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Chief Minister of Nagaland, Nipah Konyak (C) saluting the National Anthem on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Premises, Kohima on 07 August 2024.



Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesa with dignitaries and awardees of the Governor's Award for distinction in the field of Arts, Music and Literature during the 'Governor's At Home' held at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 15th August 2024.



Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with government officials and Achievers of the HSLC Examination 2023 and 2024 batch during the Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship presentation held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 24th August 2024.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

NAGALAND OPENS CMULIS PHASE-I FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES

The Finance Department, Government of Nagaland has announced that Phase I of the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme (CMULIS) is now available for beneficiaries of the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS). Eligible beneficiaries can log in to www.cmulis.gov.in to make any necessary modifications to their life and accidental insurance coverage. Phase-II of the scheme will be launched later for families not covered by CMHIS.

The Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme (CMULIS) is designed to provide financial security for families in Nagaland. It will be implemented in two phases:

Phase-I: For beneficiaries with a CMHIS ID and open for self-registration/verification. A total of 1.89 Lakh families are made eligible in Phase-I.

Phase-II: For families not covered by CMHIS. Phase-II will be open for registration at a later date and NSRLM shall support public for registration at village level.

The key benefits are:

1. **Life insurance coverage:** Provides Rs. 2 lakh coverage to family in case of the breadwinner's death from any cause.
2. **Accidental insurance coverage:** Rs. 2 lakh coverage each for the breadwinner and three family members in case of accidental death or disability, for family members between age group 18-70.
3. **Eligibility and age limit for life insurance coverage for breadwinner in the general category:** Age 18-50 Breadwinner is expected to be the earning member of the family. The families are given the option to indicate any family member in the age group of 18-60 as breadwinner for the purpose of this scheme.
4. **For government servants:** Age 18-60 Government Servant till retirement is expected to be the earning member and breadwinner of the family and taken as the default breadwinner. The option to change breadwinners will not be available for government employee headed families.

How to verify and update your details:

1. **Log in to the portal:** Visit www.cmulis.gov.in and enter your CMHIS ID.
2. **Verify mobile number:** Confirm your registered mobile number using an OTP.
3. **Check family details:** View and confirm the details of your family members covered under the scheme.
4. **Modify breadwinner:**
 - Default: The head of the family is marked as a breadwinner.
 - Change: Select another family member (if no government servant is present).
5. **Modify accidental insurance coverage:**
 - Default: The breadwinner and three eldest family members are covered.
 - Change: Remove and add family members as needed.

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6. **Change nominee for claims:**

- Default: Breadwinner is the nominee for others, and the next eldest is the nominee for the breadwinner.
- Change: Update nominee details as required.

Special instructions:

1. **Government servants:** Automatically marked as breadwinner cannot be changed.
2. **Expired family members:** Update the portal if a family member has passed away to designate a new breadwinner.
3. **Opening bank accounts:** The portal also offers provision to families that indicate members needing assistance for opening bank accounts. Special camps will be conducted at a later date for bank account opening. These bank accounts will enable families to avail additional insurance coverage through PMJJBY and PMSBY.
4. Detailed step by step process and video are provided on the website.

For any questions or clarifications, one can call 9436030303. The public have been advised not to respond to calls from any other number. There is no fee required for this process. One will not be asked for SMS details, bank details, or OTP, and in case, one receive such calls, they are scams. Report them to the authorities immediately.

REIMBURSEMENT OF ADDITIONAL EXPENSE BEYOND TOTAL INSURANCE COVER UNDER CMHIS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Subsequent to Government Letter No.HFW-45/B/11/CMHIS/2024/ 449 dated 19th July 2024, Government employees under CMHIS (EP) upon exhaustion of annual insurance cover of ₹ 20 lakhs per family will be allowed to reimburse any additional expenses exceeding the insurance cover under Salaries (MR) head from respective employee's department, subject to the following:

1. All concerned beneficiaries are to apply for reimbursement through the CMHIS Portal (cmhis.nagaland.gov.in) and to upload all supporting documents. The guideline on submission of the application is given in Annexure-1 and is also available on the CMHIS website: <https://cmhis.naealand.gov.in>
2. The cost of treatment shall be considered for reimbursement as per the approved CMHIS (EP) Health Benefit Package rate or as recommended by the State Medical Board constituted under the NHPS. The finalized claim will be forwarded to the respective employee's department for payment to the beneficiary under the Salaries (MR) Head.
3. The concerned department is to submit a proposal for fund allocation under the Salaries (MR) Head to the Finance Department for reimbursement of additional expense beyond Total Insurance Cover under CMHIS for Government Employees.
4. The reimbursement of such claims is permissible for treatment undergone in hospitals empanelled under CMHIS (EP) or for treatment in non-empanelled hospitals in case of emergency or when the specific procedure is not available in any of the empanelled hospitals with the approval of the State Medical Board.

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NB:

1. Pensioners are not entitled for reimbursement of claims expenditure beyond the insurance cover in a given policy period as they are not covered under MR scheme.
2. For any assistance, one may call any of these helpline numbers - 8880515012, 888055013, or 8880515014.

CEO, NAGALAND NOTIFIES ON SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION OF PHOTO ELECTORAL ROLLS

The Election Commission of India has ordered Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2025 as the qualifying date with the following schedule of activities:

SN	Activity	Period
1.	Publication of Integrated Draft Electoral Roll	29.10.2024 (Tuesday)
2.	Period for filing Claims & Objections	From 29.10.2024 (Tuesday) to 28.11.2024 (Thursday)
3.	Special Campaign Dates	08.11.2024 (Friday) & 09.11.2024 (Saturday) and 22.11.2024 (Friday) & 23.11.2024 (Saturday)
4.	Disposal of Claims & Objections	By 24.12.2024 (Tuesday)
5.	Checking of health parameters and obtaining Commission's permission for final publication Updating database and printing of supplements	By 06.01.2025 (Monday)
6.	Final publication of electoral roll	1.1.2025 (Friday)

For this Special Summary Revision 2025, applicants becoming eligible for registration with reference to 1st January 2025 as qualifying date and subsequent qualifying dates of the year i.e. 1st April 2025, 1st July 2025 and 1st October 2025 can submit their claims in Form-6 in advance, beginning from the date of draft publication of electoral roll (i.e. 29.10.2024). The applications received related to qualifying date 1st January 2025 will be processed as per the above schedule. While the forms/claims with reference to the three subsequent qualifying dates of the year, received in advance, during the Special Summary Revision period and continuous updation thereafter shall be processed by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) under continuous updation during the relevant quarter.

The use of forms are as follows:

1. **Form-6:** Application for new voter/elector.
2. **Form-6B:** Letter of Information of Aadhaar number on a voluntary basis for the purpose of electoral roll authentication.
3. **Form-7:** Application form for objection for proposed inclusion/deletion of name in existing electoral roll.
4. **Form-8:** Application form for shifting of residence/correction of entries in existing electoral roll/replacement of EPIC/marketing of Persons with Disabilities.
5. Electors/Applicants can file any of the above Forms with the concerned Booth Level Officer or with the AERO and ERO. Forms are available for download in ECI and CEO's website. Applications can also be filed/submitted online through www.voters.eci.gov.in (links are provided in the ECI and CEO's website) or mobile app VHA (Voter Helpline App) which is available for download in Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

STATE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF ART & SURROGACY ACT AND PC&PNDT ACT MEETING HELD

The first meeting of the State Supervisory Board of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and Surrogacy Act and Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act was held under the chairmanship of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak at the Conference Hall of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30th July 2024.

The members comprising of representatives from the Departments of Justice & Law, Social Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, Pediatricians, Radiologists, Gynaecologists from Nagaland Medical Council, Naga Mothers' Association and Kohima Obstetrics & Gynaecology also deliberated on the ART Act and Surrogacy Regulation Act 2021.

Minister Paiwang expressed his contentment over the re-constitution of the Board and hoped that the State and Allied Departments, especially Justice & Law Department, are aware of such Acts. He also requested the Department to take into account the unique socio-cultural aspect of our State while implementing such Act.

During the meeting, the board members discussed issues pertaining to implementation of PC-PNDT Act in the State of Nagaland, ART Act and Surrogacy Regulation Act 2021 and the way forward. It was decided that the District Appropriate Authority and Chief Medical Officers will be notified to carry out strict monitoring and inspection especially on the Ultrasound Clinics and at the same time, seek for timely reports as per the provisions of the Act.

The board members decided to put proposals for inclusion and consideration of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) treatment under CMHIS. Doctors coming for counselling on IVF from outside the State should have temporary registration under the Nagaland Medical Counselling (NMC) and also districts should be notified for registration of hospitals performing IUI procedures.

The board decided to initiate stern action and penalties against the medical establishment if found violating the Act. The State Supervisory Board also highlighted the need for more sensitization on these Acts for public awareness.

ONE-MONTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY NSLSA CULMINATES

More than 60 law students completed the one-month Summer Internship programme organized by the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) from 1st July to 1st August 2024.

During a culmination programme organized at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kohima, NSLSA Member Secretary, Victo

Sema, NJS encouraged the law students to be perseverant and motive driven in law profession. He said that the internship programme is provided every year for law students to give them a glance of different subject matters that will be relevant in future practice especially in different institutions related to law. Sema also spoke about



Culmination programme of the one-month Summer Internship programme organized by the NSLSA was held at DC's Office, Kohima on 1st August 2024.

the purpose of setting up Legal Services Authorities, adding that it creates legal awareness and provide legal assistance especially to uplift poor and marginalized section of the society.

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kohima & Chairperson, Kohima District Legal Services Authority also exhorted the interns and encouraged the students to be persistent and hardworking.

Retainer Lawyer, NSLSA, Apila Sangtam shared experience on legal services and legal profession. She said legal services provides opportunities for young lawyers to start their

practice by providing various platforms to explore, such as engaging in first hand court proceedings, extend legal services etc. She added that it has taught her to be noble by helping people in the marginalized section.

The interns undertook internship with different District Legal Services Authority and were given the opportunity to observe court proceedings at District Courts and High Court, Kohima Bench. They also visited Lokayukta, Jails, Legal Aid Defense Counsel, different homes and institutes amongst others.

‘ULB: THE BACKBONE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE:’ NEIPHIU RIO

The inaugural programme of the two-day orientation workshop for Elected Councillors was held with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio as the chief guest at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 6th August 2024.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are the backbone of local governance and are vital in addressing the everyday needs and concerns

of the people. Rio further said that the ULBs should focus on grass root democracy and community development, and must ensure that necessary steps are taken to improve the quality of life for all the citizens. Rio also mentioned that the State Assembly would soon pass the anti-defection law to ensure that the urban municipalities and town councils remain strong and stable. He further encouraged the ULBs to focus on developing

revenue generating assets as revenue generation in terms of taxes is limited in the State due to certain local conditions.

The CM said that the Government would provide a onetime grant to the ULBs to set up designated office buildings and workplaces. Rio said that with privileges comes responsibilities and urged the councillors to work towards creating vibrant and prosperous urban centres where every

citizen feels valued, and opportunities are provided for the citizens to thrive.

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio highlighted in brief the long and challenging journey the State had endured in ensuring the successful conduct of the ULB elections. He further enumerated the role and duties of the elected councillors and the important role they have to play in developing the urban centres.

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE AND ONDC

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) team at Kohima on 6th August 2024.

Chief Business Officer, Delhi, Shireesh Joshi, Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema signed the MoU. The programme was also attended by Additional Director, Industries & Commerce, Er. Y. Lipongse Thongtsar, in-charge of NE States ONDC, Pooja Bajaj Bagaria, Addble Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Yaikhomba, Illandlo Pvt. Ltd. Imtisunep and other officials.

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a flagship initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to democratize e-commerce in India. In Nagaland, the

Department of Industries & Commerce is the Nodal Department for promoting and advancing the successful implementation of ONDC initiative within the State. The primary aim of this MoU is to collaborate in facilitating digital sales for small businesses, farmers, artisan and entrepreneurs through the ONDC platform and enhance their digital inclusion. For further expansion and widespread participation, the Government of Nagaland has empanelled Ilandlo Services Private Limited (Nagaland based e-commerce brand) to work as the Nodal Agency, to bring in all the local artisans, FPOs, entrepreneurs etc. under its umbrella. The diverse local business entities, who, many a times, face challenges in accessing broader markets will thus find a channel to showcase their products and generate revenue through Ilandlo's e-commerce platform.

CITY BARN- THE HEALTH CENTRE LAUNCHED IN KOHIMA

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and Chairman, NSACS, V. Kezo launching the City Barn- The Health Centre at Kohima, stated that the health centre is a platform to provide advice

and counselling in the absence of social media, so that through the interactions and sharing, it can protect the mental, physical and wellbeing of the younger generation. Emphasizing that nowadays, young people

remain indoors and online, disconnecting themselves from all social responsibilities which is not healthy, he expressed hope that the health centre would help in boosting the confidence and mental wellbeing of the youth.

Project Director, Dr. Ahu Sekhose in his keynote address, said the City Barn would be providing services to the young adolescents and people in need of counselling and help.

Red Warrior, Miss Nagaland 2022, Hikali Achumi also called upon all not to suffer in silence but to break the stigma by take the advantage of the services provided by City Barn Health Centre.

The services available in City Barn, Health Centre are counselling services, TI/OST/ICTC/ART/STI/TB/Hepatitis/Mental Health/Adolescent Clinic/Rehab/SRH Services and screening for HIV.

WORKSHOP ON NDRR ROADMAP 2023-2030 HELD AT KOHIMA

The two-day workshop on Nagaland Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) Roadmap 2023-2030, organised by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), commenced at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 8th August 2024.

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe in his speech said that Nagaland is located in the most vulnerable seismic zone and the land is weak and exposed to multiple disaster risks such as prone landslides, flood, earthquake, forest fire and wind. Designed by NSDMA with the technical support of UNICEF, NDRR is a policy document designed to achieve long term resilience in the State from threat posed by climate and disaster risks. During the launch of the NDRR Roadmap, Nyuthe said it signifies a pivotal advancement towards a safer and more resilient Nagaland, underscoring the collective dedication of the people to strengthening preparedness for preserving our landscape and heritage from disaster risks and ensuring sustainable development and building a resilient Nagaland where every citizen can thrive

without the fear of disasters.

Nyuthe said that DRR actions under each Sendai Framework priority, defined collaboration from various stakeholders, and set attainable targets in alignment with national and global frameworks such as the Prime Minister's Ten Point Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and this workshop, led by NSDMA in collaboration with UNICEF, is an effort to explore the ways required for the progressive implementation of the roadmap in the coming days especially in understanding the relevance of resilient governance systems, efficient social sector services, livelihood resilience, emergency response systems, infrastructural resilience, and risk-informed and the roles of various stakeholders, including the government, academia, private sector, and civil society groups. By securing sustained commitment of human and financial resources from all stakeholders, it aims to minimize disruptions caused by disasters and enhance the capacity to recover swiftly from any future hazards.

Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei mentioned that the workshop aims to provide practical guidance

for stakeholders to take actions to minimize the impact of disaster in the State, reduce disaster risks, mitigate the impact of climate change and achieve sustainable development goals. He mentioned the objectives of the two-day workshop are:

1. Develop baseline of disaster loss and damage from 2010-2020
2. Identify strategic opportunities for stakeholders (Government, Civil Society Organisations, Academic Institutions, Private Sector and UN Agencies) to collaborate for DRR actions.
3. Set realistic short, medium and long term targets for stakeholders based on the baseline data in line with Prime Minister's

Ten Point Agenda on DRR, SFDRR, SDGs and Paris Agreement commitments. This timeframes for short term actions may be 0-2 years, 2-4 years for medium term actions, and 4-8 years or more for long term actions which are subjected to changes depending on many factors including changing needs, advances in technology etc.

4. Mobilise long-term commitment of human and financial resources from the stakeholders.

Mukunda Upadhyay, Senior Consultant, DRR, UNICEF India and Rahul Dey, Technical Expert, UNICEF India were the resource persons for the two-day workshop.

AWARD CEREMONY OF THE NAGALAND STATE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES HELD

The Nagaland State Bharat Scouts and Guides Award Ceremony was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 9th August 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, who is also the Chief Patron, NSBSG, said that the Bharat Scouts & Guides is a voluntary non-political, educational movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and methods conceived by the founder Lord Baden Powell in 1907. The purpose of the movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full all-round potentials as individual and as responsible citizen.

The Governor said the Scouts & Guides Movement is based on the principles of duty to God, duty to others and duty to self and is spread across the world. He called upon the young Scouts and Guides to emphasize the

importance of remembering and honoring the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters who faced immense hardships but displayed unparalleled courage, and devoted their lives to secure the freedom we now cherish. The ideals of the Bharat Scouts and Guides 'duty to God, duty to others, and duty to self' blend beautifully with the principles of patriotism. He reminded the scouts and guides to let the principles of loyalty, responsibility, and service to society be their guiding stars.

Governor La Ganesan presented the Rajya Puraskar certificates and Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports and President, NSBSG, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung presented the Tritiya Sopan certificates to the awardees.

Tritiya Sopan is the highest rank for a Scout/Guide to earn at the district level. 20 Scouts and 30 Guides from Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung and Wokha qualified for Tritiya Sopan 2024. Rajya Puraskar also known as the Governor's Award is the highest

award a Scout/Guide/Rover/Ranger can earn at the state level. This year 14 Scouts, 18 Guides, 1 Rover and 2 Rangers (Dimapur,

Kohima and Wokha) successfully qualified for the Governor's Award 2024.

78th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

The 78th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2024 was held with the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio calling on the citizens of Nagaland to take inspiration from our freedom fighters and to re-dedicate to the task of nation-building.

Remarking that the State has made history by successfully conducting the Urban Local Body Elections with reservation for women for the very first time with 37% women representation, greater than the 33% mandated by the law, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said this is an example of unity, and that there is nothing one cannot achieve as a State and expressed hope to carry forward this spirit and work together to overcome all obstacles.

Neiphiu Rio stated that while the Government is committed to the all-round development of the State, and the Eastern Region of the State requires more hand holding than the other parts. He said it is important to bridge both physical and human capital gaps that exist and the Government has an open-door policy to resolve the ENPO issue.

On the Naga political issue, the Chief Minister stated that the Government is committed to the early solution and expressed hope that the continuity, in the dispensation at the Centre, will prove beneficial to the early resolution. The Government will continue to engage with all stakeholders to help reach an early solution, he added.

On the topic of Infrastructure, Energy and Connectivity, Neiphiu Rio stated that roads are the lifeline of any economy and the prime movers of economic development, and the Government has been pursuing major projects, namely construction of Ciethu Airport at State Capital Kohima, Dimapur-Tizit Railway Line, Foothill Road, establishment of Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), upgrading of Nagaland Institute of Medical Science & Research (NIMSR) as a Central Institute, establishing a new Incubation City 'Nagaki' in Chumoukedima district, declaration of more National Highways in the State with the Government of India.

Neiphiu Rio also announced that during the upcoming year, the Department of PWD (Roads & Bridges) will be implementing many projects, including eight (8) projects under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) covering more than 175 Km with an approved cost of Rs. 620 Crore. Under various heads, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) shall be supporting eighteen (18) projects covering more than 300 Km with a cost of more than Rs.900 Crore.

The Chief Minister stated that the Government of Nagaland has taken many initiatives in the generation, transmission and distribution aspects of the power sector. Two major Hydro Electric Projects - the 42 MW Lower Tizu and 24 MW Zungki with project cost of Rs.541.12 Crore and Rs.368.53 Crore respectively have been approved by

the Government of India for funding under the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The 2.4 MW Duilumroi Small Hydro Project which commenced during FY 2020-21 is scheduled for completion by August 2024 while survey and investigation works for development of Lower Doyang HEP with a capacity ranging between 18 to 24 MW has been initiated.

Neiphiu Rio also stated that a total of 1,548 rural villages/habitations, a total 64% of villages/habitations have been fully covered with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) as on date by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Neiphiu Rio also informed that in order to enable the Nagaland State Data Centre (NSDC) in providing more secure and efficient government services, the Department of Information Technology & Communication has successfully upgraded the NSDC under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme.

The Chief Minister, highlighting the agri and allied sector, said that the Department of Agriculture under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) has credited an amount of Rs. 520 Crore into the bank accounts of 2,03,462 farmers till end- June of this year while work is still progressing under the Digital Agriculture Mission, for the development of an integrated web-based geo-portal and mobile application to help farmers.

