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Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu along with officials and recipients of the 'Entrepreneur Award for 2024,' during a programme held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 27th May 2025.



Advisor, Law & Justice, T.N. Manen with officials from Law & Justice Department and Government Advocates of Gauhati High Court during the coordination meeting held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 30th May 2025.



Medical Officers from Nagaland during the Two-Day Refresher Workshop on the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (AB PM-JAY/CMHIS) held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 29th and 30th May 2025.



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DIGIPIN LAUNCHED: MAPPING INDIA'S FUTURE, ONE ADDRESS AT A TIME

In a significant step towards enhancing public service delivery, the Department of Posts officially released the final version of the Digital Postal Index Number (DIGIPIN) – a key component of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). The initiative aims to establish a standardized, geo-coded digital addressing system to improve the efficiency and accuracy of services across the country.

Developed in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and NRSC-ISRO, DIGIPIN is an open-source, national-level addressing grid. It incorporates directional and geographic attributes to provide a logical and uniform referencing system for both online and offline applications. This allows for seamless integration into existing GIS-based workflows, enabling better planning, faster emergency responses, and improved service delivery across remote and underserved areas.

The Department of Posts had earlier released a beta version of DIGIPIN in July 2024, inviting feedback from states and stakeholders. Following extensive consultations, the final version now integrates public suggestions and is made available along with technical documents, programming code, and FAQs to all states and departments. By ensuring accurate, standardized digital addresses and bridging the gap between physical locations and their digital representations, DIGIPIN is expected to significantly boost India's digital transformation journey.

All government departments have been urged to explore integration of DIGIPIN into their service schemes and workflows for citizen-centric governance. For further information and access to technical documents, stakeholders may visit www.indiapost.gov.in.

TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER INFORMS ON RAH-VEER SCHEME

Transport Commissioner, Nagaland, Elias T. Lotha has informed the general public on the issuance of the guidelines for Rah-Veer, an erstwhile scheme for grant of 'Award to the Good Samaritan' who has saved life of a victim of a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle by administering assistance and rushing to Hospital/Trauma Care Centre within the Golden Hour of the accident to provide medical treatment.

The scheme aims to motivate the general public to help the road accident victims in emergency situation, inspire and motivate others to save innocent lives. The eligibility criteria is any individual who has saved life of a victim of a serious accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing to Hospitals within the Golden Hour of the accident to provide medical treatment.

Financial Assistance (in the form of Award) for each Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) would be Rs. 25,000/- per accident, subject to the following provisions;

1. If one Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) saves life of one or more victims of a single serious accident involving a motor vehicle, amount of award will be Rs. 25,000/- only.

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2. If more than one Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) save life of one victim of a serious accident involving a motor vehicle, amount of award i.e. Rs. 25,000/- will be divided equally among them.
3. If more than one Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) saves life of more than one victim of a serious accident involving a motor vehicle, amount of award will be Rs. 25,000/- per victim saved subject to maximum Rs. 25,000/- per Good Samaritan.

Every cash award would be accompanied with a 'Certification of Appreciation.' The scheme shall remain operational till the completion of the 15th Financial Cycle, i.e. till 31st March 2026. The detailed Ministry Guidelines containing information on eligibility, procedure to be followed for selection etc. has been made available on the department website <https://mvdnagaland.in/>

Under Section 134A of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 and Rules for Good Samaritan notified vide Notification No. GSR 594E dated 29th September 2020, no Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) would be subjected to any legal proceedings without their consent. In case of any breach of protection provided to Good Samaritans/Rah-Veer under the aforementioned rules, the Rah-Veer/Good Samaritan would approach the Grievance Redressal Committee to be established by the States/UTs under chairmanship of concerned Deputy Commissioner/Collector/District Magistrate.

REVISED ILP FEE STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES ISSUED FOR DIMAPUR DISTRICT

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur has issued a notification revising the fee structure and guidelines for the issuance of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) within Dimapur District on 27th May 2025. The revised provisions have been implemented with immediate effect, as per the Home Department's Political Branch Notification dated 20th September 2024.

The new fee structure categorizes ILP applicants into various groups, including domestic and foreign tourists, traders, labourers, students, teachers, priests, consultants, and business partners. The fees and validity vary from category to category, with fresh ILP charges ranging from ₹200 for domestic tourists to ₹5000 for business partners. Renewal fees are applicable for select categories, with the highest renewal charge being ₹3000 for business partners for a three-year term.

Key documents required include Aadhaar, educational certificates, business registration proofs, and in some cases, a local guarantor. Notably, students and foreign tourists are exempted from needing a guarantor. Additionally, ILP applications from residents of Assam's Karimganj, Hailakandi, Dima Hasao, and Karbi Anglong districts must be accompanied by NRC documents.

The ILP application process has transitioned fully online, effective from 31st December 2024. Offline applications are no longer accepted.

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The notification also categorizes ILP exemption based on settlers' dates of residence in Dimapur:

1. Individuals or families settled before 1st December 1963, are exempted and can obtain a Smart Card.
2. Settlers between 2nd December 1963, and 21st November 1979, are also exempted upon issuance of a Permanent Residential Certificate (PRC).
3. Those settling on or after 22nd November 1979, are required to obtain an ILP as per government guidelines. For further clarification on ILP issuance, the Deputy Commissioner will forward queries to the Commissioner, Nagaland.

SCERT INFORMS ON NAGLAND HERITAGE FILMS

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Kohima has been developing Nagaland Heritage based films for school children over the years. The department has already developed and released fifteen short films based on the customs, practices, values, cuisine, architecture, farming, arts and crafts, Naga peer group system, tattoos, traditional governance, Naga motifs and their meanings, Naga Megalithic culture, Feast of Merit etc.

These films have been developed to educate students to learn, appreciate, practice and preserve our rich Naga heritage and culture. They also aim to encourage our Naga students to learn about their roots and be proud of their rich cultural heritage. These films are also developed as supplementary materials to enrich the curriculum in schools especially the Nagaland Heritage Studies.

In this regard, the Department has developed and is introducing two more additional films based on Naga Children's Festival and the Oral Tradition of the Nagas. They have been put up on the official YouTube channel of the department titled 'SCERT Nagaland Heritage Films.'



WORKSHOP ON EXAM REFORMS MANAGEMENT PLAN

A workshop on Exam Reforms Management Plan was held at the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), Kohima, on 1st May 2025 to bring together all stakeholders to evaluate and discuss the roadmap for implementing Exam Reforms in the state.

Deputy Project Director, NECTAR, Avelu Ruho stated in the opening note, that through the partnership between sister departments of School Education, the groundwork for Exam Reforms that aims to move from rote memorisation to competency assessments as recommended by the National Education Policy 2020 was established.

Secretary, NBSE, Rangumbing Nsarangbe shared that with NECTAR's support, extensive capacity building of all stakeholders could be conducted, and he requested the officials from the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and the Directorate of School Education (DoSE) to discuss the steps for implementing Exam Reforms.

The technical partner, Educational Initiatives, engaged in two phases since 2022, assessed the prevailing examination practices in detail and presented their recommendations under four crucial areas – 1) Strengthening Evaluation Practices, 2)

Strengthening Inclusive Assessments, 3) Strengthening School-Based Assessments, and 4) Strengthening Paper-Setting Structures.

During the workshop, the participants deliberated on the roadmap for its sustainability, institutionalisation, and handover of tasks and responsibilities across various Education Department stakeholders.

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami stated that for Exam Reforms to work, one of the most crucial elements is the collaboration between NBSE and SCERT. For any assessment-related reform to be meaningful, the reforms need to start with the curriculum design and the alignment of Learning Outcomes (LOs) designed by SCERT and NBSE. She further stated that even the exam conducted by DoSE for the Primary School Leaving Certificate (Class 5 exams) needs to follow the same structures laid down in the paper setting structure, evaluation practices, school-based assessments and inclusive assessments adopted by NBSE and SCERT. She also stated that institutionalisation of these reform measures now depends on how the Department carries it forward, with NBSE and SCERT at the helm.

Altogether 65, ICS, SRCS, ARCS attended the workshop.

TWO-DAY IAWRT TRAVELLING FILM FESTIVAL HELD IN KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of the two-day International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT) Travelling Film Festival was held at the Centre of Excellence for Music and Arts (CEMA) at Old Minister's Hill, Kohima, on 2nd May 2025. IAWRT, a global network of 14 national

chapters and members in 54 countries, is committed to the enhancement of women's role and participation in media.

Expressing delight to be visiting Kohima for the first time, independent journalist and an award-winning documentary filmmaker, Nupur Basu stated that IAWRT, started in

1956, is an international organisation of women in film, radio and television. She added that internationally, IAWRT has around 500 women, and the India chapter itself has now claimed one-fifth of that membership. She also mentioned that the IAWRT's 20th Asian Women's Film Festival was held in March 2025, at the India International Centre in New Delhi, celebrating 20 years of works of just Asian women directors exclusively.

President, Film Association of Nagaland (FAN), Yapangnaro Longkumer extended gratitude to the Department of Information & Public Relations, Task Force for Music and Arts (TaFMA), Women Resource Development, Art & Culture, NSACS, for all the support extended to FAN and the IAWRT in organising the film festival. She said that since many filmmakers from Nagaland are not able to go outside and attend film festivals, having access to the IAWRT Travelling Film Festival and films being brought to our doorstep is an opportunity for film enthusiasts to experience cinema from different genres and countries. She pointed out that since the present Naga filmmakers are the first batch starting in this field, there may be loopholes, but efforts are being made to create a cinema culture where people come and watch these films.

The curtains to the two-day International Association of Women in Radio & Television (IAWRT) Travelling Film Festival at Kohima drew to a close on 3rd May

2025 at CEMA, Kohima. The event saw the successful screening of 14 internationally acclaimed movies and documentaries along with insightful panel discussions with the award-winning documentary directors and producers Aparna Sanyal and Deepika Sharma.

Speaking at the valedictory programme of the two-day Travelling Film Festival, Aparna Sanyal, the managing trustee of IAWRT India expressed her happiness and fulfillment for finally bringing the IAWRT Travelling Film Festival to Nagaland, which had been in the planning stage for nearly five years.

The International Association of Women in Radio & Television (IAWRT) was founded in 2005 under the leadership of Jai Chandiram and the India Chapter of IAWRT works to build and nurture a professional network of women professionals and academics in the media. The members of IAWRT India chapter comprises of nearly 100 phenomenal women who have built stellar careers in the media and come from across India, making it the largest country chapter in the entire IAWRT network. IAWRT (Chapter India) work closely with organisations working on women's issues, children, livelihoods, sustainability and more, bringing in their specialisation in film making and the media to help them communicate better.

CIVIL DEFENCE MOCK DRILL EXERCISE CONDUCTED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

As part of a Statewide Mock Exercise held across Nagaland on 7th May 2025, Kohima district participated in a coordinated air raid precaution drill aimed at enhancing

disaster preparedness and public awareness. The exercise was led by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem and Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Teisovise Metha.

The mock exercise commenced with the first siren at 4:30 PM, signaling the start of various simulated emergency activities. The District Disaster Management Authority sounded the air raid siren from Information & Public Relations Directorate at 6:30 PM, followed by a brief two-minute black-out exercise involving a temporary power shutdown.

Designated locations in Kohima were prepared for the drill - the Capital Convention Centre served as the staging area, a Temporary Hospital was set up at the Directorate of Social Welfare, a Demilitarized Zone was established at the Directorate of Higher Education, and the NPSC Office was marked as the air raid-affected area.

Officials reported that the exercise was conducted smoothly and received positive cooperation.

MON:

A mock drill on preparedness for civil defence exercise at Mon town was successfully conducted on 7th May 2025. The scenario began with the siren alert at 4:00 PM, with the District Commandant, Home Guards,

Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force Office building being caught on fire. On receiving the report, the SDRF Team rushed to the vulnerable sites and attended to the affected people. The black-out siren was sounded at 6:30 pm by the District Disaster Management Authority, followed by power shutdown for two minutes immediately after the siren was sounded.

WOKHA:

Wokha district also conducted a mock drill on civil defence preparedness and rehearsal with the intention to sensitize the general mass about the status of preparedness level at the district. The staging area/incident site was conducted at SP's Office, New Complex Wokha. The nature of the incident was based on a search and rescue operation on structural damage caused by fire.

During the exercise, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force and Fire & Emergency Services personnel demonstrated how first aid has to be administered and evacuation of casualties and injured persons during emergencies. Department of Health & Family Welfare



Personnel from Fire & Emergency Services displaying their skills during a Mock Drill Exercise on Preparedness for Civil Defence Exercise at Mon on 7th May 2025.

assisted in providing first-aid medical service to the injured. The whole exercise was conducted under the supervision of District Administration, Wokha District Disaster Management Authority and other line departments.

PHEK:

Sequence of activities of mock drill exercise for the preparedness of air strike attack from external force was conducted at Phek on 7th May 2025. The alert siren was sounded at 4:00 PM from DC's Office building top tower. The exercise was conducted under the District Level Incident Response System. The mock exercise successfully concluded by sounding an alert siren.

PEREN:

As part of the nationwide civil defence preparedness exercise, a mock drill under the code name "Operation Abhyaas" was conducted at DC's Complex, Peren on 7th May 2025, with an aim to assess and enhance the readiness of civil defence mechanisms in the event of air raid. The mock exercise was conducted simulating an air raid scenario in Peren district, where several buildings in the

District HQ including the DC's Office were hit, leading to fire and building collapse. A search and rescue operation team involving personnel from DEF Peren, Fire & Emergency Services and Home Guards & Civil Defence were despatched to the incident site.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang district successfully conducted mock drill for civil defence under Operation Code Name "Operation Abhyaas" on 7th May 2025 at Parade Ground, Tuensang town. The incident site was located at the DC's Office old building and Petrol Pump. The staging area was done at Parade Ground Tuensang with Incident Command Post, Search and Rescue Operation, Makeshift Hospital, Morgue and Relief Camp with active participation from District Administration, State Disaster Response Force, Fire & Emergency Services, DEF, CMO, 29 Assam Rifles and DPRO, Tuensang. As part of the exercise, there was a total black-out for two minutes at 6:30 PM at Tuensang town.

DIMAPUR:

A district-level civil defence mock drill, code-named "Operation Abhyaas"



Peren district conducted Civil Defence Mock Drill under the code name 'Operation Abhyaas' at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren on 7th May 2025.

was successfully conducted in Dimapur on 7th May 2025, as part of a nationwide exercise initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The objective of the drill was to assess the coordination, preparedness, and response capabilities of various line departments during a simulated air raid emergency.

The DC's Office Complex was designated as the staging area and the demilitarized zone, while the Office of the Project Director, DRDA was used to simulate the affected area. A temporary hospital and mobile medical aid centre were established at the Urban Primary Health Centre and the emergency communication centre was activated in the Control Room with assistance from the OC Police Radio.

The District Disaster Management Authority, with support from the DPRO's Office and Fire & Emergency Services activated the town-wide siren using the Mayor Brigade vehicle to signal the commencement of the operation. A power

blackout was simulated in the affected area by the Executive Engineer of the Power Department. Fire & Emergency Services demonstrated fire fighting techniques at the incident site near the DRDA Office as part of the emergency response.

ZUNHEBOTO:

In compliance to the central directive, a mock drill on civil defence exercise, staging an instance of an air raid, was successfully conducted under the operation code name 'Operation Abhiyaas' at Zunheboto on 7th May 2025, with active participation from all the concerned departments headed by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj (IAS).

MOKOKCHUNG:

A mock drill exercise was conducted in Mokokchung on 7th May 2025, at different locations in the town. It was carried out for both the authorities and the public to better understand their roles during emergencies.

**NAGALAND'S ESPORTS TEAM PARTICIPATES
IN KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2025**

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports has informed that for the first time, a contingent from Nagaland officially participated in the esports category at the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, held in Patna, Bihar on 6th and 7th May 2025. Esports was introduced as a demonstration sport during this national-level event.

The Nagaland contingent consisted of nine member - seven players, one team manager, and one coach who represented the State in three esports disciplines: eChess, eFootball, and Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI). This historic participation

underscores the State Government's continued commitment to supporting emerging sports and creating new opportunities for youth development in the digital age.

In alignment with the growing need to promote mental well-being and psychological preparedness in competitive environments, an orientation programme was organised on 4th May 2025 at Hotel Grand Vista, Dimapur for the participants. The session was designed to help participants develop tools to maintain mental resilience and overall health in the high-pressure world of esports.



Nagaland contingent officially participated in the Esports category at the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, held at Patna, Bihar on 6th and 7th May 2025.

The keynote address was delivered by Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology, Dimapur Government College, Dr. Temsusenla Jamir. Speaking on the theme, “Mental Resilience and Performance,” Dr. Jamir emphasized the importance of cultivating a positive mindset, managing stress, adapting to challenges, regulating emotions, and persevering under pressure. She also introduced practical techniques and exercises aimed at enhancing

focus, mental clarity, and performance sustainability in competitive scenarios.

The Department stated that Lamgouhao Kipgen, representing Nagaland in the eFootball category, secured First Place by defeating his opponent from Arunachal Pradesh. His achievement marks a significant milestone for the state and exemplifies the potential of Nagaland’s youth in the field of esports.

WORKSHOP ON ‘MySCHEME’ AWARENESS AND DIGITAL GOVERNANCE HELD IN KOHIMA

The Department of Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), Government of Nagaland conducted a one-day workshop on myScheme Awareness and UX4G (User Experience for Government Applications) on 8th May 2025, at the Directorate of IT&C, Kohima. Organized in collaboration with the Nationale-Governance Division (NeGD) of the Ministry of

Electronics and IT, Government of India, the workshop aimed to build awareness and capacity among government officials regarding user-centric digital platforms.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Director of IT&C, Er. Sabou Yashu stated that the Department had previously conducted two rounds of training on upgradation and maintenance of Government websites with

various departments and more workshops on subjects such as cyber security related issues, Artificial Intelligence will be organized in the coming days. He said that with the rapid technological advancements, all government departments must adapt with those changes and utilize the various technologies available to provide the best services to its citizens.

Dr. G. Hukugha Sema, Commissioner & Secretary of IT&C stressed on the importance of accessibility and inclusivity in public digital platforms. He said that myScheme app, launched in 2022 is a one-stop solution for information on Government schemes and it serves as a single national platform for the schemes of both the central and state governments. He added the importance of making the app user-friendly so that it is easily accessible to all the citizens particularly for the underprivileged sections of society. He encouraged all the departments to collaborate and utilize this scheme and app to deliver smarter, faster and more citizen friendly governance.

Rohit Lamba, Consultant, myScheme, and Neeta Tandon, Senior Consultant for

UX/UI at NeGD, MeitY also spoke on the occasion. The workshop was divided into two sessions - The first session centered on myScheme, delved into the vision, scope, and implementation approach for making government schemes more accessible to citizens through a unified platform. Detailed technical briefings were provided on content management and onboarding of Nagaland-specific schemes. The second session under the theme UX4G (User Experience for Government), emphasized the role of design thinking and intuitive interfaces in enhancing the usability of G2C (Government-to-Citizen) portals. Demonstrations included a case study specific to Nagaland and a walk through of the UX4G Design System for building reusable digital components.

Senior officers from various departments participated in the event. The workshop concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony. The workshop was a significant step towards strengthening digital governance in Nagaland, aligning with the national vision of transparent, inclusive, and citizen-friendly administration.



Commissioner & Secretary, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), Dr. G. Hukugha Sema with officials at the one-day workshop on myScheme Awareness and UX 4G (User Experience for Government Applications) at the Directorate of IT&C, Kohima on 8th May 2025.

GOVERNOR, LA GANESAN GRACES WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATION AT KOHIMA

Governor of Nagaland and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch, La Ganesan addressed a gathering at the Red Cross Complex in Kohima on 8th May 2025 on the occasion of World Red Cross Day, calling for collective compassion and increased youth involvement in humanitarian service.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, the Governor lauded the tireless efforts of the Red Cross volunteers and staff in the state, acknowledging their role in reaching vulnerable communities, especially during natural disasters and emergencies. He emphasized that the Red Cross embodies the spirit of hope, empathy and kindness, values that define humanity in the face of adversity.

