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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Members of the 16th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at the inauguration of the Botanical Garden named after Lt. T. N. Angami on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary celebration of NLA at NLA Secretariat Complex, Kohima on 29th October 2024.



Union Minister of State, Arjun Ram Meghwal with government officials visiting the New Kohima High Court construction site at Meriema, Kohima on 23rd October 2024.



Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram with Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Moatoshi Longkumer and other government officials during the unveiling of the New Community Hall at Indisen village, Dimapur on 15th of October 2024.



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P&AR INFORMS ON ENHANCEMENT OF UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

In supersession of all Government Notifications/Office Memoranda regarding prescribed age limits, the Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department has issued the following lower and upper age limits to enter into Government Service as under:

1. Age limits by Grade:

- a) Group D : Minimum 18 years and maximum 32 years
- b) Group A, B and C : Minimum 21 years and maximum 32 years

2. Age Relaxations:

- a) Scheduled Tribe (ST) : 5 years relaxation (upper age limit of 37 years).
- b) Government employees : Relaxation equal to years of service served subject to a maximum of 5 years.

This shall come into effect from 9th October 2024. This is issued with the approval of the Cabinet vide NO.CAB-1/14/2023 dated 9/10/2024.

NST NOTIFIES ON WEEKLY HELICOPTER SCHEDULE AND RATE

The Nagaland State Transport (NST) has notified on the weekly helicopter schedule and rate as under:

Sl.No.	District	Days	Contact details for Helicopter service
1	Dimapur	All the weekdays	7005063596/9436073273/7628940640
2	Mokokchung	Monday/Wednesday/Saturday	9862259466/8974151974
3	Tuensang	Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday	9862407587/9862738524
4	Zunheboto	Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday	9089826346/8729932522
5	Kiphire	Monday/Tuesday/Friday	9436811817/9612581105
6	Noklak	Monday	6009591166
7	Shamator	Thursday	6009723857
8	Pungro	Wednesday	9612512620
9	Kohima	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9856200471/9402075566
10	Mon	Wednesday	8414099602/8974663195
11	Tizit	Tuesday	8414099602/8974663195
1	Tobu	Monday	8414099602/8974663195
13	Wokha	Friday	8837416832/9436078694
14	Seyochung	Friday	9436811817/9612581105
15	Meluri	Saturday	8837416832/9436078694
16	Peren	Tuesday	7005305820
17	Aghunato	Wednesday	9089826346/8729932522
18	Pfutsero	Friday	7005214474/8974142336
19	Longleng	Thursday	89746191 18/9862109481
20	Phek	Wednesday	7005214474/8974142336
21	Tseminyu	Thursday	8798856833

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For Medical Evacuation/Charter Service, contact number:

1. 9774329903
2. 9862370221

Note:

1. For chartering, requisition must be submitted to General Manager Office, NST Dimapur atleast 48 hours ahead of the intended schedule sortie.
2. For medical evacuation, fit to fly certificate of the patient duly certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner is mandatory.

Sl. No.	Sector	Flying Time (Minutes)	No.of pax.	Fare Per Pax @25% after 75% Subsidy		Hiring	
				Adult	Infant (0-2 years) @10%	Medical Evacuation	Chartered
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
1	Dimapur-Tobu	55	11	3575	357	60000	240000
2	Dimapur-Noklak	50	10	3250	325	55000	220000
3	Dimapur-Tizit	60	13	3900	390	65000	260000
4	Dimapur-Meluri	40	11	2600	260	45000	180000
5	Dimapur-Peren	25	10	1625	162	30000	120000
6	Dimapur-Pfutsero	30	7	1950	195	35000	140000
7	Dimapur-Shamator	45	9	2925	292	50000	200000
8	Dimapur-Seyochung	45	8	2925	292	50000	200000
9	Dimapur-Aghunato	35	10	2275	227	40000	160000
10	Dimapur-Wokha	25	11	1625	162	30000	120000
U	Dimapur-Phek	30	10	1950	195	35000	140000
12	Dimapur-Zunheboto	35	8	2275	227	40000	160000
13	Dimapur-Mokokchung	40	11	2600	260	45000	180000
14	Dimapur-Mon	60	13	3900	390	65000	260000
15	Dimapur-Tuensang	45	11	2925	292	50000	200000
16	Dimapur-Kiphire	45	12	2925	292	50000	200000
17	Dimapur-Longleng	45	11	2925	292	50000	200000
18	Dimapur-Pungro	45	10	2925	292	50000	200000
19	Dimapur-Kohima	30	7	1950	195	35000	140000
20	Dimapur-Tseminyu	25	11	1625	162	30000	120000

Note:

1. For chartering, at least 48 Mrs. requisition in advance to be submitted to General Manager's Office, NST Dimapur and additional 10 Minutes Flying Time shall be added for flying from Hangar to Apron and vice-versa for chartering cases. In case of medical evacuation, fit to fly certificate of the patient duly certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner is mandatory.

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2. The passenger carrying capacity for every sector will depend upon the load/weight of the passengers and maximum baggage of 5 Kg per passenger.
3. Operation of the State Helicopter Service is subject to weather and technical conditions.
4. Operation of Service on every sector shall be subject to availability of at least 80% load factor on both ways and availability of safe landing helipad.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON CMLIS CLAIMS PROCESSING

The State Finance Department has issued the following important guidelines regarding the Claims Processing under the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme (CMLIS), for the benefit of beneficiaries and their families. The CMLIS initiative is designed to provide comprehensive support to families affected by death of breadwinner or affected by accidents, ensuring financial security through a clear and efficient claims processing.

1. Claims for death of breadwinner due to any reason:

- A. The person should be registered as breadwinner in CMLIS portal.
- B. Claim/Death must be intimated to the Insurance Facilitation Cell of Finance Department, within three weeks through call or WhatsApp to 9366494507.
- C. The facilitation cell will assist in further documentation. Detailed instructions are available on the official website - cmlis.gov.in.

2. Accidental Insurance Claim:

- A. What is considered as 'Accident' under this policy? 'Accident' means a sudden, unforeseen and involuntary event caused by external, violent and visible means. Natural calamities being in the nature of accidents, any death/disability resulting from such natural calamities is also covered under CMLIS. While death due to suicide is not covered, that from murder is covered. In case of incidents like road, rail and similar vehicular accidents, drowning, death involving any crime etc. the accident should be reported to police. In case of incidents like snake bite, fall from tree etc. the cause should be supported by immediate hospital record.

B. What is not covered/regarded as 'Accident' under this policy?

- Illness/Loss caused by childbirth/pregnancy.
- Illness/Loss caused due to mosquito bite and resultant diseases.
- Illness/Loss caused due to bio-chemical nuclear weapons.
- Illness/ Loss caused by participating in civil riot/rebellion/terrorism activities.
- Intentional self-inflicted injury or illness.
- Injury under the influence of intoxicants or hallucinogens.
- Suicide/attempt of suicide.
- Willful participation in illegal activities.
- Pre-existing diseases and complications arising from it.
- Participation in sports and adventure sports without the supervision of a trained professional.

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**This is an indicative list of exclusions only. Beneficiaries are requested to go through the exclusion list on the cmlis.gov.in website.

3. Claim process for accidental disability or death of breadwinner or dependant:

- The claimants must be registered as a beneficiary under CMLIS and will cover deaths due to accident as confirmed by documentary evidence only.
- **Time intimation of claim:** Claims must be reported within seven days of the accident and no later than one month from the date of the actual or potential loss. The intimation shall be provided over call or WhatsApp to 9366494507.
- **Mandatory intimation to nearest police station:** It is mandatory to report the accident to the nearest police station and ensure it is documented in the General Diary.
- **Mandatory post mortem for death claims:** A post-mortem report is mandatory for claims related to death.
- **Inquest reports wherever postmortem is not possible:** If a post-mortem is not feasible due to a genuine reason, an inquest report from the Administrative Officer or Executive Magistrate under Section 194 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNNS) must be submitted. This report should include photos of injuries sustained due to accident if any, photos taken during the inquest with police personnel present and a medical certificate indicating the cause of death.
- **Immediate necessary action by affected family:**
Families affected by an accident should promptly approach the administration to conduct an inquest when a post-mortem is not possible.
- **Claim documentation:** Comprehensive details regarding the claims process can be found at cmlis.gov.in.
- In case of death of breadwinner due to accident, both life insurance and accidental insurance claims can be processed independently.

Important note for claimants: The CMLIS Portal is still open for the general public who have not registered for the scheme and may register themselves. All claimants are to strictly adhere to these guidelines to ensure the timely processing of claims without rejection by the Insurance Provider. For further inquiries/ assistance on claim processing, one can contact Insurance Facilitator at 9366494507 or visit cmlis.gov.in.

SERICULTURE BOARD NAGALAND CONSTITUTED

The Department of Sericulture has informed that the Sericulture Board Nagaland (SBN) has been constituted with the following members:

Name	Designation	Post
1. Henhkohao Singsong	Commissioner & Secretary	Chairman
2. Pukhaxu Jhimo	Advisor (HMCSL)/UDA,NO (Evl)	Secretary
3. Shameek Deb	Civil Engineering	Member
4. Nito John Lohe Sumi	Director (FPO)	Member

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5. Neitho Kense	Social Worker/NGO	Member
6. Hekuto	HMCSL/CBBO Prog. Coordinator	Member
7. Arpita Dhar	Legal Consultant & Company Secretary (MoCA/CEO (HMCSL))	Member

GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING DUPLICATE APPOINTMENT ORDER/OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) has observed that some Government employees apply for duplicate appointment orders/official documents pertaining to service matters due to the loss of original appointment order/official document, and in the absence of proper guidelines, inconsistencies have arisen in the issuance of these duplicates across different establishments.

Hence, to ensure uniformity and prevent discrepancies, the following guidelines are hereby established for obtaining a duplicate appointment order/official document pertaining to service matters:

1. Upon losing the original appointment order/official document, the employee must file a First Information Report (FIR) at the nearest police station within 30 days of the loss.
2. The employee shall publish a 'Lost Document' notice in local newspapers.
3. Authenticity of the employee's details will be verified by the authorized issuing authority - HoD for non-gazetted employees and AHoD for gazetted employees, by checking against the service record available in the Department such as pay roll, acquaintance roll and Service Book entry, ensuring that all appointment/service event entries have been made in the Service Book under the attestation of the competent attester's authority, and that there is a certified copy of initial pay and drawal from the pay acquaintance roll.
4. Prior approval must be obtained from the Personnel and Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department before issuing the duplicate appointment order/official document.
5. The duplicate appointment order/official document must contain the same terms and conditions as the original. No alterations or modifications are permitted under any circumstances.
6. The Department shall ensure that the originality of the appointment order/official document is retained by diligently making timely entries in the Service Book and strictly maintaining the Guard File and other modes of record keeping.

All Government establishments are directed to strictly adhere to these guidelines when processing requests for duplicate appointment orders/official documents pertaining to service matters.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

Finance Department has notified that in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 125(1) of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to constitute the Fourth Nagaland State Finance Commission with a Chairman and two other Members as follows:

1. Sarah R. Ritse, Commissioner & Secretary : Chairperson to the Government of Nagaland (Retd.)
2. G.W. Lee, Director, Treasuries & Accounts (Retd.) : Member
3. Khrupi Sothu, Secretary (Retd.) : Member Secretary

1. The tenure of the Commission shall be for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of this notification.
2. The Commission shall make recommendations relating to the following matters:
 - A. The principles which shall govern:
 - i. The distribution between the State and the Municipalities of the net proceeds of taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, which may be divided between them.
 - ii. The determination of taxes, duties, tolls, fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by the Municipalities; and
 - iii. The grant-in-aid to the Municipalities from the Consolidated Fund of the State.
 - B. The measures needed to improve the financial position of the Municipalities.
 - C. The rates of various taxes, tolls and fees that may be raised by the Municipalities and the method of determining the same.
 - D. Any other matter referred to the Commission by the Government in the interest of sound finances of the Municipalities.
3. In making its recommendations, the Commission shall have regard among other considerations to:
 - A. The objective of balancing the receipts and the expenditure of the State Government and the local bodies and for generating surplus for capital investment.
 - B. The resource of the State Government and demands, thereon particularly in respect of expenditure on civil administration, maintenance and upkeep of capital assets, maintenance of expenditure on plan schemes and other committed expenditure or liabilities of the State; and
 - C. The requirement of the Municipalities, their potential for raising resources and for reducing expenditure.
 - D. Terms of the Office of the Chairman and the whole Team Members and conditions of their services and other allowances shall be as prescribed under Rule 6 and 7 of the Nagaland Finance Commission Rules, 2008.
 - E. The Commission shall make its report available by 31st October 2025 covering the period of five years (2026-2031) commencing from 1st April 2026.

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SMS & WEB BASED IT PROJECT LAUNCHED

Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Nagaland, Kohima has informed all State Government employees that in pursuance to the initiative of the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, the SMS & Web based IT Project has been launched for the benefit of State Government employees. This IT Project is SMS based and encapsulates entitlement functions like Pension, GPF and GE. The SMS & Web based IT project aims to bring transparency at every stage of Pension, GPF and Payslip/Leave/Leave encashment finalization by providing SMS to their registered mobile number

For Pension: The retiring officials will be intimated during receipt, clarification required if any, and finalization of pension case. The SMS will provide website link and temporary User ID & Password (which has to be changed after logging in) to download the digitally signed personal copy of pension authorities (PPO intimation slip, GPO, CPO). To avail this facility, pensioners are requested to furnish mobile numbers along with their pension documents.

For GPF: The GPF subscribers will be intimated for receipt and finalization of their respective GPF final payment case. The SMS will provide website link and temporary User ID & Password (which has to be changed after logging in) to download the digitally signed personal copy of the GPF final payment authority.

For GE: All gazetted officers will be intimated via SMS which will provide website link and temporary User ID & Password (which has to be changed after logging in) to download their respective Pay slip/LAR/LARR/LER once the same is authorized and uploaded on the website. To avail this facility, gazetted officers are requested to furnish mobile numbers mentioning name, designation and department.

On receipt of User ID & Password, the user may follow the following steps to download their respective Pension/GPF/GE authority:

- Go to the link <https://smswebservicesagaenagaland.cag.aov.in>
- Enter User ID and password received through SMS
- Enter Captcha and click 'Log in.'
- After logging in, click 'Download' to download the respective Pension/GPF/GE authorities.
- User may also select 'Reset Password' to reset their respective password after logging in.

In case of any doubt or query, State Government employees can contact the following officers for assistance during office hours:

- Nitish Kumar, Assistant Accounts Officer (8415830781)
- Akum Chuba, Senior Accounts Officer (9436005112)

State Government employees can also email agaenagaland@cag.gov.in or to Satish Kumar, Senior Deputy Accountant General (A&E) at kumars4@cag.gov.in for any query or doubts.

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CEO NAGALAND PUBLISHES DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLL

The Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland has informed in a Press Release that the draft photo electoral roll has been published on 29th October 2024 for all 60 (Sixty) Assembly Constituencies in Nagaland by the respective Electoral Registration Officers. The number of electors as per the Draft Roll 2025 is as per the table below:

General Electors				Service Electors			Total Electors			
Male	Female	TG	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	TG	Total
659264	664965	2	1324231	7209	115	7324	666473	665080	2	1331555

The Electors-Population (EP) ratio of the State is 534 and Elector Gender ratio stands at 1009 as per the published draft roll.

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

The Draft Electoral Roll 2025 is accessible in the website of the CEO, Nagaland, <https://ceo.nagaland.gov.in>. The final photo electoral roll will be published on 10th January 2025.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

A state-level celebration of the International Day of Older Persons 2024 under the theme 'Ageing with dignity' was celebrated at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima on 1st October 2024.

Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak who was the special guest, stated that the International Day of Older Persons is not just a celebration for the elderly but to underscore a commitment to their dignity and well-being. In Nagaland, as in many parts of the world, our elderly are the bearers of our culture, the custodians of our traditions, and the living history of our society, he said. Konyak said 'Ageing with dignity' is not a mere slogan, but also a call to action; it requires everyone to look beyond biological aspects and to see the wisdom, the stories, and the contributions that define a life well-lived.

The Advisor advised that the younger generations to take moments to listen, learn, and engage with our elders as they are the greatest treasure of the family, society and the nation with immense ocean of knowledge, experience and wisdom which serve as a guiding light for the younger generation. He urged everyone to commit to policies that reflect the theme and advocate for more inclusive public spaces, better healthcare services tailored for the elderly, amenities for their comfort and educational programmes that teach respect and understanding across generations and work together to ensure that the elderly people in Nagaland ages with the dignity they deserve, surrounded by love, respect, and the active participation in our community life.

Meanwhile, Distinguished Senior Citizens Award was presented to Yesoni Veyie and Abeni T.C.K for their outstanding contribution towards the society and the State.

Executive Member, SCAN & Former Minister, Deo Nukhu spoke on behalf of the Senior Citizens' Association, Nagaland.

MON:

Deputy Commissioner of Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS graced the International Day of Older Persons celebration as the special guest at Mon.

Sharing on the theme, the DC encouraged the gathering to bring up every child in a way to show love and respect to the older people. He added that older people have the right to live a dignified life. The DC thanked the District Welfare Office Mon, for organising the programme and also the Chief Medical Officer's Office for the free health check-up for the older persons.

L. Moba, from Ukha Village and A. Päuwaü Jessuhu of Kongan village were felicitated by the District Welfare Office for their contributions to the society. To show love and appreciation, gifts were presented to the older people present at the programme.

Medical Officer, Wakching, Dr. Chingyen sharing on health and hygiene, encouraged the older people to maintain proper diet and hygiene for their health as there are many age related health issues.

A medical camp for older people was organised by the Department of Health & Family Welfare through the Chief Medical Officer, Mon.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland Zunheboto District Unit in collaboration with Social Welfare Department and Legal Services Authority Zunheboto, Nagaland, celebrated its 17th session for International Day of Older Persons at VDB Hall Zunheboto on 1st October 2024.

During the programme, District Awards were presented to K. Vikuto Zhimomi and Kughani P. Shohe. Free Health Screening Camp for senior citizens was organized, aided by the District Hospital Zunheboto.

PEREN:

International Day of Older Persons was celebrated at Ngwalwa Baptist Church premises under the theme of 'Ageing with dignity' at Peren on 1st October 2024.

Speaking as the special guest, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru stated that the celebration was to recognise the contributions of the older persons and also to acknowledge the contribution of their knowledge and wisdom. He encouraged the gathering to acknowledge the senior citizens

and to rededicate their efforts to ensure their well-being. The DC also highlighted the importance of strengthening care and support system for older persons.

