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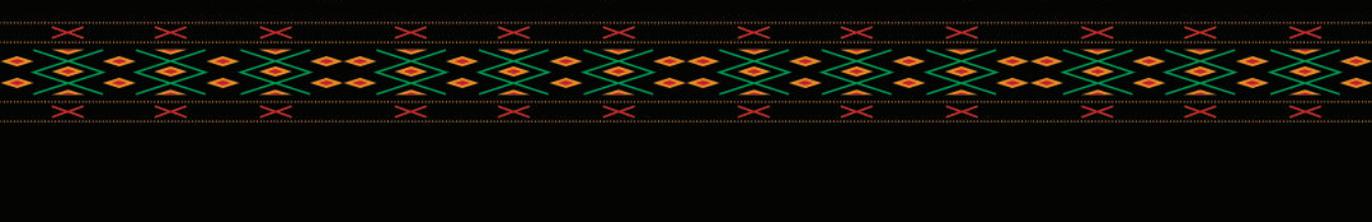
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Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio felicitating the Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki during a cultural programme held at CMRC, Kohima on 7th May 2024.





Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki along with officials and Japanese delegation during their visit at Cathedral Kohima on 8th May 2024.



Dr. A.R. Rahman with Advisor to Chief Minister & Chairman, IDAN Abu Metha and Chairman, TaFMA, Theja Meru during the unveiling of a feature documentary 'Headhunting to Beatboxing' at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, France on 20th May 2024.



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NBSE NOTIFIES ON ONLINE COURSES THROUGH SWAYAM

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified all the Heads of Higher Secondary Schools registered under NBSE that NCERT is offering online courses for classes XI and XII in various subject areas through SWAYAM and running it in different cycles. Popularly known as SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), it is a platform for offering Massive Open online Courses (MOOCs) launched by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India.

In the thirteenth cycle, NCERT is offering 28 online courses for classes XI and XII across 11 subjects (Accountancy, Business Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, English and Sociology) from 22nd April 2024 to 30th September 2024. The enrollment for the courses are open from 15th April 2024 and shall close on 1st September 2024.

It informed that these online courses can support and enrich the learning of the students in a virtual mode. Teachers and parents also can participate in these courses to understand the ways of approaching the content and subject. For any query, the schools may contact at moocs.helpdesk@ciet.nic.in or call on the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) #8800440559

In this regard, all concerned heads have been requested to disseminate this information to all teachers and students to enroll in these courses and take benefit in said subjects.

DoSE CAUTIONS GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS ON CHARGING EXCESS FEE

The Directorate of School Education stated that it has been brought to the notice of the Department that few Government Schools have been charging fee in excess of that notified by the Department vide notification of even number dated 17th June 2022 with the approval of the Government vide Letter No. DSE/HSS/FEES/14-19/2015 dated 9th June 2022 and reiterated vide notification of even number dated 25th January 2024.

Further, attention of all concerned has been brought to Note No. 3 & 4 mentioned in the Revised Fee Structure for Government Schools dated 17th June 2022 reproduced below:

- Schools providing Uniforms, T-Shirts, Neck Tie, Belt etc. shall get the rates approved by the respective School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs).
- NBSE fee shall be modified in accordance with the notifications being issued by the Board from time to time.

All concerned have been cautioned to strictly adhere to the Fee Structure notified by the Department.

P&AR NOTIFIES

In supersession to the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department's Notification of even number dated 21.03.2023 and on public interest, the Urban Development Department is re-designated as the Nodal Department for all the matters relating to the implementation

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of 'The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 including all the activities relating to the Safai Karamcharis/Sanitary & Insanitary Workers.'

All correspondence relating to the above mentioned subject are to be addressed to:

The Commissioner & Secretary
Urban Development Department
Nagaland Civil Secretariat,
Kohima – 797004, Nagaland.

CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES RULES 1989 AMENDED

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 called 'The Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2022' vide Notification No.GSR 164(E) Dated 25.02.2022 with the objective of bringing in a coordinated effort and for taking prompt action in motor accident claims in the country;

By the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 called the Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2022 vide Notification No GSR 164(E) Dated 25.02.2022, Rule 150A has been inserted wherein the form and manner of maintaining records of every policy of insurance and the procedure for investigation of road accidents are redefined. The responsibilities of all the stakeholders involved in the claims for accidental insurance such as Police, Health Department, Claims Tribunal, Transport Department, Insurance Companies and the manner in which the Detailed Accident Report (DAR), Interim Accident Report (IAR), First Accident Report (FAR) are to be filed are incorporated;

For the purpose of ease of doing things and for carrying forward the provisions of the amended rules and in compliance to directive of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Ministry had developed a new functional module, the electronic form of the Detailed Accident Report (DAR) known as the eDAR, (erstwhile iRAD) whereby all the features of the amendments made vide the above notification are incorporated into the new module which encompasses all the stakeholders and envisages accelerating the claims procedure in a time bound manner.

Therefore, in the interest of the general public, the Government of Nagaland hereby mandates all stakeholders to ensure that the amendments made to the CMVR, 1989 vide Notification No.GSR 164(E) Dated 25.02.2022 are strictly adhered to and that the digital platform, e-DAR, developed by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, for uniform and speedy disposal of insurance claims throughout the country in compliance to the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are complied with.

NBSE INFORMS

The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has notified all the Heads of registered Institutions under Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) for information and compliance:

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The Government of India has prohibited electronic cigarettes and like devices vide Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sales, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019 in the interest of public health, e-cigarettes is a major threat to health, particularly among young children.

An electronic cigarette or vape is a device that simulates tobacco smoking which contains potentially harmful substances such as nicotine, lead and cancer-causing agents. Availability/use of electronic cigarettes in the premises of educational institution must be kept in check and initiative aimed at educating and sanitizing students and teachers at schools must be taken to create awareness about the menace as well as the above Act.

Special drives through random frisking at school levels may be carried out to ensure that such products are not being used or sold.

In this regard, all registered schools under NBSE are requested to inform and issue necessary instructions to their students to refrain from using such products.

GoI AMENDS BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATION ACT, 1969

In a move aimed at streamlining the registration of births and deaths across the country, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has announced the enactment of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023. The amendment, published in the Gazette of India on 11th August 2023, has officially come into force nationwide as of 1st October 2023.

The amended act introduces several key provisions aimed at modernizing and enhancing the registration process, ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and accessibility for citizens. Some of the major highlights of the RBD (Amendment) Act, 2023, include:

Birth Certificate as Primary Proof: Birth certificate now stands as the sole document for proving the date and place of birth for individuals born on or after 1st October 2023, for various official purposes.

Revised Authority for Delayed Registrations: In cases of delayed registration of births or deaths, the authority responsible for ordering registration has been revised from 'Magistrate of First Class or Presidency Magistrate' to 'District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate or an Executive Magistrate authorized by the District Magistrate.' Additionally, submission of a self-attested document is now required instead of an affidavit before a Notary Public.

Mandatory Reporting by Medical Institutions: All medical institutions, irrespective of ownership, are mandated to provide a certificate stating the cause of death to the Registrar and furnish a copy to the nearest relative.

Timely Issuance of Certificates: Following registration completion, Registrars are required to provide certificates of birth or death registration to informants within seven days, either electronically or through other means.

Centralized Database Maintenance: The Registrar General of India and Chief Registrar of States are tasked with maintaining a database of registered births and deaths

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at the national and state levels, respectively. These databases may be made accessible, upon request and with prior approval from the Central Government and State Government, to authorities dealing with other databases.

Provisions for Special Circumstances: The amendment includes provisions for the appointment of Special 'Sub-Registrars' in the event of disasters or epidemics to expedite death registrations and certificate issuance. Additionally, legal provisions have been enabled to facilitate the registration process for adopted, orphaned, abandoned, surrogate, and children of single parents or unwed mothers.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism: A grievance redressal mechanism has been introduced for the general public aggrieved by any action or order of the Registrar or District Registrar, along with enhancements of penalties.

DEPARTMENT OF EF&CC NOTIFIES

The Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has notified that in partial modification of Department's previous notification issued on 19th March 2024, the State Government has fixed the Schedule Rates of Royalty and other payables on the following Areca Catechu (Betel Nut) which is not of local origin and passing through the State of Nagaland with immediate effect and the order is being issued with the concurrence of Finance Department, Budget & Monitoring Cell:

1. Areca Catechu (Edible) - Supari- 10 rupees per Kg
2. Areca Catechu (Non Edible) -Supari (Lali)- 5 rupees per Kg

STATE GOVERNMENT BANS UNAUTHORISED COLLECTION OF MONEY BY UNIONS/ASSOCIATIONS/NGOS

The State Government has issued instructions from time to time to prevent and curb unauthorized collection of money in the form of taxes/membership fee/subscription/contribution/donation/charge/levy/toll or any other form of collection of money on state highways/national highway or market places by Unions/Associations/NGOs or any other private and community organizations by whatever name.

In this regard, attention has been invited to the Home Department's Order No. CON-1/G/41/2011 dated 31st May 2012 banning illegal collections of money by unions, NGOs etc. and Notification No. CON-1/G/41/2011 dated 19th May 2022 banning erection and operation of intra state check gates and banning of any unauthorized collection at interstate check gates by any association/groups or private individuals. It has also been laid down that anyone indulging in any such illegal activities is liable to be prosecuted under Section 188 and 384 of IPC.

The respective district administration and police authorities have been directed for strict enforcement of the above orders.

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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION INFORMS

In order to conduct general elections to constitute Municipal and Town Councils in the State, it is considered necessary to revise and update the Electoral Roll for all the 39 (Thirty Nine) Municipal/Town Councils with a view to accommodate in the Roll subsequent changes since the last revision.

The Government of Nagaland vide Letter No.45/2022 dated 27th February 2024 has conveyed the Administrative Approval for the conduct of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll in the Municipal and Town Councils.

Therefore, the State Election Commissioner, Nagaland, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 31(1) read with Section 35 of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023 and under Rules 11 (1), (2) & (4) of the Nagaland Municipal Election Rules 2023, has directed that a 'Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Roll' for all the Municipal and Town Councils in Nagaland shall be taken up with reference to 1st January 2024 as the qualifying date as per the Schedule indicated hereunder:

| SN | Stages of the Schedule | Date & Day |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | Draft Publication of Electoral Roll | 8 th March 2024 (Friday) |
| 2 | Period for Lodging Claims & Objections | 11 th - 20 th March 2024 (Monday - Wednesday) |
| 3 | Period for Disposal of Claims & Objections | 21 st -27 th March 2024 (Thursday - Wednesday) |
| 4 | Period For Filing Appeal to the Respective Appellate Authorities | 28 th March-3 rd April 2024 (Thursday - Wednesday) |
| 5 | Disposal of Claims & Objections by the Appellate Authority | 4 th -6 th April 2024 (Thursday - Saturday) |
| 6 | Preparation of List of Amendments after the Decision of the Appellate Authority | 8 th -10 th April 2024 (Monday - Wednesday) |
| 7 | Final Publication of Electoral Roll | 12 th April 2024 (Friday) |

For the Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Rolls of the existing 39 (Thirty Nine) Municipal/Town Councils, on the strength of the provision contained under Section 143 (1) of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023, the Electoral Roll as finally published on 24th November 2022 under the now repealed Nagaland Municipal Act 2001 shall be taken as the basis for draft publication purpose, which, as indicated in the above schedule, shall be published under rule 6 (1) of the Nagaland Municipal Election Rules 2023. Respective Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) shall give wide publicity in this regard as provided for under rule 6 (2) thereto. For the said revision exercise, the provisions of Rules 4 to 10 of the aforesaid Rules shall apply.

No Enumerator(s)/Supervisor(s)/Sector Magistrate(s), etc. need to be appointed during the ensuing Special Summary Revision of the Electoral Roll. The individual claimant/objector shall directly apply to the ERO in his/her Office for inclusion/deletion etc. Necessary guidelines / instructions for the revision have been issued for the EROs separately.

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GPF SUBSCRIBERS INFORMED ON ANNUAL GPF STATEMENTS

The office of the Principal Accountant General has informed all the GPF subscribers of the State Government that the annual GPF statements for the year 2023-24 has been uploaded on the website of the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland Office on 30-05-2024

GPF subscribers have been requested to log into this Office website at <https://nlagpf.gov.in> and click on the link written 'Click here for Online GPF Information System; and proceed to subscriber login with the confidential PIN received on the GPF subscribers registered mobile numbers.

In case of any problems, one can contact the following officers on their mobile numbers during office hours as enumerated below:

| SN | Name of the Official & Designation | Series/Department | Mobile Number |
|----|--|---|---------------|
| 1 | Lalroutlien Zote Assistant Accounts Officer | AIS, CPF, STY, Police, Jail, CW & Medical | 98561 62084 |
| 2 | Kapminthang Assistant Accounts Officer | Education, GA, Agri, Forest & Misc | 90892 78188 |
| 3 | Nitish Kumer Assistant Accounts Officer | Additional Helpdesk Officer | 84158 30781 |
| 4 | Akum Chuba Senior Accounts Officer | Additional Helpdesk Officer | 94360 05112 |

One can also write through email at agaenagaland@cag.gov.in or to Vivek Bhaskar, Sr. Deputy Accountant General (A&E) at bhaskarvk@cag.gov.in for any GPF related problems.



TRAINING OF STAFF NURSES POSTED AT AYUSHMAN BHARAT-HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER HELD

National Health Mission (NHM), Department of Health & Family Welfare in collaboration with Jhpiego-Nagaland Team on 30th April 2024, organized a five-day training for two batches, on Expanded Packages of Services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) for Staff Nurses posted at Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness Center – PHC from the districts of Mokokchung, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Dimapur and Kohima.

The inaugural function was held at the conference hall of the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima. Mission Director, Dr. Akuo Sorhie, National Health Mission in her keynote address, stated that Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been conceptualized to provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC), which ensures the highest possible level of health and well-being at all ages, through a set of preventives, promotive, curative and rehabilitative services. She stated that, with the epidemiological transition and increased burden of non-communicable diseases in India, it is critical that a more comprehensive gamut of services is delivered at the patient's first point of contact with the health system. The service package in the existing health facilities have been Reproductive and Child Health Centric. However, under this initiative, the Health and Wellness Centres would provide comprehensive primary health services which will include components of non-communicable diseases, ophthalmic, ENT, oral health, palliative and geriatric care, emergency and trauma care, screening and management of basic mental health ailments much beyond the existing

RMNCH+A services.