Referring to this year's theme of the Red

Cross Day celebration, 'Through humanity to peace,' the Governor encouraged everyone to reflect on the true meaning of being human. He said hope gives direction in darkness, empathy connects people to each other's suffering and kindness remains a universal language understood by all. He also stressed the importance of nurturing empathy from a young age by instilling values of compassion and service at home and in schools.

The event began with a welcome address by Jonas Yanthan, MC Member, IRCSN. Dr. R. Rose Chakhesang, MC Member, IRCSN, highlighted the theme of the programme, followed by the reading of the Secretary General's message by Akhale V. Khamo, General Secretary, IRCSN.

THREE-DAY ToT WORKSHOP ON MULTI-SECTOR APPROACH TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION HELD

As part of the NEP Multi Skill Education Pilot, a three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on the Multi-Sector Approach to Vocational Education for Grades 9 and 10 was successfully conducted from 6th May to 8th May 2025 at the SCERT SIEMAT Hall, Kohima. Organized by 'Lend A Hand India' as the technical and knowledge partner of Samagra Shiksha, the workshop aimed to build teacher capacity for delivering skill-based education aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023. The pilot is sponsored by LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL), as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

The training brought together vocational teachers and officials from across

Nagaland to explore a multi-sectoral model of vocational education, focusing on three core domains: Finance, Mechatronics and Agriculture. The objective was to provide students in Grades 9 and 10 with diverse, practical skill sets relevant to both local and national employment markets, while also promoting entrepreneurship and closing critical skill gaps.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Chumbeni Kikon, Joint Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha, in the presence of key officials including Deputy Director, SCERT, Temjenmenla, State Coordinator for Vocational Education, Nukshila Angh, Academic Officer, NBSE, Dziesevolie Tsurho and Assistant Academic Officer, NBSE, Dr. Zalio Seyie. The opening session

included an overview of vocational education developments in Nagaland and appreciation for the efforts of vocational teachers.

Altogether, 21 participants, comprising a mix of vocational teachers and general subject teachers from the districts of Kiphire, Peren, Mokokchung, Dimapur and Kohima attended the workshop. The workshop was also attended by officials from the three sister departments- Department of School Education, SCERT and NBSE over the course of three days. The training sessions were facilitated by a team of six members from 'Lend A Hand India.'

Each day of the training focused on one vocational sector, combining theoretical instruction with hands-on learning experiences. On the first day of the workshop, the topic was covered on Finance: personal finance, budgeting, banking operations, and entrepreneurship. Participants engaged in simulation activities

and practical demonstrations designed to translate financial concepts into classroom teaching. The second day focused on Mechatronics such as basic electronics, mechanical systems, and automation. Teachers participated in assembling circuits, testing components, and understanding interdisciplinary applications. The third day of the workshop emphasized on Agriculture where the trainees were imparted on sustainable farming practices, crop planning, and agribusiness. Practical sessions included seed treatment, soil testing, and school-based agriculture project planning.

The workshop is part of a broader effort under the NEP 2020 to ensure that at least 50% of learners at the secondary level receive vocational education by 2025. The successful execution of this pilot in Nagaland provides a scalable model for vocational integration into school education.

4th EDITION OF THE CUCUMBER FESTIVAL 2025 HELD IN ALIBA VILLAGE

Minister of Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along graced the 4th Edition of the Cucumber Festival 2025, held on 8th May 2025 at Aliba Village, Mokokchung.

In his speech, Temjen Imna Along acknowledged and appreciated the hard work and dedication of the farmers and villagers whose efforts have led to the recognition of Aliba Cucumbers with a Geographical

Indication Tag. He encouraged continued growth and innovation in the years to come and emphasised the importance of organic farming for sustainable development.

The festival featured a vibrant display of various stalls initiated by the villagers, with Cucumbers as the central attraction. The community's commitment and perseverance were evident and appreciated.

2nd EDITION OF NAGALAND POTATO FESTIVAL HELD AT JAKHAMA

The Second Edition of the Nagaland Potato Festival was held at the Jakhama Local Ground, Kohima, under the theme "Celebrating the organic products of

Nagaland" on 9th May 2025. The event aimed to promote organic potato cultivation across the state while providing a platform for local entrepreneurs and creating economic

opportunities for village communities.

More than a hundred stalls were set up by local entrepreneurs from the Southern Angami region, along with participants from Kiphire and Wokha districts. The Agriculture Department also took part, showcasing innovations and support for sustainable farming practices.

Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, as the special guest, addressed the gathering and lauded the efforts of farmers and stakeholders who have worked tirelessly to bring recognition to

Nagaland's organic produce. He emphasised the importance of rural development, stating, "If our villagers are prosperous, Nagaland will be prosperous. If our villagers are healthy, Nagaland will be healthy. If our villagers have a livelihood, then the people of the state will have a livelihood."

The festival not only highlighted the growing organic farming movement in Nagaland but also underscored the vital role of grassroots entrepreneurship in driving economic growth and self-sufficiency across the state.



Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along speaking at the 2nd Edition of the Nagaland Potato Festival 2025 held at Jakhama Local Ground, Kohima on 9th May 2025.

NECTAR PROJECT EXTENDS APPRECIATION TOWARDS THE SMCs AND SMDCs FOR THE 'CIPS INNOVATION AWARD 2024'

The Nagaland Education Project-The Lighthouse (NECTAR) has informed that one of its interventions, the Performance Incentive Grants (PIG) has been awarded the "CIPS Innovation Award 2024" in the education sector.

The NECTAR stated that the awarding body, the Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Hyderabad is an autonomous

centre of the Administrative Staff College of India, established by the Government of India. As a national body, the mission of CIPS is to help create and nurture a climate for accelerating and diffusing innovations in public systems. To accomplish this mission, CIPS honours the best innovative practices by scouting and spawning new innovations that will bring about positive changes in the

culture as well as the structure of governance across states.

Through the PIG, a total of 1,914 School Management Committees (SMCs) and School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs) have received capacity-building support across Nagaland.

With the active participation of the SMCs and SMDCs, along with the selfless contributions of the communities, the PIG is successfully improving the learning environments of Government schools and enhancing the sense of ownership and responsibility among the community.

STATE REVIEW MEETING AND LAUNCHING OF KILKARI & MOBILE ACADEMY FOR THE STATE OF NAGALAND

Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Kinchi, IAS launched Kilkari and Mobile Academy at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare on the 9th of May 2025 during a State Review Meeting with the District Health Authority comprising of Chief Medical Officers (CMOs), Medical Superintendent (MS), district and state officials.

In his keynote address Anoop Kinchi stated that our work should be the motivating factor for us wherever we are. He requested the gathering to ensure that the health personnel are in their place of posting, as our ultimate aim is to provide health care service to the people. Anoop also encouraged them to update themselves in the field of technology as things are becoming more digitalised and this would make our work easier and facilitate the beneficiaries.

Shanpanthung Ezung, State Programme Consultant, ARMMAN/MoHFW made a presentation on Kilkari & Mobile Academy, a mobile-based voice messaging service launched by the Government of India through the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It is designed to deliver

timely, free, and culturally appropriate audio messages to pregnant women and mothers of young children (up to one year of age), especially in rural and underserved areas. Its main goal is to increase awareness and promote positive health behaviour, thereby improving maternal and child health outcomes.

Kilkari is a free, mobile-based service that delivers weekly, time-appropriate audio messages to pregnant women and mothers with children less than one year. This programme aims to enhance maternal and child health outcomes by leveraging mobile



Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Anoop Kinchi, IAS with officials from H&FW during the launching of Kilkari and Mobile Academy at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 9th May 2025.

technology to deliver timely information and training.

During the review meeting, both the CMOs and MSs shared the key performance indicator pertaining to the different disease

programmes under the department, issues, concerns and challenges of their respective districts. The District and State Officials also deliberated on the strategies and way forward.

COFFEE ENTREPRENEURS FROM NAGALAND PARTICIPATE IN COFFEX ISTANBUL EXPO 2025

With the vision of the Department of Land Resources, Nagaland to promote coffees of Nagaland, a nine-member delegation led by G. Ikuto Zhimomi, Advisor, Land Resources Department, Nagaland, Kevekha Kevin Zehol, former Commissioner & Secretary, Land Resources, Hekato N, Additional Director, Land Resources and 5 five coffee entrepreneurs from Nagaland, viz. Nagaland Coffee, Été Coffee, Juro Coffee, YES Coffee & Coffee Lady participated at Coffex Istanbul Expo 2025 held from 9th to 11th May 2025, Istanbul, Turkey. The Consulate General of India in Istanbul, Mijito Vinito Chishi was instrumental in facilitating the participation by liaising with the Coffee Board of India and the Government of Turkey, which resulted in productive involvement of the Nagaland delegation.

Coffex Istanbul serves as the premier international trade fair and promotion platform for coffee and related industries in the Middle East, uniting coffee enthusiasts

and professionals.

The visit aimed to enhance knowledge in coffee cultivation, processing, and marketing, and to explore global trends and market linkages. During the three-day event, the team engaged in cupping sessions, workshops, and interactions with international stakeholders in the coffee value chain, gaining first hand exposure to diverse coffee processing and flavours, understanding market dynamics, including consumer preferences and pricing strategies, cutting-edge technologies and sustainable innovations. The expo opened opportunities for collaboration with international buyers and roasters, especially from Turkey.

The participation in Coffex Istanbul 2025 was a milestone for Nagaland's coffee sector, reinforcing the state's potential in global markets, setting the stage for future growth and recognition of Nagaland's coffee worldwide.

2nd QUARTERLY NATIONAL LOK ADALAT 2025 HELD ACROSS THE STATE

The 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat 2025 conducted across the state by District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authorities (NSLSA) disposed off 219 cases with a settlement amount of Rs. 2,38,99,111/- (Rupees two crore, thirty-eight lakhs, nifty

nine thousand, one hundred eleven only). A total of 290 cases were taken up for settlement. Out of the disposed cases, 192 were at pre-litigation stage and 27 cases were under pending stage. The cases included mostly bank loan recovery cases, telephone bills, MACT and other consumer and civil

cases.

NLA also popularly known as the 'People's Court' is an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) which is aimed at reducing court backlog, providing access to justice for marginalized communities, and ensuring that disputes are resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner. It may be mentioned that in the year 2024, National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) recognized Nagaland SLSA for achieving highest disposal percentage of pending cases in the 1st NLA, 2024 held on 9th March. Also, the performance of Nagaland SLSA in 2nd and 4th NLA showed highest improvement in disposal percentage.

Zunheboto DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarterly NLA at District Court Complex Zunheboto. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman Zunheboto DLSA, Phuleto Yeptho, NJS was the presiding officer. Easter H. Yepthomi and Inolito K. Sumi were the conciliators. Altogether, 3 pre-litigation bank recovery cases were taken up and two were disposed off with the total settlement amount of Rs. 10,38,219.

Phek DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat today at SBI, Chozuba, Phek, Nagaland. The National Lok Adalat was presided over by Chairperson, Phek DLSA with Vethothi Vero, Retainer Lawyer and Sekhotso Rokha, Panel Lawyer as conciliator. 24 matters of pre-litigation bank recovery cases of SBI (Chozuba) and NStCB (Phek, Pfustero and Chozuba) respectively were taken up and disposed off with a settlement amount of Rs. 26,04,401.

Kohima DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat for the year 2025 at District Court Complex. Duvelu Vero, NJS, Principal District & Sessions Judge & Chairperson, Kohima DLSA was

the presiding officer and the Panel Lawyers, Kohima DLSA as conciliators. Total number of 12 bank recovery cases, 13 telephone bill recovery cases & 9 MS case were put up before the Lok Adalat whereby 13 telephone bill recovery case, 3 MS and 19 bank recovery cases were taken up and settled. The total outstanding amount of ₹ 2,23,69,327 was settled with ₹ 23,04,002 through National Lok Adalat. Altogether 10 banks and 2 telephone office participated in the Lok Adalat.

Kiphire DLSA conducted its 2nd Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Kiphire. It was presided by Holika Sukhalu, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary Kiphire DLSA. SBI Kiphire branch and Co-operative Bank participated. The session took up 10 bank Loan recovery cases and settled 8 bank loan cases with a settlement amount of Rs. 5,70,370.

Longleng DLSA held its 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court with the SBI Longleng. Total 4(four) cases of bank loan recovery were taken up and disposed off with the settlement amount of Rs. 84,157. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, Longleng DLSA, Kumdilong Kessen (NJS), presiding officer briefed the gathering about Lok Adalat. Panel Lawyers, P Monyei Phom and Panglang Y. Phom were the conciliators. PLVs Asangpongjei, Yingli and Hentok participated. Four (4) cases of bank loan recovery were taken up and disposed off with a settlement amount of ₹84,157.

Mokokchung DLSA conducted its 2nd Lok Adalat at District Court chaired by Julian Sithlhou, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, Mokokchung DLSA. Eleven (11) cases of bank loan recovery were taken up and disposed off with a settlement amount of Rs. 9,86,735.

Peren District Legal Services conducted the National Lok Adalat at Jalukie town. The event was presided over by CJM-cum-Secretary, Peren DLSA, Atoka Achumi, NJS as the presiding officer, with Asungbe, Inchang Hiekha, Kidungyi Putlang, and Italang Ramlia serving as conciliators, assisted by PLV Santhuilkabo. A total of four pre-litigation bank recovery cases were taken up and successfully disposed off, with a settlement amount of Rs. 9,76,000.

Mon District Legal Services Authority conducted the 2nd National Lok Adalat at District Court Mon. The Presiding Officer was Nokshei Kano, NJS District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, Mon DLSA and Wokono Yhoshii, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, Mon DLSA and Panels Lawyers, Angun Konyak, N. Mannon, M. Moba and Henlem P. were the conciliators. Five (5) pre-litigation and 17 pending trial Bank recovery cases were taken up, 1 pre-litigation and 2 pending trial bank recovery cases with disposed off with the settlement amount of Rs 8,39,481.

Tuensang DLSA conducted its 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat at SBI main branch Tuensang. The National Lok Adalat was presided by Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, Tuensang DLSA,

Somet Chumden Chang, NJS, and Retainer Lawyer Tuensang DLSA Amtimangyang Chang as the conciliators. Altogether, 10 bank recovery cases were taken up and 7 bank cases were disposed off with a settlement amount of Rs. 14,973,46.

Wokha DLSA conducted the 2nd National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Wokha. Seyielenuo Mezhu, District & Sessions Judge/Chairperson Wokha DLSA was the presiding officer. Panel Lawyers Shanchobeni P Lotha and Longtsubeni Humtsoe were the conciliators. Six (6) pre-litigation bank recovery cases were taken up and disposed off. The total settlement amount is Rs 4,32,500.

Dimapur DLSA conducted its 2nd National Lok Adalat at Dimapur District Court premises. N. Longshithung Ezung, NJS, Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman, Dimapur DLSA gave an introduction and Atoka Achumi, NJS, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA highlighted about the purpose of Lok Adalat. All the Panel Lawyers of the Dimapur DLSA were the conciliators. Altogether, 133 pre-litigation cases were taken up, out of which 93 was disposed off and 22 pending trial cases was disposed. The total settlement amount is Rs. 1,25,65,900.

NSL HOSTS 'FINAL SCORE' PRESS CONFERENCE AT NIATHU RESORT

A press conference was hosted by Nagaland Super League (NSL) to celebrate the success of its inaugural season on 12th May 2025 at Niathu Resort, Chumoukedima. It highlighted the NSL marking a historic leap for football in the state, culminating in Nagaland winning a Special National Award at the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) Awards 2024-25.

Successfully launched as Nagaland's premier professional football league, the NSL was held across two major venues Chümoukedima Football Stadium and Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, with 7 participating teams, 45 matches, and over 140 goals scored, setting a new benchmark for football and sports event management in the state. It also outlines the comprehensive

achievements of the NSL inaugural season in terms of sporting performance, audience participation, media outreach, economic contribution, and digital engagement.

Chairman of the NSL, General Secretary of the Nagaland Football Association, and MLA, Government of Nagaland, Benei M. Lanthiu in his address stated that what began as a vision, has become a reality - a reality where they have given platform to young footballers to pursue their career in football as profession. It has been an immense success in the growth and outlook of the football in our State.

Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India, and Member of the NSL Governing Body, Abu Metha stated that the NSL 2024-25 was an overwhelming success with the level of response and support that got from all sections was beyond expectations. The victory is a victory not only for NSL but for the entire ecosystem of football and sports in Nagaland. NSL was only in its first edition yet it got national recognition. Metha reported that the final

match showed a record of 53 thousand live audiences and views crossed 5 lakhs, more than 7 million impression on facebook and total ticket revenue generated was 60 lakhs. Also, more than 60 thousand people attended the matches at the two venues and that itself is a report for the sports in Nagaland.

Another venture they took up was digital and online ticketing system, going digital way is the best way for revenue generation and transparency and gives scope to expand in the future and gives access to fans across the states to get tickets and entries, Metha said. He pointed that Nagaland was the only league in the country to have a weekly show on satellite television and entire production was done by local entrepreneurs, local digital media personalities. In an extensive manner, documentary series have also come up to record for future generations. During the NSL, total employment created was 612 jobs, 203 players were given an opportunity to professional play football and in North East, Nagaland has emerged as one of the best professional sports list not only in football but across all different sports disciplines.

CS CHAIRS AHoD & HoD MEETING

Administrative Heads of Departments (AHoDs) and Heads of Departments (HoDs) Meeting was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 15th May 2025, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS.

The meeting began with a review of the Office Attendance in the Secretariat. The Department of Information Technology & Communication made a presentation on the topic. The Chief Secretary remarked that there has been a marked improvement since the issuance of the order related to

office attendance. He, however, mentioned that there is further room for improvement. He reiterated the earlier direction to all the assigned officers and the AHoDs and HoDs to strictly monitor the attendance in their respective offices personally.

Three presentations were made by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department on the latest Notifications/ Office memoranda (OMs) that were issued by the Department. The first dealt with the OM on Periodic Review of Government Servants for premature retirement under Rule 56(j) of

FR. The second relates to the Policy on Short Term Workers and the third to the setting up of Internal Complaints Committees (ICC) under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, in all Departments and Bodies. The CS informed the House of the background in which these policies were introduced and urged all the AHOs to base their actions in accordance with the OMs. He further urged all the senior officers present to seek clarification from the P&AR Department in case the need arises. In respect of ICC, he requested all HoDs/AHOs to nominate a

nodal officer for She-Box.

The Chief Secretary urged the House to scrupulously adhere to the Nagaland Rules of Executive Business, 2020. He also informed the House of the importance of attendance during official lunches/dinners hosted by the State in honour of visiting dignitaries.

The ACS and Finance Commissioner urged all Government Departments to install pre-paid electricity meters in their offices. He informed the House to not delay seeking financial sanction in respect of budgeted expenditure.

JICA OFFICIALS REVIEW MEETING WITH CS AT KOHIMA

A review meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) officials and the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS was held in the context of the ongoing Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP-JICA) at the Chief Secretary's Conference Room on 15th May 2025.

The meeting focused on reviewing the Nagaland Forest Management Project-Japan International Cooperation Agency (NFMP-JICA) project's progress, addressing challenges, and ensuring its sustainable implementation across the State. The meeting

also addressed the challenges of maintaining the project's momentum in convergence with other departments and SHGs for better implementation of the project at the district level.

The JICA team, comprising of Ishikawa Saya, representative of JICA and Sushma Sen Adarshi, Development Specialist apprised the Chief Secretary about the progress of the ongoing JICA projects and also highlighted the various challenges faced during implementation.

NEC OFFICIALS VISITS GIS DEPARTMENT

Two members of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development North Eastern Region (DoNER), Tenzing Norbu Thongdok and Longki Phangcho, along with other officials, visited the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, Planning & Transformation Department, to review NEC-supported initiatives at its office, Secretariat, Kohima, on 15th May 2025.