On behalf of the older persons, the elderly blessings was pronounced by Rev. Kulungsing Meru. The programme was organised by Good Samaritan Women Society Ngwalwa village, providing gifts to all the older persons present in the programme and also organizing a medical check-up programme.

MELURI:

International Day of Older Persons was observed under the theme, 'Ageing with dignity' at Meluri Village Council Hall on 1st October 2024.

The Social Welfare Department Phek conferred the Senior Citizens' Award to Khrumatshü and Kajirhü Kajiri in recognition of their contribution to the society. Organised by the Social Welfare Department, Phek, a total of 205 elderly people of 75 years and above of Meluri attended the programme.



International Day of Older Persons was organised at Meluri village on 1st October 2024.

TUENSANG:

International Day for Older Persons was celebrated under the theme, 'Ageing with dignity,' at Town Hall, Tuensang on 1st October 2024.

Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, said that the day was celebrated to honour the significant contribution of the elders to the society. She urged the senior citizens to impart knowledge and wisdom to the younger generation with their vast experience.

Keynote address was delivered by DWO Tuensang, T. Longlang Luckpan while Dr.

Tehrilila Sangtam shared on healthy ageing and physiotherapy. Speech on behalf of senior citizens was shared by Rev. L. Ben Chang and a special prayer for the elderly persons was pronounced by President, TTBP, L. Ongmang Chang.

Distinguished District Award was presented to Rev. L. Ben Chang and Thsangchila. A free medical camp was also organised by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Tuensang on the occasion. The programme was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Tuensang in collaboration with United Tribal of Elders, Leaders Union (UTELU).

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

On the occasion of International Coffee Day, the Directorate of Land Resources organized an event on the theme 'Collaboration for a better tomorrow' at the office conference hall, Kohima on 1st October 2024.

Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi delivering his message, emphasized on promoting Nagaland coffee across the districts by creating cafes and coffee bars offering world-class coffee at reasonable prices. He also encouraged the youth to take up coffee entrepreneurship seriously keeping in view the scope of employment and economic desire of the people. Zhimomi also encouraged the Land Resources Department and Coffee Board of India to continue promoting coffee development in the State, support the coffee farmers, and work towards taking Nagaland grown coffee to greater heights. He remarked that the Department has been actively supporting coffee development at all levels such as area expansion, post-harvest processing, roasting

of coffee beans and also providing barista training to the youth interested in the art of coffee making.

Highlighting the development of coffee production in Nagaland context, the Advisor said that it was taken up during 1970s and 1990s, however, not much progress was achieved at that point of time. He added that in 2014, the Coffee Board partnered with the Department of Land Resources took up visionary initiatives to revive the coffee plantations in the State, adding that before 2014, coffee plantations in Nagaland were around 145 hectares area, whereas now, area under coffee plantation has increased to 10,200 hectares.

Commissioner & Secretary, Land Resources, Kevekha Kevin Zehol delivering the keynote address, said Nagaland is fortunate because coffee crop can grow all over the state; coffee thrives well at 800 meters to 1,500 meter and Nagaland has the perfect soil condition for that. He also emphasised on the importance of advertising

and social media, and urged the Department to advocate and propagate home-grown coffee through the Information & Public Relations Department publications and other government publications so that it reaches all sections of Naga people. Zehol said that the State Government, as policymakers, would try to integrate the interest of the coffee farmers and growers while formulating policies.

Coffee grower from Wokha, Yanthungo sharing his experience, said that earlier there was no market, but by 2008, the Land Resources Department started promoting coffee plantation. He said the farmers started growing coffee with the encouragement from the department and with doorstep delivery of coffee seed free of cost to the framers. He also appealed to the department to assist in

providing machinery and market linkages for the coffee growers in Nagaland.

Deputy Director (Extension), Coffee Board of India, Jorhat Jayanta Gosh, coffee producers and coffee entrepreneur also delivered short speeches. Altogether, 15 highest producers and largest growers from 16 districts were awarded with cash and certificates.

The event was followed by manual brewing competition, showcasing of coffee products from entrepreneurs and experiential exposure on different stages of coffee.

Advisor, Geology & Mining, W. Chingang Konyak, MLA, C. Manpon Konyak and a host of officials from various departments attended the programme.

PIB CONDUCTS MEDIA TOUR TO MUMBAI

Under the aegis of Press Information Bureau, Kohima (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India), an eight-day media tour to Mumbai for media persons of Nagaland began on 1st October 2024. The team left for Mumbai on 1st October 2024.

The objectives of the media tour is to provide the local media an opportunity to see for themselves the development of various government schemes in the field and report in the local media, enable coverage of important programmes and projects of various ministries, enable interaction of journalists of different regions with one another, provide opportunities to the journalists of the State to understand the socio-economic cultural aspects of different states, enabling long term partnership between PIB and media.



Media personnel leaving for the eight-day media tour to Mumbai at Dimapur Airport on 1st October 2024.

The media team comprised of representatives from Information & Public Relations Department, media organisations from the print and electronic media, led by Assistant Director, PIB, Kohima, K. Sonikumar Singh.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN CULMINATION PROGRAMME HELD ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Minister, Public Health Engineering Department and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi graced the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 culmination programme as the chief guest at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 2nd October 2024.

Zhimomi in his address, said that it is the biggest cleanliness campaign across the country and the world with an impactful culmination. Since its official launch on 2nd October 2014, within 10 years of Swachh Bharat Mission, significant progress has come to light in construction of toilets, infant mortality rate, children and women lives were saved, solid and liquid waste management systems, villages have attained ODF status. Nagaland with 747 villages, ODF villages 406, model villages 39 and rising villages 302 as on September 2024. He appealed to the gathering and the people of the State to cooperate with the line Departments and the Government to effectively change the mindsets to create or make Nagaland a better and safe place. H. Zhimomi also handed over the awards to all the awardees.

Highlights of the programme include acknowledgement & presentation of SHS 2024 Nagaland journey by Mission Director, SBM-U, Kezhochole Rhetso. Urban Development Department presented awards for the Best Waste-to-Art, Best Transformed/ Beautified CTU, Best Resourceful ULB and Best Performing ULB.

Chief Executive Officer, KMC, T. Lanusenla Longkumer presented award certificates to 16 successful participants who have supported this campaign representing various schools and colleges.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) held the culmination-cum-award ceremony of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024 campaign on 2nd October 2024 at the Lion's Club Hall, Nepali Basti, Dimapur, with Hukheto Yephthomi, Chairperson of DMC as the special guest. The event marked the successful conclusion of a series of activities promoting cleanliness and sanitation in the city. Key activities undertaken by the DMC include a Mini Marathon and a Ride for Cleanliness, as well as a Cleanliness Awareness Campaign targeting churches, schools, colleges, and local shopkeepers. The Council also focused on the cleaning and beautification of Clean Target Units (CTU) in collaboration with local organizations, including Bongs and the Development Authority of Nagaland.

In addition, the DMC launched the Beautification-cum-Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) programme, which involved visiting schools to conduct seminars and spreading awareness about cleanliness. The Swachh on Wheels initiative was also implemented, with over 200 auto-rickshaws displaying cleanliness posters throughout the city. The campaign included a free health check-up for sanitation workers and their families. Activities like distribution of dry rations to sanitation workers, and a visit to the RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre were also carried out. Awards for Swachh Bharat Mission competitions results were also declared during the event and the winners were facilitated by the special guest.

The culmination programme of Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, 2024 was also



DC, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS with officials and students at the culmination programme of Swachhta Hi Seva campaign, 2024 at Town Hall Zunheboto on 2nd October 2024.

held at Zunheboto, Longleng, Medziphema sub-division under Chumoukedima district,

Meluri and Pfutsero sub-divisions under Phek district and Tening under Peren district.

STATE LEVEL IDCC MEETING HELD AT KOHIMA

A state-level Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) meeting took place at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 3rd October 2024. The meeting addressed several key issues related to the registration of births and deaths in Nagaland, as well as efforts to improve the Civil Registration System (CRS) across the State.

As of 31st March 2023, Nagaland operates 1,471 registration centers, with 1,439 located in rural areas and 32 in urban areas. In rural areas, each recognized village has a registration unit managed by the Head Teacher of the Government Primary School, who serves as the Registrar for births and deaths. In addition, registration units are present at Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and Community Health Centers (CHCs).

Urban areas, particularly district headquarters, have registration units located in the District Registrar's offices, typically headed by the District Economics and

Statistics Officer. Units are also available in government district hospitals, municipal offices, and town councils. To facilitate operations, Statistical staff such as Inspectors of Statistics and Field Investigators assist in managing these urban registration units.

Key agenda points discussed in the 12th IDCC meeting were:

1. **Delayed registration of births and deaths:** The State's high share of delayed birth registrations beyond 21 days was a focal point of discussion. A government notification dated 20th September 2024 mandates that indigenous inhabitants register births within six months as part of the process for applying for an Indigenous Inhabitant Certificate (IIC). The meeting addressed the need to streamline delayed registrations and the necessary documentary proof.
2. **Sensitization on birth and death registration:** Despite an increase in the number of registered births and deaths, there remains room for

improvement. Stakeholders from educational institutions, medical centers, village development boards (VDBs), and Anganwadi centers were urged to raise awareness on the importance of timely registration.

3. **Training programmes at block level:** The meeting emphasized the need for seminar-cum-training sessions for CRS functionaries including Registrars, Notifiers, and Informants to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities. Inter-departmental coordination is seen as crucial to the success of this initiative.
4. **Online registration of births and deaths:** With the introduction of an online registration portal under the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI), the IDCC stressed the need for CRS functionaries to have access to smartphones, computers, and the internet for effective implementation.
5. **System of reporting:** The meeting

called attention to delays in the submission of reports to the ORGI due to anomalies in the current reporting system. Registrars are required to submit their reports to the District Economics & Statistics Office, but improvements in this process were discussed.

6. **Honorarium and incentives:** The Committee discussed the importance of providing honorarium and incentives to Registrars of Births and Deaths to ensure better coordination and motivation.
7. **Inclusion of Government Middle and High School teachers:** A proposal to include Government Middle School and High School teachers as Registrars was also considered to enhance the efficiency of the registration process.

The meeting concluded with calls for continued efforts to improve the overall civil registration process in Nagaland, particularly through greater coordination between departments and the adoption of new technologies.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR WOMEN FARMERS HELD

The state-level skill development training for women farmers under the FOCUS-Nagaland project was officially inaugurated by State Project Director, FOCUS Nagaland, Shanavas C, IAS at the Local Harvest Community Kitchen in Kohima on 3rd October 2024.

In his opening remarks, Shanavas encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the opportunity and apply the knowledge gained during the training sessions to enhance their livelihood.

The FOCUS project embraces a gender-sensitive approach, recognizing women as key stakeholders in achieving its development

objectives, particularly in improving livelihoods. This training is designed to build the entrepreneurial skills of progressive women farmers by strengthening their capacities and equip them with basic skills on food processing-juice & marmalade making, baking and desserts which will enable the participants to apply the knowledge with local resources/materials available.

The panel of experts for the Skill Development training include Titoni Assumi (Proprietor of Sweet Treats, Kohima), Seno Whiso (Proprietor of Hobbylane, Kohima) and Angunuo and Neivituonuo of Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

Nagaland.

The training, held from 3rd to 24th October 2024, was conducted in four batches and benefitted 199 women farmers from the nine FOCUS project districts, namely Longleng, Zunheboto, Kohima, Tseminyu, Phek, Wokha, Kiphire, Mon and Mokochung.

The Local Harvest-A Community Kitchen, the venue for the training, is one of the 20 Innovation Fund start-up supported by the FOCUS project. This community kitchen is an endeavour to act as a platform for dialogue and exchange learning amongst farming communities and innovations to promote local food.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD OBSERVED

KIPHIRE:

International Day of the girl child was observed with EAC, Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongon as the special guest at DPDB Hall, Kiphire on 3rd October 2024. The programme was organized by District Administration, District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) & Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), Kiphire under the theme 'Girls' vision for future.'

EAC, Takatemjen Pongon said that the Government has provided different platforms and amenities to urge and to motivate the girl child to become a better and responsible person in the family and society. Pongon said that DHEW, Sakhi One Stop Centre has been created for support and to redress for women in the cases of various kinds of harassment and abuse. He also informed the gathering on Internal Complaint Committee being set up in every department, and 'Local Complaint Committee' in the district, with the Deputy Commissioner as the chairperson, to facilitate any aggrieved women to file a complaint on line through a SHE- Box portal.

NIULAND:

Celebrating the International Day of Girl Child 2024, an extempore speech competition was organized by Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Niuland district on 7th October

2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Niuland.

Lina Achumi from Government Higher Secondary School, Niuland won the first prize while Louis Pame from Shepherd Montessori High School and Nalto Zhimo from Shepherd Montessori High School won 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.

WOKHA:

Wokha District Administration, Department of Social Welfare and District Sanklap Hub for Empowerment of Women under BBBP organised International Day of Girl Child 2024 at DC's Office Conference Hall, Wokha on 11th October 2024.

EAC, Wokha, Rosy Sangtam while delivering the keynote address, said the day was being celebrated to raise awareness about the challenges the girl child face and also to promote their empowerment. She also stated the day is observed to support and give more opportunities to girls and increase awareness of gender inequality.

During the occasion, eight (8) local champions of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) under Mission Shakti 2024 were identified and felicitated from different departments and NGOs. Short speeches were also delivered by Senior Supervisor, ICDS Erenbeni Kikon and Thungbeni

Ngullie, President, Lotha Eloë Hoho.

SHAMATOR:

District Administration of Shamator under Mission Shakti observed International Girl Child Day on 9th October 2024 under the theme 'Culture Connects' at Cultural Hall Shamator town.

Essay writing competition on 'Empowering the girl child for a better future', extempore speech on 'The power of girls in leadership and innovation' and painting competition on 'Super girl' were held in various schools under Shamator district.

ANGLO-POULA DICTIONARY (CHAKHESANG) RELEASED IN KOHIMA



Former MLA, Deo Nukhu with Director, Art & Culture, Adele Moa and officials during the release of Anglo-Poula Dictionary in Chakhesang held at the Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 4th of October 2024.

The Anglo-Poula Dictionary in Chakhesang was released at Conference Hall, Art & Culture Department, Kohima by former MLA, Deo Nukhu on 4th of October 2024.

MLA & Convener, Chakhesang Poula Literature Committee, Deo Nukhu releasing the Anglo-Poula Dictionary (Chakhesang), said language plays a vital role in preserving our cultural heritage. He acknowledged the role of Art & Culture Department as custodian of Naga culture, tradition, art and historical account. Deo said that we have a collective responsibility in preserving our languages in its

oral and literature form, and hoped that this Anglo- Dictionary in Chakhesang Poula will enrich our collective identity as Naga people and help in preserving the unique languages of the Nagas.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON GATI SHAKTI PORTAL OF MDoNER & NAGALAND HELD AT KOHIMA

A capacity building workshop on Gati Shakti Portal of MDoNER & Nagaland was held at the Conference Hall, Department of Industries & Commerce on 4th October 2024.

Senior Director, Ministry of DoNER, Vivek Gupta in his keynote address, said PM Gati Shakti Portal is an initiative of the Prime Minister of India, to monitor large scale

project which was launched on 13th October 2021 and the purpose of launching the portal is to improve co-ordination between various ministries and departments.

Guptasaid the PM Gati Shakti portal has various tools available through which planning can be done as well as to check if there is any duplicity of the proposed

project, and once the project is submitted, the proposers can track their status online. He also mentioned that the portal has no dependency on any person and all the project related information will be available

in the portal and accessible by any officer from anywhere at any time, and the portal will serve as a transparent system and in increasing efficiency between the State and the Ministry.

NSBB AND KSC CELEBRATES NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

The Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), in partnership with Kohima Science College Jotsoma (Autonomous) celebrated National Wildlife Week, 2024 under the theme 'Wildlife conservation through co-existence.'

The event commenced with a welcome address from Dr. Ruokuovikho, who highlighted the crucial roles that wildlife plays in maintaining the delicate balance of our ecosystem, from soaring eagles to vibrant aquatic life. 'As we celebrate Wildlife Week, let us remember the vital contributions of every species, no matter how small, to the rich tapestry of life surrounding us,' he stated.

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) and Member Secretary of the NSBB, Supongnukshi, IFS delivered an insightful talk on 'Forestry & Wildlife in Nagaland.' He addressed the challenges of wildlife conservation in the State, particularly the issue of man-animal conflict, and shared successful community participation examples, such as the Amur falcon protection initiative in Pangti village under Wokha district.

Professor Moasangla, Vice Principal of KSCJ, encouraged the attendees to become stewards of conservation, advocating for peaceful coexistence with wildlife.

A panel discussion followed, featuring CCF & Member Secretary, NSBB, Supongnukshi, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Kohima Division, Dr. Sevono Seletsu, and Luiluile Lungalang, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Kohima Science College. Chaired by Dr. Sevono Seletsu, the panel addressed various topics raised by the participants. Queries included the Forest Department's ban on air-guns, restoring traditional wildlife corridors, and initiating research in wildlife and forestry. The experts emphasized the importance of community awareness, education, and collaboration in conservation efforts. The session also highlighted crucial step for rescuing distressed wildlife, urging immediate reporting to local forest offices rather than taking independent action.

The event marked a significant step toward raising awareness and fostering collective efforts for wildlife protection and conservation in Nagaland.

TRAINING ON REVISED KAYAKALP GUIDELINES AND NQAS IPHL HELD

A one-day state level Training of Trainers (ToT) on revised Kayakalp Guidelines and National Quality Assurance

Standard (NQAS) Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHL) under National Health Mission (NHM) was held at the Conference

Hall of Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, Nagaland on the 4th October 2024.

During a short inaugural function, the Mission Director, NHM, Dr. Akuo Shorie while welcoming the trainers and trainees present, mentioned that cleanliness and hygiene in hospitals are critical to prevent infections, and encouraged the Medical Officers and District Quality Assurance Consultants present to provide patients and visitors with a positive experience encouraging moulding behaviour related to a clean environment among its users.

Chairing the programme, State Programme Officer, NHM, Dr. Mereninla Senlem said that since the inception of Kayakalp-A Clean Hospital Initiative, infection control practices and hygiene promotion has improved a lot and has also boosted positive community participation towards health sector. She also added that NQAS IPHL is a newly launched initiative of the Ministry and in Nagaland, it is yet to

get operationalized and so in the near future, once the facilities are operationalized, the State can target for NQAS.

The participants were provided an in-depth training on the two components of revised Kayakalp Guidelines and NQAS IPHL by trainers from Regional Resource Center-NE, Guwahati comprising of Dr. Ravikar Singh, Consultant QPS RRC NE and S.L. Chochoi, Fellow QPS RRC-NE. The participants of this ToT will further train the personnel at the district level health facilities.