Delivering an overview of CPHC, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, State Programme Officer, NHM, stated that the programme is intended to reduce out-of-pocket expenses and bringing healthcare closer to the doorstep of the people. She also mentioned that, with the paradigm shift in our health scenario, Non Communicable Diseases have been added to the packages of service provided in the Health & Wellness Center.

Dr. R. Chubala Aier, Additional Director & SPO of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme and Dr. Vizokholo Theyo, State Programme Officer, National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) & Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program (PMNDP) also spoke on the occasion.

During the five-day, the Staff Nurses were trained on the twelve (12) expanded packages of services viz. Care in Pregnancy and Child-birth, Neonatal and Infant Health Care Services, Childhood and Adolescent Health Care Services, Family Planning, Contraceptive Services and other Reproductive Health Care Services, Management of Communicable Diseases: National Health Programmes, General Out-patient Care for Acute Simple Illnesses and Minor Ailments, Screening, Prevention, Control and Management of Non-communicable Diseases, Care for Common Ophthalmic and ENT Problems, Basic Oral Health Care, Elderly and Palliative Health Care Services, Emergency Medical Services including Burns and Trauma, Screening and Basic Management of Mental Health Ailments.

The training will also be taken as a part

of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) and the Nagaland Nursing Council (NNC) has awarded 24 credit hours to the trainee (Staff Nurses) who participated in this training.

ABU METHA ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO KYRGYZSTAN

Advisor to Chief Minister, Chairman IDAN and Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Abu Metha concluded an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic. He was the Chief Guest at the prestigious Alysh (Belt Wrestling) Grand Prix held in Bishkek, the capital city of the Kyrgyz Republic. Metha was invited by Sultanbekova Cholpon Aalyevna, former Deputy Prime Minister and present Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Legislation, State Structure, Judicial and Legal Issues and Rules of Procedure of the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic. Cholpon is also the President of the World Belt Wrestling Committee of United World Wrestling.

Metha attended meetings with Deputy Minister of Culture, Information, Sports & Youth Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Director of the Department of Physical Education and Sports, Abdymomunov Aybek Tynchylykovich, the President of World Alysh Federation Baiamanuulu Adilet and the Deputy Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament Nurlan Azygaliev.

The meetings deliberated on strengthening bilateral ties, increasing people-to-people contact and collaborations in the promotion of sports.

In his deliberations with the Parliamentarians and high officials, Metha highlighted the growth of Indian economy, Incredible India as a destination and the Prime Minister's vision of promoting the

indigenous and traditional sports of India. Metha highlighted the high standards of India's democratic institutions and also appreciated the presence of a vibrant and positive democratic environment in the Kyrgyz Republic. Metha was part of the Indian Belt Wrestling Team which included the President of the Indian Belt Wrestling Federation, Omarmukhtar Tamboli, who is also the President of the Asian Belt Wrestling Federation. The Indian team included five athletes, one technical judge and three technical officials from Nagaland.

It may be recalled that the President of World Alysh Federation, Baiaman uulu Adilet was the Chief Guest at the Closing Function of the North East Games which was hosted by Nagaland. Belt wrestling was included in the Olympic movement with inclusion in the Nagaland Olympics and the North East Games.

Metha further informed that in his deliberations with the Kyrgyz officials and the Presidents of World Wrestling, World Alysh and Asian Belt Wrestling, it was discussed to carry out capacity building, workshops and seminars for India and Nagaland. Metha was confident that athletes from Nagaland would get more opportunities to represent the country and participate in international meets. He informed that plans are also being prepared to promote indigenous Naga wrestling at the national and international platforms.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON REPRODUCTIVE MATERNAL NEONATE CHILD ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND NUTRITION HELD

A State level two-day review-cum-workshop on Reproductive Maternal Neonate Child Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) started on the 7th of May 2024 at the IDSP Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland.

Welcoming the District RCH/ Immunization Officers and the District Programme Managers (NHM), Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, State Programme Officer, RMNCAH+N, stressed that, the review is all about bringing forward the district level problems and work on the best solution and take the programme forward.

Dr. Akuo Sorhie, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM) while addressing the district representatives present, said that RMNCAH+N has been the back bone of the NHM and of the Department since its inception and continue to be so till today, and that our Performance indicators

have seen a positive upward trend in NFHS-4 & 5 (National Family Health survey). However, Dr. Akuo also mentioned that we also need to do a lot of work in improving our critical key performance indicator like registration of 1st ANC, 4ANC, Institutional Delivery, Full Immunization etc. which needs our intervention in finding out the gaps and address them. She added that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has come up with RMNCAH+N in order to have this holistic approach, to ensure optimal health care to the Mother and Child and so reiterate to the District Programme Officers to assure that, all these activities are accorded with equal importance.

Dr. Longri Kichu gave a presentation on the Key Performance Indicator of our State which was followed by the district level performance presentation.

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO INDIA HIROSHI SUZUKI VISITS NAGALAND

CULTURAL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN:

Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki along with officials, reached Kohima late evening on 7th May 2024. On their arrival to Kohima, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and his wife, Kaisa Rio welcomed the Ambassador and his entourage to the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima where a cultural programme was organised in honour of the Ambassador and his team of officials.

The cultural programme was organised by Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA) where artists from across the State participated. Chief Secretary, Nagaland,

J. Alam, IAS chaired the programme. The programme was also attended by Ministers, Advisors, MLAs, AHOs and HoDs.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SUZUKI VISITS WW-II MUSEUM AT KISAMA:

Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki undertook a visit to Naga Heritage Village Kisama Kohima on 8th May 2024. During his tour to WW-II Museum, he received a briefing on Japan's involvement in the historic Battle of Kohima during World War-II. Ambassador Suzuki immersed himself in the displays of artifacts and photo exhibition at the museum. He also watched a video documentary detailing the events

of the Battle of Kohima. Following this experience, the Ambassador proceeded to the Heritage Bamboo Hall, where he joined entrepreneurs and officials from Nagaland for a lunch gathering.

HIROSHI SUZUKI VISITS KOHIMA WAR CEMETERY AND CATHEDRAL:

Ambassador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki visited the Kohima War Cemetery on 8th May 2024. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and other dignitaries accompanied the Japanese delegation. The Ambassador and the Chief Minister also laid wreaths and paid tribute during the visit.

The Ambassador along with the Japanese delegation then paid a visit to the Kohima Cathedral. It may be mentioned that the Japanese people also funded during the constructing of the Cathedral in memory of their beloved ones who lost their lives during the Battle of Kohima during the Second World War.

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO INDIA VISITS KOHIMA VILLAGE:

The Japanese Ambassador to India, Suzuki Hiroshi and his entourage also visited Kohima village and was showcased the traditional weaving, folk songs etc. on 8th May 2024.

In a short discussion with the village elders and members, Hiroshi acknowledged the Angamis for their hospitality and the bond of friendship till now, since the 2nd World War. He also mentioned on the Eco Park and the Peace Memorial which was inaugurated earlier in the day to be taken up by the JICA which will lead to a new kind of cooperation and strengthen the bond of friendship.

Thepfulhouvi Solo narrated on the consequences and the hardships faced by the Angamis in particular during the 2nd World war.



Ambasador of Japan to India, Hiroshi Suzuki with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and other dignitaries during their visit to the Kohima War Cemetery on 8th May 2024.

WORLD RED CROSS DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch (IRCSNB) observed the World Red Cross Day with the Member of Initiatives of Change (India) Niketu Iralu as the special guest. The programme was held in commemorating 196th Birth Anniversary of its founder Jean Henry Dunant under the theme of 'Keeping Humanity Alive' at the Conference Hall Red Cross, Kohima on 8th May 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, Iralu expressed on the official theme of the Red Cross Society globally is "Humanity to peace." He said that we should understand an urgent need of globalization of responsibility and he also feel that everyone needs to go the deeper need Henry Dunant saw before he died. He said that the need for the Red Cross Movement to become a movement that would also "heal the hurts and hates, fears, greed and want of power at all costs," not just one that addressed the suffering of the body and material destruction. Coming to our society today as we have produced together, Iralu said unless each one of us accepts our duty and responsibility to do what we do excellently and properly as we know all Christians, Hindu, Muslims etc. should whatever our job and place of work may be, our society is collapsing into a black hole created by all of us.

R. Rose, Chakhesang MC Member IRCSN, who highlighted on the theme, said that humanity is still alive and called upon the people to love each other with compassionate heart and kindness, support the needy. He also reminded them to practice the core humanity values and keep humanity alive till their life.

General Secretary, IRCSN, Akhale V Khamo read out the greetings message of the Governor, Nagaland, La Ganesan, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and from Indian Red Cross, New Delhi.

MC Member IRCSN, Kheviho T Shohe acknowledged the special guest. The programme was attended by Founder of Nagaland State Red Cross Society, Khyomo Lotha, former Minister Nicky Kire, Abeni TCK Lotha and Managing Committee IRCSN, Patrons and others. Marking the Red Cross Day, Junior Red Cross G. Rio School Students and Zoe Group presented a special song. Invocation and God's blessing was pronounced by Associate Pastor, City Church Kohima, Zajamo Odyuo. Word of gratitude was given by its member, Jonas Yanthan.

WOKHA:

Wokha district observed the World Red Cross Day at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 8th May 2024 with DC, Ajit Kumar Ranjan as the special guest.

DC while addressing the gathering, lauded the commendable job rendered by IRCS Wokha unit over the years and encouraged them to continue with the notable and noble services in days to come also. Emphasizing on the values and movements of Red Cross Society, he said Red Cross makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, or class, rather, it endeavours to relieve the suffering of individual being and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Pastor, Yikhum Baptist Church, Zambomo Kithan speaking on the theme "Keeping Humanity Alive" said this day is a remarkable day to recognise and

acknowledge the life giving services of the members and patrons of Red Cross Society worldwide. Their compassionate services to the kind and suffering world caused by conflicts, disaster, crisis and poverty will remain engraved in the pages of humanity. With the many challenges humanity is facing today, he said individuals, organisations and countries should come together to promote positive change and work towards more sustainable and just society to make a

peaceful world.

Secretary, IRCS, Wokha Dr. K.Z. Ovung while giving a brief report, said Wokha Red Cross Society has conducted medical camps in remote area and villages under Wokha district, distribution of blankets to needy people, cash reliefs and other activities.

Isaiah Ability Higher Secondary School, Wokha presented a special number at the programme.



DC, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS along with IRCS members and participants during the World Red Cross Day observed at Wokha on 8th May 2024.

KIPHIRE:

In Kiphire, the World Red Cross Day was observed at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 8th May 2024 under the theme "Keeping Humanity Alive," with EAC, Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongen as the special guest.

In his speech, Takatemjen said that the fact that each country typically has its own Red Cross/Red Crescent Society working both domestically and internationally to alleviate human suffering, collaborating with governments, other humanitarian agencies, and local communities to deliver on its

objectives effectively and efficiently, speaks high volume of its importance. He said we must all remember that the Red Cross operates on the principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality. It alleviates the lives of the people regardless of their nationality, race, religion, or political beliefs, he said.

The highlights of the programme were presentation of certificate to members and induction of new members. All the Honorary Secretary, District RCS, Representatives and Students attended the programme.

NBSE RELEASES BOOKLET TITLED “TRANSFORMING SCHOOL EDUCATION THROUGH NEP”

With the goal of enhancing educational quality and fostering holistic student development, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has compiled a booklet titled “Transforming School Education through NEP” that features some of the key reforms in the perspective of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE), 2023. The soft copy of the booklet is made available in the Board’s portal nbsen.edu.in. The hard copy can be collected anytime from the Board’s office.

The NCFSE 2023 is a comprehensive framework that covers the aims and curricular areas of education, school stages, learning standards, pedagogy, content, assessment, school subjects/areas, cross-cutting themes, school culture and processes, and creating a supportive ecosystem. For easy reference, some of the key reforms are being discussed in this booklet, which are expected to be implemented in the Registered Institutions of the Board.

All Institutions are therefore requested to develop a plan to implement the recommended reforms and take steps to put the plan in action. Institutions are to regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of these reforms. This can help identify what is working, what is not working, and where adjustments need to be made. All Heads of Institutions shall make all possible efforts to implement the reforms as enshrined in the document. As institutions develop effective strategies, they can share their best practices with other schools. This can help improve the quality of education across the entire State.

In this regard, institutions are to document and share the effective and innovative strategies they have developed in implementing these reforms under “Best Innovative Practices.” This report (along with supporting photographs and short videos) is to be submitted to the Board at academicnbsen@gmail.com within 30th September 2024.

SANO VAMUZO RECEIVES PADMA SHRI AWARD

Sano Vamuzo, Social Worker and Educationist from Nagaland was presented the Padma Shri Award by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu during the Civil Investiture Ceremony-II held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 9th May 2024. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar; Prime Minister Narendra Modi; Union Home Minister Amit Shah; External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar were among the dignitaries present during the award ceremony.

Sano Vamuzo was conferred the award for her exceptional and distinguished service in the field of social work, and

for spearheading peace campaigns and championing women’s representation.

Sano was born on 27th March 1940 to Dr. Sevilie Iralu and Vituno Iralu. She taught in various schools and also started a school at Chozuba – Mission English School (now Eastern Christian School, Chozuba) and served as the school’s first headmistress, 1967-1971. She, along with few concerned mothers, founded the Naga Mothers’ Association (NMA) in 1983 to fight social evils and uplift the status of women, with the motto ‘Human Integrity.’ She served as its first President for seven years from

1984-1991 and again from 1994-1995. She is currently an Advisor to the NMA.

Sano served as the first Chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women, for two terms, 2007-2010 and 2010-2013. She was awarded the Navjyoti Award from Delhi Police Foundation for her outstanding contribution in social services for the youth. She was also actively engaged and involved with her husband, former Chief Minister, Late Vamuzo throughout his political career

which spanned over three decades.

Sano Vamuzo, through a statement released by her family, expressed her deep concerns for the unresolved political conflicts and social issues that continue to plague the Naga society and its serious effects on successive generations. However, she expressed hope that through God's wisdom and the initiatives of leaders at all levels and spheres, all these issues can be resolved.

NAGALAND POTATO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT JAKHAMA

The first-ever Nagaland Potato festival was celebrated on 10th May 2024 at Local Ground, Jakhama, Kohima with the aim of celebrating Nagaland Organic Produce and to promote the local potatoes in the State.

Special Guest, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie IPS, speaking at the function, shared the experience and the process of planting and harvesting of

potatoes in the paddy fields at his native village. He remarked that the Southern Angamis are blessed with a bountiful nature.

Senior Scientist & Head In-charge ICAR-CRRI (RS) Shillong, Dr. N. Sailo delivered an introduction to scientific methods of potato cultivation.