The members urged the department to capture, update the spatial data, and also store all development projects under the NEC-funded schemes. They also advised them to help the concerned department capture the cadastral mapping, life-saving drugs, and road connectivity to the health centres in the state. Acknowledging the department, Tenzing Norbu Thongdok urged

the department to make a partnership with other states and share their innovations and achievements.

Senior Director, Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, Mhathung Kithan highlighted the activities of the centre and the projects implemented with the line departments to the NEC members. The visit highlighted the preparation of the Geospatial Plan for Governance & Sustainable Development, showcasing NGISRSC's role in geospatial technology for governance and decision support in the state.

Through hands-on demonstrations, the delegation experienced the project's key achievements: a Geospatial Command & Facilitation Centre fostering inter-departmental coordination and geospatial data dissemination, a web-based centralised

Geospatial Units operational in 15 stakeholder departments for data-driven governance, and UAV-acquired high-resolution imagery of 13 urban stations enhancing monitoring and decision support.

They also took a tour of the drone division, which featured demonstrations of drone applications, research and innovations, showcasing their role in planning and monitoring.

The NEC members also commended the innovative integration of UAV technology, recognising its transformative potential for regional governance. The visit culminated with commendation for NGISRSC, for its significant contributions in the geospatial sector, promoting inter-departmental collaboration, decision support and governance.

3rd NECDC INTER-STATE FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT HELD

The 3rd edition of the North East Cricket Development Council (NECDC) Senior Men's Inter-State Friendship Tournament concluded on 15th May 2025 at the Nagaland Cricket Association Stadium (NCAS), Sovima, Chumoukedima with Meghalaya emerging as the champions after defeating Nagaland in the final.

Abishek Kumar of Meghalaya was named Man of the Match for his outstanding performance. His teammate Arpit Bhatewara bagged two individual accolades—Best Batsman and Best Wicketkeeper of the tournament. Imliwati from Nagaland was recognized as the Best Bowler, while Jotin Singh Pheiroijam from Manipur was awarded Player of the Tournament.

Nagaland Chief Minister and NECDC Convener, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, who graced the closing ceremony as the chief

guest commended all the participating north-eastern states for their support and contribution to NECDC's vision of promoting cricket in the region. Highlighting the challenging journey behind NECDC's formation, Dr. Rio reflected on the hardships and setbacks that shaped the council's resilience and unity. He extended gratitude to the BCCI for recognizing and affiliating NECDC as per court directives and reaffirmed the council's commitment to providing equal sporting opportunities for the youth of the region.

Dr. Rio also inaugurated the newly established NECDC Office at the NCAS complex.

Short speeches were also delivered by NECDC Co-convener and Meghalaya Cricket Association President, N. Bhattacharjee, BCCI Apex Council Member, M. Khairul

Jamal Majumdar, and NECDC Member Secretary and Athletic Federation of India Vice President, Abu Metha.

The event also featured a citation

presentation by Manipur Cricket Association Secretary, Leishangthem Ronel Singh, and a tournament report by Arunachal Cricket Association Vice President, Kabak Geda.

BYATIKRAM EDUCATION CONCLAVE 3.0 HELD AT DIMAPUR



Governor, La Ganesan addressing during the Byatikram Education Conclave 3.0 held at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dimapur on 17th May 2025.

The Byatikram Education Conclave 3.0 was successfully held at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Dimapur on 17th May 2025 Dimapur, bringing together educators, students, and distinguished dignitaries for a day of inspiration and celebration of academic excellence.

Governor, La Ganesan in his address, said that conclaves like these serve as vital platforms where ideas are transformed into action and reminded the gathering that education is more than just academics, it is about nurturing innovation, empathy, and

unity. Reflecting on India's rich heritage, the Governor recalled the challenges of foreign rule and the long road to freedom, honouring the sacrifices of revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh, Rani Lakshmi Bai, Subhas Chandra Bose, and the non-violent resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi and others. He noted that post-independence, India faced grave economic hardships but rose steadily with the support of global partnerships.

The Governor called upon students, professionals, and leaders alike to take responsibility for the nation's future. "Let us unite and work with integrity. The future is ours to shape," he urged.

Ceremonial lamp lighting marked the inauguration,

symbolizing the illumination of knowledge. This was followed by a special felicitation of meritorious students, recognizing the hard work and achievements of top rank holders. Distinguished guests, M. Chuba Ao, National Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party and Chairman of MARCOFED, Government of Nagaland and other dignitaries delivered motivational speeches. The session concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a vibrant cultural programme that showcased local talent and traditions.

CM HOLDS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS MEETING

A monsoon preparedness meeting was held under the chairmanship of Nagaland Chief Minister & Chairman, NSDMA, Dr. Neiphiu Rio at Chief Minister's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 20th May 2025.

Commenting on preparedness of essential commodities, Rio asked the department to make an assessment of essential commodities across the districts before the monsoon season sets in. He further pointed out that if there are any complaints from any village or towns on shortage of essential commodities, the matter has to be reported. He also instructed the department to monitor the fair price shop and see that consumer's rights are protected.

Dr. Rio also raised concern on traffic advisory and directed the PWD department to check on how many tons can be carried by trucks in national highway. He also advised the Administration and Police Department to send team of officers and Dobashis for routine road checks so that there is smooth flow of traffic in towns and also in national highways during the monsoon season.

Dr. Rio also shared his views and concerns on restoring the State Quality Control Board in Nagaland at the earliest. He also instructed the Chief Secretary to have a VC with all the Deputy Commissioners and update the status of the essential commodities and preparedness across the districts.

Minister for Roads and Bridges, G. Kaito Aye also sharing his views on road sector, said that the NHIDCL should start taking serious responsibility and provide resilient road for the people of Nagaland. He also requested the NSDMA to park a specific

amount of fund for the emergency response, which can be utilized by any department pertaining to the welfare of the people during the monsoon season.

Minister, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Jacob Zhimomi sharing his views on road sector, said the soil condition of Nagaland is very watery, therefore strict protocol during road construction has to be followed and most importantly soil testing has to be done. He also cautioned the NHIDCL to instruct the contractors to follow strict protocols during road construction for durability and sustainability of the road. Zhimomi also advised the contractors that once the surface is completed, they should not leave any residue on the road after work is completed.

Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei presenting a PowerPoint presentation on 'Monsoon 2025 forecasting for Nagaland,' said distribution of rainfall pattern across the State will be un-uniform and erratic which will impact crop plantation season. Johnny said that a proactive Disaster Risk Reduction approach combined with preparedness, data driven planning and community engagement can significantly reduce potential risks. He therefore said that with the unprecedented change in the weather and climate pattern, development activities with future resilient infrastructure and resilient economy in primary to achieve sustainable development.

PWD (Roads & Bridges) and NHIDCL presented PowerPoint presentation on 'Monsoon preparedness and resilient of road infrastructure sector' while 'Preparedness of Emergency Response Agencies' was presented Home Guards, Civil Defence

& SDRF/NDRF. 'Preparedness of health personnel and infrastructure' by Health & Family Welfare and 'Essential commodities

and preparedness' was presented by Food & Civil Supplies Department.

NSCPCR HOLDS MEETING WITH DIPR

The Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) led by Chairman, Alun Hangsing held a meeting with the Director and senior officials of the Department of Information & Public Relations at the Directorate of IPR on 20th May 2025. The meeting deliberated on strengthening child protection mechanisms, especially concerning the role of the media.

Chairman, Alun Hangsing emphasized the responsibility of the media in ensuring the rights, dignity, and safety of children, particularly in the way they are represented and discussed in public domains. He highlighted that violations, whether intentional or due to lack of awareness, can have long-lasting psychological and social impacts on children.

Akumla Longchari, Member, NSCPCR elaborated on key legal frameworks that govern child protection in the media, including the Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, which prohibits the disclosure of identity of children involved in abuse cases and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which mandates the protection of children's rights in all circumstances, including media coverage.

Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo acknowledged the insights shared by the Commission and expressed commitment to work collaboratively to uphold child protection standards across all public communication platforms. She stated that the Department will explore actionable steps to build a child-sensitive media environment in Nagaland where children's privacy is protected and their rights are upheld.

Secretary, Social Welfare & Member Secretary, NSCPCR, Yongchingkumla, Member, NSCPCR, Aying Wangsha and Legal Consultant, NSCPCR, Lichani Murry also attended the meeting.

CS HOLDS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS WITH DCs THROUGH VC

A monsoon preparedness meeting under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary (CS) and Chairman, SEC, NSDMA, Dr. J Alam, IAS was held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 21st May 2025. The meeting with Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and District Heads of Offices was held to assess the availability of essential commodities, roads and alternative routes, healthcare services and mass social work to combat the unforeseen disaster that

may occur in the upcoming monsoon in the district.

During the meeting, Dr. Alam mentioned that in the anticipated monsoon season, some districts will be witnessing deficient rainfall and excess rainfall which may be challenging, and urged all the DCs and the line departments to stay vigilant and be prepared to deal with any emergencies throughout. Alam also raised concern over proper maintenance of road between Kohima

and Dimapur stressing mainly on old KMC dumping site which causes major challenges every year due to landslides and blockage of road by overloaded trucks. He therefore urged the Administration, Police and line departments to monitor traffic regulations and also to identify alternative routes to ensure smooth traffic flow at all times.

Dr. Alam further instructed the Public Works Department to arrange and place the machinery strategically in disaster or landslide prone areas to ensure proactive measures, and also stressed on the need to keep sufficient stock of essential commodities available, specifically identifying vulnerable areas for the monsoon season. He also instructed the Health & Family Welfare Department to specifically look into vulnerable areas and take appropriate precautionary measures for any monsoon

related eventualities and outbreaks.

Dr. Alam called on the DCs to judiciously utilise all their resources at their disposal whenever there is any emergency and also to ensure that all the roads are open always and even during landslides, blockades etc. taking minimum possible time to restore and repair the damaged roads. He further requested all departments to give instructions to their respective heads of offices in all the districts to provide necessary support and coordination to the district magistrates and the DCs in the districts for any monsoon related issues.

Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen of District Disaster Management Authority and District Heads of Offices joined the meeting through Video Conference (VC) and updated their status of monsoon preparedness and the challenges faced by the respective districts.

SPECIAL DRIVE ON FRUITS & VEGETABLES CONDUCTED BY FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY, NAGALAND

With the increasing demand of various kinds of fruits and vegetables in the market and mass production of it even during off season, a special drive on fruits and vegetables was conducted by the Food Safety Authority, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, in Mokokchung, Kohima and Dimapur districts i.e. the commercial distributors to rural areas of our state.

In this regard, the Food Safety Officers (FSOs) lifted both survey and enforcement samples for analysis and on spot sample

adulteration test was done by the Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) Team on 1st, 7th and 8th of May 2025.

A total of 18 samples were collected by FSOs and sent to various laboratories of which analysis report is awaited, and a total of 28 on spot tests were performed by the Food Technicians of FSWs. In addition, depending upon the laboratory report, if any samples are found non-conforming, legal action will be taken against the defaulters.

K.G. KENYE GRACES THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF APEN

The Association of Power Engineers Nagaland (APEN) held its general conference on 21st May 2025 in the conference hall of

the Engineer-in-Chief (Power), Kohima. The programme was graced by K.G. Kenye, Minister, Power & Parliamentary Affairs,

Nagaland as the special guest and attended by Secretary, Power, Asangla Imti, IAS.

Minister K.G. Kenye thanked the Power Engineers for carrying out their assignments faithfully with commitment and dedication. He said that in other states, billing is given priority as they are accustomed to uninterrupted power supply, whereas in Nagaland, restoration of power supply is prioritized over reduction of bills and energy conservation. He said that there is need to realize electricity bills as per the actual consumption as many consumers are billed on minimum. Due to this reason, there is no feeling of responsibility to conserve electricity vis-a-vis reduction of electricity bills which has consequently made it challenging for implementation of smart prepaid meters.

Outlining that the Rooftop Solar PMSG-MBY is a noble initiative by the Government of India, K. G. Kenye elaborated that this scheme will benefit the consumers and reduce the electricity bills. He further stressed on the importance of Developing Generation Projects in the State as Nagaland is a power deficient State. He encouraged the Power Engineers to give topmost priority and co-operation for development of Generation projects locally so that Nagaland can become a power sufficient State.

In his address, Er. Kasho Chishi, President of APEN urged the association member to retrospect and remind themselves of the solemn preamble to cultivate and preserve the rich engineering ethics and engineering culture while discharging their

duties. He also stressed on the need to be aware that they have been vested with huge responsibility that comes with accountability. He highlighted the need to keep updated with technological innovations and at the same time develop clear roadmaps in terms of resource adequacy in all the sectors of Generation, Transmission & Distribution. He also outlined the need for Reforms & Re-structuring of the State Power Sector in order to deliver quality service to the people and that regular Cadre reviews are required for establishing an efficient workforce of the Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Asangla Imti, Secretary (Power) expressed that Power Engineers in the State are regarded in high esteem for their proficiency and work culture and encouraged the members to continue with their hard work. She challenged the engineers to work on mission mode for implementation of Smart Prepaid metering under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and Rooftop Solar PMSG-MBY which are beneficial to the consumers.

During the conference, a new team of office bearers were inducted for the term 2025-2028. The new team of Office Bearers are President - Er Mhonlumo Kikon, Vice President - Er. Kikrusenuo Chielie, General Secretary - Er. Y. Akito Sema, Joint Secretaries - Er. Kekhriesalhou Keyho and Er. Sungkumlemba Jamir, Treasurer - Er. Namheu Khate Zeliang and PRO - Er. Neiteii Mero.

NSSB OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2025 IN TUENSANG

The Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), in collaboration with the Tuensang

Forest Division and Life Care Society, observed the International Day for Biological

Diversity 2025 under the global theme “Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development.” The programme was held at CBLT Hall, Tuensang Town on 22nd May 2025 and witnessed enthusiastic participation from a wide spectrum of society.

The event drew a large gathering, including dignitaries, officials, civil society members, students, and representatives from Village Councils, and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).

Addressing on the event, Chief Conservator of Forests (EBR) and Member Secretary, NSBB, Supongnukschi, IFS emphasized the importance of identifying and documenting species of birds, medicinal plants, and insects, highlighting that community-based knowledge and written records would serve as invaluable resources for long-term biodiversity conservation. He also lauded the exceptional functioning of KFW villages in Tuensang district.

Deputy Commissioner of Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rusta stressed that sustainable development plays a crucial role in enhancing biodiversity and called for collective efforts in this direction. Superintendent of Police, Tuensang, Longpoksang Lemtur emphasized the need to live in harmony with nature and addressed issues related to biodiversity degradation.

To mark the occasion, various competitions were organized for students in the categories of Elocution (Poem Recitation), Painting, and Essay Writing. Participants from multiple schools across Tuensang town showcased their creativity, bringing in positive competition and awareness.

A stage play performed by students of St. John Higher Secondary School, Tuensang, conveyed a powerful message on environmental conservation, earning appreciation from all attendees.

NAGALAND SEEKS POLICY REFORMS IN PMMSY GUIDELINES AT FISHERIES SECRETARIES CONFERENCE 2025

Commissioner & Secretary for Law & Justice, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS attended the Fisheries Secretaries Conference 2025 and National Workshop on Harnessing Technology and Innovation in Aquaculture, held in New Delhi on 23rd May 2025.

Raising key concerns and recommendations to be addressed in the upcoming guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Kikheto Sema spoke on issues specific to the North Eastern Region and Nagaland, where he called for urgent revision of cost norms. He said that the current funding of Rs. 8.40 lakh per hectare under PMMSY is outdated and

insufficient compared to the latest NPWD Schedule of Rates pegged at Rs. 25 lakh per hectare.

Highlighting the region’s vulnerability to natural disasters like landslides and floods, Kikheto advocated for the reintroduction of provisions for the renovation and reclamation of old ponds and water bodies, which were part of earlier schemes but are missing from the current PMMSY framework. Kikheto urged the Union Government to adopt an integrated cluster approach for agricultural and allied sectors to improve productivity, marketability, and promote Agro-Aqua-Eco-Tourism in rural areas. He also stressed the need to include administrative and

contingency costs for effective monitoring, a feature common in other central flagship programmes but currently lacking in PMMSY.

A major point of contention raised was the funding pattern under the scheme. With the existing 60:40 ratio (Central: State), many small and marginal fish farmers in the region are unable to contribute their share. Kikheto proposed a more viable model of 90:10 or 80:20, as applied in other schemes for the Northeast and hilly states. Calling attention to infrastructure, Kikheto requested the setting up of a modern fish market in Dimapur,

equipped with hygienic and state-of-the-art facilities, citing the current markets' unorganised and unhygienic conditions. He appealed to the Centre to direct banks and financial institutions to actively support farmers, entrepreneurs, and cooperatives under PMMSY, noting hesitation from banks to finance fishery-based initiatives.

Responding to the submissions, Union Secretary for Fisheries, MoFAH&D, Dr. Abhilash Likhi, IAS assured that all concerns raised will be taken into consideration while finalising the new PMMSY guidelines.

THREE-DAY MASTERCLASS IN AUDIO MANAGEMENT BY TaFMA HELD

The Task Force for Music and Arts (TaFMA), Government of Nagaland under its ongoing capacity building initiative Skilling Nagaland organised a three-day Master class in Audio Management from 21st to 23rd May 2025 at the Regional Centre of Excellence for Music and Performing Arts (RCEMPA), Jotsoma.

In his inaugural speech, Project Director, TaFMA, Dr. Hovithal Sothu encouraged the participants to learn as much as possible and make a difference in the society. He also stressed that audio management and sound engineering is a full profession and encouraged the young enthusiasts to take it seriously.

The workshop was officially inaugurated

on 21st May 2025. A brief introduction to the training was presented by Course Coordinator, Menguzelie Marcus Geisuo,

The Masterclass is designed specifically for sound operators and technical members from across Nagaland, recognising their important role in the management of live sound and audio systems during services and events. It aims to provide hands-on training and technical insight into sound system operations, ensuring that participants are equipped with practical skills.

TaFMA continues to actively work towards empowering local talents and volunteers in the music and arts ecosystem through such focused and inclusive training programmes.

STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON NAGALAND FOOD & FEED LINK (N2FL) HELD AT KOHIMA

A State-Level Workshop on Nagaland Food & Feed LINK (N2FL), Leveraging Information, Networks and Knowledge

Decoding Food and Feed Value Chains and DRE Integration for Nagaland was held at Japfü Hotel, Kohima on 23rd May 2025.

Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan in his address said that the workshop is a gathering of minds and hearts united by a common vision to harness the full potential of Nagaland's Agriculture and livestock sector through clean energy innovations. He mentioned that we are witnessing a pivotal shift in how we view agriculture and its allied sectors, which is no longer merely as subsistence-based livelihoods, but as powerful engines of economic growth. With this shift, the State Government is actively reviewing policies with a focused mission to move Nagaland from a consumer-driven economy to a production-oriented one which is capable of generating marketable surpluses and ensuring food sovereignty.

Mhathung highlighted to invest in scaling up local piggery development across the State, so that we can address multiple

goals at once, like boosting food self-sufficiency, create employment, support rural livelihoods, and open doors for our youth in animal husbandry. Moreover, scaling pig production can catalyze the growth of a vibrant local feed industry. Our farmers already grow, or can grow, several crops ideal for feed. These include Tapioca, colocasia which are rich source of energy and Maize which is a foundational ingredient in animal feed that can be grown across the state in jhum fields.

Mhathung added that we need synergy across departments in Agriculture & Allied Departments, Power, Rural Development, Industries and collaboration with research institutions, private innovators, and most importantly, farmers themselves and their voices, experiences, and ideas must guide our journey forward.

19th EDITION OF N.I. JAMIR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD HELD AT KOHIMA

The 19th edition of N.I Jamir Academic Excellence Award organized by the Kohima Ongpangkong Telongjem to felicitate the toppers of the recently conducted HSLC Examination 2025, was held at Molu Ki Kohima on 24th May 2025.