Kayakalp is a national initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to promote cleanliness and enhance the quality of healthcare facilities in India. It aims to promote cleanliness, hygiene, infection control, and environment-friendly practices in public health facilities, and to inculcate a culture of ongoing assessment and peer review of performance related to hygiene, cleanliness, and sanitation.



A state-level ToT on revised Kayakalp Guidelines and NQAS Integrated Public Health Laboratories was held at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 4th October 2024.

TWO NAGA FILMMAKERS ATTENDS THE 29th BUSAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Nagaland participants reached Busan on the 5th October 2024 to be a part of the Busan International Film Festival. The 29th Busan International Film Festival (BIFF), Asia's largest cinematic event, started its 11-day run on 2nd October 2024 with the opening ceremony. This year's gala features 224 films from 63 countries to be shown at 26 screens of five theatres: CGV Centum City, Lotte Cinema Centum City, Mega box Busan Theatre and the Theatre of the

There were two filmmakers each from all the North Eastern states making up the contingent from National Film Development Corporation, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Kekhriehazo Miachio and Yapangnaro Longkumer

represented Nagaland at the festival. Kekhriehazo Miachio is an award-winning photojournalist and documentary filmmaker based in Kohima. His works focus on human interest stories. He has worked with Hindustan Times and India Today in New Delhi and has contributed to international media houses. Yapangnaro Longkumer is a documentary filmmaker from Nagaland. Having finished her Masters from Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, she worked in NDTV as a cinematographer. She has completed more than 30 documentaries and PSAs (Public Service Announcements) and some have been in the film festival circuit in India and abroad.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION OBSERVED

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department observed the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) on the 7th of October 2024 at Capital Convention Hall, Kohima with Advisor, NSDMA and New & Renewable Energy, Nyusietho Nyuthe gracing the programme. The theme for DRR Day 2024 is 'Empowering the next generation

for a resilient future'.

More than 100 students from five colleges, namely Kohima Science College, Kohima College, Baptist College, St. Joseph's College, and Don Bosco College, participated in the programme. Reel-making competitions, debate competitions, and extempore competitions marked the day.

31st MAYANGNOKCHA AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD IN DIMAPUR

The 31st edition of the prestigious Mayangnokcha Awards Presentation Ceremony, organized by the Mayangnokcha Award Trust (MAT), took place at Christian Higher Secondary School (CHSS), Dimapur on 8th October 2024, celebrating the academic achievements of the top performers in the HSLC (High School Leaving Certificate)

examinations conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE). Seven awards, instituted by the Trust and its partners, were conferred to the meritorious students.

Dr. C. Furkumzuk, President of MAT, in his address, expressed gratitude to the Special Invitee, Cherakung Zeliang, IFS, Regional

Passport Officer & Head, North East Region, Ministry of External Affairs. Dr. Furkumzuk emphasized the evolution of MAT from its inception in 1994 when it was the only state-level award recognizing academic excellence, to becoming a prestigious accolade today.

During his address as the special guest, Cherakung Zeliang, IFS, Regional Passport Officer & Head, North East Region, Ministry of External Affairs shared his journey as a recipient of the Mayangnokcha Award in 1997. He reflected on the importance of resilience and sacrifice in achieving academic success, emphasizing that education plays a vital role in shaping a positive society. Zeliang spoke about the challenges he faced at the national level after excelling in the state, stressing the need for hard work and perseverance. He encouraged parents to support their children's ambitions and urged students to remain dedicated to their studies.

Roll of Honour for the 2024

Mayangnokcha Awards: Mayangnokcha Award for Academic Excellence – Overall Topper: Mhachilo Yanthan (Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur), MAT-Rockdale Award for the Subject Topper in Ao (MIL): Talijungla Tzudir (Dimapur Mission Higher Secondary School, Dimapur), MAT-YRSD Award for the Subject Topper in Social Sciences: Mhachilo Yanthan (Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur), MAT-TY Award for the Subject Topper in Science: Dzuzuve Keyho (Greenwood School, Dimapur), MAT-EFOM Award for the Subject Topper in Mathematics: Ketsino Jane Frances (St. Paul School, Phesama), MAT-CEC Award for the Subject Topper in English: Mhachilo Yanthan (Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur), and MAT-Lenjeter Award for the Subject Topper in Agriculture: Vimetuo Kense (Northfield, Khikha).

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF THE ASSAM RIFLES HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN

The Investiture Ceremony of the Assam Rifles was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 9th October 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan said that the celebration is a moment which celebrates the unwavering dedication, courage, and commitment of the brave men and women of Assam Rifles. The gathering is not just to recognize individual achievements, but to pay tribute to the collective spirit of service that the Assam Rifles embodies, he added.

The Governor commended the Assam Rifles for their role which extends beyond safeguarding our borders; they are vital pillars of our community, acting as peacekeepers and facilitators of development in remote areas. Their presence has ensured

not only security but also stability, which is crucial for progress in our region, he added.

The Governor also acknowledged the Battalions that have excelled in their duties. This recognition highlights the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie not just within the armed forces but also with the district administration and the general public that is vital for ensuring peace and security in the region.

During the Investiture ceremony, 10 individuals were awarded with Governor's Gold Medal and 14 were awarded with Governor's Silver Medal, and 7th Assam Rifles Battalion and 45th Assam Rifles Battalion were given the Governor's Unit Appreciation for their exemplary works.

S&WC DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES SOCIAL NIGHT

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation organized a social night on 13th October 2024 at Niathu Resort, Chümoukedima which was graced by Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen.

In his address, Advisor Imkong Imchen lauded the department's efforts in driving sustainable agricultural practices, water conservation, and soil management in Nagaland. Highlighting the importance of the department's role, Imchen acknowledged the work of its 793-strong team, which includes 370 ministerial and 423 technical staff, alongside 106 gazetted officers. He emphasized how the department, equipped with advanced soil testing laboratories in every district, has made crucial advancements in providing farmers and agricultural workers with the support needed for soil testing and resource management.

The Advisor further commended the department's initiative in establishing 17 meteorological observatories across Nagaland since 1989, ensuring a robust

weather monitoring system. This system, he said, plays a pivotal role in disaster preparedness and risk reduction in a state with diverse geographical and climatic challenges.

Imchen also welcomed the department's collaboration with the Brahmaputra Board, underscoring the importance of such partnerships in bridging development gaps and enhancing conservation efforts.

The evening also featured a special message from Dr. Ranbir Singh, IAS (R), Chairman of the Brahmaputra Board under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Dr. Singh highlighted the importance of integrated water resources management and acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Nagaland in promoting conservation practices that align with national water policies.

Following the formal addresses, the 'Social Night' continued with entertainment programmes, which showcased cultural performances that reflect the rich heritage of Nagaland.

UNION MINISTER JUAL ORAM VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram held a state-level review meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Dimapur on 15th October 2024 to evaluate the implementation of government-aided schemes for tribal development. The meeting was attended by district heads, department officials, and key legislators from Nagaland, including Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer and Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Elections, H. Tovihoto Ayemi.

During his address, Oram highlighted several existing tribal development schemes and programmes, asserting that his visit was aimed at assessing their progress and ensuring proper implementation. He reiterated the Central Government's commitment to listening to the grievances of the people and working towards a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), particularly with a focus on the Northeast region. Oram emphasized that the government's flagship Aspirational Districts programme plays a key role in boosting development in

underdeveloped regions.

The Union Minister also introduced the recently launched Dharti Abba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, which was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2nd October 2024. The scheme is expected to benefit over five crore tribal people across India, focusing on addressing critical gaps in social infrastructure, healthcare, education, and livelihood. In Nagaland, the scheme will cover all 16 districts, 74 blocks, and 608 villages, ensuring comprehensive development support for tribal communities.

Oram explained that his visit is in line with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's directive for Ministers to personally visit different regions of the country, particularly the Northeast, to engage with the people and address their concerns directly. He urged local officials to ensure that all government schemes are effectively implemented and reach the intended beneficiaries.

Advisor Moatoshi Longkumer raised concerns about the State's road infrastructure, requesting Oram's assistance in addressing the issue. H. Tovihoto Ayemi echoed the same sentiments, thanking Jual Oram for his presence and support for the tribal communities.

During the meeting, Oram also virtually

inaugurated the new Council Hall at Lake View Colony, Dimapur.

The meeting saw the participation of various department heads and officials. The event concluded with a press conference, where the Union Minister along with officials from Tribal Affairs, Nagaland led by Director, Sino Phom and Joint Secretary, Hito Sema and district heads interacted with the media.

On 14th October 2024, Union Minister Jual Oram visited Zunheboto for a review meeting on Akuhaito Aspirational Block. He was accompanied by Advisor, Tribal Affairs, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, K. T. Sukhalu and MLA, Er. Picto Shohe.

While speaking at the honorary programme held at Multipurpose Hall, Zunheboto, Oram stated that the main objective of his visit is to take stock of the various government aided schemes and benefits provided to the people and survey its proper implementations. The Union Minister and the accompanying officials had a fruitful interaction with beneficiaries and communities, and the programme culminated with the launching of Tribal Exhibition at the Multi-purpose Hall.

WORKSHOP ON AIF HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

A workshop on the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was held at Angh House, Agri Expo in Chumoukedima, Nagaland on 14th October 2024.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Samuel Praveen Kumar, delivering the keynote address, highlighted the importance of the AIF. Speaking on the transformative potential of the scheme,

Kumar emphasized its role in modernizing India's agricultural infrastructure, boosting production, and securing better returns for farmers. He underscored the scheme's benefits, including the 3% interest subvention on loans up to ₹2 crore and flexible repayment terms, as well as the broad range of eligible projects such as post-harvest management, poly houses, and logistics facilities. He

reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting farmers, cooperatives, and agricultural organizations in leveraging the AIF to drive long-term growth in the sector.

Acknowledging the region's unique challenges, such as hilly terrain and remote villages, Kumar emphasized the government's dedication to providing financial and technical support to help farmers thrive. He also assured citizens that rural development, healthcare, and education would be prioritized to enhance the quality of life in the State. He stated that the government's initiatives include improving irrigation systems, introducing modern farming techniques, and forming cooperatives to empower small-scale farmers. He added that special attention will be given to Nagaland's unique crops and resources, with efforts to integrate them into national and global markets.

The event featured presentations on the AIF scheme, focusing on the North East Region, led by the AIF Team, focusing on

enhancing agricultural infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. The AIF aims to provide financial support for projects like cold storage, warehouses, and processing units, crucial for improving farmers' productivity and market access. During the session, the AIF highlighted the fund's attractive financing options and tailored strategies to address the unique challenges faced by farmers in the North East. Local stakeholders, including farmers and government officials, expressed optimism about the fund's potential to transform agriculture in the region.

Deputy General Manager of NABARD, O. P. Mounglang addressed the opportunities and challenges within the scheme. The AIF scheme in India is designed to boost the agricultural sector by financing infrastructure development. While the scheme holds immense potential, several challenges and opportunities accompany its implementation.



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Samuel Praveen Kumar speaking at the workshop highlighting the importance of AIF at Chumoukedima on 14th October 2024.

83rd MEETING OF BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The 83rd meeting of Brahmaputra Board was held at Niathu Resort, Chumoukedima on 14th October 2024 hosted by the Department of Water Resources, Nagaland, and chaired by the Chairman of Brahmaputra Board, Dr. Ranbir Singh, IAS(R).

Brahmaputra Board under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, is a body established by the Government of India to plan and implement erosion control works and flood control measures in the North East Region (NER). The event saw participation from Central Government bodies like Brahmaputra Board, NERIWALM, NEHARI, Survey of India etc. and State Government departments of Water Resources represented by Chief Engineers from all NE states except Sikkim.

While welcoming the members, the Chairman, Dr. Ranbir Singh reiterated on the need of mutual collaboration among like-minded and allied departments and agencies to frame sustainable projects in the NER pertaining to water resources management and conservation, adding that North Eastern States are very important because NE has the mightiest river Brahmaputra and NE accounts for 30% of almost one-third of local body water resource management. He said that NE has to play a big role not as agencies

but as an organisation to address the issues of strengthening the Brahmaputra board, to be in a position to provide the technical support and guidance and resources through the states.

Dr. Ranbir Singh pointed out that one important contribution in the context of the Brahmaputra Board is to provide manpower as there is a severe shortage of Deputy Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers etc. He appealed all the states to sponsor a candidate for the project to develop Brahmaputra Board and if such officers are deputed, then in the next five years we can transform the board in a different way. India is committed to it, hence he urged all the State stakeholders to work towards the progress of Brahmaputra Board.

The event also showcased innovative designs from Water Resources Department, Nagaland that incorporates power generation component in the irrigation works and the concept of Trench Weir which is specifically designed for irrigation in hilly regions and a Web-GIS technology developed inhouse by WRD, Meghalaya for mapping of springs in the State. The State of Mizoram also presented an ongoing study of spring restoration-cum-recharge project under National Hydrology Project, a positive trend being observed in the discharge of the springs.

CHIEF SECRETARY CHAIRS AHODs/HODs MEETING

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam IAS convened a meeting of all the Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments (AHODs/HODs) at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th October 2024.

Chairing the meeting, Alam remarked that various complaints have been received on the poor attendance of Heads of Offices at the district offices, and directed that they should be in station and proper intimation has to be made to HoDs if they are on leave

or out of station for some official works.

Alam urged all the departments to register in the Biometric Attendance System and also reminded the HoDs to strictly monitor the attendance at the directorate and district offices. He also requested all the HoDs to send out circular to their respective Head of Office at the district level to strictly monitor the attendance.

CS also encouraged other departments to install the attendance app currently being used by the Directorate of Youth Resources & Sports which allows the department to monitor the staff's attendance effectively. Also, while expressing concern on

departmental projects being delayed, Alam urged all the concerned departments to take up every departmental project seriously and complete each project at the stipulated time.

Emphasizing on the importance of capacity building and training for the senior level officers, Alam said that there is no age limit for learning and hence encouraged all officers to enroll in upcoming training programmes and also to keep themselves updated with the rules of executive business.

The members also shared their suggestions and feedbacks during the meeting.

DEPUTY CM, Y. PATTON INSPECTS BORDER DISPUTE AREAS IN MOKOKCHUNG

Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton along with senior officials, visited two villages under Tuli area of Mokokchung district on 15th October 2024, to address the ongoing border disputes with neighboring Assam. Patton, who also holds the portfolio for Home and Border Affairs, was accompanied by Advisor for Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir, Home Secretary, DGP Rupin Sharma and his subordinates, and the district administration.

The team inspected key areas of concern, including the Assam Police Commando Battalion camp at Septsuyong Lu in Kangtsung village and Wameken Yimsen village. The visit aimed to assess the situation on the ground and engage with

local stakeholders amid growing tensions in the border area.

In discussions with the villagers and representatives of Ao Senden, Patton highlighted that the Nagaland Cabinet had held a meeting on 9th October 2024 to deliberate on the matter, emphasizing the government's serious approach to resolving the dispute. He informed the villagers that letters had been sent to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and the Chief Minister of Assam to address the issue and that the state cabinet would be meeting with them soon. Patton also urged the villagers not to sell their land to non-indigenous people, stressing the importance of preserving local land ownership in the region.

NAGALAND HIGHLIGHTS CONNECTIVITY PROGRESS AT INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS 2024

During the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024 held at Pragati Maidan, New

Delhi on 15th October 2024, a delegation from Nagaland, led by H. Sethrongkyu



Advisor, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam along with other officials during the IMC 2024 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 15th October 2024.

Sangtam, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), Economics & Statistics, and Evaluation, Government of Nagaland presented key developments in expanding connectivity across the State. The event, organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, in partnership with the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), saw over 250 companies and 400 startups, making it one of the largest telecom and digital technology events in Asia.

H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam highlighted the progress under Nagaland's 4G Saturation Project, which is bringing connectivity to the most remote parts of the State. He expressed gratitude for the immense community support that has been instrumental in overcoming the State's unique geographical challenges, including rugged terrain and limited infrastructure. A key highlight was the Right of Way (RoW) Policy amendment, facilitating the seamless deployment of telecommunications infrastructure. Sangtam also emphasized Nagaland's embrace of 5G technology as the State progresses toward improving connectivity.

In his address, Sangtam commended the collaboration between the Government and local communities, where 277 villages donated land free of cost to accelerate the installation of telecom infrastructure. With the remaining uncovered villages set to receive connectivity under the 4G Saturation Project, Nagaland is positioning itself as a key player in

India's digital revolution, aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Nagaland's delegation to IMC 2024 included Commissioner & Secretary of IT&C, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS, Director of IT&C, Er. Sabou Yashu, Joint Director of IT&C, Er. Chura Katiry, Programme Officer, IT&C, Vizosielie Semou and PA to the Advisor, IT&C, Athrili Anar.

During the event, Union Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of State, Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Ministry of Communications, Government of India along with Chief Ministers, IT Ministers, and officials from various states across India also attended the event, further enriching the discussions on the future of India's telecom sector.

IMC is Asia's largest telecom and digital technology event, showcasing cutting-edge innovations in 5G, AI, smart mobility, and more. This year, IMC 2024 coincided with the World Telecommunications Standards Assembly (WTSA), bringing global industry leaders together to discuss the future of telecommunications.

NLM TEAM VISITS PEREN

The National Level Monitors (NLM) team led by S. K. Chauhan from the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj visited Peren and held a meeting with the various Heads of Offices at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren on 16th October 2024. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Hiazu Meru.

During interactions, S. K. Chauhan said the purpose of the visit was to monitor various programmes implemented by the

Ministry across Peren district. He also said the visiting team will conduct field visits to 10 selected villages to inspect various schemes implemented under various departments, namely MGNREGS, DAY-NRLM, DDU-GKY, PMAY-G, NSAP, PMGSY, DILRMP, PMKSY, Watershed Component, SAGY and SVAMITVA.

The DC, Peren in his concluding remarks, appealed to the Heads of Offices to extend their fullest support to the team during their field visit to the villages.

PMV ONBOARDING PROGRAMME HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma (PMV) onboarding programme was held at DPDB Hall, DC's Office, Chumoukedima on 17th October 2024.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu highlighted the aims and objectives of the scheme and urged public leaders of the three districts - Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland, to come forward with genuine beneficiaries. Jakhalu also mentioned that she is personally monitoring the scheme especially in the three districts and reminded the leaders that the concerned departments have already arranged marketing places for the finished products.

