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Home Minister, India, Rajnath Singh formally inaugurating the 19^{th} edition of the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1^{st} December 2018.



Governor, P. B. Acharya with officials on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 7th December 2018.



Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Temjen Toy IAS launching the mobile app 'nGPF24X7' at the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kohima on 6th December 2018.

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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED AT AG

The Deputy Accountant General (A&E) in an office memorandum has informed that the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) has constituted a "Grievance Redressal and Feedback Committee for Entitlement Functions" with the following members:

- i. Joseph K. A, Senior Accounts Officer. Mobile No. 9436216580 e-mail: agaenagaland@cag.gov.in (for Pension related matters)
- ii. Arup Roy, Senior Accounts Officer. Mobile No. 9436601437
 e-mail: agaenagaland@cag.gov.in (for Gazetted Entitlement matters)
- iii. Akum Chuba, Senior Accounts Officer. Mobile No. 9436005112 e-mail: agaenagaland@cag.gov.in (for GPF related matters)

The duties and function of the Committee shall be:

- i. To assist the endeavour of office to improve the quality of services being provided to the stakeholders.
- ii. To address query on any entitlement functions (GE, GPF, Pension) discharged by this office.
- iii. To guide and assist officials/pensioners for matters pertaining to GE/GPF/Pension.
- iv. To scrutinize the feedbacks and recommend necessary action thereof.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON GST

The State Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has made the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department (Revenue Branch) F.NO. FIN/REV-3/GST/I/08 (Pt-I)(Vol.1)/262, dated the 13th September 2018, namely:

In the said notification, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided further that nothing in this notification shall apply to the supply of goods or services or both from a public sector undertaking to another public sector undertaking, whether or not a distinct person, with effect from the 1st day of October 2018."

STATE MEDICAL BOARD CONSTITUTED FOR GAZETTED OFFICERS

The State Medical Board consisting of the following officers has been constituted for the purpose of confirmation, invalidation, commutation of pension etc. in respect of the Gazetted Officers of the State Government as well as of the Central Government Staff posted in Nagaland:

- 1. Principal Director
- 2. Managing Director NHAK
- 3. Medical Specialist NHAK
- 4. Eye Specialist NHAK
- 5. Surgical Specialist NHAK
- 6. M&G Specialist NHAK (In case of lady officer being a candidate)
- 7. ENT Specialist NHAK

- Chairman
- Member Secretary
- Member
- Member
- Member
- Member
- Member

OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

The Medical Board will be held on the following dates in the Office Chamber of the Managing Director, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) as shown below:

- 1. 05th February 2019 (1st Board) 10:00 am (Tuesday) 2. 07th May 2019 (2nd Board) 10:00 am (Tuesday)
- 3. 06th August 2019 (3rd Board) 10:00 am (Tuesday)
- 4. 05th November 2019 (4th Board) 10:00 am (Tuesday)

All the Heads of Departments have been requested to send the Name(s) and Particulars of the intending candidates for the above purpose for which he/she desires to appear before the Board to the Managing Director, NHAK before 7 (seven) days of the scheduled dates as indicated above. Candidates coming to appear before the Board directly without prior information to the Managing Director, NHAK will be summarily rejected.

CMO KOHIMA NOTIFIES

Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Ritu Thurr in a circular has informed all the Heads of Department that dates and months for Medical Board Examination for confirmation of service, invalidation and commutation of pension etc. for grade - III & IV would be held in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Kohima (Para Medical Colony) under the chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer, Kohima. The scheduled dates are as follows:

- 1. 7th February 2019 (Thursday) - 9:30 am
- 2. 9th May 2019 (Thursday) - 9:30 am
- 3. 8th August 2019 (Thursday) - 9:30 am
- 4. 7th November 2019 (Thursday) - 9:30 am
- NB: 1. Medical Board will sit on the next day if holidays falls on the above mentioned dates.
 - 2. The Heads of Department have been requested to kindly inform their concerned DDOs and the list of candidates along with one office contact number to be sent to the office in advance.

RTI OFFICIALS DESIGNATED FOR CS OFFICE

Chief Secretary in a notification has informed that the following officers have been designated as Appellate Authority (AA), Public Information Officer (PIO) and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) in respect of Chief Secretary's Office.

- 1. C. Khanyang Imlong, Deputy Secretary
 - Appellate Authority
- 2. Atosheli, Under Secretary - PIO
- 3. Tsusola T. Yimchunger, Secretariat Assistant APIO

NEW SECRETARY TAKES OVER AT RAJ BHAVAN

Dinesh Kumar, IAS assumed charge of the office of the Secretary to Governor, Nagaland on 14th December 2018. All correspondence/letters intended for the Secretary to Governor may be addressed to Dinesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Kohima, 797001. email: secy.rajbhavannagaland@gmail.com. Telephone numbers: 0370 2242917 (0), 0370 2242898 (Fax).

19[™] EDITION OF HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2018 Rajnath Singh Graces Hornbill Festival 2018

The 19th Hornbill Festival was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 1st December 2018.

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Home Minister of India, Rajnath Singh while addressing the gathering said "Hornbill Festival is a glimpse of the Indian spirit of the happy, peaceful coexistence of the multiplicities." He also said that the demonstration of unity and diversity is what India is all about. He commended the State Government for expanding the festival to other parts of the state. He also added that it is a festival that offers unique opportunity not only to different tribes of the state to interact with one another and exhibit their cultural heritage but also with those from the neighbouring and other states in the true spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat".

Rajnath added that the North Eastern Council (NEC) has also funded the infrastructure for the Margaret Shishak School of Music at Patkai Christian College, Dimapur. He also said that the state is going to get its first medical college for which the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has sanctioned Rs. 300 Crores and also NEC has funded setting up of a North East Regional Multi Disciplinary Paramedical Institute, Dimapur at a cost of ₹4981.31 lakhs.

Nagaland Governor, P. B. Acharya in his speech stated that Nagas deserve appreciation for making the Hornbill as one of the most talked about cultural festivals in the country. This festival has acquired fame because of the enthusiastic participation of all tribes of Nagaland, he stated.

Nagaland can be economically strong, self sufficient in food and a prosperous state by creating wealth out of our natural resources which are abundant in the state. Our educated youths have to be an asset. They, only by changing their mindset, taking care of our villages, addressing our needs, can make Nagaland a prosperous state, the Governor further added.

The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio in his speech, said that over the last 19 years, the Hornbill Festival has become one of the most important tourism events, not only in India but also worldwide. He also added that tourism has the potential to be the mainstay for the state's economy. He thanked the Union Minister Rajnath Singh, US Ambassador Kenneth Juster who was also present for the opening ceremony at the festival.

Dignitaries attends Hornbill Festival 2018

The first day of the Hornbill Festival was graced by the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National University Centre for Arts (IGNUCA), Dr. Sachindanand Joshi was the chief guest for the 3rd day cultural extravaganza. Rev. Fred Nile, ED Member of Legislative Council, Australia graced the Hornbill Festival on the 4th day at Naga Heritage Village, while the evening session was graced by Secretary, Tourism Department, Government of Telangana, B. Venkatesham (IAS).

The morning session of day 5 'Cultural Connect' was graced by Principal Director, Investigation, North-East Region, Sanjay Bahadur; Principal Commissioner, Income Tax Kolkata, Mithilesh Jha; Ambassador of India to Slovenia, Paramjit Mann and Brigadier Ajay Pasbola, and in the afternoon session, Union Minister, Tourism, K. J. Alphons was the chief guest and special guest was W. R. Reddy (IAS) Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Ministry of Rural Development.

Day 6 of the event was graced by chief guest, Governor of Mizoram, Kummanam Rajasekhar and special guest was Major General V. K. Mishra, while

the afternoon session of the cultural program was graced by Air Marshal Raghunath Nambir, AVSM VM and BAR, AOC-in-Chief Eastern Air Command and S. Snehalatha Principal Accountant General, Accounts and Entitlement (TS) Telangana as the honoured guest.

On the 7th day at Kisama, the event was graced by Minister of State, Tribal Affairs, Jasvantsinh Bhabhor. The chief guest on the 9th day of the Hornbill festival celebration at Kisama was SM, General Officer, Commanding 3 Corps, Lt. General, Gopal. R. AVSM. The closing ceremony of the cultural extravaganza at the 19th Hornbill Festival, Kisama was graced by the Italian Consul General, Kolkata, Damiano Francovigh.

Hipfest 2018

Hornbill International Photo Fest (Hipfest) was officially inaugurated by Advisor IPR, SCERT and Village Guards, Toshi Wungtung with the theme 'Colours of Nagaland' at Heritage Village on 1st December 2018. Photography and Art exhibition was organised by the Department of Information & Public

Advisor IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung and others at the inaugural of the HIPFEST at Kisama on 1st December 2018.

Relations and Eastern Art Council and supported by Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland.

Altogether, 57 artists and photographers participated in the exhibition. This year a total of 153 photos and art were on display, out of which 15 participants were female.

Sara Lorin and Chenogi Tep were declared as the winners in the category of Seniors and Juniors respectively. Achano Tungoe and Samrat Sengupta grabbed the 2nd and 3rd position while Sophy Lasuh and Njune Lorin were adjudged as the consolation prize winners in the Seniors Category. Kenyuhile Lorin and Kikruleno Casavi grabbed the 2nd and 3rd position in the Juniors Category. The prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners of the Senior Category were Rs. 40000, Rs. 20000 and Rs. 10000 respectively, and two consolation prizes of Rs. 5000 each. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the Junior Category were Rs. 10000, Rs. 5000 and Rs. 2000 respectively.

Hortiscape 2018

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton inaugurated Hortiscape on 1st December, 2018 at Kisama. A State



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STATE ROUND UP



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Advisor Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan along with other officials of Horticulture department and Longkhum Village Council during the handing over of Tata Yodha Vehicle to Longkhum Vegetable Village at a function held at Hortiscape, Kisama on 3rd December 2018.

level Exhibition-cum-Competition was organised in various categories.

Under Flowers Category, the various subcategories were Ferns & Foliage, Cacti & Succulents, Indigenous Foliage & Flowers, Bulbs & Tubers, Orchids (Indigenous), Orchids (Hybrid), Bonsai, Annuals & Biennale and Flower arrangements (Fresh).

The Fruits Category consisted of Oranges, Pineapple, Banana, Kiwi, Lime & Lemon, Papaya and Guava. The Vegetables Category consisted of Cabbage, Cucurbits, Broccoli, Leafy vegetables, Radish and Leguminous.

The various sub-categories under Spices were Naga mircha, Ginger, Turmeric, Garlic, Leek (Khuve) and Tree tomato.