Invocation was pronounced by Pastor John Zao.

WORKSHOP ON BULLETPROOF BUSINESS ACCELERATOR HELD AT KOHIMA

Nikhil V Kumar, a Business Growth Expert, Mentor and Founder of Bulletproof Teams, conducted a workshop titled "Bulletproof Business Accelerator" at Kohima on 10th May 2024. Organized by StartUp Nagaland under Department of Industries & Commerce, the workshop aims to equip entrepreneurs with essential skills and strategies for business growth and sustainability.

The event was graced by Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Tokugha Achumi, who commended the entrepreneurial spirit of the younger generation in Nagaland and emphasized

the importance of mentorship in fostering entrepreneurship. He highlighted the significance of initiatives like the "Bulletproof Business Accelerator" workshop in providing guidance and support to aspiring entrepreneurs.

The full-day master class covered a range of topics essential for entrepreneurs, including the journey of Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Mastering Time Management, creating Support Structures for Entrepreneurs, and Scaling Business to the Next Level.

Nikhil also had a Business & Networking Brunch on 9th May 2024 wherein



Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Tokugha Achumi (Right) and Founder of Bulletproof Teams, Nikhil V Kumar (Left) speaking during the entrepreneurs workshop held at Kohima on 10th May 2024.

he engaged with State Empanelled Incubators at The Heritage, Old DC Bungalow. This pre-session provided a valuable platform for

incubators to interact with Nikhil, exchange ideas, and gain insights into the startup ecosystem in Nagaland.

CUCUMBER FESTIVAL HELD AT ALIBA

The 3rd edition of the Off-Season Cucumber Festival 2024 was held at Aliba Village, Mokokchung district which on 10th May 2024 which was graced by Director, Tourism, Veyielo Doulo as the special invitee.

In his address, Doulo emphasized the festival's role in fostering unity among the Nagas, stating that it is not only a display but a means of sharing blessings. He called on the villagers to preserve their uniqueness and also inspire and educate others. He also encouraged them to set up home-stay services to increase tourism and enhance economic development.

Doulo underscored the importance

of showcasing the village's beauty beyond the cucumbers, urging the creation of comprehensive tourism guides and brochures. He also highlighted the medicinal value of cucumbers, urging farmers to explore this aspect. In conclusion, he applauded the villagers for their hard work, emphasizing its far-reaching benefits.

Cucumber farmers were also honoured during the programme including the oldest male cultivator, Immanichet and oldest female cultivator, Imchasungla. About 22,000 cucumbers were harvested for the festival and were put up for sale.

ONE DAY ORIENTATION ON NQAS HELD

A one-day Orientation on National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) for Medical Officers, Community Health Officers and Staff Nurses was held on the 15th of May 2024 at the Conference Hall, Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

Speaking during a short inaugural programme, Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton, Principal Director, H&FW, while addressing the MOs, CHOs and Nurses, said that it is a privilege to service the people especially at the interior part of the districts and we should take it as an opportunity as we are providing healthcare services to the needy people. He appealed to the healthcare providers present to work relentlessly with an aim to improve our health indicators and in giving quality health care to the people.

Dr. Akuo Sorhie, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland also added that, more focus is given in providing Quality Health care in the Public Health Sector in the country. She also said that, NQAS is the highest quality certification for public health facility in recognition of the high standard maintained by public health units. Dr. Akuo mentioned that NQAS's main focus is to enhance satisfaction level of patients seeking public facilities and to rebuild the trust in Public Health System while ensuring quality healthcare and at the same time, maintaining the ethical standard.

Dr. Mereninla Senlem, State Programme Officer, NHM, Nagaland while welcoming the participants, mentioned that the National Health Policy 2017 aims at



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Universal Health coverage for all which will be achieved only when we give excellent, safe and quality health care. She also added the Ministry of Health, Government of India also emphasise on quality by ensuring that all the Health Units are being NQAS Certified and that, getting this certification is a key indicator not only for Niti Ayog ranking but

also for aspirational blocks.

In our State, so far, three Urban Primary Health Units and two Primary Health Units have achieved NQAS Certification. GoI have decided that, for NQAS Certification, the State should achieve 50% of Public Health NQAS certified by 2025 and 100% by December 2026.

SPEAKER, NLA FELICITATED

The Officers & Staff of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Secretariat organized a felicitation programme in honour of Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker, NLA for being elected as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Zone-III and President, North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training & Research (NERIPSTR) on 16th May, 2024 in the Conference Hall of the NLA Secretariat.

Speaker Sharingain in his speech,

extended his heartfelt gratitude to the CPA for trusting and according him with such responsibility. He believes that through collective effort, all tasks that lies ahead would be tackled efficiently. He also urged all the officers and staff of the NLA to continue to work collectively and propel towards setting spectacular standards, expressing concern that through the cooperation of the abled Deputy Speaker by his side, they would achieve all the objectives.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS HELD

The awareness programme on Human Rights and the role of Human Rights Commission in its better protection was organised by the Nagaland State Human Rights Commission in collaboration with Nagaland University on 16th of May 2024 at Ihoshe Kinimi Hall, Nagaland University, Lumami.

The team led by Justice Songkhupchung Serto, Chairperson Nagaland State Human Rights Commission (NSHRC) and was accompanied by Member and Secretary, NSHRC.

The function of the commission was deliberately explained by the team during the meeting. It functions like intervening

in any proceeding involving any allegation of violation of human rights pending before a court, with the approval of such court. Reviewing the safeguard provided by the constitution or any law for the time being in force for the protection of human rights. It also undertakes and promotes research in the field of human rights. It spreads human rights literacy among various sections of society and promotes awareness of the safeguard available for the protection of this right through publications, the media and other available means. The brief speech on powers relating to inquires was also discussed at the function.

The Commission also visited

Government Primary School and Health and Wellness Centre and interacted with the staffs.

An awareness programme under the banner Human Rights and the Role of Human Rights Commission in its better protection was also held at various regions of Wokha, Zunheboto and Mokokchung districts. The official tour started on 13th May 2024 with Chairperson, Nagaland State Human Rights Commission, Songkhupchung Serto along

with NSHRC Member, R. Nzanbemo Lotha and Secretary, Limanemla.

The campaign which began at Wokha town, concluded on 18th May 2024 at Tuli College, Mokokchung where the students and representatives of various civil societies under Tuli were enlightened about the genesis and duties of the commission, the definition of human rights, procedures of redressal against infringement of human rights and the actions against such cases.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON 'BASIC DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER DATA' HELD

Two-day workshop on 'Basic Disaster Management and Disaster Data' organized by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Home Department in collaboration with Directorate of Economics & Statistics was held at Kohima on 16th and

17th May 2024.

The topics for the two-day workshop included Guidelines on Disaster Data Collection, Gender Statistics in Disaster Management, Disaster Situation Report etc.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Annual Officers' Conference of the Social Welfare Department was held at NBCC Convention Center, Kohima on 17th May 2024 with Advisor, Department of Social welfare, Wangpang Konyak as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor highlighted about various schemes initiated by the Government of Nagaland to help the

most vulnerable sections of the society. He also mentioned how the department came into being in 1968 and so far, the department has been taking up various schemes to uplift women, children and disabled persons. He encouraged the officers to be sincere and to work diligently, looking after all the grievances faced by the public.

RIO HOLDS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS STATE LEVEL MEETING

A State level monsoon preparedness meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister and Chairman NSDMA, Neiphiu Rio at CM's Secretariat, Kohima on 20th May 2024.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said all

government departments in the State need to be prepared for the upcoming monsoon season since Nagaland monsoon character cannot be predicted as it may be excess or deficiency in rainfall which will have disastrous effect in both cases. Also stressing



CM and Chairman NSDMA, Neiphiu Rio addressing the monsoon preparedness meeting held at CM's Secretariat, Kohima on 20th May 2024.

on the need for funding for monsoon preparedness, Rio said that the State should provide some funds for emergency situations to the District Administration so that immediate reliefs can be given to those effected by monsoon related incidents and situations.

Rio also called on the Public Works Department (Roads and Bridges) to arrange an excavator in every district and engineering divisions in every district must arrange and keep a excavator handy through hiring or contribution from contractors or private parties to come to the rescue of the people for any untoward incidents during monsoon season. Rio further appealed to the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to clear all drainages, Hume pipes and culverts so there is smooth flow of water as to avert damages.

Rio commented that reliefs and after

effect of different diseases and respond and restoring needs the coordination of all the departments and at the district level, civil societies always come to the rescue of the State Government and plays a very important role in such situation. Therefore, when such coordination meetings are called, civil societies including women leaders should be invited, he said.

Rio also appealed to the Agriculture Department to supply quality seeds and distribute seed on time to the farmers and instructed Power Department to be prepared for any unforeseen incidents as every year power cuts during monsoon seasons causes a lot of hardship to the citizens. Rio also instructed the Chief Secretary to have VC with all the districts and have a meeting with him in the early part of June on the district preparedness for the upcoming monsoon season.

Minister, PWD (R&B) G. Kaito Aye, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, Food & Civil Supply, Legal Metrology, K. Tokugha Sukhalu and Chief Secretary, J Alam IAS also shared their concerns and requirements for the monsoon preparedness during the meeting.

Joint Chief Executive Officer NSDMA,

Johnny Ruangmei gave a PowerPoint presentation on 'Monitoring and forecasting of monsoon 2004.' The Department of PWD (R&B), CD & SDRE, Food & Civil Supplies, Health & Family Welfare and NDRF submitted their infrastructure upkeep report and power presentation were presented on monsoon preparedness.

A.R. RAHMAN, ABU METHA & THEJA MERU UNVEILS A FEATURE DOCUMENTARY ON NAGALAND MUSIC AT 77th CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Academy, Oscar and Golden Globe Award-winning composer Padma Bushan, Dr. A.R. Rahman unveiled the first look and teaser, of a feature documentary titled 'Headhunting to Beatboxing.' The unveiling took place at the 77th Cannes Film Festival in France. Rahman unveiled the film along with Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland and Chairman, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha and Chairman of Task Force for Music & Arts, Theja Meru.

'Headhunting to Beatboxing,' directed by Rohit Gupta and produced by A. R. Rahman, delves into the intriguing journey of rhythm and sound, charting music's growth through generations. While talking about the feature documentary, Rahman said 'Headhunting to Beatboxing' is a celebration of this universal rhythm that unites humanity in its diverse expressions.

Abu Metha stated that the germ of the idea came up when A.R. Rahman visited Nagaland to be part of the legendary Hornbill Festival. The film is a collaboration of many creative minds, especially the TaFMA and masterfully captured by Director Rohit Gupta. "The real heroes are the musicians of Nagaland, who tell stories that go back

to times immemorial and their music exemplifies the ambition of our youth," he said. Metha also highlighted Nagaland and its unique aspects to the international audience present at the launch. Comprising of dozens of tribes and sub-tribes, he stated that Nagaland is an epitome of age old traditions, vibrant culture and diverse traditions which are exemplified by the tribal festivals that take place throughout the year. He added that known as the 'Land of Festivals,' the Nagaland experience is unique and special with the legendary Hornbill Festival being the flagship event.

Metha further thanked Dr. A.R. Rahman for his role in supporting and partnering with Nagaland. He emphasised that the young Naga musicians are very fortunate to be guided and mentored by a legendary figure. His contributions and partnership, especially by adopting an orphanage to empower them through music is commendable, Metha added. This has been made possible due to the constant support and vision of our Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Metha stated.

"Five years in the making, the journey of this film has been a sort of metamorphosis for me. The rich and vibrant music today,

transcending the scars of the past is something that truly blew me away during the making. I am excited to see audiences witness our hard work and the magic that exists in the music of Nagaland,” added Director Rohit Gupta.

Speaking at the launch function,

TaFMA Advisor, Theja Meru thanked the musicians and artists of Nagaland emphasising that this is significant milestone for the community as Nagaland’s music story would be told in a positive manner to the global community.

ToTS OF DCMs AND BACs ON EXPANDED PACKAGES OF SERVICES HELD AT KOHIMA

A three-day Training of Trainers of District Community Mobilisers (DCMs) and Block ASHA Coordinators (BACs) on Expanded Packages of Services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) at Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Center commenced at DUDA Guest House, Kohima on 21st May 2024.

Exhorting the participants, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Akuo Sorhie, stated that the DCMs, BACs and ASHAs are like the forerunners in the programme and play a vital role in between the community and the health care and so the group of participants present are a team to be reckon with. She also mentioned that, with the paradigm shift which envisage towards the universal health coverage, to bring healthcare to all, reaching to the unreached population with complete health package and with ASHAs who plays a key role, being a member of the primary health team in the Health & Wellness Center has got much wider assignment under the CPHC objectives. Therefore, their roles and responsibilities have increased many folds over the years from a link worker or social mobilisers to a bigger role under the CPHC and so also for the DCMs and BACs being their Coordinators.

State Programme Officer, National Health Mission, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, while giving the overview of the Extended Health Packages under CPHC said that, with the concept of National Health Policy of Universal Health Coverage it is all about delivering health care services at the doorstep of the people and for which ASHAs plays an important role and DCMs and BACs responsibility is to motivate and facilitate them.

Chairing the programme, Deputy Director, NHM, Nagaland, Dr. Manyau Phom, said that, as ToTs, they have a responsibility of further training more than 2000 ASHAs in the State, and unless they are trained properly, they will not be able to fulfil the target that our State have and so for a comprehensive training the DCMs & BACs have to be thoroughly trained. He also added that, the ASHAs are the one closest and part of the community, where all the health indicators are assets by the Government and mentioned the team based incentives which ASHAs is also part of the team. In this connection, Dr. Manyau appealed to the DCMs & BACs present to make sure that all the health indicators are improved in the State.

The participants were trained on



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the additional extended packages of Non-Communicable Diseases, Oral health, ENT, Eye, Elderly Care, Palliatives Care, Mental

Health, Emergency Care (Burns, Trauma and Accident).

NORTHEAST STARTUP CATALYST PROGRAMME LAUNCHED AT KOHIMA

Northeast Startup Catalyst Programme was launched at NIELIT Kohima on 22nd May with Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema as the special guest.

Speaking at the launching programme, Tokugha said that the programme is a testament to the collective commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in the region. He mentioned that this initiative not only supports start-ups, but also strengthens the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Nagaland and the entire Northeast Region. He informed that currently, Nagaland has five incubators empaneled under Start-Up Nagaland and NIELET is also one of the five incubators making positive changes in the ecosystem, each playing a crucial role in

nurturing start-ups by providing necessary resources, platforms, and mentorship.

