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*Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with officials and recipients of the State Level Teachers' Award 2024 on the occasion of the State Level Teachers' Day celebration held at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Nagaland Team receiving an award in special recognition for its overall performance on various parameters of Food Safety in State Food Safety Index 2023-24, during the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024.*



*Former DC, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan IAS receiving the 'Gold Award' in the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme 2023-2024, from Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis during the 27<sup>th</sup> National Conference on e-Governance held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.*



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

## NBSE NOTIFIES ON CITY BARN CENTRES

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the registered Heads of Institutions that the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) has launched the CITY BARN (Catch Them Young – Be aware, Reach on time, No to unsafe sex behaviour) - The Health Centre at Kohima, Dimapur, Wokha and Tuensang.

The services available at the health centres are specially focused for the young people below the age of 24 years who are concerned about their health and in need of information regarding their health and wellbeing. The services available are counseling service/in-house helpdesk facility/ access to anonymous Q&A facility, linkages and referral.

The details of the CITY BARN location are given below:

| District | Location  | Contact    |
|----------|---|------------|
| Kohima   | Tinpati, High School Road                                 | 7005493610 |
| Dimapur  | Super Market, Near ANTA Office                            | 8731831316 |
| Wokha    | Tsumang Colony, Main Town                                 | 8730995989 |
| Tuensang | High School 'A' Ward, Below Akum Imlong School, GHSS Road | 7085633323 |

In this regard, Heads of Institutions are requested to disseminate this information to teachers and students to avail the facilities available for students in need of health care (both physical and mental).

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## DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NOTIFIES ON WORKING DAYS

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In consultation with all stakeholders and in consonance with National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023, it is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that all Schools (both Government and Private) functioning under the Department of School Education, Nagaland shall adhere to the following regulations in regards to the working days for schools:

All Saturdays shall be observed as Holidays for the Foundational Stage (Classes A & B, Classes 1 & 2) and Preparatory Stage (Classes 3 to 5). For the other stages viz. Middle (Classes 6 to 8), Secondary/Higher Secondary (Classes 9 to 12), the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of every month shall be observed as Holidays.

Assessments/Examinations, 10 bagless days and other non-academic activities/sports events may be held on Saturdays. These activities may be held as per the school's context.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority and comes into force with immediate effect.

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## IT&C DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON MANDATORY UTILIZATION OF NETWORK OF BSNL

In pursuance to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure O.M. No. 24 (3)/E.Coord/2018, dated 04.09.2020 and Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India O.M. No. F.No. 19-1/2019-SU-I, dated 12.10.2020, directives have been issued mandating the utilization of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network for internet/broadband, landlines and lease line requirement for all Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSEs) and autonomous bodies under the Central Government.

In compliance with the aforementioned directives, BSNL has formally requested the State Government of Nagaland to consider and issue favourable instructions to various State Departments for the utilization of BSNL services for telecom requirements.

In this regard, all the stakeholder departments are impressed upon to utilize BSNL Telecom Service for their telecom requirements wherever possible.

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## SDCA WARNS LICENSED PHARMACIES AGAINST ILLEGAL SALE OF RESTRICTED DRUGS

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The State Drugs Control Administration (SDCA), Department of Health & Family Welfare has stated that it is fully committed in the fight against the social menace of drug abuse in the State in consonance to the State Government's declaration on "War against drugs." It has launched a comprehensive state-wise inspection campaign to address the growing concern of Licensed Pharmacy engaging in illegal sales of Codeine Based Syrup (CBS) and psychotropic substances and widespread misuse/abuse of these pharmaceutical products by youngsters. In view of this, the Department has restricted sales of certain categories of commonly abused narcotic drugs and psychotropic pharmaceutical products through a Notification issued by the Government of Nagaland in the interest of the general public, though there is no legal sanction or provisions under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and Rules.

The SDCA is strictly enforcing the aforesaid Notification and Provisions of the Act and is leaving no stone unturned in dealing with licensed medicine dealers indulging in illegal sale of restricted drugs. In recent times, it has initiated action against following Licensed Pharmacy involved in illegal activities as under:

| SN | Name of Pharmacy               | Drug License No. | Address                 | Remarks   |
|----|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1  | M/s. Shanaz Pharma & Surgicals | 736(N)/737(N)    | GS Road, Dimapur        | Cancelled |
| 2  | M/s. Yephomi Medical           | 1063(N)/1064(N)  | Kalibari Road, Dimapur  | Cancelled |
| 3  | M/s. Z.A. Kiho                 | 3346/3347        | Akuluto, Zunheboto      | Cancelled |
| 4  | M/s. Salama Pharma             | 745/746          | Niuland                 | Cancelled |
| 5  | M/s. N. Pharmacy               | 5577/5578        | Tsumang 'B,'Wokha       | Cancelled |
| 6  | M/s. Grace Pharmacy            | 3016/3017        | Dilong Ward, Mokokchung | Suspended |

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|---|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 7 | M/s. Changum Punia   | 449/450   | New Jalukie, Peren | Suspended |
| 8 | M/s. Lansin Pharmacy | 5291/5292 | Mhainamtsi, Peren  | Suspended |
| 9 | M/s. Kichun Pharmacy | 2156/2157 | New Jalukie, Peren | Suspended |

While taking a proactive approach to curb the menace, the licensed dealers have been cautioned to desist from such illegal practices. It re-affirmed that no licensee shall be spared but strictly dealt with as per the Law.

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## ADVISORY ON ACCESSING BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED KNOWLEDGE IN NAGALAND FOR RESEARCH AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSE

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As per Rule 18 (1) of the Nagaland Biological Diversity Rules 2012 “Any person seeking access to or collection of biological resources and associated knowledge for research and for commercial utilization shall make an application to the Board in Form-I appended to these Rules. Every application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100 in case such access is for research purpose and Rs 1000/- for commercial utilization or as modified from time to time, and shall be in the form of a cheque or Demand Draft, provided that such fees shall not be applicable to recognized traditional Naga healers.”

The Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge refer only to those resources and associated knowledge covered under the Biological Diversity Act 2002.

Applications or queries related to access or collection of biological resources and associated knowledge should be sent to the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board via email at nagalandsbb2005@yahoo.com or visit the website [www.nsbb.nagaland.gov.in](http://www.nsbb.nagaland.gov.in) for more information on the above stated Act and Rules.

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## GOVERNOR RECTIFIES FESTIVAL NAMES OF YIMKHIUNG TRIBE

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The Governor of Nagaland has rectified the spellings of the following words with regard to Yimkhiung tribe:

| SN | Existing name | Rectified Name |
|----|---------------|----------------|
| 1  | Wangtsunuo    | Wunthsünyo     |
| 2  | Metemneo      | Metüimnyo      |
| 3  | Tsungkamneo   | Tsüngkamnyo    |

The rectified words will be used in all official texts and records.

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## COMMISSIONER & REGISTRAR, AADHAAR INFORMS ON MBU

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As per UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India), there is no age limit defined for Aadhaar. A newborn baby can also be enrolled for Aadhaar. i.e. Parent's Aadhaar Number,

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along with the child's birth certificate, is enough to enroll the child (0-5 years age group) for Aadhaar. The parents need to visit the Aadhaar Enrolment Centre in the respective District Enrolment Centre at DC/ADC/SDO (C)/EAC Office, Post Office, Banks, etc. as applicable, with the child for biometric authentication. For children below 5 years of age, only photograph of the child is captured at the time of enrolment, no other biometrics information (finger prints and Iris) are captured.

A child's Aadhaar needs two Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBU)- Photograph, ten fingers and iris) when the child attains the age of 5 years and then again at the age of 15 years for continued validity of his/her Aadhaar. This mandatory biometric update is free (if done between 5-7 years and 15-17 years respectively) & can be done only at an Aadhaar Enrolment Centre as cited above. There is no document required for doing the MBU for this age group.

It is pertinent to mention here that school children are also advised to link their mobile number with Aadhaar. Various services (Online applications/registration of various examinations like NEET, CUET etc.) can be easily availed based on Aadhaar OTP Authentication. To update mobile number, the students have to visit the nearby Aadhaar Enrolment Centre. There is no document required to update mobile number in Aadhaar.

To locate the nearest Aadhaar Enrolment Centre, one can visit <https://bhuvan-app3.nrsc.gov.in/aadhaar/>



## 16-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR HEADS OF OFFICES AND DDOs ON SERVICE MATTERS HELD

A 16-day training programme for Heads of Offices and Drawing & Disbursal Officers (DDOs) on service matters started on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at the Administrative Training Institution (ATI), Kohima.

Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR), Anoop Khinchi, IAS said the purpose of organizing the training is for good governance so that an employee is treated fairly and also gets justice in whatever his service conditions may be in. He also mentioned that if one is not well quipped or does not have the knowledge of the rules; he can be unfair or be injustice to an employee that could make him unmotivated. He therefore called upon them to be well equipped with all the latest rules and guidelines of the service matters. He also stated that now that RTI is open to the public, all employees should be careful in discharging their duties accordingly.

Director, ATI & Secretary, P&AR, Akunu S. Meyase in her welcome address, said 110 DDOs and Senior Officers from the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and Tourism are attending the first day of the training to update on the rules pertaining to

service matters and enhance on the subject dwelled.

It may be mentioned that the State Government is focusing on training as a mechanism to ensure good governance and as the biggest employer in the State, it is the responsibility of the Government to manage its employees and their affairs in a transparent and efficient manner.

P&AR Department as the Nodal department entrusted with service matters in general and PIMS, has initiated this training programme to ensure that Government employees who are either heading their respective offices or looking after establishment matters in the districts and sub-divisions are properly trained and equipped with the knowledge of the latest rules and guidelines on all important service matters.

The 16-day training programme trained over 2000 Government employees comprising of Heads of Offices, DDOs and staff on the latest and most relevant service matters like PIMS, ePay Bill, Pension, Appointment to services, APAR, Maintenance of Service Book and other issues.

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## WOKHA SAATHI WINS GOLD AWARD AT NATIONAL AWARDS FOR e-GOVERNANCE 2023-2024

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The Wokha District Administration's innovative initiative, the Wokha SAATHI (Smart AI-based Assistant for Timely Help & Interface) WhatsApp Chatbot has been awarded the prestigious "Gold Award" in the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme 2023-2024. This accolade was presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> National Conference on

e-Governance held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 by Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

This recognition is a significant milestone, marking the first time an initiative from Nagaland State has received a Gold Award for its exemplary contribution to e-Governance. The award underscores the

State's commitment to leveraging technology for efficient governance and improving public service delivery.

The award and certificate were received by Ajit Kumar Ranjan IAS, Rohit Singh IAS, and Anuranjan Singh, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow (MGNF), on behalf of the Wokha District Administration. Under the initiative, more than 40 services have been brought under one stop chatbot of the Wokha District Administration.

The Wokha SAATHI WhatsApp

Chatbot exemplifies the district's dedication to enhancing citizen engagement and accessibility to government services through innovative technological solutions. This AI-based chatbot provides timely assistance and serves as a user-friendly interface for residents, ensuring they have easy access to vital information and services besides enabling proactive Information Education Campaign (IEC) through a two-way communication between the government and citizens on 24x7 basis.

## POSHAN MAAH 2024 LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

### KOHIMA:

At Jakhama, the month-long celebration of Poshan Maah, ICDS Project beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was launched by the Department of Social Welfare on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at the CDPO's office premises with SDO (Civil), Jakhama, Nockpai Konyak gracing the occasion as special guest. Block Coordinator, Kikrukhrielle Nagi led the Poshan Pledge.

### LONGLENG:

The month-long celebration of Poshan Maah 2024, ICDS Project by the Department of Social Welfare, Longleng was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 on the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Nam" at CDPO's office premises, Longleng. Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom graced the occasion as the special guest.

Brief note on Poshan Abhiyaan and Poshan Maah was highlighted by District Coordinator, S. Longhong Phom.

*DC, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom with other officials during the launch of Poshan Maah 2024, ICDS Project, Longleng on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.*



**MON:**

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS graced the month-long celebration of Poshan Maah launching programme of Mon District at DRDA Hall, Mon on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The event was organised by the Department of Social Welfare under the theme, “Suposhit Kishori Sashakt Nari.”

A brief note on Poshan Abhiyaan was delivered by CDPO (ICDS) Mon Project. As part of the celebration, a pledge on Poshan Maah was read out.

**DIMAPUR:**

The Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) 2024 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Duncan Council Hall and Duncan UPHC, Dimapur.

The focus areas of this year for Poshan Maah includes Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (Nutrition alongside Education),

Technology for Better Governance.

The programme was organized by District Programme officer, Dimapur CDPO (U) in convergence with the Health & Family Welfare and Duncan Council, GMS Duncan Lotha Khel and Information & Public Relations. Anaemia Screening Camp and Health Check-up Camp were conducted after the programme.

DPO & CDPO (U) Dimapur, Department of Social Welfare also organized a cooking competition and local food show on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, during the IEC campaign for National Nutrition Mission “Poshan Maah” on the theme “Complementary Feeding.” One of the main highlights of the competition is to promote innovative recipes with the department supplied food items like Kheer for complementary feeding at Anganwadi Centers across the states and to promote locally available fruits and vegetables.



CDPO, Dimapur (Urban), Renchano Odyuo with officials and anganwadi workers during the Poshan Maah programme held at Duncan Council Hall, Dimapur on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**TSEMINYU:**

Celebration of Poshan Maah was launched at Tseminyu under ICDS Project by the Department of Social Welfare on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at CDPO's office premises, Tseminyu with EAC Tseminyu, Molosangla Ozukum gracing the occasion as special guest.

CDPO Tseminyu, Menokhrielie in his welcome address pointed out the importance of nationwide awareness programme on Poshan MAAH. Molosangla Ozukum led the Poshan Pledge.

**ZUNHEBOTO:**

Rashtriya Poshan Maah celebration and an awareness camp on women's health under Ghathashi ICDS Project was organised by the Department of Social Welfare in convergence with Department of Health & Family Welfare at Lazami Village Council Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Anaemia Campaign was also conducted along with

free health screening by the Medical team from Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) Sub-Centre, Lazami.

The programme was well attended by children, women and ASHA workers along with village leaders and the attendees were also sensitized on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) which is a maternity benefit programme run by the Government of India for conditional cash transfer scheme for pregnant and lactating mothers.

**WOKHA:**

In commemoration of Poshan Maah celebration, a cooking competition was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Wokha in collaboration with Police Family Welfare, District Executive Force (DEF), Wokha on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Police reserve Wokha.

Altogether, 13 participants took part in the cooking competition.

**TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE****KOHIMA:**

The State Level Teachers' Day celebration was held at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima with Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome as the special guest on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Advisor, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome appealed to the students to express their gratitude to the teachers for their dedication, guidance and support, and said teachers' wisdom and encouragement help us to grow, teach us important life lessons and skills. He assured all administrative reforms in the Education Department to provide good quality education in the State. He mentioned that the introduction of Students Health Card

was formulated in co-ordination with Health & Family Welfare Department to monitor and maintain students' health and wellbeing. It will also serve as a comprehensive record of student's health related information and to improve attendance, performance, public health impact and long-term health awareness of the students, he informed.

The programme began with unfurling of the Teachers' Day Flag by the Special Guest who also launched the Students Health Card. National Anthem was presented by Ruzhukhrie GHSS.

Highlight of the day was a special song by GMS T. Khel, Kohima, a special item presented by Little Star Higher Secondary



*Advisor, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with other officials during the launch of the Students Health Card on the occasion of the State Level Teachers' Day celebration held at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

School Dimapur, 'A note on life sketch of Late Dr. S. Radhakrishnan' performed by Perennial School Wokha, 'Honouring of Teachers' carried out by Government High School Meriema, 'A Tribute to Teachers' by Rincho Academy Sovima, a special number by Christ King Higher Secondary School, 'A presentation of Disaster Ready, Showcasing and Rewarding Safety Excellence' by GHSS Jotsoma, Kohima and a short video clip on National Teacher Awardee 2024 to Graduate Teacher GHSS Dimapur, Lephizo Apon.

Greetings on Teachers' Day was shared by Chairperson, Nagaland Board of School Education, Asano Sekhose and the welcome address was delivered by Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K. This year, State Level Teachers' Day Award was presented to fourteen (14) teachers from all over the State.

### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

Zunheboto district celebrated 63<sup>rd</sup> Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the

Town Hall, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a philosopher, scholar, teacher, and politician, the first Vice President and second President of Independent India, who dedicated his work towards education, which made his birthday a significant day in the history of India, and popularly celebrated as Teachers' Day all over the country.

Speaking at the programme as the guest speaker, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali (IAS) stated that the responsibility of a teacher is immense, not only performing their regular job but also are responsible for building and moulding the lives of the students and gradually contribute to nation building, adding teachers are the backbone of the nation. He mentioned that a teacher's job is a noble service and one should understand the nobility of it and execute the assignments of a responsible teacher with utmost sincerity.

During the celebration, four (4) teachers were honoured with the prestigious District Teachers' Award, for their dedicated services towards the field of education.

### **TSEMINYU:**

Tseminyu District Teachers' Day celebration cum Teacher's Award 2024 was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Baptist Higher Secondary School Auditorium Hall, Tseminyu with SDO (C), Tsidi as the special guest.

On the occasion, the special guest thanked all the teachers for their tireless efforts in imparting knowledge and shaping



*Tseminyu district celebrated Teachers' Day at Baptist Higher Secondary School, Tseminyu on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

the future of the students.

The highlights of the programme were special songs performed by DBS Tseminyu, group song by GHSS Tseminyu and 'Tribute to my teachers' by Khenlo G. Seb and Nyizanih Apon.

#### **KIPHIRE:**

In Kiphire, Teachers' Day was organised by DEO's Office, with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Longdiba L. Sangtam as special guest at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

In his speech, the ADC said, every year, we celebrate this day to honor and acknowledge the service rendered by the Teachers. He also emphasized on the important profession of the teachers, and the role that they play to shaped our children. The highlights of the programme were Prelude by Trinity School, Kiphire, Invocation pronounced by Rev. Imdangmeren, special song presented by Saramati View Modern School, significance of the day delivered by Dekhingla, GHSS Kiphire, and a speech on behalf of District Teachers' Awardees by C. Omega Sema, PGT, GHSS Pungro.

#### **NOKLAK:**

Khiamniungan Students' Union (KSU) in collaboration with the District Administration and School Education Department, Noklak organized Teachers' Day celebration at Public Ground, Noklak on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 under the theme "Empowering education for a sustainable future."

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Arikumba in his address acknowledged the teachers for being nurturer of the society and the cradle of professions. He urged that it is a duty of one to honour and extend appreciation to teachers, adding that the success of a nation depends on the value given to the teaching professions. Asserting that Noklak district being new and young with many challenges and issues in many areas, the DC urged everyone to let commitment be the driving force behind the initiatives.

#### **WOKHA:**

District Education Department, Wokha organised Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Lotha Hoho Ki, with Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Vineet Kumar (IAS)

as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said that teaching is one of the most respected jobs which create positive impact in the society. Apart from the regular subjects and curriculum activities, he urged the teachers to focus in imparting life skills and right knowledge, so that students are able to manage change and make them good citizens in the future.

Highlights of the programme include Significance of Teachers' Day was presented by Senior SDEO, Wokha, Z. Chanbemo Kikon, special prayer for the teachers by Pastor, Wokha Town Ao Baptist Arogo, Tayong Lemtur, special song by students of GHSS, Wokha and teachers of GMS, Wokha town Sector 'A,' and 'Ode to teachers' proposed by Mhonrhoni N. Kithan, Springdale School.