On 3rd December 2018, Advisor Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan handed a truck to Longkhum Vegetable Village under the Tata Yodha Vehicle programme, at a function held at Hortiscape. Joint Director, Horticulture, Quotovi Wotsa in his short speech said Vegetable

Village has been launched in almost all the villages of Kohima, Tuensang, Phek and Mokokchung. He said that Longkhum Vegetable Village is a model vegetable village which is producing tomatoes, cabbage and chillies and has link to the markets. He was hopeful that the famers of the village will focus on producing only organic vegetables and fruits and said if their produces are infected with diseases and virus, they should report the matter to the labs in Mokokchung.

Traditional Evening Park at Kigwema inaugurated



Traditional Evening Park at Kigwema local ground as part of the Hornbill Festival on 3^{d} December 2018.

As part of the Hornbill festival, the Kigwema Youth Organisation initiated Traditional Evening Park which was an Extension of Hornbill festival in collaboration with the Government of Nagaland at Kigwema Local Ground on 1st December 2018. The event was inaugurated by Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha.

Speaking on the occasion, Neikha expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Kigwema villagers for coming out with an innovative idea by way of venturing traditional evening

park during the time of Hornbill festival. He urged the villagers to continue this as an annual event so that the neighbouring villages will also come forward to join hands in the coming years. Altogether 42 stalls were set up by self help groups.

Naga Chef 2018

As part of the 19th Hornbill Festival 2018, the Naga Chef competition was organised by Synergy Group Enterprise at Kisama, from 19th November 2018, out of which only four finalists were selected amongst 12 participants after the rounds of elimination. Judges for the Naga Chef 2018 were Alemjungla Jamir, Joel Basumatri and Rovi Chase along with a Guest Judge.

Vikhuli Achumi from Dimapur was declared as the winner and won a cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh and a certificate, while the top three runners up were Lipok Longkumer, Dennis Suohu and Mhomo Ngullie.

IGNC Exhibition Workshop

Indira Gandhi National Centre (IGNC) for the North East Regional Centre presented an exhibition, workshop, academic discovery and talk series on Naga Ornaments and display of photographic collection from the cultural archives of INGCA in collaboration with Department of women Resource Development, Government of Nagaland from 1st to 10th December 2018, coinciding with Hornbill festival at WW-II Museum, Kisama. The inaugural program was graced by Advisor, Tourism, H. Khehovi Yepthomi on 1st December 2018.

Artists' Corner 2018

The Department of Art & Culture in association with NEU Naga Art Foundation organised Artists' Corner from 1st to 10th December 2018 coinciding at Kohima World War-II Museum premises, Kisama. The Exhibition-cum-Sale Artists' Corner was inaugurated by Advisor, Art & Culture, Tourism, H. Khehovi.

Officials from the department said that the main purpose of setting up an Artists' Corner at Kisama is to promote and encourage local artists

in order to harness their creative potential. The Department organises this event as an annual event so as to facilitate upcoming artists, thereby promoting professionalism in the field of art and culture.

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Altogether, 33 local artists from Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung contributed their paintings for sale as well as for exhibition. A painting competition for school students was held on 3^{rd} December 2018.

Hornbill Half Marathon 2018

Mikiyas Yemata of Ethiopia won the eight edition of Hornbill Half Marathon held near Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd December 2018. He crossed the finish line in 1 hour 12 minutes and 51 seconds.

I. Mosa Chang, who was the winner of the previous edition, came second with a timing of 1 hour 13 minutes and 16 seconds. Hempao M won the third place.

Altogether 133 runners participated in the competition including three from Ethiopia. The Champion received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000. The 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} place winners received Rs. 20,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5000 respectively including certificates.

I&C holds Nagaland Buyer-Seller Meet

The Department of Industries & Commerce in collaboration with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) organised Nagaland Buyer-Seller Meet at Bamboo Hall, Kisama on 2nd December 2018 with Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba Jamir as the guest of honour.

Addressing the delegates, the guest of honour conveyed Hornbill greetings to all the delegates coming from neighbouring countries and participants at the programme. Stressing on the importance of Look East Policy, he said the South East Asian countries begins from the north east and the state of Nagaland serves as the main corridor connecting with the South East Asian countries. Generally, "we are considered **10** THE WARRIOR

as backward for which we are placed under special status category but in terms of potentiality and talent, we are neither backward nor inferior to none," he said.

Delegates from Bangladesh, Imamuz Zaman of India, Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman, Nepal Herbs & Herbal Products Association, Govinda Prasad Ghimire and Bhutan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Namgyel Wangmo addressed the meet.

1st People's Festival at Khezhakeno

The 1st People's Festival at Khezhakeno, as part of the Hornbill festival was held at Chida from 1st to 10th December 2018. The closing function was held on 10th December with S. Kepfhelhou Ladu, VCC Kezhakeno as the chief host and Additional Secretary, Kevekha Kevin Zehol as the guest speaker.

Kevekha Kevin Zehol congratulated the President and his colleagues from the Khezhakeno Youth Organisation (KYO), the Chief Host, VCC Khezhakeno and the people of Khezhakeno in general for the successful completion of the 10 days festival despite the meagre fund at disposal and also amidst various constraints. In the near future, with the celebration of the Festival, other economic activities like catering, showcasing and sale of local agroproduce can be promoted, he said. Kephfelhou Ladu, Village Council Chairman thanked the 5th NAP and Phek DEF for maintaining law and order.

Fire Making Competition 2018

Litsase Sangtam representing Sangtam tribe emerged as the undisputed winner amongst the 12 participants competing in the traditional fire making, organised by Department of Youth Resources & Sports in collaboration with Tourism department as part of the 19th Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 3rd December 2018. Lhoupe Tepfo from Chakhesang tribe clinched the second position and unfortunately, no one could make it to the third position within the stipulated time. The 1st and 2nd winners pocketed Rs. 7000 and Rs. 5000 respectively.

Naga traditional fire making is an annual event which is organised every year by the department of Youth Resources & Sports in support with the Tourism department. It is an indigenous games practiced by all Naga tribes, usually menfolk. Altogether 12 participants representing different tribes competed for the coveted title.

Off Road Challenge 2018

The Hornbill Off Road Challenge 2018 was held at Zarü river, Mima Village on 4th December 2018. Altogether 10 participants took part in the event which was organised by Nagaland Adventure and Motor



Various activities were held at the 1st People's Festival at Khezhakeno, as part of the Hornbill Festival held form 1st to 10th December 2018.

Sports Association in collaboration with Government of Nagaland as part of the Annual Hornbill Festival 2018 and sponsored by JK Tyre.

Team No.1 comprising of Aviu Rutsa/Neiketoulie Meyase in Car No.57 and Ruokuobetuo/Pete in Car No.53 were adjudged as the Champions which was followed by Team No.5 with Yanger Lushang/Maken Lepden in Car No.60 and Bento Swu/Bovito Kiho in Car No.59 and Team No.3 with Ikwetheing/Kenrak Thou in Car No.66 and Irietui/Elu in Car No.71 in second and third place respectively. Abemo Yanthan Car No.54 was awarded the Best Spotter while Aviu Rutsa Car No.57 was awarded the Best Off Road rig title.

Stilt Bamboo Race 2018

As part of sports 2018 entertainment in the Hornbill Festival 2018, the Stilt Bamboo Race organised by the Youth Resources & Sports Department was held at Kisama Main Arena on the 5th December 2018. A total of 14 participants from each tribe took part in the event.

It may be noted that the race is a sport played by the menfolk to race amongst themselves to test their strength, skill and flexibility. After two heats of race, the three winners of Stilt Bamboo Race 2018 were Wera Krome from Chakhesang tribe who emerged as the winner while Tosa from Konyak tribe and Imrongtoba from Ao tribe bagged the 2nd and 3rd positions.

Revival of Akikiti displayed at Kisama

On the 6^{th} day of the 19^{th} Hornbill Festival, Sumi kick fight 'Akikiti' was held at the Amphitheatre on 6^{th} December 2018 at Kisama.

Akikiti is a form of a vicious martial art where soles of your feet are your only weapon and your only defense. It is initially played as an amusement game for men and also used to settle disputes between two parties or individuals whenever it arises but now it can be categorised as athletics. The game grabbed some interest and popularity among the Nagas and Sumis when it was featured on a BBC Television show with fighters from UK and USA competing for glory against the tribal champions at Shesulimi village under Pughoboto.

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There were four matches - in junior category, the winners were Hito from Chisolimi village and Vika from Mukalimi village. In senior category, the winners were Itoka from Awolimi and Shekuto from Mukalimi village.

1st Hornbill Pistol & Rifle Shooting Competition

The 1st Hornbill Pistol & Rifle Shooting Competition was held at 4th NAP Firing Range, Thizama, Kohima on 3rd December 2018.

In the Rifle 50m event, Khrietsolie Seyie bagged the first prize with 34 points; Michael Rhakho with 29 points and Dzuvimeno with 27 points won the 2nd and 3rd places respectively. In the 20m Pistol event, Israel G Xuivi shot 78 points securing him the first prize. Shalo Kin with 60 points and Otoka Yeptho with 49 points won the 2nd and 3rd prize respectively.

Altogether 22 people participated. Veteran marksman, Vimeho, 76 years of age was the oldest shooter in the competition.

HIMF 2018

The much awaited Hornbill International Music Fest (HIMF) 2018 was declared open by Consultant, Music Task Force, Gugs Chishi on 1st December 2018 at Agri Expo Dimapur.

Perfect Strangers from Bengaluru emerged as the winner of Hornbill International Rock Contest 2018, held from 5th to 8th December. Chief Minister Nagaland, Nephiu Rio handed over the prize money of Rs.10 lakh to the jubilant winning band. UDX from Nagaland bagged the 1st runner up position along with the most promising Naga band while Ambush from Assam walked away with the 2nd runner up position and received Rs. 3 lakh and Rs. 2.5 lakh respectively. Individual winners for the best drummer was bagged **12** THE WARRIOR

by Mingmalamu Tamang from Vishnu band, best guitarist - Nash Longkumer from UDX, best bassist-Shalini Mohan from Perfect Strangers and best vocalist- Lewang Dorjee from Meraki band.

On 4th December 2018, more than 8000 K-POP fans, especially teenagers flooded the Agri Expo site to witness the pre-debut concert of South Korean K-POP, MONT as they took the stage and performed at the Hornbill International Music Festival 2018. The crowd, mostly teenagers were seen holding banners with the names of the Korean singers written on it and swaying to every beat as the band belted out Hindi songs and their pre-release numbers. Dimapur witnessed one of the biggest crowds in recent times at an open air concert.

Naga King Chilli Eating Competition 2018

Naga King Chilli Eating Competition is organised as an annual event of the Hornbill festival. It is considered as one of the most spectacular events witnessed by hundreds of spectators every year. This competition is being organised in order to promote the famous Naga King Chilli to the outside world. The event was managed by XL Nagaland and was sponsored by Horticulture department and supported by Oking Hospital and Research Centre, Kohima.

