pfutsero organized a demonstration programme on fire extinguishers at Sports Complex Ground Pfutsero on 18th April 2023.

demonstration programme on fire extinguishers at Sports Complex Ground Pfutsero on 18th April 2023. Hundreds of students from Nazareth School, Government Higher Secondary School and Baptist Mission School took part in the programme. The programme was attended by Town Council members, public leaders, dobashis, etc.

TUENSANG VILLAGE:

Fire & Emergency Services conducted mock drill at Tuensang village on 23rd April 2023. During the drill the Department led by Inaka, Sub Inspector, Fire & Emergency Services, Tuensang demonstrated on how to extinguish fire using a fire extinguisher and to put out the fire from a gas cylinder in case of emergency, and safety measures during accidents.



Fire & Emergency Services Tuensang along with the participants during Mock Drill at Tuensang village on 23rd April 2023.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto district held its monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting at the DC's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 14th April 2023. Chairman of Zunheboto DPDB and Advisor of Land Resources, G Ikuto Zhimomi, MLA Toiho Yephthomi and MLA Dr. Sukhato Sema attended the meeting.

Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Ikuto,

in his introductory speech, said that the Government has marked this year as the year to achieve a state of excellence, and to achieve this goal, he said that district HoDs and staff need to do their duties with full dedication. He applauded the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, and all officials for conducting the recently concluded General Election without any violence in Zunheboto district.

MLA Toiho requested the officers to cooperate with the MLAs so that they can do justice to their chair and also assured them that they will always be ready to help in any way, and at anytime.

MLA Dr. Sukhato applauded the recent people's friendly budget, especially for targeting the youths, and requested the officers to make various schemes and projects known to the people.

Agenda discussed during the meeting were, procurement of land for setting up of Sumi Literature Board, wherein various issues regarding this agenda were discussed and the Board decided to defer the agenda to the next meeting with other MLAs in attendance. Zunheboto Town Sumi Baptist Church (Aizuto) and Leva Foundation at Satoi town, which sought society registration, the Board agreed to send the recommendation to the Home Department.

On the clarification sought from the NHIDCL by Zunheboto NDPP Chairman, Khehoshe Yeptho, members from NHIDCL replied that due to some problems, certain works were left undone but assured that the said incomplete works will be completed soon.

Superintendent of Police, Vishal highlighted the various crime reports in Zunheboto, especially about the abundance of drugs found in the district. He highlighted the role of the pharmacist in selling various

drugs without proper prescription and sought the MLAs help in tackling the menace of drugs in the district.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

Shamator District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was conducted near Shiponger river, Shamator on 15th April 2023.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports and Chairman Shamator DPDB, Keoshu Yimkhiung while addressing the gathering said that to develop a new district all Heads of Offices and departments need to give more effort and cooperation, and he hoped that through collective effort, the district can be developed. He also urged the members to address respective departments' grievances for the smooth functioning of the department, and he assured to help in every possible way.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Shamator DPDB, Thuvisie Phoiji expressed optimism that under the Advisor's leadership the new district will develop, and assured the cooperation of all the departments. He urged the members to discharge their duties sincerely.

The Board thoroughly deliberated and approved the following agenda and forwarded them to higher authority for necessary action: construction of Town Hall, Shamator; construction of Children's Park at Shamator; creation of Kendra Vidyalaya School, Shamator; creation of District Youth Resources & Sports Office, Shamator; creation of Urban Health Centre, Shamator; creation of District Hospital, Shamator; and creation of a Sub-Centre at Chessore village.

KOHIMA DPDB FELICITATES ELECTED LEGISLATORS OF KOHIMA DISTRICT

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) organized a felicitation programme of newly elected Legislators of 14th NLA from Kohima district-cum-monthly DPDB meeting on 15th April 2023 at DPDB Hall, Kohima. The newly elected Legislators led by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio; Minister, Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse; Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationeries, Er. Kropol Vitsu; MLA Kevipodi Sophie and MLA Tseilhoutuo Rhutso attended the felicitation programme.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio sought active participation from all the district officers to make Kohima city a real Smart City in Nagaland. Rio remarked that officers who are posted in Kohima, the State capital and the first district of Nagaland are privileged, and said that since Kohima is 'the Mirror of Nagaland,' he urged every officers and stakeholders to give their best to keep Kohima city in proper place in terms of sanitation, beautification and other basic amenities.