PMV is a central sector scheme that was launched by Prime Minister on 17th September 2023 to provide end-to-end support to artisans and crafts peoples

who work with their hands and tools. The objectives of this scheme are to provide comprehensive support including training, technology, credit and marketing access to enhance their skills and livelihood.

The scheme covers artisans and crafts people engaged in 18 trades such as Carpenter, Boatmaker, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and Toolkit Maker, Locksmith, Sculpture (Idol, stone craver, stone breaker), Goldsmith, Potter, Cobbler, Masons, Basket/Weaver, Doll and Toy Maker, Barber, Garland Maker, Washerman, Tailor and Fishing Net Maker.

Director, Industries & Commerce, Tokugha Achumi presented the keynote address, while Vithule Krichena, Consultant, PM Vishwakarma delivered a presentation on the PMV scheme.

COORDINATION MEETING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS HELD

A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Planning & Transformation and National Highways,

T. R. Zeliang on 16th October 2024 at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima to discuss on issues relating to National Highways in the State.

Two primary agenda were taken up in the meeting - to discuss on the observations given by the Ministry of Road Transport & National Highway on various NH projects in the State, and review of the agenda discussed on 11-09-2024, specifically on the preparedness of the implementing departments on road sector for the upcoming 25th Edition of Hornbill Festival.

T. R. Zeliang stressed on the significance of having a free and smooth traffic during the peak season of festival, especially on NH-29, where most of the tourists and dignitaries from abroad would be travelling. On certain stretches of the highway, NHIDCL and NH (NPWD) had raised reservation to complete the road within the time frame as committed in the 11th September 2024 meeting. They cited incessant rain which has marred the progress of the work. However, Deputy Chief Minister and Commissioner & Secretary Works & Housing categorically stated that

extension of deadline is beyond question and unacceptable as inflow of tourists and dignitaries are anticipated by mid-November.

On the sideline of the meeting, matters of Land Act was also discussed as the sanction for NH-202 has been pending in the Ministry due to unresolved land compensation issues. Commissioner & Secretary, Land Revenue has been directed to put up the land rates for the districts through which NH-202 passes. Once approved by the State Government, the land rates would be incorporated in the DPR and sent to the Ministry for early sanction of the project.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner & Secretary, Works & Housing, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, NHIDCL ED (P) Kohima, R. P. Singh, Chief Engineer NH (NPWD) M. Z.Akho, officers from the Administration and a host of other officials.

GOVERNOR, LA GANESAN VISITS MON

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan visited the 'Land of Angh' and held a meeting with the Heads of Departments and CSOs of Mon district on 17th October 2024 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon. The Governor was accompanied by Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor.

In his speech, the Governor appreciated the richness of culture and the vibrant people of Mon district, adding that the colour dance, tradition and valiant history of Konyaks has always been a source of immense pride for Nagaland. The majestic wood carvings, the awe-inspiring Aoleang Festival and the poignant tales of the past are the embodiments of a spirit that has endured through the ages,

said the Governor. He requested to protect and promote the rich culture for young generation, and encouraged to host more cultural days in schools and also debate on the relevance of culture and innovate them while standing firmly upon the bedrock of our tradition.

The Governor urged the leaders, educators to renew commitment to the quest for knowledge, invigorate our institutions, inspire students and invest in the future of the district through education. He also called upon the esteemed citizens to embody the spirit of responsible citizens, to contribute actively to the dialogue and processes that shapes our State and our country. Assuring that these challenges are at the forefront of



Governor La Ganesan and DC, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS with Heads of Offices under Mon district and CSOs during his visit to Mon on 17th October 2024.

our agenda, he called upon and reminded that local communities and the civil societies must work hand in hand with government both at the Centre and the State, not only to address our immediate concerns but must lay down a sustainable and progressive road map for our State's future.

Earlier, the Governor was received by the officials at Mon helipad and Guard of Honor at Walo Guest House. He was warmly welcomed and facilitated by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS at DC's Conference Hall. A brief PPT on the profile of Mon district was presented

by SDO (C) Hq. Mon. Konyak Union gave a representation to the Governor reminding of the FNT, while the President of Konyak Students' Union highlighted the road condition, medical and education facilities in Mon district. Rev. Metjen Konyak, Executive Secretary of KBBB highlighted about the Konyaks, its land and Konyaks living across the borders. A brief note of PPT on Departmental activities was also presented by NHIDCL, PWD (R&B), MO Mon, PWD (R&B) Aboi, EE PHED, DEO Mon and Project Director, RD, Mon.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL - A PRELUDE TO THE 25th HORNBILL FESTIVAL HELD AT NEW DELHI

The inaugural programme of the 3rd edition of Autumn Festival, a prelude to the 25th Hornbill Festival was launched at Nagaland House, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 18th October 2024. Temjen Imna Along, Minister of Tourism and Higher Education, Government of Nagaland was the chief host of the event. Union Minister of State, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Social Justice

and Empowerment, B. L. Verma graced the inaugural function along with Mugdha Sinha IAS, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India as chief guest and Javier Manuel Paulinich Velarde, Ambassador of Peru in India as the honoured guest.

Minister Temjen Imna Along, while addressing the gathering, said that the Autumn Festival is a countdown to the Hornbill Festival and called on the 17 Naga

tribes to unite and prepare for the upcoming festival. He thanked the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Country Partner, Peru for partnering with the State during the Hornbill Festival.

Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Mugdha Sinha congratulating the government and the people of the State, said that the success of the Festival stands as an exemplar, and commended the persistence and continuity of the Nagas, that they have managed to reach the 25th edition of Hornbill Festival, with different countries wanting to partner with the State in celebrating the Festival. She also lauded the State for promoting sustainability through the Festival, by nurturing the coming together of nature and culture, which she added, is something to be admired and learnt from by other states. She thanked the state government and the community for educating and sharing their cuisines, music, and textiles with people from outside the State.

Dr. G. Hukugha Sema, IRS, Commissioner & Secretary, Tourism, Government of Nagaland delivered the welcome address. Guests were treated to a cultural extravaganza which included song

performance by Ao Naga Choir, cultural song by Ao students, a fashion show on traditional Naga wear by Kintem and traditional Naga wrestling match. DGP Band also performed at the programme.

The second day of Autumn Festival witnessed a large crowd turnout to celebrate the festival, with Advisor to Chief Minister & Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha as the chief guest.

Additional Secretary, Higher Education, Government of India, Sunit Kumar Barnwal was the guest of honour and Director British Council, Alison Barrett was the honoured guest at the culmination programme on 20th October 2024. Minister of Tourism and Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along, was the chief host and Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Wennyei Konyak was the host of the event.

The three-day festival which was held from 18th to 20th October 2024, was organized by the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Office of the Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, with support from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY OBSERVED

The Police Commemoration Day Parade was held at the Nagaland Police Headquarters (PHQ), Kohima, on 21st October 2024, with Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS, addressing the gathering, paying tribute to the sacrifices of policemen across India.

In his speech, Sharma highlighted the historical significance of Police Commemoration Day, which dates back

to 21st October 1959. On this day, a CRPF mobile patrol party led by Deputy Central Intelligence Officer, Singh was ambushed by Chinese troops at Hot Springs in Ladakh, resulting in the deaths of 10 men. The remaining personnel were taken as prisoners, and the Chinese forces later returned the bodies of the fallen soldiers on 13th November 1959. The cremation of the martyrs took place the following day at Hot

Springs, located at an altitude of 16,000 feet. To honor the sacrifices of these brave men, the heads of police from all the Indian states decided in 1960 to observe 21st October as Police Commemoration Day every year. The day serves as a reminder of the selfless service and ultimate sacrifice made by police personnel in the line of duty across India.

Sharma solemnly noted that, over the past year, 214 policemen, throughout the country, laid down their lives while protecting the nation's integrity and ensuring the safety and security of its citizens. Their dedication contributes to creating a peaceful environment for economic development and the progress of individuals across the country, he said.

The DGP particularly honored the memory of four brave martyrs from the Nagaland Police who sacrificed their lives under challenging circumstances while performing their duties. He also acknowledged the relentless efforts of all Nagaland Police personnel over the past year. Despite missing out on celebrations with their families, the officers worked with

unwavering dedication to maintain law and order, and contributed to the peaceful conduct of two state elections in 2024.

Sharma emphasized that Police Commemoration Day is not only a day of mourning but also a celebration of the spirit of selfless sacrifice demonstrated by police officers who have become immortal through their deeds. 'Today, let us renew our pledge to serve our people, secure our nation, and make the supreme sacrifice when needed,' he concluded.

The ceremony concluded with Assistant Inspector General of Police (Coordination) Tokavi Achumi reading the roll of honor, followed by the traditional wreath-laying ceremony by various units and senior officers.

The 7th NAP Battalion, Bhandari along with the rest of the police fraternity of the nation, also observed the Police Commemoration Day at the Unit Police Memorial Complex, 7th NAP Battalion, Bhandari, Wokha on 21st October 2024. Commandant, 7th NAP Bhandari, Menangmeren reviewed the parade and highlighted the significance of the day.



DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS with other officials during the Police Commemoration Day Parade held at PHQ, Kohima on 21st October 2024.

TRAINING OF DLC AND DLMT FOR PARAKH RASHTRIYA SARVEKSHAN HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day training of DLC and DLMT for PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan was held at SCERT, Nagaland on 22nd October 2024 by PARAKH in collaboration with the SCERT, Nagaland, Directorate of School Education and Samagra Shiksha.

The introductory session was chaired by Joint Director and Cell Head Assessment Cell, SCERT, Nagaland, MoalongImty, while the welcome address was given by Additional Director, SCERT, Nagaland, KerüipheuRupreo. Keynote address was

delivered by Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Kelhikha Kenye while CEO, PARAKH, Prof. Indrani Bhaduri virtually addressed the session.

There were 55 DLCs and DLMTs from 16 districts of Nagaland at the training. During the training, a brief overview of PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan and as well the modalities of the survey were discussed. The resource persons for the training were Dr. Sukhvinder and Madhusudan from PARAKH, NCERT.

UNION MINISTER ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL VISITS NEW KOHIMA HIGH COURT SITE

Union Minister of State for Justice & Law and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal visited the construction site of the new Kohima High Court, Meriema, Kohima on 23rd October 2024. The visit was to assess the progress of the project and discuss the financial assistance required to complete the building, and it reflects the government's commitment to complete the High Court project and also to address the legal needs of Nagaland.

Before his visit, Meghwal met with the Chief Minister of Nagaland to address several key issues related to the High Court. He assured that the discussions were productive and that efforts are underway to resolve the pending matters.

Union Minister of State, Arjun Ram Meghwal also visited Tseminyu and held

a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's conference hall, Tseminyu on 22nd October 2024. In his interaction with various organisations, he stated the need to have more banks and also encouraged the citizens to open bank accounts for transaction of centrally sponsored schemes. He agreed to take up to construction of District Court at Tseminyu and also to sanction amount for construction of district hospital and Tseminyu town roads. He also asked the concerned representatives to send proposal for cultural complex. Meghwal also visited K. Station village and interacted with the villagers. The Minister was accompanied by his Additional PS, R. K. Mishra, Advisor of Justice & Law, T. N. Manen, Commissioner & Secretary, Justice & Law and MLA & Chairman DPDB, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb.

ONE DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON IPR HELD AT DIMAPUR

One-day awareness programme on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was

organised by Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre, IDAN in collaboration

with Nagaland Science and Technology Council (NASTEC) and Educentre School of Business (ESB). The event took place at E Space, Duncan Basti, Dimapur, on 23rd October 2024. The resource persons were Limasenla Longkumer, Intellectual Property Rights Consultant, IPFC and Gihukali Chishi, Technical In-Charge, Patent Information Centre NASTEC.

The programme covered on 'Protection under Intellectual Property Rights' and 'Basics of Patents, Trademarks, Designs, and Trade Secrets.' The event was attended by students and startups. During the gathering, information was shared about the newly established IPFC offices, now available at

the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre in Forest Complex, Dimapur, and at the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) Office in Kohima.

IDAN is a state promotion agency and plays a vital role in facilitating a wide range in various projects in Nagaland. The goal is to create a positive impact in key areas such as education, healthcare, skill development & employability, entrepreneurship & livelihood and community welfare. IPFC is one among such projects in order to facilitate the entrepreneurs, startups and innovators in the State to the right place and to commercialize their business. The Centre has been set for the first time in Nagaland under IDAN.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER MOCK DRILL CONDUCTED ACROSS THE STATE

On 24th October 2024, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) conducted its annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) 2024 across Kohima, simulating a large-scale earthquake scenario with a magnitude of 6.9.

The mock drill, aimed at assessing the preparedness and coordination of emergency teams, was carried out at five key locations including Government Middle School (Bayavü), Directorate of Industries & Commerce Office, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), Miachieo Lhithochü, and Sanuorü Bridge. A central control room was set up at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, with the High School Ground designated as the staging area for emergency responders. Additionally, a relief camp was established at Indira Gandhi Stadium to provide shelter and aid to simulated victims.

The drill involved critical teams from various departments, including



Mock drill exercise in progress at Mokokchung on 24th October 2024.

the administration, police, firefighters, medical personnel, and other stakeholders. They responded to multiple simulated emergencies, such as casualties from collapsed buildings, fires, and urgent medical cases. The goal was to evaluate the effectiveness of the emergency response in



Fire fighters in action during the statewide mock drill held at Phek on 24th October 2024.

real-time situations.

Despite the successful execution, some challenges were noted, such as transportation delays, communication issues due to a lack of walkie-talkies, insufficient equipment, inaudible sirens, and the need for better identification through batch usage.

On the same day (24th October 2024), the annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX), in collaboration with the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) under the Home Department was also conducted successfully in Dimapur, Mokokchung, Wokha, Noklak, Peren, Tseminyu, Kiphire, Longleng, Tuensang, Phek, Chumoukedima, Mon, Zunheboto, and Shamator.

‘WEAVING DREAMS - A TRIBUTE TO INSPIRING WOMEN OF NAGALAND’ LAUNCHED AT KOHIMA

Commissioner & Secretary, SCERT and School Education, Kevileno Angami launched the coffee table book ‘Weaving Dreams - A Tribute to inspiring women of Nagaland,’ felicitating winners of SDG Essay Competition 2024 and State Level Workshop on SDG Indicators Reporting Mechanism at de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 24th October 2024.

On the occasion, she said that the coffee table book was thoughtfully curated for the inspiring women of Nagaland who represent the very best of our State. Their stories transcend time, reflecting the challenges, triumphs, and aspirations of remarkable women, and they remain a source of inspiration for all of us especially the younger generation and change makers. She commented the team behind this initiative for capturing these compelling narratives and creating a platform that not only celebrates

these women but also encourages important conversations about gender equality and inclusivity and in line with ‘Sustainable Development Goal 5’ which calls for gender equality, this book serves as an important step in advancing the agenda of empowering women and girls in Nagaland.

She mentioned that the workshop on ‘SDG Indicator Reporting Mechanism’ is essential for ensuring the effective tracking, monitoring, and reporting of our progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Collaboration and partnership are the cornerstones for achieving the SDGs, she added.

Nayantara Sasikumar, IES, in her opening remarks highlighted that this table book features the stories of 19 individual women and 2 women led organisations across 10 sectors who have made some exemplary contributions and gained national

and international recognition for their works, the featured women have beaten all odds and made significant contributions to their respective fields, in education, entrepreneurship, entertainment, literature & journalism, healthcare, disability, environmental conservation, science & technology or social services and sports. She

also congratulated the winners of the second edition of the Annual SDG Essay Competition 2024 stating that this competition was organized to give a voice to the young minds of Nagaland, to share their thoughts, ideas and solutions for a sustainable and inclusive future.

STATE LEVEL AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON UTTAR POORNA TRANSFORMATIVE INDUSTRIALIZATION SCHEME (UNNATI-2024)

State Level Awareness Workshop on Uttar Poorna Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI-2024) was held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 24th October 2024.

Special guest of the programme, Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu said that the programme was conducted to ensure that the UNNATI Scheme makes a positive impact in the State, adding that entrepreneurs, business community and other stakeholders are the real wealth creators and job creators and the future of the State rests upon them. In this regard, she urged the private business firms,

entrepreneurs and all the stakeholders to come forward in availing the scheme to make changes and bring progress in the society and place Nagaland State in top three amongst the Northeastern states. Hekani also said that the Government and the department is ready to give the best possible help and support to the business community.

Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema in his opening remarks, said that dissemination of the policies of the government to the masses, and convergence and collaboration with other departments and stakeholders are crucial and important in implementing the UNNATI Scheme. He



Advisor, Hekani Jakhalu with department officials, consultants and stakeholders during the UNNATI Workshop 2024 held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 24th October 2024.

said that if we do not know how to receive the money when the Government of India is giving opportunity, there is no way or chance to progress ahead in our business and requested the stakeholders to come forward in taking interest and avail the scheme.

UNNATI Scheme was highlighted in

detail by Fazlur Kabir Borah, Consultant, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP Consultancy, Guwahati. Detailed presentations were delivered by Penathing Lotha, Consultant, PIU and Vimeyiel Richa, Branch Manager, NEDFI during the interactive session with the line departments and stakeholders.

STATE LEVEL KALA UTSAV 2024-25 HELD IN KOHIMA

Samagra Shiksha Nagaland organised the State Level Kala Utsav on 24th October 2024 at SIRD, Kohima. Kala Utsav, a flagship programme of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE) aims to foster and showcase the artistic talent of the student of Secondary Stage. This annual event provides a platform for students to explore and celebrate arts and cultural diversity at various levels - school, district, state and national. The event is aimed to initiate a comprehensive process of identifying, exploring, understanding, practicing, evolving and showcasing artistic talent of students.

At the formal event, Director, School Education, Wonthungo Tsopoe spoke on

cultural values that students should imbibe. The State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, Temsunaro Aier, IAS also exhorted the students and spoke about how the Kala Utsav initiative of the Ministry is an important platform to display the rich heritage and culture of Nagaland. Officials from the Directorate of School Education, Samagra Shiksha Nagaland and DEO, Kohima also attended the programme.

The program witnessed participation from the district winners for various competitions. The winners will represent the State at the National Level Kala Utsav 2024 to be held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh in January 2025.

STATE LEVEL SCIENCE DRAMA COMPETITION HELD AT DIMAPUR

The Annual (State Level) Science Drama Competition (ASDC) was held at Innovation Hub-Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur on the 25th October 2024 under the theme 'Science & Technology for the Benefit of mankind.'