With regard to the Department of Horticulture, Neiphiu Rio said that the State was awarded the Best State Horticulture Award 2024 at the Agriculture Leadership Conclave on 10th July 2024 in New Delhi organized by the Agriculture Today Group and that the Department has initiated the organic cultivation of Citrus, Persimmon,

Ginger and Large Cardamom covering an area of 2,500 hectares.

Neiphiu Rio said that the Department of Sericulture, under Silk Samagra-2 has covered eight hundred (800) beneficiaries. Through the rearing of Silkworms, employment generation to 17,350 persons were provided between 2021-22 and 2023-24. Between 2022-23 and 2024-25, under the State Programme for augmentation of Eri & Muga, 200 acres of land has been covered under silkworm host plant cultivation.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has established the Community Thutho Project at Lumithsami village in Zunheboto, aimed at the propagation of indigenous breed in community forest land. The Department recently established one (1) Veterinary Hospital at Tseminyu and One (1) Mini Dairy Plant-cum-Dairy Farmers Training Institute in Mokokchung.

Neiphiu Rio also mentioned that the Department of Land Resources achieved 400 hectares of area under coffee plantation during the previous financial year. Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, eighty-six (86) micro-watersheds with a cross-treatment area of 32,000 Hectare was covered, while the Department of Water Resources, in line with Jal Shakti Abhiyan Campaign, had completed 29 water harvesting structures/water harvesting ponds in Kohima, Dimapur, Mokokchung, Wokha and Zunheboto.

Speaking about the art and culture, sports and tourism sector, Neiphiu Rio congratulated the Nagaland Madrigal Singers led by Hito Kiho who represented India and won two Gold Medals at the World Choir Games and also highlighted the successful hosting of the 3rd North East Games in March

2024. Rio said that the Nagaland Tourism Policy 2024 was launched on 20th March 2024. Nagaland is envisaged as a 'Green Destination' focusing on sustainability and community-based tourism, while advancing infrastructure development, strengthening promotion efforts and generating tourism awareness. He also said that the State will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Hornbill Festival this year, and to enhance the tourist experience, new galleries having a capacity of more than 7,000 are under construction and new features and amenities are being added to the Kisama Heritage Village.

Neiphiu Rio said that the Rural Development Department under MGNREGA generated an employment of 6.65 lakh person days till early July 2024. The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - Rural Livelihood Mission has achieved 100% saturation of targeted 1.22 lakh rural households. 15,245 Self Help Groups have been formed. 14,288 SHG members have been identified as potential LakhpatiDidis for further entrepreneurial support. Under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), Community Resource Centre at Yangzitong village under Kiphire and Rural Resource and Training Centre at Thipuzu village under Phek are expected to be completed this year.

The Urban Development Department has been implementing the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM). During 2023-24, ninety-five (95) SHGs were set up for this purpose. Under the PM SVANidhi Scheme, 3,814 Street Vendors have availed loans to diversify their businesses. Nagaland Urban Infrastructure Development Project (NUIDP) assisted by the Asian Development Bank aims to cover all the 16 Headquarter

towns in our State. In the first phase, for which eight (8) districts have been taken up, drawing up of Feasibility Reports and Detailed Project Reports are underway. Neiphiu Rio said that the Government has submitted the proposal bid for a new planned city, 'Nagaki City' at Chathe valley, Chumoukedima district for selection through competitive bidding.

The Municipal Affairs Department has been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Till date 21,525 houses have been completed under this scheme and 9,241 houses are at various stages of construction. In the first phase, for which eight (8) districts have been taken up, drawing up of Feasibility Reports and Detailed Project Reports are underway.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio during the 78th Independence Day, highlighted the initiatives of the Health & Family Welfare Department to improve the health and welfare of the citizens and mentioned that four Primary Health Centres (PHCs) have received the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) Certification from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI. Rio mentioned that with an aim to provide comprehensive radiation oncology services in the State, upgradation of Radiation Oncology Centre at Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research, Dimapur is being taken up by the Department at a cost of Rs. 34.50 crore, where NISMR has successfully completed the first year of its functioning and the second batch of 100 students are about to join the institution. Rio also said that Nagaland being the first state to provide Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), has benefited more than 10,700 patients, who could avail cashless treatments since its inception.

Neiphiu Rio lauded the Social Welfare Department for accessing helpline facility and assisting 64 women and 297 children during 2023-2024.

In the Education sector, the Chief Minister informed that 17 new school buildings and 17 residential quarters have been constructed under Nagaland Education Project funded by World Bank. The operation of Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse - NECTAR, Attendance Management System (SMILE App) and Education Management Information System (EMIS) are some of the initiatives undertaken by the Department. Initiatives of Higher Education Department was also highlighted wherein 8 girls' hostel have been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuda Yojna (PM- AJAY), and out of 71 Higher Education Institution in Nagaland, 37 colleges have been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Rio also informed that under 3 scholarship schemes run by the Department, an amount of Rs. 24.22 Crore of scholarship money has been provided to 47,228 students during the current year and 4 projects, totaling to Rs. 25 Crore under Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) has been approved by the Government of India.

Chief Minister Rio said that the Department of Technical Education is undertaking efforts to ensure that all Polytechnic Institutes in the State obtain accreditation under National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Rio also enlightened the citizens that the State Council of Education and Research and Training (SCERT) under DIKSHA has uploaded 148 E- Textbooks of Nagaland Heritage textbook for classes 1 to 8.

In the Labour and Employment sector, the CM informed that 50 trainers per district under the 'Skill Proficiency Management for Building and Other Construction Workers - Advance Training of Trainers' has been undertaken with an aim to address the shortfall of trainers in key construction trades including electrical, RCC & Brick Masonry, and Stone Masonry etc. The department of Employment and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is in focus to train 90 youth from three aspirational blocks, namely Thonoknyu, Akuhaito and Khonsa, of which, the training will be provided for multiple occupations through state funding.

The State Government relying on quicker dissemination, smooth and easy access of the news to its citizens, the department of Information & Public Relations has developed the DIPR Nagaland Mobile App compatible with Android Phones. Eight (8) Multimedia Mobile Vehicles for Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng, Zunheboto, Mokokchung, Phek and Wokha were flagged off in June 2024.

In regard to law and order situation in the State, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that the peace in our State is being won by dint of hard work and determination, and lauded the District Administration and Police in ensuring healthy atmosphere in the State. He said that to effectively deal with crime and the criminals and to modernize the police force, the State Government has taken steps to improve forensic capabilities. It was also informed that Nagaland Police has commissioned a Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) instrument at Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and acquired a state-of-the-art spectral camera that can capture fingerprints even on porous surfaces.

On the occasion of the 78th Independence

Day celebrations at the Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launched the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme (CMULIS). The CMULIS has been meticulously designed to offer financial security and peace of mind to families across Nagaland through free life and accidental insurance coverage. The National Anthem was presented by Ruzhukhrie Government Higher Secondary School and Dr. Neilhouzhu Kire Government Higher Secondary School Seikhezou, Kohima. Nineteen (19) parade contingents led by Parade Commander, Deputy Commandant, 1st NAP, Akihito Sumitook part in the 78th Independence Day celebration. Patriotic Dance 'Chak De India' was performed by children of Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home, songs titled 'You Raise Me Up' and 'Vande Mataram' were presented by NSSA Music Club and Nagaland Madrigal Singers respectively. Folk dances and songs were also performed by eight (8) cultural troupes.

The evening programme of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Kohima was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza with Home Commissioner, Vyasan R, IAS as the special guest. An exhibition football match was played between the DGP XI and NFA XI. All the participating teams were given cash incentives during the closing ceremony.

Chiephobozou celebrated the 78th Independence Day with MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso as the chief guest at the Local Ground on 15th August 2024. Six (6) parade contingents participated in the march past led by Parade commander, Akummeren Imsong, ABI. The programme witnessed cultural presentation from Gilead School Tuophema, Women Society Tsiesema and special presentation performed by

DIET, Chiechama and GHSS Chiechama. Exhibition stalls were also put up as part of the programme.

In Jakhama, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Office premises of the SDO (Civil) on 15th August 2024 with SDO (C) Jakhama, Nockpai Konyak unfurling the national flag, taking the rashtriya salute and delivering the Independence Day speech. The National Anthem was sung by the students of John Government Higher Secondary School, Viswema.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang HQ celebrated the 78th Independence Day with Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam as the chief guest at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 15th August 2024.

After unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute, the chief guest delivered the Independence Day speech. A total of 16 parade contingents participated in the ceremonial march past, consisting of DEF Tuensang, 3rd NAP Tuensang, VG Tuensang village, Ex-Servicemen, VG Konya village, NCC Sao Chang College, NCC St. John Higher Secondary School, NCC GHSS Hakushang, NCC GHSS Thangjam, Scouts and Guides Bethesda, NCC Akum Imlong School, Saramatian Bharat Scouts and Guides, NCC GHSS Chaba School, 3rd NAP Band and Hauyang Band with Parade Commander Thingbem Thomsong SDPO, Tuensang and Second in Command, Imti Chang ABI, Tuensang

Highlights of the function includes Pledge for Drug Free Nagaland, Presentation of District Commendation Award, Cultural Presentation from Changing Cultural Troupe, Sangli Dancing Troupe, Kemifu Yimkhiung

Cultural Troupe and Khamniungan Culture Troupe, Special Number by GHSS Tuensang, Dog Show by 29th Assam Rifles, Tuensang and inauguration of exhibition stalls by the chief guest.

Chessore Sub-division celebrated the 78th Independence Day 2024 on 15th of August 2024 at Chessore Headquarter with Head DB, Chessore town, Lakiumong unfurling the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute.

At Longkhim, Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome graced the 78th Independence Day celebration on 15th August 2024 at the Public Ground as the chief guest. The Advisor hoisted the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from nine (9) contingents led by Tsiose Sangtam, Havildar Major VG.



Advisor, Kekhrielhoulie Yhome addressing the people during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Longkhim, Tuensang on 15th August 2024.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour in Chumoukedima district on 15th August 2024. The event took place at Chumoukedima Town Public ground with Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & Transformation, National Highways, T. R. Zeliang as the chief guest.

The celebration started with flag hoisting and inspection of the parade followed by the rashtriya salute. The parade contingents, namely NAP Battalion, Ex-Servicemen, NCC Patkai Christian College, NCC GHSS Chumoukedima, NCC St. Joseph University and Pipe Band, were led by Parade Commander, ACP (Traffic), Chumoukedima, Medemkala Tzudir and Second in Command led by ABI, 1st NAP Battalion, Chumoukedima, Kitskha Achumi.

Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang read out the Independence Day speech and also inaugurated exhibition stalls represented by various departments and organizations showcasing the district achievements. The cultural essence of the region was highlighted by Tati, Folksong by Vekhulemi Cultural Group, United village and Kuwo(women folk dance) by Sumi Cultural Club, Chekiye, followed by Aerobic Dance by St. Joseph Higher Secondary School and ARTC, Pipe Band, Shoxhuvi adding vibrant hues to the celebration. Also, as part of the celebration, various departments visited homes and institutions.

At Medziphema Sub-division, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Local Ground on 15th August 2024 with Advisor, Tribal Affairs, Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi gracing the occasion as the chief guest. The chief guest unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute. Nine (9)



Advisor, H. Tovihoto Ayemi taking the rashtriya salute at Medziphema, Chumuokedima on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.

parade contingents took part in the march past which was led by Parade Commander, Neichizo Rio, ABI, DEF, Commissionerate of Police Dimapur.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated in Mokokchung on 15th August 2024 at Imkongmeren Sports Complex with Minister for Forests, Environment & Climate Change and Village Guards, C. L. John hoisting the national flag and taking the rashtriya salute from 11 parade contingents.

The Minister after delivering the Independence Day speech also gave away the District Commendation Award 2024 and inaugurated the Exhibition Stalls.

The eleven (11) parade contingents that took part in the March Past includes DEF Mokokchung, 13th (IR) NAP, Ex-Servicemen, NCC MGHSS, NCC Fazl Ali College, Scouts & Guides Queen Mary Higher Secondary School, Scout & Guides MGHSS, District Scouts & Guides, Sumi GMS, GMS Imrong Ungma and Band Platoon, 2nd NAP, Alichen. The contingents were led by

Assistant Commandant, 2nd NAP Alichen, Benrio and ABI, DEF, Mokokchung as Parade Commander and Second in Command respectively.

The highlights of the programme included cultural presentation by Gorkha Union, Mokokchung and Watemdong Cultural Club, Ungma, followed by Tug of War Match between Departmental Officers and MMC Councillors.

At Mangkolemba Sub-division, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Ground with Advisor for Transport and Technical Education, Temjenmenba as the chief guest on 15th of August 2024, who unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech. Altogether, four (4) parade contingents took part in the ceremonial march past led by 2nd NAP 'Coy' Tzuptapela.

Tuli celebrated the 78th Independence Day at the Local Ground with Advisor, Justice & Law and Land Revenue, T. N. Mannen, gracing the occasion as the special guest on 15th of August 2024. Mannen unfurled the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech.



Advisor, Temjenmenba taking the rashtriya salute at Mangkolemba, Mokokchung during the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.

WOKHA:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Wokha with Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan as the chief guest on 15th of August 2024.

The chief guest unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from 10 parade contingents consisting of DEF Wokha, 7th NAP Bhandari, Home Guards & Civil Defence, 10 NAP (IR), Ex-Servicemen, NCC Mt. Tiya College, NCC GHSS Wokha, Bharat Scouts & Guides and Fernbrook School Wokha as the Band Party. The parade contingents were led by SDPO, Wokha, Sangthing Khiam as Parade Commander and ABI Shingnya Kiamnungan, 12th NAP (IR) as Parade Second in Command.

Other highlights of the programme included a folk song and folk dance presentation by Wokha Town Eloe Eramo Okho and Phiro Cultural Troupe. Perennial School Wokha presented a special presentation 'Echoes of Independence - honouring our heroes.' The chief guest

inaugurated the stalls put up by various departments and Self-Help Groups.

At Bhandari Sub-division, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Ground on 15th August 2024 with Advisor for Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak as the chief guest, who unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from five (5) parade contingents led by Platoon Commander, ABI Tiatemjen Ao, 7th NAP Bhandari.

DIMAPUR:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Dimapur District Sports Council (DDSC) Stadium, Dimapur on 15th August 2024, with Minister, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Jacob Zhimomi gracing the occasion as the chief guest. He inspected the parade, hoisted the national flag, and delivered the Independence Day speech, highlighting the significance of the day and the progress made by the nation.

The event featured a total of 11 parade contingents, namely Police Commissionerate, Dimapur, 14th NAP (IR) Battalion, Office of the Commissioner of Excise, Home Guards, Ex-Servicemen, NCC, Dimapur, Government College, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, Government High School, Burma Camp, Government High School, Thahekhhu, Zakiesato Memorial Higher Secondary School and 43 AR Band Platoon, led by Parade Commander Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Dimapur, Ngimchule Nampeung, Parade Second in Command, Pachio Khamniungan, Subedar Major 15th NAP IR Mahila Battalion & Parade BHM Havildar Khekato Sema, Police Commissionerate, Dimapur.

The cultural segment of the programme included patriotic songs performed by



Advisor, W. Chingang Konyak taking the rashtriya salute at Bhandari, Wokha on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.

students from GMS Town Middle School, GMS Rangapahar Crossing School, and GMS Duncan Lotha. Patriotic dances were presented by students from GMS Lhomithi and S. Apostolic Mission Residential School, while Aiko Cultural Group the presented a traditional folk dance.

The chief guest also inaugurated eight (8) stalls featuring a variety of exhibits and activities of the various departments. Earlier, the programme started with the parade review by the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie, IPS.

MON:

Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts, Art & Culture, Konngam Konyak graced the 78th Independence Day celebration as the special guest at Local Ground, Mon on 15th August 2024.

The Advisor unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day 2024 message. Later, he also inaugurated the stalls set up by different societies and departments. The District Commendation Award was

awarded to 12 (Twelve) employees.

Other highlights of the programme include cultural dance by GHSS Mon Town, special numbers presented by GHSS, Mon, Honya & friends, Yenwang Konyak. NSS Unit, Wangkhao Government College displayed captivity of Konyak Society during head hunting and later marches to the Konyaks as one. ABC Atzing Konyak DEF Mon presented a song titled 'Desh Mere.' The parade contingents, namely 6th NAP, Tizit, DEF Mon, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen, GHSS Mon, GHSS Mon Town C, GHSS Mon Town D, GMS, Mon Town A, GMS, Mon Town D, Bharat Scouts & Guides (Boys & Girls), NCC, Wangkhao Government College, NCC, GHSS, Mon, NCC KHSS, Mon, Angjong Mission School, Police Unit School, Edith Douglas School, East Wood School, Little Flower School, 6th NAP Pipe Band took part in the ceremonial march past led by Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, 6th NAP, Mosenlo Apong.

Tizit celebrated the 78th Independence Day at the Local Ground on 15th August 2024 with Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang



Advisor, Wangpang Konyak taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Tizit, Mon on 15th August 2024.

Konyak as the special guest who hoisted the national flag, took salute and read out the Independence Day speech. Sixteen (16) parade contingents participated in the march past.

At Aboi, the 78th Independence Day celebration was held at the Local Ground with MLA, Y. Mankhao Konyak gracing the auspicious event by unfurling the national flag and delivering the Independence Day speech. He took salute from the parade contingents and inaugurated the exhibition-cum-sale stalls organised by different departments.

Tobu Sub-Division celebrated the 78th Independence Day with MLA, Naiba Konyak unfurling the national flag and delivering the Independence Day speech on 15th August 2024. Six (6) contingents participated at the celebration.

KIPHIRE:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Kiphire with Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi as the special guest at Public Ground, Kiphire on 15th August 2024. The special guest unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute from the 11 parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech.

District Awards and Commendation Certificates were awarded to 15 individuals. Other highlights of the day long programme included presentation of Entertainment Mera Mulk Meri Dash by Wongto (Star Gaze), Aerobic Dance by Agape Higher Secondary School Kiphire, Potato song by Sentinungba Longchar, DHO Kiphire and flash mob by RRC Loyala Higher Secondary School Kiphire. The parade contingents were led by Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, M. Petovi Sema E, 3rd NAP

Kiphire. Cultural items were presented by Amahator Village Dancing Troupe, 'Thishei' Eastern Sumi Hoho Totimi Loka, Kiphire, Tikhir Students' Union Kiphire Townand Kiphire Village Atparu.

The special guest also inaugurated and inspected the exhibition stalls set up by various government departments and civil societies.

At Seyochung, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground on 15th August 2024 with MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema as the special guest who unfurled the national flag, delivered the Independence Day speech and also took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents, led by Parade Commander ABSI Yangpokyu Sangtam 14th (IR) and Second in Command Havildar T. Alemba Sangtam, DEF Kiphire.

Pungro Sub-division joined the nation in commemorating the 78th Independence Day on 15th August at Pungro Public Ground,



Advisor, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Pungro, Kiphire on 15th August 2024.

Kiphire. The event was graced by Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, and Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger as the special guest who unfurled the national flag, took the rashtriya salute from eight (8) parade contingents led by Parade Commander Sheto Rhakho, ABSI 8th NAP 'C' Coy.

NIULAND:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Niuland Town with Minister for Rural Development and State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Metsubo Jamir as the chief guest on 15th August 2024.

The Minister unfurled the national flag and took the rashtriya salute from 12 parade contingents, led by the Parade Commander James Jami, SDPO, Niuland.

The celebration witnesses a spectacular special presentation of Karate Demonstration from Regional Hughes Shaw Memorial School, Drill Display from Shepherd High School and Band Display from 7 AR. Thishole & Lejole Folks songs were also presented by Kuhoxu Village Women Cultural Troupe and Niuland Town Sumi Totimi Loka respectively.

The chief guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls setup by various departments and organizations.

PEREN:

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Peren District HQ Ground on 15th August 2024 with Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye gracing the occasion as the chief guest.

The chief guest unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents comprising of All Saint Higher Secondary School, Government Higher

Secondary School, Peren, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jalukie, Sainik School Punglwa, NCC Peren Government College, Baptist Higher Secondary School, Peren, DEF Peren and 9th IR Saijang.

Entertainment items were performed by Baptist Higher Secondary School Peren and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Jalukie, and cultural dance was presented by Peren Government College. Minister K.G. Kenye also inaugurated and inspected the stalls.