At Bhandari, Teachers' Day was organized by the Office of the SDEO on 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 at the Public Ground. Speaking as special guest, MLA & Chairman SDPDB, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon lauded the teachers for their pro-active role in shaping and moulding the children to be resourceful

individuals and to prepare them to be responsible leaders of the future. He called on the teachers to live up to the noble profession and to take pride and honour for the crucial role they play in shaping the society. During the celebration, SDEO, Bhandari submitted a presentation to the special guest requesting for repair work of the office building of the SDEO, Bhandari and construction of one lodging house for teachers.

#### PEREN:

Government Middle School Nzau, Tening, Peren celebrated Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

On the special day, Head Teacher, Thiulengsipi extended gratitude to the teachers for the yeoman service imparted diligently to the student community. He lauded the teachers for all the sacrifices made in moulding and shaping the life of younger generation.

The programme began with a prayer pronounced by Alungpi and a melodious music was presented by Assistant Teacher, Peramsidinbo, while choreography was



MLA, Achumbemo Kikon with ADC, Bhandari and teachers on the occasion of the Combined Teachers' Day celebration held at the Public Ground, Bhandari on 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

performed by pre-primary and upper section students.

Government Higher Secondary School, Ahthibung under Peren district celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm on 5th September 2024. The event featured heartfelt speeches from students and faculties, expressing gratitude and admiration for the teachers' dedication and hard work. Cultural performances and special awards were presented to the teachers highlighting the positive impact educators have on their students.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

The Department of School Education, Dimapur district, and All Nagaland Private Schools Association Dimapur Unit organized a Common Teachers' Day celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Bethesda Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Walford, Dimapur.

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, who graced the occasion as the special guest, thanked institutions and teachers who have made provisions for children with special needs, ensuring they receive equal opportunities and are cared for with dedication and compassion. Chang also highlighted the invaluable contributions of teachers, noting that they not only impart knowledge but also inspire and guide

students through challenges, nurturing their growth and success.

Invocation was pronounced by Esther Murry, Administrator of Bethesda Higher Secondary School.

#### **TUENSANG:**

Teachers' Day was celebrated in Public Ground, Chessore town on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 comprising of St. Christopher School, Sangto Christian School, GPS Chessore Town, GPS Assor, GPS Kiumehean Khel, GMS Chessore-A and GMS Chessore-B.

Medical Officer, Dr. Kümriming, PHC Chessore said that it is a day to pay tribute to the teachers across the country for their noble service. He also expressed heartfelt gratitude towards the teachers who are especially posted in remote areas, sacrificing all the modern facilities for the sake of their profession in shaping the lives of the students to produce future leaders of the society.

Poem reciting by Hankhumla of GMS Chessore-A, 'Dear Teachers,' a tribute by Daniel Lunso of SCS, special number by Lünshikhum and Sorila of SCHS, and Benjamin & friends from GMS-B, Chessore, dance by Lünyinla and friends from St. Christopher School and poem reciting by Yanshila of GPS, Chessore Town were the highlights of the programme.

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### **CM NEIPHIU RIO VISITS LANDSLIDE AFFECTED AREA AT NH-29**

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The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio visited the landslide affected area that occurred on 3rd September 2024 at Pherima along National Highway-29 which tragically claimed six lives and damaged many properties.

During his visit, the Chief Minister

inspected all the areas damaged by the landslide and interacted with the public of Pherima, assuring them of a positive response from the Government. He then interacted with the concerned officials of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Advisor Zhaleo Rio inspecting the landslide affected areas at Pherima along National Highway-29 on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

directed to arrange at least one lane of the National Highway-29 operational in a short time for emergency transporting of various essential commodities. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, Polan John.

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo

Rio also conducted on-site inspection on the landslide affected area at Pherima and Kukidolong. He further interacted with the public of the affected areas and heard their grievances and also advised the public to submit their damages inflicted by the landslide with photo proof before the authority.

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## MINISTER K.G. KENYE URGES TECHNOCRATS TO TAP POTENTIAL FOR NAGALAND'S DEVELOPMENT

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The General Biennial Conference of Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA) was held at Hotel Japfü, Kohima with Minister of Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

K.G. Kenye called on engineers and technocrats to harness their untapped potential to drive the State's development despite limited financial resources. Speaking at the event, he highlighted the importance of communication and road infrastructure, calling them crucial for

societal growth, and noted that the lack of proper road infrastructure and power supply has negatively impacted multiple sectors, leading to social and political unrest, which he described as having a cascading effect on society. He called on the engineers to identify and address systemic issues that hinder development, ensuring future generations are not burdened by these unresolved challenges.

President, FONSESA, Er. Hutoi Sema highlighted the immediate challenges facing the State's infrastructure, particularly in the

wake of recent natural disasters. He said that the roads have become victims of flash floods, landslides, and mudslides, which serve as severe reminders of the unpredictable forces of nature. These incidents, according to Sema, have posed significant challenges to infrastructure, testing the resilience and ingenuity of Nagaland's engineers.

The key issue discussed was the delay in finalizing the Nagaland Engineering Service Rule 2012 (NESR 2012), due to unresolved disputes with the Personnel & Administrative Department. Sema expressed hope that these longstanding issues would be resolved soon, allowing the rules to be implemented, which would improve the structure and functioning of the state's engineering services. FONSESA, along with partner associations, are also actively seeking justice from the State Government to ensure fair representation for engineers. The President stressed the need for engineers to receive their rightful share in IAS encadrement and appointments within the Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC).

Er. Hutoi Sema called upon his fellow engineers to remain committed to their mission and to work together to ensure that Nagaland does not lag behind but stands tall

with the rest of the country. He emphasized the importance of developing sustainable and inclusive infrastructure. As the engineering profession witnesses the rapid evolution of technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, the Internet of Things (IoT), and smart infrastructure systems, Sema urged engineers to stay abreast of these developments. He encouraged engineers to embrace these innovations, which offer sustainable solutions to the state's unique challenges, such as difficult terrains and the need for climate-resilient infrastructure. However, Sema acknowledged that the road to innovation is fraught with challenges. Engineers in Nagaland often face limited resources and a lack of exposure to the latest technologies. He stressed the need for collaboration across departments with the central government and with private stakeholders to push for systemic changes that empower engineers to implement modern solutions.

Sema also highlighted FONSESA's commitment to international collaboration, as the association celebrated the 2nd Edition of World Engineering Day, emphasizing the importance of engineering in sustainable development and innovation.

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## UNION MINISTER OF STATE, RAMDAS ATHAWALE BRIEFS MEDIA AT NIATHU RESORT

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Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, Ramdas Athawale held a press meet with the media, briefing them on the meeting held with the officials of Social Welfare Department at Niathu Resort, Chumoukedima on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Briefing the media, Ramdas Athawale mentioned that the officials of Social

Welfare Department highlighted the various pending cases which include District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) Dimapur, Mon and Tuensang, Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Eralibill, Dimapur; De-addiction Centres for females, Kohima and Dimapur and De-addiction Centres for boys (18 years) Dimapur, Kohima, Mon, Mokokchung and Kiphire. The department

highlighted the target of each case to facilitate comprehensive services to Persons with Disabilities, to provide both preventive and promotional aspects of rehabilitation like education, health, employment vocational training, research manpower development and rehabilitation for PwDs, to provide facility for the treatment and care to females who are dependent on drugs, to provide facility for the treatment and care to boys who are into substances abuse.

The Department also highlighted the remarks of the cases and requested the Union Minister to consider early execution and

release of funds. The Minister after hearing their grievances, assured the Department to look into the matter and take up the issues and solve their pending cases at the earliest.

The Union Minister also highlighted the Pradhan Mantri flagship schemes at the National and Nagaland level - Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), Ujala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayush Bharat Yojana).

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## MEETING ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION HELD AT POLICE COMPLEX

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A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister & Minister in-charge of Home Department, Y. Patton with various Civil Society Organisations at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Patton highlighted on a viral video which was circulated on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, of passengers disembarking from a train in Platform No.2, Dimapur. He informed that upon receiving report, both the Police and the District Administration swung into action immediately. As an immediate follow up, three counters were set up at the Dimapur Railway Station covering all exit routes to check suspected illegal immigrants from among the travellers de-boarding at Dimapur.

In a span of three days (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2024), more than 360 travellers were screened and their identity cards checked. These travellers were found to be largely proceeding towards hamlets/towns of Assam such as Khatkati, Lahorijan,

Bokajan, and Manja/Delai. Some others were found to be settlers/visitors of Dimapur/Chümoukedima town areas or farming hands in Niuland, Shokhuvi, Dhansiripar/Doyapur Areas.

The Deputy Chief Minister informed that checking at the railway station has been ongoing for the past three months. On arrival, passengers have to pass through detection counters set up at the three exit gates for identification. The checking is carried out by the District Administration, Railway Protection Force (RPF) and State Police at the inter-state check gates and peripheral entry routes, in addition to the Railway Station. Apart from this, special/surprise checking drives have been conducted within the State, and nine (9) CCTVs monitor the area in and around the Platform 1 of the Railway Station. Of these, RPF operate 5 CCTVs and the GRPS (Government Railway Police Station) manned by Nagaland Police operates 4 CCTVs.

Y. Patton also mentioned that efforts have been made to maximise the coverage

of passengers to eliminate any illegal immigrant influx. Enhanced monitoring has been initiated in the other eight different inter-state check-gates in the State. The Police are on high alert and there is strengthened monitoring with random checking being carried out in inter-state check gates and other vulnerable locations. The Deputy Commissioners of the eight border districts in our state are in constant touch with their Assamese counterparts for exchange of information. ILP drives to identify defaulters have been intensified by the District Administration and the Police. Identity documents for ILP applicants from the residents of four districts of Assam are more stringent by inclusion of NRC as an additional requirement apart from Aadhaar.

Patton highlighted that from January 2024 till date, over 200 defaulters have been identified and over 50 arrested. Flash Mobile Vehicle Check Posts at more than 250 Check Points were carried out by the State Police till date for detection of criminal activities and influx of illegal immigrants. He appealed to all Civil Society Organisations to remain calm and cooperate with the Government agencies curb the spreading of rumours. He assured that the District Administration, Police and other State and Central Agencies in the State are on high alert and will take all steps to prevent any influx of illegal immigrants. He urged all to extend full co-operation to the Government at this juncture.

Director General of Police, Nagaland,

Rupin Sharma stated that many have obtained or procured indigenous certificates through illegal means. On ILP issue, he informed that the State Government has set up a committee and the committee has set up its team and into consideration. The major practical problems facing in Nagaland is checking. The Nagaland Government has started an online ILP system but still working on more improvement, once this system comes in, there will be a centralised data bank, where the ILP documents can be verified. Sharma suggested that there should be tenant registration with the landlord throughout the State, and this registration will have multiple advantages to check on illegal immigrants regarding whether they have permit or not, and their purpose for which documents were issued to them.

Commissioner, Nagaland said that the issues of illegal immigrants is a big concern for everyone and the District Administration is all geared up to meet the challenges. He appealed to all the stakeholders to co-operate with the State Government in dealing with the issue of illegal immigrants in a proper legal way.

Short speeches were also delivered by Nagaland Council, Dimapur, Chakhroma Public Organisation, Chumoukedima, Niuland District GB Association, Nagaland Students' Federation, Dimapur Nagaland Students' Union and Nagaland Women Hoho.

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## IMCT VISITS DISASTER-HIT LANDSLIDE AFFECTED AREAS IN THE STATE

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An Inter-Ministerial Central (IMC) Team led by Joint Secretary (FFR), Ministry of Home Affairs, Anant Kishore Saran visited the disaster-hit landslide affected areas at

Pherima on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The team visited and inspected the damage areas, assessed the damage caused by the incessant rain leading to mudslide

and landslide in several areas along National Highway-29 at Pherima, Pagala Pahar Tseiphema and Piphema. The IMC Team also interacted with the people affected by the landslide and the local leaders briefed the IMC Team on the situation of the area affected by the landslide.

The IMC Team include Assistant Director, Ministry of Rural Development, Ranjana Saini; Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Jal Shakti, CWC, MS Saravana Kumar; Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Adelbert Susngi and Section Officer, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Atul Bamnai. Deputy Commissioner, Chumukedima, Polan John and SDO (C) Medziphema, Selemla S Sangtam also accompanied the IMC Team.

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the IMC Team visited Zunheboto district on 11<sup>th</sup> September

2024 for on-the-spot assessment of the situation on the wake of landslides/flash floods during the monsoon. The team had a briefing with District Administration, DDMA members, ZTC and all concerned departments at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall. The team visited the majorly hit colonies and areas and interacted with affected families/residents and colony/area leaders.

On the second day of the IMCT visit, District Administration from Tuensang, Shamator and Noklak had briefing with the team at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Zunheboto, with the respective District Disaster Management Authority from each district highlighting through PowerPoint presentation, appraising the calamities in the wake of the landslides/flash floods during the monsoon.

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## 15<sup>th</sup> APPLE FESTIVAL HELD AT THANAMIR

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The 15<sup>th</sup> Thanamir Apple Festival was held at Thanamir village, Pungro, Kiphire on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with the theme "Apple for health, wealth and prosperity" organised by Thanamir Village Council in collaboration with District Horticulture Office, Kiphire under Pungro with Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse as the special guest.

Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse in her speech, shared her joy of witnessing the event and expressed her admiration for the place, village and citizens of the Thanamir village. She mentioned that Horticulture Department is ready improvise the festival better in whichever ways possible, even to the market expansion, and assured to provide one apple processing unit in Thanamir village through

the Department. She also highlighted about the health benefits of consuming apple.

Guest of honour, W. Chingang Konyak, Advisor for Geology & Mining and DUDA stated that Thanamir village is located in the mineral district and such minerals should also be given utmost priority and used well for human development. Asserting that road and education are the most important aspects of social development, Chingang urged the citizens to take care of these two factors.

Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence and Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew while welcoming the special guest and guest of honour, expressed his sincere gratitude for coming all the way from Kohima to attend

the festival.

Chairman, Thanamir Village Council, Tsechimong submitted representation to the Directorate of Horticulture for setting up of Horticulture Research Centre (HRC) at Thanamir village under Kiphire district. He also shared about the varieties of apple grown in the village and the significance of its fruits.

Besides apple, various fruits like Persimmon, Kiwi, Pear, Strawberry, Yaconl, Plum, Wild Apple, Silverberry, Myrica

Rubra, Sumac and indigenous wild fruits are ideally grown at large quantity in the village. Thanamir is the leading block (Aspirational Block) of Kiphire district. Neighbouring village like Fakim, Salomi, Penkim, Khongsa town, Khong, Tsundang and Vongtsuvong

also produce good quality apple in large scale.

Director of Horticulture, Kohima and Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire and DHO, Kiphire also attended the programme as the guest speakers.



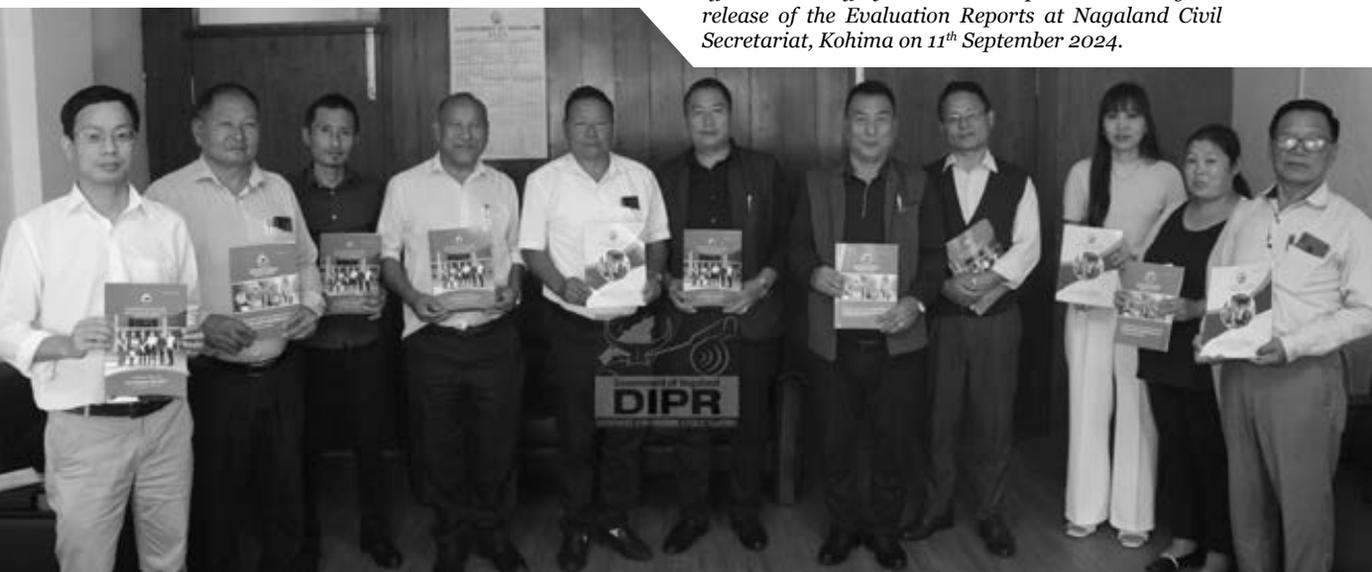
Minister, Salhoutuonuo Kruse speaking on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Thanamir Apple Festival held at Thanamir village, Pungroon 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## SETHRONGKYU SANGTAM RELEASES EVALUATION REPORTS

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu Sangtam released the Evaluation Reports on Implementation of Integrated Child Development Schemes in

Phek District, Ayushman Bharat in Dimapur District and Kisan Credit card (KCC) scheme in Mokokchung at Nagaland Civil Secretariat,

Advisor, Sethrongkyu Sangtam with the Director, officers and staff of Evaluation Department during the release of the Evaluation Reports at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



Kohima on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

During the release programme, Sangtam expressed his joy on releasing the reports as it will be beneficial for the people of the State. He expressed hope that the reports will encourage the departments to focus on better implementation of the schemes throughout the State.

Director, Evaluation, B. Rendysowa

Ao delivering the keynote address, said that the report highlights various findings of the schemes and also suggestions and recommendations for improvement in the delivery of the service. He also acknowledged the officials involved in preparing the reports and further anticipate that the reports will provide insights for better implementation of various schemes in the State.

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## NECTAR PROJECT ISSUES LAPTOPS FOR STRENGTHENING ICT IN SCHOOLS AND ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER SCHOOL EDUCATION

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The Directorate of School Education on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, and special guest, Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome handed over laptops to the schools and the establishments under the department.

The National Education Policy (2020) and subsequent monitoring and administrative policies of the Department of School Education call for efficient education management through digitization. Various interventions under the NECTAR project are designed to meet this demand, including intra-school monitoring and administrative systems. The mandate for digital administration is dependent on ensuring adequate infrastructure within schools and Department establishments which is a huge challenge where access to laptops is limited. Hence, NECTAR is supporting their Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure needs.

Efforts are being made to build the rudimentary infrastructure in the form of laptops across the schools and offices to enhance the capacity of education managers for engaging digital monitoring and governance mechanisms to fulfil their administrative duties in a streamlined

fashion. To this end, laptops are being given to all 249 Government High Schools and 55 Government Higher Secondary Schools, District Education Offices, and Sub-Divisional Education Offices under the Directorate of School Education (DoSE). Laptops were also issued to the SCERT, 8 DIETs under SCERT, NBSE Office, and Department of School Education (Administrative Office).

Special guest, Advisor Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome stated that the first component of the NECTAR project is to improve the governance system, and the distribution of laptops is part of that initiative. He also stated that there is a plan to come up with the Nagaland Education Service and the Nagaland Education Administrative Service. Further, he stated that the data of teachers and employees collected through the Teachers Attendance Monitoring System is a huge achievement that will enable the Department to understand many aspects, such as appointment and retirement, which in turn will help in the planning process. The Advisor also stated that despite the challenges, we need to initiate the transition to a data-driven and data-intensive process which will help improve our governance system.