The Nagaland ASDC-2024 was won by PM SHRI Government High School Thahekhu, 2nd position was bagged by Little Star Higher Secondary School, Dimapur while the 3rd position was bagged by Riverbelt School, Nagarjan, Dimapur. Anitoka S Holo

of Rincho Academy was adjudged the Best Actor while Mana S Sharma of PM SHRI GHS Thahekhu bagged the Best Actress and Mr. Kekhriesatuo Akashe Z Yhome was adjudged the Best Director as well as Best Scripwriter. The event was graced by Bendang Walling, a prominent theatre practitioner and filmmaker, as the Chief Judge.

Science Drama Competition is an annual event which is organised across the country with a primary aim to showcase juvenile artistic creativity and to use the

medium of drama as a potent tool for dealing with socio-scientific issues of current importance in the society. The competition begins at the State Level, followed by the Regional level and ultimately culminates at the National Level i.e. The National Science

Drama Festival(NSDF) which is organised and managed by the National Council of Science Museums.

The Nagaland ASDC is sponsored and organised by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Nagaland.

MASS SOCIAL WORK CONDUCTED ACROSS NAGALAND

A state-wide mass social work was conducted on 25th October 2024, following a directive from the State Government, which was issued after a Cabinet meeting on 9th October 2024. The initiative aims to promote cleanliness and improve public spaces throughout the State, and enhance community well-being.

The social work, which was conducted in all the District Headquarters and Sub-Divisions of the State, saw the participation of

government employees/departments, social organizations, town councillors and ward council members, colony volunteers, village functionaries and the general public, who actively cleaned their respective wards/colonies and villages. In some districts and sub-divisions, educational institutions also took part in the event, with students, teachers and staff carrying out social work in and around their respective schools.



Mass social work being carried out at Longkhim, Tuensang on 25th October 2024.

MANN KI BAAT SCREENING HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN

The screening of Mann Ki Baat, the monthly radio programme hosted by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th October 2024.

During the programme, the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, felicitated Shalom Rehabilitation Centre, Chümoukedima for its

exemplary service to the people of Nagaland and the North East. Shalom Rehabilitation Centre, an initiative by the Diocese of Kohima (Catholic Church), was established in 1993 in response to the challenges of substance abuse affecting individuals, families and society in Nagaland. Partnering with the Medical Mission Sisters (MMS)

and the Medical Sisters of St. Joseph (MSJ), Shalom Center, led by Rev. Fr. Dr. Joe Mariadhas, is committed to restoring lives affected by chemical dependency. Through a structured, four-month residential programme combining pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments, Shalom has successfully helped individuals recover and reintegrate into society.

In each 'Mann Ki Baat' screening, Nagaland's Governor, La Ganesan, honors individuals and organizations dedicated to

servicing the community. These felicitations not only highlight exemplary contributions but also encourage citizens to engage actively in social initiatives which showcases the impactful work being done to improve the lives of people in Nagaland and beyond.

At the screening event, Father Dr. Joe Mariadhas, Director of Shalom Rehabilitation Centre, delivered a speech on behalf of the center while Apongba Ozukum shared his personal experiences at Shalom.

NERAMAC HOSTS MILLETS AWARENESS EVENT IN NAGALAND

The North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC), a central government enterprise under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), held a 'Promotion of millets in India' event at Zone Niathu by the Park in Dimapur. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the health benefits of millets and also to encourage increased production among farmers in the region.

The event was attended by officials from Agriculture Department, local farmers, entrepreneurs and public. Commodore Rajiv Ashok (Retd.), Managing Director of NERAMAC spoke about the nutritional value of millets, which he referred to as 'India's Golden Grain.' He emphasized the Indian Government's commitment to promoting millets as a sustainable and healthy alternative to rice, with the crop gaining global recognition in the International Year of Millets in 2023. Commodore Ashok praised the Nagaland Government and local farmers for their effort in cultivating and popularizing millets, stating that collaborative efforts with NERAMAC could create positive impacts for farmers and also enhance the local economy.

He underscored the importance of millets for food security, agricultural diversity and nutrition.

S. Yongchang Phom, Additional Director of Agriculture, Nagaland who was the chief guest at the event, echoed the same sentiments, noting that millet is a staple food/diet of the region since ancestral times. He stressed the need to preserve and promote these grains for future generations.

The event featured stalls displaying a variety of millet products to educate the public about the benefits of incorporating millets into their diet. Supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, this initiative reflects India's larger push to make millets a household staple and secure a healthier tomorrow for all.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES 60th ANNIVERSARY OF NLA

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) celebrated its 60th Anniversary under the theme 'Embracing innovation and celebrating legacy' at the NLA Secretariat Complex on 29th October 2024.

Speaker & Convenor, NLA, Sharingain

Longkumer in his welcome address, said that ever since its inception on 11th February 1964, following Nagaland's Statehood on 1st December 1963, Legislative Assembly has been the epitome of governance and representation for our diverse communities. Longkumer opined that the journey from those early days to the present, has been marked by significant milestones and transformative changes, and over the years,

the Assembly has been a forum for crucial debates, policymaking and legislative action that have helped and shaped the trajectory of Nagaland's development. He remarked that 2023 Assembly elections marked a historic milestone as the two women Legislators were elected into the August House, showing the progress of this democratic August institution for more inclusive representation. He said that while we take pride in the past, we should look to the future with hope and renewed determination.

Governor La. Ganesan speaking at the programme said that the occasion is not only to celebrate the six decades of governance and representation but also to honour the enduring spirit of our democracy and that the event will be inscribed in the annals of our State's history. He mentioned that each member has played a crucial role in advocating the aspirations and challenges of their constituencies and contributed to the rich mosaic of Nagaland's political landscape. He highlighted that the theme of the celebration 'Embracing innovation and celebrating legacy' sums up the commitment of the legislators to honor the past while



Governor, La Ganesan and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio releasing the 60th NLA Souvenir at NLA Secretariat Complex, Kohima on 29th October 2024.

eagerly anticipating the future and that in an ever-evolving world, embracing new ideas and technologies is imperative to enhance our legislative processes, making governance more transparent, accessible, and responsive to our citizens' needs.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio delivering the keynote address, honored the pioneering leaders and the architects of Nagaland who have left an indelible mark on our State's history and offered tribute for their selfless service and enduring legacy. Also, honoring former members and their family members, Rio stated that their unwavering commitment has been instrumental in shaping our legislative foundation and in fostering the growth and development of Nagaland.

Rio mentioned that the formation of the State and the establishment of the Assembly are intricately linked with the Naga Political Issue and since the attainment of statehood, every Assembly has recognized the importance of this issue, addressing it in every session and even passed resolutions calling for peaceful and inclusive negotiations. He stated that the issue of Naga Integration, which emerged

from the 16-Point Agreement, remains a core part of the larger Naga political movement and reassured that the August House will continue to pursue the goal in the spirit of unity and solidarity.

Former Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. S.C. Jamir in his 'Down Memory Lane,' address acknowledged the NLA for being the cradle where he was nurtured into a mature figure and expressed his utmost respect to the House for giving him the opportunity to serve the people and the State. Jamir mentioned that Nagaland is the only state in India that was created through political agreement and that itself speaks volumes of the uniqueness of the Naga political history. He urged the members to awaken to the realities of the modern world and requested the present members of the House to make the NLA an epitome of the Naga spirit of honesty, courage and uprightness and shine a light upon every Naga area and also the rest of the country.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Spongmeren Jamir, Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, President of EX -PAN & former Deputy Speaker NLA, Joshua Sumi also spoke on the occasion.

Governor La Ganesan released the 60th Anniversary Souvenir of NLA and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated and unveiled the Botanical Garden named after Lt. T.N. Angami. 'A glimpse of accomplishments' a video clip was presented by Information & Public Relations Department during the event.

Honoring the legacy of the pioneering leaders, the Library was named in honor of the first Chief Minister of Nagaland, Late P. Shilu and the ceremony was graced by Governor La. Ganesan. The Conference Hall was named in honor of former Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Late K. Shikhu with Chief Minister Neiphiu Riogracing the ceremony.

The Committee Room was named in honor of Late former Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, C. Chongshen Chang, and the ceremony was graced by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Planning & Transformation, T. R. Zeliang. The Training Room was named in honor of former Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Late Vikho-o Yhoshu, which was graced by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Home, Y. Patton.

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES WORLD MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Observing World Mental Health month with the theme 'It's time to prioritise mental health at the workplace,' a one-day seminar on Mental Health for the Officers and staff of Water Resources Department (WRD) was held at Chief Engineer's Office Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th October 2024.

Chief Engineer, WRD, Er. K. Hutoi Sema said that mental health is as important

as physical health, and reminded the officials and staff to take care of one's mental health this very crucial, and balanced mental health increases our productivity and creativity.

The resource persons from the day's programme were Lovitoli Awomi, Counselling Psychologist, Founder, Lapiye Centre for Mental Well-being, Chumoukedima and Rev. Fr. Joe Mariadhas, Director, Shalom

Rehabilitation Centre, Chumoukedima, who highlighted Perceived Stress, Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health at Work Place

respectively. The program was chaired by Er. Wapangnaro Imchen, Executive Engineer, WRD.

NAGALAND HOLDS 2024 STATE-LEVEL UID IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The State-Level Unique Identification Implementation Committee (UIDIC) meeting for 2024 was held in Kohima on 29th October 2024 under the chairmanship of Nagaland Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS. The meeting saw participation from senior officials of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) including Commodore Dhiraj Sareen, Deputy Director General (DDG) of the UIDAI Regional Office in Guwahati and Colonel Abhishek Koushik, Director of the UIDAI Guwahati Office, alongside departmental heads of the Nagaland Government.

Colonel Abhishek Koushik delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the progress of Aadhaar enrolment, updates and usage in Nagaland. He also presented an action-taken report based on points from the previous meeting and updates from the quarterly district-level meetings. Key issues discussed included improving

Aadhaar saturation, ensuring enrolment of newborns through the Birth Registration Based Aadhaar Enrolment (BRBAE) process, and addressing the backlog of mandatory biometric updates for children aged 5-7 and 15-17.

During the meeting, DDG Commodore Dhiraj Sareen stressed on the importance of raising Aadhaar enrolment levels to align with the national average. He proposed focusing on districts with lower Aadhaar saturation and emphasized the need to prioritize the enrolment of newborns using the BRBAE system.

Concluding the meeting, the Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam directed the departmental heads to collaborate with the UIDAI Regional Office in Guwahati to develop a plan aimed at achieving these targets within a stipulated timeframe, ensuring Nagaland meets the national average for Aadhaar saturation.

ANCSU COLLEGIATE MEET CELEBRATED AT DIMAPUR

The All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU) Collegiate Meet 2024, the biggest college event in Nagaland commenced at Livingstone Foundation International College, Dimapur, under the theme 'Enabling potentialities' on 29th October 2024, aiming to bring together all the college students from across the State to explore and nurture their talents in various fields.

The Collegiate Meet serves as a significant platform for Nagaland's youth, providing opportunities to engage, network, and work collaboratively toward shared goals. The event is anticipated to have a positive impact on the students, fostering a culture of unity and self-development.

The Introductory Guest of the session was Alemtemshi Jamir, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary of Nagaland while the

Honored Guest was Hokato Hotozhe Sema, a Bronze Medalist from the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Alemtemshi Jamir in his address, emphasized on the critical role the students play in shaping the future of Nagaland. He urged them to actively participate in campus initiatives, social issues and to stand firm on educational and employment rights. He highlighted the power of the student community in creating a robust academic environment and acting as a bridge between the young citizens and state leaders. Jamir called for increased student engagement in policy advocacy, expressing that a well-informed and united student body can catalyze progress for Nagaland.

On 30th October, 2024, the inaugural guest, Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, Government of Nagaland unfurled the ANCSU flag marking the official start of the meet. In his inaugural speech, Abu Metha urged students to recognize the opportunities and responsibilities they hold as representatives of their state in a fast-evolving global landscape. Highlighting the pace of change driven by technology, he emphasized how Nagaland's unique geographic location makes it a strategic gateway for India to connect with Southeast Asia. He also encouraged students to embrace this dynamic era with dedication, insisting that success is achieved only through hard work and discipline.

Metha also addressed for unity, calling the students to rise above divisions and to

act as ambassadors who counter societal challenges. Emphasizing the unifying power of sports, he noted sports bring more nations together than any other event on earth and today, the students represent a united Nagaland. He encouraged them to look beyond tribal affiliations and embrace a collective Naga identity.

Special greetings were extended by Dr. Andrew Ahoto Sema, Chairman of Livingstone Foundation International College, who praised the dedication shown in uniting representatives from 40 colleges across Nagaland, recognizing the logistical challenges of hosting over 1,000 attendees daily. Sema encouraged the students to support one another, remain resilient in the face of setbacks, and pursue their dreams actively with a focus on purpose and faith. He urged the youth to abandon complacency and work toward a self-sufficient future, reminding them that progress begins within.

President, Naga Students Federation also spoke on the occasion. In his keynote address, Tsukjem Lkr, Convenor of the Organizing Committee, emphasized the significance of fostering students' potential through platforms like the collegiate meet. Tenyesinlo Bukh, President of ANCSU delivered the presidential address, highlighting the union's mission to support the academic, cultural, and athletic pursuits of college students across Nagaland. The administration of oath was conducted by Duve Tetse-o, Games & Sports Secretary, ANCSU.



NATIONAL VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONORS' DAY HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

Mokokchung District Blood Donors Association (MVBDA) in collaboration with 12 Assam Rifles observed National Voluntary Blood Donors' Day under the theme 'Share life, give blood' with the slogan '20 years of celebrating giving: Thank you, blood donors' at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 1st October 2024.

Gracing the event as the guest of honour, Deputy Chairman, Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC), Lanuakum in his address maintained that blood is a vital connective tissue that maintains the well-being of our health or life. He further added that as the life span of blood stored in the Blood Bank is only 120 days, one needs to replenish it with fresh batch of blood, which can be possible only through blood donation. He therefore urged the association as well as the medical fraternity and social organization to sensitise the community on the importance of blood donation through various forms of media.

President MVBDA, Molo Jamir while sharing the significance of the day said, shared that National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated on 1st October every year to



Voluntary blood donors during the National Voluntary Blood Donors' Day at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Mokokchung on 1st October 2024.

share the need and importance of the blood in the life of an individual by motivating and encouraging people who are not aware about the importance of donating blood. It is also a day celebrated to bring great changes in the society to follow lifesaving service through blood donation.

A special blood donation drive was carried out at Blood Bank Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital where individuals from different walks of life donated blood.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK OBSERVED AT NITOI VILLAGE

An Airgun Surrender programme was organised at NitOI village on 2nd October 2024, organised by Kiphire Forest Division & Wildlife Division under the theme 'Wildlife conservation throughout coexistence.'

DFO in his speech said, peaceful coexistence with the nature, forest, wildlife and environment is the only solution for better future of human beings. He also opined that both human & wildlife need to coexist together with minimum human-wildlife

conflict. National Wildlife Week is a yearly event celebrated in the first week of October. The main purpose of the programme is to generate awareness among masses to save wildlife, since everyone have the collective responsibility to protect wildlife and save the environment.

The programme was organised on the occasion of 'National Wildlife Week 2024' being celebrated by the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

2nd INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT 2024 AT MOKOKCHUNG

The inaugural programme of the 2nd Edition of Inter-Departmental Sports Tournament 2024, Mokokchung district was held at Multi Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 3rd October 2024.

Delivering the welcome address, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisiephoji said such an event bring together employees from different departments irrespective of their designation, thus creating an atmosphere to interact in a casual setting. He also urged the participants to take this opportunity to forge friendship during the event so that better coordination can be maintained between the departments for the betterment of the district.

Highlights of the programme include

greetings from Vice President of Ao Senden, Aowati Ozukum, presentation of special song by Fazl Ali college students, handing over the Championship Trophy to the organizer by the District Executive Force, Mokokchung the Champion of 1st Inter-Departmental Sports Tournament 2023). Oath-taking of the participating teams was carried out by Anguvito Sumi, District Sport Officer & Secretary, organizing Committee.

The three-day event featured competition in the following sports discipline - Table Tennis, Carom, Arm Wrestling, Chess and Badminton. School Education Department was declared the overall champion.

CUSTOMER CONNECT PROGRAMME FOR STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HELD

State Bank of India, Medziphema in collaboration with Medziphema Administration conducted a workshop on 'Customer Connect Programme' for State Government Employees was held on 3rd October 2024 at City Center Medziphema, Chumoukedima.

EAC Medziphema, Vithwel Kweho expressed happiness that through the workshop, many employees have benefited and encouraged for such programmes to be conducted in the future.

Manager Financial Inclusion, SBI RBO, Dimapur, T. Lhingneikim, and Department Manager Medziphema, Nehriizii Pfotte highlighted on customer rights, policies, grievances redressed and several schemes taken up by the bank for the benefit of government employees.

Branch Manager, Thongkholun

Khongsai, SBI Medziphema highlighted the programme aims to enhance banking services and specific needs and benefits of state government employees. He highlighted the variants of salary packages accounts for state government employees, the features and benefit of salary package accounts, SBI Rishtey saving accounts of the family members at SBI and extending various benefits, SBI Surya Ghar loan for solar roof top which can be applied through PM Survey Ghar Portal, NDS Vatsalya new scheme by the central government for government employee benefits, investment and Insurance SBI Digital produce and helpline of services available at contact centres.

The workshop was fruitful with more than 20 government departments attending the programme.

INNOVATIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT DAY AT GHS, PWD, KOHIMA

The Government High School (GHS), PWD, Kohima organised an Innovative Skill Development Day at its school premises with the theme 'Moulding young minds towards innovative skill development' on 3rd October 2024.

In the introductory session, Assistant Headmistress, Neizokhoü Vizo said that the event was organised by the school authority with an aim to promote and enhance the problem solving skills among the student community. It also aims to impart the idea and knowledge of productivity, sustainability and entrepreneurship in the minds of the students.

Kohima Municipal Council Councillor of Ward No.11, Neibodzeie Solo, while speaking

as a special guest during the exhibition-cum-sales session, asked the students to think about the skills our ancestors valued and urged them to embrace the innate potentials, talents and skills and exhibit their skills to its fullest.

A day long programme was the first of its kind organised by the school, with the students starting from Classes A-10 along with the dedicated teachers, engaged in skill development activities. The day's activities included Basket making, Pickle making, Organic fruit juice making, Bamboo crafts, Knitting, Baking, LED bulb making, Envelope/ Paper bags/ Bookmark, Art and Facial etc. in the morning session.

AWARENESS CAMP ON SPECIAL KCC CAMPAIGN AT JALUKIE

In order to expand the benefit of the Kisan Credit Card to all the eligible farmers engaged in animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries activities, the Lead Bank Office, Peren in collaboration with Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department organized an awareness camp on resuming

of nationwide ADHF Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Campaign for the year 2024-25 at the District Fishery Office, Jalukie on 4th October 2024.