SDO (Civil), Peren, Sentilong Ozukum who spoke on the theme, 'Takotet Kaketshir,' gave a brief history how education was brought to the Ao community by the first American Missionaries and also highlighted that with the introduction of the gospel, the urge to read and learn the Bible grew which led to the setting up of the first school in 1878 which later spreading to other villages too. He emphasized that today, Nagaland State stands 3rd in the national literacy rating but also emphasized on the importance of being

knowledgeable to tackle with progress and advancement of education.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir, who was the Special Guest, while highlighting a brief history on the life of N. I. Jamir, encouraged the students to be inspired by N.I. Jamir's humble nature, his zeal to learn and study and his vision to help the people and uplift the society. He also called upon the students to perform all works in deed and not in words and asked them never forget the people who helped them and have no enmity towards anyone.

Short speeches were also proposed by Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir and Ongpangkong Mungdang President, Alemtoshi Imsong. Altogether, 23 Toppers were awarded a cash prize of Rs



Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir with officials and HSLC Examination 2025 Toppers during the 19th edition of N. I. Jamir Academic Excellence Award held at Molu Ki, Kohima on 24th May 2025.

10,000/- each with certificates which were given away by Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir and initiated

by Convenor, N.I. Jamir Trust Board of Governors, Nokchasahi.

ENTREPRENEUR AWARD FOR 2024 HELD

The Department of Industries & Commerce organised the Entrepreneur Award for 2024 on 27th May 2025 at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima under the theme “Turning ideas into reality and challenges into opportunities.”

In his keynote address, Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, congratulated all the awardees and commended their dedication and entrepreneurial spirit. He noted that the success of the Entrepreneur Award 2024 was the result of collective efforts and teamwork. Expressing gratitude to the Government of Nagaland, he acknowledged its vital support in making the event possible and highlighted that the initiative was designed to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions

of entrepreneurs to society and economic development.

Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, in her address, reaffirmed the government’s commitment to fostering local entrepreneurship and promoting inclusive development. She encouraged them to make use of various government schemes available to support their ventures and emphasized the importance of continuous growth, innovation and learning. Addressing both emerging and established entrepreneurs, she stressed on the need to embrace new technologies and maintain a spirit of ambition.

The recipients of the Entrepreneur Award for 2024 were honoured for their exceptional contributions across various

fields - Aolemba Longkumer of Country Craft, Dimapur, Seyielezo Putsure of the Entrepreneur School of Business, Dimapur, Dr. Temjennungsang of Dental Touch & Facial Aesthetics, Dimapur, Hongba Phom

of Fingerprint, Dimapur, Ruovillhoukho Chuzho of Naga Feather Pvt. Ltd. Dimapur, Huveta Huprem of Veta Studio, Kohima, and Khuhevi Khuju of Zunheboto.

INNOVATION NE WEEK HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of Innovation NE Week, organized by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), in collaboration with Department of Information Technology & Communication and StartUp Nagaland was held at NIELIT, Kohima on 26th May 2025. It was a three-day event held from 26th to 28th May, with participants from all the North-eastern states.

Vice Chancellor and Director General of NIELIT, Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi, in his address, said that NIELIT under MeitY has played a crucial role in advancing digital literacy and technical education. He mentioned that with 56+ centres and 700+ affiliated institutes, NIELIT offers industry aligned programmes in emerging areas such as AI, cyber security, IoT, AR/VR, blockchain technology, ESDM, etc. He added that NIELIT offers education from skilling to PhD research and also serves as a national

accreditation body for IT and electronics training.

Addressing the inaugural programme virtually, Secretary, MeitY, Government of India, S. Krishnan said Nagaland is progressing well with 25 start-ups so far and has a large number of people who are comfortable in English which provides for a great advantage in the economic setup. He emphasized that MeitY is focused on empowering and bringing new technology to the northeast and informed that out of 55 NEILIT centres in India, 20 are located in the northeast with Kohima NIELIT centre being one of the most active centres. He mentioned that MeitY has directly supported the north eastern states in a number of information technology-related ventures, adding that establishment of new semi-conductor facilities in Assam, near Guwahati, is one among them and the intent of the Government is to offer employment primarily to the people from the region, which includes Nagaland.

CS REVIEWS PROGRESS ON NAGALAND SOLAR MISSION

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS held a review meeting with Nagaland Solar Mission at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat on 28th May 2025.

The Chief Secretary convened the review meeting to discuss and update the progress of Nagaland Solar Mission which is in

convergence with PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) Rooftop Solar (RTS). The meeting was attended by Secretary, Power, Asangla Imti, IAS, Additional Chief Engineer (D&R), Team Leader, Nagaland Solar Mission Er. Lobosang and other officials from the Power Department.

During the meeting, Dr. Alam underscored the need to disseminate information and extensively create public awareness campaigns so as to ensure maximum people can avail the scheme. He also directed the department to make the portal attractive, accessible and also use simple language so that more people can understand and register for the scheme.

Team Leader, Nagaland Solar Mission, Er. Lobosang updated about the progress of the mission and also informed that the smart meter will be given free of cost to the customers while installing the rooftop solar.

He added that the smart pre-paid meters which can be configured to net-meter shall be provided by the Department under RDSS scheme, and only the standard meter rent as per the tariff notification shall be charged on monthly basis.

It has been mentioned that Solar Mission in convergence with PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijili Yojana aims to promote rooftop solar panel installation in residential household across the state. Consumers can register online and also get all necessary information through their portal www.pmsuryaghar.gov.in.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, GoN AND TEAM KOREA HOLDS MEETING TO EXPLORE FUTURE COLLABORATION

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, led by Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor, Industries & Commerce and P. Tokugha Sema, Director of Industries & Commerce hosted a significant meeting with a delegation from the Republic of Korea, led by Sang Woo Lim, Deputy Chief of Mission, at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 28th May 2025. The meeting was also attended by other senior officials of the department.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to explore avenues for future collaboration between Nagaland and Korea in the fields of trade, investment, technology exchange and capacity building. The discussions focused on opportunities in sectors such as agro-processing, handicrafts, textiles, human resources development, logistics and sustainable industries, areas where Nagaland holds unique strengths and Korea offers advanced technology and market linkages. The importance of cultural and educational exchange was also emphasized,

with particular interest in expanding Korean language education in Nagaland.

Director, Industries & Commerce welcomed the delegation and expressed his enthusiasm for building meaningful partnerships that can foster economic development and create employment opportunities for the youth of Nagaland.

Advisor Hekani Jakhalu emphasised about the State Government's strong commitment to supporting investment and building partnerships. She highlighted that Nagaland has a lot of untapped potential in areas like agro-processing, handloom and handicrafts, organic farming, health sector and tourism. She stated that efforts can be made to attract both local and international partners, boost the economy, and create more job and skill-building opportunities for the youth of Nagaland.

Sang Woo Lim, Deputy Chief of Mission expressed his happiness and enthusiasm to be collaborating with the Government of Nagaland, and stated that if he were to invest

in India, Nagaland would be his preferred choice. He further reiterated Korea's strong interest in engaging with Northeast India, particularly Nagaland, for mutually beneficial partnerships. Highlighting Korea's expertise in innovation and Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development and Human Resource Development, he emphasized

how these strengths could complement Nagaland's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Both sides agreed to initiate follow-up discussions to identify concrete projects and areas of collaboration. The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to strengthening ties and fostering people-to-people and institutional connections.

NAGALAND SKILL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT MISSION OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio officially launched the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDM) on 29th May 2025, at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima.

Stressing the importance of self-reliance and the dignity of labour, Dr. Rio encouraged young people to embrace change, adapt to the rapidly growing Indian economy, and equip themselves with market-relevant skills. The Chief Minister also urged the youth to look beyond the limited opportunities in the government sector and pursue private enterprise with sincerity and dedication, contributing confidently to the state's economic growth. Highlighting the role of the NSEDM digital portal, he noted that it would provide easy and affordable access to skill training and job opportunities, especially through the effective implementation of schemes like the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI).

In his concluding remarks, Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS emphasized that the event marked more than a ceremonial beginning, it signified the government's commitment to empowering the youth through skill development and employment opportunities, as outlined in the Chief Minister's Budget Speech for 2025-2026. He

detailed that NSEDM would be implemented in a convergence mode, bringing together all stakeholder departments under a unified framework to provide seamless access to the mission's services. He also noted that the government had allocated ₹35 crore in subsidies under the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI), benefiting approximately 1,600 entrepreneurs.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Kesonyu Yhome (IAS) provided an overview of the mission's vision and goals. He stated that NSEDM aims to empower and employ 5,000 youth across the state by equipping them with market-relevant skills and fostering sustainable employment through focused training, strategic placement, and entrepreneurial development.

The key objectives of NSEDM include training youth in industry-aligned, market-driven skills, ensuring 60% to 80% employment or entrepreneurship outcomes, reducing dependency on academic degrees by promoting hands-on expertise, supporting self-employment through initiatives like the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI), skill loans, and incubation support.

NSEDM focuses on high-growth sectors

such as construction and skilled trades, tourism and hospitality, healthcare and caregiving, IT and the digital economy, along with encouraging entrepreneurship, micro-enterprises, and green and creative industries. So far, three training partners have signed Memorandums of Understanding

(MoUs) with NSEDM: Eagle Crest, Pinnacle Skills and AISECT (All India Society for Electronics and Computer Technology).

The official NSEDM portal can be accessed at <https://nsedm.nagaland.gov.in>, with online registrations set to begin on 9th June 2025.

VIKSIT KRISHI SANKALP ABHIYAN LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

PEREN:

The inauguration programme of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, a nationwide campaign was held at Community Hall, Mhainamtsi Village, Peren on 29th May 2025. The programme was jointly organised by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Peren, CAU Jalukie and State Agriculture & Allied Departments, and it was attended by more than 175 farmers from Mhainamtsi, Nkwareu and New Jalukie village.

Addressing the event as the special guest, Dean, CoVSc, CAU, Jalukie Campus, Dr. I. Shakuntala asserted that the campaign aims to educate farmers about modern technologies for major

kharif crops specific to different regions, establish direct communication between policymakers, scientists and farmers, strive to build a sustainable and self-reliant farming ecosystem, contributing significantly to the goal of Viksit-Bharat 2047, raise awareness about beneficial government schemes and policies, guide farmers on using Soil Health Cards for crop selection and balanced fertilizer application, collect feedback to understand the need of the farmers, and to design demand driven research.

Stating that the campaign marks a significant step towards realizing the government's vision of "Lab to Land" and building a developed India through modern and progressive agriculture, Dr. Shakuntala



Dean, CoVSc, CAU, Jalukie Campus, Dr. I. Shakuntala along with other officials and participants during the launching of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan held at Community Hall, Mhainamtsi village, Peren on 29th May 2025.

said that it further aims to cover over 700 districts, 65,000 villages and 1.5 crore farmers nationwide. She also highlighted that a total of 2,170 dedicated teams are being engaged, supported by all 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), 113 ICAR Institutes, universities and state-level Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries.

ADC, Jalukie, Albert Ezung expressed confidence that through the concerted efforts of the officials and with this launching programme, the landscape of agriculture and its economy in the district would change to a great extent. The programme aims to transform the agriculture in terms of its productivity and sustainability and it is meant to be a farmer-centric programme, the ADC added. He encouraged the farmers to work hard, change their attitude and judiciously utilize the natural resources,

while encouraging them to personally engage in farming activities instead of relying on non-local labour.

TSEMINYU:

The 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' campaign was launched at Council Hall, Tesophenyu village, Tseminyu on 29th May 2025, with ADC, Tseminyu, Kikumsangla Jamir as special guest.

It held interactions with farmers for the importance of Soil Testing & Soil Health Card campaign, Animal Feed/Health Management, off-season vegetables cultivation and soil and water Conservation.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was also launched at Tuensang, Wokha, Mokochung and Phek, with interactive sessions being facilitated between farmers, scientists and government officials.



Officials and participants during the launching of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Council Hall, Tesophenyu village, Tseminyu on 29th May 2025.

NATIONAL LEVEL MONITORING OF LIVESTOCK SCHEMES BEGINS IN NAGALAND

The livestock sector is a cornerstone of India's agricultural economy, contributing immensely to rural livelihoods, nutrition

security, and overall economic growth. In the past year alone, the livestock sector contributed little more than 30% to the

country's Gross Value Added (GVA) of Agriculture and Allied Activities. To ensure the continued growth and success of this vital sector, the Ministry has introduced several beneficiary oriented schemes like RGM, NLM, LHDCP, NPDD, etc. While implementing these schemes, National Level Monitors (NLM) was introduced to bring an independent and objective layer to oversee the department's programmes, providing an on-ground, real-time assessment of schemes like the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission, Livestock Health & Disease Control Program, and National Programme for Dairy Development.

With this intention, two NLMs were deputed by DAHD, Government of India to visit and monitor the National Livestock Mission Scheme for the period 28th May to 31st May 2025 in two districts, Peren and Dimapur. A state briefing meeting was chaired

by Vikeyie Kenya IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS), along with MD Sharma, ISS, Assistant Director, GoI and two National Level Monitors, namely Dr. Rishipal Singh and Dr. Lalit Joshi of DAHD, officers from Directorate of AH & VS, Nagaland, concerned officials of DAHD, GoI via online mode.

The nodal officers of the various CS and CSS schemes presented the current status of the schemes implemented in Nagaland. The briefing session of National Level Monitors started at the Directorate of AH&VS, Kohima, Nagaland to review the selected projects implemented through the Department of AH&VS, namely National Livestock Mission in the State of Nagaland. After the briefing session, the team visited an entrepreneur in Kohima district and proceeded to Dimapur for further inspection.

CIFRI INITIATIVE PROMOTES AQUARIUM FISH KEEPING IN NAGALAND SCHOOLS



Additional Director, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Lotimenba with officials from ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Kolkata and F&AR Department, Nagaland during an 'Awareness-cum-Input Distribution' programme held at Dimapur on 29th May 2025.

In a major step towards popularizing aquarium fish keeping in educational institutions, the ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Kolkata, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Government of Nagaland, organized an "Awareness-cum-Input Distribution Programme" on 29th May 2025. The initiative was to target schools across Nagaland, aiming to instill environmental awareness

and interest in fisheries among students.

Additional Director of F&AR, Lotimenba who graced the programme as the Chief Guest, acknowledged the efforts of ICAR-CIFRI and emphasized the importance of promoting indigenous ornamental fish species. He assured continued government support for ornamental fisheries and livelihood development initiatives.

Welcoming the gathering, Dr. Vimezo Kire, Deputy Director of DoF&AR, highlighted ICAR-CIFRI's role in inland fisheries development and the objectives of the programme.

In the keynote address, Dr. Simanku Borah elaborated on the institute's extensive research and outreach efforts across the

North Eastern region. He urged schools to engage students in the environmental and psychological benefits of aquarium fish keeping.

The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. B. K. Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, and Rongsennungba, Director of F&AR, Nagaland along with Dr. S. K. Majhi, Head of ICAR-CIFRI Regional Centre, Guwahati.

The programme concluded with distribution of aquarium kits, including accessories and ornamental fish to 50 schools across Dimapur, Chümoukedima, and Niuland districts, marking a significant milestone in integrating fisheries education into school curricula.

NHPS CONDUCTS TWO-DAY REFRESHER WORKSHOP ON AB PM-JAY AND CMHIS

The Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) successfully organized a two-day refresher workshop on the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on May 29th and 30th 2025, at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima.

The primary objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities and deepen the understanding of key stakeholders involved in the implementation and management of the schemes. It also aimed to enhance service delivery efficiency and ensure greater transparency in all operational aspects of the programme.

An overview of the scheme was presented by Livitoli Sukhalu, Deputy CEO, NHPS. The other key speakers from NHPS included Neitsophe Sekhamo, Beneficiary Verification Consultant, Seyievito Denny

Kin, Data Manager-cum-IT Support, Dr. Akaholi V. Zhimomi, Medical Officer, and Dr. Imlinenla Longchar, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager.

Additionally, the newly onboarded insurance partner for FY 2025-26, Reliance General Insurance Company Limited, provided an important session on claim adjudication processes for Medco/PMAM.

Participants included Chief Medical Officers (CMOs), Deputy CMOs from all districts, Nodal Officers from all empanelled hospitals, PMAMs, representatives from the Insurance Company and its processing team, as well as District Programme Coordinators. The two-day event concluded with an interactive Q&A Session that addressed participants' queries and facilitated productive discussions.

LAW & JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS COORDINATION MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES OF GAUHATI HIGH COURT

Speaking at the coordination meeting of the Officers of Law & Justice Department and the Government Advocates of the Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench on 30th May 2025 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Advisor for Law & Justice, T.N. Manen expressed that there is a need to have a close coordination between the Department and the Government Advocates. Manen expressed that justice delayed is justice denied, and urged the Government Advocates to ensure that justice is delivered without undue delay for the interest of all concerned. Manen suggested that the performance of the Government Advocates should be reported to the department based on the actual performance of each Advocate by the controlling Advocates in order to assess their performance.

Principal Secretary, Law & Justice Department, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS stated that more than 90 % of the cases in the High Court are writ petitions pertaining to the service matter where the Government is always the party, as such, until and unless there is a close coordination between Government Advocates and the concerned department, it would be difficult to defend the interest of the state. The department will bridge between the Government departments and the Government Advocates so that the Government cases are efficiently defended, he added.

After a threadbare deliberation it was decided that:

1. A timely coordination meeting will be held between the Government Advocates and the Department concerned, including the litigating department.
2. The department will ensure the timely extension of the service of the Government Advocates.
3. The Government Advocates will also provide the actual performance report of each Advocates to the Government.
4. The lumpsum monthly fixed pay, which was revised in the last 10 years, 2014 shall be reviewed taking into account the lumpsum pay enjoying by the Government panels of the neighboring states and will pursue with the finance Department for consideration.
5. The Government Advocates will list out the cases pending in the High Court, Kohima Bench, indicating the department-wise and the nature of cases involved and the statistics of winning and losing and withdrawal during the last three years for examination.
6. The Government Advocates shall communicate to the Law & Justice Department in the event of any department continuously failed to furnish necessary instruction to the Government Advocates.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR AHO DS AND SENIOR OFFICERS HELD

Capacity building training for AHO DS and Senior Officers was organised by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms

Department (Administrative Reforms Branch) on 31st May 2025 at Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat,

Kohima.

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam emphasized the importance of good governance and the role of senior officers in decision making. While emphasising the importance of Nagaland Rules of Executive Business, Alam urged the officers to thoroughly go through it adding that it is actually the basic document of governance, pointing that many officers just pick and read parts of the Nagaland Rules Executive Business which make them miss out many important points.

On the Service Conduct Rules, Discipline and Appeal Rules, Dr. Alam said that in Nagaland, we do not actually use service conduct and discipline rules very frequently, so our familiarity with this is quite limited, although P&AR Department is

there to guide in these matters. He therefore urged the senior officers to have the basic understanding of the matter and also guide the departments when need arises.

Also stressing the importance of IT tools in governance, Dr. Alam lamented that using various tools like Google calendar and chatGPT app etc. can enhance personal productivity as officers.

Dr. Alam urged the officers in training to do some prior study of subject matter so that there will be clarity and they can also clarify doubts if any during the training. Encouraged by the attendance, he expressed hope that the training programme will bring about a perceptible change and overall improvement in the functioning of the governance system.

‘WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY’ OBSERVED

District Tobacco Control Cell organized an awareness programme on Youth Targeting and Industry Tactics on 31st May

2025 in line with the World No Tobacco Day 2025, at the auditorium of Dr. Neilhouzhu Kire Government Higher Secondary School,



Officials and participants during the 'World No Tobacco Day 2025' observed at the auditorium of Dr. Neilhouzhu Kire Government Higher Secondary School, Seikhezou, Kohima on 31st May 2025.

Seik hazou.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo, Joint Director (Dental) and State Nodal Officer, National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), Directorate of Health & Family Welfare said tobacco use continues to be one of the leading causes of preventable diseases and deaths globally. Unlike some illnesses that are beyond our control, tobacco-related diseases such as cancer, heart and lung conditions, and reduced fertility are entirely preventable.