Thavaseelan K (IAS), Principal Director, DoSE, and Project Director, NECTAR stated that laptops are meant for all the schools and establishments under the Department of School Education. He set the context by stating that the laptops would help achieve the objectives of the NECTAR project, i.e. to enhance the governance of schools

across Nagaland and to improve teaching practices and learning environment in select school complexes. He further stated that the Education Management Information System, amongst other initiatives of the project, will receive a boost through the enhanced digital infrastructure.

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### LAUNCHING OF FMD VACCINATION MISSION ROUND-4 IN NAGALAND STATE UNDER NADCP

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The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB), successfully launched the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of the Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) Vaccination Mission in Nagaland State under the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Nagaland Livestock Development Board Headquarters, Kohima.

In his keynote address, Dr. Khriekuolie Linyu, Managing Director, NLDB highlighted the overall roadmap of the National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD.

The event was launched by Dr. Achila Ao, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, in the presence of senior officials from the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, local farmers, and veterinary professionals. The Director reiterated the State's commitment

to combating animal diseases that impact the livestock economy and rural households.

The FMD vaccination drive aims to bolster livestock health across the State and eliminate FMD, a contagious viral disease affecting cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats and pigs. The nationwide campaign is part of the Government's broader vision to control FMD by 2025 and eradicate by 2030, ensuring healthier livestock productivity, contributing to rural livelihoods and the nation's food security.

The previous three rounds of the vaccination drive have resulted in a significant reduction in FMD cases across the State, with over 95% of livestock already covered under the programme. The 4<sup>th</sup> round aims to achieve 100% vaccination coverage, ensuring protection for all susceptible animals in Nagaland.

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### PMMSY REVIEW MEETING HELD AT NEW DELHI

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A review meeting of Pradhan Mantri Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) was held under the chairmanship of Union Secretary, Fisheries, Government of India at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on

11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner & Secretary, Justice & Law and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS stated that about 12%

of the potential area of Nagaland have been utilized till date for fisheries development and urged to provide more areas for development. He also stated that with the culmination of PMMSY scheme during the year 2024-25, he suggested the following components should be incorporated in the new guidelines for the coming five years:

1. Integrated cluster fish farming with frog, crab, snail, duckery, poultry, piggery, diary etc. with infrastructure facilities such as pack house, feed mill especially for the North-Eastern States and Nagaland in particular.
2. Fisheries eco-tourism should be encouraged in North-Eastern States with special reference to Nagaland.
3. Farmer/Entrepreneur hands-on training in the farm and exposure to other states should be encouraged and funded.
4. To provide enough funds for quality Fish Market/Kiosk, Recreational Fisheries, Brood Bank etc.
5. The cost norms of different components

should be revised and the farmer's contribution should also be reduced especially for the North-Eastern States and Nagaland in particular.

6. Component of renovation of old ponds and tanks should be incorporated.

Union Secretary, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, IAS assured that the matter will be looked into it favourably. Sema was accompanied by the Director, F&AR, Rongsennungba and Deputy Director, F&AR, Dr. Rongsenkumzuk.

Kikheto Sema also called upon the Union Secretary, Law & Justice, Dr Rajiv Mani on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and requested for early release of fund for on-going District Court at Mon and Noklak, and for the upgradation of old District Court. He also stated that land acquisition is being finalized for the remaining new districts of Shamator, Tseminyu and Niuland, and urged the Government of India to consider for construction of District Court in the coming year.

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## WORKSHOP-CUM-TRAINING ON GeM FUNCTIONALITY HELD

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A workshop-cum-training on GeM Functionality was organized by the Department of Industries & Commerce in collaboration with the GeM User Facilitator at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

GeM is an online platform for public procurement of common use goods and services required by various departments/organisations/PSUs. Launched on 9<sup>th</sup>

August 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, GeM aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement.

Supriti Priya (Trainer, GeM), the main resource person delivered a presentation on GeM overview and benefits and registration & procurement process of GeM, followed by discussion hour.

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## MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF CMHIS IN DELHI NCR

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A three-day interaction and detailed discussion regarding Chief Minister's Health

Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) beneficiaries availing treatment from Delhi NCR was held

between Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Wennyei Konyak, Joint Director and State Nodal Officer (Health & Family Welfare), Dr. Hentok Phom, Deputy Director and Senior Public Relations Officer (Information & Public Relations), Kuolie Mere, Paramount Health Services and Insurance TPA Pvt. Ltd. Future Generali Insurance Company and representatives from the 19 empanelled hospitals in Delhi NCR. The meeting was held at Nagaland House, New Delhi from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September

2024. Discussions were held to address technical challenges faced by the beneficiaries and hospitals at Delhi NCR while availing the benefit.

The insurance team from Paramount Health Services and Insurance TPA Pvt. Ltd. and Future Generali Insurance Company led by Joint Director and State Nodal Officer, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Hentok Phom visited various hospitals to better understand and also come up with solution to bridge the gaps faced by both the patients and hospitals.

#### List of 19 Empanelled Hospitals in Delhi NCR:

| SN | Hospital   | Name                          | Designation                         | Contact                  |
|----|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Sector-88, Faridababd  | Aditya Gupta                  | Institutional Head                  | 9911085197               |
| 2  | Artemis Hospital, Sector-51, Gurugram  | Suraj Bhatt                   | Senior Executive                    | 8368349599               |
| 3  | Dharamshila Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi  | Rohit Bakshi                  | Regional Manager                    | 9999110758               |
| 4  | Dr. BL Kapur Memorial Hospital - A unit of Lahore Hospital Society, Pusa Road, New Delhi                               | Nitin Kumar Goel              | Institutional Head                  | 9312504580               |
| 5  | Fortis Escort Heart Institute and Research Centre, Okhla Road, New Delhi   | Naveen Kumar                  | Deputy Manager                      | 9958145318               |
| 6  | Fortis FLT LT Rajan Dhall Charitable Trust, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi   | Virender Joshi                | Head Credit Sales                   | 9717100012               |
| 7  | Fortis Hospital Limited, Neelam Bata Chowk, Faridabad  | Manmeet Singh                 | Manager                             | 9311413372               |
| 8  | Fortis Hospital Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi   | Narender Attri                | Senior Officer                      | 9717446414               |
| 9  | Fortis Hospitals Ltd. Noida Sector-62  | Saurabh Tandon                | Senior Manager                      | 8860362200               |
| 10 | Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Sector-44, Gurugram  | Dev Ranjan                    | Team Leader S&M                     | 7980248113               |
| 11 | Manipal Human Care Medical Charitable Trust, Dwarka Sector-6   | Rakesh Singh                  | Collection Head                     | 9911392828               |
| 12 | Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi  | Vidya Bhushan                 | DGM                                 | 9873863148               |
| 13 | Max Super Speciality Hospital - A unit of Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre (East Block), Saket, New Delhi | Rakesh Singh                  | Manager and Nodal Officer CMHIS     | 98738223879              |
| 14 | Max Super Speciality - A Balaji Hospital Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre, IP Extension, East Delhi              | Rakesh Singh                  | Manager and Nodal Officer CMHIS     | 98738223879              |
| 15 | Medanta The Medicity, Sector-38, Gurugram  | Upendra Kumar<br>Anuj Vashist | Deputy Manager<br>Deputy Manager PF | 9717583616<br>8800494255 |

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| 16 | Pushpawati Singhania Hospital and Research Institute, New Delhi  | Rahul Bhatnagar | Senior Manager Marketing | 9871999424 |
| 17 | QRG Medicare Limited, Sector-16, Faridabad   | Virendra Singh  | DGM Corporate Affairs    | 9650088024 |
| 18 | Fortis Hospital Greater Noida - A unit of RR Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Block 'D' Industrial Area, Surajpur Site-4, Greater Noida | Lalit Pandey    | Senior Manager           | 9717592760 |
| 19 | Venkateshwar Hospital, Sector-18A Dwarka, New Delhi  | Manish Agarwal  | Senior DGM               | 8826007191 |

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## NAGA DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 HELD AT KOHIMA

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Naga Darts Championship (NDC) 2024, organized by Nagaland Darts Association was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at La Colline Resort, Kohima.

NDC is a flagship event of the Nagaland Darts Association, designed to bring together the best darts players under one unified platform to encourage competition and elevate the level of play among Naga dart players. The darts community embraces the NDC as a valuable opportunity to showcase their skills against the top players from across the state, helping to prepare them

for national and international competitions. This event will provide a platform for players to shine while fostering a competitive spirit and mental resilience for future challenges.

Altogether, 36 participants took part including 12 new players in the rookie category. The inaugural game of the tournament was graced by MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso who also launched the jerseys for six (6) member players of Naga Darts Team who will be participating at Malayasia Open tournament 2024 at Kuala Lumpur(Malaysia) in September 2024.

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## ELEVEN SITTING BENCH FOR LOK ADALAT CONSTITUTED IN THE DISTRICT HQs

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Under the aegis of the National State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) and the esteemed guidance of Executive Chairman, NSLSA, Justice Manash Ranjan Pathak, Judge, Gauhati High Court, National Lok Adalat was held in eleven (11) District Headquarters of Nagaland State, organized by the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA).

On this event, eleven (11) sitting bench for Lok Adalat were constituted in the respective District Headquarters where the District Judges acted as Presiding Officers. The core aim of this People's Court arrangement is to settle disputes/cases at pre-litigation stage

i.e. even before the case is filed in the court and in addition, some pending cases in the court of law which are admissible under the Lok Adalat regulation to be settled through compromised and amicable means.

A total of 381 cases/disputes were disposed off in the State Lok Adalat, both at pre-litigation stage and pending cases. The total number of cases listed up for trying to resolve in the Lok Adalat was 1158 cases/disputes, which include cases in pending stage as well as in pre-litigation stage mostly in the category of Bank Recovery, Motor Accident Cases Tribunal (MACT) and other cases viz. public utility i.e. Telephone Bills

and Water Bills.

Settlement amount involved in some of the cases amounts to a total of Rs. 4,06,21,512/- (Four crore six lakh twenty one thousand five hundred twelve) only. This Settlement Amount is the amount mutually agreed for payment between the litigants (or) parties who are involved in a dispute where the parties on arriving at a consensus, the willing amount to settle the disputes for the damaged caused or a negotiated amount for payment on a claim by a party. Settlement amount also includes the fine money, bank loan recovery money, money suits, compensation money, etc.

Dimapur DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Lok Adalat with 23 Banks, BSNL and 3 Insurance Company participating. 1 civil case, 134 pre litigation cases and 11 pending trial cases were disposed off. The total settlement amount was ₹22365592/- only (Two crore twenty three lakh sixty five thousand five hundred ninety two).

Mon DLSA organised National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Mon, taking up 15 pre-litigation bank recovery cases and settling 8 prelitigation bank recovery cases, with a settlement amount of ₹24,04910/- only.

Mokokchung DLSA conducted National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, and took up 55 cases of bank recovery, settled 54 through National Lok Adalat. Total settlement amount was ₹26,74,694/- only.

Peren DLSA conducted National Lok Adalat at Jalukie town, taking up 9 pre-litigation and one pending civil case, and successfully settled with a total settlement amount of ₹20,24,000/- only (Rupees twenty lakhs twenty-four thousand).

Kohima DLSA conducted National Lok Adalat and took up 721 pre-litigation

cases of bank recovery and telephone bills and 8 pending bank recovery cases, settled 42 pre-litigation cases and 3 pending cases. Total outstanding amount was ₹65,81,985/- only and the total settlement amount was ₹30,79,970/- only.

Longleng DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court, taking up 5 cases and disposing off 4, which were of pre- litigation stage on bank recovery cases. The settlement amount was ₹2,40,774/- (Two lakh forty thousand seven hundred seventy four).

Phek DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex, taking up 136 matters of pre-litigation bank recovery cases of SBI Phek and NStCB (Phek, Pfutsero and Chozuba) and disposing off 68 with a settlement amount of ₹28,60,847/- only (Twenty eight lakh sixty thousand eight hundred fourty seven).

Kiphire DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex, with the SBI and Nagaland Co-operative Bank participating, taking up 6 cases and settling 3 cases. The total settlement amount was ₹43,000/- only.

Wokha DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex, taking up 26 per-litigation bank recovery cases and disposing off 25. The total settlement amount was ₹4,68,800/- only (Rupees four lakh sixty eight thousand eight hundred).

Tuensang DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, and altogether, 20 bank recovery cases were taken up and 12 bank cases were disposed off with a settlement amount of ₹17,15,221/-only (Seventeen lakh fifteen thousand two hundred twenty one).

Zunheboto DLSA conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Quarterly National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex and took up 10 pre-litigation bank recovery cases and disposed off 8 with

a total settlement amount of ₹21,98,704/- only.

## CM INAUGURATES THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DR. T. AO INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHY AT TUENSANG



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio declaring the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. T. Ao Inter-District Championship Trophy open, on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang.

Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland inaugurated the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. T. Ao Inter-District Championships Trophy on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang.

Speaking at the occasion, Neiphiu Rio mentioned that this Trophy was commemorated to honour Dr. T. Ao, who was a legend and the Captain of the Indian Football team at the London Olympics in 1948, and much sought after by European Football Clubs. Dr. T. Ao flourished in the popular Mohun Bagan Club and in the neighbouring states of Assam and Manipur.

The Chief Minister urged the youth to carry on his legacy in the field of sports, adding

that the Government is committed to provide better infrastructure in all the districts. Rio stated that the Government is committed in promoting Sports and Music in the State with the declaration of 2024 as the Year of Youth Empowerment, which has many success stories. He also assured to give importance to sportswomen in the State and encouraged the youth to excel with good discipline and dedication. The Chief Minister also assured to build more

galleries, security wall and electrification at Loyem Memorial Ground, Tuensang.

Welcome address was delivered by MLA & Convener, Planning Committee, Lima Onen, Presidential address by K. Neibou Sekhose, President of Nagaland Football Association. Short speech was also delivered by Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, A. Keoshu Yimkhiung. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister, Forest, Environment & Climate Change, C. L John, Minister, Housing and Mechanical Engineering P. Bashangmongba Chang; Advisor Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, MLA, Benei Lamthui, MLA, Imtichoba and a host of dignitaries.

Tuensang district was crowned as Champion of 23<sup>rd</sup> Inter-District Football Championship Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2024 with Minister, Housing and Mechanical

Engineering, P. Bashangmongba Chang gracing the closing function as special guest on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang.

## SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2024 LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

### KOHIMA:

The launching programme of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, with joint collaboration of SBM-G, Nagaland and KMC with the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhat' was held at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Principal Secretary, PHE, E. Mhombemo Patton, IAAS officially launching the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, called this year's campaign as special and sought cooperation and continued support of all the stakeholders towards these efforts. Patton said that the campaign will not only be limited to the government departments, but called on all the ULBs, village councils and citizens of the State for their cooperation and participation in the State wide cleanliness drive.

Commissioner & Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Kekhrievor Kevichusa (IPoS), briefing about the Swachhata Hi Seva, said that the campaign aims to raise awareness about cleanliness and hygiene through community participation. He remarked that the State with its renewed innovative approach to the Swachhata format, anticipates participation from the public, ULBs and departments concerned. He also stated that this year's campaign marking the 10th anniversary, the State decided to be more innovative in their approach thereby adopting the slogan "Moi Laga Jabrah, Moi Laga Kaam," making

cleanliness a personal matter.

The other highlights of the programme include a video message by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, SHG 2024 national anthem and administering of Swachhata Pledge. After the official programme, a cleanliness drive at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Office campus with the theme 'Moi Laga Jabrah, Moi Laga Kaam (My Waste, My Responsibility)' was held.

In a concerted effort to promote cleanliness under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, the Kohima Municipal Council (KMC), in collaboration with the Swachhata Bharat Mission, organized a street play at Old NST, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The play was performed by the drama club of St. Joseph's Autonomous College, Jakhama, and aims to raise public awareness about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in public spaces. This initiative is part of a broader movement to engage communities in the mission to create a cleaner, healthier Kohima.

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, a cleanliness drive was conducted at Kisama Naga Heritage Village on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, organised by PHED, Kohima Rural/Urban Division, joint collaboration with Phesama Village Council and Kigwema Village Council. Swachhata Pledge was initiated by Lhousikhono Zinyu while Mass Shramdaan (segregation of plastic wastes) was carried out by the volunteers.



*CTC in collaboration with District Administration launched the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Don Bosco School Auditorium, Chiephobozou Town.*

Chiephobozou Town Council (CTC) in collaboration with District Administration launched the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Don Bosco School Auditorium, Chiephobozou Town. After taking the pledge, the Councillors of CTC distributed sanitary items to the students.

#### **DIMAPUR:**

In a collective effort to promote cleanliness and sanitation, all 23 wards under the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) held a mass cleanliness drive in Dimapur on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0. The cleanliness drive began early at 6:00 A.M with active participation from Ward Councillors, Colony Chairmen, Gaon Buras (GBs), youth organizations, and various NGOs. Residents, business establishments and traders also took part to clean their respective wards and business areas, ensuring the success of the initiative.

The Public Health Engineering

Department (PHED), Rural Division Dimapur initiated several activities aimed at promoting cleanliness and community engagement on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The department organized an SBM Drawing Competition at Government High School (GHS), Kuhuboto and a cleanliness and plantation drive at the Kuhuboto Market area, designated as one of the Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) under Rural Division Dimapur. The cleanliness drive saw active participation from local bodies, youths, and business establishments. In addition to this, similar drives were conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at Darogapathar and Thilixu villages under the PHED Urban Division.

#### **CHUMOUKEDIMA:**

As part of the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Rural Division Dimapur, in collaboration with the residents of Urra Village, organized a

cleanliness and plantation drive on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This initiative took place in the Urra Village Market area, which has been designated as one of the Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) under Rural Division Dimapur. As part of the drive, 10 almond saplings were planted around the bazar area, contributing to the green initiative.

Additionally, two other Cleanliness Units located in Kukidolong and Jhomapani villages were also cleaned on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 as part of the campaign, with active participation from local residents. The campaign is anchored by three key pillars emphasizing a 'Whole of Society' approach to cleanliness.

As a prelude to Swachh Bharat Diwa on 2nd October 2024, Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 fortnight from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 with the theme "Cleanliness of Nature, Cleanliness of Culture" was launched at City Centre, Medziphema 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. To mark the launch of the campaign, Swachhata Pledge was administered by ADC, Medziphema, P. James Swu.

#### **MON:**

At Tizit, the Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight with the theme "Swabhav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata" was launched by Tizit Town Council on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The launching programme was attended by all Ward Chairmen and GBs, School Headmasters, Heads of Offices under Tizit Sub-division, Konyak Union, Tizit Town Public Union, Tizit Area Students' Union, Tizit Town Baptist Church, Tizit Town Students' Union, Green Ply Industries and Paramount Tea. SDO (C) Tizit, Tumben P. Tsanglao administered the Swachhata Pledge.

#### **TUENSANG:**

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2024, PHED Tuensang Division in collaboration with Belly Star Football Club and Young Football organised a cleanliness drive at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Volunteers collected and segregated all the biodegradable wastes which were generated during the Dr. T. Ao Trophy.

#### **KIPHIRE:**

The Pungro Town Council commenced the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024, as part of a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting cleanliness and sanitation. The event was launched at the ADC's Office, Pungro, Kiphire under the theme "Swabhav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata." The campaign in Pungro included various activities and programmes aimed at ensuring long-lasting change in the town's cleanliness and waste management practices. The campaign also included a large-scale cleanliness drive focused on clearing dry and wet garbage from block spots around town, including the Main Junction, 6- Star Junction, the Public Ground, and the Hospital Area. Furthermore, drawing and painting competitions were organized for lower classes, while higher classes participated in essay writing competitions on the theme "Cleanliness and Plastic Waste Management."