The resource persons of the programme, Chief Manager, Lead Bank, Temsurenla and Branch Manager, SBI Jalukie, Purwati Longkumer highlighted on what Kisan Credit



Chief Manager, Lead Bank, Temsurenla and Branch Manager, SBI Jalukie, Purwati Longkumer along with participants during the awareness camp on resuming of nationwide ADHF KCC Campaign at District Fisheries Office, Jalukie on 4th October 2024.

Card (KCC) is all about, eligibility criteria, interest rate and its benefits.

During the interactive session, the participants clarified their doubts and queries

from the resource persons. Altogether, 63 attendees participated at the KCC Campaign programme.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ON DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELD AT WOKHA

The Department of Social Welfare and District Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan organised an awareness programme on drugs and substance abuse for public and community leaders including the Wokha Town Councilors, Colony Council Chairmen and GBs on 4th October 2024 at Lotha Hoho Conference Hall.

Delivering the keynote address, ADC, Wokha, Renbomo Ezung said drugs and substance abuse is one of the most serious problems faced by our society today which not destroys the mental and physical life of an individual but the entire family. He added that community leaders need to come together and join hands to take up serious steps and initiate to put a stop to the spread of drugs and substance abuse in our society before it is too late.

Additional SP, Wokha, K. Soriso presenting the drugs scenario, stated that in recent times, Wokha district has been observing an alarming increase in drug user cases and has one of the highest number of users in the State, and to tackle the menace in the district, he highlighted some

of the key strategies of the Wokha Police in contemplating to deal with drug problem, like supply reduction through community policing, bringing down demand, effective coordination amongst enforcement agencies and sharing of intelligence. He said that drug abuse is a social problem and it has taken generations away from us, and that public should not leave the responsibility to the police, but should come forward and share information about any movement of drugs and peddlers. It is the responsibility of every section of the society to help enforcement agencies of the government to root out this menace, he added.

Short talks on various topics relating to drugs and substance abuse like sensitizing the community by conducting awareness, giving information about the treatment, role of public leaders in combating substance abuse, community involvement, and collaboration with law enforcement, empowering public leaders were presented by District Welfare Officer, Wokha C. James Ezung, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Zuchamo Patton and DAPCU (H&FW), Lichumo Odyuo.

ADVISOR NYUSIETHO NYUTHE GRACES YEMÜSHE CELEBRATION AT PHOR VILLAGE

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe stated that Yemüshe is a festival to welcome the new

harvest of the year and invoking God's blessing for a bountiful harvest, graced the Yemüshe festival celebrations at Phor village, Meluri on 4th October 2024. He appealed to



Advisor, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe addressing the gathering during the Yemüshe festival celebration at Phor village, Meluri on 4th October 2024.

the community to pray for unity and oneness of the society.

ADC, Meluri, Neilezo Tep delivered the greetings message. PAPO Paratsü shared the significance of Yemüshe festival while Vice-President, USLB, Kipithong Sangtam

delivered the solidary note. The programme featured cultural dances and traditional games from five areas of the Pochury. Yemüshe festival, the premier festival of Pochury which is observed annually from 1st to 5th October.

JOB FAIR IN DIMAPUR OPENS DOORS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Integrated Development Association (IDA) and Don Bosco Job Placement Network, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour & Employment, National Career Service Centre for Differently Aabled Dimapur, NCSC SC & ST Kohima, Employment Exchange Dimapur, and Model Career Centre Dimapur, organized a Job Fair on 5th October 2024 at Don Bosco, Dimapur which aimed at connecting job seekers with employers.

The Job Fair was inaugurated by Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and Excise Department, Moatoshi Longkumer. In his address, the Advisor highlighted the significance of the event, calling it a place where dreams intersect with possibilities. He

praised the initiative for bringing together employers and job seekers, fostering a platform for career growth.

Longkumer emphasized the importance of job fairs in bridging the gap between talent and opportunity. He said the job fair connects talent with opportunities, giving businesses the chance to discover individuals who can bring fresh perspectives. He also highlighted the critical role job seekers play, urging them to approach the event with a sense of purpose and commitment. He stated that for job seekers, this is more than just a chance to find a job, but an opportunity to find a work environment that aligns with the values, passion, and long-term goals.

District Employment Officer, Dimapur, Gideon L. Sumi, speaking as the guest

of honour, underscored the serious unemployment situation and urged job seekers to take full advantage of the job fair. He said the job fair is a marketplace where employers come looking for dedicated employees and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity of the programme.

Assistant Director of the National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled, Dr. T. Mohanalso addressed the gathering,

emphasizing the importance of utilizing job fairs to bridge the gap between employers and job seekers, particularly in the context of differently-abled individuals.

Companies participating in the event included Toka MPCS, SBI Life, Chabou & Co., Qess Corp India and Employment Providers, with some organizations attending the job fair online the job fair is expected to attract more than 400 job seekers.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, WOKHA CONDUCTS TRAINING FOR FARMERS

The Office of the Assistant Registrar, Co-Operative Societies (ARCS) Wokha, Nagaland conducted a training on Post Harvest Skilling under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) 2023-2024 at Okotso Village, Wokha on 4th October 2024.

In his keynote address, ARCS, Wokha, Obendangba noted that the RKVY scheme which was launched under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, is to impart trainings and provide capacity building programmes to farmers providing opportunities to come together through Co-Operative Societies. He stated that it aims to foster self-reliance and economic empowerment through public participation in the activities of agriculture and allied sectors as well as to empower the youth through skill development.

Speaking on 'Management of Co-Operative Society,' SRCS, Wokha, T. Alanthung Nguillie emphasised on the Democratic Principles, where every member has a voting right to elect a Management Committee to make decision to run their

organisation effectively, and to ensure that financial interest and benefits of its members are protected by maintaining proper accounts.

Chief Technical Officer (Extension) KVK, Wokha, Dr. B. L. Mhalo Tungoe, who spoke on 'Pest and Diseases Management' stressed that pests and diseases are part of natural environmental system and in this regard, exercising natural control over them is important by keeping priority for safety of people, safety of environment and preserving healthy soil by avoiding use of man-made chemical products, without proper information. Maintaining balance between pest and predators also helps to keep pest and diseases down to acceptable level, she added, while highlighting on the aspects of healthy crop.

In the programme, Agricultural Field Assistant, P. Yanrenthung Patton spoke on 'Post Harvest Management' and Chumlanthung Nguillie, Banking Assistant, NSCB, Wokha, spoke on 'Financial Literacy.'

ONE-DAY MEGA LEGAL SERVICES CAMP-CUM- TRAINING AND CAPACITY PROGRAMME AT TAMLU

One day Mega Legal Services Camp-cum-Training and Capacity programme was organized by the Longleng District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Nagaland State Climate Change Cell, Nagaland Science & Technology Council and the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Nagaland at ADC's Office premises, Tamlu town, Longleng on 5th October 2024.

Delivering the welcome address, CJM and Secretary LDLSA, Kumdilong Kessen, NJS stated that this is the first Mega Legal Service Camp in Tamlu town where various Government Departments have come together under one umbrella to provide services and benefits to the public.

Delivering a short speech, EAC Tamlu, Mopling Phom enlightened the public on the importance to know legal rights and services available. He stated that the State and Central Government provides different schemes, however many are not aware on how to avail. Phom therefore encouraged the

public to visit the stalls and avail the benefits of such schemes.

The team from Nagaland State Climate Change Cell, Nagaland State Science & Technology Council and the Department of Science & Technology Government of Nagaland took over the session, addressing the issues of rising temperature, wherein the public positively participated in the said training and capacity programme. The team also handed over the certificates to all the participants.

Agriculture Department distributed seedlings and fertilizers, NST issued Free Bus Pass Forms for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities, Health & Family Welfare Department conducted free Haemoglobin A1C (HbA1c) test, District Administration carried out Aadhaar correction and registration, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services distributed pamphlets and LDLSA provided free advice, counselling, affidavit declarations etc.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Tuensang held its monthly meeting on 7th October 2024 at DC's Office Conference Hall under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the previous month meeting minutes, the board discussed and

recommended for society registrations of Life Care Society Helipong B Village and Atrodah Foundation. The board also reiterated for the construction of EAC and Staff Quarters at Chingmei EAC HQ. PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities was presented by Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 7th October 2024 at Deputy

Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Peren.

The agenda on recasting of Iconic

Projects in respect of 7 Peren AC under the scheme 'Construction of Council Hall in Jalukie Zangdi village and Dungki village' were deliberated upon and approved by the board. On the agenda for full functional of DIET Centre under Jalukie Sub-division, the DC has entrusted ADC Jalukie to verify the land matter. The board also approved and recommended the registration of societies in

respect of Rani Gaidinliu Vedic Gurukulam Society at Azailong Village and Liangmai Baptist Aruang (LBA) at Tening.

Other agenda discussed in the meeting included DPDB Pilot Projects for off-season crops at New Tesen village, issues of water supply & electricity connections at District HQ and establishment of new EBRC and SDEO Office under Jalukie Sub-division.

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXAM COACHING

The Kohima District Administration, in collaboration with the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) on the 7th October 2024, launched the coaching programme for the first batch of NSSB Coaching under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative. The event took place at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, Chumroba J. Sangtam, Managing Director of Keystone Coaching Institute, emphasized the institute's commitment to bridging educational gaps through structured mentorship. He noted

that Keystone has a strong track record, with experienced teachers and a history of students achieving excellent results. He urged the girls to seize this opportunity, work hard, and make their families proud. Sangtam also expressed gratitude to the District Administration for selecting Keystone to guide and train the students.

Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS encouraged the participants to strive for success, noting that once they succeed, they should become brand ambassadors for the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. He highlighted the programme as



DC, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS with other officials at the launch of the coaching programme for the first batch of NSSB Coaching under BBBP initiative at DC's Office, Kohima on 7th October 2024.

a stepping stone towards a brighter future and urged the girls to collaborate, compete healthily, and remain focused on their goals. Ramnikant also reminded the students to prioritize their health and persevere through challenges.

A total of 35 girls registered for the first batch of NSSB Coaching under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. The coaching programme aims to equip young women with the tools and knowledge to succeed in competitive exams and shape their futures.

REPORT ON DECLARATION OF MONYAKSHU VILLAGE AS 'NO PLASTIC ZONE' AND LAUNCHING OF THE GREEN COMMUNITY CLUB

A joint declaration program for Monyakshu village as 'No Plastic Zone' and launching of Green Community Club, Monyakshu village was held on 7th October 2024 at the Village Council Hall of Monyakshu village. The program was jointly organized by the District Administration, Forest Department Mon and all the stakeholders of Monyakshu, namely Monyakshu Village Council, Monyakshu Village Students' Union, KNSK Monyakshu Unit, Monyakshu Village Baptist Church and Monyakshu Citizens' Union.

The declaration and launching programme was organized with a vision and objective to eliminate single use of plastic materials and significantly reduce plastic

wastes, to foster a culture of sustainability, reuse and recycling; to protect water sources, soil and wild life from plastic pollution; and to promote eco-friendly alternatives and innovative solutions. By declaring Monyakshu village as 'No Plastic Zone,' the citizens of Monyakshu village will now demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development, and to create a cleaner, greener, and healthier village for future generations.

The occasion was graced by SDO (Civil) In-charge of Monyakshu Hq, Wiridin as special invitee, who called upon all people of Monyakshu village to continuously uphold with the spirit of such initiatives, and to work hand in hand for mass participation towards



SDO (C) in-charge of Monyakshu, Wiridin and Forest Range Officer, Tobu along with other officials and stakeholders of Monyakshu village during the declaration of 'No Plastic Zone' and launching of Green Community Club, Monyakshu' at Monyakshu village, Mon on 7th October 2024.

success of the vision. He also assured to support the initiative in whatever ways the administration can possibly provide.

Forest Range Officer Tobu, Tongkem Konyak also spoke on the occasion. Introduction regarding the Green Community Club was given by Deputy Director, Information & Public Relations, S. Hongpi Konyak and Medical Officer, District

Hospital Mon, Dr. S. Nyamnyi Konyak shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding various issues related to use of plastic. m

The programme was followed by plantation of saplings provided by the Forest Department, Mon and Green Community Club, Monyakshu, and disposal of plastic waste segregation.

PEREN DISTRICT CELEBRATES RTI WEEK 2024

As part of the celebration of Right to Information (RTI) Week from 5th to 12th October 2024 Peren district celebrated the Right to Information Week 2024 at St. Xavier College, Jalukie on 8th October 2024.

Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland, I. Meyionen Jamir speaking at the event, said the Right to Information Act was passed in 2005 with an aim to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government and to contain corruption, which are essential for the functioning of a healthy democracy. He disclosed that total number of 2472 RTI applications were recorded in the State during the period of 2023-24 with an increase of 368 as compared to the previous year's record of 2104. The overall percentage of information furnished by the PIOs of various Public Authorities during 2023-24 was 2173 which comes to 87.90%. Further, he disclosed that the Directorates received the highest number of RTI applications, followed by the Districts and Secretariat.

Mentioning that Peren district (106) is the third district next to Kohima (239) & Dimapur (134) in receiving the highest number of RTI applicants during 2023-24, he said Peren district was chosen for this programme, adding that the district has many other tribes apart from Zeliang tribe and there is a need to educate and create awareness among the people to know their rights and entitlement in regard to various welfare schemes being implemented especially by the development departments.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by State Information Commissioner, Nosazol Charles, wherein he explained the working of the RTI Act in detail. This was followed by an interactive session with the participants. The event also saw the participation of 511 attendees from various Heads of Departments, Administrative Officers, Town Councillors, CSOs, GBs, Village Councils, VDBs, church leaders and college students.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

MLA & Chairman, Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) Pughoboto, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema chaired

the monthly SDPDB Meeting on 8th October 2024 at DB Hall, ADC's Office, Pughoboto.

Taking into consideration the low

rate of enrolment at Government Higher Secondary School(GHSS) Pughoboto, ADC & Vice-Chairman Tiameren Chang briefed the board about sponsorship of students of class 8 and above to improve school enrolment. The Chairman and Vice Chairman SDPDB declared sponsorship of class 11 and class 12 students and encouraged other board members to extend sponsorship of other students.

Principal, GHSS Pughoboto, Khekaho Achumi highlighted the introduction of the new school subject 'Electronics' which is to be introduced from class 9 onwards from the next year 2025. He also urged the student bodies to help disseminate the importance of the subject to the student community as it will help students learn and develop vocational skills.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th October 2024, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali at DC's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Department of Environment, Forests

& Climate Change. ADC, Zunheboto, Keyirangding Hegui, supplementing to the Forest Department's PowerPoint presentation, appealed to other departments to help provide infrastructural developments in their department's capacity at Ghosü Bird Sanctuary, located at Ghükiye village.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th October 2024, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom at the DPDB Hall Longleng.

After review of the previous meeting minutes, the Board discussed and deliberated

on the following agenda - Registration of Phom Lempong Higher secondary School and Senerity Home, both run by the Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), for which the board recommended the proposal.

The Department of Water Resources delivered their departmental activities in the meeting.

BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Bhandari Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) was held at the conference hall of the Summer House-cum-Guest House, Bhandari on 8th October 2024, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, SDPDB Bhandari, Longasen Lotha.

During review of agenda for follow up action, Lead Bank Wokha, Manager,

C. Yanthan briefed on the Changpang unbanked block and informed that joint survey has been conducted by competent authorities, and since opening of Branch at present is not feasible, the members decided to revisit again after two years.

The board, while deliberating on recommendation for recognition of Hangthen village, noted that all documents were in order and resolved to forward the matter to Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, for necessary action in favour of the same. The board also emphasised that most of the offices and official quarters at the Bhandari Head Quarter are old and in dilapidated conditions, and recommended for construction of Office Complex in a Mini Secretariat type to

improvise accommodation and functioning.

ADC and Vice Chairman, SDPDB while reminding the departments under Bhandari Sub-division to submit statistical report on manpower and infrastructure of respective offices, lauded the electrical department for providing uninterrupted power supply by maintaining good power lines.

After the meeting, the board carried out a tree plantation drive at the Common Cemetery, Bhandari.



ADC, Bhandari, Longasen Lotha along with officials and public leaders at the tree plantation drive held at the Common Cemetery, Bhandari HQ on 8th October 2024.

ADVISOR IMKONG L. IMCHEN GRACES THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 5th PADMASHREE W. NOKDENLEMBA OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

G-Sports Mokokchung lifted the 5th Padmashree W. Nokdenlemba Open Volleyball Tournament 2024 defeating United Changki in the final match played at Multi-Purpose Sport Complex, Mokokchung on 11th October 2024. Organized by Ao Kaketshir Mungdang (Ao Students' Conference) under the theme 'One Team One Spirit,' the closing function was graced by Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L.

Imchen as the guest of honour.

Imkong in his address, stated that the Naga youths have the potential to grow, take on the role of leadership and shine in every aspect of life. He urged the youth to be courageous in order to bring about changes in the society. He also urged the AKM leaders to be more active so that future generations of youth can take up the mantle of their predecessors.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATED AT MON

Under the directive of Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) Mon observed the World Mental Health Day with the theme 'It is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace' at Conference Hall, District Hospital Mon, on 10th October 2024.

CMO, Mon Dr. Supongmenla thanked the DMHP, Mon for organising the programme and also for their activities in Mon district, which was launched three years back. She said that depression, anxiety and frustration for numerous reasons, lead to mental health issues which are very concerning. Explaining on the theme, she

called for creating a supportive environment in the workplace, and requested to create awareness about mental illness.

Clinical Psychologist, DHMP, Mon, Linokali Sumi giving a presentation on glimpse of DHMP, Mon, said that DHMP, Mon was started on 1st June 2021 and since then, awareness and workshops on mental health have been conducted in almost all the schools and churches in Mon town. A short video of their activities which was conducted, was also highlighted.

Painting and exhortation competitions were also conducted.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PROPOSALS

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Kohima district was held on 15th October 2024 at the DPDB Hall, Kohima under the chairmanship of MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso.

The Carl Roger's Institute of Mental Health Research Centre, based in P Khel, Kohima Village delivered a PowerPoint presentation on their activities. The board deliberated on the presentation and decided to seek feedback from the Higher Education and Social Welfare Departments before recommending society registration.

For the registration of the Chiechama Students' Union from Chiechama village, Kohima, the board suggested a change of nomenclature prior to approval. The board also discussed the proposed transfer of Dihoma, Kijümetouma Bawe, and Basa villages from Kezocha Administrative Block to Chiephobozou Administrative Block,

agreeing to forward the proposal to higher authorities for approval.