Akho from Phek district emerged as the undisputed winner of Naga King Chilli Eating Competition held at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 7th December 2018. He finished five hot Naga king chillies and emerged as the winner in the local category. The 2nd position was bagged by Seintong from Peren and the 3rd position was bagged by Aku Khamo from Kohima. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd position received Rs. 20,000, Rs.15,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively. Seiminlal from Peren and Keneiselhou Viyie from Kohima bagged the 4th and 5th position and pocketed a sum of Rs. 5000 each.

Altogether eight participants in the local category and four participants including one lady in the tourist category took part in the competition.

WWII Peace Rally 2018

The World War II Peace Rally which was organised by Nagaland Adventure & Motor Sports Association (NAMSA) to commemorate the Battle of Kohima was held on 6th December 2018. The flagging off ceremony began at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima.

The list of the winners are as follows: Most Original Vehicle (Most prestigious prize) was won by Jeep No.2 from Dimapur and pocketed a sum of Rs. 1,50,000; Best Maintained Vehicle was won by Jeep No. 3 from Meghalaya and pocketed a sum of Rs. 70,000; Best Ladies Squad was won by Jeep No. 5 and pocketed a sum of Rs. 30,000; Best Uniformed Squad was won by Jeep No. 3 from Meghalaya and pocketed a sum of Rs. 30,000; Best Weaponry Team was won by Jeep No. 6 and pocketed a sum of Rs.20,000; Best Tourism Promotional Team was won by Jeep No. 8 from Myanmar and pocketed a sum of Rs. 20,000; Best Disciplined Squad was won by Jeep No. 7 and pocketed a sum of Rs. 20,000; Best Scout of the day was won by Jeep No. 4 from Jowai and pocketed a sum of Rs. 10,000 and Most Promising Team was won by Jeep No. 1 from Kohima and pocketed a sum of Rs.10,000/-

Altogether 12 Jeep vehicles with four participants from each Jeep participated at the WW II Peace Rally.

Hornbill Riders Meet 2018

Around 350 riders from across the country and a couple from outside the country, together with hundreds of riders from Nagaland took part in the 7th Edition of Hornbill Riders Meet. The event was organised by Nagaland Motorcycle Club as part of the Hornbill Festival 2018. Hornbill Riders' Meet began on the 7th of December and concluded on the 9th of December with the riders making a final ride to Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

The riders camped at Thizama, Kohima for the two-day event where several events like live music, DJ Night and traditional games kept the riders entertained. The Riders also rode to Puliebadze on the

8th of December and later in the evening, visited the Night Carnival at Kohima.

The Hornbill Riders Meet 2018 saw riders from the whole of North East along with riders from

other parts of the country and a few from outside the country including one rider from Bhutan and one from Japan.

Glocal Hornbill International Film Festival 2018

The two day GLOCAL Hornbill International Film Festival 2018 began on 8th December 2018 at Bamboo Hall, Kisama. The Eastern Art Council presented the event with the support of IPR, Tourism, the Portrait Studio, Broadcast Media & Graphics and Miracle Post, Myanmar.

The GLOCAL International Film Festival screened short films from America, Latvia, Myanmar, Nagaland and other north eastern states. In addition to screening of short films, animations and documentaries,

workshops and seminars were also included. The works of Heather Layton from USA and Wunna Kyaw from Myanmar were also featured.

Films screening began with six International Award Winning Films from Myanmar - 'Insomniacs' directed by M. Noe; 'Better late than never' by Ahkhee Chelsea; a short film by Ko Jet 'Suppose;' 'Buffalo Boat' by Kaung Myat Thu Kyaw and Myat Esi Mon; 'Home' by Kaung Sint and '528' by Moses Marks.

The other highlights of the films shown on the last day of the film festival were the 'Bosti Mechanic' produced by Mhonlumo Kikon and Iris Yingzen, a short film by Sophy Lasuh from Nagaland, 'At the fat of the motherland' by Dominic Savio, 'Ah' by Napoleon Thanga from Mizoram, 'The Snack List' - Alyce Rogers and Janis Skulme from Latvia.

NSLSA Stall at the Hornbill Festival

International Film Festival at Kisama on 8th Decemebr 2018.

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) opened Legal Services stall at the Hornbill Festival, Kisama with the purpose of spreading legal awareness for the general public and to provide free legal aid to the downtrodden and the weaker section of the society.

The Legal Services Stall was inaugurated by Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court. In his inaugural address, he encouraged the NSLSA to continue the good work of reaching out to the poor and the needy. He was accompanied by Justice A. S. Bopanna, Chief Justice Gauhati High Court & Patron-In-Chief, NSLSA; Justice Ajit Singh, Chief Justice Gauhati High Court (Retd.); Justice A. K Goswami; Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Gauhati High Court & Executive Chairman, NSLSA; Justice Ujjal Bhuyan Judge Gauhati High Court; Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad, Chief Justice Manipur High Court; Justice L. S. Jamir, Judge Manipur High Court and the Nagaland Judicial Officers.



The stall wass manned by the Coordinators and Panel Lawyers of the NSLSA, Panel Lawyers KDLSA, Para Legal Volunteers of NSLSA and the students of the Kohima Law College. Some of the activities carried out in the stall were distribution of pamphlets, booklets, providing free legal counselling, preparing affidavits and drafting of applications free of cost. The lawyers and volunteers also visited different morungs with the pamphlets and booklets (Local dialect) and informed the visitors of the services which are

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Tug of War Competition

rendered in the Legal Services Stall.

The competition saw 13 tribes with eight members from each tribe. Khiamniungan tribe emerged victorious at the Hornbill tug-of-war competition held at Kisama on 6th December 2018. The event was organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports.

The final match was played between Khiamniungan and Ao tribe. The 1st and 2nd winners were awarded Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively.

Go Cart Race 2018

As part of the 19th Hornbill festival 2018, the 2nd edition of the indigenous Go Cart racing by Go Travels Kohima, with the objective to promote the Naga indigenous game was held at PHQ junction on 8th December, 2018. The program was organised by the Department of Tourism in collaboration with Go Travels.

Altogether 27 teams with about 60 participants took part in the race. Teresa from Austria, Laura from Germany and Daniel from Czech Republic also took part in the indigenous Go Cart race.

Lhuvi Vakha and Mhasi Mor grabbed the first position with Neikhrievoto Mejura and Khriedi Mejura coming in second and Ngopisa Temi and Sorhovito Rote at third position. Yasukha Kath and Senyamu Kath won the best design and costume for their Go Cart.

Traditional Shot-Put Competition 2018

Traditional Shot-Put competition was organized at Kisama with participants from 15 tribes on 9th December 2018. The stone used weighed 20 Kg.

Likho Sangma from Garo tribe emerged as the Champion with a throw of 16.6 ft and received a cash prize of Rs. 7000. Keleseho from Angami tribe won the second position with a throw of 15.8 ft. and received Rs. 5000, and third position was secured by Chinglei from Phom tribe with a throw of 15.7 ft. who received Rs. 3000.

Shot-Put is a very popular game played by the menfolk which determines the strength and techniques of a participant. The event was organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports and supported by Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland.

NWVA Food Stall at Kisama

A food stall was run by Nagaland Women Voluntary Association (NWVA) at Kisama Heritage Village as part of the 10 day Hornbill celebration. The stall offered buffet for both vegetarians and nonvegetarians.

The Association comprised of the wives of state legislators, female AHoDs and female HoDs. The funds from the profits are being used for charity works in the state especially during Independence Day and Republic Day.

"Say No to Plastic" at Kisama

A stall "Coming Generation Kohima" was run by young upcoming entrepreneurs at Bamboo Pavilion, Kisama with its products tagged "Nagaland says no to plastic."

It was an innovative idea initiated by the young upcoming generation with an intended vision to use other perishable and degradable items instead of plastic bags. The main purpose of setting up stall at

this festive season in line with the Hornbill festival is to do away with the use of plastic bags and other nondegradable items which we often discard after use. It is also to promote and encourage use of degradable items which in turn make our environment ecofriendly and free from soil, water and air pollution.

The products displayed at the stall were made of coconut and betel leaves. Cloth bags, spoons, fork, paper bags etc. were some items available for sale.

Touching Lives - The Hornbill Stall with a Difference

Among the hundreds of stalls at the Heritage Village, Kisama, one stall stood out and made a difference in the lives of many. The Nagaland Police Welfare Centre stall, set up under the initiative of Nagaland Police showcased a number of handmade products ranging from hand woven baskets to colourful ladies jewellery and collectible souvenirs made by the jawans themselves from various battalions spread across the state. The money earned from the sale of the items displayed goes to the Nagaland Police Welfare Fund which in turn is used to help the families and children of Nagaland Police personnel in times of need. The Nagaland Police Welfare Fund has made a huge difference in the lives of many police personnel by providing financial aid.



Nagaland Police Welfare Centre at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama.

Cock-Fight Competition

As a part of sports entertainment extravaganza, the Cock-Fight, an indigenous game was showcased by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports at the main arena, Kisama on 8th December 2018.

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The cock fight is a traditional game played by most of the tribes in Nagaland. The traditional game determines the agility, endurance and smartness of a person. A total of 14 participants from the tribes of Garo, Sangtam, Kachari, Zeliang, Pochury, Chakhesang, Angami, Konyak, Kuki, Ao, Chang, Sumi, Phom and Khiamniungan participated in the game. Roteh Konyak from the Konyak tribe emerged as the champion, while Seikholet from Kuki tribe and Chinglei from Phom tribe bagged the 2nd and 3rd position, and received cash prizes of Rs. 7000, Rs. 5000 and Rs. 3000 respectively.

Department of Agriculture bids farewell to Retiring Director

The Department of Agriculture bade farewell to its retiring Director, G. Ikuto Zhimomi on 30th November 2018 at Agriculture Directorate Conference Hall, kohima

Delivering his farewell speech, retiring Director, G. Ikuto Zhimomi said that he joined the Department in the year 1987. He stated that during his 35 years of service, he had the satisfaction of serving the people in general in various capacities because of the cooperation and support from the officers and staff of the department and encouraged the department to continue to serve the people with devotion especially farmers and to work hard for achieving higher. After the programme, he formally launched the official news bulletin (Agriculture News Letter 2017-2018) of the Department.

Principal Secretary and APC, Imkonglemba Ao, IAS in his short speech highlighted the various achievements of the department under the leadership of the outgoing Director. He urged the officers and



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Farewell programme of G. Ikuto Zhimomi, retiring Director of Agriculture was held at the Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima on 30th November 2018.

staff to emulate the spirit of team work for the success story.

Additional Director, C. Peter Yanthan described the outgoing Director as the most humble and God fearing person and congratulated him for successfully completing 35 years of service with good health.