Tening town commemorated the 78th Independence Day 2024 at the Local Ground, with Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer gracing the event as the special guest on 15th August 2024. The event was marked by hoisting of the national flag by the chief guest followed by reading out the Independence Day speech and taking the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents.



Advisor, Moatoshi Longkumer taking the rashtriya salute at Tening, Peren on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.

Jalukie town celebrated the 78th Independence Day at GHSS Ground on 15th August 2024. On the occasion, Advisor,

Minority Affairs, Sericulture, Imkongmar unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents commanded by ABSI, P. Ponglang Phom.

TSEMINYU:

Tseminyu district celebrated the 78th Independence Day at Rengma Sports Association Ground, Tseminyu with Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhuotuoanou Kruse as the special guest. The Minister unfurled the national flag, took rashtriya salute from the seven parade contingents and delivered Independence Day speech.

The special guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls setup by different departments and also inaugurated the Static Soil Testing Lab, Sub-Divisional Officer's Office (Soil & Water Conservation). Folk song by Lakethyu Logwa Tseminyu village and a special number by Runole Tep were the highlights of the day.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024 at the Public Ground with Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, S. Toiho Yeptho as the chief guest. On his arrival, the chief guest hoisted the national flag, read out the Independence Day speech and took the rashtriya salute from 14 contingents.

Toiho Yeptho also gave away the District Award to 21 persons and NGOs, and later inaugurated the exhibition stalls setup by various government agencies and Self-Help Groups. Tug of War (ward wise) and exhibition football match between DC's Office staff and Sumi Hoho were the highlights of the programme.

At Pughoboto town, the Independence

Day celebration programme was held at the Local Ground with MLA, Imtichoba Chang taking the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents led by Parade Commander ABSI, Shonyelo Keppen and Second in Command Havildar, Atobo Sumi.

Satakha town celebrated the 78th Independence Day at the ADC HQ on 15th August 2024 with MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero hoisting the national flag, reading out the Independence Day speech and taking the rashtriya salute from seven (7) contingents led by ABSI, Katoho.

Atoizu headquarter celebrated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024, with MLA, Er. Picto Shohe, as the chief guest. The Chief Guest hoisted the national flag, read out the Independence Day speech and took the rashtriya salute from five (5) contingents.

In Akuluto, the 78th Independence Day 2024 was celebrated with ADC, Akuluto at the Local Ground on 15th August 2024. The ADC unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from eleven (11) contingents.

Aghunato celebrated the 78th Independence Day with MLA, Kuzholuzu Nienu as the chief guest. He hoisted the national Flag and inspected the parade.

SHAMATOR:

The 78th Independence Day was observed at Public Ground, Shamator with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung on 15th August 2024.

The Advisor unfurled the national flag, readout the Independence Day speech, took rashtriya salute from seven (7) parade contingents. 'Nasha Mukh Bharat' Pledge, commendation of District Awards and inauguration of exhibition stalls setup by various government departments and organisations were the highlights of the

daylong celebration. The event concluded with the beating of Retreat by DEF, Shamator.

PHEK:

The 78th Independence Day celebration was held at Local Ground, Phek District Headquarter on 15th August 2024 with Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer as the special guest on 15th August 2024 unfurling the national flag, followed by taking the rashtriya salute from the parade contingents.

Seventeen (17) parade contingents led by Assistant Commandant, 5th NAP, Phek Vedupe Lasuh and ABI, Keviltuo Soliezuo, DEF, Phek took part in the celebration comprising of 38 Assam Rifles Phek, DEF, 5th NAP, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Ex-Servicemen, 24 Nagaland NCC Boys, 1st Battalion NCC Girls, NCC Phek Government College, Bharat Guides CMHSS, GHS Bethel, Royal Foundation School, Holy Care School, Christian Home School, Kiddies Corner School, Bishop Abraham Memorial School, Christian Mission Higher Secondary School, Pipe Band 38 Assam Rifles.

Longkumer also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by Agriculture and Allied Departments. Special performances from Bishop Abraham Memorial School, Assam Rifles School, Folk dance by Mutsale Culture Troupe were the highlights of the celebration. The special guest also gave away the awards to the Best Performing Anganwadi Workers under Phek district.

At Pfutsero town, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Sports Complex on 15th August 2024 with Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, Er. Kropol Vitsu as the special guest. The Advisor hoisted the national flag, took rashtriya salute and read out the Independence Day speech. He also inaugurated the stalls set up by various

groups.

At Meluri, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Local Ground on 15th August 2024 with Advisor for New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe unfurling the national flag and taking rashtriya salute from seven (7) parade contingents led by Parade Commander, ABSI, Nungsangchuba DEF Phek and Hav. Pongthrong Konyak 'F' Coy, 5th NAP, Meluri Second in Command.



Advisor, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe taking the rashtriya salute at Meluri, Phek during the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.

Chozuba Sub-division celebrated the 78th Independence Day with Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhlu as the special guest on 15th August 2024. The special guest hoisted the national flag, inspected the parade contingents, delivered the Independence Day speech and took the salute from the parade contingents.

LONGLENG:

The 78th Independence Day was observed in Longleng with Minister for Housing & Mechanical Engineering, B. Bashangmongba Chang as the special guest on 15th August 2024 at the Public Ground.

The special guest unfurled the national flag and inspected the ceremonial parade contingents, delivered the Independence Day speech, and took the rashtriya salute from seven (7) parade contingents comprising of DEF Longleng, 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok, Village Guards Orangkong, NCC Yingli College Longleng, Bautung Government Higher Secondary School and 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok Band Party.

The special guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments and inaugurated the park 'Ngei Bampu Longleng(I Love Longleng).' The highlights of the programme include presentation of district awards followed by Folk Dance (Female) Yaongyimchen Luli Longleng and Folk Dance by the Male Nagaland Culture Troupe Longleng, exhibition matches, penalty shoot-out and retreat by DEF Longleng.

At Tamlu, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Local Ground with Advisor, Civil Administration Works Division and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo as the chief guest on 15th August 2024. The chief guest unfurled the national flag, read out the Independence Day speech and took rashtriya salute from the parade contingents.

NOKLAK:

MLA, P. Longon unfurled the national flag and took rashtriya salute from nine (9)parade contingents at Public Ground, Noklak on 15th August 2024 during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Noklak.

The parade contingents comprised of 3rd NAP and DEF Noklak, Village Guards Nokyan village, Village Guards Tsuwao village, NCC GHSS, Noklak, NCC GHS Noklak village, Holy Angels School Noklak, Christian High School Noklak, St. Paul School Noklak, and Frontier Piper Band Nagaland Village Guards.

MLA, P. Longon read out the Independence Day speech during the occasion and also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments. Other highlights of the day were review of parade by Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Bamboo Dance by KGBV Hostellers, Skills Display by Noklak District Taekwondo Association and Folk Dance by Tsuwao Village Guards.

GAUHATI HIGH COURT, KOHIMA BENCH:

The Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench commemorated the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024. Justice Kakheto Sema, Portfolio Judge for Nagaland hoisted the national flag and took the ceremonial rashtriya salute. The programme was graced by the presence of Justice Mitali Thakuria, Judge Gauhati High Court, senior Government Counsels, office bearers and Members from the High Court Bar Association, advocates, official dignitaries and employees of the Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench.

To mark the special occasion, fully refurbished computer sets were distributed to Grade-IV employees and contingency staff of Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench in acknowledgment of their noble services to the institution of justice. This unique initiative was undertaken under the vision of the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court to promote computer literacy and is primarily

intended for the benefit of the children and wards of Grade-IV employees and staff considering the necessity of IT knowledge and skills in the present day.

NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI:

MLA, Government of Nagaland, A. Nyamnyei Konyak graced the 78th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland

House, 29 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 15th August 2024. After hoisting the national flag, MLA, Konyak received the rashtriya salute from 5th NAP 'B' Coy, PTS Wazirabad, New Delhi. The celebration was attended by senior officers and staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi, NAP Wazirabad, New Delhi and Naga Cultural Troupe from New Delhi.



MLA, A. Nyamnyei Konyak with senior officials, staff and others during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland House, New Delhi on 15th August 2024.

ASSAM RIFLES TRAINING CENTRE AND SCHOOL, SHOKHUVI:

In a heartwarming display of patriotism and unity, the local population in and around Shokhuvi witnessed a vibrant Flag Rally, organised by Assam Rifles Training Centre and School on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day, featuring a dynamic cavalcade of Assam Rifles Horses, motorcycles and vehicles driven by the nation's valiant soldiers. The event, coordinated in collaboration with the local

civil population, brought together citizens and Assam Rifles personnel in a festive celebration of national pride and unity.

Brigadier Raman Sharma, Sena Medal, Commandant Assam Rifles Training Centre and School who spearheaded the event, expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support from both the soldiers and the local populace.

Flag Rally was organised by Assam Rifles Training Centre and School on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day on 15th August 2024.



The rally commenced at Assam Rifles Training Centre and School, Shokhuvi with soldiers leading the procession, proudly bearing the national flag. The convoy was

a spectacular sight, showcasing a convoy of vehicles and motorcycles adorned with flags, as they wound their way through the local areas, spreading cheer and patriotic fervor.

PROGRAMME ON GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR DISTINCTION IN THE FIELD OF ARTS, MUSIC AND LITERATURE HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN, KOHIMA

The 'At Home'-cum-Governor's Award for distinction in the field of Arts, Music and Literature was held at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 15th August 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor, Nagaland, La Ganesan said that the day holds profound significance for every Indian, reminding us of the sacrifices and indomitable spirit of our forefathers who fought valiantly to secure our freedom. He said that as we celebrate our achievements, we must also look towards the future with a sense of responsibility and resolve. He added that as we reflect on our journey, it is imperative to also recognize the integral role of culture in shaping our identity. 'Arts, music and literature are not merely forms of expression but are vital threads that add colours to our diverse heritage; they inspire, unite and offer solace, forging connections that transcend barriers, the Governor added.' He expressed hope that this initiative of the Government will motivate the youngsters to pursue their dreams and passion, and bring laurels and glory to the state and the country.

Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS said that the Governor's Award for distinction in the field of Arts, Music and Literature was instituted in the year 2003 to recognize and award eminent personalities in these fields. The Department of Art & Culture is the nodal department overseeing the award and the selection process starts

at the district level by committees headed by the respective Deputy Commissioners. Their recommendations are then considered at the state level by a committee headed by the Chief Secretary. By bestowing them with this award, we recognize and celebrate their talent and creativity and also acknowledge their contribution in enriching our culture, he added.

Minister, Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye stated that Nagaland is well known for its rich artistic heritage and traditions. These numerous art forms constitute the culture of the Naga people. With the vast advancement in technology, today, we have a greater tendency to relegate our cultural values to the backseat, which is detrimental to our society and, if allowed to happen, may even lead to decline of life itself. He said it is rewarding to note that the creativity to produce great arts and music exists in the Naga Society. These latent talents need to be harnessed so that artistic expressions are reproduced for the entire world to notice. The Government has taken the initiative to institute these vital awards to harness the talents and to expose our society through the means of Arts, Music and Literature.

This year, three persons and one society received the Governor's Award - Temjen Aier and Throngkiuba Yimchungru in the field of Arts, N. K. Naga and Lidi Kro-u Society in the field of Music.

LIST OF AWARDEES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 78th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024

On the auspicious occasion of the 78th Independence Day, 2024, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced the Governor's Gold Medal and Governor's Commendation Certificate to the following officers and staff of different departments for their dedication and contributions in their respective fields, at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on the 15th August 2024.

Governor's Gold Medal was awarded to Dr. Sentitula, IFS, DFO Mokokchung which was announced on the occasion of Republic Day 2024.

Police Medal for Meritorious Service and Governor's Gold Medal was also announced on the occasion of Independence Day 2024 as listed below:

Police Medal for Meritorious Service:

1. Bendangwati Ao, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nagaland

Governor's Gold Medal Award:

1. Sheta Lohe, SDPO (N) DEF Kohima
2. Takonungba, Naik 2nd NAP Battalion

3. Khriezotuoouo Theunuo, Athletics Coach
4. The Nagaland Madrigal Singers.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio presented the Governor's Commendation Certificate to the following awardees:

1. Alongla Aier, Operations Manager, Nagaland Health Protection Society
2. Khenpa, EAC, Aghunaga,
3. Mimi Kevichusa Ezung, Associate Professor, Nagaland University.
4. Dr. Senilo Magh, Medical Officer, District Hospital, Tuensang.
5. Er. B. Akala Senior, Computer Programmer, PIMS, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department
6. Asela Seth Sangtam, NSS, Section Officer, SAB-B, Home Department.
7. Lansothung Lotha, Forest Ranger Officer, Doyang Beat, Department of Environment Forests & Climate Change
8. Manba Phom, Duftry, Directorate of Art & Culture.

NAM CONDUCTS FREE HEALTH CAMP ACROSS NAGALAND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

In an effort to reach out to the elderly people, the Ayush Wing under Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (DH&FW), Nagaland with the theme 'Live Healthy, Age Healthy' carried out series of geriatric health camps across Nagaland from 10th to 17th August 2024 covering 12 districts through Ayush Health and Wellness Centre (AHWC). During the campaign, free medical examinations & treatment, consultations and medicines were distributed. Also, considering the importance for healthy lifestyle, the senior citizens were taught basic

fitness and exercise regime.

National State Ayush Mission, with the support of Ministry of AYUSH, aims to improve the quality of life for the elderly people through geriatric health camps and other alike activities by spreading health awareness and tending basic medical aid for the elders, periodically. Officials of Ayush/ National Ayush Mission (NAM), Nagaland, Dr. T. Bendangtula, Deputy Director (AYUSH) and State Nodal Officer (NAM), Dr. Seyiekhrieto John were the overseers of the campaign.

NVBDCP STATE REVIEW MEETING 2024 HELD AT KOHIMA

The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) held a two-day State Review Meeting at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (DHFW) on 21st and 22nd August 2024.

In his opening remarks, Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton highlighted the near-elimination of malaria in many districts. He cautioned against complacency, particularly in light of the dengue fever outbreak last year in Dimapur and Mon. Despite a current decrease in cases, he urged vigilance with the onset of the monsoon season. Dr. Patton expressed gratitude to the NVBDCP staff for their efforts in controlling dengue fever and emphasized the importance of awareness and source reduction in preventing vector-borne diseases.

Joint Director & SPO of NVBDCP, Dr. Neisakho Kere provided an overview of NVBDCP's performance in Nagaland. As of 2023, all districts had an Annual Parasite Incidence (API) of less than 1, which is commendable. However, he expressed concern over the Annual Blood Examination Rate (ABER), which fell short of the national target of 10%. Despite a slight increase from 9.53% in 2022 to 10.12% in 2023, the rate has declined this year. Dr. Kere called for intensified efforts to meet the target.

Dr. Kere noted that no cases of Kala-azar, or Filariasis has been detected. He suspected there may be more cases of Chikungunya in the State since there is not much sample collection for testing. He advised DVBOs to alert Medical Officers if they suspect any symptoms of Chikungunya and to collect samples for testing in Kohima and Dimapur. He also reported a significant

decrease in malaria cases, from 113 in 2018 to 6 so far in 2024, and a reduction in dengue cases from 4,943 in 2023 to 11 this year. For Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, 19 cases were reported in 2023 compared to 8 this year. Dr. Kere recommended improving blood slide collection, enhancing MBER across all districts, and ensuring quality monitoring. He urged districts to submit slides for cross-checking monthly and to conduct regular IEC/BCC activities.

Senior Regional Director of Imphal, Dr. L.A. Singh discussed the malaria certification documentation process. He explained that WHO grants certification of malaria elimination to a country following a request from its government, provided it has demonstrated no indigenous malaria cases for at least three consecutive years and has a prevention programme in place. The Malaria Elimination Certification Panel (MECP) reviews the report and conducts an independent evaluation, including field visits and interviews with relevant health sectors. The WHO Director-General makes the final certification decision. Dr. Singh congratulated the NVBDCP staff for their hard work, noting that malaria cases in Nagaland are among the lowest in the country. He emphasized that maintaining these achievements is challenging and urged continued efforts until malaria is fully eliminated.

NVBDCP staff from 11 districts presented their performance reports during the meeting, which was also attended virtually by National Consultants from NCVBDC, Government of India. Director (Health) DHFW, Dr. R Chubala Aier also attended the meeting.

AUSTRIAN EMBASSY DELEGATION ENGAGES WITH NAGALAND'S STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN KOHIMA

In a significant step toward fostering international collaboration in entrepreneurship, StartUp Nagaland, in partnership with the Department of Industries & Commerce, hosted a round table discussion at the Innovation & Incubation Space (IIS), Kohima. The event brought together key officials from the Austrian Embassy, government representatives, industry stakeholders, and local startups to explore potential partnerships aimed at bolstering Nagaland's startup ecosystem.

The roundtable discussion was graced by the presence of Ajay Singh, Head of Technology and Innovation at the Austrian Embassy's Commercial Section, and Aran Verma, Advisor on Organizational Matters at Vantage Info. The session was also attended by Shanavas, IAS, Secretary to the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, P. Tokugha Sema, Director of the Department of Industries & Commerce, and representatives from various key stakeholders, including the Department of Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), BAN and the five state-empaneled incubators: YouthNet Incubation Center, Educentre School of Business, NEILIT, NTTTC, and Nagabots along with StartUps and Entrepreneurs.

P. Tokugha Sema extended a warm reception to the Austrian Embassy officials and other distinguished guests. Following

this, Shanavas, IAS, delivered an insightful welcome speech, emphasizing the critical role of international partnerships in nurturing the startup ecosystem in Nagaland. His remarks set the tone for the discussions, highlighting the State's commitment to fostering a vibrant entrepreneurial environment.

During the session, the Austrian guests were given the opportunity to share their perspectives and explore avenues for collaboration with local stakeholders. Ajay Singh and Aran Verma spoke about the potential for innovation, technology exchange, and capacity building, offering insights into how Austrian expertise and resources could be harnessed to support the growth of local startups.

Local startups were invited to showcase their innovative business models and products, providing a dynamic platform for exchanging ideas and identifying potential areas for collaboration.

The Austrian Embassy's Commercial Section is visiting Nagaland as part of a broader fact-finding mission to explore the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Northeast India. This mission is focused on identifying potential avenues for collaboration, innovation, and economic growth in the region. In Nagaland, the delegation is engaging with key stakeholders, including the Department of Industries & Commerce, StartUp Nagaland, and local startups to understand the unique challenges and opportunities present in the State.

INTEGRATED TRAINING SESSION CONDUCTED FOR 'CTY BARN' AND 'HEALTH ON BIKE' AT KOHIMA

In a significant collaborative effort, the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS), the National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland and the USAID-PRERANA project have come together to conduct an integrated training session for the 'CTY BARN' and 'Health on Bike' staff of NSACS on 21st and 22nd August 2024 respectively. The training aimed to enhance the staff's knowledge and skills in family planning and sexual reproductive health services, ensuring they are well-prepared to support these services which are available in primary health facilities under National Health Mission.

This joint initiative between the two departments envisions to include provisioning of family planning commodities/SRH information and services in the newly launched programme of 'CTY BARN' under NSACS in four districts as well as under the 'Health on Bike' initiative

run by NSACS across eight districts of the State, ensuring broader outreach and accessibility. The training was inaugurated by the head of both the departments – Dr. Akuo Sorhie, Mission Director, NHM and Dr. Ahu Sekhose, Project Director, NSACS in the presence of Dr. Bernice, Joint Director, TI, NSACS and representatives from USAID India and PRERANA and other government officials. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment to enhancing healthcare delivery in Nagaland, particularly in the areas of family planning and SRH services.

PRERANA is a USAID-funded five-year initiative till Dec 2028, dedicated towards strengthening Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) services across all eight north-eastern states of India by facilitating development of innovative solutions and supporting local government, private sector, and civil society and through co-designing locally relevant strategies and evidence-



USAID-India PRERANA team with Dr. Bernice, Joint Director, TI, (NSACS) and 'Health on Bike' staff of NSACS during the integrated training session at Kohima on 22nd August 2024.

based family planning/ reproductive health solutions for the youth. PRERANA aims to significantly improve the health outcomes for marginalized and population in vulnerable circumstances including people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) and with focus on models

with integration as its core that transcend the health sector and foster integrated, cross-sectorial solutions including but not limited to HIV, mental health, gender based violence, etc.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES STATE LEVEL TRAINING

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kohima organized a one-day State Level Training on 21st Livestock Census on Software (Mobile App/ Dashboard) & Breeds for District Nodal Officers & Supervisors in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kohima on 22nd August 2024.