A detailed presentation was given by the Urban Development Department, Kohima, through Joint Director Kezhochole Rhetso, highlighting various schemes and programmes being implemented in the district. These included components of DAY-NULM, with 226 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) registered in Kohima, and socio-economic profiling under PM SVAN NIDHI for street vendors. Rhetso also shared progress on initiatives like PMFME, Swachh Bharat Mission, Kohima Municipal Council Legacy Waste Quantification Survey, AMRUT Mission, and AIDS.

Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso mentioned an increase in the Village Adoption Committee fund, raising it from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh as seed money, and encouraged departments to contribute for more effective implementation.

The meeting concluded with a briefing by SDO (C) Kohima, Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao, who highlighted the SHE-Box initiative, an

online system for addressing complaints related to sexual harassment of women in workplaces.

CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of Chumoukedima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 15th October 2024 at DC's Office Conference Hall, Chumoukedima under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs and Chairman DPDB, Zhaleo Rio.

The chairman appealed to the officers to exercise transparency and accountability, and act as an agent for the local people and disseminate to them the implementation and policies of central and state schemes. He suggested the board to involve the Town Council members to participate in the DPDB meeting so that they can share their plans and development for Chumoukedima district. He also appealed to the members to include agenda for plying NST bus service to Medziphema town.

During the review of last meeting minutes, opening of new Government Primary School at Melongmem village which was recommended after verification by the

administration and Education Department. Registration of society for Shiheli Old Age Home, Ganeshnagar Village and Two Wheelers' Taxi Association, Chumoukedima, and recognition of Lhokheto village under Dhansiripar sub-division, Chumoukedima was deferred to the next DPDB meeting for further verification and submission of mandatory documents.

Agenda for upgradation of Jehoval Jirah School, Videma village, Chumoukedima to class VIII and society registration of Sangtam Atanglah Cultural Society 7th Mile were approved and forwarded for recommendation.

The board also constituted a committee for the maintenance of the Unity Gate, Chumoukedima with DC as chairman and the DCP, EE PWD (NH), EO (CTC), EO (MTC) and DCO (Art & Culture) as members. It also agreed to add new co-opted members in the committee if needed.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 15th October 2024 at DC's Office Conference Hall, Mon under the chairmanship of Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Mon.

The application received for registration of Monnu Youth Organisation, Mon under society registration was approved and

recommended to the concerned department for registration after one of its members presented a brief history and activities of the society. The DC said that society recognition or registration depends on the activities of the society.

The NHIDCL and Water Resources Department highlighted their departmental activities through PowerPoint presentations.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

The Shamator District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15th October 2024 at DB's Court, Shamator under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, Chubatemjen.

The meeting discussed agenda such as construction of Sub-Centre building at

Chessore village, upgradation of Chessore Urban Station Committee to a full-fledged Town Council (CTPF), construction of PHC Chessore building, acquisition of an Ambulance and a Medical Officer for Chessore PHC, opening of SBI ATM bank in Shamator town and registration of Kiuti City Boys Society.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 15th October 2024 at DPDB Conference Hall, Phek under the chairmanship of Advisor for New & Renewable Energy, NSDMA and Chairman, DPDB, Phek, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

SP, Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS was felicitated for her achievement in IACP 40 under 40 Award 2024.

Addressing the meeting, Advisor & Chairman DPDB Phek, Z. Nyusietho urged and reminded the officers of the developmental departments to give their sincere efforts for taking up developmental programmes in the district judiciously.

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero spoke about the anticipated delimitations of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies likely to be executed by the year 2026 in the state, and urged the State Government and its citizens to be well prepared beforehand.

The meeting deliberated about the deteriorating conditions of Chakhabama-Kihruma two lane stretches under Kohima and Phek districts, raised by Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo. The board then decided to write a resolution letter to the NHIDCL for immediate repairing of the said stretches to the extent of motorable condition of the two lane road.

The meeting discussed agenda with regard to change of nomenclature of Nazereth School to Nazareth Higher Secondary School, Pfutsero and the Board agreed to recommend the matter to the higher authority for approval.

Assistant Project Officer, in-charge of Project Implementing Agency, Land Resources Department (LRD), Phek presented various departmental activities initiated by the department under Phek district.

PURVOTTAR AADI BAZAAR ORGANIZED AT DIMAPUR

Purvottar Aadi Bazaar was organized from 8th to 16th October 2024 at Super Market, Dimapur, as an effort to provide marketing support to tribal artisans. The event was inaugurated by Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along. Thirty two (32 stalls) from artisans of all states of NER participated in the bazaar,

offering an opportunity to see the unique craftsmanship and skills of various parts of North East India at one common platform. Products such as Handlooms & Handicrafts, Jewelry Products, Metal Craft, Cane & Bamboo Products, Gift & Novelties etc. were available.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

The monthly Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th October 2024, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer at DC's Office Conference Hall, Kiphire.

While discussing on the application for registration of society in respect of Tizisa Cultural Club Society, Sangphure village under Kiphire, the board approved the proposal and forwarded to the higher

authorities for registration. NGOs from Kiusam Area and Kiphire requested the district administration to apprise the line departments regarding improvement and maintenance of drainage system in Kiphire town area under the aspirational development projects.

Superintendent of Police, Kiphire, Chinese Chakhesang, ADC, Kiphire, Longdiba L Sangtam and GM, DIC Kiphire, Y. Intsangju also spoke in the meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF SANITATION VEHICLES TO URBAN LOCAL BODIES CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Commissioner & Secretary and Officers of Municipal Affairs Department held a short programme for distribution of Sanitation Vehicles to the Urban Local Bodies on 16th October 2024 at Chumoukedima Public Ground, with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.) gracing the programme as chief guest.

In his address, Zhaleo pointed out that despite high literacy rate, Nagas' way of living, good conduct, practise of cleanliness, civic sense are still lacking behind and urged the gathering to practice dignity of labour, honesty or love for one another. He also urged the citizens to conduct good qualities whether it be at work, home or outside, and appealed to every section of the society to practice cleanliness and set an example to outsiders.

Asserting that citizens should not depend fully on government funding through the departments but also to generate their revenue and buy their infrastructure, he appealed the representative to follow the government guidelines of revised Nagaland

Municipal Act 2023 to discharge their duties and responsibilities smoothly. He also mentioned that the department will give technical support if needed but execution of plans at ground level should be judiciously implemented by the ULB representatives within their respective jurisdictions.

IPOS Commissioner & Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department & UDD, Kekhrievor Kevichusa in his keynote address, stated that as per the regulations of power in Municipal Act, sanitation is one of the primary responsibilities of the ULB and this is a small step towards the department helping to achieve the work of keeping their urban local bodies clean and hygiene. He pointed that funds that are available to the ULB are lesser compared to responsibilities given to them, and sources of fund are also difficult. He expressed concern that it's difficult to source fund if accounts are not audited. Steps are taken to audit the account but the problem facing is that expenditure statements are not available with bills. Bills for every expenditure must be submitted otherwise it will be unable to get new source

of funding from the centre. Therefore, he urged all to provide bills so that whatever proposals the department have put up, should be made available in the 16th Finance

Commission assistance.

Machineries were allotted to 9 ULBs and Commissioner of Police Dimapur (2023-24).

PMV ONBOARDING PROGRAMME HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma (PMV) on boarding programme was held at DPDB Hall DC's Office, Chumoukedima on 17th October 2024.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu highlighted the aims and objectives of the scheme and urged public leaders of three districts - Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland to come forward with genuine beneficiaries. Jakhalu also mentioned that she is personally monitoring the scheme especially in three districts and reminded the leaders that the concerned department have already arranged marketing places for the finished products.

PMV is a central sector scheme that was launched by Prime Minister on 17th September 2023 to provide end-to-end support to artisans and crafts peoples who

work with their hands and tools. The aims of this scheme are to provide comprehensive support including training, technology, credit and marketing access to enhance their skills and livelihood.

The scheme covers artisans and crafts people engaged in 18 trades such as Carpenter, Boat maker, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and Toolkit maker, Locksmith, Sculpture (Idol, stone craver, stone breaker), Goldsmith, Potter, Cobbler, Masons, Basket/mat/broom/coir weaver, Doll and toy maker, Barber, Garland maker, washerman, tailor and Fishing net maker.

Earlier, Director, Industries & Commerce, Tokugha Achumi presented the keynote address while Vithule Krichena, Consultant PM Vishwakarma gave a presentation on PMV scheme.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Tseminyu was held on 17th October 2024 under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, DPDB, Tseminyu, Jwenga Seb at DC's Office Conference Hall Tseminyu,

While reviewing the last meeting minutes regarding the land marked for district court complex, it was informed that all the necessary verification have been done by the verification committee and submitted to the concerned department for approval and necessary action.

The following agenda were discussed in the meeting - Registration of new society including All Rengma Welfare Society and Commercial Vehicles Pickup Driver Union were discussed and forwarded to the concerned department. Construction of District Planning Office and deputation of dedicated DPO for Tseminyu district and construction of District Jail at Tseminyu were also discussed and proposal was forwarded for approval to the government.

The Department of Land Resources gave their departmental activities

through PowerPoint presentations on the implementation of various projects and achievements of the department under Tseminyu district.

TWO-DAY SPORTS EVENT FOR STUDENTS HELD AT JALUKIE

As part of SVEEP Campaign 2024, a two-day sports event on the theme 'Sports for votes' was conducted for the students of Jalukie town, Peren on 15th & 16th October 2024. The main objective of conducting the event was to create electoral awareness among youth, giving young and uprising stars a platform to showcase their talent in sports and also providing them the opportunity to registration in electoral roll.

Day one of the event was held at GHSS Ground, Jalukie town with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalukie T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir as the special guest. He exhorted the students on various rights and

privileges granted by the Constitution of India regarding electoral democracy and urged the students to learn and participate actively as responsible citizens.

The status of electoral roll for Peren district, as well as the schedule for Special Summary Revision 2024 was highlighted by Assistant Election Officer (AEO) Peren, Aketo, who also urged all eligible students to seize the opportunity and get them enrolled in electoral roll.

The event was organised by the Office of District Election Officer, Peren and the Nagaland Sports Association under the aegis of Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ADOLESCENT GIRLS' HEALTH HELD AT WOKHA

Wokha District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, and District Hub for women Empowerment under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) organised an awareness programme on adolescent girls' health at Tiya Hall, Wokha on 19th October 19 2024.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Vineet Kumar, IAS delivering the keynote address, emphasised on the importance of adolescent girl's education and its impact on the society. The DC encouraged the participating students to focus on their education as it will provide them opportunities to acquire more knowledge and help in improving critical thinking skills and social values whereby helping them in becoming responsible

persons in future.

Dermatologist, Dr. Motsuo Memorial, District Hospital Wokha, Dr. Niya Kathas the resource person for the event, shared her experiences with pregnant teens, many of whom had little understanding of pregnancy or its impact on their lives. She highlighted the importance of parental involvement, care, and communication with adolescents in order to avoid teen pregnancy and also urged that parents keep a check on the social media content the child is consuming.

Delivering the keynote address, District Welfare Officer (DWO), James Ezung highlighted the societal impacts of teenage pregnancy, emphasizing the need for in-depth education to raise awareness among adolescents about their rights.

Advisor, Lotha Eloë Hoho, Mhonychumi Humtsoe urged students to be aware of what is good and bad for their bodies and not to succumb to peer pressure, and body shaming.

She noted that many adolescents suffer from mental health issues, anemia, and obesity, with one in ten adolescents being affected.

S. PHANGNON KONYAK GRACES 32nd LOYEM MEMORIAL TROPHY AT TUENSANG

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak graced the 32nd Loyem Memorial Trophy 2024, organised under the theme 'Football towards harmony,' at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang on 21st October 2024.

Speaking as the special guest, Phangnon Konyak appreciated the Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS) for organising the trophy. She said that sports is a platform for youth

to show their talent and excel with discipline and dedication and achieve one's goal. The MP was accompanied by Minister, Housing & Mechanical Engineering, Bashangmongba Chang.

Welcome address was delivered by President CWS, Pongsu. Short speeches were delivered by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa and President, TDFA, Yangdipi Sangtam.

KOHIMA REGIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD

The Regional Transport Authority (RTA) of Kohima convened a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd October 2024. The meeting was presided over by DC, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, and addressed a wide range of transport and traffic-related issues impacting the district.

MLA & Chairman of the District Planning & Development Board Kohima, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso expressed concern over the growing traffic congestion in Kohima, which has significantly hindered daily activities and caused stagnation in movement. He emphasized the need for a comprehensive study to explore alternative routes and traffic management solutions, particularly in light of the increased traffic expected during the Hornbill Festival. He stressed that collective effort and cooperation would be essential in finding a lasting solution.

The meeting included discussions on several key issues, including the presence of off-road vehicles, which contribute to parking challenges in the city. The possibility of removing such vehicles and identifying a designated junkyard for them was considered as a step toward alleviating parking problems. Additionally, discussions were held regarding the opening and closing of specific routes, as well as the timing of truck movements and their entry into the city, especially during the festival period.

In terms of school transportation, the meeting resolved that all school buses in Kohima must be painted yellow, equipped with emergency doors, and display both vehicle numbers and driver contact information to enhance safety standards.

The need to study and identify new traffic routes to ease congestion was also highlighted, with a recommendation to

submit a feasibility report on the proposed routes.

The meeting was attended by key officials including the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Sardar, Additional Superintendent

of Police (Traffic & Protocol), Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Regional Transport Officer of Kohima, Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) and representatives from various transport sectors.

MACHINERIES DISTRIBUTED UNDER PMKSY WDC-2.0 AT SANIS

The Department of Land Resources under District Project Officer, Wokha held a short program of handing over machineries to project villages under PMKSY WDC 2.0 (Livelihood & Micro-Enterprise Component) at Multi-Purpose Hall, Sanis, Wokha on 23rd October 2024.

EAC, Aitepyong, Pukha Lam who was the special guest on the occasion, encouraged the farmers to work diligently with dedication and sincerity and also encouraged them to avail the various benefits provided by the department. He urged the farmers to judiciously utilize the machineries provided in enhancing their livelihood income as

well as to contribute for the benefit of the community in general.

DPO, Wokha, Puthuto Natso highlighted to the farmers on the importance of the PMKSY WDC-2.0 project activities. He further reminded the beneficiaries that the department is fully prepared to assist the farmers technically and in all other possible ways.

Machineries such as Power Tiller, Rice Mill & Rubber Sheet Roller Mac were distributed during the programme which was attended by 22 beneficiaries from three villages.

MOKOKCHUNG CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF BS&G

Celebration programme of the 75 years of the Mokokchung District Bharat Scouts and Guides (BS&G) was held on 25th October 2024 at P. Shilu Ao Memorial Park, Mokokchung with Minister, Rural Development and SIRD, Metsubo Jamir as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest maintained that Scouts & Guides movement is an unwavering commitment to carry the values instilled that is loyalty, courage, kindness and integrity which are the very fabric of our lives. He added that the challenges and responsibilities of youths in the present world are many and complex,

so participation by being a member of Scouts & Guides movement will enable one to be a responsible citizen and leader so as to overcome the challenges and create a brighter future for our society.

Welcome address was delivered by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung & President, Mokokchung District Bharat Scouts & Guides, Thsuvisie Phoji. Shorts speeches were delivered by V.K. Shah, State Commissioner (S) Nagaland State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Sentinenla, DEO & DCC (G) Mokokchung and Moajenba, Former Scout. Historical account of Mokokchung District BS&G was presented by Lipomar Lkr DOC

(S). BS&G of Ladybird School presented a special item marking the occasion.

On the occasion, the chief guest also released the Jubilee Souvenir in the presence

of host of officials, state BS&G officials from other districts, District BS&G officials and Scouts & Guides from schools under Mokokchung district.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT GHSS NOKLAK

The Golden Jubilee celebration of Government Higher Secondary School, Noklak under the theme 'A golden legacy' was held on 25th October 2024 at Multi-Disciplinary Stadium, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion as a special guest, MLA P. Longon congratulated the teachers, staff and students of GHSS Noklak on reaching this important milestone. He also paid his compliments and respect to the pioneers who had brought this institution to its present status and level of growth. Today, we celebrate this occasion because of the sincere service and hard work rendered by the pioneers of this school. As an alumnus and former teacher of GHSS Noklak, P. Longon expressed his immense pride and gratitude to celebrate 50 remarkable years of the GHSS Noklak journey. He urged upon the teachers, staff, students and all the various stakeholders to perform their respective roles and collectively join hands to restore/regain the good name of the school and the trust of the people.

P. Longon also unveiled the Jubilee

Monolith and released a souvenir.

In his short speech, Alumni of GHSS Noklak, Er. Layang, Additional Chief Engineer & HoD, PHED said that as an alumnus of GHSS Noklak, this school had brought up many good students and achieved great heights. He urged them to keep the same spirit in the days to come. While encouraging the students, he advised them to go on the right path with a clear mindset, be hardworking and honest so that they will achieve success in life. He also said that students should avoid taking intoxicated substances and other unethical activities. Further he urged the students to learn respect for elders, parents and teachers.

EAC, Noklak, Bangjunglemba and President, Khamniungan Students' Union Shangchiu also spoke during the occasion. Jubilee greetings and facilitation were taken by M. Ngou, Planning Board, special prayer was led by Rev. Hempao ES KBCA, and special songs were presented by the School Choir & Quartet by GHSS Students.

THREE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP HELD

NOKLAK:

Swavalamban Connect Kendra, in partnership with EDUCENTRE, organized a three-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), held from 23rd to 25th October 2024 at White Hall, Noklak village.

Center Manager, SCK Noklak, Thumong BS Khamniungan mentioned that the training was organized to empower and equip the youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to become successful entrepreneurs.



Officials along with the participants of the entrepreneurship development programme held at White Hall, Noklak village on 23rd October 2024.

The programme focused on building entrepreneurship skills, fostering innovation, and providing access to essential resources for youth to explore business opportunities and create self-employment ventures, he added.

Atsung Sangtam and Lhouvingutuo Kehie from EDUCENTRE were the resource persons during the training. The programme was attended by more than 70 (Seventy) trainees comprising of unemployed youths, business establishments, students, parents and others.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Swavalamban Connect Kendra (SCK) launched the Mokokchung Entrepreneurship programme to empower entrepreneurs in Nagaland at DC's Office Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 25th to 28th October 2024.

The programme drew 38 enthusiastic participants from diverse backgrounds united by their entrepreneurial spirit.

This transformative programme equips participants with essential skills, innovation and resources to establish and sustain successful ventures. By bolstering entrepreneurship, it significantly

contributes to regional economic growth and development. This impactful initiative is supported by the Small-Scale Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and implemented by the investment and development authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in partnership with EDUCENTER.