Chief Minister also suggested to hold DPDB meetings in different venues in coming days to make it more interesting and constructive by giving special emphasis on the particular area and to see the works that has been achieved and also to identify the developmental activities that need to be focused. Rio also asked the district officers to be aware of the important historical places and Tourism Department to give more importance in training Tourist Guides

with special focus in rural areas with basic facilities, since most of the tourists prefer to stay in rural areas.

Rio speaking on ULB election, said



Kohima DPDB felicitated the newly elected legislators of Kohima district during the DPDB meeting held on 15th April 2023.

that the Government tried its best to bring more opportunities to the citizens, but many negative impacts and social unrest had been faced due to it, and therefore, not to face a similar situation like in 2017, the Government had repealed Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 in toto, and said that discussion with stakeholders will take place, where he hoped that concrete decisions will be made.

Regarding RIIN, Rio said that Naga people are the native citizens of Nagaland and the village council is the guardian of traditional and customary laws, and to implement it successfully or not depends on the village councils. The CM said that the village council have the authority to issue Indigenous Inhabitant Certificate to any eligible citizen but also warned that misusing of the power may invite legal action from the Government and also urged

the administration and police to assist in implementing RIIN in a corrective manner. The CM also stated that even the Britishers did not get involved in the Naga village level since election process becomes dirty and corrupt, therefore he encouraged selection and head count process instead of election at the village level, to keep village affairs fair and transparent and to safeguard traditional and customary laws and its governance.

Chairman Kohima DPDB, Er. Kropol Vitsu called upon the members to be sincere, regular and take active part in the forum in order to contribute something for the welfare of the public and become a role model to the other districts.

DPDB MEETING HELD AT KIPHIRE

The felicitation programme in honour of the newly elected legislators under Kiphire district-cum-monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting for Kiphire was held on 18th April 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire. MLA and Chairman Kiphire DPDB, C. Kipili Sangtam, Advisor, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, Kiusumew Yimkhiung were among those who attended the meeting.

Stressing the importance of attendance, the new Chairman of DPDB said that posting in far-flung areas should not be taken as punishment posting but rather they should take it as a blessing in helping downtrodden people. He further appealed to the officers to put their efforts and work together for the progress of the district.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, T. Wati Aier mentioned about the departments that do not exist in Kiphire and appealed to the newly elected legislators to bring more departments into the district.

On the sideline of the programme, the NITI Aayog Award was awarded to Ditanvong Village Council for Best Performance in Agri Sector-High Maize productivity and producing quality, Singrep Village Health Committee for Best Performance in the Health sector, and Agnes Hosela of Kipongya ward, Kiphire for Best Performance in Nutrition sector.

The book, 'Kiphire: Where Adventure Meets Folklore' was also released. The book mentioning the potential tourist area including photos and stories was sponsored by Kiphire District Aspiration Fund and initiated by District Administration, Kiphire.

MON DPDB MEETING CONDUCTED

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 18th April 2023. Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, welcomed the members and introduced the new members. He thanked the last DPDB Chairman CL John for his help and guidance. DC Mon spoke about the responsibility of the Officers' Club of Mon and encouraged the new members to join the club. He had an open discussion on the deteriorating road conditions in Mon Town and requested the concerned department to at least go for repair for the coming monsoon. He also highlighted the visit of VVIPs in the district very soon.

The Principal of Wangkhao

Government College gave a brief description of Wangkhao Government College- the only government college in Mon District. It Offers undergraduate courses in arts and is affiliated with Nagaland University, established in 1983.

DLCC MEETING ON NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME HELD AT LONGLENG

District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) concerning the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) was held at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 17th April 2023 under the chairmanship of Dharam Raj, IAS, DC and Chairman NTCP Longleng.

The house deliberated to make Tobacco Control cells in all the offices under Longleng District Administrative Headquarter. In this regard, all the departments have been asked to implement 'Tobacco Free Office' within the next 100 days from the date of notification. All schools have been directed to register formal complaints from tobacco-selling shops to district-level enforcement squads. The complaint should be lodged from the shop located within 100 yards. The meeting resolved to form active members or volunteers within the schools and colleges to assist the respective educational institutions to tackle the use of tobacco.