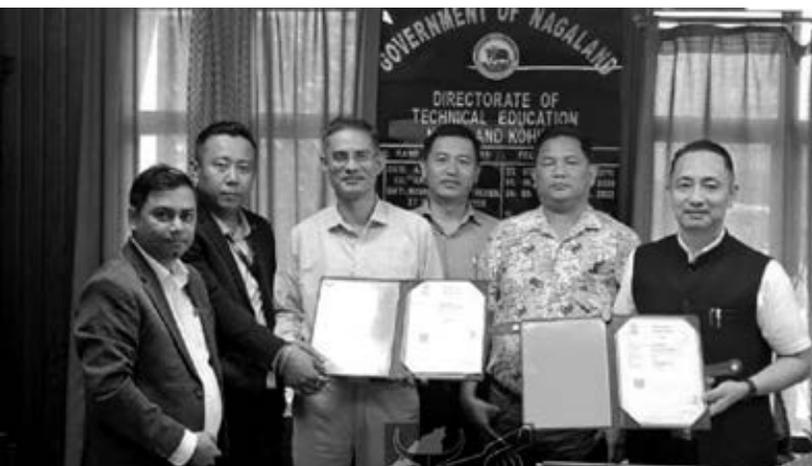
This training was organized to update the technical knowledge and upgrade the soft skills of technical officers who are engaged in the Livestock Census.

The keynote address was delivered by Additional Director and State Nodal Officer

(LC & ISS), Dr. N. Mhonchan Shitiri, who stressed on the importance of the Livestock Census and the exercise which is to be conducted diligently and ensuring utmost data quality.

The technical sessions were conducted by Dr. Suiding Hinglak (VAS) and Njulo Kent, Deputy Director ISS. The trainees were guided through the Dashboard monitoring, technical navigation on Livestock Census. The next round of district training will be conducted in all the 16 districts after which the actual enumeration will be done on 1st September till December 2024.

DoTE SIGNS MoU WITH ASSAM DOWN TOWN UNIVERSITY



A MoU was signed between Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Nagaland and Assam Down Town University the office chamber of the Director, DoTE, Kohima on 23rd August 2024.

In a significant move towards nurturing a balanced technical education ecosystem, the Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Nagaland signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam Down Town University for development of mutually beneficial programmes/ activities/training among the students, collaboration in the field of research, faculty exchange thereby establishing close linkages and functional

coordination between the two parties.

The MoU was signed on 23rd August 2024 in the chamber of the Director,

Technical Education in the presence of the Department officers and representative from Assam Down Town University.

ICAR RESEARCH COMPLEX FOR NEH REGION-NAGALAND CENTRE HONORS YILOBEMO ERUI FOR GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ACHIEVEMENT

The ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, felicitated Yilobemo Erui, a dedicated farmer of ICAR-KVK Wokha, for setting a new world record in agriculture. Erui's outstanding achievement of growing the tallest coriander plant, measuring an impressive 2.77 meters (9 ft 1.06 in), was officially recorded on 25th April 2024, earning him a Guinness World Record. This remarkable accomplishment highlights Erui's commitment and innovation in farming and underscores the agricultural excellence found in Wokha, Nagaland.

The felicitation ceremony was held during the 'Interactive Workshop for Promotion of Oilseeds in Nagaland' organized by ICAR Nagaland Centre at Medziphema on 23rd August 2024. Director of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, C. Peter Yanthan graced the event alongside Dr. Girish Patil, Director of ICAR-National

Research Centre on Mithun, Nagaland, and Dr. H. Kalita, Joint Director of ICAR, Nagaland Centre. Distinguished Scientists from ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Hyderabad, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK, Wokha, and Anuranjan Singh, Skill Development Consultant & Project Manager, District Administration, Wokha and Shishoi Oshom, ETF- Cell also participated in the event.

Yilobemo Erui was presented with an Appreciation Certificate for his exceptional achievement, which showcases the potential for farm innovation in Nagaland. His success inspires other farmers and agricultural enthusiasts across the region, demonstrating the possibilities that can be achieved by integrating indigenous knowledge with modern scientific technology.

Yilobemo Erui being felicitated for achieving Guinness World Record for growing the tallest coriander plant, during an interactive workshop at Medziphema on 23rd August 2024.



‘DR. IMKONGLIBA AO MARTYRDOM DAY’ OBSERVED AT RAJ BHAVAN, KOHIMA

‘Dr.Imkongliba Ao Martyrdom Day’ was observed at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 24th August 2024.

While paying his homage, the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan stated that Dr. Imkongliba Ao was a visionary who, about 60 years ago, foresaw a peaceful and prosperous Nagaland. The Governor also emphasized that Nagas are just as talented and forward-thinking as any other communities in India, and thus, Nagaland should be as developed as any other state in the country. Unfortunately,

we lag behind in many areas due to not paying heed to the guidance of pioneers and visionary leaders like Dr. Imkongliba Ao, he added. He further urged the gathering to live as model citizens of the country so that the legacy of great personalities like Dr. Imkongliba Ao would live on.

Joint Secretary to the Governor, Mhomo Tungoe gave a brief profile of Dr. Imkongliba Ao. The programme was attended by the officers and staff of Raj Bhavan, Kohima.



Governor La Ganesan paying homage at the ‘Dr. Imkongliba Ao Martyrdom Day,’ observed at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 24th August 2024.

CM’S MERITORIOUS STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION HELD

Chief Minister’s Meritorious Students Fellowship presentation was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 24th August 2024. A total of 108 achievers of HSLC Examination 2023 and 2024 batch were

awarded with citations and cash awards

Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome in his address congratulated all the students as well as their parents for their dedication towards

their academic success. While applauding the achievers, he said that their success is a result of their hard work and determination, and expressed hope that they will bring more laurels to the State in the future. Yhome informed that this year also marks the celebrations of the 50th year of Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE). He also called upon the departments involved to reorient the education system so as to equip students to face the new world with confidence and to help them realize their full potential.

Chairperson, Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), Asano Sekhose in her introductory address, reminded the achievers that they are not alone in the race of pursuing excellence, and urged the achievers to stay focused, committed to their studies and continue to excel. While lauding the achievements of these meritorious students, she also acknowledged the role of the institutions and the teachers who moulded and guided these achievers to what they are today, and called upon all heads of

institutions and teachers to continue guiding the students.

She also highlighted the Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship (CMMSF) underlining the role that the State Government has been providing to boost education in the State. She mentioned that the fellowship is granted to Top 50 students in the top rank in order of merit of the HSLC Examination conducted by NBSE and the selection is based on the rank/marks secured in the HSLC Examination in order of merit. The selected 50 students must belong to an Indigenous Scheduled Tribe of Nagaland, and a citation certificate along with cash award shall be given to beneficiaries. The grant of CMMSF shall be awarded for 5 years, and to continue to avail the fellowship, the students should continue to score not less than 80% marks in grades classes succeeding the examination semester annual promotion every year. Non-fulfillment of the criteria will lead to discontinuation of grant of CMMSF, she added.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS URGED TO PRIORITIZE DUTY ALONGSIDE RIGHTS: COOPERATION DEPARTMENT HOLDS 12th REVIEW MEETING

The 12th review meeting of the Department of Cooperation was held at the RCS Conference Hall in Meriema, with Commissioner & Secretary of the Cooperation Department, Kohima, Zarenthung Ezung emphasizing the intrinsic connection between the rights and duties of government servants. "It is a government servant's right to receive a salary, but it is equally our responsibility to fulfil our duties diligently. Rights and duties go hand in hand," he remarked.

Ezung encouraged the officers to lead

by example, highlighting the importance of effective coordination with staff, administration, and allied departments. He underscored three key focus areas for the department: the computerization of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) to enhance efficiency and transparency, a robust recovery drive in collaboration with the Nagaland State Cooperative Bank (NSCB) to improve financial health and accountability, and a thorough audit of Cooperative Societies to ensure proper functioning and compliance.

The meeting commenced with the reading and approval of the minutes from the 11th review meeting by Thungchanbeni Patton, Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS), Head Office. Patton called for a unified effort among officers to advance the department's policies and objectives.

Subsequent to this, officers from various districts presented their reports. Imsunungsang, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies (DRCS), Head Office, provided an update on the recovery status for the period from 1st May 2023 to 16th August 2024. This was followed by a report from Imnanukshi, Joint RCS, Head Office on

the audit status and cancellation of defunct Primary Cooperative Societies across all districts. Akangjongshi, DRCS, Head Office discussed a recent initiative by the Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) where a national database has been established to streamline access to data, making policy formulation for cooperative societies more efficient and informed. R. Bendang, Joint RCS, Head Office, provided insights into upcoming programs and convergence initiatives aimed at enhancing the cooperative sector's impact through integrated efforts across various government departments.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE 14th NAGALAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD

The Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) began on 27th August 2024 with the Speaker of the House, Sharingain Longkumer making obituary references to the passing away of three former Members of the NLA, namely Late Mhao Humtsoe, Late M.C. Konyak and Late Zhetovi Sema.

STARRED AND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF NLA:

On the first day of the Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) on 27th August 2024, the Ministers in-charge of various departments responded to several starred question raised by Members of the House.

Members of the NLA paying tribute to former MLAs who passed away in recent times, during the Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 27th August 2024.



Replying on the starred question raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu on the unit cost and selection criteria of beneficiaries of PMAY-G housing scheme, Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir said that Rs. 1,30,000 is the unit cost and there are two categories of beneficiaries, namely SECC and Awaas. On fund disbursement to the beneficiaries, Jamir replied that the scheme is implemented 100% and amount are transferred to the bank account of the beneficiaries in three installments.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio replying to the starred question raised by MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu on the amount sanctioned under CSS and the amount disbursed each to the Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWH), said that no specific amount was earmarked. Rio replying to starred question on how many AWWs and AWHs are there in the State and the amount disbursed to each AWW and AWH in the year 2022-23, said there are 398 AWWs and 3980 AWHs in the State and the amount of Rs. 500 each was transferred to AWW and Rs. 250 to each AWH, whosoever fulfilled the eligibility criteria as per the ministry guidelines.

To the starred question raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu on machineries allotted to Town Councils, CM Neiphiu Rio in-charge of Urban Development, said machineries such as excavators, dumpers, tractors, tata mobile etc. have been allowed to the Town Councils with effect from 2018 till date. He said that mini trucks were given to Phek, Zunheboto and Longleng Town Council, and tata mobiles were provided to Chumoukedima, Medziphema, Jalukie, Tseminyu, Tuli, Changtongya, Pfutsero and Naginimora Town Council.

Replying to a starred question raised by MLA, Kevipodi Sophie about the status

of National Highway-29 from Lerie to Mao Gate, Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang answered that the technical fact-finding is yet to submit its observation/recommendations. He further said that in accordance with the term of reference, document relating to ongoing project from Lerie to Mao Gate have been sought from NHIDCL and the directions from competent authority for providing sought documents to the technical fact-finding committee were received on 14th August 2024. He added that the relevant details were sought on 16th August 2024 from appropriate agencies involved in the project implementation and supervision, and the details shall be forwarded to the technical fact-finding committee once the same are obtained and compiled.

Replying to the starred question put up by MLA, Nuklutoshi regarding the status of NH 702D, Mokokchung to Mariani and its maintenance and also as to why the two-lane expansion of the said highway has not been initiated despite being accorded the status of National Highway, Deputy Chief Minister, in-charge of PWD (National Highways), T.R. Zeliang said that short term maintenance is ongoing on NH 702D from 0.00 (Mokokchung) to Km 63.00 (Longtho). He further said that for two-lane extension of NH702D, Project Management Consultancy Services for preparation of DPR, pre-construction activity and construction supervision of two lane with paved shoulder of NH-702D from Mokokchung to Watiyim (Km 0.00 to Km 70.00) has been initiated and is currently ongoing.

In reply to the starred question put up by MLA, Nuklutoshi regarding the delay in starting the two lane expansion of NH-2 from Doyang Bridge to VK Town and the firm to whom the work has been allotted for

the specific portion of the highway, Deputy Chief Minister, in-charge of PWD (National Highways), T.R. Zeliang said that the work had to be retendered due to termination of the first contractor on 3rd July 2023 and that the appointed date of the project was declared as 18th June 2024. However, the Landowners' Union NH-2 (VK Area) has stopped the work on account of non-receipt of land compensation. He also mentioned that the work has been allotted to M/s Kaushal Sharma, Tinsukia, Assam.

Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of P&AR, Neiphiu Rio, while replying to the starred question and supplementary question on Job Reservation in Nagaland raised by MLA, Achumbemo Kikon, said that 80% reservation for Indigenous Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland was earmarked from 26th July 1967 with no specific end date. Further, in 1973, the percentage of reservation was revised upto 100% for Non-Technical Grade-III and IV post and 80% for all the posts reserved for any Indigenous Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland. It was also informed that Reservation for Backward Tribes in Nagaland began in 1977 with 25% reservation in non-technical and non-gazetted for seven tribes identified based on economical backwardness and also having insignificant representation in the services in the State. Presently, the Backward Tribe reservation stands at 37% with 25% for the seven Eastern Nagaland Backward Tribes and 12% for other 4 Backward Tribes.

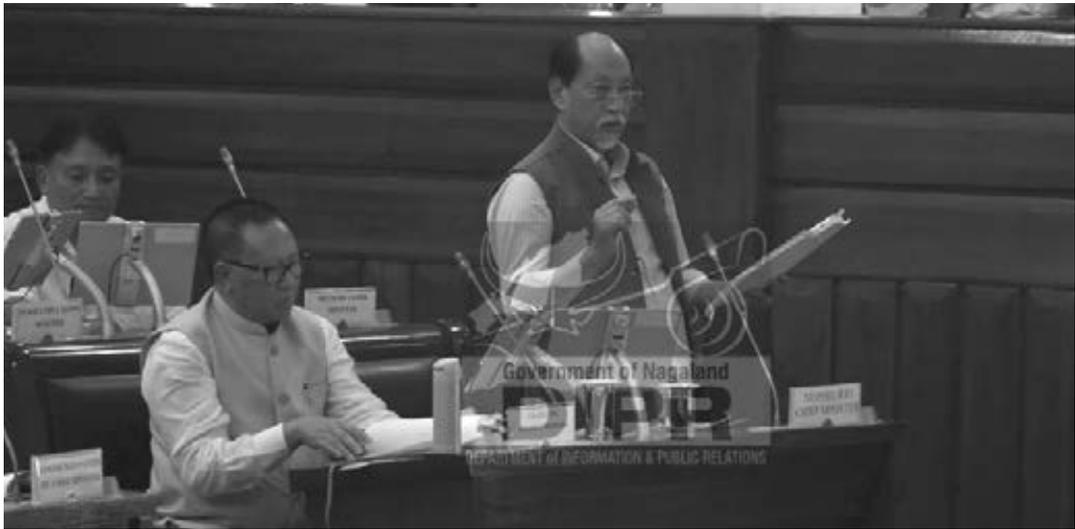
On the second day of the Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 29th August 2024, MLA, Achumbemo Kikon raised a starred question regarding the duration for the completion of four-lane road from Dimapur to Kohima and the reason for the delay in completing the project. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister

in-charge of PWD (National Highways), T.R. Zeliang informed that PKG I of the said road would likely to be completed by 31.12.2024 while PKG II was completed on 10th June 2023 and PKG III relating to road works was scheduled to be completed by 28th September 2025. He further stated issues such as heavy rainfall accompanied by landslides and rockslides, Covid-19 pandemic, termination of contractors, improper planning, inadequate manpower, etc. as the main causes for the delay in completing the project. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio further supplemented to the reply by citing several important issues including the incompetence of NHIDCL and their lackadaisical efforts towards timely completion of the project.

Minister, PWD (Roads & Bridges), G. Kaito Aye, while replying to a starred question raised by MLA, Achumbemo Kikon in regard to construction of Road from L/025 to Sungkha village under Bhandari Sub-division, Wokha, said that 66.93% of the work has been completed till date. Kaito also informed the house that the delay of completion of work is due to major landslide at 19 Km and the inability to transport machineries and equipments required for FDR and blacktopping works beyond the affected area. The Minister further said that a total of Rs. 1314.40 lakhs have been paid to the contractor till date and informed that the Department is in close coordination with the contractor concerned and efforts have been accelerated for the completion of works during this financial year.

NLA MEMBERS DELIBERATES ON HEALTH HAZARDS OF SPURIOUS LIQUOR AND THE NLTP ACT, 1989:

Initiating the discussion hour on Urgent Public Importance under Rule 50 A on 'Health



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking on the floor of the House during the first day of the Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 27th August 2024.

hazards of spurious liquor,' Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer said that since the implementation of Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act, 1989, there has been so many negative impacts socially, spiritually and economically and the very intended objective is being undermined. He further said that the very social fabric has been negatively impacted due to lack of proper guidance, non-availability of rehabilitation avenues and instead of doing good, hundreds of liquor joints and outlets have mushroomed in the State. Longkumer also stated that due to exorbitant rate of adulterated liquor, the youngsters have diverted to taking deadliest substances leading to abuse of drugs and raise of HIV/AIDS in the State. He was of the view that NLTP Act 1989 need to be revisited and regulated certain relevant acts for proper implementation and enforcement of laws.

Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along participating in the discussion, said that the NLTP Act

1989 which has been in force in the State for more than 30 years, has only given rise to more bootleggers and the widespread prevalence of spurious liquor throughout the State ruining the health of young people. He said that it is high time for all Nagas to come together to discuss and mitigate the actual needs and aspirations of our people and decide what is best for the state and its people.

Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, K.T. Sukhalu joining the discussion said that since the day NLTP Act came into force, liquors have been flowing in every nook and corner of Nagaland clearly depicting that the Act is not a success story and therefore, appealed to the members of the house to sincerely look at the state of affairs in today's scenario, and take certain corrective measures as mandated for the good governance and welfare of the people of Nagaland.

Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome taking

part in the discussion, said that the idea of demonization of liquor is bad for the State and for the younger generations.

Advisor, Civil Administration Works Division and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo participating in the discussion on the issue of NLTP Act 1989, said he was in favour of continuing the Act since this 'Act' acts as a shelter for the people of Nagaland. He mentioned that the ill effect of liquor and its impact on our people has adversely affected many families in one way or the other, be it health or our moral integrity, financial and social life. He urged all to support the NLTP Act for the general benefit of everyone.

MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu in his speech admitted that the NLTP Act 1989 is a total failure that has resulted in economic and life loss due to spurious liquor and said he supported the lifting of NLTP Act 1989 and asked the Government to take a U-Turn, since the Government is a people's government. He also pointed out if the State is serious about implementing the act, it should enforce more manpower since the present manpower is just a handful.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon said no country has been succeeded in restriction or implementation of alcohol related regulations. He added that the act was applicable during the 1980s, however, over the years, it has become redundant due to so many situational challenges. Therefore, he strongly urged the government of the day for lifting the act because there is no mechanism to prevent the flow of liquor into our State. He urged the government of the day to constitute a committee on this act.

Joining on the discussion of urgent public importance on the issue of NLTP Act, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso said there are many medical and social benefits of drinking

but the problem lies when it is misused. He added that instead of blanket ban, we need to focus on education and awareness programme, strict regulations on its sale and consumption, support for addiction treatment and encourage a culture of responsibility. He encouraged for a balance approach to promote public health and safety respecting individual rights. He called on the need for proper consultation with the church leaders, civil societies and to give it a try by lifting the ban for a year or two to see the results.

Speaking on the 'Health hazards of spurious liquor,' Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act, 1989 was enacted with the intention of addressing social issues related to alcohol abuse. He said the Act envisaged that reducing alcohol consumption will in turn lower rates of alcohol-related diseases, thereby improving overall community health among others and the policy was put in tune with the circumstances of the time.

The Chief Minister said the statute has been in place for over three decades, and that it cannot be called successful. He said efforts to ban alcohol have led to unintended and often detrimental consequences that highlight the challenges of enforcing such policies - the rise of black market, increased criminal activity such as rise in syndicate suppliers, spurious and inferior quality among many others. He said that the State Government can only regulate and restrict sale and flow of liquor but the Government cannot outrightly prohibit individuals from drinking which is essentially a matter of personal choice and decision. He added that it is also a subject that is largely pivoted on the dynamics of demand and supply.