#### **LONGLENG:**

Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 a fortnight-long cleanliness drive/activities by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs from 13<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 under the theme "Swabhav Swachhata SanskaarS wachhata" was launched in Longleng on 17<sup>th</sup> September

2024 at DC's Office. Activities like slogan, essay writing and painting competition on the theme were held for the school students.

### **ZUNHEBOTO:**

At Atoizu, the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign was officially launched with an

event held at the DB Hall, ADC's Office on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The programme emphasized the importance of cleanliness in public spaces and instilling cultural values of hygiene under the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata Saanskar Swachhata.'

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## **FIVE-DAY TRAINING FOR SENIOR OFFICERS OF NCS HELD AT KOHIMA**

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Inaugural programme of the five-day training for Senior Officers of Nagaland Civil Service (NCS) officers was held at Vision Hall, Training Block, Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, jointly organized by the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms and ATI, Nagaland and conducted by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL), New Delhi.

During the inaugural programme, Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS emphasized on

the need for capacity building of all officers and encouraged them to learn from the subject experts and from one another. He also shared the requirement of a structure for rule based system for public administration.

Topics covered by the experts from SCAL include policy formulation & analysis, leadership development, problem solving, performance & sustainability etc. Twenty-one (21) NCS officers (from Joint Secretary to Secretary Level Officers) attended the training.

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## **SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER GRACES VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF INDIAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

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Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer graced the valedictory function of the Indian Youth Parliament on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Addressing the young leaders and delivering a thought-provoking speech on the theme "Empowering the next generation," Speaker Sharingain highlighted the vital role that young people play in shaping the future of our nation and how their empowerment is essential for sustainable

progress. He also emphasised the need for them to stay grounded, cultivate a strong sense of righteousness and demonstrate obedience in their personal and professional lives. He further encouraged the students to hold steadfast to moral values, foster integrity and be willing to make self-sacrifices for the greater good. He also underscored that these qualities are essential for shaping not only their own future but also the future of the nation.

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## WORLD BAMBOO DAY 2024: NEXT GENERATION BAMBOO HELD AT SOVIMA

Under the theme “Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation and Design,” a World Bamboo Day was organised by Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA) on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, 6th Mile, Sovima under Chümoukedima. On arrival, the special guest, Chairman of NBDA, Nuzota Swuro hoisted the World Bamboo Day Flag in the presence of officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Swuro highlighted that NBDA was launched in the year 2004 on 15<sup>th</sup> of March which completes 20 years of its existence. He said that as NBDA enter into the third decade, venturing into a new horizon which is innovative, creative, sustainable and entrepreneur development oriented, it is in the process of vigorous and intensive consultations with local experts, farmers, persons, entrepreneurs and the stakeholders who have practised experience and knowledge of ground relation.

Swuro pointed that apart from normal activities, an action plan of priorities has already been implemented as flagship programmes with Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima and Peren districts being marked as bamboo economic zones and with availability of funds, these zones will be concentrated with bamboo plantation in compact areas. With resource development, there is a plan to feed industrial units in the near future and conduct resource mapping of bamboo in the State so that factual assessment can be done to prepare the action plan, he added.

Swuro informed that most of the other districts are hilly areas and unfriendly terrain, so to transport raw materials to

various destinations for sale is a big challenge as the cost of transport goes above the market rate which causes nil profit or even loss to the farmers. To overcome this bottle neck, it has set a plan to come up with small Common Fertility Centres with cluster units in far and remote areas which will be more cost effective to transport the semi or process products. He also highlighted that NBDA has identified 46 local grown bamboo species and plan to go for research for lab test and analysis.

Note on ‘World Bamboo Day 2024’ was delivered by Team Member, NBDA, Tolto Metha, who highlighted that bamboo is an important green resource from various contexts for Nagaland covering every strata of the society. Taking cognizance of this appreciable fact, the NBDA has been taking steps to harness the potential of bamboo and its benefits, following the guidelines of the National Bamboo Mission, Government of India. Since inception, the Agency has been on a progressive mode with all its initiatives under the flagship of the National Bamboo Mission and National Mission on Bamboo Applications.

Tolto mentioned that NBDA has successfully roped in many entrepreneurs on board in all its major production initiatives including bamboo handicrafts and furniture, bamboo shoot, bamboo charcoal, bamboo mat, bamboo incense sticks, bamboo blinds, etc. Through the length and breadth of the State, the Agency has been reaching out to local artisans, farmers and various Self-Help Groups through assistance, training and skill-up gradation. The Agency has also been creating awareness on the ecological benefits

of bamboo through various campaigns involving NGOs, students and green innovators. He added that “Next Generation Bamboo” highlights the importance of updating and applying bamboo in the modern world. It encourages the development of innovative bamboo solutions and the creation of new designs that leverage this adaptable plant.

‘Bamboo Entrepreneur Award 2024’ was awarded to Aosanen from Dimapur for his Bamboo craft and outstanding product innovation.

Welcome address was delivered by Mission Director, NBDA, Albert Ezung. The day was marked with two session workshop - in the first session, the resource person Creative Director of Cane Concept, Founder of Urria Designs & Objects, Aku Zeliang highlighted on ‘Entrepreneurship and market linkages.’ In the second session, the resource person was Bamboo Architect (Zynorique Initiatives Society) Richard Belho who presented on the topic ‘Sustainability and livelihood.’

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## UNION FINANCE MINISTER LAUNCHES NPS VATSALYA SCHEME

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The launching of New Pension Scheme - NPS Vatsalya through a video conference was held at the State Level Bank Committee office, Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, organised by SLBC and NABARD. The NPS Vatsalya scheme was launched by the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman across 75 locations via video conference at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

A plan for contribution by parents and guardian for minors was introduced by Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister and Corporate Affairs during Budget 2024 Session. The scheme envisages the minor to

start investing in pension at an early stage, and upon reaching the age of majority, the plan can be seamlessly converted into a regular account. This scheme is regulated and administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The NPS Vatsalya account can be opened with a minimum contribution of Rs 1,000/- annually and above.

The launching of the scheme was attended by all State Level Bankers’ Committee in collaboration with NABARD in all States and Union Territories involving student age between 8-18 years of age.

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## PARALYMPIC MEDALIST HOKATO HOTOZHE SEMA RECEIVES WARM WELCOME

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Nagaland’s first Paralympic Bronze medalist Hokato Hotozhe Sema of P. Vihoto village, Aghunaqa area, Niuland received a warm welcome at Dimapur airport on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, organised by Western Sumi Hoho and Frontal Organisation and joined by Civil Societies, NGOs, CNTC, various

Tribal Hohos, Students’ bodies and people from all walks of life.

In his short address, Hokato shared his success story, mentioning that his goal had always being to win a medal for Nagaland, like other North East states which have won many medals. He is proud to represent

Nagaland and creating history by securing bronze medal in the international sports arena, and thanked the people of Nagaland for their prayer and support throughout his journey.

In a historic achievement, Hokato Hotozhe Sema, a forty year old para-athlete won the Bronze Medal in the Men's Shot Put F57 Final at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris. It is important to highlight that Hokato is the first athlete from the State to win a medal at such a prestigious international sporting event, making it even more significant that Nagaland's first-ever medal at this premier level has been earned by a para-athlete.

Before becoming a celebrated para-athlete, Hokato Hotozhe Sema joined as a Havildar in the India Army and was promoted as Naib Subedar with 9 Assam Regiment. In 2002, during an operation at the Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir, he lost his leg in a landmine explosion.

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Deithono Nakhro acknowledged Hokato's victory as a testament to his hard work, dedication, and unyielding spirit, representing a proud moment for

India and the State of Nagaland. Hokato's groundbreaking victory also underscores the immense talent and potential of young disabled athletes in Nagaland. His accomplishment has set a new benchmark for athletes across the nation, particularly for young disabled sportspersons, who now see him as a shining role model.

Recognising his outstanding achievement, the State Government has announced a reward of ₹1.5 Crore for the Paralympian. This commendable gesture highlights the Government's commitment to promoting excellence in sports, especially within the disability community. Such support not only boosts the morale of individual athletes but also sends a powerful message about the value of inclusion in sports. As the State celebrates this historic win, it is vital to recognise the urgent need for more initiatives to promote and support disability sports. By investing in infrastructure, training facilities, and funding for para-athletes, Nagaland can cultivate many more world-class competitors who can reach the pinnacle of international competition, just as Hokato Hotozhe Sema has.

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## T. R. ZELIANG CALLS FOR TIMELY SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-in-charge of Planning & Transformation Department, T.R. Zeliang while addressing the review meeting of developmental activities with all AHoDs and HoDs at the Nagaland Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, instructed all departments to strictly comply with the timeline in Calendar of Action for Developmental Activities 2024-25 issued by the Planning & Transformation Department.

T. R. Zeliang reminded the departments yet to submit their proposals for all developmental activities funded under State Plan, including negotiated loans from various financial institutions, to submit at the earliest. The practice of according Planning Clearance on the condition "Subject to approval of" or "Ex-post facto approval" shall no longer be entertained, he added.

Zeliang also stressed on timely submission of "departmental programmes to



*Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang addressing the review meeting of developmental activities with all AHOs and HoDs at the Nagaland Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

be taken up in the following Financial Year so that Planning & Transformation Department also has sufficient time to go through the proposals and make the Sectoral Outlay to maximize the output of any programmes.

For programmes and schemes under Agri & Allied Sector, the Deputy Chief Minister impressed upon implementing departments to pursue for sanction of their programmes in the month of December-January so that works can be executed starting of April which is the right time for Agri& Allied related works. He stated that

for infrastructural and other developmental activities, sanctions should be accorded by June-July so that tendering and other formalities can be completed by August-September and work can be in full swing by October-November, which is the right working period.

Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang said that there is a need to transform the working system for the development of the State, and called on all the Departments of the State Government for cooperation and active participation.

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## **NIELIT KOHIMA MEGA JOB FAIR 2024 HELD ACROSS NAGALAND**

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The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima, started its two-day Mega Job Fair 2024 across its centers in Nagaland on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, including Kohima, Dimapur, and Chuchuyimlang. This large-scale event aims to bridge the gap between

job seekers and employers, drawing significant participation from various industries and aspiring young professionals seeking employment opportunities.

During the inauguration of the Mega Job Fair, a keynote address was delivered by L. Lanuwabang, Director of NIELIT

Kohima, who emphasized the importance of reskilling and upskilling in an evolving job market, particularly as automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) continue to reshape industries. He urged job seekers and aspiring young professionals to stay agile and future-ready, stressing the need to adapt to new fields of work. He also highlighted the necessity of IT and technology skills in every business and industry.

The job fair saw the active involvement of 15 prominent employers from sectors such as digital marketing, software development, automobiles, logistics, construction, food processing, printing, and telecommunications. With over 1,500 job vacancies, opportunities range from local positions in Nagaland to roles in Tier-I cities across India and even overseas placements, particularly in Europe. The highest salary package offered was an impressive INR 33.56 lakh per annum (LPA).



Officials and participants at the two-day Mega Job Fair 2024 held at NIELIT, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The NIELIT Mega Job Fair 2024 highlighted NIELIT Kohima's commitment to creating a robust platform for both employers and job seekers, contributing to the economic growth and development of the region. The event has attracted a significant number of young, educated professionals eager to explore various career paths.

## HEKANI JAKHALU GRACES PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME PROGRAMME

The PM Vishwakarma 'One year of progress and release of scheme benefits' programme was held at the Government Industrial Training Institute, Kohima on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu gracing the occasion as the chief guest, said the PM Vishwakarma 'One year of progress and release of scheme benefits' is a visionary initiative that represents a significant step toward

empowering traditional artisans and craftsmen and ensures that their skills are not only recognized but also supported for sustainable growth. She highlighted that the scheme was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to enhance the productivity and income of artisans and craftspeople across the country with the primary objectives of Skill Development, Financial Support, Market Access and Preservation of Heritage.



Advisor, Hekani Jakhalu with government officials during the PM Vishwakarma 'One year of progress and release of scheme benefits' programme, held at the Government ITI, Kohima on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Hekani also shared that the beneficiaries registered for the training will get recognition through a PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card, get skill upgradation training, receive toolkit incentive of up to Rs.15000, Credit support of Rs. 3 lakh (collateral-free loans), marketing support through quality certification and workshops aimed

at enhancing digital skills among artisans. She added that the scheme also impacts for Empowerment of Artisans, Job Creation, Cultural Preservation and Boosting Exports. She also called all the stakeholders to work closely so that the State is able to provide the benefits of the scheme, to around 50,000 beneficiaries by the year 2028, to uplift their economic status and also preserve the cultural fabric of the nation.

During the programme, 25 beneficiaries who had completed their training in various trades from Government ITI, Kohima were facilitated with certificate and later, during the virtual telecast of the Prime Minister address at Wardha, Maharashtra, a beneficiary by the name Akhrielie Kirha, who underwent training for Carpentry trade from Government ITI, Kohima received a loan of Rs. 1 (one) Lakh from the PM Vishwakarma benefit scheme.

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## NAGALAND CREDIT EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT HELD

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Nagaland Credit Empowerment Summit was held at Nouné Resort, Dimapur on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

In the first session of the summit, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS delivered the welcome address and presented the overview of the Banking & Credit Status in the State.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary stated that the banking sector in the State has been performing much below the national average in almost all the parameters and that has been the constant worry for the State because an important

channel of funds is stranded in the State. Mentioning that the average household coverage in the banking sector in the State is only 55% whereas the national average is about 80%, and Credit Deposit Ratio is 55-57% in the State compared to 75% national average, he urged the bankers present to come up with the credible plan to ensure these gaps are bridged.

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, along with Finance Commissioner, Sentiyanger Imchen briefed media persons on the Nagaland Credit Empowerment Summit at Nouné Resort, Chumoukedima

on 20th September 2024.

Dr. Alam highlighted the launch of Annual Credit Plan for FY 2024-25 and announced the increase in credit flow to priority sectors from Rs. 1,058 crore to Rs. 2,003 crore. He stated that this increase is intended to ensure that critical sectors such as agriculture and small enterprises receive the necessary financial support to drive development and that these measures were taken as course correction measures to ensure flow of credit to priority sectors. He also said that the credit flow target for entrepreneurship was increased from Rs. 340 crore to Rs. 1,137 crore for the current financial year. This target demonstrates the State's commitment to expanding financial resources and stimulating economic growth across various sectors, he added. To address concerns related to Non-Performing Assets and the hesitation of banks to extend loans to deserving entrepreneurs in the State, he said that the Government will provide collateral-free coverage for loans upto Rs. 50 lakh per beneficiary through CGTMSE. Once the loan is covered under CGTMSE and in case, an entrepreneur is not able to pay back the loan due to genuine reasons/business failure, CGTMSE will be making the payment to the banks up to 85% of the pending loan amount.

The Chief Secretary also highlighted that the revision of the CMMFI aims to streamline the flow of funds to the public, making it easier for beneficiaries to access financial

resources and address the concerns related to fund flow inefficiencies. He informed that it has benefited 929 entrepreneurs and there are nearly 980 applicants approved by District Level Monitoring and Implementation Committee, 18.6 crore has been released as subsidy, with a total loan portfolio of Rs. 52 crore. On launch of Loan Tracking and Monitoring Website, it has announced the new loan tracking website for online loan application and tracking enabling beneficiaries to apply for and track their loans online.

Dr. J. Alam further highlighted on establishment of Finance Department Monitoring Cell, deployment of Credit Managers and Coordinators in each district, partnership with private Vendors, building a Robust Insurance Ecosystem in Digital Piggery Insurance scheme with Tata AIG, Accidental Insurance for police personnel and in case of accidental death or full disability, the family will receive an insurance amount of Rs. 75 lakh and for partial disability Rs. 55 lakh, 24087 serving police personnel are currently on board this insurance coverage. He informed that under CMHIS, since launch, 7,457 government employees and pensioners have benefited under the scheme with 22,187 treatments undertaken, out of which claims have been paid for 17,162 treatment cases worth Rs. 62 crore. He also highlighted the Chief Minister's Life Insurance Scheme.

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## NAGALAND TOPS AMONG THE NE HILLY STATES IN STATE FOOD SAFETY INDEX 2023-24

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In the recently concluded Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Nagaland bagged an award in Special

Recognition for its overall performance on various parameters of Food Safety in State Food Safety Index 2023-24. Among the North Eastern Hilly States, Nagaland is the

lone awardee.

Food Safety Index is based on performance of State/ UT on five significant parameters, namely Human Resources and Institutional Data, Compliance, Food Testing - Infrastructure and Surveillance, Training &

Capacity Building, Consumer Empowerment & FSSAI Initiatives. The Index is a dynamic quantitative and qualitative benchmarking model that provides an objective framework for evaluating food safety across all States/ Union Territories.

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## SENSITIZATION TRAINING ON iRAD/e-DAR FOR STAKEHOLDERS OF NAGALAND HELD AT KOHIMA

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A two-day Training on iRAD/e-DAR for stakeholders of Nagaland under the aegis of the Nagaland Road Safety Authority (NRSA) was held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima. The training was organised by the Motor Vehicles Department in collaboration with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and Nagaland State Centre (NIC) along with the NICS Central Team.

Secretary, Transport Department, Robert Longchari informed that District Road Safety Committees have been established across Nagaland and are implementing Road Safety programmes year-round. The Motor Vehicles Department, the lead agency, monitors and coordinates to ensure compliance to all the parameters set and as directed by the NRSA and the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety.

Robert Longchari added that with iRAD/e-DAR in place, the integrated data instant information, systemic mechanism for processing accident reports and claims on road accidents, all enabled electronically will bring relief to victims and even check fake claims. He called upon all stakeholders to put their efforts in this common platform and work as a team to zero down the accident and fatality rate in the State and also help in facilitating the improvement of road safety and infrastructure.

Transport Commissioner, Elias T. Lotha stated that the Nagaland Road Safety policy was adopted in 2017 as a response to the need of addressing road safety and its improvement in the state. This policy aims to positively impact lives through imparting, learning and adoption of safety measures as a way of life and added that it has become imperative to advance these approaches in a mission mode. Roads are built for all and everyone must use the roads courteously, he added.

Sharing a brief overview of iRAD and e-DAR, Chief GM, NICS New Delhi, Jitender Kumar said that the aim of the training is to sensitize all the stakeholders/ departments on the iRAD/e-DAR, which is a database developed by the MoRTH and is a central repository for reporting management claim processing and analysis of road accidents data to enhance road safety in the country.

Status of iRAD& e-DAR of Nagaland was shared by SIO, NIC, LanusungkumAier. In the evening session, resource person, Program Manager, iRAD/ eDAR NICS New Delhi, Pawan Gupta shared insights on Data Visualization, Data Analytics India Vs Nagaland July 2024, road safety initiatives, suggestion for improvement, overview of cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims during golden hour.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> NAGALAND PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL HELD AT YIMCHALU VILLAGE

A three-day event of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nagaland Photography Festival under the theme ‘Capturing Serenity’ was held at Yimchalu village, Mokokchung began on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The event was organized by Photography Club Dimapur (PCD), in collaboration with Team Yimchalu to promote photography and also to provide a platform for upcoming performing artist and local entrepreneurs to exhibit their talents and products.

Gracing the opening programme as the Chief Host, Advisor, Justice & Law, Land Revenue, T.N. Mannen stated that photography has become an integral part of our life because it acts as an important tool that captures and preserves memorable events in our life. He added that it is an art that present visual stories in all clarity and precision, transcending cultural and language barriers to act as records of the cultural heritage for future generation. Sharing his thoughts on photography as a profession, he said, with right aptitude and interest, it has vast scope and range of avenues to explore one’s creativity. As a word of encouragement, he said Yimchalu village

has the potential to become a commercial and tourist centre because of its pleasant topography and natural resources.