The house passed a resolution against shops selling tobacco products to minors below 18 years and strict action will be initiated against the shop, selling tobacco to the students in uniforms. Enforcement of the Anti-Tobacco Cell within the schools will have to be initiated by the respective Nodal Officer. No smoking zone should

exist within educational institutions. To discourage the consumption of tobacco in the villages, the DC and chairman of NTCP will write a letter to all village councils to comply with the order. The house further decided that institutions scoring 90% under the Tobacco Free Educational Institutions' guidelines will be rewarded.

The house also decided to write a letter to the Government of Nagaland to include Longleng under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. All the ward presidents were authorized to impose a fine of Rs. 250 for selling any kind of tobacco products within their ward/jurisdiction. The meeting also decided to declare tobacco-free schools by observing all the norms laid down under ToFEI guidelines.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

Noklak District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 20th April 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the Chairmanship of P. Longon, MLA & Chairman Noklak DPDB.



MLA & Chairman DPDB Noklak, P. Longon speaking during the Noklak DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 20th April 2023.

Chairman Noklak DPDB, P. Longon requested all members to be regular in the meetings and called upon all members to co-operate with each other for the upliftment

of the district. Although Noklak is a new district where there is a shortage of officers and staff in various departments, he urged all to work tirelessly for the betterment and welfare of the people.

The meeting discussed on setting up of Treasuries/Sub-Treasuries Office at Noklak District Headquarter which was approved and recommended to the concerned department. The house also discussed on acquisition of land for setting up of Helipad at Noklak town which was approved and apprised to the department.

Upgradation of GHS, Noklak village to GHSS; school building construction at GPS, Kingpao village; Construction of school building at GPS, Pathso; and upgradation of Union Mission School, Panso were also approved and recommended to the concerned department.

The Board also approved for construction of waiting shed at Zinki river in between Thonoknyu - Kiphire and construction of pacca/metalled road from NH-155 to Thonoknyu town, under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

**GOVERNOR HOLDS MEETING
WITH CSOs AND HoDs OF PHEK**

The Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan held an interaction meeting with the Civil Society Organization (CSO) and Heads of Departments (HoD) of Phek district at Heritage Banquet Hall, DC's Residence on 20th April 2023.

The Governor mentioned that Phek district has achieved the two most successful community based programmes in the State such as the Village Development



Governor La. Ganesan held an interaction meeting with the CSOs and HoDs of Phek district at Heritage Banquet Hall, DC's Residence on 20th April 2023.

Board, first initiated at Kutsapo village in 1976 and implemented throughout Nagaland in 1980 and Communitisation of Public Institutions and Services which was also launched from Phek that has earned many accolades for the State for which Nagaland was the recipient of the UN Public Service Excellence Award in 2008 for its communitisation programme.

The Governor also gave credit to every individual, CSOs and the government agencies for the peaceful environment we enjoy today in the State and called upon all to look back and feel proud of the achievements and at the same time introspect on the things we are still trying to achieve. In the education sector, he said, Phek district literacy percentage of 88.30% is much higher than our national average, however, Governor also urged them to strive for excellence, at the same time.

The Governor also announced that the State Medical College at Kohima will be starting their academic session very soon and the health scenario is expected to improve in a major way with more doctors being available with the state's health set-up.

The Governor mentioned that under the direct intervention of the central government, numerous road projects are ongoing in the State, where Phek district have its fair share of road projects, such as Pfutsero-Phek 2-Lane Highway which is completed. He also mentioned Kohima-Pfutsero-Meluri 2-Lane Highway which will also be completed and the road connectivity project to go beyond Meluri to Myanmar and link up with the South East Asian economies as per the central Government 'Look East' and 'Act East Policy.'

SDPDP MEETING HELD AT PUNGRO

The monthly Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting under Pungro sub-division was held on 20th April 2023 at ADC's Office Conference Hall, Pungro with Advisor, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services and Chairman of SDPDP Pungro, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger.

Addressing the Board members the Chairman requested the members to give their best services for upliftment of the people. The meeting deliberated on problems faced by the people of the area.

TSÜKHENYIE FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT PFUTSERO VILLAGE

Chakhesang Public Organisation in collaboration with the Department of Tourism celebrated the Tsukhenyie Festival (Chakhesang tribal festival) at Pfutseromi village on 24th April 2023 with Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along as special guest.