Dr. Vizo also raised concerns about the environmental and public health risks of spitting in public spaces, which can spread airborne diseases including COVID-19, tuberculosis, and other viral infections. She reminded the audience that spitting is now punishable by fines of up to ₹5,000 under public health regulations. She called for collective action at the school level, emphasizing that all educational institutions in Nagaland have been declared tobacco-free zones. Teachers have been designated as enforcement officers who can monitor vendors around schools and take action under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003.

“Say no to tobacco. Say yes to health and life,” she urged students, teachers, and

all participants.

Ruokuotuonuo Rutsa, Clinical Psychologist under the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), NHAK Kohima spoke in depth about the sophisticated psychological tactics employed by tobacco companies to attract young users. She explained how these industries manipulate identity, self-image, and emotional vulnerabilities to make tobacco use appear fashionable, liberating, or relaxing. From sleek packaging and flavoring to influencer endorsements and misleading terms like “light” or “filtered,” Rutsa described how these products are deliberately designed to downplay health risks and normalize use among adolescents. She stressed on the urgency of countering these tactics with education, vigilance, and policy enforcement.

The event was organized by the District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Kohima, under the global theme “Unmasking the appeal: exposing industry tactics on tobacco and nicotine products.” The programme aimed to highlight the deceptive strategies used by the tobacco and nicotine industry, particularly in targeting youth and to promote a healthier, tobacco-free generation.

‘World No Tobacco Day’ was also observed in Shamator and Phek town.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, ECI VISITS NAGALAND

Principal Secretary from Election Commission of India (ECI), N.T. Bhutia held a meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland and her team of officers at CEO’s Office chamber, Kohima on 30th May, 2025. The meeting discussed about matters relating to conduct of elections, Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, infrastructures including man-power, IT, office building, etc.

On 31st May 2025, N. T. Bhutia visited some polling stations in Dimapur I & II and held discussions with the Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer regarding election arrangements and the role of BLOs. He reviewed the election preparedness and interacted with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in Dimapur district. BLOs assigned to the respective polling

stations were present and interacted with the visiting officer.

N.T. Bhutia also held an interaction with BLOs, DC & DEO, Chumoukedima on 31st May 2025, at DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima. During the interaction, the officials from Chumoukedima and Niuland district deliberated the matters and problem faced during the conduct of elections, especially the absence of DEO, and suggested to create a separate DEO in Niuland district for smooth functioning during election. Further, they also highlighted on limited infrastructure, and manpower. In response, Bhutia appealed the officers to plan

out what is needed and submit to the Commission.

On his visit to the polling station at Ghaspani-I and Ghaspani-II, N. T. Bhutia interacted with the officers and urged them to



Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, N. T. Bhutia interacting with Booth Level Officers during his visit to a polling station in Dimapur on 31st May 2025.

carry out their duties thoroughly by updating the voter list and to ensure that all the eligible voters are included in the voters' list. He also checked on the facilities available and asked on the issues and problem they faced.



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGE HELD



Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori addressing at the awareness campaign programme on prevention of child marriage at Town Hall, Phek on 2nd May 2025.

Awareness campaign programme on Prevention of Child Marriage on account of Akshay Tritiya with stakeholders and apex organizations, organised by District Administration and Mission Shakti and Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Phek district, was held on 2nd May 2025 at Phek Town Hall, Phek.

Delivering a keynote address, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori said that child marriage needs to be checked and stopped as there are various negative

aspects in early marriage, such as mental, physical, spiritual problems and financial aspects as well. The DC also reiterated and discouraged practices of the old system of marriage where people got married without regard for his/her age. Rhosietho said that since marriage laws have been passed in Parliament, violators will face consequences as per the law. He also informed that a Marriage Certificate can be obtained from ADC, Phek for those who need it.

Resource person, Vethothi Vero as Retainer Lawyer, Phek DLSA, spoke on the topic 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006.' He informed that the intention of the Act was to prohibit Solemnisation of Child Marriage and the qualifying age of Male and Female is 21 and 18 respectively.

Awareness campaign programme on Prevention of Child Marriage on account of Akshay Tritiya was also held in Niuland on 8th May 2025, Longleng on 9th May 2025, Shamator on 12th May 2025, Tseminyu on 12th and 13th May 2025.

MOATSÜ 2025 CELEBRATED WITH TRADITIONAL FERVOUR AT MOKOKCHUNG

The inaugural programme of Moatsü Festival 2025 (Mini Hornbill), one of the premier festivals of the Ao Nagas, a collective celebration initiated by the Ao Legislators and the Government of Nagaland, and organised by Ao Senden under the theme 'Celebrating our roots,' was held at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 1st May 2025.

Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer graced the celebration as the Special Guest. In his address, he mentioned that 'while celebrating a festival invoking blessings, one should understand that there are two ways to seek blessings, one is to realise the blessings we are bestowed with, and how we can seek

blessings through common vision and goals.' While the forefathers of the society had the blessings to lead the people in every aspects of life, there needs to be introspection and at the same time retrospection on the blessings, where we left our footprints and where those footprints will lead us today, he added.

Sharingain said that in a global word of digitalization, education and progress, the society has become vulnerable to losing its identity, therefore, there is a need to rejuvenate and relive the values bestowed by the forefathers.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji delivered the welcome address. The significance of Moatsü was shared by Limanungsang, DB. The gathering was also enthralled through Moatsü Naklu (Song) and a special song from Note Grid School of Music, Mokokchung. The day-long celebration included indigenous games and inter-ward Tug of War competition.

The second day of the Moatsu Festival 2025 (Mini Hornbill) was celebrated with a civic reception in honour of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung

on 2nd May 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neiphiu Rio thanked the Ao community for pioneering education, gospel, and many other aspects of Naga society. He appreciated the Ao community for being the torch bearers and stressed that many people look up to them and hope that they will continue to carry forward the legacy. Speaking about the richness of Naga culture, customs and traditions, he mentioned that despite being referred to as savages and naked during the British rule, they did not interfere with the Naga way of life. Hence, some historical steps like the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) of 1873 and the provisions of the Inner Line Regulations were put in place, and the foreigners did not interfere with the rural administrative system of the Nagas. He mentioned that even after independence, this legacy continues.

On the significance of the Moatsu Festival, Chief Minister Dr. Rio mentioned that the festival celebrates the end of the sowing season and a blessing for rain and a good harvest.

AH&VS ORGANIZES REGIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP AT SHAMATOR

Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service organized a Regional Level Workshop under NLM -EDP 2024-25

at EBRC hall, Shamator on 2nd May 2025 with Dr. H. Pamingchuba, Chief Veterinary Officer, Shamator as the resource person.

CVO, Shamator, Dr. H. Pamingchuba with participants during the Regional Level Workshop under NLM-EDP 2024-25, organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, held at EBRC Hall, Shamator on 2nd May 2025.



Speaking at the workshop, Pamingchuba encouraged keeping more livestock such as piggery, poultry, sheep, etc. to boost rural economy and financial support of the people.

The workshop was attended by more than a hundred participants under Shamator district.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB FELICITATES SCHOOLS WITH 100% HSLC EXAM RESULTS

The Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) of Pughoboto held its monthly meeting at DB Hall on 6th May 2025, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman SDPDB, Dr. Sukhato A Sema, with ADC & Vice-Chairman Tiameren Chang in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was the felicitation of three schools namely Government High School Lazami, New Foundation School, and Mission School for achieving 100% results in the recent HSLC examination 2025.

In recognition of their exemplary academic performance, the Board commended the schools' dedication to education and acknowledged their contribution to uplifting the academic standards in the subdivision.

The meeting also spotlighted the SDPDB Educational Trust Fund, a monthly contribution initiative by board members that enabled free admission for students from Class 9 to 12 at Pughoboto Higher Secondary School. The effort aims to boost student enrolment and enhance access to quality education in the region.

Dr. Sukhato A Sema emphasized the importance of operationalizing the SBI Pughoboto branch for improving financial access across the sub-division. He directed that all government department accounts be transferred to the local SBI branch at the

earliest. He also called for active promotion of the Central Government's Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme through local banks to benefit elderly citizens.

The Chairman introduced the Carbon Credit Programme, urging individuals and community forest reserves to register for the initiative to avail funds for sustainable forest maintenance and carbon offsetting efforts.

SAKK President raised the issue of inadequate student accommodation during board exams, citing logistical challenges as Pughoboto town remains the sole HSLC exam centre in the subdivision. In response, Dr. Sema informed the board of progress under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, which includes hostel construction for both boys and girls in the area.

Key administrative issues were also discussed, including the need for all government departments to process their land patta applications through the Land Resources Office, with an emphasis on timely yearly renewals.

Ongoing infrastructure projects such as the construction of the SDO (PHED) Office and residential quarters, along with a new Veterinary Health Centre at Lazami were reported to be underway and will continue to receive board recommendations for their timely completion.

TWO-DAY FISH FARMING TRAINING HELD AT JALUKIE

A two-day Peren District Level Farmers Training from traditional to scientific fish farming practices and an overview of giant freshwater prawn farming (*Micro brachium rosenbergii*) for sustainable aquaculture was held on 6th & 7th May 2025 at Rehangki Conference Hall near Traffic Point, Jalukie town. The training was organised by Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Peren under the initiative of Fish Farmers Interest Groups (FIG) Peren in association with the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources with Proprietor of Kumar's Hatchery, Kolkata, West Bengal, Avijit Kumar Kolay, as the expert resource person.

During the technical session, Avijit Kumar Kolay said that the method of rearing

fish is crucial for successful fish farming as it directly impact fish health. It should involve a combination of preventive measures such as proper water quality, balance diet and sanitation. The resource person stated that fish hatchery is a facility where fish eggs are hatched and reared through their early life stages.

Presenting the keynote address during the inaugural programme, District Fishery Officer & Project Director, ATMA, C. Dory Yanthan encouraged the fish farmers to judiciously take their time and learn the benefits of fish rearing. She also called on the farmers to rear more local fish for the market. She stated that this training was funded by ATMA.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tuensang District Planning and Development Board held its monthly meeting on 7th May 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, Bendangwala gave a brief report on

the E-Waste collection and management of waste from the offices, education institution and ward by a registered company Called E-Circle from Tuensang town. PowerPoint Presentations on departmental activities was presented by District Youth Resources & Sports Office, Tuensang.

PEREN DPDB FELICITATES MERITORIOUS HSLC & HSSLC STUDENTS

The Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) organized a felicitation programme to honour the meritorious students of HSLC & HSSLC Examination 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 7th May 2025.

The honoured students are Lungyihangle Bring (Rank-1), Ichung (Rank-

6), Sherwin Daimai (Rank-14), Pewangben Meriam (Rank-16), Idabuing Iralu (Rank-17), Keyisap Irangbe (Rank-18), Igumlule Teilia (Governor's Awardee), Dijenliu (Governor's Awardee) and Hatnunhoi Touthang (Governor's Awardee).

Speaking at the felicitation programme, Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang

congratulated all the meritorious candidates, particularly Lungyihangle Nring, who managed to secure the Top 1 position in the HSLC Examination 2025, and added that her success will undoubtedly serve as a huge inspiration not only for the student community from Peren district, but also for students across the State. Zeliang also congratulated all the successful candidates from the district who managed to cross the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations with flying colours.

Zeliang also said that the literacy rate in Peren district stands at 79.2%, which he said is a testament to the district's commitment to education. Stating that this achievement is just the beginning of their journey and urged the students to continue striving for excellence, to push beyond their limits, and never to stop learning.

Following the review of the previous meeting minutes, the application for 'Introduction of Science Stream at GHSS Jalukie' was discussed, wherein DEO Peren, Limadanjit Aier supplemented on the agenda. The board after a thorough deliberation, decided to approve and forward it to the Government.

Other agenda deliberated and approved in the meeting were proposal for 'Adoption of Ngwalwa village as Arecanut village' and proposal for use of newly constructed Eye Hospital at District Headquarter as the Health and Wellness Centre.

At the meeting, DPO (ICDS)/DWO, I. Tsungrosongla Ao gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the departmental activities, highlighting the various welfare schemes implemented in the district by the Department of Social Welfare.



Deputy CM & Chairman, DPDB, Peren, T. R. Zeliang chairing the DPDB meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Peren on 7th May 2025.

ONE-DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON STARTUP NAGALAND HELD AT PUGHOBOTO

A one-day awareness programme on Startup Nagaland was successfully organized by the Sub-District Industries Centre (SDIC), Pughoboto, on 8th May 2025. The event was held at the Government Higher Secondary

School, Pughoboto, and saw enthusiastic participation from students, teachers and government officials.

ADC, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang lauded the Government of Nagaland's

initiative in promoting a startup ecosystem across the state. He stressed on the need for local stakeholders to collaborate and support young innovators and business aspirants.

Hekato K. Jimo, Functional Manager, SDIC Pughoboto introduced the Startup Nagaland initiative and elaborated on the Nagaland Start-up Policy 2019–2023. He outlined the state's vision to foster a vibrant startup culture by providing knowledge exchange, capacity building, and policy support, along with access to funding for

budding entrepreneurs.

The FM SDIC explained that the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland serves as the nodal agency to implement the policy, with the overarching goal of positioning Nagaland as a model startup leader in the region. The policy aims to inspire the youth to become job creators rather than job seekers, thereby contributing to a more sustainable and innovation-driven economy.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board conducted its monthly meeting on 9th May 2025, at the DC Office's Conference Hall, Phek. DC & Vice-Chairman DPDB Phek, Rhosietho Nguori chaired the meeting.

Rhosietho Nguori requested officers in Phek district to be regular in their office station, and sought their sincere cooperation in all activities for the welfare and upliftment of the people of Phek district. The importance of the signboard of all the Government/ Department offices was discussed at the meeting, for which Nguori asked officers of the respective departments for new signboards in all the offices at the earliest.

The following agenda were discussed at the meeting: Firstly, the application for registration of society in respect of Pfütsero Town Business Association, which was

presented at the meeting by the General Secretary of PTBA, and was agreed and approved by the board for recommendation to the higher authority. Secondly, the agenda with regard to the change of nomenclature of Bible Hill Middle School in Phek Headquarters to Assam Rifles was deliberated and agreed for recommendation to the higher authority for consideration, and lastly, the report on HSLC and HSSLC Exam result 2025 was deliberated at the meeting as an agenda, for which Sr. District Education Officer, Phek, Vechisayi presented the result in school-wise.

Assistant Director, Department of Tourism, S. Peter Trakha presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation of department activities at the meeting.

PM SHRI GHS DC COLONY PEREN CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

PM SHRI GHS, DC colony, Peren celebrated its 50th year of existence on 9th May 2025 with Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang and Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome as

the special guest and the guest of honour respectively.

T.R. Zeliang, in his speech, said the celebration is not just marking 50 years of the school's existence but celebrating five

decades of unwavering dedication, service and contribution to the people of Peren town. The celebration makes it even more special is the school's recent upgradation to a Government High school in 2021, which is a significant milestone that reflects its steady growth and determination through the years.

The school was established in 1975 as a Primary School ADC Colony and the finally renamed as DC Colony School. In a town that is sparsely populated and already served by one Government High School, which celebrated its Platinum Jubilee in the year 2022, it is only through sheer dedication and discipline that this school maintained its enrollment, paving the way for upgradation to a Government Middle School and subsequently to a High School.

Zeliang urged everyone to take a

moment to remember and honour the past teaching and non-teaching staff whose selfless service and dedication helped the school to grow from strength to strength over the years. He also encouraged the students to strive for excellence and greatness and told the students to have a positive and undying spirit to be on par with the best schools and institutes in the state. Success is not determined by where you study, but by how determined you are to succeed.

Advisor Kekrielhoulie Yhome, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru and President, Zeliang Students Union Nagaland also spoke during the programme. T.R. Zeliang, as the special guest, unveiled the Jubilee Monolith, followed by an invocation pronounced by Pastor, Peren Town Baptist Church, Rev. Haiku Nza.

THREE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON 'WASTE TO WEALTH' HELD AT TUENSANG

With a comprehensive aim at transforming waste materials into valuable resources, a three-day training programme on 'Waste to Wealth,' initiated by District Administration Tuensang in collaboration with Tuensang Town Council, Swachh Bharat Mission, Urban Development Department, Nagaland, Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (Rural), PHED, Tuensang and Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) with Gwizan Organics & Technologies as Training Partner, was held at Town Hall, Tuensang from 7th to 9th May 2025.

E-Circle, Dimapur, Bendangwala Walling gave a presentation on safe handling and disposal of e-waste. MD, Gwizan Organics & Technologies, Rokobikho Savino gave a presentation on waste to wealth.

The first day focused on raising

awareness about the importance of waste segregation and the environmental impact of improper waste disposal. Participants were educated on the types of waste and the methods of segregating them at the household level. They were also introduced to the kinds of waste and their nature- biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes. They were also introduced to threats associated with wastes, the importance of segregating wastes, and environmentally friendly ways of managing wastes.

The second day delved into practical aspects of converting waste into valuable products: generation of employment through waste management, making manure at farm sites with farm wastes, waste management leading to agricultural productivity, different ways of using manure in agriculture,



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa along with government officials, resource persons and participants during the Three-Day 'Waste to Wealth' Training held at Town Hall, Tuensang on 9th May 2025.

domestic/kitchen waste management with zero financial investment and effortless manure making.

The final day emphasised on co-treatment of faecal sludge and biomass, the design and management of domestic urinal tanks and engaging activities to understand the challenges faced by the community in managing waste.

Practical sessions were imparted on the procedure and technique of making

manure out of own wastes, the management process of manure making and harvesting manure. At the end of the three-day training, certificates were distributed to participants, and commitments were made to continue the efforts towards sustainable waste management.

The training programme was attended by 90 participants from wards, staff from the Department and NGOs from Tuensang town.

WORKSHOP ON COOPERATIVE AUDIT & SYSTEM AUDIT HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

Four-day Workshop on Cooperative Audit & System Audit (7th May to 10th May 2025) commenced on 7th May 2025 at Cooperative Training Centre, Medziphema organised by the Department of Cooperation, with Commissioner & Secretary, Zarenthung Ezung, IAS as special guest.

Speaking at the workshop, the special guest highlighted the importance of conducting a workshop on cooperative audit and system audit. He reminded the

participants of ICS, RCS to look at the scenario of cooperatives societies which have 8000 in total in all states, but 80% of the societies are dormant or non-functional. He emphasized that the department should play an important role to revive all the dormant co-operative societies. He also urged all the ICS present in the workshop to perform well to keep up the image of the department as they are the auditor of the department and all responsibilities lie to them.

The special guest was accompanied by the General Manager, NABARD Regional Office, Dimapur, Pauliankap Bulte and ADC, Medziphema, James Swu. Zarenthung Ezung also released M-PACS promotional videos, an initiative of the Cooperation Department, Government of Nagaland and NABARD Regional Office, Dimapur.

The four-day workshop included four sessions on different subjects like members register, share register, depreciation, MOC initiatives and gem, loan ledger, bank

statement, system audit, sales and return register, purchase register stationary audit and closing stocks by resource person from various districts. The resource persons of the workshop were Akangjongshi, Deputy RCS and Workshop Coordinator, Gloria Kikon, SRCS, Bharati Chhinal, Deputy RCS, Kegwahi Kent, SRCS, Bokato Hesso, Deputy RCS and Tsuknungwati Sangtam, Likoknungden, SRCS, Intellect Team and H.O. Audit team.

Altogether, 65 ICS, SRCS, ARCS attended the workshop.

MOKOKCHUNG OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY 2025

The International Nurses' Day under the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future – Caring for nurses strengthens economies" was held at Multi-Purpose Hall, School of Nursing IMDH, Mokokchung on 12th May 2025.

Addressing the occasion, the theme speaker, Principal, School of Nursing,

IMDH, T. Temsusenla Aier called upon all the nurses to reaffirm their dedication to the call of the noble profession, maintaining that nurses are the backbone in all health care institutions. She also highlighted on the importance of the mental and physical health of the nurses, and safe walking environment.

PUNGRO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting of Pungro was held on 12th May 2025, at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Pungro under the chairmanship of Advisor & Chairman, SDPDB, Pungro, S. Kiusumew.