SHAMATOR:

Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) and Swavalamban Connect Kendra (SCK) Shamator district successfully conducted a three-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) in partnership with Educentre School of Business at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Shamator. The three-day training was from 26th to 29th October 2024 and is part of a flagship programme supported by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Government of Nagaland.

The programme was witnessed by over 135 participants from Shamator district highlighting a significant interest in entrepreneurship within the community. The sessions included various topics such as

business planning, financial management, marketing strategies and digital tools for business enhancement. Expert trainers facilitated interactive workshops that encouraged participants to engage actively and share their experiences.

The successful completion of this

Entrepreneurship Development Programme marks a significant step towards fostering an entrepreneurial culture in Shamator. By empowering local entrepreneurs through education and resources, SCK aims to contribute positively to economic development for the people of Nagaland.

WOKHA DPDB DELIBERATES ON LAND PATTA ISSUE FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

The Wokha District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on the 25th October 2024, in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Wokha.

In the meeting, the agenda for issuing land patta for government departments was deliberated, wherein MLA and Chairman DPDB Wokha, Y. Mhombemo Humtsoe opined that ways and means need to be worked out immediately for the uncompensated land occupied by Government offices.

DC Wokha also the Vice Chairman DPDB informed the members for applying and obtaining land patta while asserting that land patta would be issued only to those Government departments where there are no legal issues.

Project Director, DRDA Wokha, Thungbemo Patton officially launched the Gram Panchayat Development Plan campaign (GPDP) and informed the members that GPDP is basically for creating awareness in the village level by all the line departments on the existing schemes and

projects for economic development and social justice.

The Board also welcomed the proposal for establishing common facility center by the Sericulture Department and the department was advised to prepare a proposal.

Further, the members also agreed to the proposal of CMO Wokha for setting up of new sub-center at Saron colony, Wokha.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by YRO, PHED and Electrical departments, highlighting on the achievements and way forward of the departments. With regard to the suggestion by YRO, Wokha for coming up with aquatic sports at Chubi bridge area, DC Dimapur advised for submitting working papers mentioning sourcing of funds.

MLA and Chairman, DPDB Wokha, Y. Mhombemo Humtsoe advised the power officials for containing and overseeing power theft issues with seriousness. He assured to donate 50 watts LED lights from his end for brightening up some corners of Wokha district.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES KEY DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The monthly Dimapur District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting

took place on 28th October 2024, at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall,

chaired by DC, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang.

The meeting reviewed dismantling the overhead water reservoir at Industrial Village, Razhaphe. The board decided that they will follow the Executive Engineer's recommendation for repair and renovation of the reservoir, and also discussed the issues of illegal settlements around the reservoir area and assured that the district administration will look into the matter.

On establishment of the FOYA College in Dimapur, the board directed the proprietor of the college to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Higher Education and to submit the matter in the next DPDB meeting.

Following agenda were discussed by the board-approval for the transfer of ownership, change of name and relocation of Saku's Mission College, Dimapur, upgradation of Wotsa Fine Arts College was discussed, and the board directed the proprietor of the college to submit NOC from Nagaland University/Higher Education for recommendation to the State Government for approval.

The board recommended the following New Society Registrations for approval to the State Government - Nagaland E-Sports Foundation, Landmark Colony and Dimapur

Blessed Bonding, Duncan Dimapur.

The board directed the Tennis Ball Cricket Association of Nagaland, Dimapur to obtain an NOC from its parent association for recommendation and approval for registration from the state government.

The board also discussed on the Nagaland Special Development Zone (NSDZ) for Dimapur district and forwarded it to the State Government for necessary action.

The Department of Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Food & Civil Supplies presented PowerPoint updates on their recent activities, progress, and departmental achievements in the district.

Advisor Jakhalu introduced new schemes under Industries & Commerce, including RAMP, UNNATI, and MSME schemes. She explained that these initiatives are aimed at strengthening the MSME sector and fostering development in the State. She encouraged officials to prioritize transparency, public engagement and proactive outreach especially in Dimapur, a vital commercial centre for the State. Jakhalu emphasized the importance of setting an example of dedication and integrity in public service, particularly about educating communities on issues like land management and sanitation to ensure Dimapur's continued growth.

ATMA CHUNLIKHA BLOCK CONDUCTS DEMONSTRATIONS ON WINTER CROP CULTIVATION AND BIO-AGENTS USE

The Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Chunlikha Block, Tseminyu district held a series of demonstrations on winter crop cultivation practices and the use of bio-agents in three villages on 24th to 26th October 2024. The events were conducted in collaboration with

the District Agriculture Office.

On 24th October 2024, a demonstration was held at Ziphenyu village, with 11 farmers from the SHG ChekenoLogwa group participating. The following day, 25th October, a similar demonstration was held at Tesophenyu village, with nine farmers from

SHG Keso Logwa attending, and on 26th October, Yikhanu village hosted the event, attended by eight farmers.

Resource persons ATM Chenobu Seb and ATM Sinlo Khing educated the farmers on nursery preparation, seed and seedling treatments using bio-agents, and soil and

moisture management for winter crops. Bio-agents such as Azotobacter and Phosphotica, along with seeds and agricultural tools, were distributed to participants.

Additionally, a new Food Security Group, Yantsa was formed in Yikhanu, and seed money was provided to SHG Haiwa.

CHEGA-GADI-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL AT NZAU VILLAGE

Chega-Gadi, the most popular and premier festival of the Zeliang people, especially for Liangmai community, commenced on 30th October 2024 at Nzau village under Tening sub-division, Peren with Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak and Imtichuba Chang, MLA as the special guests.

The genesis of the festival marks the people's beliefs that on this day, the Almighty showers his blessings and bring good harvest and good health. The festival creates an importance in rekindling the loving relationship between parents and their married daughters and between brothers and sisters. On this day, the families of the parents, brothers and maternal uncles prepare their best delicacies and send it to their daughters, sisters and niece.

Chief host, MLA & Chairman DPDB Peren, Namri Nchang in his speech said that it is time to encourage the youngsters through this celebration in order to promote and preserve one's own dialect and cultural

custom. He urged the gathering to celebrate the festival by knowing its deep meaning and roots of the festival. He further, added that culture and tradition is a belief of one's tribe/community which is not to profess as a religion but to preserve its roots and identity.

Addressing the gathering as a special guest, S. Phangnon Konyak encouraged the people present to take pride in one's own culture and identity, and strive forward with great initiative and motives for better future.

MLA, Imtichuba Chang and Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru also spoke on the occasion. Assistant Professor, Central Institute Hindi Agra, Dimapur Centre, Dr. Thunbui highlighted the Chaga significance. At the beginning of the festival, Pastor, Town Baptist Church, Tening, Rev. Kamwang Rentta offered prayer for guidance and strength as the community marked this special occasion. The festival featured a rich display of folk songs, cultural dances and presentation. The celebration culminated on 31st October 2024.

LONGLENG DTF ON IMMUNIZATION MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Task Force on Immunization conducted a meeting on 30th October 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office chamber under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and

Chairman, DTFI Longleng, W.Manpai Phom.

Chairing the meeting, the DC reviewed the last meeting minutes held on 30th September 2024 and emphasised that all line departments and NGOs should take

up the task and coordinate as a team to disseminate the importance of VHND, ANC and Immunization to the mothers and the general in public.

DPO (RCH/UIP), Dr. Imtjungshi Aier briefed the members on the completion of RI MICROPLAN and household survey. He also highlighted the members that the VHND action plan was completed and streamlining of the same is being shared to all the health units and the line departments.

The members discussed about the shortage of human resources and its challenges under Buranamsang Primary Health Centre (PHC). The PHC caters to eight villages and at present, since only one ANM is posted in the Health Centre, all the villages cannot be covered and services cannot be provided as required. In this regard, it was decided that shortage of manpower under Buranamsang PHC is to be addressed to higher authority.



PHC BUILDING INAUGURATED AT NOKHU

Primary Health Centre (PHC), Nokhu under Noklak district, constructed under the NHM flagship programme of 2017-18, was inaugurated by Additional Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, S. Tainiu on 4th October 2024.

During the inaugural programme, S. Tainiu exhorted the people to continue their support to the department in achieving the target of better healthcare delivery system. She also requested all the stakeholders to protect the government assets and avail the opportunities provided by the government for improving the better livelihood of the people. The special guest also unveiled the monolith of the building.

CMO, Noklak, Dr. Victor NC explained all the available plans and schemes of the department. He encouraged the staff to carry out all activities diligently in order to make

the new PHC fully functional.

EAC, Nokhu HQ, Menlom Phom pointed out that land encroachment should be avoided for smooth functioning of the PHC, adding that landowner issue should be avoided at all cost for proper implementation of Government plans and activities.

Medical Engineering Wing, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Er. Akangtemsu congratulating the elders of Nokhu village and village authorities of Nokhu range for successful completion of the building, urged the people to safeguard the public property set up by the government.

The building was constructed with the full co-operation of the general public of Nokhu, Nokhu Noking, Langnok, Aniashu, Kingpao, Kingniu, Choklangan and Nokhu EAC Hq.

NEW COMMUNITY HALL AT INDISEN INAUGURATED BY UNION MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

In a significant development for the community of Indisen village, Dimapur, a new Community Hall was officially inaugurated by Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Jual Oram, on 15th October 2024.

Union Minister, Jual Oram in his inaugural speech, commended the local leadership and the government's efforts and commitment to developing rural infrastructure. He said that the Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, a comprehensive initiative aimed at improving the living conditions of Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities across the country. The programme focuses on infrastructure

development, healthcare, education, and livelihood enhancement in tribal regions. Oram said the programme's vision is to create enabling infrastructure and improve socio-economic conditions in selected tribal-majority villages, particularly those with at least 50% tribal population. By adopting a coordinated approach across various government ministries, the mission aims to ensure holistic and sustainable development.

Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Elections, H. Tovihoto Aye commented that such facilities play an important role in promoting unity, social cohesion, and cultural preservation among tribal communities in Nagaland. He also noted that this gives the local community the opportunity to

share with one another, across communal and tribal lines. Tovihoto reiterated the Government's focus on developing rural infrastructure to improve the quality of life for citizens and encouraged the people of Indisen village to utilize the facility for cultural events, meetings, and educational activities that would strengthen social bonds and promote growth.

Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer expressed his optimism about the new facility and acknowledged the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' efforts in making the project a reality.

The villagers emphasized that without the Ministry's generous funding and unwavering support, the hall would have remained a distant dream.

CM NEIPHU RIO INAUGURATES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX AT PUGHOBOTO

A significant milestone etched in the journey towards progress and development of Pughoboto Sub-division under Zunheboto district as the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphu Rio officially inaugurated the New Administrative Complex at Pughoboto, in the presence of Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir, Sumi Legislators, Advisors, MLAs and a host of senior government officials on 16th October, 2024.

In concurrence with the New Administrative Complex, the Office of E.E. PWD (R&B), Functional Manager Sub-DIC and Assistant Public Relations Office were also inaugurated by the Chief Minister while other departments are also expected to relocate their offices to the new complex, making it a hub of administrative activity.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the first ever branch of State Bank of India (SBI) for the sub-division at Pughoboto Town and the GB's Customary Court under the aegis of the Sumi Aphuyemi Kukami Hoho (SAKH).

In his inaugural speech, Chief Minister Neiphu Rio highlighted the historical importance of Pughoboto region and the Sumi Aphuyemis which has pioneered

and produced exemplary leadership and achievements in the State and urged the youth of the region to follow suit. He encouraged the officials in the Sub-division to proactively participate and impart acquired knowledge and skills with the community and stressed on the importance of cooperation and support between public officials and the public to achieve overall development. He encouraged the Sumi people who are also known as 'Warrior Tribe' of Nagaland to become 'Warriors of Peace' and stand together for unity and brotherhood which will foster peace, progress and prosperity for all.

MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema said the inauguration of the New Administrative Complex will not only benefit general public but will specialize, structure, maintain rationality and predictability ensuring stability in functioning of the Government.

ADC & Convenor, Planning Committee, Tiameren Chang stated that the New Administrative Complex is a symbol of growth, vision and commitment to creating an inspiring and innovative environment, which will foster creativity, collaboration and efficiency of public services.



Commissioner & Secretary, IPR, Temsunaro Aier, Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, officers and staff at the new Office of the Assistant Public Relations Officer, Pughoboto, which was inaugurated as part of New Administrative Complex at Pughoboto on 16th October 2024.

The inaugural event started with the dedicatory prayer by Executive Secretary, NCRC Sumi, HQ. Pughoboto, Rev. Vitoka Kinimi and subsequent unveiling of plaque by the Chief Minister. Short speeches were also delivered by Commissioner, Nagaland, K. S. Anden Konyak, Former Minister Y. Vikheho Swu, Minister, Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye and President, Sumi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu (SKK), Gihuka Zhimo.

On the occasion of the grand inauguration event, Neiphui Rio also released 'The Image,' a booklet compiled by Dr. Sukhato A Sema, Ngukato K Tsuiipu and

Bovito Kiho.

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Headquarter, established in 1943, is one of the oldest Sub-Divisions in the State with 24 Government recognized villages with the status of a separate Election District since 1987 and a separate Sub-Division Planning Development Board (SDPDB) since 2012. The Sub-Division is divided into two Administrative Circles, namely Pughoboto and Ghathashi, having four ranges - Puhokito Range, Asukiqa Range, Ghathashi Range and Khucho Tsuyi (KT) Range.

P. LONGON INAUGURATES VARIOUS PROJECTS AT NOKLAK

MLA, P. Longon inaugurated a Traffic Island, Marketing Sheds and other projects at Noklak Town on 25th October 2024.

Speaking on the occasion as special

guest, P. Longon called for co-operation to the government for all round development in the district. He advised the gathering to have a positive mindset with regard to the



MLA, P. Longon and other officials during the inauguration of Traffic Island, Marketing Sheds and other Projects at Noklak on 25th October 2024.

developmental activities. He also mentioned that where there are developmental activities, requisition of land is the most important and in this regard, requested the landowners to give their land after due

negotiation for consideration whenever there are requirements.

President, All Ward Union, Noklak Town, Imkhong and Sukoi, GB of Noklak town also spoke during the occasion.



ENSURING SAFE WORKPLACES: UNDERSTANDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT

In an effort to ensure safe working environments for women, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, also known as the POSH Act, was established. This legislation aims to create workplaces that respect women's right to equality of status and opportunity, protecting them from harassment.

Understanding sexual harassment at the workplace:

The Supreme Court defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome, sexually determined physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct. The following acts are considered forms of sexual harassment:

1. Physical contact or advances.
2. Requests or demands for sexual favors.
3. Making sexually colored remarks.
4. Showing pornography.
5. Any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature.

Recognizing such behaviour is the first step towards prevention. It is defined by being unwelcome and sexual in nature, often occurring within a power imbalance. The focus is on the impact rather than the intent of the behaviour.

Key features of the Act:

1. *Applies to all workplaces:*

This law covers both organized and unorganized sectors, protecting women of all ages and employment statuses.

2. *Internal Complaints Committee (ICC):*

Employers must establish an ICC,

comprising internal and external members to handle complaints impartially.

3. *Duties of ICC:*

The ICC is responsible for conducting confidential inquiries, ensuring fair hearings, and recommending appropriate actions.

4. *Penalties for non-compliance:*

Employers failing to comply with the Act may face severe fines, potential license cancellation, and other penalties.

5. *Safe redressal mechanism:*

The law emphasizes creating a supportive environment for reporting incidents, with strict measures for maintaining confidentiality.

Women's Rights under the Act:

Every woman has the legal right to a safe workplace. Sexual harassment is a gross violation of a woman's right to equality and dignity. All workplaces are legally required to maintain a safe and secure environment free from harassment. According to the POSH Act, an 'aggrieved woman' is a woman, who in relation to a workplace, alleges to have been sexually harassed. This Act recognizes the rights of every woman and aims to create a safe and secure workplace environment for all of them. This definition covers every woman, employed or not, irrespective of their age, work, status, etc.

Speaking up against harassmen:

Sexual harassment should not be tolerated under any circumstances. Women who experience unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment are

encouraged to file a complaint without fear of retaliation. Complaints can be made to the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) or to the Local Complaints Committee (LCC) if an ICC is not available.

By understanding their rights and knowing the resources available, women can take action against harassment and contribute to creating safer workplaces for everyone.

Immediate reporting is crucial, and complaints can also be registered online through the SHe-Box portal at <https://shebox.wed.gov.in/>. For further assistance, women can contact the Women Helpline at 181 or 9485239098, or visit the nearest Sakhi-One Stop Centre. The information has been published by the State Hub for Empowerment of Women-Mission Shakti, Department of Social Welfare.





Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe with officials during the table top exercise on Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 22nd October 2024.



Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami along with other officials at the launch of the coffee table book 'Weaving Dreams - A tribute to the inspiring women of Nagaland,' held at de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 24th October 2024.



Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan with the IGAR (North) officials and the awardees during the Investiture Ceremony of the Assam Rifles held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 9th October 2024.



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DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Chief Minister, Neiphu Rio with dignitaries and officials during the inauguration of the New Administrative Complex at Pughoboto on 16th October 2024.



Additional Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, S. Tainiu and other officials during the inauguration of the new Primary Health Centre building of Nokhu under Noklak district on 4th October 2024.

DISTRICTS ROUND UP



Twenty airguns were surrendered by the Nitoi village youth during an Airgun Surrender Programme held as part of National Wildlife Week at Nitoi village, Kiphire on 2nd October 2024.



Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir along with other officials during the unveiling of jubilee monolith stone on the occasion of 75 years of Mokokchung District Bharat Scouts and Guides, held at P. Shilu Ao Memorial Park, Mokokchung on 25th October 2024.

STATE ROUND UP



Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan felicitating the Shalom Rehabilitation Centre, Chümoukedima for its exemplary service to the people of Nagaland and the North East at the screening of Mann Ki Baat held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th October 2024.



Cherakung Zeliang, IFS, Regional Passport Officer & Head, North East Region, Ministry of External Affairs, along with the recipients of 31st Mayangnokcha Awards for Academic Excellence at Christian Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, on 8th October 2024.

STATE ROUND UP



Ambassador of Peru, Javier Manuel Paulinich Velarde inaugurating the stalls during the 3rd Autumn Festival 2024 at Nagaland House, New Delhi on 18th October 2024.



EAC Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongen with DHEW officials and students during the celebration of 'International Day of the Girl Child' held at DPDB Hall, Kiphire on 3rd October 2024.



Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland, Zunheboto District Unit celebrated its 17th session of International Day of Older Persons at VDB Hall, Zunheboto on 1st October 2024.