Sema urged all the decision-makers, leaders, and resourceful individuals to actively support and guide start-ups and added that their assistance can make a significant difference in transforming innovative ideas into successful businesses. He called upon the gathering to work together to create an environment where entrepreneurship thrives, leading to economic growth and development in Nagaland and the Northeast region.

Altogether, 16 start-ups and 23 participants from Aizawl, Kohima, Guwahati and Imphal participated in the Northeast Catalyst Programme.

INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATED AT JALUKIE

The International Day for Biological Diversity 2024 was commemorated under the theme “Be Part of The Plan” at Jubilee Hall, St. Xavier Parish, Jalukie Town, Peren on 22nd May 2024.

Facilitated by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) in collaboration with the Care-Centre for Environment and Rural Poor (C-CERP), the event commenced with a welcome address from Director of C-CERP, Liangsi Niumai, who emphasized the intrinsic link between biological diversity, life, and health, reminding attendees of the imperative to restore and safeguard our natural heritage.

Chief Conservator of Forest and Member Secretary, Supongnukshi, IFS delivered the keynote address, urging the student participants to actively engage in planetary conservation efforts. He delineated the significance of International Biodiversity Day and underscored the pivotal role of the Biodiversity Management Committee in preserving bio resources, particularly highlighting the esteemed Intangki National Park. Stressing the pressing need to combat climate change, he rallied for collective action to mitigate its adverse effects on biodiversity.

ACF, Peren Division, Punseni Khing echoed the sentiment of responsibility towards biodiversity protection, lamenting the asymmetry between exploitation and conservation efforts. He pinpointed the proliferation of hamlets (villages) as a grave

threat to Nagaland’s biodiversity, urging concerted action to address this issue sustainably.

President of Zeliang People’s Organization, Kevipele Iheilung, President of Zeliang Students’ Union, Adaube Hiekha, President of Zeliang Students’ Union, Peren District, Kingsalt Hegwang also spoke on the occasion.

Participants pledged allegiance to the cause, committing to support biodiversity restoration and sustainable utilization of bio resources for future generations. Recognition was accorded to student achievers and BMCs through prize distribution and certificates of appreciation.

The event’s special guest, Field Director of Intangki National Park, T. Aochuba, IFS, elucidated on the repercussions of biodiversity loss on future generations. He elucidated the global significance of International Day for Biological Diversity, derived from the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, emphasizing the imperative of widespread awareness and sensitization towards resource conservation.

Field Coordinator of C-CERP, A. Mosonio Chachei, extended gratitude to all the speakers and participants and to the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board for their support, concluding the event which notably adhered to eco-friendly practices, abstaining from single-use plastic materials.

SEMINAR ON NEW SUBSIDY POLICY AND GST COMPLIANCE HELD AT DIMAPUR

A one-day seminar on New Subsidy Policy and GST Compliance, organized by the Department of Industries & Commerce

was held at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 23rd May, 2024 .

Delivering the keynote address,

Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, shared in brief about the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI, 2024) launched on 9th March 2024. He stated that this scheme is a central sector scheme under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, aimed to bolster industrial growth and create employment opportunities in the North Eastern states of India. In his address, he underscored the importance of identifying genuine entrepreneurs who are proactive to avail the different benefits provided by the government. He also highlighted on

the general operational guidelines for the scheme laying special emphasis on the timeline for registration.

The technical session was conducted by Saurav Sahewalla, Chartered Accountant, wherein he discussed at length the UNNATI scheme, 2024, highlighting on the salient features of the scheme, focus areas, eligibility criteria, incentive structures available for investors etc.

A question and answer session followed the technical session with CA Saurav Sahewalla and Ikhesh Kahoto, Inspector, Industries & Commerce as the panelists.

DIPR ELEVATES PUBLIC SECTOR COMMUNICATION WITH SKILL UPGRADATION TRAINING

A two-day skill upgradation training, organised by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), Kohima, for the District Public Relations Officers (DPROs), Assistant Public Relations Officers (APROs), and Information Assistants (IAs) commenced at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 23rd May 2024.

Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo encouraged the officers and staff to know their foundation and reinvent themselves to meet the changing demands of the times. She stressed that as government officials, they are responsible for being the spokespersons of the government, a role that should be kept in mind.

Additional Director, IPR Kevizayano, in her opening remarks, acknowledged the need for improvement among the officers of the Department. She emphasized the importance of commitment, dedication, and maintaining good interpersonal relationships within the department.

News Editor and Regional news unit,

Akashvani Kohima, Asonuo, IIS, spoke on 'Media Relations and Work Ethics for public sector officers' during the first session. She stressed on the ethical conducts which as a government official we should adhere to a certain set of principles. She also asked the trainees to keep the deadline of reports in mind and be committed to their job.

Deputy Director, IPR, Hongpi Konyak encouraged the participants to have the identity of themselves and to highlight the achievements and policies of the government and to be the bridge between government and the public. He stressed on the need for team spirit from the senior officers to the ground level workers and added that as public relations officers, they need to push the image of the Department. He asked the officials present to focus on the accuracy of the reporting.

The skill upgradation training programme concluded at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 24th May 2024. Media Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, Ayieno

Kechu emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong work ethic, being consistent, and exhibiting unwavering commitment to their duties. She underscored the significance of the officers' roles, urging them to strive for excellence and embrace the concept of lifelong learning. Yirmiyan Arthur, Deputy News Director of Asia Pacific at the Associated Press, highlighted the unique position of IPR officers and staff as the first information providers for the people

of Nagaland. She encouraged the trainees to leverage this advantage and communicate effectively, while also maintaining transparency and credibility during times of crisis. The successful completion of this skill upgradation training programme emphasized Nagaland's commitment to empowering its IPR officers, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve the State's citizens with professionalism.

REVIEW MEETING OF NATIONAL PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES UNDER NHM AT KOHIMA

A review meeting of the programmes and activities under the National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland was held at the Conference Hall of Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on the 23rd of May 2024 in the presence of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak and Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, V. Kezo.

Minister, P. Paiwang Konyak commenting on the financial challenges faced by most of the programmes, said that financial allocations should be made as per the need and priorities of the various programmes. He seeks for timely sharing of activities updates from the different Programme Officers in the coming days so that everyone puts their heads together for the successful implementation of the health programmes in the State.

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, V. Kezo also remarked

as a fraternity, the department needs to come together, discuss issues, make efforts and have a clear vision and goal. He also mentioned that healthcare management will now be as per the Indian Public Health Standard Norms (IPHS).

Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton expressed appreciation to all the programmes on their achievement so far. He appealed to all the Program Officers present that, unless we achieve our targets and improve our indicators the State will not receive the complete funds from Government of India and thus hamper the programme implementation.

Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Akuo Sorhie gave an overview of the Mission. All the National Health Programmes made presentation on their achievement, strategies and challenges and further discussions were held.

ANNUAL SUMMER HOBBY CAMP 2024 HELD AT DIMAPUR

Innovation Hub & Space Education Centre, Nagaland Science Centre-

Department of Science & Technology organized the Annual Summer Hobby Camp

at the Innovation Hub, Dimapur on 24th May 2024.

The event was held under the theme “Explore the possibilities-Reuse & Reduce” During the event, participants were made to develop useful products using Waste Plastic Bottles, Waste Cardboard Cartons, Newspapers, Waste Carry Bags etc.

The primary objectives of the summer hobby camp is to exercise critical thinking and practical problem-solving skills, to tap the creativity of young children, to promote and encourage local innovation and all the while finding effective yet casual ways to maximize re-usage and reduction of common

non-biodegradable waste such as PET water bottles.

Students from GHSS Purana Bazaar, Great Commission Higher Secondary School, St. Clare Higher Secondary School, Little Star Higher Secondary School, Shemrock School Diphupar, CGR International School Hyderabad, New Horizon School, Hebron Higher Secondary School Sovima, Lorna’s Higher Secondary School, Xuvihe Memorial School, Zakiesato Memorial Higher Secondary School, Rincho Academy and Greenwood Higher Secondary School participated in the event.

HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION BIDS ADIEU TO RETIRING COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY, ANENLA T. SATO, IAS

The Department of Higher & Technical Education bid farewell to retiring Commissioner & Secretary, Anenla T. Sato, IAS at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima on 31st May 2024.

In her farewell speech, Anenla T. Sato, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical said that she was thankful and grateful to God for availing her good health and the Government of Nagaland for 36 years of service. She called upon her Nagaland Civil Service (NCS) colleagues and acknowledged the NCS Association for inducting her into

IAS Cadre. She also narrated about her early entry to the service career where she served under various departments such as Industries & Commerce, Higher & Technical Education, SCERT, Rural Development, Police and finally landed in NCS.

Sentiyanger Pongen, Additional Secretary, H&TE in his speech, said that Anenla T. Sato IAS is a soft spoken, gentle and a woman of strong character with love and care for the subordinates in the office. He also assured that her legacy will be carried forward in the days to come.

POWER DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, ER. MOA AIER

Farewell programme in honour of the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief (Power), Er. Moa Aier was held on 31st May 2024 at the Conference Hall of the Power Department, Kohima. The programme was attended by Minister, Power & Parliamentary Affairs,

K.G. Kenye, and Secretary, Power, Asangla Imti IAS.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister K.G Kenye on behalf of the State Government, expressed deep gratitude to the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief for rendering 35 years of

exceptional service to the State. Recalling the journey of Er. Moa Aier, he described him as a dedicated and a committed officer who was passionate about his career and profession. He acknowledged him for his immense contribution to the State and for bringing pride to the Department and the State and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

Secretary, Asangla Imti IAS said that Er. Moa Aier has contributed immensely for the Department and the State. She described him as a level headed individual who provided the most important insight and solutions to complicated issues. She added that during his tenure, he had initiated and completed many projects for the State and has taken forward Reforms and Restructuring of Power Sector in Nagaland. She also accredited him for garnering teamwork in the Department which epitomizes true leadership and then wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

Er. Wabangmeren Jamir, the incoming Engineer-in-Chief (Power) while fondly recollecting his years of service with Er. Moa Aier, the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief, described him as a visionary leader and an individual with a cutting edge mentality. He accredited Er. Moa Aier for steering the Department throughout difficult times. He highlighted the contribution of the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief for the Department and wished him a bright endeavor ahead.

Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. Kasho Chishi acknowledged the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief for actively taking forward power projects in the State and said that he was instrumental in power sector reforms and restructuring. He said that the legacy and benchmark that Er. Moa Aier has set will be taken forward in best possible way and wished him a happy retired life.

Speaking on behalf of Association of Power Engineers Nagaland (APEN), General Secretary, APEN & Executive Engineer, Generation Division Kohima, Er. Myingthungo Ngullie said that under the leadership of the outgoing Engineer-in-Chief, Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA) was able to celebrate the first World Engineer's day on 4th March 2021. He thanked him for his contribution towards the welfare of the officers and the Department and for being a good mentor and instilling a sense of hard work and integrity to serve the people.

Outgoing Engineer-in-Chief, Er. Moa Aier, in his farewell speech, encouraged all the Officers to speak up and sensitize the people to help them change their attitude and mindset so that development can reach the people. He encouraged the officers to be steadfast and be well equipped as the coming days in the power sector will be challenging. He thanked all the officers and staff for their continued support throughout his tenure.

FILM ASSOCIATION OF NAGALAND CONSTITUTES NEW TEAM

The Film Association of Nagaland (FAN) has constituted a new team led by Yapangnaro Longkumer as its new President. The new team consists of Tiakumzuk Aier as the Vice President, Athe Rhi as the

General Secretary, Gaichungpou Gonmei as the Finance Secretary, Vibuo Seyie as the Assistant Finance Secretary, Imnasenla Vero and Spongnyukshi Pongener as the Press Secretary.

Film Association of Nagaland is a cohesive collective of professionals in the film industry in Nagaland. Established in 2018, it stands as a registered non-governmental and non-profit organization with approximately 50 dedicated members. The Association comprises filmmakers, cinematographers, editors, actors, videographers, scriptwriters, sound technicians, and more. The primary objective of the Association is to enrich the film community through skill development and storytelling, and to cultivate an appreciation for good cinema, documentaries, short films, feature films, and all cinematic forms.

Film Association of Nagaland in collaboration with the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Nagaland, organized the 2nd Nagaland Film Festival from October 31st to 1st November 2019. The festival celebrated the best of North Eastern films, featuring 17 remarkable productions. A competition in Best Short Fiction and Best Short Documentary category was also conducted.

FAN orchestrated the 3rd Nagaland Film Festival in Kohima, in collaboration with the Directorate of Information & Public Information from 3rd to 5th December 2021. The festival featured master classes, workshops conducted by prominent figures in the film industry, curators, and media professionals. The festival garnered substantial public participation, facilitating interactions between attendees and filmmakers from diverse parts of India. An online film competition, The New Normal, was also organized during the competition.

On 22nd and 23rd of June 2022, the Film Association of Nagaland celebrated the official induction of the Film Association of Nagaland into 'The Federation of Film Societies of India (FFSI).' The event was graced by the presence of Vice President of FFSI Asia Pacific, Premendra Mazumdar, as the guest of honour from Kolkata. The occasion marked FAN's integration into a broader network of film societies across India.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HOLDS COORDINATION MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY

Amid the various preparatory steps being undertaken by the State Election Commission and the State Government towards the shared objective of ensuring a free, fair and smooth conduct of the Municipal and Town Council elections, 2024 and as a stock taking measure of the ongoing preparation, a review and coordination meeting was held with Chief Secretary, along with the Home Commissioner & Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department, State Nodal Officer for State Election Commission and Police Nodal Officer at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th May 2024.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary stressed on having a close coordination between the Commission and the State Government Officers deputed for the election in order to ensure a free, fair and peaceful election.

The State Election Commissioner briefed the Board on various preparatory steps and measures that the Commission has taken for the smooth conduct of the election, and informed that all necessary arrangements are on track. The Police Nodal Officer updated the members regarding security arrangements being put in place to ensure

a peaceful poll, the Home Commissioner assured to provide all possible assistance towards deployment of security personnel.

The State Election Commissioner further informed the Board that all electoral processes are proceeding as per the election

schedule and requested all concerned to continue working with the same commitment to ensure that the election is successfully completed as scheduled, keeping in mind the submission to that effect made before the Supreme Court of India.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PUNGRO:

A one-day awareness campaign was held to commemorate World No Tobacco Day, at two Government Schools under Pungro, Kiphire on 23rd May 2024.