During the review of the last session, ongoing road maintenance work between Pungro and Salomi was deliberated. The construction of a waiting shed at VG Barrack, Pungro was also discussed and forwarded to the concerned higher department. Deliberating on the construction of Pungro Town Council Office, the Chairman explained that the proposal has been stalled due to the non-existence of town local bodies. Besides, it was also informed that construction of a

new Government Primary School (GPS) at Pinkim village is set to begin shortly.

While discussing new agenda, the Chairman SDPDB highlighted the existing departments under the jurisdiction of ADC's Office which is more like a mini secretariat. However, due to the existence of offices and halls belonging to civil organisations, it is not applicable. Therefore, the board deliberated and decided to debate more in the future to shift those offices and halls.

The proposal to convert the Geology & Mining Guest House into a sub-post was discussed and agreed to forward it to the department. Re-creation of the Forest Ranger Office, which was previously shifted out of Pungro, was also discussed, approved

and forwarded to the concerned department. The board emphasized the need for adequate manpower and staffing

The proposal for recognition and upgradation of St. John School, Kiusam,

and the proposal for the establishment of Little Angels' Wing School, currently under provisional recognition, was approved and forwarded to the department.

CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly DPDB meeting of Chumoukedima was held on 12th May 2025 at DPDB Conference Hall, Chumoukedima under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio.

The board after a brief deliberation, forwarded the Society Registration of Yimkhiung Soritsun Women Cultural Society at Ward 5, Forerunner Nagaland Foundation at Diphupar village and Block-5 Welfare Society at Thilixu Village. However, Riverine Educational Society at Thilixu Village and Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Society at Diphupar 'B' Village were deferred to the

next DPDB meeting.

Other agenda discussed were upgradation of DIPR Office at Medziphema Sub-Division, proposal for creation of District Welfare Officer (DWO) Post in Chumoukedima District, proposal for separate Fire Station in Medziphema, which the board, after deliberations, approved and forwarded for recommendations.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Nodal Officer, DDMA, Rendemo Shitio, who highlighted disaster preparedness status, structures, action plan for monsoon preparedness and also monsoon preparedness plan by line departments.

WANGPANG KONYAK VISITS PUNGRO

To ensure the wellbeing of the Welfare Centres, Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak visited CDPO's Office Pungro, Kiphire on 9th May 2025, accompanied by Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence and Relief & Rehabilitation, Kiusumew Yimkhiung.

Konyak in his short speech encouraged the gathering to work in close coordination with all concerned departments so as to uplift the vulnerable sections of the society, and to ensure proper implementation of all schemes provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare. Wangpang also stressed on enrollment of Adhaar to be monitored as per

the laid down criteria by the department and to ensure that the schemes reached to the intended beneficiaries in time.

The team also visited Mimi Village, where Wangpang urged the citizens to put unceasing efforts with sincerity and tolerance for the upliftment of the downtrodden communities.

Advisor Wangpang was accompanied by Secretary and Mission Director, Mission Shakti, Bodeno Colo, Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi, Joint Secretary and Project Director, Poshan Abhiyaan, Social Welfare, Olemjungla, Joint Director, Social Welfare, Imkongzenla, Assistant Director, Social Welfare, Akali



Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak with Advisor, Kiusumew Yimkhuing and officials from Social Welfare Department during his visit at the CDPO's Office Pungro, Kiphire on 9th May 2025.

Sema, Assistant Director, Social Welfare, Hebou Rio, State Co-ordinator, Mission Shakti, Gracy Aye, Programme Manager SCPS, Raitalie, State Consultant, State

Project Management Unit (SPMU) Poshan Abhiyaan, Temjen, along with the District Social Welfare officials and stakeholders.

NO COMPROMISE ON NON-PERFORMING SCHOOLS: MLA, ACHUMBEMO KIKON

Schools as educational institutions should not be compromised with non-performance, said MLA & Chairman SDPDB, Bhandari, 4 Achumbemo Kikon, during the monthly Sub-Divisional Planning and Developmental Board, held at the conference hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House, Bhandari, Wokha on 9th May 2025.

Kikon chairing the meeting, felicitated the three toppers from Bhandari subdivision for their remarkable performance in the HSLC and HSSLC examination 2025, who were felicitated with certificate commendation and cash awards.

While reviewing developments at the Nagaland Seed Farm, Merapani, Kikon emphasised that it would be unfortunate, should there be any issue challenging the

validity of ownership of the Nagaland State Seed Farm, since the it unquestionably belongs to Nagaland by all means. Advocating cancellation of leasing out farm lands at the State Seed Farm, the MLA stressed that instead of leasing out farm lands to detrimental tenants at the expense of our land security, it could be converted into a major rice bowl for the whole state of Nagaland and beyond.

On enrolment, performance and role of teachers in delivering quality education in government schools within Bhandari subdivision, the board sought heads of schools and teachers to attract higher enrolment and to focus on goal oriented results through motivation and adaptation to the changing times.

After thorough assessment and deliberation, the board resolved to recommend down gradation of GMS Yampha Old to GPS on ground of nil enrolment to class 6, 7 and 8 for the past three consecutive years.

On transfer of six schools, namely GPS Akahuto, GPS Akuhaiqa, GPS Aghaitito, GPS Khakuthato, GPS Methihe and GPS Zuxeshe, from SDEO Mangkolemba establishment to SDEO Bhandari establishment, Deputy Director, Y. James Humtsoe, in-charge of SDEO Bhandari, informed that the schools were already transferred to EBRC Bhandari, following official order in the year 2020, but were still functioning and monitored by SDEO Mangkolemba. In this regard, the board emphasised that the schools are located within Bhandari sub-division administratively and geographically and therefore, reiterated the need for better

monitoring and functioning of the schools under SDEO Bhandari. It further resolved to apprise the concerned department to undertake necessary steps to facilitate the schools under SDEO Bhandari without further delay.

Highlighting on the progress of the ongoing Foothill Road construction under Baghty division, Er. C. Tungoe, SDO PWD (R&B) informed that construction work in the five bridges is going on as expected, except in one for the time being. He also informed that earth cutting and widening work is going on in some patches.

JE Power also informed the board that for shifting of 1.6 MVA Power Transformer to Merapani 33KV line, all physical and manual work has been completed. He also mentioned that one Hydra is required to lift the power transformer for final installation and commission thereof.

Y. PATTON CAUTIONS ‘NO WORK, NO PAY’ DURING WOKHA DPDB MEETING

Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Y. Patton, who has been appointed as the new Chairman, DPDB Wokha, cautioned the officers and staff of Wokha district that ‘No work No Pay’ would be enforced strictly. He said this during the Wokha DPDB meeting held on 13th May 2025 in the conference hall of DC’s Office, Wokha.

Emphasising on the importance of regular attendance, Patton said that he would personally conduct surprise visits across various departments. Further, he announced that wages of absent employees would be deducted and redirected to support civil societies within the district. “People coming from interior places should not suffer due to absentia of Government employees,”

he maintained. Reinforcing his commitment to good governance and service, Patton also encouraged the district departmental heads for submitting proposals for development activities and infrastructure requirements to higher authorities for ensuring efficiency and faster development. To strengthen participation, he declared that DPDB meetings will be held during Saturdays from next month, making it mandatory for officials to attend.

Informing about the approval for construction of Wokha DC’s Office, Patton appealed to the Lotha Hoho, LSU, Lotha Women Hoho for monitoring the contractor’s workmanship and said that funds will not be released if the workmanship does not meet

the required standard.

Bhandari SDPB Chairman, Achumbemo Kikon also briefed the meeting, shedding light on various developmental projects and concerns within the district. Among the key initiatives discussed were the Wokha-Merapani road improvement, the construction of the Deputy Commissioner's Complex, Merapani Seed Farm and the establishment of an ADC headquarters in Doyang. He revisited the proposal to rename Government Higher Secondary School Wokha to Lt. Mhondamo Memorial Higher Secondary School, a resolution put forward in a previous DPDB meeting for higher approval. The renaming pays tribute to M. Kithan, Nagaland's first Education Minister, 1st graduate amongst the Lothas and second President of the Naga National Council. Recognizing his significant contributions towards the Lotha community and the Nagas as a whole, Chairman, Wokha DPDB, Y. Patton reinforced this sentiment, stating that honoring Kithan through the institution's renaming reflects his dedication to education and leadership.

During the meeting, the board extended its felicitations to outstanding students from the district who excelled in the HSLC and HSSLC examinations. Y. Patton also showed his personal appreciation by handing over Rs.20,000 each to the achievers.

Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR-KVK Wokha, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh delivered a PowerPoint presentation, detailing the agricultural activities and schemes implemented over the past year. His report covered training and awareness programmes, infrastructure renovations, and the distribution of saplings to farmers, alongside an outline for the year 2025-26. He also highlighted significant challenges affecting the agricultural sector, particularly poor road connectivity and water scarcity, citing the lack of permanent water sources as a pressing concern for the region.

The DPDB meeting, presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Vineet Kumar, IAS, marked the official welcome of the newly appointed Wokha DPDB Chairman, Y. Patton.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD



The monthly Mokokchung DPDB meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mokokchung on 14th May 2025.

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung District Planning and Development Board (DPDB)-cum-felicitations, and introduction of new DPDB Chairman and new Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Mokokchung was held on 14th May 2025, at the DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung.

Speaker, NLA & outgoing DPDB Chairman, Sharingain Longkumer welcomed the incoming MLA & new DPDB Chairman Mokokchung, Nuklutoshi and thanked the DPDB members for all the support and cooperation shown to him during his tenure.

On behalf of the District Administration, SDO (C) HQ reported that Mokokchung is the only district in the state which does not have a sardar jurisdiction, which is needed for effective administration. On this, Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer suggested to make a comprehensive and comparative report to give clarity and to

avoid misconception. Taking note of the suggestion, MLA, Nukulotshi asked the concerned authority to present the report in the coming DPDB meeting.

In the meeting, registration of Mongsanger Semchir Telongjem Society was approved and forwarded to the Government for further action.

FREE AID APPLIANCES DISTRIBUTED AT NIULAND

Ceremonial programme for distribution of free aid appliances by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) under Accessibility to Disabled Persons (ADIP) and Rashtriya Vayoshree

Yojana (RVY) schemes was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 14th May 2025. 40 beneficiaries were provided with wheelchairs, walking sticks, hearing aids etc.



Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Sara S. Jamir and other officials with the beneficiaries at the DC's Office, Niuland on 14th May 2025.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of May, was held on 14th May 2025, at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Zunheboto. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj in the presence of Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) and newly inducted Chairman, DPDB,

Zunheboto, S. Toiho Yeptho.

The board deliberated on the agenda of registration of societies, Ahupe Foundation Society and Jordan Heights Society, which were approved for further procedures. The proposal of naming the Two-Lane Road from Sedzü/Yeti River to Zunheboto town as Chakhesang-Sumi Brotherhood Road was deliberated thoroughly by the board,



Deputy Speaker, NLA & Chairman DPDB, Zunheboto, S. Toiho Yeptho addressing the DPDB meeting held at Zunheboto on 14th May 2025.

and approved for onward approvals and procedures.

The board meeting later witnessed

a PowerPoint presentation from the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Food & Civil Supplies.

MID-TERM REVIEW OF JICA MISSION TO MOKOKCHUNG DIVISION

The implementation of National Forest Management Project-Japan International Cooperation Agency (NFMP-JICA) Project has delivered transformative outcomes, reviving degraded ecosystems, boosting rural livelihoods, and strengthening village infrastructure. The collaborative efforts of JFMCs, SHGs, and government departments have established a powerful, scalable model of participatory forest management. By harmonizing ecological restoration with socio-economic resilience, NFMP-JICA has reignited hope across Nagaland. Its success has earned national recognition, including the prestigious SKOCH Award 2024, as a leading example of community-led forestry.

As part of the mid-term review, officials from JICA India, Ishikawa Saya, Representative, and Sushma Sen Adarshi,

Development Specialist visited Mokokchung Division on 13th and 14th May 2025, accompanied by Temjenyapang, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (NFMP, Project Director), Rongsenlemla, IFS, Conservator of Forests (NTC), and Project Consultants led by Pravanjan Mohapatra, Team Leader.

On May 13th 2025, the visiting team was welcomed at Merangkong village, where the Merangkong JFMC presented a brief presentation on the activities taken up under the project. During the visit, the SHGs of Merangkong village showcased their ongoing work and achievements, highlighting the various IGA (Income Generating Activities) and skill development efforts undertaken as part of the project.

The JICA Team also visited the treatment site-Jhum Agro Forestry and

highly appreciated the positive outcomes seen in the growth of the various tree species planted in the site like Duabanga Grandiflora, Ailanthus altissima, Choerospondias axillaris, Phoebe Sp etc.

On May 14th 2025, the JICA Team headed to Aliba village and visited the Environment Protection Area (EPA) & Water Harvesting Structures (WHS) implemented under NFMP project (JICA Assisted Project). The JICA Team remarked the convergence efforts made by the community and various departments on being a flagship activity under NFMP, which has greatly benefitted more than 100 households. The JICA Team also visited Chungtia village and inspected the JFMC Nursery, WHS & EPA and had interactions with JFMCs & SHGs on their challenges faced in the project. The team also inspected the accounts and other registers maintained by the JFMC.

The Mokokchung Forest Division successfully restored 4968 Ha across 14

villages through the five models (JAF/JFF/JCF/JCC/PEC), comprising of 1059.313 Ha under Productive models (JAF/JFF/JCF) and 3910.27 Ha under Conservation models (JCC/PEC) planting 9,98,984 saplings (2020-2024). During 2025, it will cover an additional area of 165 Ha under Productive models (JAF/JFF/JCF) and 1124 Ha under Conservation models (JCC/PEC) planting 2,20,767 saplings

There are 42 SHGs formed up to the Batch-3 villages, all the 42 SHGs have completed 1st cycle of activity, 22 SHGs are in 2nd cycle, 14 SHGs are in process for starting 3rd cycle and 6 SHGs are in the 3rd cycle of activity.

Ecological Gains: 4,968 Ha restored (14 villages): 78.7% under conservation (JCC/PEC); 9.98 lakh saplings planted (2020–24); 2.20 lakhs targeted for 2025; Forest Cover Increase: +14.88 sq km; 46.97 sq km □ Moderately Dense Forest (MDF); 31.55 sq km scrub rehabilitated.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DPDB Hall, Kohima on 15th May 2025, with Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem chairing the session. The meeting marked a leadership transition with the official welcoming of Kevipodi Sophie, MLA, as the new DPDB Chairman.

MLA Sophie, in his address, thanked the state government for the trust placed in him and assured full support to the officers in implementing government policies. He called for sincerity and honesty among the officials and affirmed his commitment to supporting all developmental initiatives.

A highlight of the meeting was the

felicitation of Riya Gupta, the HSLC topper among Government High Schools in Kohima district. A student of GHS Chandmari, Riya follows in the footsteps of her elder sister, who got the same award last year.

The Board also deliberated on the proposal to upgrade GMS Daklane to a Government High School. Based on the DEO Kohima's report confirming all necessary criteria were met, the board agreed to recommend the proposal.

Tourist Officer, Abigail Solo presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Tourism Department. She provided data on tourist arrivals and accommodations in Kohima, noting the pressure on the

existing infrastructure, with 40 hotels and 91 homestays currently operational. Highlighting the significance of privatisation and communitisation of tourism assets, she shared updates on the 25th Hornbill Festival and ongoing projects including the Enopen Resort and Services Block at Khonoma, Kohima View Point and Aradura Hills trekking route, The Dawn Chalet at Chakhabama, and eco-tourism development at Jotsoma. Abigail appealed for stronger

coordination and strategic support to address challenges facing the department.

DC Buchem noted the lack of a tourist-friendly environment in some areas and urged the department to initiate skill development programs. He also emphasized the need for all departments to regularly update their websites and asked the relevant department to repair damaged drainage covers in Kohima town, citing risks to commuters.

TIRANGA RALLY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SINDOOR HELD



Deputy Chief Minister, and Minister in-charge of Home and Border Affairs, Yanthungo Patton leading the crowd at the Tiranga Rally, reigniting the spirit of nationalism, at Wokha on 15th May 2025.

In a powerful display of nationalism and solidarity, citizens of Wokha, led by Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton organized a Tiranga rally in Wokha town on 15th May 2025, extending their support for Operation Sindoor.

The rally witnessed participation from ex-servicemen, members of the Lotha Students' Union, students from various schools, NGOs, and civil society representatives. Addressing the gathering, Yanthungo Patton emphasized the significance of the movement, reiterating

the slogan "No place for terrorism." He commended the leadership of the Prime Minister, acknowledging the critical decisions that led to the success of Operation Sindoor.

As a mark of respect, a one-minute silent prayer was observed to honour those who lost their lives in the recent clash between India and Pakistan. Ex-servicemen present at the event reaffirmed their commitment to the nation, expressing their readiness to serve once again if duty calls upon.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured the people that their dedication and unwavering spirit would be conveyed to the central government. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the voices of those willing to serve the country in times of need are heard at the highest level.

Tiranga Yatra was also held at Mokokchung district with pride and enthusiasm on 31st May 2025.

Addressing the participants and the citizens of the district after the culmination of the Yatra at Main Police Point, Mokokchung, Advisor, Information & Public Relations, Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong. L. Imchen while condemning the Pahalgam terror attack and the state sponsored terrorism of Pakistan, said India stood as a strong, matured nation, responding through 'Operation Sindoor' which showcase the nation's strength and unity. On the occasion, he also saluted the services and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces, protecting and safeguarding the great Indian nation.



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen along with the participants during the Tiranga Yatra Programme held at Mokokchung on 31st May 2025.

The procession was led by the Ex-Servicemen League, Mokokchung with participants from all walks of life accompanied by slogans, banners and national flags.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING-CUM-FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR HSLC & HSSLC TOPPERS HELD

The Monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Meeting-cum-Felicitation programme for HSLC & HSSLC Toppers and also Aadhaar Operator of Kiphire District and Pungro was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 15th May 2025, under the chairmanship of DC & Vice Chairman, Kiphire DPDB, Temsuwati Longkumer.

The highlight of the meeting was felicitation in recognition of the exemplary academic performance of the HSLC Exam toppers - Sunoka Sumi (Saramati School) and Zuzila L. Sangtam (Good Shepherd

School) District's Highest Marks in English 91 each, Sunoka Sumi (Saramati School) District Highest Marks in Science 91, Alemla T. Muphuliu (El Beth School) District Highest Marks in Social Science 95, Thsarila C. Anar (Loyala Higher Secondary School) District Highest Marks in Alternative English 96, Sulime S. Swi (LHSS) and Libo Sumi (Saramati School) District Highest Marks in ITeS 90, Alenla T. Muphuliu (El Beth School) District Highest Marks in Book-Keeping 92, Lumtsala (Agape HS School) District Highest Marks in Agriculture 98, and Sunoka Sumi (Saramati School) District Highest Marks

in Mathematics A 92. HSSLC Examination 2025 topper Thsatangpa Sangtam (Loyala Higher Secondary School) State Rank Holder in Top 4 was also felicitated.

The Felicitation programme for Aadhaar Operators of Kiphire and Pungro - Atekhing, Chotsase, Hovimong, Lijungmong, Asokhieng and Lachim R. were awarded and felicitated with certificates for their sincerity and dedicated service.

The agenda for the proposal for up-gradation of Mission School Kiphire from

Primary to Middle School Kiphire was proposed by Assistant District Education Officer (ADEO), Lirila Sangtam, and after a deliberation, the Board agreed to approved it and forward it to the government for final approval.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered presented by two departments, Social Welfare by Sienotho, CDPO and Dr. Lahar Jyoti Bortiloi, Senior Scientist and Head KVK Kiphire.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME HELD AT YONGLOK VILLAGE

The Phom community bordering with Sivasagar district of Assam held a cultural exchange programme on 16th May 2025, at Public Ground Yonglok, under Tamalu sub-division of Longleng district. MLA and Leader of Opposition, Government of Assam, Debabrata Saikia, graced the occasion as the special guest, while MLA, A. Pongshi Phom graced the occasion as guest of honour and MLA, B. Bangtick Phom as the chief host.