Imna Along, in his speech, thanked the CPO and Pfutseromi village and said that Chakhesang people are regarded for their hospitality, honesty, and hard-working community. He said the Festival is a time to celebrate and enjoy and called upon the people present to learn about the culture and take back the sweet memories to their respective places and states.



Minister of Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along visiting stalls during Tsukhenyie festival in Pfutsero on 24th April 2023.

Wepretso Mero NCS Rtd. highlighted the brief history of Tsukhenyie. Tsukhenyie festival is celebrated by the Chakhesang tribe to mark the successful harvest year and a time to rejoice and rejuvenate. People celebrate and pray for a successful year ahead.

A greeting message was given by Kumar Ramnikant, IAS Deputy Commissioner Phek. The programme was chaired by Medozii Mero, and Wenyi Kapfo invoked God's blessings. Tshiipelo Medo blew a trumpet which signifies the onset of the Festival, Veziihu Keyho President of CPO released Tsukhenyie balloons, a folk tune was presented by the Chakhesang Cultural Organisation. Ngulo Lomi the senior-most citizen (106 years) gave the traditional blessings.

**AGRO-FOOD PROCESSING MACHINERIES
DISTRIBUTED AT JALUKIE**

The Department of Land Resources, Peren district organized an inauguration-cum-distribution programme of Agro-Food Processing Machines under Livelihood, Micro-Enterprises and Business Development component of PMKSY- WDC 2.0 villages at DPO Office, Jalukie town on 24th April 2023.

District Project Officer, LRD, Alemla Aier in her keynote address explained about the importance of cultivating entrepreneurial skill to the villagers. She also emphasized on the objective of the Department in promoting three Es i.e., Economy, Ecology and Equity.

New Jalukie Village Council Chairman, Liangkebo shared that the

Department is doing a tremendous job in bringing about much required changes to New Jalukie Micro Watershed and PMKSY-WDC 2.0 villages.

Deputy Commissioner Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS in his address stated that the Department of Land Resources is very active and pro-farmer oriented. The works and activities carried out by the Department are well organized and result oriented. Reacting to the DPO's remarks, he pointed out that additional 'E' should also be included in its objective which is culturing the 'Entrepreneurial Capacity' of the stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated and distributed the multi-purpose solar dryer, vegetable oil expeller and rice huller machines to the stakeholders of PMKSY-WDC 2.0.

MOKOKCHUNG DISTRICT VDB GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD

The General Conference of the Village Development Board (VDB), Mokokchung District was held on 26th April 2023 at Town Hall, Mokokchung with Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, as the guest of honor.

The Deputy Commissioner, in his speech, said both the Village Council and VDB are unique institutions and plays

an important role in the community for development and peaceful co-existence. For the smooth functioning of both institutions, one should know the objectives of setting up these institutions, the DC said. He asked the VDBs in the district to examine their performances so as to know whether they are going forward or sliding back, which he said is the most crucial for setting up the institution.



DC Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh speaking during the General Conference of the Village Development Board, Mokokchung district held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 26th April 2023.

President, of Mokokchung District VDB Association, Dr. Imtinungba Atsongchanger gave the introductory speech, the keynote address was delivered by Project Director (DRDA Mokokchung), Toshimongla Kichu.

SKILL UPGRADATION TRAINING HELD AT PHEKERKRIEMA VILLAGE, KOHIMA

The Department of Women Resource Development in collaboration with Village Adoption Committee (VAC) 11 Northern Angami II A/C conducted training on Post Harvest Management & Marketing



The Department of Women Resource Development in collaboration with Village Adoption Committee (VAC) 11 Northern Angami II A/C conducted training on Post Harvest Management & Marketing Management, Value Addition & Processing on Naga King Chilly (pickling) at Phekerkriema Village, Kohima on 26th April 2023.

Management, Value Addition & Processing on Naga King Chilly (pickling) on 26th April 2023 at Phekerkriema village, Kohima.

Altogether, twenty (20) women beneficiaries were trained in making of Naga King Chilly pickle. Speaking during the exit programme of Village Adoption Committee 11 Northern Angami II, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chiephobozou & Convenor, DPDB VAC, Alemyapang Longchar highlighted the various activities and programmes implemented in the village during the village adoption period, and appreciated the efforts and cooperation of all the line departments in implementation.