During the programme, the ill effects of tobacco, smoking, and the number of deaths per year caused by tobacco were highlighted and Information, Education & Communication (IEC) materials were distributed among the students. The team was led by Medical Officer CHC Pungro, Dr. Weri Mero.

KOHIMA:

Gariphema village of Kohima district was designated and declared as the Best Performing Tobacco Free Village on 'World No Tobacco Day 2024' held at TM Government Higher Secondary School Kohima on 31st May 2024 organized by the District Tobacco Control Cell.

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated every year on May 31 to spread awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and encourage people who are addicted to get rid of the toxic and addictive substance.

Additional Director, Higher Education, Dr. K. Nishena Nekha who graced the programme as the special guest emphasized on the dangers of using tobacco and the need to raise awareness on the harmful effects of tobacco and the importance of tobacco free

programmes. He also exhorted the students to learn good habits at an early age to combat tobacco use, and how individuals worldwide can assert their right to health and healthy living to protect future generations.

Theme speaker and Senior Resident BDS, MDS, Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Dr. Thungbeni Ngullie spoke on the theme 'Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference.' She mentioned that tobacco consumption, in any form, is extremely unhealthy for the body. It can lead to cancer and other diseases. Active smoking can lead to painful death. Passive smoking, also known as secondhand smoking, is equally unhealthy. Highly addictive, its long-term use can raise the risk of heart illnesses, respiratory diseases, and cancer, among other chronic conditions, she added.

MON:

District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) National Tobacco Control Programme, Mon District organized World No Tobacco Day with the theme 'Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference' at Sacred Heart School, Mon on 31st May 2024.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS gracing the celebration as guest of honour, cautioned against the use of tobacco. He advised the students to choose what is good for them and encouraged them

to choose a healthy lifestyle.

Theme Speaker, Dr. Aman Konyak, SMO District Hospital Mon spoke on how tobacco affects health. He pointed out that 25% of cancers are caused by tobacco. Tobacco kills mental, physical and financial aspects of our lives. He also said that there are many digital, social media and advertisements to attract the young people. He encouraged them to prevent the use of tobacco and appealed the students to spread the message of the day to their family, friends and society.

Dr. MH Daniel, Chairman of the Sacred Heart School, Mon in his welcome speech said that the world is celebrating World No Tobacco Day every year, giving more importance to health, raising the awareness of tobacco and reiterated to choose a tobacco free world.

Dr. Esther Choppy Ngullie, District Nodal Officer National Tobacco Control

Programme Mon who chaired the programme, said that there are 53 Tobacco Free Homes in the district. Eight schools were declared Tobacco Free School on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.

KIPHIRE:

At Kiphire, the World No Tobacco Day was observed under the theme, 'Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference' was observed at District Hospital Conference Hall on 31st May 2024, organized by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Kiphire with students from different schools.

EAC, Kiphire, Kudazo Swuro gracing the occasion as the special guest, spoke about how tobacco has been affecting our lives, and shared about his concerns related to health and society. He also challenged the gathering present to adopt a healthy lifestyle free from tobacco.



EAC, Kiphire, Kusazo Awuro along with other officials during the World No Tobacco Day programme held at District Hospital, Kiphire on 31st May 2024.

Junior Dental Surgeon DHK, Dr. Wekhrou Mero shared the statistics and the risks associated with tobacco to our health, both physically and mentally. She also shared how tobacco companies are improvising their marketing strategies to lure young people to use tobacco.

OC, Police Station and Flying Squad NTCP, Vithalietuo Kire spoke about the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation

of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003. He also shared about his experience, peer pressures during teenage years, the ill effects of tobacco and also encouraged everyone to live a tobacco free life.

During the programme, four schools from Kiphire town were declared as Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) and were awarded certificate for the same.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ORAL & HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO HELD AT PHEK

An awareness programme on oral health and harmful effects of tobacco was organised by National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) and District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) Phek was held at DEF Headquarter/Superintendent of Police's Office, Phek on 30th April 2024. Altogether, 60 police personnel, including police officers of the unit took part in the awareness programme which was followed by free medical examination.

Delivering her exhortation speech at the programme, SP, Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur Batra, IPS who is also a dentist, briefed on the causes of oral cancer and its impacts

and advised police personnel to give up consumption of tobacco. She also requested the police personnel present to advice friends, family members to avert consumption of tobacco.

Dentist Surgeon, District Hospital Phek, Dr. Kihito also briefed on non-consumption of tobacco and reminded those addicted to stop consuming. Psychologist, DTCC, Phek, Neiweii Losu highlighted on the harmful effects of tobacco.

The participants were provided with free medical check-up conducted by the medical team.

ADVISOR IMKONG IMCHEN HOSTS MOATSÜ CELEBRATION AT KOHIMA

Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen hosted the Moatsü Festival celebrations at Kohima on 1st May 2024. The celebration was organised by Mangmetong Senso Telongjem Kohima.

Speaking at the Moatsü celebrations, Advisor, Imkong L. Imchen said that Nagas as a tribal society had many rituals and beliefs which in recent times have trickled down to just celebration of one or two major festivals of each tribe. He however pointed out that it is important to celebrate and exhibit our cultural traits so as to ensure that our unique culture and traditions are not lost. He further added that in a city like Kohima, inhabited by various tribes, the beauty of the Naga society can be witnessed through different tribes exhibiting and showcasing their own unique culture and tradition to one another and co-existing in harmony.



Advisor, IPR and S&WC, Imkong L. Imchen speaking at the Moatsü celebration at his official residence, Kohima on 1st May 2024.

Advisor, Justice & Law and Land Revenue, T.N. Mannen speaking on behalf of the Ao Legislators, shared in brief the

significance of the Moatsü Festival in today's society and said that festivals are the bedrock of our culture and traditions. Mannen also said that celebration of festivals is a social necessity and urged all to strive towards unity and lead disciplined lives just like our

ancestors did.

Traditional songs and dances presented by various groups were the other highlights of the Moatsü celebrations which was followed by a traditional Moatsü feast.

FARMERS TRAINING UNDER MOVCD-NER CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PUGHOBOTO:

Farmers training under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) was conducted by SDAO, Pughoboto under Department of Agriculture, at Town Hall, Pughoboto on 1st May 2024.

SDAO, Pughoboto, Kitoho Michael Swu in his keynote address briefed on MOVCD which is a farmers' mobilisation programme to transform conventional agriculture to organic agriculture with quality assurance, market linkage and alongside value chain infrastructure. MOVCD-NER will be implemented under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto and with COLKS as the third party service provider. Altogether, 500 farmers in 20 FIGs (Farmer Interest Groups) from 10 villages (Puneboqa, Kitami, Ghokimi, Lazami, Mishilimi, Natsumi, Mukalimi, Iphonumi, Tuquliqa and Ighanumi) are currently under MOVCD-NER Phase IV with job'stears and ginger as the select export focus crop.

Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang said that Nagas should make judicious use of the rich natural land resource and take advantage of the various State Government schemes and projects to make Nagaland a truly organic state in line with the state of Sikkim. He

put forward a positive challenge to the farmers that Pughoboto too could organise a Job's Tears Festival if the production is satisfactory. He encouraged the farmers to imbibe scientific knowledge and traditional practices for enhanced agricultural production.

The technical sessions consisted of intensive training on Package of Practices of ginger by Kerilhoulie Rulu ATM, Ghathashi Block and on Package of Practices of job's tears by Vivitoli Swu ATM, Ghathashi Block. SDO (Soil) Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Dr. Alika N Zhimomi highlighted the relevance, scope and constraints of organic farming in Nagaland and trained the farmers on conservation and management of soil and also the production of on-farm input (Vermicompost).

BPM, NRLM Pughoboto, Dr. S Kanitoli Chishi discussed rural livelihood through organic farming and women in agriculture, entrepreneur and SHGs.

LONGKHIM:

One day training under MOVCDNER-IV was organized by Sub-Divisional Agriculture Department at Old Mangakhi Village Council Hall under Longkhim on 7th May 2024 with Deputy Commissioner & Chairperson, MOVCDNER-IV Tuensang, A Zibenthung Kithan as special guest.

While addressing the gathering, Kithan said that agriculture is the main occupation of the State and for more development in agri sector, the Department is providing various training with scientific method for more productivity and for the benefit of the farmers. He urged the gathering to put into practice what they have learnt from the training.

The resource persons highlighted various activities and methods for progressive farming during the technical

session. Organic farming in Nagaland and its relevance and constraints was highlighted by ACTO KVK Tuensang, Longmayanger. Soil health management was highlighted by SDO (Soil) Shamator, Beso Chang while sowing techniques on soyabean and perilla was demonstrated by Farm Manager, KVK Tuensang, Yanger I Kichu. Package and practices on organic farming and marketing of organic produce was shared by Chief Operation Manager, Green Caravan, Imlimanen Ozukum.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF DLCC & DLES HELD AT WOKHA

District Level Co-ordination Committee & District Level Enforcement Squad National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Wokha held a quarterly meeting at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 6th May 2024. The meeting was chaired by SDO (C), Wokha, Nuhuta Tunyi.

During the meeting, 33 schools (Government High Schools, Government Middle Schools & Government Primary Schools) under Wokha district were declared Tobacco-Free Schools and certificates were presented to each school by Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Zuben Kikon.

Senior Dental Surgeon & DNO, NTCP, Wokha, Dr. Chenithung Yanthan while presenting the NTCP quarterly report stated that, under Wokha district, there are 191 schools, where 103 schools have already been declared Tobacco-Free schools and 88 schools are yet to be declared tobacco-free schools. In this regard, he said that efforts are being made to ensure that the remaining schools will also be declared tobacco free schools very shortly. Yanthan also informed that out of 65 Health Centres, 50 Health Centres have already been declared Tobacco

Free Health Centres. Five villages under Wokha district have also been declared Tobacco Free Villages. Apart from these, Dr. Yanthan informed the members that counseling is also given to clients to quit the use of tobacco products and pharmacological support are given to clients.

District Education Officer, Wokha informed the members that for the remaining 88 schools which are yet to be declared tobacco free schools, necessary information and direction will be issued to those schools to ensure early implementation for declaration of tobacco free schools.

SDO (C) Nuhuta Tunyi urged all the members and stakeholders to give concentrated effort to achieve the targets of various activities under NTCP and to reduce the use of tobacco. He also encouraged the team to undertake intensive awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes to create awareness among the public about the harmful effect of tobacco consumption.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

Shamator District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was

held under the chairmanship of Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports and DPDB Chairman, S Keoshu Yimkhiung, at DB's Court, Shamator on 7th May 2024.

During the meeting, the Board

discussed on various agenda including construction of new SP's residence, Community Centre at Rururu, Model Village, Iconic scheme, kholar farming, footpath, marketing market and waiting shed.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th May 2024 at DPDB's Hall, Longleng. Deputy Commissioner Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS chaired the meeting.

The Department of Sericulture presented its departmental activities in the meeting. District Cultural Officer was entrusted to present the Art & Culture department activities in the next meeting.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FELICITATES HSLC TOPPERS

WOKHA:

Wokha District Administration held a felicitation programme for the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) toppers at the official chamber of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Wokha, on 10th May 2024.

The programme was organized to honour the outstanding academic

performance achieved during the recently declared HSLC examination 2024. The students felicitated were: Nchumbemo Lotha of Isaiah Higher Secondary School (Top 7), Ruth Y Lotha of Libemo Memorial School (Top 14), Meriyani C Humtsoe, Libemo Memorial School (Top 17) and Zaren Taslim Khandakar, Libemo Memorial School (Top 17).

DC, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan while interacting with the students during the felicitation programme, congratulated the four students for their achievements and producing good results for the schools as well for the district. He urged them to continue to work hard to bring more of such laurels in the future, and further urged them to pursue their dreams with passion and become a responsible person in life. DC also lauded the school administration for grooming and motivating the children and producing good results.

SDO (C), Wokha, Nuhuta



DC, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan along with the HSLC Toppers at DC's Office, Wokha on 10th May 2024.

Tunyi chaired the felicitation programme. Certificates, gift hampers and cash award were given to the successful students. Parents and school authorities also attended the felicitation programme.

TSEMINYU:

Felicitations programme for successful students of HSLC/HSSLC examination under Tseminyu district was organized by SDEO/DEO, EBRC and District Administration on 16th May 2024 at EBRC Hall Tseminyu with Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Rohit Singh, IAS as the special guest.

The DC congratulated Amina Yesmin,

HSLC topper (15th rank) from DBS, Tseminyu for her achievement and producing good results for the school as well as for the newly created district. He also congratulated both the students and the schools which have secured cent percent pass results in HSLC/HSSLC examination 2024. The DC also lauded the school administration for motivating the children and producing good results.

During the felicitations programme, certificate and cash award were given to the topper and those schools achieving cent percent passed result. Parents and school authorities also attended the programme.



DC, Tseminyu, Rohit Singh, IAS felicitating HSLC topper 15th rank from DBS, Tseminyu during the felicitations programme held at EBRC Hall, Tseminyu on 16th May 2024.

OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF H&FW VISITS HEALTH UNITS UNDER AKUHAITO ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK

Central Nodal Officer, for the Aspirational Blocks Programme, Narendra Kumar Oza, accompanied by Deputy

Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Nagaland and Nodal Officer in-charge of Zunheboto district, Dr.



Central Nodal Officer for the Aspirational Blocks Programme, Narendra Kumar Oza with officials of Department of Health & Family Welfare during his visit to Akuhaito Aspirational Block, Zunheboto on 9th May 2024.

J. Hokugha Sema visited healthcare facilities at Akuhaito Aspirational Block, Zunheboto district on 9th and 10th May 2024 to scrutinize existing infrastructure and bridge gaps in healthcare delivery.

EAC, Atoizu, Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak P and NCD District Programme Officer Zunheboto, Dr. N. Mhonchan Kithan alongside their respective teams, joined the inspection.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CAMP HELD AT CRESSORE

A medical camp on mental health awareness was held at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) hostel Chessore, Shamator on 12th May 2024.

Medical Officer, PHC Chessore, Dr. Kumrimong T Yimchunger highlighted

the importance of mental health and ways to tackle it. A series of demonstration on personal health hygiene habits were taught. Basic first aid kits were also distributed to the hostellers.

MO, PHC, Chessore, Dr. Kumrimong T Yimchunger with students during a medical camp on mental health awareness at Kastuba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Chessore, Shamator on 12th May 2024.



TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, A. Zibenthung Kithan at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 14th May 2024.

The DC expressed his appreciation to all the departments for their active participation during the conduct of the Lok Sabha Election 2024, and requested the heads of offices to remain in their respective station.