Debabrata Saikia, in his address, expressed his happiness to see that the traditions and cultures passed down by

their ancestors are still being preserved and practiced today. Historically, he said the Ahoms and the Nagas have shared a deep friendship. When Assam was going through turmoil under an autocratic ruler, the king came to Nagaland and married the daughter of the Wangshu king. In Assam, she is known as Dalimi, he added. He also called upon the people of both the community of Assam and Nagaland to support one another in times of difficulty, and asserted that our work and efforts should benefit both Assam and Nagaland.



MLA from Government of Assam, Debabrata Saikia addressing the gathering during the cultural exchange programme of Phom community and Assam Sivasagar district held at Yonglok, Longleng on 16th May 2025.

Saikia said this cultural exchange programme will promote greater unity and contribute to lasting peace and prosperity in the region. Therefore, he urged both the communities to continue to preserve the rich cultures and traditions, and move forward as a united team, to ensure peace, prosperity, and progress. This is possible only through cooperation from all sides, he added.

MLA, B. Bangtick Phom said in the later centuries, as Ahom influence deepened, cultural exchanges flourished. The Phoms who lived along these passes did not merely observe the Ahoms, they engaged with them and hosted them. In the 19th century, the years of fire and displacement (1817–1826) brought our people closest. When the Burmese armies invaded Assam, toppling Ahom kings and burning villages, many Ahoms fled not westward, but eastward, seeking shelter in the hills in Bura Namsang, and among the Phoms and Namsang, they found refuge, Bangtick stated. Oral accounts from our elders recall how the Burmese Commander, Mansingpho was slain on these lands, perhaps even with a blade still preserved among our people, and in gratitude, the Ahoms gifted idols to our forebears as signs of brotherhood forged in struggle, he added.

When the time came for the Ahoms to return to their homeland, each refugee carried a stone from Namsang, a token of gratitude. Today, in Assam, it is said there lay a heap of stones at Mikhipur, Assam, a

silent monument to Namsang's shelter and sacrifice. Bangtick appealed the gathering not to forget this shared legacy, not merely of culture, but of conscience. 'Let this occasion mark not just cultural unity, but also a commitment to resolve such matters in a spirit of trust and fairness, just as our ancestors did in the past,' he added.

MLA, A. Pongshi Phom said that organizing such programmes would definitely navigate cultural differences and helps in communicating with diverse background, develop cross-cultural communication skill, and introduce us to new culture, language, foster deep appreciation for diversity and most importantly, encourage a sense of global citizenship and promote understanding and tolerance across varying cultures.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng W. Manpai Phom and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar, Geetalee Dowerah also delivered solitary message in the programme. A short speech was also delivered by Ex-MLA, Assam, Kushal Dowari and Chairman, Tai Ahom Development Council Assam, Mayur Burgohain. The highlights of the daylong programme include cultural dance performed by Tamlu Village Male (Nagaland), Bura Namsang Female (Nagaland), Bamboo Dance by Shetep Village (Nagaland), Jeng Behu (Assam), Husori Behu (Assam), Kangching Village Male (Nagaland) and Pongo Cultural Troupe (Nagaland).

YOUTH MIGRATION MONITORING & SAFETY LAUNCHED AT MON

In a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of young citizens venturing outside the state for work or

education, the Mon District Police on 17th May 2025 launched the "Youth Migration Monitoring & Safety" programme at the SP's



Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak addressing during the launching programme of Youth Migration Monitoring & Safety held at SP's Office, Mon on 17th May 2025.

Office, Mon.

This landmark initiative, also known as “Mon Migration Trail,” was formally inaugurated in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Member of Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Wennyei Konyak and Superintendent of Police, Mon, Kanchan Kumar Kandpal, IPS.

S. Phangnon Konyak, officially launching the programme, lauded the effort as a timely and much-needed intervention for the youth of the region. She spoke of the challenges faced by young individuals migrating out of the state and emphasised the need for compassionate, community-based solutions. She praised the initiative for addressing these concerns in a structured and meaningful way, combining technology with local collaboration.

DC, Mon, Wennyei Konyak in his address, commended the collaborative approach of the programme and urged all stakeholders, particularly village leaders and civil society to actively contribute to its success. He stressed on the importance of keeping the database current and using it to extend timely support to those in need, adding that the district administration would continue to lend full support to the initiative.

While giving detailed explanation and demonstration of the system, Superintendent of Police, Kanchan Kumar Kandpal shared the vision behind the initiative. He noted that the Mon district has long

witnessed a steady stream of youth migrating in search of better opportunities. While many succeed, others often fall into distressing circumstances being underpaid, defrauded, or subjected to abuse. These cases often go unreported due to the absence of any formal tracking mechanism.

The programme, he explained, is designed to bridge this gap by establishing a proactive and inclusive safety net. By collaborating with village councils, church leaders, and community organisations, the system will maintain updated records of individuals who have migrated detailing their destination, occupation, and the agent or reference, who facilitated their departure. This information will be securely stored at the SP's Office and accessed only by authorised personnel.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 17th May 2025, chaired by MLA and Chairman DPDB Longleng, A. Pongshi Phom in the presence of MLA, B. Bangtick Phom.

In his address, Pongshi Phom requested all Heads of Offices to be sincere and be present at their posting places, and requested the officers to inform both the MLAs about the schemes and project under the departments for better co-ordination.

After deliberation, the board recommended for establishment of EBRC hall at Bura Namsang, and forwarded it to the concerned department. However, the

upgradation of Government Middle School Shamkang to Government High School was differed in the next meeting. In this regard, the DC entrusted the District Education Officer, Longleng to examine and find out the detailed report and to present it in the next DPDB meeting.

Sensitisation material on Registration of Births & Deaths was launched by MLA, A. Pongshi Phom and Deputy Commissioner, W. Manpai Phom, in the presence of MLA, B. Bangtick Phom.

The Department of Evaluation delivered its departmental activities through a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

NAGALAND STATE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD

The State Headquarter Officials of the Nagaland Bharat Scouts and Guides on their official tour at Chumoukedima held a Consultative Meeting with the District Bharat Scouts & Guides Association on 20th May 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima.

The visit was a part of their ongoing efforts to engage with district officials and to promote the values of scouting and guiding across the State. During their visit, officials of Nagaland Bharat Scouts & Guides initiated the induction ceremony, where Deputy Commissioner, Polan John was inducted as the President of District Bharat Scouts & Guides, Chumoukedima.

The DC stated through this movement, the young people can learn lots of things, develop their potential, learn valuable life skills, and contribute to their communities as well. He hoped that the consultative meeting with the district will be a collective commitment to nurture responsible, capable

and self-oriented youth in our State.

Kiyakhrienuo Solo highlighted that Bharat Scouts and Guides-SOC (G) emphasizes character development, leadership skills, and service to others. It aims to help young people become responsible citizens and contribute to building a better world. The BSG is based on principles of duty to God, duty to others, and duty to self, and uses a system of progressive self-education through the Scout Promise and Law, she added. Further, she highlighted the history, core principles, values and motto of BSG.

Later, Reaffirmation of the Scouts and Guides promise were conducted, followed by visitation to schools which have Scouts and Guides Unit.

The Nagaland State Bharat Scouts & Guides Consultative Meeting with the District Bharat Scouts & Guides was also held in Peren on 20th May 2025 and Dimapur on 21st May 2025.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

Tseminyu DPDB meeting was held on 20th May 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu, chaired by MLA & Chairman, DPDB, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb.

After the review of previous meeting minutes, District Disaster Management Authority shared in detail on various activities on monsoon preparedness, and assigned DEF Tseminyu to prepare a communication strategy to coordinate emergency responses, SDRF to maintain and keep all equipments ready and be on high alert for any emergency search & rescue works, Food & Civil Supplies Department to keep stock of food grains at least for one month, PWD (R&B) for pre-monsoon repair & renovation of roads, clearance of debris, landslide and to identify alternative routes, machinery readiness, Medical Department

to stock essential medicines in hospitals and sub-centres mobile unit for remote areas, PHED to ensure clean drinking water, Power Department for contingency plan for power outages trimming or clearance of trees near power lines, DPRO's Office for public awareness and timely dissemination of information, to coordinate with NSDMA, Town Council to organise social work within the town areas, maintain drainage to avoid water clogging, collaborate with the line department in carrying out social work, and DDMA to send out preparedness circular/orders to sensitise the community. Upgradation of GHS Tesophenyu was also discussed during the meeting.

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Tseminyu presented a detailed report of its departmental activities.

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF JJM SCHEME AT LOSOLO VILLAGE

Losolo village under Shamator district successfully implemented the Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme (JJM), which was inaugurated on 20th January 2022. Through successful implementation of this scheme, Losolo village will be benefited by way of availing sufficient water supply, resolving scarcity of water in their village. With the installation and implementation of JJM,

there has been tremendous improvement in all walks of life. The villagers are now cleaner and greener with the abundant availability of water.

Kudazo Swuro, EAC, Shamator and SDO (PHED), Er. Imnanningsang Longchar visited Losolo village and inspected the implementation of JJM on 16th May 2025.

ILP ONLINE IMPLEMENTATION IN DIMAPUR, CHÜMOUKEDIMA & NIULAND TO MOVE AHEAD

The proposed online implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system in Dimapur, Chümoukedima, and Niuland districts is set to proceed, as announced by Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr.

Tinojongshi Chang after a coordination meeting with community leaders on 20th May 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur.

Representatives from various community and social organizations

attended the meeting to discuss the rollout. Dr. Chang reaffirmed the state's commitment to ILP implementation, following a May 14 directive. He clarified that the meeting aimed to engage stakeholders and address concerns.

The ILP will be implemented without delay. Exemptions under 'Category III' will require Smart Cards or PRCs. A formal notification on the timeline will be released

soon. Non-Naga indigenous residents without PRCs are under consideration for certification.

The process will be fully online for ease of access. An ILP Enforcement Cell will also be formed to ensure compliance. Residents who settled before 1963 will receive Smart Cards, and those between 1963-1979 will be given PRCs.

KOHIMA POLICE SENSITIZED ON CHILD RIGHTS IN COLLABORATION WITH NSCPCR

A one-day sensitization programme on Child Rights was held for investigation and police officers under the Superintendent of Police (SP), Kohima. Organized by DEF, Kohima in collaboration with the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR), the session took place at the SP's Office Conference Hall, Kohima on 22nd May 2025, focussing on equipping law enforcement personnel with a deeper understanding of child protection laws and

procedures.

SP, Kohima, Teisovise Metha, IPS shared that the programme is designed to build the capacity of officers in handling cases involving children with greater sensitivity and legal awareness.

In his keynote address, Alun Hangsing, Chairman, NSCPCR emphasized the growing need for stronger collaboration between the Police Department and NSCPCR to effectively address crimes against women



SP, Kohima, Teisovise Metha, IPS with Chairman, NSCPCR, Alun Hangsing and other officials during the one-day sensitization programme on child rights, held at SP's Office, Kohima on 22nd May 2025.

and children. He noted that while NSCPCR has primarily engaged in investigative roles in the past, the programme represents a step forward in institutional cooperation with law enforcement. Hangsing described policing as a noble yet demanding profession, observing that a society's peace and well-being often depend on the professionalism and integrity of its police force.

Alun Hangsing pointed out that public awareness and legal frameworks surrounding crimes against women and children have evolved significantly, demanding more specialized knowledge and empathetic approaches from police personnel. He emphasized the importance of creating a child-friendly and non-intimidating environment during police interactions. "Children must feel protected and safe, not fearful, when engaging with the police," he urged.

Akumla Longchari, Member of NSCPCR delivered a comprehensive presentation on the POCSO Act, detailing the critical role of police officers in safeguarding the rights and well-being of child victims. She stressed on the importance of immediate FIR registration, notifying the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) within 24 hours, arranging timely medical examinations, and ensuring both safety and confidentiality. She warned against practices that could lead to secondary victimization such as aggressive interrogation, disclosure of identity, victim-

blaming, or encouraging compromise or mediation in such cases. Akumla also highlighted the Act's time-bound mandates, which require investigations to be completed within two months and trials within one year.

Akumla encouraged the officers to adopt child-sensitive practices, such as using simple, non-threatening language, involving female officers when appropriate, and recording statements with care and sensitivity. Challenges in implementing the Act were also discussed, including issues such as lack of sensitivity, social stigma, delayed medical or forensic examinations, poor documentation, and frequent court adjournments. She recommended regular training, the development of standard operating procedures, and stronger accountability mechanisms to address these gaps.

Lichani Murry, Legal Consultant to NSCPCR spoke on special provisions for handling cases involving girl children, highlighting the mandatory involvement of women police personnel.

The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where participants raised pertinent questions and clarified their doubts. The session reflected a renewed sense of responsibility and commitment among the attending officers to uphold child rights and implement child protection laws with compassion, integrity, and diligence.

WOMEN FOR TREE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

As part of Phase-I of the 'Women for Trees' campaign, launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under AMRUT Mitra initiative, a pre-site visit was conducted by the District Urban Development Agency,

Mokokchung in collaboration with the Ayanu Self Help Group (SHG) on 21st May 2025 at Kathing Park, Mokokchung.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the suitability of the proposed location for a tree

plantation, with a focus on evaluating the site's condition, feasibility, and preparedness for the activity. The AYANU SHG displayed strong interest and enthusiasm for the initiative. During the visit, members actively participated in planning discussions, emphasized the value of green spaces, and pledged to take responsibility for the care and maintenance of the saplings post-plantation.

A total of nine members from the SHG were present and fully engaged in the review process. Phase-II: Plantation drive will commence from 5th June to 3rd August 2025.

Women for tree campaign-Amrut Mitra initiative, under the District Urban Development Agency, Phek with a local Self Help Group, Muho SHG of Phek town conducted its first phase exposure visit to the under construction site in CMHSS Compound at Phek town, the identified plantation site on 22nd May 2025.

The visiting team was led by Assistant Urban Development Officer, Phek, Er. Kesoweu, who said that a total of 150 trees are scheduled to be planted during the coming plantation drives in and around the said Park under construction in CMHSS Compound, Phek.

The women, acting as Amrut Mitras



Participants at the Women for Tree, an AMRUT Mitra initiative, under the DUDA, Longleng with the SHG Konchula of Longleng town, Muli Ward on 23rd May 2025.

or “friends of the trees” will take charge of caring each saplings-ensuring regular watering, protection and monitoring of growth, Kesoweu said.

The 1st Phase of ‘Women for Trees’ National wide Campaign an AMRUT Mitra initiative under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) was organised at Yungphang Resort, Tuensang on 23rd May 2025. Seven (7) representatives from Fressia SHG visited the designated plantation sites for strategies and in-hand preparation for plantation drive.

MOATOSHI LONGKUMER CALLS FOR UNITED EFFORTS TO DRIVE DISTRICT PROGRESS

Advisor for Youth Employment & Skill Development and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer officially took charge as the new Chairman of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB), Dimapur, on 26th of May 2025, during the monthly board meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

Highlighting key priorities, the new

chairman stressed on the importance of submitting proposals such as the urgent requirement for an emergency rescue vehicle through proper channels to the State Government via the Planning Board for timely action.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang shared updates on pending proposals. He informed that the delay in submitting

files for the proposed administrative headquarters at East Dimapur was due to the transition of officers.

The meeting also approved all pending applications for society registrations. A notable highlight was presented by Er. Lhuvoyi, EE (Power), Department of Power, Dimapur, detailing ongoing power reforms under the Government of India's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). The scheme aims to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses to 12–15% by March 2026 and bridge the gap between the Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realized (ARR). As part of the initiative, smart prepaid metering and loss reduction measures are being rolled out across the state. Under the State Action Plan for Smart Consumer Interface (SASCI), 18,000 smart meters have been sanctioned for Kohima, Dimapur and Chümoukedima

for 2021–22 and 2022–23.

The department also highlighted the “PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana,” launched in February 2024, which promotes rooftop solar installations in residential areas. Nagaland has been allocated a target of 32.8 MW of Residential Rooftop Solar (RTS) capacity, with 8.337 MW earmarked for Dimapur alone.

Smart prepaid meters are expected to yield several benefits including energy conservation, reduced outages, flexible tariff options, better financial planning for consumers, and easy online recharge, ultimately contributing to improved service delivery and economic growth. The Department of Power has urged all stakeholders to support the implementation of these initiatives to ensure a reliable and sustainable power infrastructure for the state.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL COMPLEX HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON NEP-NECTAR

A consultative meeting on the Nagaland Education Project-The Lighthouse (NECTAR) was convened at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on Monday the 26th May 2025. The meeting was attended by key government officials, including Advisor, School Education, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry, Principal Director of School Education, Commissioner & Secretary of School Education, Joint Secretary, and Deputy Project Director NEP-NECTAR, Avelü Ruho. Representatives from various community organizations, including Lotha Hoho, Lotha Students' Union, Lotha Elo Hoho, landowners, and other officials were also present.

During the meeting, Advisor Dr. Yhome emphasized the importance of establishing quality educational institutions in Wokha district and highlighted its historical significance in Nagaland. He stressed the need for strict implementation of government rules and directives to ensure proper execution of the project. Addressing the challenges posed by land encroachment, he called for swift resolution, stressing that the institution would become a center of learning and pride for the district. He assured that necessary steps would be taken to enhance infrastructure and improve academic facilities.

Dr. Chumben Murry urged landowners to settle disputes at the earliest, ensuring

that the project implementation proceeds without hindrance.

Avelü Ruho provided an overview of the project's inception and implementation, explaining the strategic vision and expected outcomes.

Deputy Commissioner, Vineet Kumar, IAS reaffirmed the commitment to protecting government land in the district, ensuring smooth execution of the project without disruptions.

Principal of Government Higher Secondary School, Wokha stressed the need for quality infrastructure and urged NGOs to extend cooperation, emphasizing that this opportunity should not be overlooked.

Lotha Students' Union President, Lirhonthung Lotha and Chairman of Lotha Hoho also pledged full support and cooperation, committing to assisting in the successful execution of the initiative.

Following the meeting, advisors and officials visited the project construction site to assess the ongoing work and review the progress made. The session reinforced collective commitment from government representatives, local bodies, and stakeholders in ensuring the successful completion of the NECTAR project, which aims to establish a premier educational institution in Wokha district.

TRAINING ON "PROCEDURES TO HANDLE CRIMINAL CASES" HELD AT LONGLENG

Superintendent of Police (SP) office, Longleng hosted a vital one-day training session focused on "Procedures to Handle Criminal Cases" for the District Executive Force (DEF) personnel on 26th May 2025. The comprehensive training aimed to bolster the investigative and procedural acumen of the local police force.

The insightful session was featured by Government Pleader-cum-Assistant Public Prosecutor, H. Donyei Phom as the primary resource person. He delivered an in-depth curriculum designed to refine the DEF's understanding and application of legal protocols in criminal matters. He covered a range of critical topics essential for effective law enforcement.

Participants received detailed instruction on the intricacies of filing a First Information Report (FIR), the foundational document for initiating criminal proceedings. Furthermore, the training delved into the

comprehensive "Procedure of Investigation," guiding officers through the systematic steps required for thorough and legally sound inquiries. Key aspects of police work, such as 'arrest' procedures were thoroughly discussed, emphasizing adherence to legal guidelines and human rights, 'Seizure' of evidence ensuring that all collected materials are handled correctly to maintain their admissibility in court, a focus on the 'Prosecution of accused' and the vital process of securing 'Prosecution Sanction,' providing DEF personnel with a clearer understanding of the judicial process beyond their initial investigative duties.

The training initiative underscores the commitment of the Longleng SP's Office to continuous professional development for its force, aiming to enhance efficiency and adherence to due process in handling criminal cases within the district.

MELURI DISTRICT CONDUCTS ITS 1st DPDB MEETING

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Meluri convened its 1st meeting on 27th May 2025 at DB's Court, Meluri. The meeting was chaired by Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, Advisor, New & Renewable Energy (N&RE) and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), and Chairman of DPDB Meluri.

In his opening remarks, Nyuthe emphasized the significance of collective responsibility in the successful functioning of the Board, and appealed to all members to ensure regular attendance and active participation in future meetings.