Speech on behalf of ministerial staff was delivered by Registrar, Vilaseno; farewell song presented by Directorate officers and staff, speech on behalf of the outpost establishments was delivered by DAO Wokha, Santsü Kithan.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES 55th STATEHOOD ANNIVERSARY

The 55th Statehood Day was observed in a befitting manner on 1st December 2018 at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima.

Addressing the occasion, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio expressed gratitude, remembering the sacrifices and struggles of our founding fathers who conceptualized the idea of Naga nationalism and sovereignty. He mentioned that on 28th August 1962, the 13th Constitutional Amendment Act 1962 was passed by the Parliament and the President gave assent to the state of Nagaland Bill 1962 on 4th September 1962 for the creation of Nagaland as the 16th state of the Union of India. On the morning of 1st December 1963, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India inaugurated Nagaland as the 16th State of the Indian Union. On the occasion, the Chief Minister paid homage to the founding fathers and hope that their vision, principles, sacrifices and hard work continue to guide us in the coming days.

Rio mentioned that even after statehood, the armed conflict between the Naga groups and the

armed forces continued resulting in the loss of many precious lives. On 11th May 2018, the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) along with PDA legislators had a joint consultative meeting with Naga Tribal Hohos and civil society organisations and resolved to urge all Naga political groups to join the peace talks in order to achieve an inclusive solution. While the quest for a final settlement continues, the government is also committed to ensure Good Governance and Development in the state.

One of the key decisions taken is to end the VIP culture in the state and focus on transparency and accountability, he said. Today, all government departments have websites to make governance more accessible to the people through the use of technology. One of the top priorities of the present government has been to ensure better roads and the government is committed to making good quality roads not only in Kohima and Dimapur but in all district headquarters and other important places of the state. The government is also organising Mini

Hornbill festivals in all districts coinciding with the tribal festivals for promotion of tourism, he added.

A cabinet meeting was convened in the Aspirational District of Kiphire on 9th November 2018 where the cabinet decided to extend the model of better monitoring and supervision of government schemes to all districts by identifying one Aspirational Block in each of the remaining 10 districts.

With efforts of all stakeholders, Rural Nagaland has been declared Open Defecation Free on 2nd October 2018 ahead of the National Target. Very soon, Urban Nagaland will also be declared ODF.

On Health sector, Rio stated that Nagaland has completed the Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign with more than 97.5% coverage as the reports.

On Sports and Games, Dimapur hosted the first ever Ranji Trophy Match for Nagaland and Nagaland cricket team made a record by winning their first ever match. The state is also observing the centenary year of Dr. T. Ao, the legendary Naga footballer who captained the first Olympic football team of independent India to London and works on Dr. T. Ao Football Academy at Dimapur is being initiated.

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Altogether, seven contingents participated at the parade including DEF Kohima, 4th NAP Battalion, Village Guards Platoon 1 and 11 and IT Platoon 1, 11 & 111, Band Display by Police Brass Band, Police Pipe Band, VG Brass Band. The spectacular and magnificent Drill Display by 9 IR Mahilla Battalion and Weapons Handling by Nagaland Police was followed by petal dropping by Para Motor, Corporal, Vishal Kumar and spectacular sky diving by Indian Air Force. Nagaland at 55, a video presentation was screened by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations. 17 tribes gave a glimpse of their unique cultural performances.

CM UNVEILS NAYO SILVER JUBILEE MONOLITH

The Northern Angami Youth Organisation under the theme "Kemiatho Khrühe" celebrated 25th Anniversary-cum-Stone Pulling ceremony coinciding with the 19th Hornbill Festival at Northern Angami Centre, Chiephobozou on 5th December 2018 with the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio as the Chief Host and MLA Khriehu Liezietsu as the Co-Host.

The anniversary was celebrated with pomp and gaiety with thousands of men and women clad in traditional attires marking the celebration more eventful, colourful and remarkable not only for the well-wishers but also for the tourists coming from outside the state. The youth irrespective of young and old from all the villages under NAYO in their traditional attires carrying indigenous guns participated at the stone pulling thereby marking the event in a befitting manner.

At the formal programme, the Chief Minister of Nagaland and the Host of the event, Neiphiu Rio urged all the youths to have a set of vision and maintain unity and integrity as the symbol of their lives. He said the Naga society today has been divided into many organizations, both overground and underground and there is a difference in opinions and views even to the extent of smaller organisations. Therefore, he urged the youths to develop unity and understanding not only within themselves but also in the society at large.

MLA and Co-Host, Khriehu Liezietsu said jubilee is a time to remember the past achievements and also to rectify the mistakes committed hitherto. He further mentioned that jubilee is a time to forgive one another and introspect the future with unity and understanding.

NAYO 1st President, Prasilie Pienyu, President NAPO, Neiyalie Pfusenuo and President AYO, Neinguvotuo Krose also spoke on the occasion.

The Chief Minister also unveiled the monolith. Vice President, NAYO, Rukravolie Rulho chaired the programme at the inaugural programme while Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Kohima, Rev. Keviyiekielie Linyu invoked God's blessing at the stone unveiling ceremony. At the stone pulling ceremony, Member Organising Committee, Kekhrievolie Keyho chaired the programme, while Pastor, Baptist Church Chiechama, Rev. Sonei-u Metha invoked God's blessing.

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Governor attends Annual Executive and Governing body meeting of NEZCC

Governor of Nagaland and Chairman North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), P. B. Acharya addressed



Governor, Nagaland and Chairman of North East Zone Cultural Centre, P. B. Acharya along with the Executive and Governing Body members of NEZCC at Shilpgram, Guwahati on 17th December 2018.

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Addressing the meeting, Governor Acharya said that at present there are seven zonal cultural centres across the country to promote, pursue and preserve India's cultural heritage. On the other hand, at present 12,000 performance teams from different states of NE are registered with NEZCC, he said. The

Governor stressed that the ultimate goal of the zonal cultural centres is to strengthen equity and integrity. He said unity in diversity is the peculiarity of India.

Those present at the meeting were Prof. Laltluangliana Khinagte, Mizoram; M Lakshmikumar Singh, Commissioner. Art & Culture. Manipur; Y.W. Ringo, Secretary, Cultural Affairs, Arunachal Pradesh; Madhurima Sen, Secretary, Cultural Affairs. Assam; Ahola Those. Secretary, Art & Culture, Nagaland, other members from the North East and internal auditors of NEZCC from Mumbai.

WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVED

Kohima:

US Ambassador to India, Kenneth I. Juster graced the commemoration of 30th anniversary of World Aids Day as the chief guest on 1st December 2018 at High School junction Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest stated that each year, the United States government stand and supports the people living with HIV worldwide. He said that the theme for this year 'Live positively, know your HIV Status' is particularly appropriate as Indian government recently passed HIV Bill to safeguard the rights of the people living with HIV and to confront social stigmas that present obstacles, their efforts to live normal lives. He also appreciated the government of India, NSACS ,NGOs, health care providers and members of the community for their untiring efforts and their remarkable response in fighting against AIDS and HIV.

Speaking as the Chief Patron, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom stated that World AIDS Day was the first ever global Health Day which created opportunity for people across the world to unite in the fight against HIV and to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have lost their lives from AIDS-related diseases. He stated it is crucial to achieve the 90-90-90 targets, an ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS

epidemic, set by UNA1DS. In tune with this target, in April 2017, NACO initiated 'Test & Treat Policy' and as per this policy, all people tested as HIV positive are to be treated with ARV medicines immediately.

Pangnyu stated that under Nagaland State AIDS Control Society, activities are being carried out to improve and strengthen the testing facilities. In order to capacitate the existing manpower on HIV screening, trainings are being provided to ANMs and Lab Technicians,



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US Ambassador to India, Kenneth I. Juster speaking during the World AIDS Day at High School Junction, Kohima on 1st December 2018.

counsellors and outreach workers on HIV screening under the program of Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT) of HIV & Syphilis, efforts are being made to test all pregnant women for HIV and Syphilis.

Dr. Melissa Nyendak Brandon Chief Prevention, Care and Treatment-CDC said that "Getting tested for HIV is the first important step to know your status and to live life positively and knowing your status is an essential entry point to HIV care, support, treatment and prevention services."

Principal Secretary HFW and Chairman NSACS, I. Himato Zhimomi stated that Nagaland has a huge task to deal with the third highest rates of AIDS in the North East. He expressed his gratitude to the US Ambassador and his entourage for their support and efforts throughout the endeavour in fighting against the HIV and Aids.

Chubanungsang Kichu from Network of Kohima District People Living with HIV/AIDs also shared a message on his life testimony.

Tuensang:

Tuensang district observed World AIDS Day on 1st December 2018. The program was organised by the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Network of Tuensang PLHIV (NTDP+) in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and AHANA (NCPI+) under the theme "Know your status" held at Chang Khulei Setchang (CKS) Hall, Tuensang town.

SD0 (Civil) Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS who was the guest speaker stated that the department alone cannot control or prevent the spread of HIV/ AIDS and called upon the church leaders, NGOs and all the people of the area to take initiatives along with the department to disseminate awareness for the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

During the program, a briefing on the district scenario was delivered by Program Officer for (NETSU/NACO), Imsu Pongen. Legal Aid Services for PLHIV by Panel Lawyer, Soteth Anar spoke on the basic rights and shared words of encouragement.

The program was attended by CMO and staff, DAPCU staff, Panel Lawyer, church leaders, students and PLHIV.

Union Home Minister launches ERSS at PHQ Kohima

The Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh launched the Emergency Response Support System

(ERSS) at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 1st December 2018.

Launching the ERSS, the Union Home Minister congratulated the people of Nagaland, Nagaland Government especially the Nagaland Police, officials from MHA, M/o Woman and Child Development, D/o Telecommunication, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and all other stakeholders for their efforts in launching the ERSS project in Nagaland, the first state amongst the North-Eastern States to commence this project.

The Union Home Minister stated that half of the country's population consists of women and the countries where women are safe are considered strong. Therefore, a country to progress needs to provide a safe and secure environment to its women and facilitate their participation in all developmental activities.

To ensure safety and security of women, the Union Home Minister informed that the Government has taken various initiatives, such as a dedicated Division i.e. Women Safety Division created in the Ministry; Laws have been amended viz. relevant sections of Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure have been made harsh; Forensic laboratories have been modernized and their capacities have been augmented; Fast Track Courts have been established to deal with sexual assault related cases; Portals have been launched for National Data based on sexual offenders and cyber crime. Further in this connection, PAN India 24X7 helpline number 112 was launched.

To further strengthen and ensure the safety of women, Rajnath said that a SHOUT feature has been made available exclusively for women in '112 India' mobile app. Using SHOUT feature, women in distress will able to seek immediate assistance from nearby registered volunteers as well as from Emergency Response Center (ERC). This app upon activation will assist the First Responders in locating and tracking women in distress using GPS for effective response. He also said ERC has been set up in Kohima and three District Command Centers to offer this unified emergency service. Response Vehicles have been fitted with Mobile Data terminals (MDTs). On receipt of the SOS, the ERC can dispatch the nearest vehicle for assistance.