EE, PHED, Er. Kedolhuto Punyu highlighted about the Nagaland Olympic

and Paralympic Games which was held at Dimapur, in which Tuensang district won 9 medals, and distributed certificates to the participants.

During the meeting, DLRSO, Sangthing Khiam requested those departments yet to get land patta of their office and staff quarters to do so at the earliest. The Board also forwarded for the creation of SDAO Office at Noksen sub-division. The Board recommended for society registration of Mithun Farming Association of Nyinyem village and SB-GEN Welfare Society, Yangpi village.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board meeting-cum-Board Members' picnic was held at Arkha's Farm on 14th May 2024 under the chairmanship of G. Ikuto Zhimomi, Chairman DPDB and Advisor for Land Resources.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS congratulated and expressed his gratitude to all the head of offices and members for the successful conduct of the recently concluded parliamentary Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The Board Chairman, G. Ikuto Zhimomi on behalf of all the seven legislators, thanked the head of offices, officers and government employees for their sincere cooperation for the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha elections in the district.

The meeting deliberated on the agenda proposed and forwarded by ADC Satakha, M.S. Thangpong for establishment of Sub-Post Office at Satakha sub-division. The Board elaborated and agreed upon to forward the case to the concerned department for approval.

KOHIMA MONTHLY DPDB MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ELECTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

On 15th May 2024, the Kohima monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DPDB's Hall, Kohima chaired by Deputy Commissioner and DPDB Vice Chairman, Kumar Ramnikant IAS.

The DC expressed gratitude to all members for their cooperation during the Lok Sabha elections and urged continued support for the upcoming counting day and Urban Local Body (ULB) elections. He reminded attendees that the Model Code of

Conduct (MCC) remains in effect until the completion of ULB elections, emphasizing efforts to ensure peaceful, impartial, free, and fair elections.

During the programme, HSLC Topper Khushi Gupta was felicitated for achieving the highest marks among Government High Schools in both Kohima district and the State, securing 93%. She received a cash prize and a certificate. Expressing her gratitude, Khushi thanked her teachers, family, and particularly her mother for their guidance and motivation.

Village Adoption Committees (VACs) were recognized for their performance, with 10 Northern Angami-I awarded the best performing VAC and 11 Northern Angami-II securing second place out of six VACs in

Kohima. ADC Kohima, Rhosietho Nguori, suggested increasing the VAC budget and prize money, along with adopting innovative approaches to develop wards and villages.

EAC Kohima, Dr. Riku Khutso, Convenor of the winning VAC, credited cooperation and respect among members for their success, highlighting the support from Advisor Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, members and P Khel Kohima village. Also, the Executive Engineer of PHE, Rural Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities, focusing on criteria for the Jal Jeevan Mission programme, geo-tagging of assets and works, Functional Household Tap Connections, and the declaration of Har Ghar Jal in Kohima.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was conducted on 15th May 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon.

The Board discussed the recognition and upgradation of various schools and institutions: recognition of National Boundary School, Sheanghah Wamsa village upto class VIII and upgradation of Shahgoth School, Sheanghah Chingnyu village, St.

Paul School, Angjangyang and Puhu Kinjong School to class VIII and Naginimora, GHS Tizit village to Government Higher Secondary School.

Wangkhaio Government College Principal, Dr. T. Chandrasakharan gave a PowerPoint presentation about the stalled construction related to UGC Women Hostel at Wangkhaio Government College Campus, Mon.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Kiphire discussed various issues in the meeting held on 15th May 2024. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the members discussed on upgradation

of Yangphi Government High School to Government Higher Secondary School where the concerned department has been directed to relocate the area, as the present location is not feasible to raise additional infrastructures for upgradation. While the proposal for construction of security fencing around the office of Chief Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services was deferred to the

next meeting.

Under Aspirational District Programme, certificates and toolkit were distributed to the candidates who were successfully trained on bamboo handicraft. Deliberating on the need for State Disaster Responsive Force Personnel in the district, the members decided to forward a proposal to the NDRF for approval.

Principal, Zisaji Presidency College highlighted on the college's programme regarding attachment of students to various departments and offices as an internship programme. In this regard, the Board agreed to sign MoU with the college. The DC urged the head of offices in the district to assist the students in all possible ways. SP Kiphire also expressed the need to educate students to become a law abiding citizens during the internship.



DC, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer distributing toolkits to the successful candidates trained on Bamboo Handicraft under Aspirational District Programme during the DPDB meeting held at Kiphire on 15th May 2024.

ONE-DAY AGRIPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP HELD

The District Administration of Research Complex for NEH Region, Wokha under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Nagaland Centre and ICAR-KVK, Wokha Abhiyaan, in collaboration with the ICAR organized a successful one-day workshop on



Officials along with the participants during the one day Agripreneurship workshop held at Bhandari Town Hall on 16th May 2024.

Agripreneurship at Bhandari Town Hall on 16th May 2024.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, Longdiba Sangtam thanked the resource persons from various departments for their invaluable contributions to the workshop. Distinguished experts included Dr. Aabon W. Yanthan, Scientist (Horticulture Vegetable Science) and Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Centre In-charge, Nagaland; Moaakum Pongen, ICAR-KVK, Wokha; Anuranjan Singh, Project Manager at Shishoi Oshom-ETF Cell, Wokha; and Achio Kikon, District Manager, CSC. Representatives from the Horticulture and Agriculture departments also played a crucial role in the sessions.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 young individuals from Bhandari area who gained valuable insights

into sustainable agricultural practices, business management, and community welfare.

The workshop was also held at Sanis Multipurpose Hall, Wokha on 17th May 2024 which was organized in collaboration with the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre and ICAR-KVK, Wokha. SDO (C), Sanis, L. Samuel expressed his gratitude to the resource persons from various departments for their participation. The workshop provided guidance on agripreneurship schemes and opportunities available for youth, emphasizing the importance of a drug-free, healthier, and happier society in Wokha district. 55 young participants from Sanis area gained valuable insights into sustainable agricultural practices and business opportunities.

KOHIMA DISTRICT TB FORUM-DAPCC MEETING HELD

On 16th May 2024, the Kohima District TB Forum-DAPCC meeting was convened at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima, with DC Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chairing the programme.

A TB Champion shared his personal experiences undergoing treatment under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). He expressed gratitude for the free medicine, treatment, and financial assistance provided during his treatment. He emphasized the importance of completing the mandatory six-month medication course without any interruptions and encouraged fellow TB patients to take full advantage of the available facilities.

DTO, Kohima, Dr. Chibenthung Kithan provided an overview of the district health unit's profile, services available under

the NTEP, as well as the targets, challenges, and outcomes faced. He announced that three villages in Kohima have been declared TB-free under the TB Mukht Panchayat initiative.

DPO of DAPCU Kohima, Sentimongla Tzudir presented data on the adult HIV prevalence rate, HIV-related facilities, achievements at Kohima facility centres and ongoing HIV-related activities in the district.

DC Ramnikant stressed the need for not just collecting data on TB cases, but also performing in-depth analyses. He highlighted the importance of testing in close settings to curb the spread of TB, along with the necessity for awareness and counseling where testing occurs. The Forum members resolved to request the Kohima Municipal Council to put up hoardings and creative

displays to enhance public awareness about TB.

The meeting emphasized the community's

ongoing efforts and strategies to combat TB and HIV in Kohima, aiming for a healthier future.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

ADC Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang chaired the SDPDB meeting of Pughoboto sub-division held on 17th May 2024 at DB's Hall, ADC Office, Pughoboto. A review of the last SDPDB meeting was conducted briefly wherein the various working committees required for the inauguration of Sub-Divisional Block Offices were discussed and the tentative inauguration date is proposed in the month of October 2024.

The meeting agenda recommended by the SDPDB includes, construction of District Election Office, Pughoboto at the new Administrative Head Quarter Complex; construction of the office room/chamber of the Chairman, SDPDB Pughoboto; construction of SDEO Quarter; replacement of electrical post at Pughoboto; construction of Agri Marketing Complex and Agri Demonstration-cum-Training Centre at Pughoboto.

Stating that all the State government schools in the sub-division are well covered by internet/mobile connectivity and teachers' attendance is crucial for bringing quality education, SDEO H, Mughaho Jimo called for implementation of TAMS in Pughoboto subdivision. The Board recommended seeking for approval to the concerned

department for implementation of TAMS in Pughoboto subdivision.

The roadmap for adoption of schools by the members of SDPDB proposed by the SDEO in the last meeting was again put forward to the Board. It was stated that MLA Dr. Sukhato A Sema has adopted two schools viz. GHS, Ighanumi and GHS, Lazami, and a volleyball court is already in progress in the latter after the visit to the school by the MLA. The Chairman assured full support of the Board to the programme and asked for the list of remaining schools to be provided by the Department to the members. Meanwhile, the rationalization of teachers within Pughoboto sub-division which was proposed by the SDEO is to be taken up in the next SDPDB meeting.

SDO (C), R. Daniel Angami raised the matter of the low rate of enrollment in Pughoboto Government Higher Secondary School and the steps to be taken to draw in more admission. The Chairman conveyed to the Board that the school already has highly qualified teachers and called for concerted efforts of public administration, town / village councils and the general public to create feasible environment and infrastructure for the students to enable their education.

LONGLENG OBSERVES WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY

Longleng district observed World Hypertension Day under the theme 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control it, Live Longer' at CHC, Yachem and PHC,

Yongnyah under Longleng district on 17th May 2024.

DPO, NCD, Longleng, Dr. Lenpichang sensitized the public about hypertension. In



CMO Staff, Longleng along with the participants during the World Hypertension Day observed at CHC, Yachem village, Longleng on 17th May 2024.

his speech, he advised everyone to maintain normal body weight and to exercise regularly and also to maintain a healthy diet. He also talked about the risk factors for high blood pressure and highlighted the key facts of hypertension and its symptoms, prevention and treatment. Dr. Lenpichang also advised everyone present to regularly check their

blood pressure.

MO (Ayush) Yachem CHC, Dr. Visino Nakhro counselled and checked the blood pressure and sugar levels of the participants after the programme. World Hypertension Day was observed in all the health units under Longleng district.

WORKSHOP ON ACCOUNTING, AUDITING & TAXATION HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

The workshop on Accounting, Auditing and Taxation was held at CTC Medziphema from 20th - 24th May 2024, organized by the Department of Cooperation.

At the inaugural programme, Under Secretary, Cooperation, Wacy Kent while speaking as a special guest, lauded the department for organising such an important programme, which aims to equip the department officials in executing their activities with confidence. He also expressed that cooperative awareness and sensitisation

should be taken up so as to educate and impart trainings to the people at the grassroot level and to have a meaningful impact in the lives of rural populace.

The subjects undertaken during workshop were to equip participants with the necessary skills required to prepare and maintain accurate accounting records, to enable participants to effectively prepare and interpret financial statements, to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of relevant provisions of

the Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, as applicable to the State of Nagaland, to equip participants with the necessary skills required to conduct audits of Cooperative Societies, and to enhance participants auditing skills by providing insights into

legal provisions governing audits, audit classification of societies using CAMELS rating, audit reporting, etc.

Altogether 63 ICS, SRCS and ARCS attended the workshop.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held under the chairmanship of Advisor of Water Resources and Chairman Mokokchung DPDB, Tongpang Ozukum at District Planning Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 21st May 2024.

Several key agenda were addressed and approved during the meeting, including the recognition of Wameken Yimsen village under Tuli sub-division, registration of two societies, establishment of a Sub-Treasury Office at Tuli sub-division, and the change of school nomenclature from Green Hills Public School to Green Hills Academy. These decisions were directed to be forwarded to the respective departments for further action.

Regarding the issue of clearing jungle vegetation along power line corridors, raised by the Power Department due to a shortage of manpower, the ADC expressed support for assistance from Village Councils. He instructed officials from all sub-divisions

to convene meetings with Village Councils within their jurisdictions, fostering community-department rapport and mutual support.

Presentations were given by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services highlighting their department's operations and ongoing projects. Regarding the closure of Quarantine Check Posts as per government order, the Board agreed to address the matter upon receipt of an official letter from the concerned department.

The Department of Public Health Engineering delivered presentations showcasing their on-going projects. The Board instructed PHE Department to compile and maintain data on plastic waste management across all blocks and monitor community plastic waste disposal.

Advisor, Tongpang Ozukum expressed gratitude to the members for their active participation in addressing societal concerns and reminded all concerned departments to diligently pursue their agenda.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME ON MEAT PRODUCTION CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PEREN:

A four-day long capacity building training programme on meat production, organized by the Office of the Chief Animal

Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Peren commenced at Tamzaipa Conference Hall, Jalukie Peren on 21st May 2024.

Resource person Dr. Toshimongla

Aier, VAS (PH) Peren in the technical session, emphasized on the topic - Poultry Farming: Important Tenets. She also covered a range of topics such as types of chickens available in the locality, housing system and floor space management for poultry farming, how to breed and brood commercial chicks, feeding management, vaccination schedule and health care in birds, marketing strategies, etc.

Dr. Suiyipeube Mpom, VAS Tening in an interactive session clarified the doubts raised by the trainees. Around 50 participants took part on the first day of the training programme.

KIPHIRE:

Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kiphire organized a four-day capacity building training on meat production at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire town commencing from 27th May 2024.

District Livestock Development Officer (DLDO), Dr. Tsilise in his introduction and keynote address said that Kiphire district is one of the potential areas for livestock and poultry farming due to its suitable climatic conditions. Availability of raw materials for feeds is also one of the main contributing factors for developing this sector in the district. Many wastelands which are unsuitable for agriculture purpose can also be used for fodder cultivation/mithun/goat rearing and there is a large scope for livestock and poultry rearing in the district, he added. He stated that meat available in the district as per the 20th Livestock Census is 50% of its requirements and a shortfall of another 50% are mostly imported from outside the district.

Non-availability of sufficient quality of piglets at affordable price for rearing and procuring of concentrated feeds from outside the district, despite the abundant availability of raw materials for feeds are some of the main constrains for successful livestock and poultry industry in the district. Dr. Tsilise suggested for setting up 'Pig Breeding Farms' and 'Feed Processing Plants,' at strategic locations in the district to achieve self-sufficiency in meat production.

Dr. Khumjungse, VAS, Resource Person shared on the topic 'Scope of Piggery Farming in the District.' Scope of Poultry Farming was also discussed by Dr. Talitemjen, VAS Resource Person during the programme.