Rio stated that if we see the spatial history of the prohibition policy, it has been observed that the policy has been largely effective in rural areas in the State while in the urban areas, huge failure has been witnessed. He said that the Church has also been vocal on this matter for which he appreciated the apprehensions of the Church. He added that the State Government has been consulting with all sections of the society on important public matters such as this before taking any decision.

Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, Advisor, Law & Justice and Land Revenue, T.N. Mannen (Retd. IAS), MLA Nuklutoshi, MLA Jwenga Seb, MLA P. Longon also took part in the discussion.

MEMBERS OF THE NLA DISCUSSES ISSUES ON NH-29:

Under Rule-48, Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen strongly emphasized the importance of NH-29, which he said, is the lifeline of Kohima to Dimapur.

On seeing the present condition of the road, two-lane road from Kohima to Dimapur via Jotsoma should be properly constructed, he suggested. Since Kohima and Dimapur are the State's capital and commercial district of the State, Imchen suggested that a tunnel be constructed from Chümoukedima Check Gate to Medziphema in order to avoid landslides and rockfall in that particular area.

Supplementing the concern raised by Imkong L. Imchen, Advisor, Printing & Stationery and Prisons, Er. Kropol Vitsu said that landslides, rockfalls and subsidence occur every year in NH-29 between Kohima to Dimapur especially the Pakala Pahar area during the monsoon season. He also strongly advocated the construction of tunnel from Chümoukedima to Medziphema so as to avert any eventuality between this stretch. Vitsu blamed the NHIDCL for not maintaining the roads properly thereby causing hardships and inconveniences for the commuters. He suggested Kohima-Zhadima-Niuland-Dimapur route should be permanently



Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang addressing the House on National Highway-29 during the Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 29th August 2024.

constructed as an all-weathered road and be used during monsoon.

While supplementing on the National Highway-29 ongoing work, MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu said the agreement with the NHIDC took two weeks to clear the debris from the recent landslide at Dzudza and termed it as sleekness negligence. He also added that the NHIDCL has misled the house by showing their lack of seriousness and said the government should take the matter seriously as it is a criminal negligence and stated that the government should file a criminal case against NHIDCL or be given to the CBI for investigation.

Joining on discussion on landslide and rockfall, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of National Highways, T.R Zeliang stated that the Government is in constant touch with the authority to ensure that road is open at the earliest possible time. On the issue of alternative road from Kohima-Zhadima-Niuland-Dimapur, he informed that the road construction under Package 2 and 3 have already completed but the road under Package 1 is yet to be constructed due to the land compensation. However, he said that the Government is taking all necessary measures to have an understanding so that the remaining portion of the road is constructed at the earliest possible time, paving an alternative road to solve the issue face by the commuters.

DISCUSSION ON CEASEFIRE AND LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE STATE:

MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu while calling the attention to the matter of urgent public importance pertaining to the 'Ceasefire and law and order situation in the State,' pointed out that our State Home Department should have Comprehensive Transfer and Posting,

since most of the security personnel are posted in their respective hometown station and called upon the Home Department to ponder seriously on this matter so that the personnel from each district are fairly distributed to all the districts of the State. He said this during the second day of the Fifth Session of 14th NLA on 29th August 2024. MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu also stated that the Ceasefire Agreement was signed to bring peace in the State but has resulted in counterproductive since under the umbrella of ceasefire, more fractions have popped up and a number of kidnappings, ransoms, extortions, killings, assaults cases have mushroomed in the State. Therefore, he questioned the house that, if the State needs the Ceasefire Agreement with the Centre, then the Ceasefire Agreement ground rules need to be changed or reviewed immediately that needs to be checked and followed.

During the Zero Hour, Deputy Chief Minister & Minister-in-charge of Home, Y. Patton while replying to the question raised by Achumbemo Kikon, in regard to the steps and measures taken by the government and police for the prevention of influx of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, said that the Government of Nagaland and the Police Department is closely monitoring the situation in Bangladesh. Patton informed that the intelligence teams have been activated and is keeping strict vigil round the clock to tackle the situation in the event of any information about illegal immigrants from Bangladesh entering Nagaland through Assam. He further enlightened the house that a committee has been formed including Administration, Police, Army and all stakeholders to monitor the situation and informed that the Administration and Police have already activated strict vigilance



Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton taking part in the discussion on the law and order situation in the State during the second day of Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 29th August 2024.

by erecting check post in the 13 inter-state routes and eyes kept vigil in the border villages and vulnerable locations in all the eight districts which shares the border with Assam.

Patton also stated that there is no policy in the transfer and posting under Home Department and urged the Members of the Assembly not to entertain the jawans in their transfer and posting. He also informed the house that law and order mechanism in the State have been active and crime situations are under control since there are regular arrests made in cases of extortions, kidnappings, violation of Arms Act in different districts by different fractions and also arrests made for violation of the NLTP Act and drug related cases across the State. Patton also highlighted about the extension of ceasefire agreement with the Government of India and five fractions group out of the

26 fractions for a period of one year, and informed that the ceasefire is a review every year to check the ground rules. He also said there are 15 designated camps belonging to different fraction groups in the State and listed out the names of the districts declared as Disturbed Areas.

NLA MEMBERS DISCUSSES ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE:

Initiating the discussion of public importance on the issue pertaining to Naga Political Issue during the second day of the Fifth Session of 14th NLA on 29th August 2024, MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu said in order to keep the Naga political history and aspiration known to younger generation, there is the need to include Naga political history as a subject in the education system. He dwelled on the signing of the Framework agreement on 3rd August 2015, the signing of

Agreed Position on 17th November 2017 and the declaration of talks that concluded on 31st October 2019. He suggested that in order to make the talk successful, legislature should not play the role of facilitators only but should also be a part of negotiation in order to bring the long awaited dream to a logical conclusion.

Minister, Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye taking part in the discussion, urged the State Government to pressurize the Central Government and the negotiation party to abide by the framework agreement and agreed position. Aye stressed on the need to take up the issue seriously and urged the State Government to write to the negotiators to settle the longstanding Naga Political Issue.

MLA, Jwenga Seb also participating in the discussion, said the initial and most crucial step we must undertake is to unify ourselves. He remarked that we must “clean our kitchen” before we can effectively engage with external entities as unity is not just a desirable goal, it is an absolute necessity for any meaningful progress. He also strongly advocated for the consolidation of the major civil society organisations such as Tenyimi Union of Nagaland (TUN), Central Nagaland Tribes Council (CNTC), and Eastern Nagaland People’s Organization (ENPO) into a single Naga Apex Body. Seb added that the unified body would serve as the primary platform for discussing the contents of the Framework Agreement (FA) and Agreed Position (AP).

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero said that in his observation, years between 1946 & 1980, after 34 years, formation of NSCN has now mushroomed to 26 factions, and so by 2046, we may end up having up to 40-50 factions at this rate of growth into group-ism. He

also suggested that GoI should not sit upon or put in a cold storage the vexed Naga Political Issue but with utmost sincerity, should resume to find out an acceptable and amicable solution with the stakeholders.

Chief Minister and Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio in his concluding remarks on Naga Political said that altogether, six resolutions on Naga Political Issue have been taken unanimously by the NLA and five resolutions have been taken outside the NLA after discussion and deliberation with the churches, tribal hohos and Civil Society Organisations. Rio stated that the elected members of the NLA have every right to voice and speak out the voice of the people as they have the mandate of the people. Like the opposition-less government of the NLA, he also urged the Naga groups to come together on the negotiating table and discuss the issue in order to take a decision which is inclusive, honourable and acceptable.

The Chief Minister also said that the elected members of NLA would first have a consultation with the National Groups before meeting the CSOs, the churches and the tribal Hohos. Rio also urged the Naga groups to listen to the voice of the people if they are mandated by the people. Due to taxation in the name of the ongoing Naga Political Issue, the businesses manned by the non-locals, government servants and farmers have been confronting difficulties. At this present scenario, no investors from outside the State will come to the State for investment, he added.

Advisor, NSDMA and New & Renewal Energy, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, MLA Achumbemo Kikon and MLA Naiba Konyak also took part

in the discussion on the Nagaland Political Issue.

DISCUSSION ON POWER SECTOR REFORMS BY REVIEWING COMMUNITISATION OF ELECTRICITY MANAGEMENT IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS:

Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye initiated the discussion to “Power Sector Reforms by Reviewing Communitisation of Electricity Management in Urban and Rural Areas under the National Communitisation of Public Institution & Services Act 2002 (Act No. 2 of 2002) Sensitisation and Awareness Thereof” on 29th August 2024. He said that the Power Sector is one of the main backbones of the State’s economy and functions as a commercial organisation/department of the State for delivering electricity as an essential public service. Kenye also remarked that unlike other service sectors such as Medical,

Education, Health Engineering, etc. it is paramount to recoup its operating cost/ expenditures from its consumers to ensure stable, quality, affordable electricity and energy security so as to leverage all round socio-economic growth and infrastructural developmental activities.

MLA, Picto Shohe said the Power Department is trying to fill all the nooks and corners of the rural and urban areas with power supply to the homes and streets with all facilities, but due to shortage of manpower to check power theft and direct hooking of power, these facilities could not be offered and these acts have generated loss in revenue to the government. He therefore called upon to take stern measures against the culprits and also urged the Government to implement smart prepaid meters in the urban areas with constitution of the stakeholders.

Advisor, Tribal Affairs and Election, Tovihoto Ayemi said that Power Department



Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye taking part in the discussion on Power Sector Reforms at the Fifth Session of the 14th NLA on 27th August 2024.

said in the past, the Government has spent a lot in power purchase and therefore rely on schemes which gave free electricity. He called the house to give time to educate our people to pay for electricity consumed and opined that prepaid metering should be installed.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu in support of Minister K.G. Kenye, said that Industries & Commerce and Power Departments are inter-connected. She also said with the advancements in technology, there is the option of adopting intervention such as pre-paid and smart meter in homes, transformers and sub-station which can effectively addressing the lack of manpower shortages, inaccurate billing and revenue collection while providing accurate real time information to the department, provide better power supply, better load management.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics, Evaluation, Sethrongkyu explained that the Government has to buy the power to provide to the consumers but with the Communitisation of Electricity in Nagaland, about 90% of the villages covered under the Act are being billed at an average monthly charge, and in some cases, the monthly bare minimum charges rather than as per the actual consumption, and about 10% are being billed as per the actual consumption/ meter reading. Sethrongkyu suggested for the review of the Communitisation of Electricity Management in Rural and Urban Areas under the Act.

Chief Minister and Leader of the House, Neiphiu Rio mentioned that the power sector has been incurring an annual revenue loss to more than 50% of its total revenue collection. Therefore, he opined that this sector is in urgent need of review, citing the present trend of increased power demand and

revenue loss due to hasty implementation of communitization at the grassroot level. He said installation of 100% smart pre-metering is a challenge in our context due to resistance by Civil Society Organisations. However, he said that Town Council Elected Members and the Government should take appropriate action for non-compliance. He also said that the Cabinet has already decided to introduce compulsory metering in urban and its surrounding areas. In rural areas, he urged the churches to come forward in sensitization and dissemination of the right information to the people. This issue needs serious discussion and one should be responsible enough to pay one's own electricity bills, he stated.

ASSENT TO BILLS:

Secretary-in-Charge, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) Secretariat reported the assent of the Governor of Nagaland to the following Bills:

1. The Nagaland Salaries, Allowances & Other Facilities of the Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Chief Minister/ Ministers, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Speaker and other Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Pension for Ex-Members (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2024.
2. The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2023.
3. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2024.
4. Nagaland Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2024.

NLA PASSES SIX BILLS:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio moved 1) The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024, 2) The Nagaland Work-Charged and Casual Employees

Regulation (First Amendment) Bill, 2024 3) The Nagaland Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and 4) Disqualification on Ground of Defection in Urban Local Bodies Bill, 2024.

Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang moved 'The Nagaland Road Safety Authority (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024' while 'The Global Open University Nagaland (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024' was moved by Minister of Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along.

The House unanimously passed the bills.

PRESENTATION OF ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (2024-2025) and Advisor, Imkong L. Imchen presented to the House the following reports:

1. 140th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-2019 relating to the Nagaland Hotels & Tourism Development Corporate (NHTDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce
2. 141st Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2019-2020 relating to the Nagaland Hotels & Tourism Development Corporate (NHTDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce
3. 142nd Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-2019 relating to the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporate (NIDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce
4. 143rd Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2019-2020 contained in the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporate (NIDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce and
5. 144th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-2019 relating to the Nagaland Handloom & Handicraft Development corporation (NHHDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce.
6. The 145th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2019-2020 relating to the Nagaland Handloom & Handicraft Development Corporation (NHHDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce
7. 146th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-2019 pertaining to Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NSMDC) under the Department of Geology & Mining, Government of Nagaland.
8. 147th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2019-2020 pertaining to the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NSMDC) under the Department of Geology & Mining, Government of Nagaland

9. 148th Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations contained in the 134th Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2017-18 pertaining to the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland.

Kuzholuzo Nienu, Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances (2024 - 2025) presented to the House a copy each of the:

1. 107th Action Taken Report on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the 100th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances,
2. 108th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (7th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly)
3. 109th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (9th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly) and the
4. 110th Action Taken Report on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the 101st Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024 -2025), Mhathung Yanthan presented the following reports:

1. 131st Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024-2025) Action Taken by the Government on the Observations/ Recommendations contained in the 125th Report of the Committee on the Comptroller & Auditor General Report of India for the year 2016-2017
2. 132nd Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2023-2024) on the

examination of the Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2017-18 on the State Finances Audit Report

3. 133rd Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024-2025) Examination of the Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2017-18 on Social, Economic, Revenue and General Sectors
4. 134th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024-2025) on the examination of the Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-19 on the State Finances Audit Report
5. 135th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024-2025) on the examination of the Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-19 on (General, Economic and Revenue) Sectors and
6. 136th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2024-2025) Examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2018-19 on the Performance Audit of Select District Hospitals in Nagaland.

Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2024 2025), Dr. A. Sema presented to the House a copy of the 83rd Report on the Nagaland Health Service (Amendment) Rules, 2017 and the 84th Report on The Nagaland Industries Service Rules, 1986.

LAYING OF REPORTS/RULES:

Minister of Power, K.G. Kenye presented to the House the notification on the amendment of the 'Nagaland Communication of Electricity Management in Villages by Village Councils Rules,

2002,'notification on the amendment of the 'Additional Condition of Supply of Electricity to Villages, 2002' and notification on the repeal of the 'Nagaland Communitisation of Electricity (Management in Urban Areas by Urban Electricity Management Board) Rules, 2004.'

The Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly was adjourned Sine Die by the Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer on 29th August 2024. The Speaker, in his concluding remarks, said that though it was a brief sitting, it was a very fruitful and meaningful deliberation on topics of vital interest for the State. He stated that besides many important

businesses, six bills were passed, and seven subjects of paramount importance were taken up for discussion. On the discussion 'Under Rule-48,' 50 minutes were allocated to four members. On the discussion on 'Matters of Urgent Public Importance under Rule-50,' in two days altogether, 28 Members participated by allocating hours, minutes and 'Under Rule-54, calling attention to matters of Urgent Public Importance,' 25 minutes were allocated, and stated that it was encouraging to see the members using the medium of zero hour to highlight issues concerning to the welfare of the people of the State.

CM LAUNCHES RAISING AND ACCELERATING MSME PERFORMANCE

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio officially launched the World Bank assisted Government of India Scheme, Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) in Nagaland in the presence of all the members of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 27th August 2024.

The Chief Minister mentioned that many of the youths have availed immense benefits through the initiative of 'Year of Youth Empowerment' and 'Year of Entrepreneurs.' Rio also mentioned that notable progress has been made through the initiatives of IDAN, incubation centres and Startup Nagaland. Events such as the CSR Conclave and the G20-B20 meetings have further showcased the State's growing importance. The Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative was introduced to provide financial support to businesses.

The Government has made significant stride in empowering youth

and entrepreneurs. However, the State still faces with the challenge of addressing unemployment problem for our educated unemployed youths in the State. The State is now witnessing a significant shift in the policy trajectory of the Government of India, with a growing focus on MSMEs. Therefore, the Chief Minister urged the Department to intensify their focus in this sector and provide the necessary support to entrepreneurs as they scale up through the RAMP project and other MSME related schemes.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu in her opening remarks said the success of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) pointed out that the programme is important, since the economy and doing business in our State is not systematic due to lack of knowledge on accountability which results in losses, and with the RAMP and UNNATI scheme programme, it would teach the younger people to generate revenue through

entrepreneurship. She also requested the Chief Minister, the Power Department and Road & Bridges Department for proper

power supply and road connectivity for smooth functioning of the industries.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES STREET VENDORS' SUCCESS: PM SVANIDHI 'PRAISE' AWARDS HONOR TOP PERFORMERS

The Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Departments, Government of Nagaland, under the initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), hosted the state-level PM SvANidhi 'PRAISE' (Performance Recognition for Access to Financial Inclusion and Street Vendors Empowerment) Awards at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 28th August 2024.

Commissioner & Secretary, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, IPoS in his keynote address, highlighted the programme's objectives to celebrate notable achievements and inspire others to follow suit. The PM SvANidhi scheme, he noted, aims to provide working capital loans of up to Rs. 10,000 to street vendors. Owing to the scheme's success, the Ministry has introduced two additional tranches, offering loan amounts of Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 60,000 to beneficiaries who have successfully repaid their previous loans.

Kevichusa also revealed that while the scheme initially aimed to support 50 lakh street vendors, as of 27th August 2024, a total of 91.70 lakh loans have been sanctioned nationwide. In Nagaland, out of the 39 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), 25 have availed the loans. Despite Nagaland ranking 8th in terms of absolute numbers among hilly and North Eastern States, the State has performed well in terms of target achievement percentage. Efforts are on-going in partnership with ULBs and lending institutions to improve success rates.

The scheme is supported by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE). However, Kevichusa pointed out a significant concern with the application rejection/return rate by lending institutions, which stands at 38.75%. He urged these institutions to be more proactive in processing loan applications to expand coverage to more street vendors. He also appealed to the Executive Officers of ULBs, especially in the 14 smaller ULBs where no loans have been registered, to spread awareness among street vendors and guide them in accessing these opportunities. The District Urban Development Agencies (DUDAs) are ready to assist in this effort, which is linked to eight central schemes.

State Mission Director, NLUM, SUDA, Peteville Khatau and Deputy Director, Kihinoli Kinimi also spoke on the occasion.

Best Performing Lending Institution was awarded to State Bank of India, while the Best Performing Bank Branches were awarded to 1) Canara Bank, Dimapur 2) Indian Bank, Dimapur 3) State Bank of India, Dimapur 4) State Bank of India, Bazar, Dimapur 5) State Bank of India, Kiphire 6) State Bank of India, Old Market, Dimapur 7) State Bank of India Rangapahar, Dimapur, and 8) State Bank of India, Tuensang.

In the Best Performing ULBs, Dimapur Municipal Council was awarded in Category -I: Class I & II Cities, while Wokha Town Council, Mon Town Council, and Tuensang Town Council were awarded under Category-

II:Class III & IV Cities. Medziphema Town Council, Longleng Town Council and Peren Town Council were awarded under Category- III:Class II & IV Cities.

THREE-DAY STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION HELD

A State Level Workshop on Educational Evaluation for Secondary Teachers Educators and personnel of School Education, SCERT and SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, Nagaland for three days began with Deepika Nadig, Director of Shikshangan Initiatives, Pune and Vijay Gupta, Director of Shikshangan Initiatives, Pune as resource persons at SCTE, Conference Hall, Kohima on 28th August 2024.

Gracing the inaugural programme, Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome said that there are many challenges faced by the educators in the current education system and encouraged the educators present at the workshop to improve the effectiveness of the teaching and learning process. Yhome mentioned that this

year marks the 105th year of the State's first Matriculation as well as the 100th year of the first Naga Graduate. He said that although Nagaland's exposure to modern education is very recent, he is hopeful with the progress of the literacy rate in the State.