DGP John Longkumer said that the ERSS is an automated system to centrally handle all emergency requests from citizens in distress. A single phone call no. 112 will be required for all kinds of distress redressal, which is routed through the Interractive Voice Recording (IVR) and will be answered in the Integrated Control Room manned 24x7, called the Police Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which will provide the information to the District Coordination Centre (DCC). Depending on the type of emergency, it will be transmitted to the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) installed in their fleet of vehicles numbering 19 in the three districts.

Longkumer also said that the aim is to be the first responders in all kinds of distress situations in the shortest possible time and to provide help to the citizens in need. He informed that the Police Department have integrated their Police Highway Patrol Unit as well as the recently launched Tourist Police Unit into the network and added that following the Chief Minister directives, the department is embarking on a mission of visible policing.

National Dance and Music Day at Kisama

The NEZCC organised a National Dance and Music Day which was graced by Governor of Nagaland P. B. Acharya at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 2nd December 2018.

Speaking at the function, Governor Acharya said that NEZCC was established with the main objective of promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the NAMASTE NE States (N-Nagaland, A-Arunachal Pradesh, M-Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, A-Assam, S-Sikkim, T-Tripura and E-East). He added that North East is well known for its distinct culture and traditional lifestyle and offers a mixed culture of different religion. He further said that every tribal

group of these states has its own unique tribal culture, tribal folk dance, food and crafts. Though each tribe has its own identity, culture, tradition, people live in harmony and peacefully, he commented.

"Middles" by Monalisa Changkija released

The book titled "Middles" authored by renowned Naga poet, writer and journalist, Monalisa Changkija was released by NBCC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Zelhou Keyho at NDBA Hall, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 3rd December 2018.

Changkija describes "Middles" as story-telling but not fiction. 'Literature should provoke thoughts and reform human beings,' she said during the launch of the book and added that writers and poets should not only be answerable to the present but also to the future.

Chairperson of the program, Dr. Avinuo Kire who gave a brief profile about the author said that Monalisa Changkija is the only woman editor, proprietor and publisher of an English Daily 'Nagaland Page' in the North East. She was awarded the 2009 Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Mediaperson. On 14th December 2009, in commemoration of 25 years of Poetry, the Poetry Society of India awarded her for her remarkable contributions to poetry in Nagaland. In recognition of her esteemed accomplishments in the field of literature, the Naga Students Union Delhi presented her the NSUD Inspiration Award 2013. She was also awarded Nagaland Governor's Award for distinction in literature on 26th January 2014. She was awarded the 30th FICCI Woman Achiever of the Year 2013-2014 for outstanding contributions as a journalist by the FICCI Ladies Organization, Northeast Chapter on 26th April 2014.

Today, her poems are taught in the under graduate and post graduate English courses in Nagaland University. Nagaland Board of School Education has also introduced her poems in the Alternative English course for Class IX. The North East Hills University has also selected some of her poems for its M. Phil course.

WORLD DISABILITY DAY HELD

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Kohima:

World Disability Day program was held at Highland Park, Kohima on 3rd December 2018.

Governor Acharya addressing the gathering, stated that early identification and remedial steps are required to be taken and we need to have institutions with well trained teachers with dedication for Divyang people, he added. The Governor also opined that the needs of Divyang people should be given priority and addressed adequately by fostering collaborative action in key areas like healthcare, education, social services and employment, creating favorable conditions of work and opportunities both in public and private sector.

The Governor also appreciated the Nagaland Parents' Association for the Disabled, Department of Social Welfare and Nagaland State Legal Services Authority for playing a vital role in providing support and empowerment to people they represent and stand for. He encouraged all to strive and work together towards creating a society which is inclusive and equitable and where the rights and dignity of all people is recognized and fully realized.

Short speeches were also delivered by State Commissioner for Disabilities, Dr. Atha Vizol; Director, Social Welfare, Merangtsungba Aier and Member Secretary, NSLSA, Mezibolu T Therieh, NJS. The daylong event included Ballet Dance by Tabitha Enabling Academy, song by Jo Foundation, dance by Cherry Blossom School and G Rio School and entertainment by CJ.

Mokokchung:

Presentation of special songs, dance and musical display by children with disabilities were some the highlights of the program held at CURE

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Foundation Centre, Mokokchung on 3rd December 2018 to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under the theme 'Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality' organized by CURE Foundation, Mokokchung.

Delivering a short speech and prayer for PwDs during the program, Monglir, YE, MTBA maintained

that it is not for us to question why, but it is for us to overcome it through love and support. He pointed out that disabilities does not mean only about physical and mental attributes; it also include the weaknesses in characters and habits in every individual, and he urged the people not to judge the PwDs but to take them as equal with love and humility.

WORLD SOIL DAY OBSERVED AT KOHIMA



Viliehu Nguzhü, Director, Soil & Water Conservation in his short speech deliberated on how the observation of "World Soil Day" came into being with the initiative of International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and deliberated on the value of soil and the role of the department in its protection and preservation.

Department of Soil and Water Conservation observed the World Soil Day on 5th December 2018 at the Directorate conference hall, Kohima.

Speaking on the theme of the day "Greening

Department of Soil & Water Conservation observed World Soil Day on 5th December 2018 at the Directorate conference hall. It focused attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate sustainable management of soil resources. The day was formally observed as part of global awareness raising platform for sustainable development and reducing greenhouse gas emission. the Blue," Zhekheto Awomi, Additional Director reminded the gathering on the essence of soil not just for the agricultural sector but for the entire civilisation. He also spoke on the imminent threat posed to the humanity due to soil and water pollution resulting in food insecurity and global climate change.

MoU signed between Nagaland and Ministry of H&FW

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH & FW) and the Government of Nagaland on the 5th December 2018 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima. The MoU was signed to set up National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in Nagaland. The MoU was signed by Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, on behalf of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol and I. Himato Zhimomi, Principal Secretary, H&FW on behalf of Nagaland State in the presence of Preeti Sudan,

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Secretary to the Gol, MoH&FW.

Addressing the officials present during the occasion, Preeti Sudan congratulated the DoH&FW on the impressive performance of the state on the successful Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign (MRVC). She also ensured that she will take up the requests made by the state in relation to availability of alternate banking services at the grassroots, timely release of funds and facilities required with the Ministry as well as with the State Policy Makers.

A review of various health programs in the state was held, where Dr. Vizolie Suokhrie, Director (H&FW) made a presentation on

the achievements, gaps and way forward of the Department of H&FW in the state.

National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) is an institute under the Indian Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for research in epidemiology and control of



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communicable diseases.

Preeti Sudan was accompanied by Lav Agarwal, Joint Seretary, MoH&FW; Dr. Ashok Roy, Director, RRC-NES; Dr. L.A. Singh, Senior Regional Director, MoH&FW; Dr. Suchitra, Senior Consultant (QA), RRC-NES and Mandar Randive, Consultant (Policy), Gol.

NAGALAND HONEY BEE DAY OBSERVED AT DIMAPUR

The inaugural program of the 1st Nagaland Honey Bee Day was held at NBHM Multi Utility Centre 6th Mile Dimapur on 5th December 2018 with Minister Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu as chief patron of the inaugural program.

Neiba Kronu stated that Nagaland is one of the richest in biodiversity, and requested the Government of India to give special interest on the things where Naga people are good at. He mentioned that on the 1st Nagaland Honey Bee Day, the people should go forward and focus on making Nagaland a land of honey.

Success story by Chairman VBKC Yakor village Tuensang, Longkhangba; Zeliangrong Cultural Bee Dance by Nsong village; award distribution ceremony by Team member NBHM Neilazono Terhuja were some of the highlights of the program. The awards were given to the best painting, best photography, best village beekeeping community and best bee keeper in all the districts.

Er. Zhale Neikha graces Sekrenyi Festival at Jakhama

Sekrenyi, the premier festival of the Angami tribe was celebrated at Dzükozho, Jakhama village with Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Zhale Neikha gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest on 6th December 2018. The festival was organised by the Japfüphiki, Dobashi and Gaonbura during the Hornbill festival not only to showcase the rich culture and traditions of the Angamis to tourists from outside the state but also to build goodwill and understanding between the Dobashis and Gaonburas under Japfüphiki range.

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Er. Zhale Neikha in his address lamented on the gradual loss of knowledge in folk dance and songs amongst the present generation and exhorted the youngsters to preserve and protect their culture and traditions passed on to them by their forefathers.

A folk song, using Tati musical instrument was performed by the Jubilant Tribal Club, Kigwema and a folk dance was presented by the Zhotso Students Union, Jakhama during the occasion. The Sekrenyi program was chaired by Head DB, SDO(C) office Jakhama, Lhaliezhü. Invocation was pronounced by GB Khuzama, Medozeho Lüho. GB Pfuchama, President Japfüphiki GB Union, Chato Paphino and Jakhama Village Council Chairman also addressed the gathering.

Mobile App 'NGPF24X7' launched

The Office of the Principal Accountant General (A & E) Kohima launched a Mobile App 'nGPF24X7' on 6th December 2018 at the office meeting hall with Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, L. Temjen Toy, IAS as the chief guest and Principal Account General (A &E) Telangana, Hyderabad, S. Snehalatha, IA&AS as the special guest.

Chief Guest, L. Temjen Toy who launched the mobile App 'nGPF 24x7, in his address said, with the introduction of the mobile App 'nGPF 24x7, it can now move the department forward and also bring the state government closer to the department with more cooperation between the AG Department and the state government. He also said with digitalization, pension work can now be processed without any hazels and shared how GPF statement details has changed from paper and computer work to Mobile App.

S. Snehalatha, IA&AS, Principal Account General (A&E) Telangana, Hyderabad in her speech said that

the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A & E) Kohima have moved one step forward with the introduction of the mobile App 'nGPF 24x7,' an app that issue GPF statement in e-mode unlike other states that have not yet introduced such online app and called it an eye opener.

E. Mhonbemo Patton, IA & AS Principal Accountant General (A&E) while proposing the welcome address, said the department has been serving the people of the state for 44 years after branching from Shillong Meghalaya in 1974-75. He also said with the support from the state government and technical support from NIC Kerala and NIC Nagaland, the department has now changed from paper work to digitalization and the department has now digitalized all functions like pension and GPF which is a 'game changer.' Patton also highlighted that the mobile App 'nGPF 24x7 has been developed by NIC, Nagaland for GPF Accounts of Nagaland State Government employees and maintained by the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E).

The app is a miniature version of the Online GPF Information System which gives direct access to the GPF subscribers to their GPF Account details such as GPF status, Annual Statement and Missing Credits details directly on the mobile phone which dispenses the need to use various internet browsers. The app can be downloaded through any smart phone from Google Playstore. Nagaland Online GPF was awarded at NE Technology Sabha Conference held at Guwahati under the category of Enterprise Application. Somnath Sui, Scientific/Technical Assistant, NIC Nagaland State Centre designed the Mobile App 'nGPF 24x7.'