TUENSANG:

A four-day capacity building training on meat production commenced at Chief Veterinary Office, Tuensang on 29th May 2024. The training was conducted to provide basic knowledge on animal rearing and farm activities for sustainability in livestock production, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship. The training emphasized on skill development, better livestock management in a cost efficiency manner and adoption of scientific method in various parameters that can lead to increase in production, productivity and a better earning.

Dr. Kevi Kikhi, VAS DVH and Dr. Aojongshi Chang, Farm Manager SCRC Tuensang were the resource persons. Altogether 50 livestock farmers, SHG members from Farmers Producer Organisations, Common Service Provider from different block of Tuensang district attended the training programme.

KOHIMA:

A four-day capacity building on meat production under State Plan 2023-24, sponsored by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland was conducted from 28th May to 31st May 2024 at CVO's Conference Hall, Kohima. Altogether 50 progressive farmers from all blocks under Kohima district attended the training.

Chief Veterinary Officer, Kohima, Dr. Ilang in his keynote address emphasised on

hygienic meat production for consumption. Resource persons of the programme were Dr. K. Elizabeth Yhome, Dr. Keyolenu Yore, Dr. Thepfudi Shtiya, Dr. Akangnungla and Dr. Ketholenuo Metha. Knowledge on Scope of piggery and poultry in Kohima district; site selection; housing; selection of breeds; care and management; feeding, disease and health care; AI in pigs; marketing strategies, etc. were imparted. Participants were taken for farm visit on the third day.

**ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING UNDER DMU
TUENSANG FOREST DIVISION HELD**

Annual review meeting for FY 2023-24 of the Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) JICA, Tuensang Forest Division was held at CKS Hall, Tuensang on 21st May 2024.

SDO (C) Tuensang, Sentilong Ozukum gracing the programme as special guest, advised the participants to understand their roles and responsibilities and to have leadership quality that will help enable an individual to guide, inspire and influence others effectively.

Divisional Forest Officer-cum-DMU Head, Samom Khelen Singh, IFS in his keynote address gave a brief introduction about the ongoing NFMP project where he emphasized the maintenance of record keeping to all JFMC's and encouraged the community for unity.

FMU Head Tuensang, Menya

Wongto presented a PowerPoint where he outlined the implementation of the ongoing activities in all the three ranges namely, FMU Tuensang, Longkhim and Noklak, under NFMP. Welentola (Life Care Society) FNGO team also presented a PowerPoint highlighting about the various activities of SHG's IGA Business Plan and convergence activities with different departments in Batch-I and II villages, taken up under Life Care Society.

Honorarium were given to the best three villages along with certificate from each FMU for their commendable performance under NFMP. FMU Heads, DMU Support Staff, FMU Staff, FNGO Team (LCS), JFMC members of Batch I, II & III villages and SHGs of Batch I & II villages attended the meeting.

HANYUK VILLAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAMME HELD

Hanyuk village under Noklak district, recognition programme was held on 21st May 2024 at Hunyuk village. The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner, Noklak,

Arikumba as the special guest.

In his speech, Arikumba advised the citizens of the newly recognized village to plan out for the future of the village through



DC, Noklak, Arikumba speaking at the inaugural programme of Hanyuk village at Noklak on 21st May 2024.

collective decisions. He also urged them to cooperate with the Government in every aspect for smooth development of the village. He thanked the Government of Nagaland for granting recognition to the village and everyone who contributed their time and service in this pursuit.

Representatives from neighbouring villages also spoke on the occasion and shared their joy over the recognition and assured to live, helping each other in peace and unity for a better future. The DC also unveiled a monolith during the programme.

INTEGRATED HEALTH CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

NIULAND:

Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Sara S Jamir graced the Integrated Health Campaign held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 22nd May 2024.

The DC addressing the gathering as the chief guest, stated that if a society and nation are to grow, it needs healthy citizens and to have healthy citizens, proper health care facilities are needed. Niuland, being a newly created district, still does not have a District

Hospital and for which, the DC requested the stakeholders, specially medical officials, to reach out to the unreached pockets of the district.

In regard to HIV/AIDS and TB problems, Jamir said stigma and discrimination is more harmful than the disease and urged the concerned department to conduct intensive awareness camp in the district.



DC, Niuland, Sara S. Jamir and officials with the Heads of Government High Schools and Government Higher Secondary School during a meeting held at Niuland on 21st May 2024.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

With the objective for providing free health services catering to at risk population in priority districts, Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) launched the Integrated Health Campaign at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Chümoukedima on 22nd May 2024.

The campaign will be for a period of two months and will cover all pockets of adjoining districts. They will be providing packages of services in counselling, screening of TB, HIV, Syphilis, HBV, HCV testing, diagnosis of diabetes, hypertension, anaemia and any other services as per local needs.

ADC, Chümoukedima, Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo speaking at the launching programme stated that Chümoukedima being a new district, needs institutional based set up of CMO Office so that whatever implementation is required can be carried out in a better way. He requested civil societies, NGOs, tribal councils to disseminate the information to the locals and create awareness campaign, as most of the people are unaware of the facilities.

During his keynote address, Project Director, NSACS, Dr. Ahu Sekhose pointed that the campaign is a tailored made strategy for all the entire state in India but basically targeted for North East.

Deputy Director, STI & Nodal Officer, IHC, NSACS, Dr. Zaiwang during her presentation on IHC highlighted

Chümoukedima district profile, where the total population of the district is 1,54,410; alive and on ART as of March 2024 is 1,861; Chümoukedima Sadar is 1,738, Medziphema Block 74, Dhansiripar Block 49. Total number of people tested for HIV from April 2023-March 2024 is 17,162, General client is 14,783, ANC 2,379.

Dr. Zaiwang informed that the total number of people tested positive from April 2023-March 2024 is 168. As for NACO, General client is 160 (1.1%), ANC 8(0.3%). While, total Syphilis case detected in (2023-24) is 181/3 (1.7%), total Targeted Intervention 3(IDUS), total HRG's tested for HIV from April 2023-March 2024 is 1180, total HRG's tested positive from April 2023-March 2024 is 3(0.3%).

Dr. Zaiwang further highlighted the mode of implementation based on two modes-target population and how to reach. Key High Risk Groups (HRGs) and other at risk and vulnerable population who are into high risk injecting practices, high risk sexual behavior or part of high risk sexual/injecting networks, etc. are based on target population, she added. Total number of sites identified based on the positivity rate as well as prevalence of vulnerable population in the district is 59; Total camp planned to be conducted is 23 camps; Extended camp is 21; Main/Static camp is 2 and timeline of the camp is 22nd May 2024-26th June 2024.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman Noklak DPDB, P. Longon at Conference Hall of the Deputy

Commissioner's Office, Noklak on 22nd May 2024.

During the meeting, the Board discussed on Local Area Development Programme (LADP) schemes for both 56th

A/C Noklak and 57th A/C Thonoknyu which was approved and forwarded to the concerned authority for necessary action. Tanghiu from District Disaster Management Authority proposed for SDRF personnel to be stationed at Noklak Headquarter emphasizing the need for SDRF during emergencies, which the Board approved and forwarded to the concerned authority for further action.

Students of Noklak raised various agenda including prohibition of sale of tobacco products, alcohol and other intoxicants near educational institutions, sufficient supply of drinking water at educational institutions and maintenance of road towards the schools. The district administration and concerned departments were entrusted to take immediate action.

The members also discussed on upgradation of Baptist School Thonoknyu from LP School to that of ME School and

agreed to forward the matter to School Education Department for consideration. Kengnyu Village Council proposed for construction of a Cultural Hall at Kengnyu village under Thonoknyu sub-division, which the Board approved to forward to the Department of Tribal Affairs for consideration. Nukho village submitted for society government registration and Choklangan village society for renewal of society registration, which was approved and forwarded to the concerned authority for consideration and further action.

MLA, P. Longon proposed for chopper service twice a week, which the members discussed and agreed to forward the matter to the General Manager, Nagaland State Transport for necessary action. He also urged the members to regularly attend the meetings and bring their departmental agenda for discussion and implementation.

WORKSHOP-CUM-AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT KIPHIRE

Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) in collaboration with Kiphire Town Council (KTC) organized a workshop-cum-awareness programme with colony leaders, chairman, gaonburas, sanitation committee members, student organizations, women organizations and Chamber of Commerce at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 22nd May 2024.

During the programme, Senior Scientific Assistant NPCB, Olivia G Chophy shared on Ambient Air Quality, while Junior Scientific Assistant NPCB, Rongsenben Longkumer shared on Plastic Waste Management. Waste Management was highlighted by Scientist B NPCB, Yanathung Kithan.

An interactive session was also held during the programme.

KISAN MELA PROGRAMME HELD AT PEREN

ATMA Peren district, Nagaland conducted Kisan Mela on 23rd May 2024 at ATMA Project Director & District Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Office in Jalukie, Peren.

Project Director ATMA & DFO, C. Dory Yanthan delivering the welcome note,

expressed her appreciation to the Deputy Commissioner of the district who is also the chairman of the ATMA Governing Board. She stated that his constant guidance and cooperation ensured huge encouragement to the Agri & Allied departments to knit



A magazine entitled "ATMA Activities at a Glance" was released by the DC, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS at Jalukie on 23rd May 2024.

together for one cause. She added that it has enabled the ATMA functionaries and farmer community in the district to move ahead thus far.

DC Peren & Chairman, Governing Board, Vineet Kumar, IAS in his speech stated that it is now time to hear the voice of the experts who knows how ecological imbalance of present scenario can be corrected by observing certain patterns in the cropping system. Kumar stated that to enhance production, there is need for a well-planned farming system, relying on the advice of the technical experts. He also advised the farmers to share their success and failures to the extension worker so that corrective measures can be drawn.

Other highlights of the programme included release of ATMA Peren district magazine entitled 'ATMA Activities at a Glimpse' by the Deputy Commissioner, distribution of seed money of Rs. 10,000/- each to four Self Help Groups and four Food Security Groups.

Technical session included visual demonstration on soil testing with the aid of Mobile Van by the Department of Soil Conservation Office by DSCO, Rokovikho

Nakhro. ACTO, KVK, James Kikonde liberated on the importance of vermicompost and C. Dory Yanthan, emphasized on the importance of high quality fingerlings. Importance and preparation of Bijamrita, Bordeaux mixture, Mushroom Oyster cultivation and Neem leaf extract to control insect pest were presented by the ATMA team.

During the programme included fingerlings were distributed by the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department, organic granules, vermibags, farming tool, seeds and implements by Soil & Water Conservation Department and Kisan Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

Altogether, more than 100 farmers from different farming backgrounds and blocks, ATMA farmer friends, Farm School Teachers, SHGs and more than 20 different agri-allied departments attended the programme. The ATMA Peren district organized this Farmers Fair with an objective to reach out to the farming community and to transfer recent technological knowledge, disseminating farm information, open opportunities to link with the agri & allied departmental experts and scientist from KVK.

MEETINGS HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS TO REVIEW MONSOON PREPAREDNESS

WOKHA:

Wokha District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) held a meeting to review the monsoon preparedness for the district on 27th May 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

DC, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS who chaired the meeting, requested the departments to monitor the road conditions in their respective areas and divisions to ensure timely repair and maintenance of roads in case of any eventualities. He also directed the Department of National Highways and PWD (Roads & Bridges) to put up all machineries in place for any emergencies. He further asked to take up clearance of drainages and culverts at the earliest.

Assistant Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Wokha appraised the status and availability of food grains/essential commodities, fuel and LPG. Chief Medical Officer, Wokha presented on the availability of medicines and essential drugs.

In regard to the status of the road along the National Highway-2, EE National Highways informed the members that construction of culverts, retaining wall and filling of potholes are under progress.

KOHIMA:

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Kohima held a meeting to deliberate on the availability of goods and services during potential calamities owing to the monsoon season. The disaster preparedness meeting, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant IAS, took place at the DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 28th May 2024.

DC, Ramnikant reiterated the prohibition on roadside dumping of construction and other materials and mentioned that contractors clean drainages before the monsoon to mitigate disaster risks. The members also decided to conduct a social work initiative to further bolster preparedness.

Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, Lanusenla Longkumer emphasized the importance of clearing drainages in all colonies. She highlighted the ongoing drainage clearance efforts in the town area and colonies, particularly mentioning the need for proper drainage along the road from Bayavü Junction to Vinyüzo School.

Food & Civil Supplies Department was directed to ensure that godowns are fully stocked at all times, with supplies sufficient to last at least three months.

The DDMA members also addressed the need to prepare for disease outbreaks, particularly dengue, during the monsoon season and deliberated on preparedness for blood transfusion and hospitalization. A suggestion was made for the Chief Medical Officer to assess and ensure the availability of life-saving drugs. The District Agriculture Officer assured to make scenario-based preparations on agriculture sector.

Power Department highlighted the importance of regularly clearing tree branches that could hinder power lines. Members agreed on the need to have machineries such as JCBs and tow trucks ready and stationed.

MON:

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Mon held quarterly meeting on

28th May 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon. DC & Chairman DDMA, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS chairing the meeting, urged all the concerned departments to be well prepared to face any eventualities.

Food & Civil Supplies shared about the availability of essential commodities in the district. Road infrastructure sector/ alternative routes/machinery functionality

was highlighted by PWD (Roads & Bridges), PWD (National Highways) NHIDCL and BRO. Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) said that they have formed a Task Force for the monsoon season, and have started clearing the roads and maintaining the drainages. District Hospital Mon Authority informed about the essential drugs/medicines/ manpower availability in the District Hospital Mon.

5th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY OF WOMEN SHG MEET HELD AT MELURI

The 5th Annual General Body Meeting of the Women SHG Block Level Federation under Meluri Block was held at Meluri Village Council Hall on 28th May 2024.

Deputy District Agriculture Officer (DDAO), Lisutho Phojo as the special guest, shared on financial management, budgeting,

spending and saving. He also emphasized that agriculture is the most important human activity which plays a vital role in the socio economic and environmental development of a nation.

Altogether 217 SHG members attended the programme.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON NAGALAND LOKAYUKTA HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

TUENSANG:

One-day awareness programme on functioning of the Nagaland Lokayukta in collaboration with District Administration Tuensang was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 29th May 2024.

Lokayukta, Nagaland, Banuo Z Jamir highlighted that Lokayukta is an independent body that have authority to inquire into the allegations of corruption, abuse of power and maladministration in functioning of government offices and public servants. They play a crucial role in promoting transparency and accountability in public administration in the State.

DC, Tuensang, A. Zibenthung Kithan thanked the Nagaland Lokayukta team led

by Banou Z Jamir for their tireless work in creating awareness on Lokayukta in the district.