During the inaugural programme, Deepika Nadig, Director of Shikshangan Initiatives, Pune said that Shikshangan initiatives presents a variety of sessions for teachers on specific pedagogical content to enhance teaching effectiveness such as shift from traditional teaching to deep understanding of concepts and skills, including critical thinking and problem solving, practice inclusivity by respecting individual student's differences and keeping a lens on learning readiness, multiple interests



Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr.Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with officials and resource persons during the inaugural programme of the State Level Workshop on Educational Evaluation at SCTE, Kohima on 28th August 2024.

& learning styles, elevate lesson plans with Effective Pedagogies of Accelerated Learning, Differentiated Instruction and Collaborative Teaching.

Vijay Gupta, Director of Shikshangan Initiatives, Pune highlighted that 75% graduates in our country are unemployed due to lack of skills required for certain jobs and that most of the schools including colleges

have not been able to ensure good learning that is deep and not just rote memorization for every student who has access to school. He identified various ways to learn skills, which includes skills like reading/listening with comprehension, taking notes using appropriate graphic organizers, problem solving, planning, seeking help etc.

NAGALAND'S SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EXPLORES JAPAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The Department of Employment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship, under the leadership of Additional Director, Savio Visa, held a strategic meeting with Takako Oshibuchi, CEO of NAVIS HR at Directorate of Employment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship on 28th August 2024.

The meeting, attended by officials and representatives from IDAN, focused on

exploring potential collaborations to create employment opportunities for Nagaland's unemployed youth in Japan.

The discussions centered on the Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP) and the Specialized Skilled Worker (SSW) programme, both of which aim to provide valuable work experiences for young people in Japan.

STATE LEVEL ADVOCACY SKILL TRAINING FOR LEGAL AID LAWYERS ORGANIZED BY THE NSLSA HELD

Judge, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Justice Nelson Sailo asserted that legal aid lawyers can do much more by interacting with those in conflict with law or those in need of legal assistance apart from courts which may strictly go by the law.

Delivering the inaugural address during state level advocacy skill training for legal aid lawyers organized by the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) on 29th August 2024 at SIRD Conference Hall, Kohima, Justice Nelson Sailo called upon the panel lawyers and defence counsel to assist those people who are in requirement of legal aid and assistance. He said the profession of the lawyers is not just to practice law but

assist people in need of Legal assistance. Speaking of the role of the lawyers, Sailo also added that they are present at the grassroot level to help people who are in need of their expertise.

Sailo highlighted that lawyers handle their own case but Judges handle all cases. In this regard, this gives lawyers, both defense or on the side of the persecution, the opportunity to be well versed. He added that they contribute much to assisting the court by doing their homework and presenting case through research and bringing up latest law. He asked the lawyers to be sensitive with what their clients are looking for or what kind of trouble they are in, and accordingly,

represent the cases of their clients to enable them to get justice.

During the technical session, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Vrinda Grover spoke on navigating criminal Justice system and highlighted on the need to have a broad base of legal and case strategy. She dwelled on the important role defence lawyers play during remand stage and the purpose of staying in communication with the arrested person keeping in mind the need for safeguarding human rights. The resource person took the participants on advocacy, lawyering skills, examination of witnesses and arguments.

Additional Director, General of Police

(Law & Order), Sandeep M. Tamgadge dwelled on an overview of new criminal laws including the BNS, BNSS and BSA, and asserted the new laws replaces laws created during colonial period with relevance on expediting justice system, focus on digital technology among others.

Over 50 panel lawyers, retainer lawyers, legal aid defence counsel members and young practitioners attended the training. During the inaugural programme, Justice Budi Habung Judge Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench and Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench, Registrar, Ajongba Imchen attended the programme.

SPECIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ESI SCHEME

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India in collaboration with State Labour Department organized a special awareness programme on Employees State Insurance (ESI) scheme for the employers and workers in the organized sector in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Kohima on 29th August 2024.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Rhosietho Nguori delivered a short speech on the importance and nobility of the scheme. He informed that though the scheme was implemented in the year 2019 in Kohima, there is no awareness among the local populace and requested for more such awareness programme for registration under the scheme.

Deputy Director, Employees State Insurance Corporation and Co-Ordination Officer for the State of Nagaland, L. Tsanglao as the resource person, highlighted the ESI

Scheme through a PowerPoint presentation. He informed that ESI Act, 1948 is the first major legislation on social security for the workers in India and is being implemented by Employees' State Insurance Corporation, a statutory body under Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India in collaboration with State Governments. Briefing the gathering, he informed that ESI scheme is a comprehensive social security scheme for the workers in the organized sector and their dependent families. The scheme provides both cash and medical care to the beneficiaries/insured person.

Tsanglao informed that cash benefits are provided in the form of wage compensation during the time of Sickness, Employment injury, Disablement, Maternity and Death in the course of employment, funeral expenses, confinement expenses, medical care to retired insured person and host of other benefits. He further informed that the ward of insured person is eligible for ESIC Quota for undergoing medical courses in ESIC run

Medical colleges. He said that the ESI Act applies to Factories and other Establishment such as Hotels, Restaurants, Cinemas, Newspapers, Shops and Private Educational and Medical Institutions, employing 10 or more workers with wage limit of Rs. 21,000/- (uptoRs. 25,000 for person with disabilities). He informed that the scheme is financed by contribution from Employers and Employees

@3.25% and 0.75

The discussion hour was led by L. Tsanglao, Deputy Director, ESIC, & K. Guite, Branch Manager, ESIC, Branch Office, Dimapur. The Special Awareness programme concluded with free health check-up camp led by Dr. Kenei, Insurance Medical Officer, ESI Scheme Dispensary Kohima.

MERITORIOUS STUDENTS FROM GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AWARDED

The Directorate of School Education organised a felicitation service for the awardees of the Nagaland Government School Students Meritorious Award at Morung Conference Hall, Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 30th August 2024, with Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome gracing the occasion as the special guest.

Advisor, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome while congratulating the awardees, said that the success does not belong to students alone

but to teachers also, as the teachers have given their best effort in motivating students to be sincere in their studies. He informed that there are 1,939 Government Schools in Nagaland covering every nook and corner of the State equipped with well qualified teachers for the improvement of education system in the State.

Dr. Yhome further said that the department is giving its best effort to upgrade the education system and for which, government schools have been giving free



Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with government officials and awardees during the Government School Students' Meritorious Award at Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 30th August 2024.

quality-education and assured that the education system will gradually improve. He also urged the teachers to build cordial relationship so as to create congenial atmosphere in the schools.

Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS informed that the award ceremony programme was started in 2023 with the aim to motivate the students in the government schools.

The presentation of awards to the successful students of the HSLC and HSSLC Examination 2024 (Best Performing Government School) are Khushi Gupta from Government High School, Chandmari, Nambagwangle Haining from Government Higher Secondary School, Jalukie and Shethilu Medeo from Government Higher Secondary School, Pfutsero. In the HSSLC Arts stream - Ilanguale from Government Higher Secondary School, Chumoukedima, Biseli Sangtam from Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung and Chujai P from Bautüing Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng. In Commerce stream - Sony

Kumari Sharma from Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung, Anmol Kumar Jha from Rüzühkhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Kedoni Nakhro from Government Higher Secondary School, Jotsoma. In Science stream - Sungtinen Longkumer from Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung, Julu Pojar from Rüzühkhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Aosenla from Mayangnokcha Government Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung.

Advisor, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome gave away the certificates and cash award to the awardees while Commissioner & Secretary, School Education, Kevileno gave away the certificates to 24 GHS and 3 GHSS for securing 100% Pass Percentage in HSSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2024.

Special numbers were presented by the students of Government High School, Chandmari and Government Higher Secondary School, Jotsoma.

NAGALAND LAUNCHES POSHAN MAAH 2024 WITH 'EK PED MAA KE NAAM'

Poshan Maah 2024 celebration in Nagaland started with the Department of Social Welfare participating in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign on 31st August 2024. Plant4Mother was earlier launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on World Environment Day, 5th June 2024.

Secretary, Social Welfare, Martha Ritse led the Plant4Mother plantation drive. Other participants include Olemjungla Aier, Project Director, Poshan Abiyaan and Joint Secretary, Social Welfare, Bodeno S. Colo,

Additional Secretary, Tosheli Zhimomi, Director, Social Welfare, along with Directorate Officers, staff, SPMU Poshan Abhiyaan team, District Social Welfare and Anganwadi Workers.

District Social Welfare and Block Officers, and Anganwadi Workers participated in the Plant4mother campaign at the district, block and Anganwadi Centres across the State.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, behavioural change at

individual and community level is an important component to achieve the desired goal of Suposhit Bharat. In pursuance of this objective, Rashtriya Poshan Maah, celebrated during the month of September every year. Since the launch of Poshan Abhiyaan in 2018 by the Prime Minister, 6 Poshan Maahs have been successfully celebrated across the country in convergence with multiple

Ministries/Departments across the States/ Union Territories.

The Plant4Mother campaign's goal is to create a safer environment for future generations by reducing global warming, improving air quality, and balancing the environment. The campaign is based on the idea that the bond between a mother and her child is the most precious in the world.



TRIBAL ARTISAN EMPANELMENT MELA HELD AT TSEMINYU

Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela (TAeM) was organized by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in collaboration with District Administration Tseminyu, MARCOFED, NBHM, DUDA and IIE, at Town Hall, Tseminyu on 1st August 2024.

SDO (C) Tseminyu, Kimciyile speaking at the programme, mentioned that under the

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Government of India aims to provide livelihood opportunities to tribal artisans by identifying and empanelling them for product improvement, training and marketing opportunities of their products through TRIFED.

Short speeches were delivered by Marketing Head, TRIFED RONEER, Abhijeet Dutta and Deputy Manager, TRIFED HO Delhi, ST Lamkhogin.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The Pughoboto Sub-division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held on 1st August 2024 at DB's Hall, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Pughoboto.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the board entrusted EE Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) with the clearance of blocked drainage and maintenance of roads in Pughoboto sub-division. The need for establishment of Economic & Statistical Office at Pughoboto was discussed and recommended to the Government for necessary action. As

highlighted by the Functional Manager of Sub-District Industries Center (Sub-DIC) on the dilapidated condition of the respective Sub-DIC Office building at Pughoboto, the board recommended for renovation of the office. Additionally, the Committee for inauguration of New Administrative Complex and SBI Office was set up.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman SDPDB, Dr. Sukhato A Sema and co-chaired by ADC and Vice-Chairman SDPDB, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang.

1st GRADUATION DAY PROGRAMME OF SCTE HELD AT KOHIMA

State College of Teacher Education (SCTE), Kohima held its 1st Graduation Day programme on 2nd August 2024 at the SCTE, Kohima. Conferring of Degrees was presented by Graduation Guest, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Prof. Gleen T. Thong. Altogether there were 46 Graduates for the batch of 2024.

Asserting that a new chapter has begun for the Graduates, Prof. Gleen T. Thong

said with the degree earned, one needs to be innovative, hardworking, discipline and should be willing to take risk in order to achieve success in life. He said many people have succeeded challenges in life today because there were teachers who have guided and shaped them. Exhorting the graduates, he said they have responsibilities in shaping the young students for our future generation, adding that teachers should educate their students on issues like environmental



Pro-Vice Chancellor, NU, Kohima Campus, Prof. Gleen T. Thong with faculty members and the graduates for the batch of 2024 during the 1st Graduation Day programme of SCTE on 2nd August 2024 at the SCTE, Kohima.

awareness, community participation, biodiversity protection for ecological balance management to save our planet Earth from further destruction etc.

Presentation of special award was carried

out by Head of Department, Education Department, Nagaland University, Prof. Gyanendra Nath Tiwari. Director, SCERT, Keviraleu Kerhuo released the College Magazine.

KIPHIRE OBSERVES WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

At Kiphire, World Breastfeeding Week was observed under the theme 'Closing the gap: breastfeeding support for all' at District Hospital Conference Hall, Kiphire on 2nd August 2024.

Dr. Thringla Sangtam, Senior Specialist Obstetrician & Gynaecologist spoke on the importance of breastfeeding. She said that breastfeeding supplies all the necessary nutrients in proper proportions. It protects against many diseases like allergies, sickness, obesity, diabetes, cancer and ear infection. Breastmilk provides all the food and drink that a baby needs for around first six months of life and helps the baby to keep

healthy and strong.

Dr. Sangtam also said that breastfeeding within one hour of birth protects the new born from acquiring infection and reduces newborn mortality. She also urged all the mothers present to breastfeed their babies according to the advice given by health experts. Breastfeeding is the healthiest option for both mother and baby, and nothing can supplement breastmilk feeding, she added.

Short speeches were delivered by EAC Kiphire, Kudazo and CDPO Kiphire, S. Yesumong Sangtam, followed by handing out of hampers to the participating mothers.

SKILL PROFICIENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING HELD AT TUENSANG

The second phase of Skill Proficiency Management for Building and Other Construction Workers Advanced Training of Trainers (ToT) was held at Town Hall, Tuensang on 5th August 2024.

Speaking at the training, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa thanked the organizer, Zynorique Initiative Society, for providing such trainings to the youth of Tuensang. She stated that, in the fast changing world, skilled jobs are needed in every field and through skill development, employment opportunities can be found in both government and private sector. Rutsa stated that in Nagaland, a higher average of non-locals are employed in

construction work because indigenous Nagas are unable to compete due to lack of skill development. She further added that through this skill training, many local unemployed youth can easily seek job opportunities as an electrician, plumber, construction worker, etc. She also exhorted the trainees to put their minds into learning the knowledge imparted at the training and also stated that the Government provides various schemes and benefits for building and construction workers through the Department of Labour in the State.

Introduction to the training was highlighted by Tenempong Longchar, Team Zynorique.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, DPDB Peren, Namri Nchang on 6th August 2024 at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren.

After a brief review of the previous meeting minutes, the DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru informed that a circular has already been issued in regard to maintenance of office compounds to all the Heads of Offices at District HQ, directing them to clear outgrowths in and around their respective office premises.

In the meeting, the following agenda were deliberated and approved: DPDB Award, Peren District Task Force on Roads and establishment of Police Outpost in District HQ. Further, the board also approved and recommended the proposal for upgradation of Information Assistant (IA) Office at Tening to Assistant Public Relations Officer's Office and post creation of Information Assistant (IA) Office at Jalukie

Peren DPDB meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, DPDB Peren, Namri Nchang at DC's Office, Peren on 6th August 2024.



and Ahthibung sub-division.

CMO Peren, Dr. Limatula Ao gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation about the

district health profiles and different activities undertaken by the Health & Family Welfare Department in the district.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON GENDER SENSITIZATION HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

WOKHA:

District Administration, Department of Social Welfare and Sankalp-Hub for Empowerment of Women organized a gender awareness session in observance of 100 Days Special Awareness Campaign for the staff of Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Wokha on 7th August 2024 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha.

EAC, Wokha Rozy Sangtam delivering the keynote address, lauded such initiative for the government employees and that the programme will educate and empower them increasing a healthy atmosphere at workplaces.

Gender Specialist, Merithung Lotha highlighted about the functioning of District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) and briefly apprised some of the schemes available for women. Advocate, Thungbeni Kikon (Case Worker Sakhi-One Stop Centre) delivered a PowerPoint presentation on sexual harassment at work place.

LONGLENG:

District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) in convergence with Sakhi-One Stop Centre Longleng organized a one-day interactive session on awareness of Gender Sensitive Justice for Safety &

Security of the Girl Child & Her Ecosystem with Police Officers, Constable & Judiciary, focusing on woman related issues, schemes, challenges and responsibilities with Mahila Police Longleng. It was held on 12th August 2024 at Women Police Station, Longleng.

Psycho-Social Counsellor Sakhi-OSC, Longleng, Nyangyungsangla Phom disseminated on the functioning of Sakhi-OSC on various services available and how to avail it. She also spoke on different types of assistance provided for the aggrieved women - legal aid, medical and police assistance and counselling service at the centre, and briefed the gathering about Women Helpline Number 181 which is available 24x7. She also spoke on the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act of 2005, Child Labour Act 1986, wherein she stated that the Act was enacted to provide protection of women and children against different types of domestic violence faced by them.

DHEW, A. Afen Phom, briefed the gathering on various women centric scheme provided under DHEW, Longleng. OC, Longleng (Women) Vikobinou briefed the gathering on Crime against Women and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) cases.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy

Commissioner (DC) & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali (IAS) on 7th August 2024 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto.

Major Praveen Salotra, 11 Battalion, Assam Rifles, presented a PowerPoint on de-addiction, measures for tackling drug addiction, facilitation of various rehabilitation

centres and sources concerning drug abuse.

During the discussion on the agenda for renewal of society, Sumi Baptist Church, Zunheboto was recommended for renewal.

DDTF ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC HOLDS MEETING

The Dimapur District Task Force (DDTF) on Single Use Plastic held a meeting on 8th August 2024 at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Conference Hall Dimapur, chaired by ADC, Dimapur, Mhalo Humtsoe with all stakeholders present.

The ADC emphasized the importance of enforcing the government-mandated ban on single-use plastics. The task force resolved to form a sub-committee and henceforth, go for regular monitoring where defaulters would be penalised a sum of Rs. 10,000 (first offence) and Rs. 20,000 (second offence).

The task force decided to launch a

widespread awareness campaign using IEC materials, print media, churches, and schools for informing the public about single-use plastics and their alternatives. Additionally, directives would be issued to churches, event organizers, and hotel/venue owners to prohibit single-use plastics on their premises to public as a means of reducing demand. The DTF also informed that SUP Public Grievances App 'SUP-CPCB' has been developed by CPCB where any citizen can lodge a complaint if they see any banned items.

ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR ELECTED COUNCILLORS HELD AT CHŪMOUKEDIMA

A two-day orientation workshop for elected members of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) commenced at Niathu Resort, Chūmoukedima on 9th August 2024.

Speaking at the inaugural session as chief guest, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio thanked the tribal organisation/CSO's, political parties and others for coming together in one accord and framing a new Municipal Act 2023. He highlighted the significance of ULBs and adoption of NMA, and said that the unprecedented growth of urban centres (towns and cities) taking place all over the country has led to the adoption of 74th Constitution Amendment Act 1992 by the Government of India,

with primary objective being to empower the ULBs in better management of urban growth. Consequently, Nagaland adopted with 39 ULBs-3 Municipal Council and 36 Town Councils.

The Advisor mentioned that setting up of various sub-committees is for functioning of ULBs to generate revenue through a joint coordinated effort for accountability and transparency and also to be self-reliant and provide basic amenities/facilities and function as Local Self-Government. Besides self-reliant body, he added that the ULBs should strive towards self-sustainability by focussing on primary goals of ULBs through revenue collection for permissible items according to Municipal Act, 2023. He

called on them to educate the citizens of their respective ULBs in cleanliness/ safe disposal of waste and to develop civic sense and support and cooperate with the ULBs instruction and directives. He also urged the elected members to carry out visit/inspection to ULBs jurisdiction and take stock of the things to be done by identifying areas for revenue generation, planning process, development.

In the first session, the topics discussed were 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, Roles & Responsibilities of ULBs in context to the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2023, Finance Commission Grants with special focus on 15th FC Grants presented by resource person, Temjenrenla Kechü, Joint Director. In the second session, Municipal Taxation and Fees, Own Revenue Sources was presented by G.W. Lee, Retired Director (T&A), Member Secretary, Third Nagaland State Finance

Commission. In the third session, topics were presented by State Mission Directors on AMRUT, SBM(U), NULM, ADB assisted projects.

On the second day, the workshop presentation was on the topics on PMAY(U), 15th FC Health Grants and Memorandum to the 16th Finance Commission from ULBs-Joint Consultations to discuss on their aspirations and proposals to be incorporated in the memorandum, with resource persons Deputy Director & SNO, Kevilenuo Solo, Deputy Director, PMAY(U) Wachusie Katiry and Joint Secretary, Finance Department, Reny Wilfred, IAS.

The two day-workshop was attended by elected members from Dimapur DMC, CTC, Medziphema TC, East Dimapur TC, Niuland TC, Peren TC, Jalukie TC, Tening TC, Tuli TC, Mangkolemba TC and Bhandari TC.

‘EK PED MAE KE NAAM’ PLANTATION DRIVE HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

AUCHING VILLAGE, LONGLENG:

A mass plantation drive was organized by Longleng Forest Division in collaboration with Lemsachenlok and Auching Students’ Union at Auching village, Longleng on 10th August 2024.