As a part of the festival, Anglers’ Association Mokokchung organized an angling competition at the venue. The presentation ceremony of the competition was graced by Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir as the special guest.

A photo exhibition gallery at the venue was formally inaugurated by special guest, W. Nginyeih Konyak, Chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women, Government of Nagaland.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Nagaland Photography Festival concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 with Advisor, Information & Public Relations, Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen as the special guest during the closing function. Addressing the function, Imchen said photography has become an important tool in all social, legal and other aspects in our daily life. He called upon the youth to take up the initiatives in conducting such events across the State to exhibit their talents and also to encourage the art of photography.

*Advisor, Imkong L.Imchen with Council Members of Yimchalu and Sungratsu villages, during the closing function of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nagaland Photography Festival at Yimchalu on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024.*



## CS HOLDS VIRTUAL BRIEFING ON PMJUGA SCHEME

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS held a virtual briefing with all the line departments on Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Chairing the meeting virtually from Delhi, Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam said that PMJUGA is a very important project specially for Nagaland as the total population is tribal concentrated and also urged all line departments to take advantage of the scheme and projects, their proposals and requirements properly. Alam also urged all line departments to use social media platforms effectively and spread the information regarding the Abhiyan. Alam also instructed the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) to widely disseminate the information amongst the intended beneficiary population in particular and the public in general to enable maximum awareness generation about the

Abhiyan.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Angelina Tajen highlighting on the overview of the scheme through power point presentation, said informed that the scheme will cover 63000 tribal majority villages in 549 districts and 2740 blocks across 30 States and Union Territories. She further added that the scheme will cover 608 villages covering all the 16 districts in Nagaland to improve the socio-economic condition of tribal communities and adopting saturation coverage for tribal families in tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts. Tajen said that the PMJUGA is a new scheme approved recently by the Union Cabinet under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI which aims to achieve specific goal based on the specific needs and requirements of tribal area within the next five years to develop infrastructure, economic empowerment, universalization of access to good education and promote livelihood.

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## MEETING WITH NVBDCP FOR DENGUE PREPAREDNESS HELD

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Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, IAS convened a meeting with the National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDCP) to take stock of dengue preparedness at his office chamber on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Emphasizing that all precautionary measures must be taken by the public for the prevention of dengue, Khinchi noted that Nagaland currently has few dengue cases this year. However, for the prevention of any vector borne diseases, he urged the public to maintain clean surroundings by eliminating stagnant water to reduce mosquito breeding sites, wear long sleeves, and use Long Lasting

Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) and repellents to prevent mosquito bites. He specifically pointed out stagnant water in cups used during rubber plantations in Wokha and Dimapur, and directed officials to notify the districts to take precautionary measures. He emphasized the need to reiterate precautionary steps and educate the public about the peak times of mosquito activity for their safety.

State Programme Officer and Joint Director of NVBDCP, Dr. Neisakho Kere reported that while there was a dengue outbreak last year with 4,943 positive cases, this year only 16 cases have been reported so

far. He attributed the decrease to effective advocacy and awareness campaigns focused on source reduction.

Turning to Japanese Encephalitis (JE), Dr. Kere expressed concern over the neurological deficits caused by the disease. He reported that this year, there have been 4 cases in Mon, 5 in Dimapur, and 1 in Peren, with no deaths recorded so far. He noted that four districts, namely Mon, Peren, Phek, and Kiphire are not covered by the JE Routine Immunization Programme, and given the high case fatality rate of JE, he stressed the importance of introducing routine immunization in these districts. Regarding other diseases, Dr. Kere said that Mpox is not currently a threat in the State, but Zika virus, which is transmitted by the same Aedes mosquitoes responsible for Dengue and Chikungunya, remains a concern. Addressing

malaria, Dr. Kere recounted that in 2009, Nagaland recorded its highest number of malaria cases—8,489 positive cases with 35 deaths. Since then, the number of cases has consistently decreased. So far, this year, only 2 malaria cases have been reported. He attributed this decline to changes in weather, noting that malaria vectors do not survive in higher temperatures and tend to move to cooler regions, according to an entomological report. He further noted that Aedes mosquitoes, which transmit Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika, bite during dawn and dusk, while Anopheles mosquitoes, which cause Malaria, bite at midnight.

Dr. Kere further informed that 8.45 lakh LLINs have been distributed across the State to families, jhum cultivators, migrant labourers, schools, colleges, and hospitals, with usage monitored fortnightly.

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### **SPEAKER, NLA, SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER SELECTED AS MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CPA**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference held in the Parliament House, New Delhi from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024, brought together the Presiding Officers and Secretaries of all the State Legislatures in India. The inaugural Address was delivered by Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha.

In a significant achievement to the State of Nagaland, the Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain

Longkumer has been selected as Member of the Executive Committee of CPA India Region. The Executive Committee comprises of 6/7 members selected from amongst the Speakers of all India headed by the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and Deputy Speaker, NLA, S. Toiho Yeptho and Secretary-In-Charge, NLA, Khruohitunuo Rio attended the Conference.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> ROUND TABLE TALK ON AI HELD AT KOHIMA**

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Round Table Talk on Artificial Intelligence (AI) was held at Directorate of Science & Technology, Kohima on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Principal Secretary, Science & Technology, I. Himato Zhimomi mentioned that there are two aspects in the AI platform, the user side and the maker side of the AI.

The user needs to know how best we can use and utilize it in the private as well as in the government sector. He said that we should bring out solutions to safeguard it, because this can be used for good or for worse. He also suggested that AI can be used for better governance, therefore our people should be directed and suggest the public at large to provide concrete guidance in what AI sector can do now or in the next decade. He also challenged the young minds to put their minds together and bring everyone on board who are really interested in this platform. He added that this AI is going to bring a massive revolution which is going to impact each and every one of us.

Ex-Officio Director & Joint Secretary, Science & Technology, Zeneikhono Vimero, in said that the NSM has a vision for future economic growth, for a prosperous society and is going to carry forward through various scientific and technological interventions

which include 'Open Up Centres for AI.' She mentioned that this is one of the main focuses and we are fortunate that this has positively allied with the India AI Mission for the next five years. 'India is going to take a super leap in this area,' she added.

In the technical session, resource person Prof. Samarendra Dandapat, Professor Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineer, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati Assam, India spoke on the topic of 'Emerging AI Tools in India.' 'Applications of AI in Indian Context & Future Prospects' was delivered by Dr. Anuja Pandey Programme, Director-PGCMIT Head India Case Research Centre-ICRC All India Management Association (AIMA) New Delhi. Resource Person Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS Deputy Secretary, Sixteenth Finance Commission Ministry of Finance shared on 'Experiences sharing on Wokha Saathi: AI-Powered Chatbot: Case Study.'



## TRAINING ON TOUR GUIDING AND HOMESTAYS HELD AT KIPHIRE

Capacity building and training on ‘Tour Guiding and Homestays’ was organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Nagaland Tourism Association (NTA) at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

Senior Tourist Officer, Phek, S. Peter Trakha in his keynote speech, said that the Tourism Department is trying to promote and develop tourism events in the districts

and rural areas, and appealed to the local community to participate, to promote their cultural activities for sustainable development, to reduce poverty, inequality and to strengthen the local economy.

Topics on tourism potential in Nagaland, tour guiding as a profession and homestay as a business and interactions with the youth were imparted during the discussion sessions.

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## EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN THROUGH MOBILE SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MANGKOLEMBA

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An inaugural event for the Skill Development of Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung was held at Town Hall, Mangkolemba, Mokokchung on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

ADC, Mangkolemba, Moakumzuk Tzudir urged participants to utilize the skills they have gained to pave the way for a more prosperous future for themselves and their communities. He further voiced his confidence that similar training initiatives would be organized in the future to harness the economic capacity of the region and the state.

Er. Imlisunep Ao, Principal of ITI,

Mokokchung emphasized that this training programme is specifically organized to address the unique challenges faced by rural women in the State. He highlighted the importance of this initiative as a significant opportunity for women in rural areas to gain new skills and to improve their job prospects. He also expressed confidence that the training would enable rural women to unleash their full potential and make a positive impact on the social economic development of the region. Furthermore, he urged participants to leverage the programme to become self-employed and achieve financial independence.

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*ADC Mangkolemba, Moakumzuk Tzudir with officials and participants during the inaugural programme of the Skill Development of Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung at Town Hall, Mangkolemba on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.*



## SANGTAMS CELEBRATES MUNGMUNG FESTIVAL AT KIPHIRE

The Sangtam community celebrated Mungmung Festival at Public Ground, Kiphire on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The festival was hosted by the United Sangtam Likhum Pumji (USLP) with ENPO President, A. Chingmak Chang as the chief guest.

Chingmak Chang said Sangtams have 12 festivals of feasting, dancing with music and merry making, but Mungmung which means 'Togetherness forever' is the most important festival of all, and is observed in the first week of September every year stretching over six days. The festival celebrates good harvest and food grains for which the villagers have toiled throughout the year. Chang appealed to the ENPO people to eradicate all evils and isms in the society.

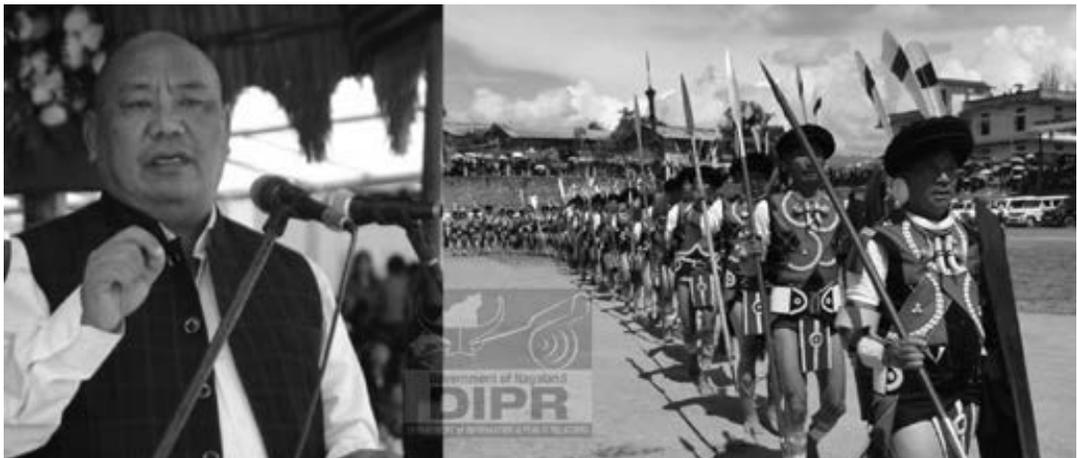
Dr. H. Apise, Secretary, USBLA, Kiphire invoked God's blessings followed by a welcome speech by Aliba Sangtam, President USLP. Short speeches were proposed by Chinese Chakhesang, Superintendent of Police, Kiphire and Throngseli, Head GB, Kiphiretown.

Significance of the Mungmung Festival was delivered by Seili, Head GB, Amahator

Village, Solidarity speech was pronounced by Tokhishe, President of Eastern Sumi Hoho, N. Y. Choba Chang, President of Chang Khulei Setshang and Chongba Jurry, President of Pochury Hoho.

Cultural items were presented by Nyiichinung, Kiphire village, Khuti Nyiichiru Mulund and Thangthure Village Nyiichiru Mulund. Haho song was presented by Longmatra Area Atparumulung, Kiphire and Amahator Village Atparu Union, Kiphire Town. Titse Nyeh Khitong (millet grinding) was performed by Hurong Village Union, Kiphire Town and Machi Khitong by Natsami Village Union, Kiphire Town. Exhibition Stalls were set up by the locals, displaying the local products at Kiphire Public Ground during the celebration of the Mungmung Festival.

In Tuensang, Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam graced the Mungmung festival celebrations on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at Town Hall, Tuensang as the special guest.



*ENPO President, A. Chingmak Chang speaking on the occasion of the Mungmung Festival at Public Ground, Kiphire on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.*

## SPECIAL REGISTRATION DRIVE FOR LABOURERS CONDUCTED AT LONGKHIM

Special Registration Drive for Labourers under Longkhim-Chare Sub-division, Tuensang was organised by the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (NBOCWWB) on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Town Hall, Longkhim with Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu Sangtam as the special guest.

Sethrongkyu while addressing the gathering, said that the State and the

Central Government are providing various projects, schemes and policies under various departments for the benefit of public. He also mentioned that the people are not giving proper interest to avail opportunity, and said that the concerned department is always ready to assist public any time to avail the opportunities.

A brief note on Labour Card and its benefits was highlighted by District Regional Officer, NBOCW-MB Mokokchung, Nungsangtoshi.

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## STATE FORCES SHOULD ACT WITHIN THE PARAMETER OF ESTABLISHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATES: ACHUMBEMO KIKON

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The monthly meeting of the Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB), Bhandari was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Conference Hall of the Summer House-cum-Guest House, Bhandari.

MLA & Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon who convened the meeting, stated that CRPF stationed within the Disturbed Area Belt (DAB) as neutral forces, were supposed to look after the security aspect of the people without fear, favour or partiality towards any particular state. He however stated that, notwithstanding established agreement that came into force as early as the year 1972, it is objectionable that Police from Assam side have put up barricades which were being manned with the presence of some CRPF personnel. Registering a strong protest over the matter, the board demanded those barricades be removed and frisking of local public commuters be stopped immediately.

Kikon also urged the Border Magistrates of Merapani and Uriamghat to oversee what measures should be taken to assert neutrality on both sides of the states' border.

During deliberation hours, the board resolved that Bhandari sub division, being a major fish farming pocket and major supply force to Wokha district and beyond, and yet, not having a Fishery Office, the board recommended for creation of Sub-Divisional Fishery Office at Bhandari.

On the issue of revenue collection under Power Department, Bhandari, the board emphasised that public should be sensitized on disadvantages of Single Point Metering (SPM) system under communitization programme since it is deterrent to revenue. JE, Power, Bhandari, who stressed on additional requirement of transformers and linesmen, also highlighted on the need to have a streamlined and systematic billing system for the sub-division. The board further deliberated on the matter of installation of the

1.6 MVA Power Transformer to Merapani, on priority basis stating that it has been a long felt need of the area.

During the review of works carried out by the departments in the aspirational bloc of Yanmhon village areas, CDPO Bhandari informed that Poshan months were conducted that include upgradation and construction of Anganwadi Centres in selected villages.

Chief Medical Officer, CHC, Bhandari informed that generation of healthcare cards under CMHIS scheme, conducting village health nutrition days on alternate months

and beneficiary identification drive by visiting the villages by healthcare workers, etc. were carried out to deliver health care services to the grass root level.

Agriculture Department informed that livestock such as piglets were distributed to the villagers under rain fed area development as part of the aspirational bloc initiative.

On the same day, MLA Achumbemo Kikon also inaugurated Government Primary School (GPS) at Mongphio village which was constructed under Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland.

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## MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

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The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the months of August and September 2024 was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at DC's Office Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly & Chairman, DPDB Mokokchung, Sharingain Longkumer.

The Chairman informed that besides the Coaching Centre "Shisalen Riju" which was started with the initiatives of DPDB Mokokchung, the board would again take initiatives in three sectors by procuring an Ambulance with life support system, installing a five metric ton cold storage at MMC Complex and taking concern of the environment and in support of no use of plastic, a banana stem fibre bag producing machine would be installed, he added.

While reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board deliberated on the new project of upgradation of IMDH which have been delayed. It was decided that an urgent meeting would be held with the department concerned and the contractor to find out the

reason for completion of the project.

DEO, Mokokchung while giving the status report of capital assets of the department, also informed the board that construction of auditorium, library and laboratory at MGHSS which started in 2014, have not been completed till now. On this matter, the Chairman DPDB asked the DEO, Mokokchung to give a detail report within two weeks' time for further action.

During the meeting, 10 departments gave the status report of capital assets while the remaining departments were informed to give the same in the next DPDB meeting.

For society's registration, R/o Shalom Education and Charitable Trust, Tuli, Melongtet Initiative, Kobulong, Mokokchung and Naga Hills Farmers Federation Society, Mokokchung were approved and forwarded. The agenda put forward by the Principal ICIT, Mokokchung for change of nomenclature from ICIT, Mokokchung to Government Polytechnic, Mokokchung was also approved and forwarded.

## SDPDB PUGHOBOTO DELIBERATES ON COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON SCHOOL VISITATION CONDUCTED BY SAKK

President, Sumi Aphuyemi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu (SAKK), Hutoka Assumi submitted a Comprehensive Report on School Visitation conducted by SAKK under Pughoboto Sub-division during the SDPDB meeting held at DB Hall, ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This initiative aims to evaluate the existing conditions of educational institutions, identify critical shortages in staff and resources, and document the grievances expressed by school administrators and faculty. The overarching goal is to enhance the quality of education provided to students in the region by addressing these issues.

The visitation conducted by SAKK under the Pughoboto sub-division highlights significant challenges faced by schools in

the area, ranging from teacher shortages to inadequate infrastructure. Addressing these issues is crucial to improving the educational experience for students and ensuring that they have access to the quality education they deserve. Immediate action, strategic planning, and sustained efforts required to meet these challenges were discussed by the board members and also recommended for rationalisation of teachers within the sub-division.

The board also recommended construction of Tourist Place at Pughoboto to foster tourism in the sub-division. MLA & Chairman, SDPDB Pughoboto, Dr.Sukhato A. Sema chaired the SDPDB meeting along with ADC & Vice Chairman, Tiameren Chang.

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## PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC & Vice-Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru.

After the review of the previous meeting minutes, the board discussed and deliberated on the following agenda which include shortage of Mathematics and Science Teacher in Government Schools under Peren district, review of Independence Day 2024 celebration, beautification of Peren District Headquarter, 'Green Peren' an initiative of DPDB Peren, Chief Minister's

Life Insurance Scheme (CMLIS) for Peren District Government employees, creation of Health Sub-Centre at New Jalukie, reviving/formation of Officer's Club, Peren and Inter-Departmental Tournament.

The board also agreed to recommend the proposal for registration of various Societies, namely Delta Brothers Society, Nkwarew Village, Jalukie, Hairang Co-operative Society, Jalukie, Zeme Baptist Churches Association, Jalukie, Tazei Development Foundation, New Jalukie and Christian School, Tesen.

Officials from Horticulture Department presented the departmental activities through PowerPoint presentation.

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## LFI AND BWWA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR FOR BLUE SKIES

Awareness Campaign on National Clean Air Programme was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the venue of Livingstone Foundation International which was organised by the District Administration, Dimapur in collaboration with Livingstone Foundation Society and Breeze Women Welfare Association (BWWA) with the theme 'Celebrating International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.' The programme was graced by Hukheto Yepthomi, Chairman, DMC.

Hukheto Yepthomi said that air pollution is a great concern and to stop air pollution from getting worse, he urged everyone to act now and bring a change in the environment and air quality. He expressed hope that the younger generation will do the same for their future, and that the government, civil societies and schools will take initiative to take actions.

Yanathung Kithan, Scientist B, while

speaking about the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) said NCAP is a vital initiative to tackle air pollution in Dimapur. We have set up seven monitoring stations in the city to track PM10, PM2.5, and other pollutants. He informed that the Central Government launched National Clean Air Programme (NACP) as a long term, time-bound, national level strategy to achieve the targets and it has aimed at a 40% reduction in particulate matter by 2026 and are working closely with the Nagaland Pollution Control Board, local authorities, and stakeholders to implement measures such as enhancing public awareness, promoting cleaner fuels, improving waste management and encouraging sustainable transportation.