Upa Lokayukta, Mayang Lima highlighted the Nagaland Lokayukta Act, 2017 and Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, while Upa Lokayukta, Khanrinla T Koza shared on Whistle Blowers Protection Act 2024.

LONGLENG:

A one-day awareness programme on the functioning of the Nagaland Lokayukta was held in collaboration with District Administration Longleng, at DPDB's Hall, Longleng on 30th May 2024.

Lokayukta, Nagaland, Banuo Z. Jamir speaking at the programme called upon the

gathering to always do the right thing. She added that they are the ones who have the authority in whichever assignments they have been entrusted with. Jamir stated that the fight against corruption requires a concerted effort by everyone. She hoped that through the awareness programme, the citizens will be better informed of what each one of them can each contribute towards this fight.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS in his address acknowledged the Lokayukta and her team for their effort to make people of Nagaland aware about the provisions of the Nagaland Lokayukta Act 2017; Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

and Whistle Blowers Protection Act 2024.

Upa Lokayukta, Mayang Lima highlighted about the Nagaland Lokayukta Act 2017 while Upa Lokayukta, Khanrinla Koza shared on the salient aspects of the various laws that govern the Nagaland Lokayukta, Structure and Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, Attachment of Property and Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2024.

The programme also witnessed productive open discussion with the participants and was attended by the Phom People's Council, Phomla Hoichem, Phom Students Conference, Wards representative and representatives from churches within Longleng town.

ADVISOR KEKHRIELHOULIE VISITS GHS MON TOWN 'C' AND GHSS MON



Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with officials during the visit to GHS Mon Town 'C' and GHSS Mon on 28th and 29th May 2024.

Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) Nagaland, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome accompanied by Commissioner &

Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami, Mission Director, Temsunaro and EE, Er. Hokato Sema from Engineering Cell visited Government High School Mon Town 'C' and Government Higher Secondary School Mon on 28th May 2024 and 29th May 2024, respectively.

The Advisor inspected and assessed the school building and infrastructure of the school. He called upon the school authority not to depend everything on government. As many of the teachers and staff are local people,

he urged them to be more responsible for improvement of the schools. He requested the school principal and the staff to let the students be involved in the cleanliness of the

school. He also informed that construction of school building at Mon is better compared to other districts. He assured that 40 to 50

schools would be upgraded within 5-10 years. He also assured to look into the matter regarding shortage of teachers.

TRAINING FOR POLLING PERSONNEL HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

PEREN:

To ensure smooth conduct of elections to the Municipal and Town Council 2024, the first phase of training for Presiding Officers and 1st & 2nd Polling Officers was conducted at Town Hall, Peren town on 29th May 2024.

Nodal Officer, Training Management, Albert in his welcome address said that under Peren district, election will be conducted in three towns consisting of 9 wards each. He also informed that the upcoming ULB Election will see the use of traditional ballot boxes and ballot papers instead of EVMs.

MON:

In view of the counting of votes for the 18th General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024 parliamentary constituency for 41 AC to 48 AC and 55 AC, under Mon district, the first phase of training for all the Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistant and Micro Observers was conducted on 29th May 2024 at Council Hall, Mon town.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mon, K. Temjennaro Longkumer explained the roles and responsibility of the counting officials. She said that even though there is zero voting in the district, everything will be done according to procedure. She encouraged them to understand each other's roles and do it professionally for the successful conduct of the counting of votes.

District Level Master Trainers explained on the counting procedure and demonstrated on how to operate the CU and VVPAT machine.

WOKHA:

In connection with the counting of votes for the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024, a three-day training for the counting officials commenced from 30th May 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

Assistant Election Officer, Wokha, Chisho Swu addressing the officials during the training highlighted on the procedures and guidelines on counting of votes, while Assistant Professor, Khyopenthung Tsopoe apprised on counting of votes through EVMs.

Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants, Micro Observers, Tabulators and Technical Assistants attended the three-day training programme.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Training for the counting officials of the 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024 was held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 30th May 2024.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoiji appealed the officials to give the same effort during the forthcoming counting process as well. He advised the officials to highlight any problems that may arise during the counting process to the concerned authority for timely correction.

KIPHIRE:

The training of counting personnel for the Lok Sabha Election 2024 was held on 31st May 2024 at the DPDB's Conference Hall,

Kiphire.

The training session commenced with introduction by Assistant Professor, Gagan Mishra. Deputy Commissioner, Tamsuwati Longkumer in his welcome address, encouraged all the polling personnel to be cautious and alert while performing duties

on the counting day. The DC also cautioned the personnel to be alert and ensure that the EVM data output matched the voter - turnout data compiled earlier.

Later, the DLMTs imparted training on the counting procedure and guidelines of the ECI.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING HELD AT LAKHUNI VILLAGE

In a bid to bring the government closer to the people, the Mangkolemba sub-division held its monthly SDPDB meeting at Lakhuni village located in Japu range under Mokokchung district on 30th May 2024. The meeting was chaired by the ADC and Vice Chairman, SDPDB, Mangkolemba, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao. The village has around 120 households with most families engaged in plantation farming, especially are canut and rubber.

ADC, Lankonsen in his address, appreciated the eco-friendly practices adopted by the village using bamboo cups and leaf wraps. He further stated that each contribution made by individual will be a great leap toward making the environment plastic free. He also gave an update on the

on-going road upgradation work at Longnak-Mangkolemba road which is expected to be completed by this year end.

The Board discussed and approved the schemes proposed by the elected members under Local Area Development Programme 2024-25 under 29 Jangpetkong A/C and 30 Alongtaki A/C.

In regard to projects like the construction of Dispensary Sub Centre at Longdikaba, Government Primary School at Longdikaba, Government Primary School at Lizo Model village, renovation of Government High School Alongtaki, the Chairman urged the concerned departments to expedite the formalities to ensure that the projects are completed in due time to serve the larger public interest and convenience.

ADC, Mangkolemba, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao addressing the SDPDB meeting at Lakhuni village, Mokokchung on 30th May 2024.

Date: 30.05.2024

Venue: Lakhuni Village



SOFT INAUGURATION OF KOHIMA PEACE MEMORIAL AND ECO-PARK

The soft inauguration programme of the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco-Park was held on 8th May 2024 at Kohima with Ambassador of Japan to India, Suzuki Hiroshi as the special guest.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Ambassador of Japan to India, Suzuki Hiroshi, expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the people of Nagaland who were caught in the crossfire during the war between Japanese forces and the British Commonwealth Forces eighty years ago. He said that the people of Nagaland who had nothing to do with the war, inevitably had to go through a great ordeal where many were coerced into cooperation and many people lost their lives and most people were forced to flee from the land of their ancestors.

The Ambassador added that he was deeply honored to witness the inauguration of the Kohima Peace Memorial and that the monument enables us to offer our most solemn prayers to all the victims of the battle. He expressed his gratitude to the people of Nagaland for their warm welcome and support provided to the Kohima-Japan Bone Collection Team and enabling former soldiers and their families to collect the remains of the fallen soldiers. He said that the Eco-Park will be developed as part of the Nagaland Forest Management Project with Official Development Assistance (ODA) from the Japanese Government.

Ambassador Hiroshi expressed his sincere gratitude to the Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio and also to the people of Nagaland for erecting the peace memorial and hope that the peace memorial would be a reason for more Japanese people to visit Kohima. He affirmed that the friendship

originally fostered through the remains collection between Japan and Nagaland will be further strengthened through the construction of the Eco-Park as well as the exchange of young people, and they will become new bridges between India and Japan.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio who also spoke at the inaugural programme said that the event marked an important milestone in the narrative of Naga-Japan partnership which though started under the cloud of conflict had today matured into one for advocating peace and brotherhood of humanity, the message that has been embodied by the Kohima Peace Memorial. He expressed his admiration of Japan for its perseverance and industriousness and how Japan has shown the World what can be achieved through dedication, precision and hard work.

Rio highlighted how Nagaland's association with Japan had started almost five decades ago through the Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties, an Association that continues till date and the Association has now matured into bi-lateral cooperation with Japan under which there are two ongoing Externally Aided Projects in the forestry and medical sectors. Rio further added that the inauguration of the Kohima Peace Memorial and the ceremony of laying Foundation Stone is the expression of the Naga People's commitment to forge stronger ties between Japan and Nagaland.

Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Village Guards C.L. John emphasized that the Peace Memorial and Eco Park is the realization of a long-felt need

in the State given the history of association between Nagaland and Japan. The Minister highlighted about how 70% of state population is engaged in agriculture, mostly traditional method of jhum and shifting cultivation and how this type of traditional method is the major reason for loss of forest cover in Nagaland. In such situation, the sanctioning of JICA assisted Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) seems providential in rescuing the rich biodiversity

of the State, he stated. The project objective is to restore forest cover through tree plantation in jhum and promoting conservation of forest through community participation and the project aims to bring an area of 790 square kilometers under forest cover by planting 17 million saplings. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the government and people of Japan for the invaluable assistance towards safeguarding the forest and ecology of Nagaland.

MLA DR. SUKHATO A SEMA INAUGURATES CC ROAD AND AGRI LINK ROAD AT PUGHOBOTO

MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema inaugurated cement concrete road at Kitami village and Agri Link Road at Ghokimi village, Pughoboto in the presence of ADC, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang, SDO (C), R. Daniel Angami, SDPO, Hankiumong, EAC, Khriethozo Pfulkri and

other officials on 18th May 2024.

The cement concrete road which connects Asukiqa to Aphuthemi was constructed under Iconic Project of LADPF 2023-2024, while the Agri Link Road was funded by VDB under RD Block, Ghathashi.



MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema along with ADC, Pughoboto and officials during the inauguration of Cement Concrete Road at Kitami village and Agri Link Road at Ghokimi village, Pughoboto on 18th May 2024.

NIRBHAYA VLTS COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE LAUNCHED IN THE STATE

The Department of Transport inaugurated and launched the Nirbhaya VLTS Command & Control Centre at Nirbhaya VLTS Command Centre, Transport

Commissionerate, Kohima on 28th May 2024.

Commissioner & Secretary Transport, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS mentioned that the launching of Nirbhaya VLTS (Vehicle



Commissioner & Secretary, Transport, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS launching the VLTS Command & Control Centre at Nirbhaya VLTS Command Centre, Transport Commissionerate, Kohima on 28th May 2024.

Location Tracking System) is a great achievement and a joy for the State as it will provide safety to women, children, old-age and other passengers. Chusi said that this system will allow drivers of passenger vehicle to be more cautious and urged the Department, stakeholders and the public to act collectively and to utilize the device to its full advantage. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the able leadership of the Transport Commissioner and his team involved in achieving the milestone.

Transport Commissioner, Elias T. Lotha gave a brief overview of the Nirbhaya VLTS Project which was initiated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). He said that the Ministry initiated the scheme as development, customisation, deployment and management of state-wise tracking platform for safety and enforcement as per AIS 140 specification.

Elias informed that the Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) will be installed on all public transport registered before or after 1st January 2019 and these vehicles will be fitted with a VLT device with a

unique ID and a panic button and these details will be integrated with the Vahan database and that the Vehicle Location Tracking will be monitored in a Command-and-Control Centre manned by personnel 24x7 and that the Centre serves as an interface, linking the vehicles, the police control room and related enforcement and emergency units into a real-time data-sharing network.

Elias mentioned that during an emergency, the travelers can press the panic button that will send a distress message to the Command-and-Control Centre and acting upon it, the Centre will alert Police and other concerned stakeholders to attend to the situation. Furthermore, he said the objective is to ensure safety for women, children and vulnerable individuals who often face safety challenges while commuting, especially during late hours or in unfamiliar areas

Elias added that the project aims to provide timely response and assistance in case of emergencies or distress situation, deterrence of potential perpetrators due to the visible presence of tracking system, improved trust and confidence among commuters leading to increased usage

of public transport and that the project seeks to make public transport safer and instill confidence among commuters, and the collaboration between transport

authorities, enforcement agencies and Quick Response Teams will ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of the project.

NAGALAND STATE COOPERATIVE BANK LTD. OPENS ITS 23rd BRANCH IN LONGLENG

The Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Ltd. opened its 23rd Branch at Shamakok Complex, PPC Ward, Longleng on 29th May 2024, with Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS as the special guest.

DC, Dharam Raj in his address, said Nagaland State Cooperative Bank is the people's bank as its prime motive is to help the people financially and it is not for profit motive. He stated that it is only when there is financial inclusion, development will happen. The DC said the bank will follow all the guidelines but have some flexibility, unlike other banks. He added, Nagaland State Cooperative Bank will provide better services and loans with better interest and

called upon the citizens to make best use of the opportunity.

In his keynote address, General Manager, Nagaland State Cooperative Bank, Jonah Sema highlighted various schemes and initiatives launched by the Bank. He said the 23rd Branch of Nagaland State Cooperative Bank, located at the heart of Longleng town, represents not just a structure but it represents hope for financial empowerment and progress for the vibrant community of Longleng town.

Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Executive Secretary, Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), N. Tialemba Phom.



DC, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS with officials during the inauguration of the Nagaland State Cooperative Bank at Longleng on 29th May 2024.



Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak with Social Welfare Department officers during the Annual Officers' Conference held at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th May 2024.



Director, Informations & Public Relations, Dzūivnuo Theūnuo with officials, resource persons and participants of the Skill Upgradation Training at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 24th May 2024.



Governor, Nagaland, La Ganesan along with Managing Committee Members of the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 8th May 2024.



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Under Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Wacy Kent along with officials and participants during the workshop on Accounting, Auditing and Taxation held at CTC, Medziphema on 20th May 2024.



Chairperson, NSHRC, Justice Songkhupchung Serto along with ADC, Tuli, officials and participants during the awareness programme on Human Rights held at Tuli College, Tuli, Mokokchung on 18th May 2024.



Innovation Hub & Space Education Centre, Nagaland Science Centre, Department of Science & Technology organised the Annual Hobby Camp at the Innovation Hub, Dimapur on 24th May 2024.



Two-day workshop on 'Basic Disaster Management and Disaster Data' was organised by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Home Department at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 16th May 2024.



DC, Zunheboto distributed aids and appliances including wheelchairs, walking sticks etc. through the ADIP scheme under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment at Zunheboto on 13th May 2024.



Athletes from Tuensang who participated in the Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic Games were felicitated during the Tuensang DPDB meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 14th May 2024.



Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie, IPS speaking on the occasion of the first-ever Nagaland Potato Festival celebrated at Local Ground, Jakhama, Kohima on 10th May 2024.



Director, Tourism, Veyielo Doulo inaugurating the stalls during the 3rd Cucumber Festival 2024 held at Aliba village, Mokochung on 10th May 2024.