Chepe-ü Koza, Forest Range Officer, Longleng Range in her message, highlighted about the mission, ‘Ek Ped Mae Ke Naam’ which was launched by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on World Environment Day 2024. In line with this campaign, she encouraged the planting of trees as a tribute to our mother and mother nature. She said this campaign is to foster climate change, and also make efforts towards a greener and sustainable tomorrow. She appreciated the Lemsachenlok Society and Auching Students’

Union for their active role in protecting the depleting environment and taking the lead in this plantation drive. Further, she encouraged the local community to tend to the planted trees, carry out timely weeding so that the plantations will thrive well to nurture the environment.

Team Leader of Lemsachenlok, Dr. Y. Nuklu Phom said four to five indigenous species of tree saplings were planted during the drive with a motive to provide fruits for humans and animals, and mainly trees to revive ground water in the region. He informed that from the month of May 2024 to this day, Lemsachenlok has planted more than 7 lakh trees in Longleng district, and he believes that these plantations will mature and nurture our ecosystem in the long run.



A mass plantation drive was organized by Longleng Forest Division in collaboration with Lemsachenlok Society and Auching Students' Union at Auching village, Longleng on 10th August 2024.

Altogether, 500 saplings were planted along the roadside and in the open areas around the village. A total of 80 participants, comprising of officers and staff from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change department, Lemsachenlok team members, students and elders took active part in the plantation drive.

MEDZIPHEMA:

Medziphema District Administration and 7th Assam Rifles, Ghaspasi organized a walkathon to commemorate India's 78th Independence Day to encourage the unfurling of the national flag at every home under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at Medziphema sub-division on 13th August 2024.

The walkathon was led by ADC, P. James Swu and Lt. Col. Anthony 7th AR Battalion Ghaspasi. All town councillors, volunteers, representatives from schools, offices, Dobashis, 7th Assam Rifles participated in the walkathon.

As part of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' or 'Plant for Mother' campaign, a mass social work-cum-plantation drive was also conducted at Medziphema sub-division. All the government department both state and central, educational institutions, NGOs, wards and the general public participated in

the social work by cleaning all streets, market areas, and surroundings. Government departments, schools, local bodies and public came forward and planted thousands of saplings in all designated wards and zones, ADC's Office, government offices, schools and on the roadside.

Forest Range Officers, Medziphema and Piphema distributed free saplings of various species. Around 500-1000 saplings of medicinal plants, fruit trees, and flowering trees were planted.

WOKHA:

To support the initiative launched by the Prime Minister - 'Plant4Mother' or 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Nam' which aims to contribute towards environmental sustainability, a plantation campaign was conducted on 31st August 2024 at new office site of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha.

The plantation drive was led by the DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS accompanied by District Forest Officer, Wokha, staff from District Forest Office (DFO), District Welfare Office (DWO), AE, CAWD and all DC's Office staff took part in the plantation drive. More than 300 different kinds of saplings were planted during the plantation drive.

EMPOWERING WOKHA'S ARTISANS: CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO TRAINEES UNDER PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEME

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS distributed certificates to the 45 trainees of two batches in Carpentry (Suthar/Badhai) upon successful completion of the basic skilling training under PM Vishwakarma Scheme at Government ITI, Wokha on 12th August 2024.

Addressing the gathering, DC, Vineet Kumar emphasized the critical role of skill development in the economic growth of Wokha district. He encouraged the trainees to pursue self-employment opportunities, leveraging their newly acquired skills to start their own businesses, thereby contributing to their livelihoods and the broader economic development of the nation.

Principal in-charge of ITI, Wokha, Nyanbemo Lotha highlighted the scheme's core objectives, which include recognizing

artisans through the PM Vishwakarma certificate, providing both basic training of five to seven days and advanced training of 15 days or more. The scheme also offers trainees a stipend, a modern toolkit worth ₹15,000 provided free of cost, along with linkage to credit-based soft loans and marketing support to help them expand their businesses.

Project Manager of Shishoi Oshom-ETF, Wokha & Skill Development Consultant, Anuranjan Singh urged the trainees to fully utilize their skills for entrepreneurial ventures and to take advantage of the various schemes and policies offered by Shishoi Oshom-ETF Cell, Wokha. He emphasized the importance of these initiatives in driving sustainable economic growth within Wokha district.



DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS handing out certificates to the trainees during the basic skilling training under PM Vishwakarma Scheme at Government ITI, Wokha on 12th August 2024.

MON DISTRICT DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 12th August 2024 at Deputy Commissioner's(DC) Conference Hall, Mon. DC, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS presided over the meeting.

Chief Medical Officer, Mon highlighted the outbreak of disease in Pessao village, where 6 (six) children died. She informed that at present, the situation is under control, and they also tested about 320 people, both children and adults. She also expressed her gratitude to the Hans Foundation for their assistance.

The Board also recommended for opening of new private school at Yannu village, Tizit and construction of a sinking road near Shantham Ward junction was discussed and approved for construction.

Matter relating to Bangladesh immigrants was also discussed. The DC urged the Board, concerned villages, blocks and citizens to be more watchful and to report any suspects to the Administration or Police Station. The Board further discussed the deplorable road condition in the town area and Mon – Tizit road which is deteriorating.

LONGKHIM SDPDB MEETING HELD

Longkhim Sub-division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of SDPDB Chairman & Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam on 16th August 2024 at EAC's Office, Chare.

Sangtam appealed to the government servants to be available in their place of posting and serve the public with dedication. He also urged the members to perform their duties with utmost sincerity.

During the meeting, various departments - SDAO Longkhim, Medical SMO Longkhim, GHS Chare and Shuzong School Chare shared their respective grievances such as lack of infrastructure and shortage of staff for necessary action. In response, the Chairman assured that he will do his best in every possible way to redress the problems faced by the institutions and

agencies.

Request for immediate posting of SDEO at Longkhim by the United Sangtam Students' Conference (USSC) was also submitted to the SDPDB.

After discussion, the following agenda were recommended and forwarded to the concerned department for necessary action: Proposal for construction of SDAO's Office and Rehab Centre at Longkhim town; Proposal for purchase of land for extension of Longkhim town; Proposal for creation of Government Primary School at Ahotsi village; Proposal for allotment of Grant in-aid to Shuzong School, Chare. The following societies were also recommended for registration: Khehtrum Farming Society at Chongtor village; Integrated Livelihood Society, Longkhim town; Eastern Livelihood Society at Longkhim town, and opening of private school, Saint Edmund's School at Chongtor village was also discussed.

KISAN MELA HELD AT TUENSANG

Kisan Mela was organized by the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa as the special guest at Town Hall, Tuensang on 16th August 2024.

Speaking at the Mela, DC Tuensang congratulated the agri and allied department for coming up with a booklet which she said, will be very useful for everyone. Thanking the farmers for their valuable contribution in the field of agriculture, the DC said

everyone is dependent on agri products for survival. She also mentioned that the district produces massive varieties of organic fruits and vegetables, and she encouraged the farmers to learn from the workshop provided by the ATMA and make use of it for better and healthy harvest.

The ATMA booklet 'Indigenous Traditional Knowledge' was also released by the DC during the programme. Farmer-Scientist interaction, demonstration and exhibitions were the highlights of the day.

GENESIS SCIENCE EXPO 2024 HELD AT JALUKIE



Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Armstrong Pame, IAS addressing the gathering during the Genesis Science Expo-cum-Career Talk held at Baptist Higher Secondary School, Jalukie B on 17th August 2024.

The Genesis Science Expo-cum-Career Talk was held on 17th August 2024 at Baptist Higher Secondary School, Jalukie B Auditorium Hall. The programme was organized in collaboration with Baptist Higher Secondary School Jalukie B, Ngurie Organic Private Limited, Sound

King Nagaland and Pumling Frames and Lightings, under the banner of 'Igniting tomorrow's innovation today.'

The inaugural programme was graced by Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Armstrong Pame, IAS as the chief guest. Armstrong Pame shared with the students about his early years while growing up in a rural area, where light and road connectivity came only in the year 2012. He encouraged the students not to live in their comfort zone while in the learning stage, and advised them to embrace struggles in life, in order to achieve and fulfill their dreams. He also suggested that they maintain a study diary, day to day routine and urged them to seek God because through Him, we can do all things, and shared that the confidence he has is due to his mother who always prays for him.

The panellists of the programme were Johnny Ruangmei, Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA, Home Department; Noel Mathiulungbo Chawang, Scientist D, National Remote Sensing Centre of ISRO; Hiazu Meru, Deputy Commissioner, Peren;

Er. Swarai Meru, Chief Engineer PWD; Keyirangding Hegui, ADC Zunheboto; Dr. Ilang, Chief Veterinary Officer; Rev. Dr. Mongzeung Mpom, Pastor Jalukie town

Local Baptist Church; Zaiyigum Zeliang, Co- Founder of Zeliang Codetech, youngest app developer of Nagaland and Dr. Suiyipeu Mpom, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) deliberated on the agenda for creation of CDPO's Office at EAC Phor Headquarter under Meluri sub-division at its monthly meeting held at DPDB Hall, Phek on 17th August 2024. The meeting also witnessed the department officer of the concerned area highlighting the urgent need of the said office for the welfare of the people. After a lengthy deliberation, the board agreed for recommendation to the Government for approval.

The meeting also discussed and constituted a Verification Committee for Local Area Development Programme (LADP 2024-2025), headed by ADC Phek,

Ruopfukuotuo Noudi as the Chairman of the committee.

The board also reviewed the previous meeting minutes for upgradation of Hilly Christian School, Phuyoba under SDEO, Chozuba. After the briefing by the concerned area SDEO, the Board then agreed for recommendation to the concerned department.

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies presented their departmental activities through PowerPoint presentation. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor for New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

DGP, NAGALAND VISITS SP'S OFFICE, WOKHA

Director General of Police (DGP), Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS visited the Superintendent of Police's Office, Wokha and held a meeting, interacting with the officers and Civil Society Organisations, including Lotha Hoho, Lotha Eloeh Hoho, Lotha Youth Hoho, Lotha Students' Union, DB Union and Wokha District Village Council Chairman Association, on 17th August 2024 at SP's Office Conference Hall, Wokha.

DGP Rupin Sharma while addressing the Police Officers and CSOs, said that recently, the State Police with the intention of reducing crime and for the safety and security of the citizens, is practicing a new system of checking vehicles, which has been

done in about 300 (three hundred) locations all over the State, to curb illegal activities. He sought the support and co-operation from all section of society in strengthening the hand of Nagaland Police

While appealing CSOs not to take law in their own hand, Rupin Sharma stated police personnel are always there for the safety and security of the people and urged them to trust in their initiatives so that peace and tranquility can be maintained. He also highlighted some of the important issues taken up by the State Police, mainly in relation to control of drugs menace in the state. Stating that the number of cases registered in different police stations does not reflect how peaceful the society is



DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS with SP, Wokha and CSOs at SP's Office, Wokha on 17th August 2024.

at large, he reminded the officers to find out how crimes are taking place or happening and act accordingly in order to maintain cordial law and order situation.

SDPO, Wokha, Sangthing Khiam presented the crime overview statistics relating to various cases such as NLTP, NDPS, vehicles and other activities conducted in

regard to community policing.

Interacting with the DGP, the representatives from CSOs highlighted to the DGP about the menace of drugs in the district, need for strengthening of forces in the border areas, and influx of illegal immigrants.

SKILL TRAINING FOR RURAL WOMEN THROUGH MOBILE SKILL MORUNG HELD

WOKHA:

The second phase of short-term skill development training on tailoring for rural women, under Skill Development for Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung was launched at Wozhuro Headquarter, Wokha on 5th August 2024, with Additional Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, Savio Visa as the special guest.

Savio Visa encouraged the trainees to take the 14 (fourteen) days training seriously for taking up self-employment and help the

range people by starting their own tailoring shops in the village. Twenty-five (25) trainees from various villages under Wozhuro Range enrolled for the said programme.

Village Council Chairman (VCC), Meriyan village, Alow Khuvung gave a short speech on behalf of Wozhuro Range Village Council Union and thanked the Department for bringing the training programme to their doorstep, and further requested the Department to provide such training to the youths of the range for mitigating unemployment problem.

Chairman, Wozhuro Range Council Union (WRCU), Yanbemo Tungu thanked the Director and the Government of Nagaland and all officials involved in this programme and further requested the Department to take up other short-term skill development trainings for the youths.

The culmination programme was held on 17th August 2024. Secretary & Ex-Officio Director, Meyase addressing the gathering, emphasised that the programme was carefully designed and delivered through the Mobile Skill

Morung with special consideration of the accessibility challenges faced by women in the region. He encouraged the trainees to take up tailoring within their villages with the aim of augmenting their family income and contributing to the local economy. He also appealed to the area leaders present to fully utilize the service of the trained candidates.

A total of 25 women from six villages within Wozhuro Range participated in the training programme. All the trainees were provided with a basic toolkit, including a sewing machine, electronic iron, scissors, measuring tapes, french curve, thimble and seam ripper to facilitate their transition from training to self-employment.

PHOMCHING:

Culmination programme of the State funded programme 'Skill Training for Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung,' organized by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship was conducted at Phomching headquarter on 17th August 2024.



Officials and trainees during the 'Skill Training for Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung,' at Phomching HQ, Mon on 17th August 2024.

The programme primarily focused on empowering women with practical skills and marks a significant step towards promoting economic independence and self-reliance among the women.

All 25 successful trainees were provided with a basic toolkit, including a sewing machine, electric iron, scissor, measuring tape, french curve thimble and seam ripper to facilitate their transition from training to self-employment.

The programme trained 100 women in tailoring at Phomching, Zubza, Wozhuro, and Suruhoto. They also informed that in the next phase, another 100 women will receive training in baking.

CHOZUBA AND JAKHAMA:

The Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (ESD&E) launched the second phase of the skill training for rural women through the Mobile Skill Morung (MSM) initiative in baking in two locations, Chozuba, Phek and Jakhama, Kohima on 19th August 2024. The second phase trained 50 women, with 25

participants at each location.

The training programme was officially inaugurated in Jakhama by Additional Director, Savio Visa, and in Chozuba by ADC, Chozuba, Diana Patton in the presence of Joint Director, Department of ESD&E, Zubemo Lotha Tsanglao,.

For two weeks, the beneficiaries underwent comprehensive training in various baking techniques. Upon successful

completion, each participant received the necessary baking toolkit to support their journey toward self-employment, empowering them to create sustainable livelihoods in their communities.

The MSM Van is a skill on wheels providing training to this project and shall continue to be a crucial initiative in promoting skill development among the rural population.

TSEMINYU HOLDS DPDB MEETING

Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) conducted its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, DPDB, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Sebat the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tseminyu on 19th August 2024.

At the meeting, Jwenga Seb introduced the proposal for recognition of Rengma river village, to which the Board approved the proposal and decided to forward it to the concerned department.

The Board also approved the constitution of 2 (two) Village Adoption Committees (VAC) under LADP for 2024-25, Sewanu VAC and Tesophenyu New VAC. The Board approved the Verification Committee under LADP for the financial year 2024-25.

The Board discussed land for construction of Rengma CSO Complex and entrusted the administration for verification. The Board also discussed the upgradation of CHC, Tseminyu to 50 bedded multi-speciality District Hospital and decided to forward it to the concerned department. Subject to the submission of pending documents by the applicants, and registration of three new societies, namely Kemehai-Zi Society, ThaaLogwa Society and Triumph Foundation, the Board decided to discuss it in the next meeting.

The Board agreed to have a Legislators Park in Tseminyu town, for which the District Administration was requested to identify a suitable land for it. Horticulture Department presented their departmental activities.

DISTRICT LEVEL QUIZ COMPETITION FOR ELEMENTARY SECTION HELD AT SHAMATOR

The District Level Quiz Competition for Elementary Section under RAA, 2024-25 was held with SDO (C) Shamator, Athrong as guest speaker at Government Higher Secondary School, Shamator on 20th August 2024.

The competition was organized by

EBRC Shamator, Samagra Shiksha Nagaland with an aim to leverage the potential for Science, Mathematics and Technology in classroom setting and beyond the four walls of classroom.

SDO (C) Shamator, Athrong in his speech, motivated the students to excel in



Officials with the winners of the District Level Quiz Competition for Elementary Section under RAA, 2024-25, held at GHSS, Shamator on 20th August 2024.

their studies and extracurricular activities.

Altogether, 10 students registered for the competition. The judges for the quiz competition were Tomukam, G/T Maths, Seyielhoukho Nakhro G/T Maths,

KM Yimtsula G/T Science. Sholula and Tongtilum from Team B representing Government Middle School, Leangkonger village bagged the first position with cash prize and certificates.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 20th August at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. Chairing the meeting, MLA & Chairman DPDB, Wokha, Y. M. Humtsoe welcomed the new Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Vineet Kumar (IAS).

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, in regard to maintenance and repair of Wokha-Merapani road, which is supposed to be taken up by NHIDCL, DC & Vice-Chairman, DPDB Wokha, Vineet Kumar informed the board that he will personally take up

the matter with the concerned company for early execution of work and to ensure that maintenance of work are carried out at the earliest. He reminded all Heads of Offices and staff to remain in their place of posting and serve the people of the district. He further informed the board members to submit agenda in advance so that fruitful discussion can be made.

The board deliberated and approved for recommendation in regard to the re-organization of administrative jurisdiction/proposal for shifting of the following three (3) villages, namely Hanku, Yankeli and N.

Longchum from Wozhuro EAC (Hq) to SDO (C) Ralan.

In regard to status of Wokha District Headquarter roads, Junior Engineer (JE) Urban Development informed the board that proposal and DPR has already been submitted to higher authority and sanction for carrying out maintenance and construction of district roads is being awaited.

Proposals were submitted by District Sports Officer, Wokha for construction of

sports infrastructure like rostrum, gallery, retaining wall, drainage, earth work extension, boundary wall and multi-purpose hall at department site located at Niropen, Wokha town. The chairman assured the board to take up the matter to the government for consideration.

ADC, Wokha Renbomo Ezung informed the board about the Government notification on complete ban on the sale and use of single-use plastic items throughout Wokha district.

AEROBIO PLUS+ DISTRIBUTED AT SEYOCHUNG TOWN

A ceremony for free distribution of Aerobio Plus+, a septic solution, was held at ADC's Office Seyochung, Kiphire on 21st August 2024.

EAC, Seyochung, Ihoilung Chuilo speaking at the programme, highlighted the benefits of using the Aerobio product for cleaner environment and healthier life. He pointed that the Aerobio Plus+ besides many

other benefits can break obnoxious gases and other organic nutrients in the fecal sludge and neutralize them making them odourless. The product finally converts sludge into water and some residue which are non-toxic and neutral.

The programme was attended by public and churches.



EAC, Seyochung, Ihoilung Chuilo with officials during the ceremony for free distribution of Aerobio Plus+, a septic solution, held at ADC's Office, Seyochung, Kiphire on 21st August 2024.

MEETING ON AADHAAR MANDATORY BIOMETRIC UPDATE FOR STUDENTS HELD AT DIMAPUR

In connection with Aadhaar Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) for students, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of ADC Dimapur, Zakabo V. Rotokha at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur on 21st August 2024.

In the meeting, it was decided that Aadhaar camps would be set up in schools by the first week of September for carrying out Mandatory Biometric Update catering to the age group of 5 to 7 years and 15 to 17 years.

ADC, Dimapur sought the cooperation of the school administrators during the Aadhaar biometric update exercise, in order

to avoid inconveniences to the Aadhaar holders, especially students as failure may lead to de-activation and result in authentication failures.

The meeting was attended by DEO, DPRO, All Nagaland Private School Association Dimapur Unit, Nagaland School Alliance along with the District Administration of Dimapur.

It may be noted that the Unique Identification Authority of India has directed the DCs and DEOs to go for Mandatory Biometric Update of Aadhaar in their respective jurisdiction.

GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC KOHIMA HOSTS GRADUATION DAY

Government Polytechnic Kohima organized Students' Graduation Day show of its Fashion Technology Department as a part of its curriculum with the theme 'Allure-Simple Fashion Millage' on 22nd August 2024 with Additional Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Sentiyanger Pongen as the special guest.

Sentiyanger in his address congratulated all the graduating students and advised them to strive for the best to make their dreams come true. He shared that we all have struggles in life but with determination, we can overcome the obstacles. He urged the

students to dream big.