Felicitations of dignitaries and guests was carried out by Ani Yepthomi, President, BWWA. The programme was followed by tree plantation.



*Awareness Campaign on National Clean Air Programme was held at the venue of Livingstone Foundation International, Dimapur on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

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## TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

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Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman (DPDB), Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa at DC's Office Conference Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Board recommended the

establishment of the Multi-Disciplinary Institute at Sao Chang College, Tuensang, and also approved and constituted the Verification Committee for LADP 2024. Departmental activities were presented by Soil & Water Conservation.

## TSAKRAN NYAN FESTIVAL HELD AT KOHIMA

The Yimkhiung Union Kohima celebrated Tsakran Nyan festival under the theme “Reminiscing Our Cultural Heritage” at the State Academy Hall, Kohima, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The event was graced by Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, and Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimkhiung as the special guest.

In his address, the Advisor highlighted that the festival, traditionally celebrated after the millet harvest, should inspire renewed enthusiasm for millet cultivation. He also urged unity among the Yimkhiung tribe, particularly the Chirr-speaking community, and encouraged the youth to work hard and strive for success in competitive exams.

Speeches were also delivered by Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, former VCC of Salomi village, Shophu, Finance Secretary of the Yimkhiung



*Advisor S. Kiusumew Yimkhiung addressing the people on the occasion of Tsakran Nyan festival, held at the State Academy Hall, Kohima, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

Tribal Council, M. Yinkiu, and former Chairman of the Kohima Municipal Council, Vipopal Kintso. Superintendent of Police (MT), Er. Muleki explained the significance of the Tsakran Nyan festival. The celebration featured cultural songs and dances performed by Alemla and H. Shehtsulam.

## LAUNCHING OF ADULT EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY UNDER ENGLAN RANGE, WOKHA

The Englan Yingsung Women Livelihood Thrift and Credit Co-operative Society Ltd. in convergence with Wokha District Administration, SANKALP: Hub for

Empowerment of Women & Department of Social Welfare under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao banner and Department of School Education, Wokha officially launched an

*Officials and participants during the launching programme of the Adult Education campaign on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Yikhun Community Hall.*



Adult Education Campaign on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 commemorating International Literacy Day at Yikhum Community Hall at Wokha.

Keynote and welcome address were given by the President, EYWLT & CCS Ltd. who stressed on the need of adult education for the members of various Self-help Groups as many of them are illiterate. She expressed hope that through this venture, the womenfolk of the villages will be able to write their names and signature with ease.

A brief note on Mission Shakti was

delivered by Dr. Wonchano E. Enny, DMC, Sankalp: DHEW. In addition, short speeches were delivered by representatives from Education Department, Sakhi One Stop Centre and BPM, BMMU Wokha Block.

It may be mentioned that the Adult Education is set to be conducted twice a week in the evening at three different places under Englan Range and it will be taught by specific government teachers assigned by the Education Department.

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## CP, DIMAPUR TAKES STRONG MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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In view of recent developments regarding the reported influx of illegal immigration into Nagaland, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur took swift and decisive action to strengthen border security and prevent further illegal entry, intensifying checking of movement at inter-state entry points/check gates, activation of three checking counters at Dimapur Railway Station operational 24/7 and enhanced surveillance and monitoring

at all entry points.

The Commissioner of Police urges the public, NGOs, and CSOs to report any suspicious activities or information regarding illegal immigration to Police Control Room: 7085055050 or can contacted at Commissioner of Police, Dimapur: 7085055001, DCP Dimapur: 7085055002, DCP Chumoukedima: 7085055003, DCP Niuland: 7085055005 and ACP (Special Branch/Crime): 7085055009.

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## NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly meeting of the Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Niuland, with Additional Deputy Commissioner, S. Athsangla chairing the meeting and reviewing the previous meeting minutes.

The District Administration after thorough deliberation and consultation with the Sub- Divisional Education Officer and Head Masters of the High Schools in the

district, decided that the Administration Officers will adopt Government High Schools to improve the overall school status so as to improve the performance of the schools.

The board deliberated on various agenda and approved the following proposals - Posting of State Disaster Response Force (SDRP) Personnel for Niuland district, and registration and renewal of the societies were also deliberated and decided that the thorough scrutiny will be done and non-performing societies will not be renewed.

The board also deliberated on the urgent posting of department officers and construction of office building of various departments like DRDA, Treasury Office, Post Office, Transport, Labour & Employment, Fire & Emergency Services, Soil & Water Conservation, Water Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics, Home Guards & Civil

Defence, Urban Development, Information Technology & Communication and New & Renewable Energy were discussed and forwarded to the concerned department for approval.

Officers from Social Welfare Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on their activities in the district.

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### **LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD**

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The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman DPDB and Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, W. Manpai Phomat DPDB Hall, Longleng on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

After the review of the previous meeting minutes, the board discussed the renovation of CHC Tamlu where CMO Longleng was asked to look into the matter. The members also took up proposals for grant-in-aid for Vision Vale School Longleng and Lamling Vesta School Yongam. Registration of Mankhum Society, Tamlu and Hope Society Yaongyimchen was also deliberated and the DC entrusted the concerned administrative officers to verify the societies for recommendation.

Proposal received from the Phom

People Council (PPC) for upgradation of EAC Yongnyah to SDO (Civil) and creation of Namching EAC Hq. was also taken up during the DPDB meeting wherein the DC instructed the area administrative officers to collect the old documents which will be discussed in the next DPDB meeting.

District Disaster Management Authority, Longleng proposed to the board for the requirement of SDRF personnel at Longleng. With regard to the road maintenance from Yongnyah to Dikhu, the board entrusted PWD to verify the spot and submit the report in the next DPDB meeting. The board also discussed the creation of a new RD Block under Yongnyah Hq.

The Health & Family Welfare Department presented their departmental activities through a PowerPoint presentation.

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### **CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD**

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The monthly Chumoukedima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio at DPDB Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Advisor, Zhaleo Rio said that DPDB meeting is for the development and implementation of the projects, so requested

all to participate in deliberation and discussion during meetings. He also appealed to all the members to highlight about their activities, targets and success stories of their achievements during meetings.

Agenda deliberated upon were opening of school, wherein the board members discussed and recommended for approval of the following schools - St. Mary School,

Singrijan, A. Apostolic Mission Residential School, Chumoukedima, New Ebenezer School, Naga United Village. Society registration of Shiheli Old Age Home at Ganesh Nagar Village, Frolic Club, Medziphema, Two Wheelers Taxi Association, North East Institute of Social Sciences & Research (NEISSR), 7<sup>th</sup> Mile Chumoukedima were taken up at the meeting. After discussion, Frolic Club, Medziphema was approved and the rest will be taken up in the next meeting

after proper verification.

Other agenda deliberated include proposal for creation of DEO post, proposal for downgrading of Government Middle School Piphema Bazar to Government Primary School, up-gradation of Government High School, Sovima to Government High Secondary School, setting up committee for Unity Gate, scheme for PM SHRI were approved.

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## PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

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*Advisor Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe addressing the board during the Phek DPDB meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the DPDB Hall.*

The monthly Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at DPDB Hall, Phek under the chairmanship of Advisor for New & Renewal Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

MLA & Leader of NPF Legislators Party, Kuzholezu Azo Nienu urged upon the board members to avoid corruption in the form of irregularities and negligence of their duties. Azo also reminded the Members to give their best services to the people. Advisor, CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo informed the members to comply with GST (Taxes) norms.

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo shared his concerns on the issue of land encroachment as the main hindrances for development or improvement of government properties in the State. He also shared his concern about the increasing global environment problems and encouraged the members to plant more trees.

The meeting deliberated on the agenda for the establishment of Administrative Headquarter post at Wazeho under Meluri

ADC Sub-division in the district. After discussion, the board agreed to recommend to the Government for necessary action.

Agenda for upgradation of Royal Foundation School to Higher Secondary Level was also thoroughly discussed during the meeting. In this connection, DC Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam said that upgradation of the school is urgently required with Science stream for the welfare of the district, and the board recommended to higher authority for approval. Agenda for opening of Private School at Phek was also recommended to the concerned authority after brief deliberations.

District Horticulture Officer, Phek highlighted the departmental activities through PowerPoint presentation on the various schemes being implemented by the Department in the district. Assistant Commissioner of State Taxes, Phek also

presented the departmental activities and highlighted on the GST registration and informed the members about the efforts initiated by the State Government for improvement of tax revenues.

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## NASHA MukT ABHIYAAN LAUNCHED AT TUENSANG

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Nasha MukT Abhiyaan was launched at Tuensang on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office Conference Hall, Tuensang.

DC, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa stated that it is an awareness programme for Drug Free India and the district needs such programmes as usage of drugs is very high, affecting the economic as well as social life. She also appealed to the church leader and NGOs to support in identifying the

person for detoxification and rehabilitation of the addicts.

SP, Tuensang, Kanchan Kumar Kandpal, IPS informed that intake of drugs has increased in the district and the problem of drug users will be tackled with one good team focusing mainly on the supplier, and suggested for the Drugs Free Model Village in the district which will be a good example to others.



DC, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa and other officials during the launching programme of Nasha MukT Abhiyaan at the DC's Office on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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## ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Zunheboto was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

at DC's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB, Er. Picto Shohe.



MLA, Er. Picto Shohe addressing the board during the DPDB meeting of Zunheboto held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at DC's Office.

While addressing the board members, Picto acknowledged the sincere presence of all the Heads of Offices and urged them to continue to execute their responsibilities sincerely.

The following agenda were discussed and forwarded to the higher authority for necessary action - Opening of new school, Bright Wave School at Tokiye town, upgradation of GMS, Asukhuto town to

GHS, upgradation of GHS, Suruhuto town to GHSS, upgradation of GPS, Yehemi to GMS, road repair and construction of New Colony, Zunheboto, creation of new SBI branch at Atoizu.

DHO, Zunheboto, Along highlighted the departmental activities of the District Horticulture Office, Zunheboto through PowerPoint presentation.

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## ONE DAY WORKSHOP HELD AT FAZL ALI COLLEGE, MOKOKCHUNG

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A one-day workshop on “Scouting, documentation and dissemination of local grassroots innovators from Nagaland” was held at the Conference Hall of Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The workshop was organized by the Department of Environmental Science, Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung & Research and Development Cell (RDC) FAC, Mokokchung in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF)-India.

In the inaugural speech of the workshop, Dr. Vivek Kumar, Scientist-National Coordinator, Scouting, Documentation and

Data base Management Division, NIF-India, Autonomous Institutes, DST-Government of India said that NIF nurtures grassroots innovators and that it is important to have interactions to understand the local scenario and help in building chain. He also said that innovators that are identified in the grassroot level have benefitted many locals across the nation. He encouraged the students to take interest in local innovations and mention that NIF give support to students to work as interns in various NIF portals.

In the first technical session, Prof. Ashutosh Tripathi, HoD, Department of

Environmental Science, Nagaland University spoke on the topic “Scope of locally available bio waste in livelihood innovators opportunities,” stating that Nagaland has rich bio resources which can convert waste into wealth. Dr. Akumtoshi Longkumer, Entrepreneur Managing Director, Sutsung Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. spoke on “Sharing of innovative entrepreneurship journey.” The technical session was followed by interaction with the local farmers, innovators and local healers.

In the closing remark of the workshop, Dr. E. Benrithung Patton, Convener, Research & Development Cell, FAC said that the workshop showcased the powerful

convergence of tradition and modern innovation. ‘We have seen how ancestral wisdom blends with contemporary creativity, making a significant step in our journey to recognize, nurture, and elevate grassroots innovations in Nagaland, a region rich in indigenous knowledge and resourcefulness,’ he cited.

The workshop was organized under Project Investigator, Nohochem Sangtam, Assistant Professor, Environmental Science Department, collaborating project on Scouting and Documentation on grassroots innovators with NIF, an Autonomous Institution under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

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## NVG NOKLAK VILLAGE CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

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Nagaland Village Guards (NVG) of Noklak village celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Noklak Village Guard Post.

Speaking on the occasion as special

guest, MLA P. Longon briefly highlighted the history on the initiation of the Village Guards at Pangsha and the struggles and challenges they faced in the initial years. He mentioned that the Village Guards record has been



*MLA, P. Longon and others during the unveiling of the Jubilee Monolith Nagaland Village Guards, Noklak village at Noklak Village Guard Post on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

exemplary and urged them to continue the good work.

P. Longon also unveiled the Jubilee Monolith and launched the souvenir which was dedicated by the Literature and Education Secretary, Khamniungan Baptist Churches Association, Munno.

SDO (Civil) Noklak, Vikhoto Richa stated that Village Guards was formed under very different and challenging circumstances. Adding that it has always been the backbone of the District Administration, he acknowledged their service towards the nation and exhorted them to remain loyal.

Commandant, NVG, Tuensang, Mongoyanchu, IPS highlighted the importance of training to Nagaland Village Guards on various new criminal laws where it

should be at village base for the convenience of the Village Guards.

During their short speeches, Head GB Noklak village, Khusho, Head GB Kusong village, Ngon and Convenor Planning Committee, Shai paid their tributes to the pioneers and the service of present Village Guards personnel, and further encouraged them to continue their good work. A special prayer for the Village Guards was conducted at Baptist Church Thang in the evening service. Presentations were also given to the pioneers and the present serving Village Guards personnel. The Jubilee witnessed a harmonious presentation of a Christian hymn 'Rock of Ages' by the Frontier Pipe Band Nagaland Village Guards, Noklak.

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### KIPIHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

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The Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer at DPDB hall, Kiphire on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

EAC, Takatemjen Pongen spoke on "Shiksha Mitra Samarthan Abhiyan: Nurture the Future." Adopt a school today and help

transform tomorrow.

Sukanya MGn Fellow, Kiphire highlighted works under Aspirational Block to be carried out at the rural areas of the district.

The DC reminded all the DPDB members to be at the station and to extend their services and help to the citizens of the district.

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### KOHIMA DISTRICT DOBASHIS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS SEMINAR

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A seminar-cum-picnic of Kohima District Dobashis' Association was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Customary Court of SDO (C) Office, Jakhama.

Speaking at the occasion as guest of honour, MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo (Ato) Rhütso said that Dobashis play an important role in preservation of customary laws and practices of the Naga people. He asserted

that the service of Dobashis is unique - they perform their duties by assisting the district administration, the Police force and they also act as a judge in the DB's Court.

General Secretary of Kohima District DB's Association, Notho Koso presented the general report while DB Menuolie Mere exhorted the gathering.

## 11<sup>th</sup> INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TOURNAMENT HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

The 11<sup>th</sup> Inter-Departmental Tournament of Zunheboto district organised by the District Sports Council, Zunheboto and District Administration, started at Zunheboto on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS speaking as the special guest at the inaugural programme, encouraged all the participants to showcase the finest spirit of sportsmanship. He applauded the efforts of the organizing committee and all the departments of the district for the grand opening of the tournament, adding the tournament is also a rare get-together for all government employees. The DC also hoisted

the tournament flag and declared open the tournament.

DPO & DSCZ Member, David Sema administered the oath of the tournament. The Inter-Departmental Tournament comprise of Badminton, Carrom, Chess and Penalty Shootout with 367 participants from 43 departments.

The Tournament culminated on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024, with DC, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS as the guest of honour of the closing ceremony. Department of School Education, Zunheboto was crowned as the Overall Champion.

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## KIPHIRE DPDB LAUNCHES SHIKSHA MITRA SAMARTHAN ABHIYAAN

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The Shiksha Mitra Samarthan Abhiyaan is an initiative of the Kiphire DPDB and brainchild of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, Tamsuwati Longkumer. This Abhiyaan was launched at DPDB Hall, Kiphire on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Under this scheme, a seven months pilot scheme has been planned where officers of the district have been clubbed into two clusters, as per the two Assembly Constituencies of the district. The Abhiyaan will be supervised by the DC and overseen by the SP. The clusters will be facilitated led by the ADC, Kiphire and ADC, Pungro for 60 A/C Cluster and ADC, Seyochung and SDO (C) for 59 A/C Cluster. The two clusters have

a team of officers clubbed up to work together to adopt school(s) in the jurisdiction and undertake activities (given in the brochure) during the pilot phase which will culminate in February 2025.

The objective of the Shiksha Mitra Samarthan Abhiyaan project is to transform the schools into 'Prerna Pathshalas (Inspirational Schools).'

The DC urged all the officers to work hand in hand to make the schools grow and develop to model schools in the district by providing quality education to the students, and at the same time, to check the performance of the faculties, and the infrastructures of the schools in the district.

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## DWSM MEETING HELD IN KOHIMA

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District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall,

Kohima, with Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DWSM Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The

meeting focused on water tap connectivity and sanitation efforts across the Kohima district, with various departments presenting their progress and challenges.

The Rural Development Department provided updates on sanitation work and water tap connectivity in Kohima, while the Water Resources Department highlighted ongoing water harvesting projects and data collection efforts. The meeting emphasized the importance of convergence between stakeholder departments to streamline the execution of water supply connectivity. Water tap connectivity in Anganwadi Centres, PHC/CHC, government schools along with challenges and measures taken were discussed during the meeting.

DC, Ramnikant recommended setting

monthly targets to expedite the achievement of objectives under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He urged departments to share data, cross verify, correct discrepancies, and work together towards achieving 100% water tap connectivity in every village household in Kohima.

The Executive Engineer of the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) outlined the progress of JJM in Kohima and Tseminyu districts, informing that of the 76 villages in Kohima, 71 are under the PHED's jurisdiction, while the remaining 5 are overseen by the Rural Development Department. The JJM aims to ensure water tap connectivity for all rural households by December 2024.)

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### NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

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Noklak district monthly Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Vice-Chairman DPDB & DC, Noklak, Arikumba.

Deliberating on the upgradation and establishment on various departmental offices in the district, DC Noklak highlighted the problems and issues faced by the district especially in terms of coordination, convergence plans and programmes, and implementation of schemes due to non-upgradation of offices. The board approved and apprised to their respective department the following agenda - creation of District

Education Officer at Noklak district, upgradation to Medical Superintendent at District Hospital Noklak, upgradation of District Welfare Officer at Noklak and establishment of Project Director DRDA at Noklak..

The board also approved and recommended for construction of SP's Residence and Police barracks at Noklak and construction of permanent fencing at District Hospital, Noklak.

District Project Officer, Lichumo Murry of Land Resources Department, Noklak presented a PowerPoint presentation on various activities taken up by the department.

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### AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SUICIDE PREVENTION HELD AT KOHIMA

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The Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele MANAS) Nagaland conducted a week-long Suicide

Prevention and Awareness campaign from 10th to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. It was marked by a series of educational and impactful

sessions across three days. The initiative, centered around the theme “Changing the Narrative on Suicide,” aims to foster open conversations about suicide and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

The campaign commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Vineyard School, where Suyimtenla Jamir, Clinical Psychologist, and Vizosunu Sophie, Counsellor engaged with students from the 8th grade and above. Jamir discussed suicide prevention, risk factors, and early warning signs, while Sophie highlighted mental health support systems, including the District Mental Health Program (DMHP) and the Tele-MANAS Helpline. Live demonstrations of the Tele MANAS IVR system were provided at every school, offering students a hands-on understanding of how to access mental health support.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Vikesel’s Vision School hosted the second day of the campaign, led by Manon Konyak, Vinikali Awomi, and Lopongonu. The session focused on debunking myths about suicide

and providing factual information about suicide prevention, while also exploring India’s rising suicide rates. The speakers emphasized recognizing early verbal and behavioural cues that may signal suicidal thoughts. A live demonstration of the Tele MANAS IVR system helped participants better understand how to seek help.