Governor meets Ex-Servicemen on Armed Forces Flag Day

Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya met with Ex-Servicemen and Officers of the Rajya Sainik Board (RSB) of Nagaland to mark the Armed Forces Flag Day on 7th December 2018 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

Acharya, who is also the ex-officio President

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of RSB paid respect to the soldiers and veterans for their courage, honour, bravery and sacrifices on the occasion and urged the people to contribute to the Armed Forces Fund for the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families. Armed Forces Flag Day badge was also pinned on the Governor.

Upgradation of NTRTC

Inaugural program of the upgradation of Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre (NTTC), Dimapur was held at its campus on 8th December 2018.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio in his inaugural speech expressed concern over the unemployment problem in the state. He said that the main reason behind the problem is due to dependency on the government, saying that people want only white collared jobs and feel degraded to be an entrepreneur. He called on the youth to be job givers instead of trying to be a servant.

Expressing gratitude to Government of India, MSME for providing funds for modernization of NTTC, Rio said that MSME is an important component of the economy which helps in creating jobs by contributing 6. 11% of the manufacturing GDP and 24. 63% of the GDP from service activities as well as 33. 4% of India's manufacturing output.

On NTTC sustaining on its own, Rio said that the state government would provide grant for skilling youth if NTTC is willing to work out to take certain number of youth from each district as per population ratio.

Secretary, MSME, Gol, Dr. Arun Kumar Panda stated that there are many enterprises that are coming up but faces many challenges like timely availability of funds, market access and technology as MSME cannot compete with large enterprises and also with the imports from all over the world. He suggested to the officials from the institute to visit other tool room in the country which are exceptionally doing well to get the idea of the working system. Panda also suggested to the state government to direct the DCs in all districts to identity bright minds in their respective districts and to bring them to the tool room to ignite their minds and to make them understand that it is not enough to run after government jobs.

Additional Development Commissioner, MSME, Gol, Piyush Srivastava also spoke during the function. Principal, NTTC, Er. Petehetuo Miasalhuo gave the background note on NTTC. Dedicatory prayer was offered by Principal Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, Rev. Fr. Philip.

Mewetshou Dianu crowned Miss Nagaland 2018

Mewetshou Dianu from Phek district was crowned Miss Nagaland 2018 in a stiff competition with 11 other contestants held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 9th December 2018. The beauty pageant was organised by the Beauty & Aesthetic Society of Nagaland (BASN); powered by Nagaland Tourism and co-sponsored by Oriflame, Avon, Swachh Bharat Mission, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; partnered with Unlimited Learning Academy, Johnny D'Ascoli, Symphony Academy of Music, Trig Empowering Institute; and Media Partners with The Morung Express and Eastern Mirror; Fitness Partner with Oriental Fitness & Spa, and Print Partner Eastern printing.

The pageant was graced by the Governor, P. B. Acharya as the guest of honor; Koyal Rana, Femina Miss India World 2014 as the guest judge.

Miss Nagaland 2018 walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 1.50 lakh, gift hamper from Truly Bangkok and other offers. Grace W. Ezung from Wokha and Bendangkokla from Mokokchung declared as the first and second runners up, walked away with a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 70,000 respectively and gift hampers and other offers. They will be the ambassadors for Swachh Bharat.

The judges were Asu Keyho, former Speaker NSF, former MLA; Theyiesinuo Kedistu, a poet, writer and educationist; Rajesh Soundararajan, Deputy

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Commissioner, Kohima; Kakheli Chophy, FBB Colour Femina Miss India Nagaland 2017 and Miss World Asia 2014, Koya Rana as the guest judge.

10th Annual Music Awards

The 10th Annual Music Awards of Nagaland was held on 7th December 2018 at Bamboo Hall, Kisama, sponsored by Nagaland Tourism in association with Intex. The Native Trax Society since 2009 has been presenting Annual Music Award for honoring local music.

The list of winners are as follows:

- 1. Best Music Video Power Faith (Contemplation)
- 2. Gospel Power Faith (Contemplation)
- 3. Gospel (local dialects) Zekuosa Zhale (Song 'Kekhriethuo Apuo')
- 4. Hindi/local Hentick Konyak (llomi)
- 5. Pop Renbeni Odyuo 'Wildfire'
- 6. Instrumental genre Sunep Lemtur "The Beautiful Dawn"
- 7. EDM Ina "Feels Like Home"
- 8. EDM Vocal Imtimoang, Azha, Aloi "Twenties Love"
- 9. Rock (Alt/Indie)-Beyond Sunday "Grace"
- 10. Rock (Metal/Heavy) Winter Wind "Freedom to our Land"
- 11. Hiphop/Rap genre Moko Koza "Heal"
- 12. Best Producer DJ Lil Bomb "Summer"
- 13. Folk Fusion Ato Yim and Sunep Lemtur "Sound of Inspiration"
- 14. Song of the Year Imtimoang, Azha & Aloi "Twenties Love"
- 15. Best Young Engineer Kevi Pucho for Wildfire by Renbeni
- 16. Best Video Directors Sans Production for Contemplation
- 17. Lyricist Imtisenla for Contemplation
- 18. Upcoming Artiste Kubanglung Pamei
- 19. Upcoming Band Annie's OK & Storyline
- 20. Patron Moa Walling.

NERFFSO meets Governor

The North East Region Freedom Fighter's Successor's Organisation (NERFFSO) has submitted a memorandum seeking construction of road communication around Kohima in memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi through the Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya on 11th December 2018 at Raj Bhavan Kohima.

In the memorandum, the NERFFSO suggested that in memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a road will be constructed as "British Road" on the western side of Kohima starting from New Secretariat to Forest Colony via High Court at Meriema, Naga Hospital and Paramedical Colony. It further suggested that another road on the eastern side of the town named "Japanese Road" will be constructed from Aradura Hill to BSF camp via Lerie, Chandmari and Sikhazou.

The organisation stated that such projects will strengthen Indo-Japanese and Indo-British ties as well. Governor Acharya assured the NERFFSO to forward the letter to the Prime Minster.

First State Level Indigeneous Games Competition at Kohima

The first state level indigenous games competition was held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 13th December 2018. The two-day event was organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports in commemoration of Dr. T. Ao's birth centenary.

Gracing the inaugural program as the special guest, Er. Zale expressed gratitude to the Governor of Nagaland for seriously taking interest in the indigenous games of the Nagas and for encouraging the Department to organize the event. He mentioned that the games vary and have their own significance and impact on society, apart from being just a game of fun. Acharya pointed out the possibility of the games catching attention of the world through its promotion, and also the rich cultural heritage of the Nagas which can be displayed through these games.

Altogether 129 participants from 11 districts participated in the competition. There were four indigenous games in the competition- Tug of War, Cock Fight, Stilt Bamboo Walk Race, Greased Bamboo Climbing.

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GOVERNOR ADDRESSES NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT MEDZIPHEMA



Governor, P. B. Acharya and officials during the Silver Jubilee Convention and National Conference VIBCON at ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema on 13th December 2018.

ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun and Indian Society of Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology held the silver jubilee convention and national conference VIBCON on 'Innovative Biotechnology Approaches for Improving Animal Health and Productivity' at ICAR-NRC on Mithun Medziphema on 13th December 2018.

Governor, P. B. Acharya who graced the occasion as the chief guest pointed out that Nagaland is bestowed with rich natural resources, great

potentialities and universities. He asked the gathering to retrospect on their achievement and contribution to the society further stating that giving academic knowledge should not be the end role of universities and research centres but rather reaching out to the people according to the needs and preference should be seen. He called upon the universities and research centres to deliver what they can do, to empower the unpowered.

ENGOA CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

Silver Jubilee celebration of Eastern Nagaland Gazetted Officers Association (ENGOA) was held on 15th December 2018 at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima under the theme "Unity & Integrity."

Speaking at the function, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that such occasion brings people together and also it is a time to retrospect and reflect how the 25 years has gone by. ENGOA has reached a milestone and whatever has been achieved or the difficulties and failure faced, this is the time to reflect and rededicate ourselves for a better future, he added.

Rio stated that economical, educational and infrastructure developments are the deficiencies faced by the eastern people. He therefore urged the officers to uphold and make way for the betterment of the people. He said officers play dual roles not only as a government officer but also it is their responsibility to take up government programs, maintain law and order and developmental activities to uplift the lives of the people.

First President, ENGOA and Minister, C. M. Chang in his short address said that the Eastern Nagaland civilization was very slow because education reached the eastern people very late. Therefore, he appealed to all the officers to encourage the younger generation and youth to give more importance to education and to do away with this backwardness so as to be at par with the rest of the advanced tribes in Nagaland.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Convenor, ENLU, S. Pangnyu Phom in his speech said that in recent times there are more officers from the six tribes because of farsighted vision of the founding members who initiated the idea of 25% BT reservation. He said that many people from the eastern side have reaped the fruit because of the 25% reservation system policy.

Earlier, Chief Minister released the jubilee souvenir and gave away the souvenir to the founding members and office bearers.

Department of S&WC releases Jubilee Souvenir

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation organized a program for release of 50 years Jubilee Souvenir in commemoration of the completion of fifty years of its existence at the Directorate's Conference Hall.

Welcoming the gathering, Viliehu Nguzhu, Director of Soil & Water Conservation congratulated the officers and staff - both past and present for their service rendered to the state and also towards the growth of the department. He also mentioned that the primary strength of the department is skilled and professionally competent manpower. He further added that he was confident for the department to take up any challenge with highest standard of professional efficiency and decorum.

The Jubilee Souvenir was released by the Minister of Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, NSAMB & Vice Chairman-SLUB, V. Kashiho Sangtam, who mentioned that 50 years is a good span of time to take stock of our past performances and to work out better strategies for future challenges.

Governor Address 5th Distinguished Lecture Session

Governor, P. B. Acharya called on the youth of North East to walk hand in hand with the nation and to work towards build a better tomorrow. He was addressing the 5th Distinguished Lecture Session at Cotton College, Guwahati on 15th December 2018.

Governor Acharya stated that the strength of the youth can change the fate of the country and called on to educate and motivate the youth so that they will be for the betterment of tomorrow. He called on the youth to be honest and hard working and to stand against all the wrongdoing in the country instead of blaming the system.

The lecture was organised by the Byatikram Mass Awareness and Social Development Organisation, an NGO involved in various socio cultural and literary activities throughout the North Eastern Region.

Governor Acharya attends Victory Day Dinner

The Assistant Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Dr. Shah Mohammad Tanvir Mosur hosted dinner for the Governor of Nagaland, P. B. Acharya on 15th December 2018 on the eve of the 48th Victory Day of Republic of Bangladesh at Prag Continental, Guwahati.