Principal, GPT, Er. Keyiekhru Rhutso in his welcome address said that Government Polytechnic Kohima was established in the year 1992 and Fashion Technology Department was introduced in the year 2004. He highlighted that during the COVID-19 pandemic when the world came to a standstill, the institution was able to produce one lakh surgical masks, hand gloves and bed sheets which were distributed free of cost to the frontline workers with generous contribution from well-wishers, faculty members and students.

'SPORTS FOR VOTES' CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

DIMAPUR:

A state sports activity themed 'Sports for votes' was conducted as part of a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme at St. John College, Dimapur, and Dimapur Government College

on 16th and 17th August 2024, and the 19th and 20th August 2024 respectively.

This initiative was organized by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and District Election Office, Dimapur in collaboration with the Nagaland Sports

Association. Over 600 students from both the colleges actively participated in the event, which aimed at promoting electoral awareness among young voters. The students competed in the EPIC (Electoral Participation and Inclusive Citizenship) tournament, engaging in various games such as futsal, tug of war, three-legged race, and sack race.

In addition to the sports activities, voter facilitation booths and Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) demonstration centres were set up to assist and educate the students about the voting process.

CHÜMOUKEDIMA:

As part of the State Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative for Special Summary Revision 2024-2025, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and District Election

Officer, Chümoukedima conducted an outreach programme at Tetso College from 22nd to 23rd August 2024, in collaboration with the Nagaland Sports Association (NSA) under the theme 'Sports for votes.'

Interactive booths were set up by Election Office, Chümoukedima in the college campus to give assistance and facilitate first time voters. Electronic Voting Machine and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail demonstrations were also carried out, while the process of online registration was demonstrated by Campus Ambassadors of Patkai College.

On the second day, i.e. 23rd August 2024, various sport activities were conducted wherein approximately 200 students participated. The two-day outreach programme saw active participation by the students of Tetso College and significant registration among young eligible voters.

MOCK EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE CONDUCTED IN PUNGRO

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kiphire in partnership with the 12th Battalion, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh conducted a mock earthquake exercise on 22nd and 23rd August at Mount Horeb Baptist School, Pungro town.

The mock exercise was led by the Deputy Commandant, A. Boboi with ADC, Pungro, James T. Khulu Tikhir serving as the Responsible Officer (RO) and EAC, Pungro, Yitachu Thur acting as the Incident Commander.

On the first day, table top exercise was held to discuss the roles of various stakeholders, the scope of the drill, alarm systems and evacuation protocols. This session focused on improving coordination

among participants to ensure effective emergency response.

The following day, a School Safety Practice (SSP) programme was conducted, where students participated in a high-rise rope rescue drill, which was led by ASI/GD Tajuang.

Participants in the two-day exercise included representatives from all wards, various departments, and a total of 250 students from Mount Horeb Baptist School, Saramati School, Christian School, and Government Higher Secondary School attended the mock exercise.

DDMA Kiphire in collaboration with the 12th Battalion of NDRF also conducted a comprehensive community awareness programme on 24th August 2024 at

Pungro village council hall. The event saw active participation from stakeholders, including the VDMA of various villages such as Vongti, New Vongti, Jenny, and Tekevong villages, representatives from youth and women groups, student unions, Nagaland Village Guards, and church workers. The collaborative effort was a part of ongoing initiatives to strengthen

community preparedness and resilience against natural and man-made disasters. During the programme, the 12th Battalion of NDRF provided detailed demonstration and training sessions on emergency response techniques, emphasizing the importance of timely and coordinated action during disasters

26th YOUTH PARLIAMENT HELD AT PM SHRI JNV MON

The 26th Youth Parliament held at PM SHRI JNV Mon was successfully conducted on 26th August 2024. The programme was graced by the presence of three distinguished guests- Ex-MLA of Mon Town Constituency, Yoktin Konyak, District Education Officer of Mon District, L. Moala Aier and Principal of JNV, Longleng, Momi Kalita.

The event involved active participation from students who took on the roles of ministers, ruling party members, opposition leaders, and conducted lively discussions and debates on various contemporary issues, demonstrating their awareness and critical thinking skills. Topics such as the recent NEET Scam, the Kanchenjunga Express accident, and the importance of cyber security

were explored in depth. Additionally, the students performed a skit that introduced a new bill on an education scam, showcasing their creativity and understanding of legislative processes.

The youth actively engaged in the debate and showcased their understanding of parliamentary procedures. The programme provided a platform for students to display their leadership skills and political knowledge, fostering a deep understanding of the democratic process. The event not only provided a platform for students to voice their opinions on critical issues but also helped in nurturing their public speaking and debating skills.

DEO, Mon, L. Moala Aier with JNV staff during the 26th Youth Parliament held at PM SHRI JNV, Mon on 26th August 2024.



MONITORING OF NVBDCP CONDUCTED AT MOKOKCHUNG

The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) conducted a district monitoring at Mokokchung on 23rd and 24th August 2024.

The team, led by Senior Regional Director Imphal, Dr. L. A. Singh along with Deputy Director, NVBDCP, Dr. Tinurenla Anichari, state consultants, district consultant, Malaria Technical Staff, and Surveillance Workers (SW), inspected several locations including Primary Health Centre Longkhum village, Primary Health Centre Ungma village, Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Health Sub-Centre Mokokchung village, the office of the Chief Medical Officer in Aliba village, and Lenjem Hospital. The purpose was to assess the implementation of NVBDCP and the Non-Communicable Disease programme.

During interactions with medical staff, district NVBDCP personnel and ASHAs, Dr. Singh emphasized that timely detection of malaria cases is crucial to prevent outbreaks.

He stressed the importance of surveillance in this regard. Dr. Singh advised that blood slides should only be collected if results can be provided within 24 hours. In cases where a trained laboratory technician is unavailable, he recommended using Rapid Diagnostic Test.

Observing that many patients prefer private hospitals over government facilities, Dr. Singh suggested maintaining regular contact with private hospitals on a quarterly basis to stay updated on malaria cases.

Regarding the distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), Dr. Singh urged the importance of encouraging people to use mosquito nets and maintaining accurate stock records with daily updates on the IHIP portal.

The Regional Director noted that while dengue cases have been relatively low this year, dengue fever typically increases after the monsoon season. He urged the staff to remain vigilant and dedicated in their efforts.

Senior Regional Director, Imphal, Dr. L. A. Singh with the staff of NVBDCP at Primary Health Centre, Longkhum village, Mokokchung on 24th August 2024.



NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAN AND MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED AT ZUNHEBOTO

District Administration in collaboration with Assam Rifles and DHEW-BBBP 100 days campaign, organized an awareness campaign on 'Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan and Mental Health' on 28th August 2024 at Zunheboto, with the primary aim to reach to the most vulnerable section of the society, the youth with particular focus on students.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS during his opening remarks, said that the present proven statistics is that, the prime contributor of small to severe criminal activities is addiction and to prevent it, we need to keep the youths away from all kinds of intoxicating substances.

Commandant, Assam Rifles, Major Praveen Kumar Salotra, the guest speaker of the programme, cited the example from his own state, Punjab, where substance abuse is high and difficulties are being faced in controlling the situation. He cautioned that Nagaland should not head towards a similar

situation.

Miss Northeast 2023, star speaker of the campaign, Kenei Ritse spoke on the topic 'Mental health' highlighting issues on stigmas and discrimination which sufferers go through. Miss Nagaland 2022, Hikali Achumi also highlighted on the topic of 'Substance abuse' and said the only tool of prevention is to never experience it, in the first place. She further said that no one is born addicted but it always begins with that first taste.

Apart from mental health and substance abuse, Director, ACTS, Bura Akum elaborated on blood donation during the campaign. An official from Sakhi One Stop Centre shared on assistance provided to women facing any type of violence, and FLS DHEW, Nguvito, highlighted on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme. SP, Zunheboto, Kupe Kapfo also exhorted the students to be wise and to manage their time properly.

DC, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS with officials and participants during the awareness campaign on 'Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyan and Mental Health' at Zunheboto on 28th August 2024.



COPU INSPECTS MULTI-LEVEL CAR PARKING AT KOHIMA



Advisor and Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings, Imkong L. Imchen with Members of the Committee and officials during the spot verification of the Two Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) buildings located at Old Medical Directorate and Old NST, Kohima on 30th August 2024.

Advisor & Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU), Imkong L. Imchen, accompanied by the Members of the Committee - Advisor Hekani Jakhalu, MLA Dr. Neisatuo Mero, Advisor Sethrongkyu and officials from the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, undertook spot verification of the 2 (two) Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) buildings located at Old

Medical Directorate and Old NST, Kohima on 30th August 2024.

The Committee physically inspected the two sites and also visited the Office of the CEO, Kohima Smart City Development Ltd. (KSCDL) under the Department of Municipal Affairs. The MLCP at Old Medical Directorate (five storeyed building), built at a cost of ₹ 3121.90 lakhs, has a capacity to accommodate 150 vehicles and 67 shops. The MLCP at Old NST (seven storeyed building), built at a cost of ₹ 2878.10 lakh, has a capacity to accommodate 120 vehicles and 16 shops. Various components were proposed for

successful utilization of the projects which were funded through the State Government.

Overall, the Committee was satisfied with the 2 (two) MLCP projects and conveyed its appreciation to the implementing agency. The Committee also felt that the public should appreciate the Government's developmental initiatives and judiciously utilize the facilities provided under the KSCDL projects.



P. BASHANGMONGBA CHANG INAUGURATES GHSS HAKUSHANG

Minister, Housing and Mechanical Engineering, P. Bashangmongba Chang inaugurated the Government Higher Secondary School, Hakushang, Tuensang on 13th August 2024.

Chang, speaking on the function, thanked the Government of Nagaland led by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for his timely intervention and unwavering concern for the advancement of education, which he said has been a key instrument in making this upgradation a reality. He also thanked the MLA and Advisor of School Education, Kekhrielhoulie Yhome for his contribution and dedication through the entire process and for emphasizing on quality education in the State.

The Minister thanked the Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS) for their initiative in upgradation of the school. He also exhorted the faculty and students of GHSS, Hakushang to give continuous and tireless efforts to make the school shine. Reminding the teachers, he said that they are the pillars of the institution and the future of the students rest in their capable hands.



Minister, Housing and Mechanical Engineering, P. Bashangmongba Chang speaking at the inauguration of GHSS, Hakushang, Tuensang on 13th August 2024.

Short speeches were also shared by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, President, Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS), Pongso, Chairman, SMDC and President, Chang Khulei Setshang (CKS), N.Y. Choba.

SOIL TESTING LABORATORY INAUGURATED AT PUGHOBOTO

In a major boost to agri and allied activities in the State, MLA, Imtichoba Chang inaugurated the Static Soil Testing Laboratory (STL) of the SDO (Soil & Water Conservation) at Pughoboto sub-division, Zunheboto in the presence of ADC, Tiameren Chang and SDO (S&W), Dr. Alika Zhimo on 15th August 2024.

Jointly funded by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India and the Government of Nagaland, the STL is established under the scheme

Soil Health Card under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Under this scheme, the farmer's soil is tested and a Soil Health Card (SHC) is distributed which will contain the status of the soil with respect to 12 parameters viz. N,P,K (macro-nutrients), S (secondary- nutrient), Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn, Bo (micro - nutrients), and pH, EC, OC (physical parameters). The SHC will also indicate fertilizer recommendations and soil amendment required for the farm.

SBI OPENS BRANCH OFFICE AT JAKHAMA

State Bank of India (SBI) inaugurated its branch office at Jakhama town on 27th August 2024. Chief General Manager, Guwahati Circle, Sahadevan Radhakrishnan unveiled the plaque along with Southern Angami Public Union, President, Er. Tepul Hopovi.

In his address, CGM Sahadevan Radhakrishnan said that Jakhama branch is a full-fledged branch which means not only saving bank accounts, but it will provide all kinds of deposit service, investment service, insurance, remittance and financial recruitment service, agriculture loans and student loans.

Er. Tepul lauded the SBI officials and said that it has been a long felt need to have

SBI branch in their area. He called upon the people of the area to lend their support to the bank and make the best use of the facilities provided. He also said that the bank will not just be for the Jakhama town but also for the neighbouring villages as well.

Youth President, Jakhama, Vishuthazo Kirha also spoke on the occasion. Senior Pastor, Jakhama Baptist Church, Rev. Zapovil Sophie invoked God's blessings. The programme was attended by bank officials, SDO (C), Jakhama, Town Committee Jakhama and all Village Council Chairmen from Southern Angami area, public leaders and well-wishers.

MULTI SKILL DEVELOPMENT PRODUCTION UNIT LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

Innovation in outsourcing and marketing value and multi skill development production unit, under the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, was launched at Longleng on 30th August 2024. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, W. Manpai Phom graced the occasion as special guest. Kivong-Kivheli Foundation (KKF) is the implementing agency of Multi Skill Development Centre.

DC Manpai Phom stated that emphasis on alternative measures or better avenues is needed and that any skill should be viewed with its relevance. He also emphasized on the importance of maximizing the number of sale units and minimizing on price.

Chairperson of the Foundation, P.

Angbhenla Phom informed the gathering that the project was sanctioned under the initiative of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, through the Department of Planning & Transformation. The unit will be implemented by KKF, Longleng under the guidance and supervision of the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. She also introduced the programme mapping details to be activated in zone wise in the district. Outsourcing and market linkage shop concept in the district was explained for further initiation.

The programme was attended by civil societies from the district, special invitees, trainers and trainees.



**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL
FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013 - TIDE OVER ALLOCATION**

Under the National Food Security Act, 2013, the State Government of Nagaland has identified 2,37,434 household with 11,93,922 beneficiaries of Priority Household (PHH) and 47,500 household with 2,09,657 Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries. This represents a total coverage of about 70.95% population of the State under NFSA which aims to provide food and nutritional security at free of cost to eligible beneficiaries. However, remaining 29.05% population of the State are not covered (As per 2011 Census).

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies endeavours to maximize coverage of non-NFSA beneficiaries (AAY&PHH) by streamlining tide over allocation.

In compliance of the conditions provided at Para 2(a) and (b) of MoCA, F&PD, Government of India Letter vide F.No.H-11018/1/2013-NFSA (Pt), dated 28th November 2013, the State Government hereby notify the following guidelines for distribution of the tide over foodgrain through TPDS as under:

The Department has a total of 1852 Fair Price Shops (FPS) in the State (urban areas - 459 FPS & rural areas-1342 FPS). Foodgrains (rice) under National Food Security Act, 2013 is being made free of cost only for PHH & AAY ration card holders (till December 2028 as per the directive of the Government of India). It may be clarified that PHH & AAY foodgrains cannot be allocated to any other individuals or party.

There is an additional allocation of foodgrains to protect annual average off take of last three years under normal TPDS

as tide over allocation which can be issued on payment at Government approved rate to public by the Government on need basis through the Government appointed stickiest-cum-handling agent of the respective districts.

1. The beneficiaries with annual income of Rs. 2.5 lakh and above, who are not covered under AAY & PHH scheme, will be covered from the allocation of tide over rice and issued General Household (GHH) ration card. As per the prescribed format of the Ministry, the GHH beneficiaries' data shall be digitized and ported in the department website for maintaining transparency and accountability in public distribution system.
2. The District Civil Supply Officer (DCSO), through the respective District Administration shall allot @5 Kg rice per person as per the number of family members through Fair Price Shop (FPS) identified / designated FPS (in urban areas) for handling only tide over rice and submit report to the Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur every month.
3. The State Government shall keep some reserved quantity of rice out of the tide over allocation as 'buffer stock' to meet unforeseen eventualities/natural calamities such as fire, flood, landslide, cyclone, drought, law & order situations, annual festivals etc. However, utilization certificate from the stockist, duly countersigned by the concerned Deputy Commissioners and District Civil Supply

- Officer shall be required to be submitted to the Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies every month.
4. The issue price for tide over rice will be fixed by the Department in consultation with the Government, taking into account the CIP+ handling charges+ dealers commission + transportation charges + FPS automation charges.
 5. Five (5) identification of GHH beneficiaries. The eligibility criteria for identification of the GHH beneficiaries will be as under:
 - i. Any Indian citizen and indigenous inhabitant of the State of Nagaland, who are non-NFSA beneficiaries (AAY & PHH) will be eligible for GHH ration card. If any household/ family is found in possession of more than one ration card, necessary appropriate action shall be initiated as per relevant sections of law.
 - ii. The eldest female in the family, who is 18 years and above, will be the head of the family and the GHH ration card will be issued in her name.
 - iii. In the absence of eligible female in the family, the eldest male in the family will be the head of the family for the purpose of issue of ration card.
 - iv. The applicant shall submit the details of the family in the prescribed format, duly certified and signed for approval of the authority and enrolment after cross verification with RCMS portal.
 - v. Aadhaar number of all the members of the family, to be included in the ration card, should be submitted.
 - vi. Mere submission of application shall not entitle for grant of GHH card.
6. Procedure for availing or surrendering of GHH ration card:
 - i. Any person who wishes to be included under GHH shall have to fill up the Form-I and submit to the respective district office.
 - ii. Family who wishes to change the head of the family shall fill up the Form-II and submit to the respective district office.
 - iii. Applicants who wish to change/ correct beneficiary name(s) shall fill up Form-IH and submit to the respective district office.
 - iv. Applicants who wish to delete name(s) shall fill up the Form-IV and submit to the respective district office.
 - v. Beneficiaries who wish to change the Fair Price Shop and/or residential address should fill the Form-V and submit to the respective district office.
 - vi. Beneficiaries who wish to surrender the GHH ration card shall fill Form-VI and submit to the respective district office.
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Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan with government officials and students during the Nagaland State Bharat Scouts and Guides Award Ceremony held at Dr.Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 9th August 2024.



The second day of the Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) in progress at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 29th August 2024.



Minister of Nagaland, Karhomen Rabhaho (left) presents the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi (right) memento in New Delhi and discussed various matters concerning the state of Nagaland on 20th August 2022.



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Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang delivering the 78th Independence Day speech at Chumoukedima on 15th August 2024.



MLA P. Longon taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Noklak on 15th August 2024.



Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer addressing the people during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Phek on 15th August 2024.



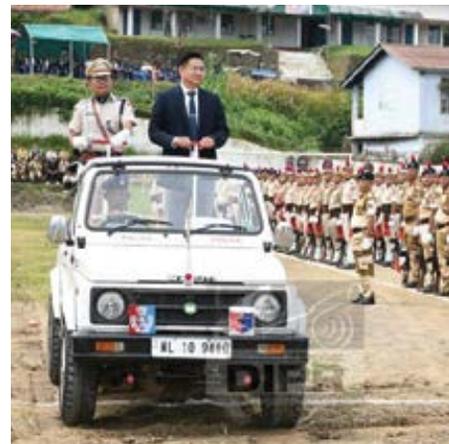
Advisor, G. Ikuto Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Kiphire on 15th August 2024.



Minister, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Dimapur on 15th August 2024.



Minister, B. Bashangmongba addressing the people on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Longleng on 15th August 2024.



Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan inspecting the parade contingents during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Wokha on 15th August 2024.



Advisor, Sethrongkyu Sangtam taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Tuensang on 15th August 2024.



Minister, C.L. John inspecting the parade contingents during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Mokokchung on 15th August 2024.



Advisor, Konngam Konyak taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Mon on 15th August 2024.



Advisor, S. KeoshuYimchunger taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Shamator on 15th August 2024.



Minister, Salhuotuonuo Kruse taking the rashtriya salute during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Tseminyu on 15th August 2024.



Minister, Metsubo Jamir taking the rashtriya salute on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Niuland on 15th August 2024.



Minister, K. G. Kenye inspecting the parade contingents during the 78th Independence Day celebration at Peren on 15th August 2024.



Deputy Speaker, NLA, S. Toiho Yeptho inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebration at Zunheboto on 15th August 2024.



The second phase of Skill Proficiency Management for Building and Other Construction Workers Advanced ToT was held at Monyakshu Village Council Hall, Tobu Sub-division on 13th August 2024.



Chozuba by ADC, Chozuba, Diana Patton with officials and trainees during the skill training for rural women through the Mobile Skill Morung at Chozuba, Phek on 19th August 2024.



Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom and officials during the launching programme of 'Innovation in outsourcing and marketing value and multi skill development production unit,' at Longleng on 30th August 2024.



Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Guwahati Circle, Sahadevan Radhakrishnan with Southern Angami Public Union President, Er. Tepul Hopovi at the inauguration programme of SBI Jakhama Branch on 27th August 2024.