The final session took place on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Northfield School, where Suyimtenla Jamir, Lolisangla Achy and Nourhetuonuo Liezietsu continued the conversation on suicide risk factors, warning signs, and mental health resources in Nagaland. The session ended with an interactive quiz, followed by students pledging to promote mental health awareness. The Tele MANAS IVR system was once again demonstrated, reinforcing its availability as a critical resource for those in need.

The campaign empowered students with the knowledge to recognize suicide risk factors, while also providing direct access to mental health support systems, including the Tele MANAS Helpline.

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## **TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD**

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The monthly meeting of the Tseminyu District Planning Development Board (DPDB) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference Hall, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of MLA Jwenga Seb, Chairman, DPDB Tseminyu.

The review of the previous meeting minutes, registration of societies,

namely Triumph Foundation and Senya foundation were approved and forwarded to the concerned authority. The board also deliberately discussed the land earmarked for District Court Complex and forwarded to the concerned department. Officials from Agriculture and Food & Civil Supplies Departments presented their department activities through PowerPoint presentation.

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## **DISTRICT LEVEL STUDENTS’ SCIENCE FAIR 2024 AT KIPHIRE**

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The Office of the District Education Officer, Kiphire conducted the District Level

Students’ Science Fair 2024 at GHSS Kiphire on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024, which was

graced by Senior SDEO, Kiphire, Rentsamo Kikon. This was followed by commencement of Science Seminar and Science Exhibition.

The first winner of the three categories will represent the district at the State Level Science Fair 2024.

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## **INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATED AT SHAMATOR**

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International Literacy Day was celebrated at Shamator district on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024, on the theme “Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace” with Chubatemjen, Deputy Commissioner, Shamator as special guest.

The special guest highlighted about the benefits of the scheme and encouraged the girl students to avail various benefits

under the schemes. Kudazo Swuro, EAC HQ gave a keynote address on the purpose and objectives of BBBP. Newkai, PGT GHSS Shamator who was the theme speaker, spoke on the importance of literacy and multi-lingual education and as part of the celebratory activity, a speech competition was held on the topic ‘The importance of girl child education.’

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## **PMEGP AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT KIPHIRE**

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Awareness programme on Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Financial Literacy Camp (FLC) and Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) was conducted at Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference Hall, Kiphire on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for socio economic development and upliftment of individuals in particular and the district in general.

Chairing the programme, Vitsumong Y,

Credit Coordinator, Swavalamban Connect Kendras (SCK), Kiphire gave an introduction about the work profile of SCK in the district. Awareness about the PMEGP was shared in detail by Veswuvu Phesa, Functional Manager, District Industry Centre. Financial Literacy Camp (FL) and Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) was conducted by T. Thripili Sangtam, Centre Manager, SCK Kiphire.

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## **DISTRICT LEVEL YOUTH FESTIVAL 2024 HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO**

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District Level Youth Festival 2024, organised by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with DHEW, Sakhi-One Stop Centre and DAPCU was celebrated at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with the theme “Innovation in science and technology.”

In the first of the two sessions, ADC,

Zunheboto, Keyirangding Hegui speaking on the occasion as the special guest speaker said we need to acknowledge and learn to appreciate what we have and make the best of it, with innovation and improvisations with the latest technologies through scientific managements.

While delivering the welcome address, YRO, Zunheboto, Atoli Yeptho said that the



Officials with the winners of the District Level Youth Festival 2024, celebrated at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

event aims to mould the youths of our State to the national level by giving them equal opportunities and platforms.

The celebration was enthralled with various cultural performances like folk songs and dances from the youths and special presentations from Kiviti Muru. Further, the Youth community was enlightened with activities conducted by DHEW-BBBP to

sensitize the mass on safety and security of women in the district, and encouraged to be advocates for women and girls' rights. The programme deliberated on gender related issues as well, promoting women leaders, empowering women economically, educating women and girls, safety and security of women.

## CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE PROPOSED RAILWAY BELT FROM DIMAPUR TO TIZIT HELD AT YONGLOK VILLAGE, LONGLENG

A consultative meeting to discuss on the proposed railway belt from Dimapur to Tizit, Mon was held under the chairmanship of MLA, B. Bangtick Phom, with the affected Villages on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Yonglok village, Longleng. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Longleng W. Manpai Phom, SP Longleng, President of Phom People's Council and the concerned Village



MLA, B. Bangtick Phom with DC and SP, Longleng and officials during the consultative meeting at Yonglok village, Longleng on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Council.

The Chairman appealed for active cooperation of all stakeholders for the success of the railway project within Longleng district. It was also made known to the concerned village authorities of the need to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the finalization of the Project. After thorough deliberation, key takeaway points are as follows:

1. Three villages to be covered/ affected under the proposed railway belt under the district includes Yonglok, Shetep and Namahching.
2. The Board agreed upon, as requested by the affected Councils, to initiate for a joint sitting with all the stakeholders starting from Dimapur and other villages/towns

within the proposed railway belt. Thereon, requesting the concerned MLA to take up the matter with the Chief Minister of Nagaland.

3. The board, in principle, agreed upon to issue 'No Objection Certificate' with a condition that the beneficiaries are compensated as per approved Government rate. Furthermore, the demand for a full-fledged railway station at Yonglok village was met to cater the services of Longleng district.
4. The Bura Namsang Village Council, on account of being the parent village of the aforementioned villages, had 'No Objection' whatsoever with the developmental activities to be carried out by the Government.

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### **ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON “FACT-CHECKING AND VERIFICATION” HELD AT NAGALAND UNIVERSITY, LUMAMI**

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A one-day workshop on “Fact-Checking and Verification” was held at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Nagaland University on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The resource person was Dr. Moalemba Jamir, Associate Editor of The Morung Express and certified Google News Initiative (GNI), India Training Network Trainer. The objective of the workshop was to educate supporting journalists, media educators against misinformation.

In addition to mentioning that the world is currently dealing with the challenges of countering the spread of fake news, the resource person led an exercise to test the group's awareness of fake news. The resource person led a test to determine how vigilant the group was about identifying false information and noted that stopping the spread of false information is a challenging

task for the modern society. Highlighting that pictures and videos make up the majority of fake news, he said that fake news has the power to draw attention and create a lasting impression that may influence a person's decision-making and behaviour.

Dr. Jamir emphasized the several tricks that individuals use to spread false information, such as what about ism, name-calling, emotional language, and conspiracy theories, as well as the features of fake news itself, such as propaganda and click bait. Focusing on the issue, he stated that technology has made it simpler to produce convincing, false images, which has led to the visuals being simple carriers of misinformation.

Additionally, he showed how to validate visual information using a variety of essential tools, such as Google Reverse Image Search,

Invid tool, Google Transcribe, Pinpoint, etc. He also said that AI is useful but not always accurate, and AI should be utilized as a tool, not a master for fact checking.

It may be mentioned that the GNI India Training Network, led by Google, Internews, and Data LEADS, has successfully trained over 71,000 professionals across India since its inception in 2018, providing

comprehensive training in digital tools and fact-checking practices. In Nagaland, Dr. Moalemba has conducted workshops aimed at enhancing the fact-checking, verification and other related skills with journalists at the Kohima Press Club and the Eastern Mirror newsroom, as well as the media students at Patkai Christian College (Autonomous) and St. Joseph University.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> PHASE OF FY 2024-25 SOCIAL AUDIT DISTRICT LEVEL PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN KOHIMA

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The District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Kohima, in collaboration with the Nagaland State Social Audit Agency (NSSAA), Social Audit Unit Nagaland held the 2nd Phase FY 2024-25 Social Audit District Level Public Hearing under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for FY 2022-23. The hearing took place at the DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

A total of 26 villages were audited: 13 from the R.D. Blocks of Jakhama and Kohima in Kohima district, and another 13 from Tseminyu Block under Tseminyu district.

Chairperson & Project Director of DRDA Kohima, Kevilhoubi-ü welcomed the officials and participants, setting the stage for the hearing. Imlirenla Sanglir, Assistant Director of NSSAA, Social Audit Unit Nagaland commended the progress

made by the programme functionaries and implementing agencies in adhering to the guidelines during project execution. She also highlighted the review made on the social audit findings and urged the programme functionaries and the implementing agency to take corrective measures based on the social audit findings. EAC, Tseminyu, Ruokuosetuo Tetso represented District Administration as an observer for the meeting. Representatives from Accountant General Office, Vizobeilie, Assistant Audit Officer and Neikhoh Sothu, Senior Auditor attended the hearing as Observers.

BDOs & staff, officials from the DRDA, MGNREGA beneficiaries, village functionaries, VLOs and media participated in the hearing meeting. The programme concluded with reading out village wise Gram Sabha resolution.

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## DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING HELD

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The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Dimapur was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Tinojungshi Chang at DC's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur.

While discussing on the agenda of the day, the board recommended the proposal for opening a primary section of Riverlife Pre-School at Burma Camp, opening of new school Arete Foundation School at Padumpukhuri Village, Dimapur,

upgradation of Government High School, Kushiabill to Government Higher Secondary School and change of nomenclature of Community Education Centre School to Royal Knight School at Grace Colony Kuda (C Khel).

The board also recommended for registration of the Progressive Society, Bamunpukhuri-A, Block-2 East Dimapur and Ematha Okho Welfare Society of Ekyoyan Village, Dimapur.

Addressing the members and the officers from various government departments, Tinojungshi highlighted the need to revive and promote the departmental sports activities in the district, and stressed the importance of sports in fostering camaraderie, physical fitness, promoting teamwork among government employees that requires consensus to form a committee

to oversee the planning and execution of the departmental sports events in the district. The initiative is expected to commence in the coming months with further details to be announced soon.

Kiyevi I Swu, ADS, Dimapur highlighted on the General Household (GHH) scheme, and urged the board members to disseminate the news to the public to avail the scheme of outlining the eligibility criteria for the GHH scheme under the Tide-Over scheme. The scheme targets citizens and indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland with an annual income above ₹2.50 lakhs who are not covered under the National Food Security's AAY and PHH schemes.

Urban Development and Social Welfare Departments highlighted their activities through PowerPoint presentation.

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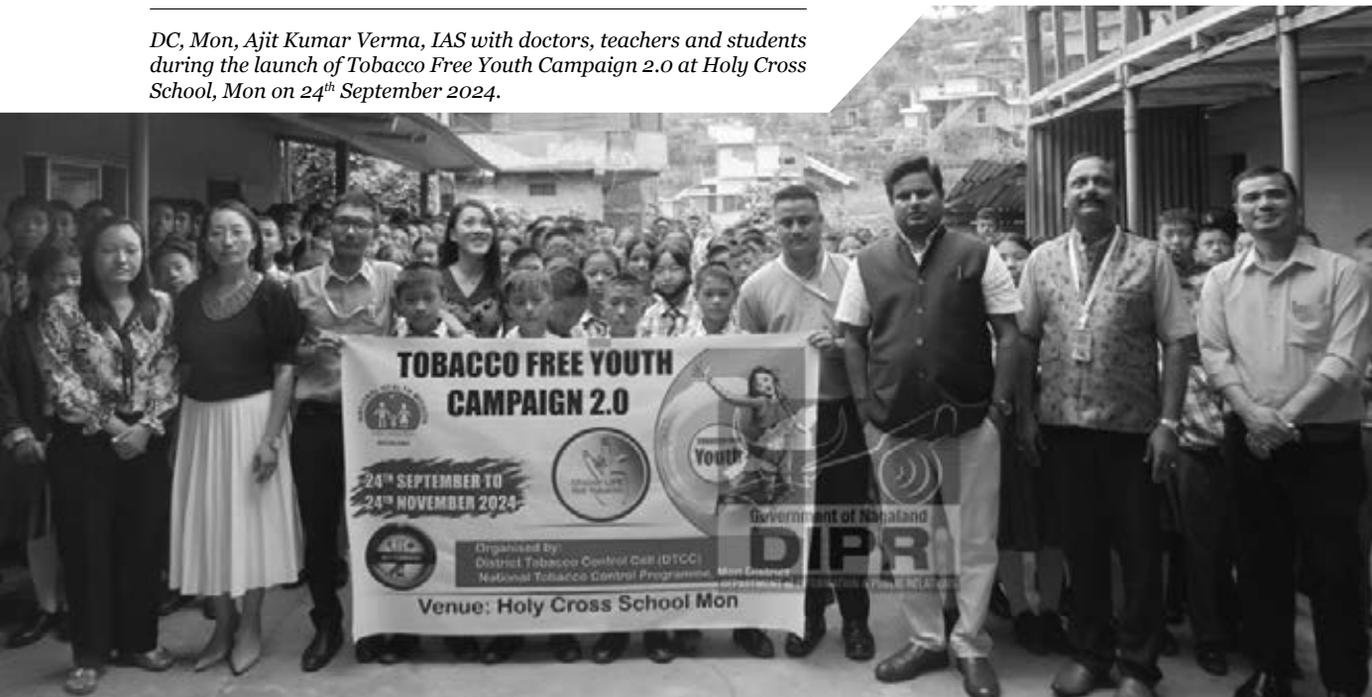
## MON DISTRICT TOBACCO CONTROL CELL LAUNCH TOBACCO FREE YOUTH CAMPAIGN 2.0

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An initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 was

officially launched by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Holy Cross School, Mon.

*DC, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS with doctors, teachers and students during the launch of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 at Holy Cross School, Mon on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



The programme was organised by the District Tobacco Control Cell, Mon.

During the launching programme, the DC Mon expressed his gratitude to the District Tobacco Control Cell for launching Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 in the school and said that the main aim of the campaign is to target the youth, as they are the most vulnerable. He said that tobacco, drugs and liquor consumption are defined

as social evils and the chemicals containing narcotics are dangerous for human health. He advised the youth to be determined and to stay away from social evil activities.

Dr. Esther Chophy, District Nodal Officer, NTCP Mon Highlighted on the Objectives of the TFYC 2.0. Pledge of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 was led by Dr. Lihngam Konyak, Junior Dental Surgeon, DH Mon.

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## SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION HELD AT PHEK

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Sensitization programme on Substance Abuse and Addiction under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was conducted at GHSS Phek on 24th September 2024. The programme was held under the theme “Application of the NDPS Act 1985.”

District Sessions Judge & Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Phek,

Neiko Akami, NJS, as the resource person of the programme, spoke about indulgence or abuse of drugs by the citizens and the law of land that takes actions. He reminded the student community of GHSS, Phek to be aware of the law of land through which different categories of punishment are being faced by the offenders.

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## LAUNCH OF 60-DAY TOBACCO FREE YOUTH CAMPAIGN 2.0

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### DIMAPUR:

National Tobacco Control programme, Dimapur held the launching programme of a ‘60-day Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0,’ an initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at DC’s Office Conference Hall, Dimapur.

The campaign was launched by DC, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang by releasing new sets of IEC materials for the campaign. The DC also felicitated five schools, namely Government Middle School Phaipijang, Government High School Sarbura, Government Primary School Kirha, Neingulie Memorial High School and Christian Mission School with Tobacco-Free School Certificate for adopting Tobacco Free

Educational Institution (ToFEI) guidelines of NTCP.

Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Moa N Jamir, District Nodal Officer, NTCP Dimapur, who informed that Tobacco Free Youth Campaign has been planned for 60 days starting from (24<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024), which aims to amplify the social media engagement. The campaign also focuses on four key strategies - escalating public awareness of tobacco’s harmful effects, enhancing compliance with Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), and promoting Tobacco Free Villages. NTCP Activity Report was presented by Imkumla Aier, Psychologist NTCP.

**JALUKIE:**

District Tobacco Control Cell Peren in collaboration with Jalukie Police Station, District Enforcement Force and United Riders Motorcycle Club organized a launching programme of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 at Jalukie town on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The campaign aims to build a healthier, tobacco free future among the youth through enhanced awareness, law enforcement and community engagement.

Speaking at the event, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Peren, Dr. Nirithono Zetsovi said tobacco is the leading cause of cancer and we cannot live in denial and ignorance any longer. She also added, most of the cases of oral cancer today

are because of tobacco use and it is time to wake up and start taking responsibility of our health.

District Nodal Officer, Dr. Aoyanger expressed hope that this campaign by bikers group will have great influence on the youths and this collaboration will continue in the future as well. Social Worker, NTCP Peren, Hoineichin in her keynote address emphasized on the strategies of the campaign.

OC, Jalukie Police Station, Disa Haikube flagged off the event and the campaign was officially launched with the United Riders Motorcycle Club making their ride through the town centre and public areas to create more awareness on tobacco hazards.



*DTCC Peren in collaboration with Jalukie Police Station, DTF and United Riders Motorcycle Club organized a launching programme of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0 at Jalukie town on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

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**LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF SAISURE MULTINUTRIENT  
HEALTH MIX TO SCHOOL CHILDREN HELD**

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The launching programme of Sai Sure Multinutrient Health Mix to School Children under PM Poshan was held at Government

Middle School, Peren Town Block under Peren District on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust,

National Manager, Allath Santosh in his address spoke on the importance of nutrition in growing children and how daily morning nutrition can make a difference in the growth and development of the child. He also emphasized on how Sai Sure multinutrient supplement would aid in improving the health of the children. Santosh also said, in order to get rid of the problem of malnutrition among children in our country, it requires the collective efforts and sacrifice of everyone.

During the launching programme, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru lauded the Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust and State Education Department for the

initiatives and giving due importance to enhance healthy nutrition to school going children. He spoke on the importance of PM Poshan Centrally Sponsored Scheme and appealed to the teachers to do their best in implementing the schemes.

Short speech was also delivered by Deputy Director, School Education, Avinuo and Chairperson, Peren Town council, Mireulung Sephe while special song was presented by GMS Peren town. The launching programme was attended by Town Councillors, Head Teachers, Principals and representative from various Government Schools under Peren district.

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## WOKHA DPDB MOOTS FOR ORGANISING AGRICULTURE EXPO

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Wokha district convened the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS.

Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan who was also present in the meeting, emphasised on the advancement of Agriculture sector and challenged the Agri and Allied departments to have the cohesiveness which he feels is the need of the hour. With Wokha district tagged as the 'Land of Plenty,' the Advisor mooted for organizing Agri Expo at Wokha as suggested by DC, Wokha and entrusted the Agri and Allied departments for working on it. Yanthan envisaged for convening a coordination meeting of Agri and Allied department at least once a month.

In the meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Jail, Dr. Oben Yanthan flagged the need for attachment of a male pharmacist/ male nurse in addition to the visiting doctor at District Jail from the CMO/ District Hospital Wokha. Dr. Oben stressed on the health rights of the

inmates and felt that their health well-being has to be taken care of, citing that most of them have a history of drug abuse problem. Towards this, Advisor Mhathung deemed the request as genuine and advised the official for preparing a proposal to be forwarded to the higher authority. CMO Wokha Dr. Zuben Kikon also assured for detailing medical personnel along with the visiting doctor.

To be aware of one's health status, mandatory screening of government employees (30 years and above) for non-communicable diseases was also deliberated upon where all necessary blood tests and free medicines would be taken care of by the CMO's Office. The board agreed for implementation of this programme. On the agenda for up-gradation of Sungro EAC Circle, the board observed that Sungro has the potential of being upgraded to SDO (C) HQ, and agreed to approve the proposal and to forward it to the concerned authority. The board further deliberated on the registration of several societies and forwarded the

proposal of Wokha District Sepaktakraw Association, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Alumni Association Chukitong, Impacter Nagaland to the Government for approval.

For smooth and effective traffic management, SDPO, Sangthing Khiam highlighted on the traffic management action Plan for Wokha district through a PowerPoint presentation.

DC, Wokha welcomed the traffic action plan and suggested for execution in a phase-wise manner.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments. During the meeting, the annual magazine of CMO, Wokha was launched by Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan.