NEWLY ELECTED TUENSANG LEGISLATORS FELICITATED



Beshangmongba Chang, Minister, PWD (Housing and Mechanical Engineering), Imtichuba MLA and Chairman DBDP Tuensang, Limaonen MLA along with the HoOs of Tuensang at DPDB meet at DC Office Tuensang on 29th April 2023.

The monthly Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-felicitation programme in honour of the newly elected Legislators, MLA and Chairman Tuensang DPDB, Imtichuba, Minister PWD (Housing and Mechanical) Beshangmongba and MLA Limaonen, was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 29th April 2023.

After reviewing the last month meeting minutes the Board discussed and forwarded the following agenda - Rehabilitation and Detoxification Centre, District Hospital Tuensang for separate UTP Cell; Repair of Rostrum at Parade Ground; Upgradation of Government Middle School to High School at 3rd NAP Saksi; Construction of Dumping Site at Tuensang; Disaster Management; Installation of ATM at Tuensang village; and Upgradation of CMO Office at Tuensang.

Public Health Engineering Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities to the Board. Imtichuba, MLA and Chairman Tuensang DBDP thanked the Heads of Offices of Tuensang district for their valuable contribution and urged them to continuously work for the upliftment and development of the district.

ORGANIC GINGER CONSIGNMENT FLAGGED OFF FROM DIMAPUR TO ODISHA

Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan flagged off the Organic Ginger Consignment from Dimapur to Odisha on 15th April 2023, which was marketed by Wokhaland Organic Ginger Producer Company Limited under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) Phase III with the support from the Department of Agriculture and Government of Nagaland and service provider Centre of Learning, Knowledge, and Services (COLKS).

In his keynote address, Mhathung Yanthan said that around 23,000 farmers have benefitted through inputs, technology, and hand-holding trainings, under MOVCD-NER. He also mentioned that another phase will be starting soon this year with the help of the three service provider, COLKS, Green Caravan, and Entrepreneurs Associates.

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING OF GMS, T. KHEL, KOHIMA VILLAGE INAUGURATED

The inauguration of the newly constructed building of Government Middle School, T. Khel, Kohima village was held on 15th April 2023 with Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS as the chief guest.

Thavaseelan congratulated the community leaders, the visionaries and the pioneers who had understood the importance of education, and complimented the community for their support and dedication to uplift the school.

Thavaseelan also highlighted about the NECTAR project and the activities of the School Education Department and the reforms to be taken up, stating that the

School Education Department, right from the Advisor to the teachers are committed and actively working for the betterment of the students. He mentioned that the Department is focusing on five key pillars of interventions to make government schools better. The target is to make the government schools the first choice of students and parents, he noted, while elaborating on the five pillars.

The first pillar is foundational numeracy and literacy. Any number of interventions at a later point in time is simply not going to have the same intended effect if you do not have the foundation, Thavaseelan said. The second pillar, he informed, is to bridge the gap between what is there and what is needed, concerning various aspects of infrastructural requirement of the schools. Third focus area is combination of curriculum, pedagogy and assessment, he added. The curriculum includes facing adversaries, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, pre-vocational interventions. The fourth pillar will focus on children with special needs, not only in terms of physical but mental abilities, he said. The final pillar is 'vocationalisation of education,' with the understanding that self-employment is critical in the future.

Convenor, Er. Kelhousinyii Solo, gave a brief highlight about the school stating that the Tsütuonuomia Khel School was established by a few educated persons in the late 1930s to impart education to students, and the School site was generously donated by Late Zelhoulie Sekhose, a man who dreamt of an educated generation. Thereafter the School was taken over by the Government in 1946. He mentioned that the School has produced many eminent personalities and leaders from the Khel. The School celebrated its Golden Jubilee

in 1996. With the recent upgradation of the School from GPS to GMS, he stated that the School has been requiring better infrastructure (additional classrooms) and facilities such as computers, projectors, internet to impart digital literacy, etc. Hence the noble project was proposed in the year 2017 by the Tsütuonuomia Khel Council to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee in the year 2021 through people's contribution, especially from the alumni to give better education to the upcoming generations under the project named 'Give Back to Society.'