Among the key agenda discussed

during the meeting, the proposal for setting up a Model College at Meluri District Headquarters and the request for Grant-in-Aid for Shilloi Mission School, Weziho were taken up for consideration and recommendation.

The Board also acknowledged and felicitated Yasmin Begam Laskar for securing a position in the Top-20 rank holders in the recently declared HSLC Examination 2025 results. As a mark of encouragement and appreciation, she was presented with a citation and a cash reward in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement.



Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe with other officials during the 1st DPDB Meeting of Meluri district, held at DB's Court, Meluri on 27th May 2025.

NITI AAYOG YOUNG PROFESSIONAL VISITS ATOIZU AND AKUHAITO

Atoizu hosted the official visit of Ngayaipam A. Shimray, Young Professional from NITI Aayog, as part of the Government of India's Aspirational Block Programme for the Akhuaito Block in Zunheboto district. The event was jointly organized by MLA, Er. Picto Shohe (32 A/C Atoizu) and District Administration of Zunheboto.

Short speeches were delivered by Er. Picto Shohe, Anatoli Swu (Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Zunheboto) and Kitoli Naje (Chairperson, Atoizu Town Council).

Shimray presented the keynote address and led an interactive discussion with departmental representatives. Subsequent PowerPoint presentations showcased

sectoral initiatives by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Zunheboto, District Programme Officer, Social Welfare, Sub-division Education Officer, Executive Engineers of PHED and SDO PWD (R&B), District Representative & BPM, NSRLM Akuhaito, and the Agricultural, Veterinary, and Soil Conservation Officers.

Notably, as part of the visit, the entire team undertook extensive field visits a day prior and the day of, inspecting offices, government institutions, health centres, and schools across the Atoizu Sub-division.

These ground-level interactions provided valuable insights into the region's progress and challenges under the Aspirational Block framework.

Ngayaipam A. Shimray also visited Akuhaito Aspirational Block under Zunheboto district on 28th May 2025 at Chairman's Residence, Akuhaito town. The programme, jointly organised by MLA of 32 A/C Atoizu, Er. Picto Shohe and Zunheboto District Administration. Short speeches were delivered by MLA Er. Picto Shohe, and Hukato Shohe, President of AAGBA.



CM INAUGURATES DC'S BUNGALOW AT MOKOKCHUNG

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow at Mokokchung on 2nd May 2025. The inauguration was graced in the presence of all the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Members of Mokokchung district and other dignitaries.

In his inaugural speech, Rio mentioned that the DC bungalow of Mokokchung is a

historic place in the state and has historical significance since the British occupation of the Naga Hills. He lamented that several precious artefacts and materials, which were of cultural and historical significance and part of this bungalow, had been lost over the years. Therefore, he appealed to the administration and other officials to keep a proper record of the properties.

INAUGURATION OF SEVIC SENIOR CITIZENS HOME AT WOKHA

The Sevic Senior Citizens Home in Wokha was inaugurated virtually by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, from New Delhi on 2nd May 2025, witnessing simultaneous inaugurations in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. The event marked the launch of senior citizen welfare facilities across five states, reflecting the government's commitment to enhancing elderly care infrastructure nationwide. This initiative was undertaken by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI.

During the inaugural event, the President launched the Senior Citizen Welfare Portal, aimed at enhancing accessibility to various welfare schemes and support systems for the elderly. Following the portal launch, five Old Age Homes were inaugurated remotely, signifying a major step toward strengthening elderly care infrastructure across different states.

A Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) was exchanged between the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Brahma Kumaris, reinforcing collaborative efforts in the field of senior citizen welfare and empowerment. This agreement is expected to facilitate various programs focusing on well-being, moral support, and social engagement for elderly individuals.

As part of the welfare measures, the President also distributed Assisted Living Devices to senior citizens under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana. This initiative aims to improve the quality of life for elderly individuals by providing essential devices to aid mobility and daily activities.

The virtual inauguration of Sevic Senior Citizens Home in Wokha stands as a significant milestone in elderly care and social welfare, reflecting the government's ongoing efforts to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for senior citizens across the country.

PUNGRO BRANCH POST OFFICE UPGRADED TO SUB-POST OFFICE

The inauguration programme for the upgradation of Pungro Branch Post Office to Sub-Post Office was held on 7th May 2025 at

Pungro town. Advisor to Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence, and Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew

Yimchunger unveiled the monolith in the presence of Director, Indian Postal Services, Dr. Alice K. Vizo (IPoS).

Kiusumew Yimchunger applauded the

State Government and the Department for their unwavering commitment to uplifting the Pungro sub-division and Kiphire district as a whole.



Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence and Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger unveiling the monolith for the upgradation of Pungro Branch Post Office to Sub-Post Office on 7th May 2025.

OUTDOOR GYM INAUGURATED TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso inaugurated a new Outdoor Gym under the LAPD 2024–2025 ‘Iconic Project,’ marking a significant step toward promoting health and community well-being in Kohima.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Tseilhoutuo emphasized that the facility belongs to the people, encouraging everyone to use it and take ownership of its upkeep. “This space is for all young and old, and will benefit every individual who chooses to stay active and healthy,” he said.

Dr. Tseilhoutuo also announced the upcoming launch of a community-led initiative titled the “One Rupee Project for Change.” The project encourages citizens to voluntarily contribute ₹1 a day, ₹30 a month, or ₹365 a year toward public welfare efforts across the city. The initiative aims to foster a culture of civic responsibility and shared investment in development, especially among urban residents.

As part of the Iconic Project, a small gym has also been installed at the Mental Hospital

in Aradura, underscoring the importance of supporting mental health infrastructure with dignity and encouraging physical well-being for patients. Additionally, plans are underway to construct a pay-and-use toilet at the outdoor gym, a move aimed at promoting hygiene and creating employment opportunities for local youth.

Speaking at the inaugural program, Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem emphasized that the gym is

strategically located in one of the busiest public spaces in the city, frequently visited by people of all ages, especially during morning and evening hours. "Health is wealth and this project is a step in the right direction in helping citizens take care of their well-being," he added.

The outdoor gym is located just below Kohima Law College, in the Heritage Area, and is open to all members of the public for use.

WANGPANG KONYAK INAUGURATES DPO'S OFFICES

Advisor, Department of Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak, inaugurated the District Programme Officer (DPO) Office Kiphire on 8th May 2025, in the presence of Secretary, Social Welfare, Bodeno S Colo and Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi.

Advisor, Wangpang Konyak expressed his happiness on the successful completion of the office building and urged the officers and staff to utilize it, and serve the downtrodden and vulnerable sections of the society

sincerely.

Tosheli Zhimomi exhorted the officers and staff to be sincere in their assigned duties.

After the inaugural programme, they proceeded for the inspection of various Social Welfare Centres at Kiphire town.

Advisor Wangpang Konyak also inaugurated the office building of District Programme Officer (ICDS) at Noklak on 29th May 2025.

ACHUMBEMO KIKON INAUGURATES KORO VILLAGE PLAY GROUND ROSTRUM

MLA and Chairman, SDPDB Bhandari, and Chairperson, Committee on Environment & Climate Change, Government of Nagaland, Achumbemo Kikon inaugurated a newly constructed Rostrum at the play ground of Koro village under Bhandari sub-division, Wokha on 9th May 2025.

During the inauguration, Kikon said

that the Rostrum, constructed under LADP 2024-2025, will serve not only Koro village but also the nearby villages and areas during social gatherings and sporting events. He also called on the villagers to appreciate the long felt developmental initiatives undertaken in their area and to maintain them properly as community

NAGALAND TOURISM DEPARTMENT INAUGURATES ENOPEN TOURIST RESORT & SERVICES BLOCK AT KHONOMA

The Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland inaugurated the

Enopen Tourist Resort & Services Block at Khonoma on 15th May 2025. Funded under

the North Eastern Council (NEC), the event was graced by Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, as the Special Guest.

The ceremony was also attended by North East Council members, Tenzing Norbu Thongdok and Longki Phangcho.



Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna and other dignitaries at the Enopen Tourist Resort & Services Block inauguration at Khonoma village, Kohima on 15th May 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE-CUM-ACADEMIC BLOCK AND FARMERS' FAIR INAUGURATED AT JALUKIE

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Administrative-cum-Academic Block and Farmers' Fair at the College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Jalukie, Peren on 15th May 2025 in the presence of Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, T.R. Zeliang, Minister for Rural Development and SIRD, Metsubo Jamir and other dignitaries.

Speaking at the event as the Chief Guest, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the newly

inaugurated Administrative-cum-Academic Building stands as a testament to the government's unwavering commitment to capacity building, scientific innovation, and self-reliance, and urged the students present to emerge as ambassadors of veterinary science, taking their knowledge to the remotest villages, tribal communities, and farming households across the state.

While addressing, Union Minister Chouhan announced that Rs. 380 crore will be sanctioned for farmers' welfare for the state of Nagaland. He also asked the

Government of Nagaland to prepare and come up with a detailed action plan related to Agriculture Development, and also assured that the Government of India will render all possible help for the overall development of the state.

Further, Chouhan advised the Government of Nagaland to form a core team for each district comprising students, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and University Professors who will visit and interact with the farmers at least twice a month to find out the problems faced by the farmers. In this way, it will be easy to find out agro-climatic suitable plant/crop varieties and animal varieties to improve the farmer's income, Chouhan stated.

Guest of honour at the event, T.R. Zeliang said emphasized on the acute shortage of Agricultural Research and Higher Educational Institutions in Nagaland, and this scarcity of institutions has created a real and growing sense of deprivation among the youth and farming communities, particularly given the untapped potential of the state in agri and allied sector, and the pressing need for region specific research, education and capacity building. Therefore, Zeliang made the following appeals for the kind consideration of the Union Minister:

1. To establish a Regional Research Centre on Natural Farming of Hill Agriculture in Nagaland, with emphasis on shifting cultivation systems, to enable science-based support for sustainable hill farming.
2. To approve the proposed College of Natural Farming at Yisemyong in Mokokchung under the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, to build much-needed academic and research capacity.
3. To consider setting up the College of Horticulture & Forestry and the College of Fishery, which would impart the necessary knowledge and guidance to the state and in the process augment the economy of the state in particular and be part of nation-building in general.
4. Sanction of six new KVKs in the newly created districts of Nagaland, to strengthen the last-mile delivery of agricultural knowledge, technologies, and support services to the farmers.

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, in his presidential address, said the event marks not just the expansion of academic infrastructure but a significant stride toward strengthening the rural economy and agricultural development in Nagaland. He emphasised this college must aspire to not only impart education but also become a centre of excellence and innovation, as well as community service.

T. R. ZELIANG INAUGURATES KEJANGLWA VILLAGE COUNCIL HALL

The Village Council Hall of Kejanglwa Village under Peren district, constructed under DUDA was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, T.R. Zeliang on 17th May 2025 in the presence of DC, Peren, Hiazu Meru and other officials.

In his inaugural speech, T.R. Zeliang said Nagaland has its own Village Council

System established under the Nagaland Village and Area Council Act, 1978, which gave us the Village Development Board (VDB). He suggested that the Village Council Hall should not be called as the Panchayat Hall.

Under Article 371 (A) of the Indian Constitution, Zeliang said, "we enjoy rights

for Religious and Social practices, Customary Law and Procedures, Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice". Maintaining that Village Council Court is the lowest and the highest court according to Zeliangrong Customary Practices, he said, 'If any individual or group goes to High Court or Supreme Court against the judgement given by the Village Council pertaining to land dispute, marriage or divorce cases and other social practices, such people are violating the customary system of the Zeliangrong tribe.'

With the posting of local officers in most of the District Head Offices, most importantly, the DC and SP, Zeliang pointed out that the Village Councils should have sincere concern and workout to streamline the customary system of governance with the support of the Civil Society Organisations and Tribal Bodies.

DC, Peren, Hiazu Meru, Kejanglwa, Village Council Chairman, Namrachang Hegui and Kejanglwa, Youth Organization President also spoke on the occasion.



Deputy CM, T. R. Zeliang with DC, Peren, Hiazu Meru and other officials during the inauguration of Kejanglwa Village Council Hall, under Peren district on 17th May, 2025.

COMMUNITY AMBULANCES DISTRIBUTED UNDER MPLADS IN DIMAPUR

A Community Ambulance Distribution Programme was held on 21st May 2025, at Neo Motors, Dimapur under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). The programme was graced by the Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojoshi Chang as the special guest.

Addressing the gathering, MP,

S. Supongmeren Jamir emphasized the importance of unity, humility, and accountability among Naga leaders to foster meaningful change in the state. He called on tribal Hohos, NGOs, and civil society organizations to actively engage with and assign responsibilities to elected representatives to ensure effective

participation in Parliament. Highlighting the challenges of an opposition-less government in Nagaland, he said democracy suffers in such a system and urged NGOs to play a guiding and watchdog role. Jamir also appealed for a collective effort to safeguard Naga identity, culture, and rights while resisting external pressures.

In his address, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang appreciated the MP's initiative in fulfilling a long-standing community need for ambulances, made possible through MPLADS. He described Dimapur as a 'Mini Nagaland' and called on all communities in the district to live in unity and cooperation. He assured that the MPLAD-funded ambulances would be used effectively for public welfare and stressed the importance

of collective efforts in achieving development goals.

Four community ambulances were officially handed over to Ao Senden, Mokokchung, Chakhroma Public Organisation, Chümoukedima, Eastern Naga Public Union Dimapur and Western Sumi Hoho, Niuland, Chümoukedima & Dimapur.

Representatives of the recipient organizations noted that the ambulances would significantly improve access to emergency medical care, especially in remote and underserved areas. They also assured responsible and judicious use of the vehicles for the benefit of the community. The ambulance distribution is part of a broader initiative to enhance emergency health response and accessibility across the region.



Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Spongmeren Jamir and Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang flagging off ambulances during the distribution ceremony at Neo Motors, Dimapur on 21st May 2025.

MOBILE VANS FLAGGED OFF AT KIPHIRE

Mobile Vans supported by NABARD to two FPOs were flagged off by P. Bulte, GM, NABARD, Nagaland along with Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS, at DC's Office Complex,

Kiphire on 22nd May 2025.

The programme was followed by implementation of RIPF Project and laying of Rural Haat Foundation Stone by DC, Kiphire.

INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR PROJECT OFFICER (ECONOMIC PLANT), TRAINING-CUM-PRODUCTION CENTRE AT SIRHIMA

An important initiative to enhance economic development in the State was marked with the inauguration of the newly constructed office building of the Project Officer (EP) at Training-cum-Production Centre, Sirhima, Chümoukedima district under the Department of Industries & Commerce. The new office building was inaugurated by P. Tokugha Sema, Director of Industries & Commerce, in the presence of officials from the Directorate, Project Officer and staff of the Training-cum-Production Centre, Village elders including Gaon Buras (GBs), Chairman and representatives from the Sirhima Village Council, Pastor of the Sirhima Village Baptist Church, and well-wishers from the local community on 29th May 2025.

In his keynote address, the Director commended the efforts of the Training-cum-Production Centre staff and encouraged them to re-dedicate themselves to achieving higher standards of excellence. He emphasized

the importance of scaling up citronella and lemon grass cultivation, the key economic plants in the region, urging the centre to intensify its efforts toward increasing yields and productions.

Highlighting the unique advantage that Nagaland holds in cultivating naturally organic citronella and lemon grass, the Director noted that the quality of locally produced citronella and lemon grass surpasses that of many commercial variants available in the market. He also pointed out its rising global demand and the potential for Nagaland to tap into the international essential oils market, thereby boosting rural income and sustainable livelihoods. He further urged the community to take collective responsibility in protecting and preserving Government infrastructure and assets, emphasizing that such developments are for the benefit of the entire State and the region.

CM, DR. NEIPHIU RIO INAUGURATES AGOK BADZE MULTI-UTILITY CENTRE AT MERIEMA

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Angami Gazetted Officers Krotho (AGOK) Badze at Meriema in Kohima on 29th May 2025.

In his address, the Chief Minister expressed his wish that the Centre would be a blessing not only to the Angamis but also to all Naga tribes and others. He noted that the government takes cognizance when officers' organizations provide guidance, and urged the Krotho to serve as a think tank for the

betterment of society.

Highlighting the importance of meritocracy, Dr. Rio mentioned the establishment of the Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) and the Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB). He acknowledged the intense competition in these areas and encouraged the Krotho to mentor and support young aspirants, as well as to promote skill development. Dr. Rio reminded AGOK members that the current generation

is reaping the blessings of their forefathers, who lived diligently, honestly, impartially, and with a broad-minded vision, and urged them to uphold the same values.

Delivering the welcome address, AGOK, President, Neilasa Sopfū shared that revenue generated from the Centre would be used to offer long-term soft loans to aspirants for coaching, skill development training, and for the maintenance of the AGOK Centre.

Er. Kezhazhelhou Theünuo, Convenor of

AGOK Badze presented a brief history of the Centre's construction. He informed that a management committee would be formed to oversee the operations of the Centre, which will be rented out for weddings, seminars, conferences, workshops, and other events. The Centre features an 800-seat hall, banquet hall, kitchen, guest rooms, bathrooms, and parking space for over 200 vehicles.

A host of dignitaries including Ministers, Advisors, and MLAs attended the event.

ZUNHEBOTO AND LONGLENG DPRO OFFICES AND APRO OFFICE AT PUNGRO INAUGURATED

Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen virtually inaugurated the newly constructed District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) Office buildings of Longleng and Zunheboto districts, and the APRO Office at Pungro on 31st May 2025 from the Office of DPRO, Mokokchung.

A formal function was held at the Office of DPRO Office, Mokokchung, to celebrate

the occasion. The programme was chaired by the Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong.

Director, Information & Public Relations, Dzüvinuo Theünuo delivered a short note on the various programmes taken up by the department.

The DPROs of Zunheboto and Longleng presented a brief overview of the office buildings.



Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, with Director, IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo and DIPR officials during the virtual inauguration of the Offices of the DPRO, Longleng and Zunheboto and Office of the APRO, Pungro held at DPRO's Office, Mokokchung on 31st May 2025.



Two members of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development North Eastern Region (DoNER), Tenzing Norbu Thongdok and Longki Phangcho, along with other officials at the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, Planning & Transformation Department, Kohima on 15th May 2025.



Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi with officials of Land Resources Department, Nagaland and five coffee entrepreneurs from Nagaland during their participation at Coffex Istanbul Expo 2025 held from 9th to 11th May 2025, Istanbul, Turkey.



Vice Chancellor & Director General, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi presenting a certificate to one of the state participants during the inaugural programme of Innovation NE Week, held at NIELIT Centre, Kohima on 26th May 2025.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio officially launching the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission in the presence of Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam, IAS and other dignitaries at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 29th May 2025.



Governor, La Ganesan with the officials of the Department of School Education during a review meeting with the department, held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 13th May 2025.

STATE ROUND-UP



Members of Film Association of Nagaland (FAN) with Filmmakers, Directors and Managing Board Members of International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT), India during the valedictory programme of the Two-Day IAWRT Travelling Film Festival, held at the Centre of Excellence for Music and Arts (CEMA) at Old Minister's Hill, Kohima on 3rd May 2025.



Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye with Secretary, Power, Asangla Imti and Association of Power Engineers Nagaland (APEN) & Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Association (FONSESA) Members during the General Conference of APEN 2025 at the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Power, Kohima on 21st May 2025.

DISTRICTS ROUND-UP



Development Specialist, JICA India, Sushma Sen Adarshi and JICA, India Representative, Ishikawa Saya with NEMP officials during the Mid-Term Review of JICA Mission at Mokokchung Division on 13th and 14th May 2025.



MLA, Er. Picto Shohe and other officials during the visit of the Young Professional from NITI Aayog, Ngayaipam A. Shimray at Akuhaito Aspirational Block, Zunheboto on 28th May 2025.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio along with his colleagues during the inauguration of the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow at Mokokchung on 2nd May 2025.



Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, along with Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang and other officials, during the inaugural ceremony of Administrative-cum-Academic Block and Farmers' Fair at the College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Jalukie, Peren on 15th May 2025.