The Assistant High Commissioner brought out the importance of India and Nagaland in the liberation of Bangladesh. He stated that Dimapur airfield was primarily important as the first air missions were launched from there.

Governor Acharya and the Assistant High Commissioner discussed on how to strengthen three aspects including University, Media and Chamber of Commerce & Industries for the development and strengthening of the two nations. The Assistant High Commissioner said that they were working on a documentary feature film on the victory day and the role played by India and Nagaland in particular.

DR. T. AO'S YEARLONG BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

A lecture on Dr. Talimeren Ao in commemoration of his 100th Birth Anniversary was held at Forest Colony Community Hall, Kohima on 18th December 2018. The program was organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports in collaboration with the Department of Information & Public Relations.

Giving a brief introduction on Dr. T. Ao, Youth Resources & Sports Officer Chubarenla Longchari highlighted that Dr. T. Ao captained the first free Indian football team to the 1948 London Olympics. He was the Flag Bearer of the Indian contingents at the Wimbley Stadium, London during the opening ceremony of the Olympics on 29th July 1948.

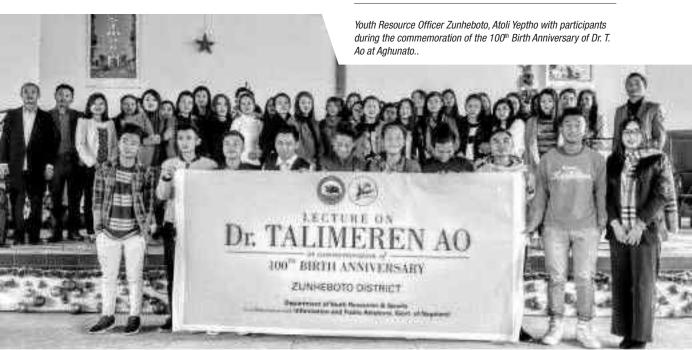
Chubarenla pointed out that Dr. T. Ao displayed a strong inclination towards sports and athletic activities. He excelled not only in his studies, but also in football and other sports. In 1937, he was awarded the Best Sportsperson Trophy in the Inter High School Tournament in Jorhat, and was the Individual Athletic Champion of Cotton College for three consecutive years. He also won Individual Championship in Athletics of Calcutta University in 1946 and 1947.

The DSO also presented two footballs to the youths during the program.

PEREN:

Lecture on Dr. T. Ao in commemoration of his 100th Birth Anniversary was held on 17th December 2018 at Council Hall Samziuram village, Peren which was organised by District Youth Resources and Sports Officer Peren in collaboration with DPRO Peren, Health & Family Welfare Peren and Education Department Peren.

DSO Peren highlighted about the achievements of Dr. T. Ao and called upon the youth to be like him in pursuing their sports and athletic activities in future.



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Commemorating the 100^{th} birth anniversary of the first Naga Olympian Dr. T. Ao, a program was held in Aghunato town, Zunheboto district on the 16^{th} of December 2018.

While delivering a speech, Youth Resources Officer Zunheboto, Atoli Yeptho pointed out that Dr. T. Ao did not excel not only in studies, but also in football and other sports. He encouraged local football talents, organised medical football team and took keen interest in local tournaments, she added.

Youth Resource Officer presented two footballs to the youths and a documentary on Dr. Talimeren Ao was also screened.

WOKHA:

Wokha observed commemoration of Dr. Talimern Ao's 100^{th} birth anniversary on 18^{th} December 2018 at WDVCCA and WDVDBA Conference Hall.

During the program, a brief introduction of Dr. T. Ao's life history was delivered by Neilhousatuo Kense DYRO, and awareness and scenario on HIV/ AIDS in the district was highlighted by Lichumo Odyuo DPO (DAPCU). Screening of the documentary on Dr. T. Ao was presented by the Department of Information & Public Relations.

DIMAPUR:

Commemorating Dr. T. Ao's 100^{th} Birth Anniversary, a lecture on late Dr. T. Ao was held at Signal Angami Dimapur, Panchayat hall on 20^{th} December 2018.

During the program, Youth Resource Officer Dimapur, Khriekethou Kense highlighted on the life history of Late Dr. T Ao, and refreshed the memories of the gathering. On the occasion, Information & Public Relations department also screened a documentary on Lt. Dr. T. Ao.

PWC OF JLF ON NAGA POLITICAL ISSUE

The Parliamentary Working Committee of Joint Legislators' Forum on Nagaland Political Issue under the chairmanship of Zhaleo Rio, Chairman, JLF-cum-Speaker-in-charge was held on 19th December 2018 in the Committee Room of Nagaland Legislative Assembly where Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister and all Members representing different political parties participated in the discussions and the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

- The House appealled to the negotiating parties especially to the Government of India to expedite the ongoing Indo-Naga political dialogue so that an early and negotiated political settlement that is honorable and acceptable to the people is arrived at the earliest possible.
- The House acknowledged the contributions and sacrifices of all sections especially the Naga nationalists and their families who have selflessly worked and fought for the rights of the

Nagas. The House also appreciated the role of the civil societies, the mass based civil society organisations, the church, Tribal Hohos, NGOs and all other sections that have positively contributed towards the Naga political issue reaching thus far. The efforts towards unity and reconciliation are acknowledged and placed on record.

3. The House appreciated the Government of India for its sincerity in the ongoing negotiations and for its accommodative and inclusive approach and for its widespread consultations with all sections. The House appreciated and welcomed the participation of the different Naga National Political Groups who have come forward and joined the negotiations with the Government of India with the sincere efforts to resolve the Indo-Naga political conflict. The House appealed to all Naga national political groups to come forward and join the negotiations and participate in the peace talks so that the final solution is inclusive.

4. The House placed on record its commitment towards the democratic desire of the Naga people to live together under one administrative umbrella while appealing to all sections, especially the civil society groups and hohos, to have confidence in the strengthening of the Naga family and come together under a spirit of oneness so that we collectively work towards unity and not towards fragmentation of the Naga family.

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IMNATIBA ADDRESSES VALEDICTORY SESSION OF 1st N.E. SUMMIT

The two day 1st North East Summit for developing North East through the power of entrepreneurship concluded on 21st December 2018.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba Jamir in his valedictory address observed that a successful entrepreneur ought to be decisive and action oriented. Pointing out that entrepreneurs can do larger than the government, he maintained that the budding entrepreneurs are lucky to learn from the successful entrepreneurs of Nagaland and also from the experts from across the country, through such summit. While stating that with changing times, Government of India has been giving more importance to road and air connectivity, Jamir said "Before investors come, our people should be skilled, should be able to collaborate with the investors and it is important that all sections of the people grow together positively to enhance our economy through entrepreneurship."

Remarking that the presence of more than 700 Indian collaborated Chinese companies had influenced the think tanks of India to come up with the Act East Policy, Jamir said we have to control the economy of the South East Asian countries. He was optimistic that Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) would play a critical role in supporting the state's economy, enhancing conservation efforts and the capacity of the entrepreneurs.

Executive Director, GCNI, Kamal Singh while delivering the summary of deliberations, noted North East Region as homogeneous, gateway to South East Asia, need for expansion through integration and marketing. He also pointed out on the abundance of human capital in the region, knowledge network, conducive environment and immense potential for growth and sustainable development. Pointing out about the ignorance of CSR, Singh felt the need for bringing more companies for investing in the NE region and looked forward for more CSRs.

During the second day of the summit, four sessions of panel discussions were held which covered pertinent topics including Innovative Financing building Northeast Ecosystem, Power of Entrepreneurship towards Sustainable Development, Tourism and Hospitality, Textiles, Agriculture and Food Processing, Leveraging CSR for development of Northeast. Many entrepreneurs shared their experiences and success stories during the panel discussions.

SEMINAR ON POSITIVITY HELD IN TUENSANG

Seminar on "Positivity" was held at SIRD Hall in 4^{th} Tuensang town on December 2018 with resource person, Assistant Pastor, YBC Tuensang, Apong Yimchunger, organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Tuensang and its Human Resource Development Department of Youth Affairs & Sports (GOI).

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Reflecting on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's



Resource person, Pastor YBC Tuensang, Apong Yimchunger and other participants during the seminar on positivity at Tuensang on 4th December 2018.

speech, Apong Yimchunger said that positivity leads to country's progression and emphasized on youth and its positive attitude in every field for the betterment of one's community and country as a whole. Encouraging the youth, he said that one should focus on issues like natural calamities, train in firefighting,

Departmental Co-Ordination Meeting at Medziphema

Medziphema departmental co-ordination meeting took place at the ADC's office on 4th December 2018, with ADC Thsuvisie Phoji chairing the meeting.

The meeting discussed the policy for restricting the use of plastics in Nagaland with a view to eradicate the menace of plastic and the serious environmental and ecological challenges posed by rampant use of plastics. It also deliberated on how the administration in co-ordination with the village councils and municipal bodies will be sensitized to take proactive action for discouraging use of plastics in Medziphema sub-division.

The meeting also discussed some important issues regarding Medziphema sub-division. All Heads of Offices under Medziphema attended the meeting. and encouraged blood donation etc.

Welcome address was delivered by Chancham Yimchunger and the program was led by NYV, Lucy who also delivered the vote of thanks. The program concluded with interaction conducted by Program Coordinator NYK, Ripen Humtsoe.

Seminar and Sensitization of Girl Child held at Old Riphyim

The District Administration in collaboration with Lotha Eloe Hoho (LEH), Social Welfare and Health & Family Welfare department organized a seminar on sensitization of girl child on education of health issues. The program was conducted under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme 2018.

The resource persons for the program were President LEH, Zuchobeni Ezong, Senior Supervisor, CDPO Office Wokha Erenbeni and Psychologist NCTP, Abeni T. Kikon.

EAC Englan, Echungbemo Erui while addressing the function dwelled on the importance of BBBP scheme in empowering the girl child and urged parents to give equal opportunity to both male and female child, whether it is in education or any other

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field of activities as both girl and male children are equally important. He also stated that it is time for all of us to change our mindset and give effort in empowering the girl child because they have the potential to contribute to the society.

The resource persons also shared their ideas and opinions on issues of women role in the society and their contribution towards the community. During the function, sanitary kits/packs were also distributed. Around 170 participants took part during the seminar.

PROGRAMS UNDER BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

MON:

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign program on 'Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act 1994' (PCPNDT Act) was held on 6th December 2018 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Mon. The campaign program was conducted by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and powerpoint presentation on PCPNDT Act 1994 was given by EAC Mon, Imliwabang Aier.

BBBP stands for "save the girl child, educate the girl child" and it is a government scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22nd January 2015 to combat issues of decline in child sex ratio and disempowerment of women. Mon District has shown



"Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign programme on 'Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act 1994' (PC&PNDT Act) being held at the DC Office's Conference Hall, Mon on 6th December 2018.

the second highest decline in Child Sex Ratio (CRS) as per 2011 census, and has been chosen under multisectoral intervention in BBBP.