WATER TESTING LAB INAUGURATED AT PEREN TOWN

The inaugural ceremony of National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited District Water Quality Testing Laboratory, PHED Peren was held on 18th April 2023 at Peren town with ADC, Vekhoyi Chakhesang as the special guest.

Gracing the event of the NABL Lab, ADC Peren town Vekhoyi Chakhesang emphasized the importance of water and the introduction of NABL Lab in Peren District which he stated, will benefit the district.

Hygiene and Sanitation Consultant PHED, Vime delivered the vote of thanks. Er. Kedipeilung Elunglung presided over the inaugural function, the invocation prayer was pronounced by Nzailu, and the welcome address was presented by Er. Bursenla Ao.

PM MODI VIRTUALLY LAUNCHES 100 W FM TRANSMITTERS AT MON AND TUENSANG

Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated 100 W FM transmitters at Mon along with other 91



Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak, Deputy Commissioner Mon, Superintendent of Police Mon, Anghs, Civil Societies and a team of AIR during the PM Modi's virtual inauguration of the 100 W FM transmitters at Mon on 28th April 2023.

new 100W FM, and dedicated them to the nation from New Delhi on 28th April 2023.

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak graced the occasion as the guest of honour at Mon. On behalf of Mon district, she thanked AIR for introducing it. She also said that it is the vision of the Prime Minister, that no one should be left out even in such a far-flung area like Mon. In this digital world, information is a very powerful weapon that one cannot do anything without. Radio being one of the cheapest, most affordable means of communication, where one can get accurate news, she added that it is a platform where one can contribute and also learn. She urged the citizens of Mon to lend their cooperation, so in the future, a proper station will be set up to cover the whole district.

DDG (E) / Cluster Head, K. K. Rengma while delivering the welcome address, acknowledged the retired staff of AIR Mon who had lent their time. He also requested the people of Mon to contribute through this medium.

The 100W FM Transmitter Tuensang was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, at FM Tuensang Station on 28th April 2023.

Speaking at the inaugural

programme, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Nokchasashi said that opening the FM Station at Tuensang would greatly benefit the people of the area, as people rely on the radio for their communication, to get information and news. He further said that the FM Station would transmit information about locally relevant programmes, education, health, and social issues to the masses which can bring a significant change in the life of the people.

**CM NEIPHIU RIO INAUGURATES
ZINKI BAILEY BRIDGE, KIPHIRE**

Zinki Bailey Bridge was inaugurated on 28th April 2023 at Zinki river, with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the special guest.

The Chief Minister said that completion of the bridge will bring multi-faceted progress for the people. He also informed about the upcoming funding programmes which will lift the economy and per capita income of the people. He said Rs.180 crore was kept ready with the Government to be utilised through DUDA for development in education and health sectors, and that discussions would be held

with departmental HoDs on guidelines and priorities. He also cautioned for judicious use of funds.

Executive Engineer DUDA, Er. N. Imti Chang sharing the technical report, said that the bridge, measuring 14 feet in width and 160 feet in length, was completed at a cost of ₹ 15 crore.

Representative for Longmatra Area GBs Association apprised on the need for upgradation of EAC to SDO Civil



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and dignitaries during the Bailey Bridge inauguration at Zinki River, Kiphire on 28th April 2023.

post at Longmatra, and also reminded for prompt implementation in regard to inland water way connectivity from Longmatra to Avakhung stretch of Tizu - Zinki river.

B20 MEET KOHIMA 2023

(A DIPR feature by Morotsung, IA)

The Group of Twenty (G20) comprises of 19 countries, namely Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom, and United States and the European Union. The G20 Members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world's population. G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation and it plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues.

The G20 was founded in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis of 1997-98, as an informal forum for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the most important industrialized and developing economies to discuss international economic and financial stability. The G20 however was upgraded to the level of Heads of State/Government in the wake of the global economic and financial crisis of 2007, and in 2009, when it became apparent that the necessary crisis coordination would only be possible at the highest political level.

The G20 Summit is held annually, under the leadership of a rotating Presidency. The forum initially focused largely on broad macroeconomic issues, but it has since expanded its agenda to inter-alia include trade, climate change, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, environment, climate change, and anti-corruption. The G20 does not have a permanent secretariat or staff. Instead, the G20 Presidency rotates annually among the members and is selected from a different regional grouping of countries. India, from Group 2, holds the current Presidency

of the G20 from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023.