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## **HEALTH CAMP HELD AT RUCHAN**

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The Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari, in collaboration with Assam Rifles held a one-day Health Camp at Ruchan village under the initiative of Aspirational Villages of Yamhon area on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Senior Medical Officer, Bhandari, Dr. Caroline, along with the Assam Rifles, led

a team of doctors and health workers who provided health care services and medicines to more than one hundred persons from the aspirational villages' areas.

Laboratory blood tests, screening for non-communicable diseases and oral health screening were also done for 95 persons, all free of cost.

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## **DISTRICT LEVEL DAKSHATA TRAINING FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS HELD IN LONGLENG**

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A three-day district level Dakshata training for healthcare providers was conducted at District Hospital, Longleng from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

DPO (RCH/UIP), Dr. Imtjungshi in his welcome address, spoke on the importance and aim of the training, which is to improve the quality of maternal and new born care during childbirth and after.

The resource person for the training was Dr. Dennis Chingpen (SMO) OBGY and Lily Phom, Staff Nurse, both from District Hospital Longleng. The goals and objectives of the training is to improve the quality of maternal and new born care and immediate postpartum period by enhancing the competencies and skills of staff working in labour rooms and developing a system of

post-training follow up and mentoring, and strengthening the capacity of the facilities and the system to measure the quality of care on a regular basis.

During the three-day training, pre and post-test sessions, practice demonstration of normal delivery, newborn care and newborn resuscitation by skill practice using models and skills checklist, labour room managements, prevention, identification and management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia, newborn infections, Post-Partum Haemorrhage (PPH), biomedical waste managements, reporting and recording were imparted to the trainees. The participants were Staff Nurses, ANMs and CHOs from Health Units under Longleng district.

## 100 DAYS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Shamator District Administration lead by SDO (C), Athrong and under Mission Shakti-SANKALP-BBBP-DHEW, organized an exposure trip for Adolescents Friendly Health Clinic to Sangphur Village Health and Wellness Center on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The resource person, CHO, Sangphur HWC, Epibeni Lotha spoke on the theme

‘Menstrual Hygiene, Early marriage, Gender sensitization and HIV/AIDS.’ Staff of HWC also spoke on the importance of girl education. Free sanitary pads were also distributed to the young adolescent girls of Christian High School Shamator under BBBP.

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## KOHIMA CELEBRATES SIX YEARS OF AB-PMJAY AND THREE YEARS OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION

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The 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) were celebrated at the Conference Hall, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The event highlighted the on-going efforts in improving healthcare accessibility in the region.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Rhoisetho Nguori emphasized the government’s on-going challenge in providing accessible healthcare. He noted that the introduction of PMJAY and its components, such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, aims to meet the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals by ensuring no one is left behind in accessing healthcare services.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Kohima, Dr. Imchatoshi gave an overview of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which provides health insurance coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary healthcare. PMJAY is designed to cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families across India, providing them access to free and

cashless healthcare services in empaneled hospitals. The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, on the other hand, aims to digitize healthcare systems, making medical records more accessible and integrating health services across the country.

In Kohima district, there are currently four empaneled public hospitals and five private hospitals under the scheme. Dr. Imchatoshi highlighted that Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) has the highest registration and transaction under PMJAY, with 2,558 patients treated and 1,601 beneficiaries registered. Additionally, under the Chief Minister’s Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), the hospital has registered 1,197 patients with 723 beneficiaries. However, Dr. Imchatoshi pointed out that many hospitals in the region need improvements in facilities, equipment, manpower, and infrastructure to meet the criteria for empanelment.

Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS emphasized the scheme’s significance, stating that “Ayushman Bharat,” which translates to “blessed with a long life,” is designed to ensure that everyone has access to quality healthcare. He noted that as health challenges

continue to evolve, many citizens, especially the underprivileged, remain trapped in poverty due to high out-of-pocket medical expenses, with healthcare accounting for up to 75% of their expenditures.

Ramnikant further urged village and colony leaders to support the health department's efforts in their areas to achieve 100% coverage and awareness of the scheme. He also encouraged the community to provide feedback to help make the healthcare system more accessible and efficient.

The program featured a prayer by

Letuolie Pienyü, Pastor of CRC Pezielietsie, and a special song by Keneisenuo Sorhie. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, where the Naga Hospital Authority was recognized as the Best-Performing Hospital under PMJAY. Additionally, two beneficiaries were presented with their Ayushman Bharat scheme cards, symbolizing their access to healthcare coverage under the program.

The celebration marks a significant milestone in Kohima's healthcare journey, reflecting the government's continued efforts to improve healthcare access for all.



## LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT CENTRE INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

Under the promotion of Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), a Livelihood Support Centre and Aggregated-cum-Retail Shop, which is an initiative of Self Help Group (SHG) was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at Wokha by Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS. The centre was sponsored by NEEPCO Doyang under CSR.

Addressing during the inaugural programme, the DC thanked the NEEPCO, Doyang for sponsoring such kind of livelihood

initiatives to the rural communities in their venture for economic stability and sustainability. Stating that business need continuity and reliability for the costumers to rely on them, he urged the organisation to put more efforts to connect with the farmers and other supply chains to promote their market and to expand their community.

Short speeches were also delivered by Head of Plan (HOP) NEEPCO, John Zeliang, BPM-NSRLM and representative from State Mission Management Unit-Kohima.

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## HEKANI JAKHALU FLAGS OFF DEPARTMENTAL VEHICLES

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A flagging off programme of departmental vehicles of Directorate of Industries & Commerce was held at the office premises on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce Department, Hekani Jakhalu along with Director Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema flagged off a Staff Bus, Boleros, Maruti

Ecco and a Bolero Pickup.

The Department informed that the vehicles will be utilized by the officers at the Directorate and District Offices for the effective implementation of the Department's works, schemes, projects etc. for the benefit of the general public.

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## UNION MINISTER OF STATE LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NAGA MANDI PROJECT AT SEITHEKEMA-A

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Taking another step forward towards ensuring development in the State of Nagaland, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI, Ramdas Athawale laid the foundation stone for Naga Mandi Project at Seithekema-A near EAC Headquarter, Chumoukedima on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, in the presence of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, and other officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas Athawale mentioned that without agriculture, there is no meaning to our life, agriculture is the best brand that gives opportunity for

revenue generation. He said Nagas have resources and keeping in mind this interest, he has taken the initiative to collaborate with the State of Nagaland. He expressed hope that farmers will greatly benefit from this project and boost the economy of the State.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Mhathung Yanthan, stated that this initiative marks a significant milestone for the people of Nagaland, especially for the agriculture sector and farming community. This very initiative is a step for a progressive state, he added. He mentioned that Nagaland has a great potential blessed with favourable

climate and soil conditions and have agro climatic zones which can grow different types of crops. However, despite great potential, the State faces challenges like climate change, climate variations, lack of infrastructure and market infrastructure which is not well organised but expressed hope that with this initiative, it will address our challenges.

MLA & Chairman, DPDB Tseminyu, Nagaland and Mentor, RAF LLP, Ar. Jwenga Seb stated that this project is a transformative platform designed to empower farmers

and also to alleviate the agriculture sector of Nagaland. He pointed out that the Naga Mandi will not only facilitate the sale of their organic products but will also ensure that they receive fair prices for their hard work. He added that this initiative is not merely about production but fostering a sustainable agricultural ecosystem that benefits our farmers, communities and economy.

Naga Mandi Concept was presented by Managing Director, RAF LLP, Abhijith Sahoo.

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### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE INAUGURATED AT NU

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The inaugural programme of the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Language was held at the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University, Meriema on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

During the inaugural programme, Head Professor, Department of Linguistics, Pangersenla Walling said that the centre is an initiative of many individuals who has worked together with a vision. The main objective is to establish Nagaland as a hub of learning foreign languages and

that this centre will not only offer a wider educational course for the students but will also foster employment and opportunities, both domestically and internationally, and help enhance skills development for young professionals seeking jobs.

Walling thanked the Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam IAS for the initiative and his unwavering determination in setting up the Centre and the IDAN Team led by Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred IAS. She



*Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam IAS inaugurating the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Language at the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University, Meriema on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

mentioned that this centre is a generous sponsor by the State Government through the Innovation Fund under Planning & Transformation Department for which the major percentage of fund will be used to subsidize the students' fee.

Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred, IAS said that the responsibility of introducing the centre of excellence for foreign languages given to IDAN marks a milestone in Nagaland history in paving the way for the youths of Nagaland as well as abroad. He also mentioned that the introduction of foreign language could be a turning point for the youths of Nagaland in many ways and

also the students who are learning languages have a higher potential to earn in core aspects of Japanese life and in other areas. Reny, in his closing remarks expressed hope that in future, it will have a degree course and a doctorate course in foreign languages.

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam thanked the IDAN Team for being the moving force behind this initiative as the original idea for the centre of excellence for foreign language was brought up by IDAN. He also thanked the Nagaland University authorities for accepting the idea and for providing all the resources.

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## CM NEIPHIU RIO INAUGURATES NEW DMC OFFICE AT THE IBHIC

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The new Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) Office was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre (IBHIC), Forest Colony, Dimapur by Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland as the special guest.

Neiphiu Rio said that the event marks a significant step forward in enhancing the city's administrative infrastructure and boosting civic services. He called upon the newly elected Urban Local Body (ULB) councillors to take up the challenge of transforming Dimapur into a vibrant and liveable city. With high expectations from the councillors, who he described as educated, hardworking, and eager to serve, Rio emphasized the need for sincerity and deep commitment in their roles.

A key issue discussed was the temporary nature of the DMC Office. Rio urged the councilors to design a new permanent office building and submit proposals when the Finance Commission convenes and extended the State Government's support of such

initiatives. Addressing immediate concerns, Rio highlighted the need for road repairs, traffic management, and town cleanliness. He announced that the Government has already approved a garbage dump site for DMC, allocating 10.74 acres for Dimapur and 9.41 acres for East Dimapur. He also advised the councillors to identify sites for cemeteries, stressing the need for a burial system that accommodates the diverse tribes and religions living in Dimapur.

Rio also proposed that the councillors implement a system to generate revenue through entry and exit taxes within Dimapur. He stressed the importance of maintaining public parks, managing encroachment issues, and developing designated marketing and shopping areas to ease traffic congestion. He further suggested allowing certain shops and hotels to remain open on Sundays, given Dimapur's role as a transit hub for travelers.

Water supply was another major concern which Rio raised, noting that the widespread digging of bore wells is depleting

the water table. He urged the municipal body to plan for the supply of clean and safe water, advising them to come up with a comprehensive project for government assistance. Rio outlined broader urban development goals, including improving Dimapur's sanitation, beautification, street lighting, and educational institutions. He emphasized the need for a

Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer reminded the newly elected DMC members that their work has just begun, and pointed out pressing issues, such as the need to improve roads and implement a comprehensive drainage system in Dimapur. He urged councillors to fully understand their responsibilities and work with dedication and vision to take the city forward.

Guest of honour, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, MLA and Advisor for Tribal Affairs said that is a monumental moment for the community and encouraging the newly elected DMC members, he emphasized the importance of hard work and dedication.

Chairman of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha, as one of the guests of honour, highlighted the perseverance that has brought Dimapur to this moment. Reflecting on the journey, he noted that it had been one filled with legal battles and consultative meetings. However, with the unwavering

support of elected members and citizens alike, a major milestone has now been achieved in the governance structure of Nagaland. Describing Dimapur city as a "Mini India" and the gateway to ASEAN markets, he emphasized its undeniable economic potential. However, he noted that for Dimapur to realize its role as an economic hub, it requires the collective efforts of all its citizens.

Chairman, DMC, Hukheto Yephthomi, in his address, shared that the office has been functioning since last August and has begun the process to digitizing its trade license branch, with plan to expand digitization efforts to other branches soon. He also mentioned that DMC is also actively participating in the Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign focusing on community engagement and awareness in cleanliness and waste management. He noted that the new office space has given new impetus to transform, and the current DMC Councillors understand the problems and issues of the Dimapur and are working tirelessly to tackle these issues and to take Dimapur to new heights.

The inaugural programme began with a dedicatory prayer led by Rev. Dr. Lima Jamir, Associate Pastor of DABA, followed by the unveiling of the plaque by Neiphu Rio.



## 'DENGUE FEVER: DOs AND DON'Ts'

*- Issued for public health by NVBDCP*

In the interest of public health, the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima has issued crucial guidelines for managing and preventing Dengue fever. This advisory aim to protect the residents of Nagaland from the adverse effects of Dengue fever and to minimize the spread of the disease.

### Dos:

1. **Rest:** Ensure you get plenty of rest to support your body's recovery process.
2. **Stay hydrated:** Drink ample fluids to stay hydrated.
3. **Medication:** Use fever-reducing medications such as paracetamol or acetaminophen as advised by a healthcare professional.
4. **Consult a doctor:** Seek immediate medical attention if you experience bleeding from gums, nose, urine, or if you have bloody stools.
5. **Isolation:** Isolate yourself to prevent spreading the disease and let family members monitor your condition closely.
6. **Prevent mosquito bites:** Protect yourself with mosquito nets, wear long-sleeved clothing, and use repellents during the daytime.
7. **Use mosquito nets:** Employ mosquito nets while sleeping to avoid mosquito bites.
8. **Secure your home:** Install wire mesh on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
9. **Reduce mosquito breeding sites:** Regularly remove stagnant water around your home, especially during the rainy season.
10. **Visit outbreak areas cautiously:** Take necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites if visiting areas with Dengue outbreaks.

### Don'ts:

1. **Avoid self-medication:** Do not self-medicate or consult unqualified individuals for treatment.
2. **Medication caution:** Avoid using Ibuprofen, Aspirin, and Naproxen sodium as they may increase the risk of bleeding.

3. **Limit physical activity:** Refrain from strenuous physical activities to avoid exacerbating the condition.
4. **Oral care:** If experiencing bleeding gums, use mouthwash instead of brushing your teeth.
5. **Prevent stagnant water:** Do not allow stagnant water to accumulate around your home; remove it weekly if not daily to prevent mosquito breeding.
6. **Avoid outbreak areas:** Refrain from visiting Dengue outbreak areas whenever possible.
7. **Protective measures:** Avoid sitting outside without protection during early morning and late evening when mosquitoes are most active.
8. **Visiting Dengue patients:** Take precautions to avoid mosquito bites when visiting individuals with Dengue fever.
9. **Steroids:** Do not use steroids without a prescription; they are not recommended for uncomplicated cases of Dengue fever.
10. **Platelet transfusion:** Avoid unnecessary platelet transfusions; they are only required for patients with bleeding manifestations or other severe conditions.
11. **Fogging:** Do not rely solely on fogging for mosquito control as it has limitations and does not eliminate mosquito eggs and larvae.
12. **Dengue RDT caution:** Be cautious with Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT) as they can produce false positives. Confirm diagnosis with sentinel site hospitals such as Naga Hospital Authority Kohima and District Hospital Dimapur. The use of RDTs for Dengue diagnosis is not recommended by the Government of India and Indian Council of Medical Research.

The NVBDCP, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Kohima urge the public to adhere to these guidelines to protect themselves and their communities from Dengue fever. For further information and assistance, please contact your local health authorities or Dengue Helpline number +917630932527.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE CONCEPT OF NAGA MANDI PROJECT

Rural Agro Farms (RAF) LLP has been awarded a government permit to establish and operate a comprehensive agricultural mandi in Nagaland under the Build-Operate-Maintain Public-Private Partnership (BOM-PPP) model. Spanning 10 acres, the mandi will feature dedicated sections for Anaj (grain) and Sabji (vegetable) markets, aimed at enhancing agricultural trade, providing modern amenities, and bolstering the agrarian economy of Nagaland.

Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, Ramdas Athawale laid the foundation stone for the Naga Mandi Project at Seithekema-A near EAC Headquarter, Chumoukedima on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, in the presence of Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio and other government officials.

**Project scope and objectives:** The Naga Mandi will serve as a vital hub for the wholesale purchase and sale of various agricultural commodities produced in the region. The primary objectives include establishing a fair and transparent marketplace for farmers to sell their produce at competitive prices, enhancing market access and minimising post-harvest losses through efficient procurement, storage, and distribution systems, and stimulating economic growth in Nagaland by strengthening the agriculture sector and contributing to the state's GDP.

**PPP Model overview:** The project will be executed through a Public-Private Partnership, combining the strengths of both sectors. RAF will collaborate with the Government of Nagaland to develop, operate, and maintain the mandi infrastructure, ensuring efficient resource allocation, risk-sharing, and best utilisation of expertise.

**Regulatory framework:** Operations will comply with the Nagaland Agriculture Produce Marketing Act 2005. RAF will work closely with government authorities to ensure adherence to all relevant laws and regulations, fostering a conducive business environment.

**Key features of the Mandi:** The mandi will be equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, including market yards for showcasing and trading

agricultural produce, cold storage facilities for preserving perishable goods, grading and sorting units to maintain quality standards, auction halls for transparent price discovery, administrative offices for managing operations and facilitating transactions.

**Financial viability:** A thorough financial analysis has been done to evaluate the project's viability, considering revenue streams, cost projections, funding sources, and revenue-sharing mechanisms between public and private partners to ensure long-term sustainability and profitability.

Infrastructure features:

- **Shops:** 110 retail outlets for traders.
- **Warehouses:** Ten (10) units with a total capacity of 4,000 MT.
- **Auction Yards:** Two (2) dedicated areas for transparent trading.
- **Cold Storage:** Two (2) units with a capacity of 500 MT each.
- **Kisan Bhavan:** AC and non-AC rooms for farmers visiting the mandi.

**Project Benefits:** The Naga Mandi is projected to generate significant economic benefits:

- Enhanced local economic growth and farmer income.
- Creation of direct and indirect job opportunities.
- Improved market efficiency and agricultural development.
- Enhanced quality control and farmer empowerment.
- Optimised supply chains and community development.
- Increased access to financing and market intelligence.

The establishment of the Naga Mandi by RAF LLP under the BOM-PPP Model represented a significant opportunity for revenue generation while contributing to the agricultural and economic development of Nagaland. The comprehensive facilities will support efficient market operations, benefiting all stakeholders in the agricultural supply chain, and fostering a sustainable and inclusive growth environment for the local community.



*Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Das Mali, IAS with the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMTC) inspecting landslide affected areas at Zunheboto on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The IMTC visited the majorly hit colonies and areas and interacted with affected families/residents and colony/area leaders.*



*Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome handed over laptops to the schools and the establishments under School Education Department, as part of the NECTAR Project on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Nagaland's first Paralympic Bronze Medalist, Hokato Hotozhe Sema received a warm welcome at Dimapur airport on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024. In a historic achievement, the forty year old para-athlete won the Bronze Medal in the Men's Shot Put F57 Final at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris.*



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*Principal Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, E. Mhonbemo Patton, IAAS with officials and volunteers during the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Officials and participants during the Rashtriya Poshan Maah celebration and awareness camp on women's health, held at Lazami Village Council Hall, Pughoboto on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye with the Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA) officials during the General Biennial Conference of FONSESA, held at Hotel Japfi, Kohima on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Chairman, Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA), Nuzota Swuro and NBDA officials with the awardee of the Bamboo Entrepreneur Award 2024 during the World Bamboo Day held at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Sovima, Chümoukedima on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Arunachal East Constituency, Tapir Gao and his wife participating in the harvest exhibition during the Konyak Lao-Ong Mo festival 2024 at Local Ground, Mon on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso with officials and dobashis during the seminar of Kohima District Dobashis' Association, held at the Customary Court of SDO (C) Office, Jakhama, Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*



*Advisor, Industries & Commerce Department, Hekani Jakhalu and Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema flagging off new departmental vehicles at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.*



*Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI, Ramdas Athawale addressing the gathering during the foundation stone laying ceremony for Naga Mandi Project at Seithekema-A near EAC Headquarter, Chumoukedima on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*