The Business 20 (B20) is the official G20 dialogue forum with the global business community. Established in 2010, B20 is among the most prominent Engagement Groups in G20, with companies and business organizations as participants. The B20 leads the process of galvanizing global business leaders for their views on issues of global economic and trade governance and speaks in a single voice for the entire G20 business community.

The theme for the B20 India is R.A.I.S.E which stands for Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses.

Accelerating business practices constitute the set of practices that allow private enterprises to derive sustainable economic advantage and scale it to unprecedented heights in an optimal manner. B20 nations shall adopt and encourage such practices in order to enhance the growth of private sector and propel economic prosperity for all economies.

Innovative business practices, as adopted by the B20 nations, are capable of generating new processes, ideas, services, and products that can bring a transformational shift in the business ecosystem through an increased focus on technological development, research & development, automation and artificial intelligence, digital transformation and data-enabled business models for greater efficiency and competitiveness.

Equitable business practices are greatly emphasised under the B20 Agenda to foster inclusive growth and thus, follow two basic principles - (i) Principle of 'opportunities for all' under which the minority groups or

those underserved and underrepresented have an equal chance of participation in the workforce irrespective of their caste, colour, race, gender, sex or ethnicity and (ii) Principle of 'inclusiveness' wherein the economic benefits of businesses are fairly distributed among all.

B20 India will operate through Task Forces and Action Councils in streamlining the B20 strategic vision and translating it into policy deliverables on key topics of the global economic agenda. The priority areas will be discussed and deliberated during B20 India under seven Task Forces in the areas of:

- Inclusive GVCs for Resilient Global Trade and Investment.
- Future of Work, Skilling and Mobility.
- Digital Transformation
- Financing for Global Economic Recovery.
- Financial Inclusion for Economic Empowerment.
- Energy, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency.
- Tech, Innovation and R&D.

The B20 Meet in Kohima which was held from 4th to 6th April 2023, saw discussions on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Agriculture, Food Processing, IT and Tourism. With the global agriculture market growing by demand and volume, the sector is projected to increase by billions of dollars annually. Global market demand for crop production, farming activities, packaging, distribution channels, and trade volumes are increasing to meet the needs of the growing population. India today is a food-surplus nation that focuses on export-oriented country business in the sector and is on the course to become the 'Food basket of the world.' The abundant natural assets and resources such as topography, the rich biodiversity, forest cover and fertile land offers

an ideal opportunity for developing India as a global agro-processing hub. The Conference would focus on opportunities for multilateral business partnerships in agriculture and food processing sectors.

The B20 Meet 2023 in Kohima will provide a huge opportunity for the State to market its potential in agriculture as well as its ever growing tourism industry. When it comes to agriculture, Nagaland has tremendous potential as almost 60 per cent of the population is engaged in the agri and allied sector. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the demand for organic food went up as consumers perceived them as being healthier and good for immunity. However, otherwise too, demand for organic food is increasing at a continuous pace. According to an Expert Market Research report the Indian organic food market stood at a value of USD 849.5 million in 2020. For the forecast period of 2021-2026, the trend in the organic food market is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 20.5% to reach about USD 2601 million by 2026.

Nagaland, known for its rich biodiversity and is gradually making its entry into the organic farming market and efforts are being made to promote organic farming in the State. Nagaland has potential for promotion of organic farming as farmers has been practicing traditional system of agricultural without the use of external inputs since its inception. Naga farmers adopt an age-old traditional cultivation system called shifting cultivation. The present agricultural practice of Nagaland is organic by default, as the state and the region did not make impact by the wave of green revolution across India.

The B20 Meet will thus provide a much needed international platform for the State to forge partnerships and pursue long lasting business models that will in turn give a much needed boost to the state economy.



Padma Shree Awardee 2023 Neihunuo Sorhie and other awardees along with Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichüsa, Director and staff during the felicitation programme for the State Awardees for Handicraft at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 25th April 2023.



Officials from the Health & Family Welfare Department with the Japan International Cooperation Agency team, during their visit to the site of Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Kohima on 26th April 2023.



Advisor, Information & Public Relations (IPR) and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen along with Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, V Maria Yanthan IAS and Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo called on the Union Minister of State, Information & Broadcasting, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. L. Murugan at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 22nd April 2023.



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