Also, on 10th December 2019, an awareness seminar on 'Rights of women and children' was held at DRDA Conference Hall Mon.

TENING:

The sensitization program of stakeholders and village functionaries for one day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) organised by district administration of Peren was held in DB's Court at Tening Town on 8th December 2018.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Peren, S. Tainiu addressing as resource person on the topic "Powers and functions of Village Council" said that government has empowered the people through communitisation, and appealed to the village council to acknowledge and utilise the service and participate in decision.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Supongmenla Walling stressing on the topic "Functioning of Village Health Committee and Health Issues" said health is the right and duty of the citizens. She suggested to the Health Committee to have a target to control disease in their respective villages.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Sarita Yadav, IAS spoke on "Opportunities in educational sector." Project Director of DRDA spoke on the topic "Implementation of VDB Schemes." District Statistical Officer highlighted on "Registration of Births and Deaths." Asuni Newmai, Panel Lawyer of Peren District Legal Service Authority spoke on "Child Rights."

MOKOKCHUNG:

A felicitation function of meritorious girl students and best performing schools under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign Mokokchung district was held at ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 10th December 2018.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung Sachin Jaiswal IAS gracing the function as Special Guest

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gave away the awards - Top 5 girl students from Mokokchung district in order of merit in HSLC (10th Class) exam 2018; Top 5 girl students from Mokokchung district in order of merit in HSSLC (12th class) exam 2018; 10 government schools that achieved 100 percent transition of girl students from class-5 to class-6; 4 government schools that achieved 100 percent successful transition of girl students from class-8 to class-9; 2 government schools that achieved 100 percent transition of girl students from class-10 percent transition of girl

MELURI:

A sensitization program on Beti Bachao Beti Phadhao (BBBP) organised by Phek district administration for Meluri sub-division was held at Town Hall on 13th December 2018. The program was chaired by Rhosietho Nguori, ADC Meluri who also delivered the keynote address.

N. Nyanok Konyak, NCS, Jonathara Begum, Assistant Teacher and Dr. Khrieno Tachu, MO were the resource persons for the program who spoke on "Status of women: Gender issue," "Empowering women through education" and "Women health and safety" respectively. The program was organized with special focus on pregnant women and lactating mothers.

WOKHA:

The District Administration Wokha in collaboration with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Wokha organized an awareness program on Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act 1994 (PCPNDT) under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) "Save the Girl Child" activities on 14th December 2018 at Tiyi Town Hall, Wokha town.

Resource persons of the program were Dr. Nounenuo Terhase MO (Obs. & Gyn.) DMMDH and Shanchobeni Khuvung, WDLSA. Dr. Nounenuo stated that before this Act, USG machines were abused and it became a booming business in the market as there was rapid growth of sex selection of the unborn child and preference of male child over female child leading to female foeticide, and as a result there was an alteration of the nation's sex ratio.

To end all this malpractices, the PCPNDT Act 1994 came into being and thereby included the following provisions - prohibition of sex selection, before or after conception; for detecting genetic abnormalities or metabolic disorders or chromosomal abnormalities or certain congenital malformations or sex-linked disorders and for the prevention of their misuse for sex determination leading to female foeticide.

WDLSA, Shanchobeni spoke on the offences, penalties and punishments pertaining to this Act. Citing the Indian Penal Code (Section 312-318), PCPNDT Act 1994, its amendment in 2003, and the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, she said that under the law, when sex determination takes place, women undergoes physical and mental harassments and as such, the above mentioned sections are there to provide assistance to the women in distress from any such violence without her consent.

Also, on 13th December 2018, under BBBP, seminar-cum-sensitization for village level functionaries, NGOs, civil society organizations was organized by District Administration Wokha at Town Hall Wokha.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING

The monthly Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 5th December 2018 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Kiphire, DPDB, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS.

The Kiphire DPDB reviewed aspirational district progress and discussed on the agenda for the construction of Multipurpose Auditorium at Pungro sub-division; creation of Science and Commerce Stream at Government Higher Secondary School at Kiphire and Pungro under School Education; opening of new primary school at Threntsuvong village

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under Pungro; construction of approach road from Seyochung town ADC Hq via New Monger village via Shumukuji via Shagsi project to Titha River; construction of football ground at Amahator town and reuse of abandoned road at Kiphire to be forwarded to EE, R&B for necessary action to be taken.

The Board also reconstituted LADP verification team for 59 A/C for the year 2018-2019. The new team of members include ADC Seyochung as Convenor; EE R&B and BDO Longmatra as Members, and for 60 A/C, ADC Pungro as Convenor; EE PHE and BDO Pungro as Members.

PEREN DPDB MEETING

The Peren District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th December 2018 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman DPDB Peren, S. Tainiu.

In her address, the DC welcomed two officers SDO (Civil) Sadar and EAC Hq to the Board. Resuming of NST Bus service to Athibung was recommended. Resuming of NST Bus services to Nsong, Poilwa, District Hq were also discussed to be addressed to the General Manager NST to meet the urgent needs of the public in the district.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING

The monthly Dimapur District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 5th December 2018, in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner Dimapur. DC Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS who is also the Vice Chairman of Dimapur DPDB presided over the meeting

In the meeting, the board members decided to forward the names of the following societies to the government, as all their documents were found to be in proper order - Inspire Foundation, North East Artist Network, Vivekananda Welfare Foundation Kalibari Road Dimapur, Surumi Welfare Society, K. Creative Society, and change of nomenclature from Fire Around the World to AKUPP Ministry. Grand in aid to EI-Shaddai Foundation Children Home Seitheke Basa, Dimapur was also discussed and forwarded to the School Education department for consideration. Members also discussed with regard to drinking water supply at Chumukedima town where the PHE department also supplemented with the feasibility of the project, and decided to forward to the PHE department for further necessary action.

Following schools were also recommended to the concerned department for upgradation - GHS Burma Camp to GHSS; Westside School Dhansiripar to High School; Stepping Stone School, Duncan Dimapur; Hope Academy School Seitheke Basa and Naga United Village, Dimapur.

Longleng DPDB deliberates on Officers' Club

The monthly Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of ADC Longleng, Temsuwati on 7th December 2018 at the DC's Office Conference Hall, Longleng.

The Chairman introduced new administrative officers of Sakshi and Yachem EAC headquarters. He urged the developmental departments and agencies to consult and inform the district administration before initiating any developmental projects within private land to avoid land ownership issues and complaints from the private individuals/associations in the future after the establishment of the projects. He further called upon the Heads of the Departments to submit application to the district administration requesting for surveying of land of the existing government offices and quarters of all departments. He informed that all government land for office and quarter will be resurveyed to avoid encroachment by the private individuals/organizations.

After deliberation on the fund of the Officers' Club, Longleng, the Chairman apprised the members that the Officers' Club will be made full functional in 2019 after completing the undergoing works. He asserted that the Club was organized to create a platform for the officers posted in the district to build a strong and cordial relationship among themselves and interact with one another, promoting a sense of oneness of working together for the development of the district besides the benefit of physical and mental development through the club.

Mokokchung DPDB Meeting

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Monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Mokokchung district was held on 7th December 2018 in the Conference Hall of ADC's Office (Planning) Mokokchung. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of DPDB Mokokchung, Sachin Jaiswal, IAS who introduced SDO (C) Mokokchung, Abhinav Shivam, IAS as new member to the board.

In the meeting, the board decided to forward the approval of Imchalu village located between Mokokchung town and Impur to the government. The village profile was submitted to the board by SDO (C) Mokokchung, Thungchanbemo Tungoe.

District level Convergence Plan Committee Meeting for Poshan Abhiyaan at Peren

Meeting of District Level Convergence Plan for Poshan Abhiyaan was held on 7th December 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of S. Tainiu, DC Peren and Chairman of District Level Convergence Plan Committee.

Additional Director, Social Welfare, Tulula mentioned that Poshan Abhiyaan is a national flagship programme and is the Prime Minister's over-arching scheme for holistic nourishment, aiming to achieve improvement in the nutritional status of children from 0-6years, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating mothers in a time bound manner through convergence.

The approach of Poshan Abhiyaan is to eradicate malnutrition or undernourishment across the country by 2022 by ensuring convergence of various nutritionrelated scheme for better and effective delivery to the targeted beneficiaries for attaining better and healthier life. Main objectives of the district level convergence plan committee is to prevent and reduce under-nutrition and stunting in children, reduce the prevalence of anaemia among young children, women and adolescent girls, reduce low birth rate. All the activities undertaken will converge at the village levels at Anganwadi Centres in all the blocks in the district.

Tseminyu SDPDB Meeting

Tseminyu SDPDB meeting was held at Rumesinyu of Tseminyu sub-division on 8th December 2018. R. Khing, Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development as the Chairman Tseminyu SDPDB attended the program.

SDAO Tseminyu, Viwheto Thorie informed the gathering that Agriculture department through the SDPDB Tseminyu provided one (13 HP) Power Tiller to Rumesinyu village as token of encouragement for extension of agricultural production in the village. SMO Tseminyu, Dr. Tinenlo spoke on healthcare sector to the villagers and acknowledged his appreciation towards Rumesinyu people for achieving 102%, the highest percentage from the targeted in the recent RM vaccination campaign in Tseminyu sub-division.



Advisor, R. Khing and officials at Tseminyu SDPDB meeting cum pre Christmas program at Rumesinyu village, 8th December 2018.

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Advisor R. Khing emphasized on work culture stating that there is no place for people who live an idle life, and called upon the Rengma educated youths to come forward for competition exams, for employment.

Speakers included OSD to Chief Minister, Thapimo Semy, Rumesinyu Village Chairman, Kenyuhilo Rengma and Pastor, Tseminyu Town Baptist Church, Athonlo Khing. Training on value addition to agriculture products and career guidance session for students was also conducted at Rumesinyu village on the occasion.

Phek DPDB Meeting

The monthly Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10th December 2018 at its conference hall under the chairmanship of Phek Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Orenthung Lotha.

The board discussed agenda and approved the recommendation for upgradation of Sekruzu Town School and also opening of new church run primary school at Thenyizumi village.

Departmental activities were presented by Administrator, Phek Town Council and ADC Avelu Ruho who informed the board on plastic ban and called upon all for cooperation in this venture.

Wokha DPDB Meeting

The monthly Wokha District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10th December 2018 at Hammock Resort, Wokha. Vice Chairman DPDB and Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS chaired the meeting. MLA Dr. Chumben Murry also attended the meeting, and new Chairman of Lotha Hoho, Er. Mhondamo Ovung was also introduced to the board.

Reviewing the previous meeting minutes for creation of SDAO Office at Ralan, District Agriculture Officer, R. Santsu Kithan apprised the board that at present, there is only one SDAO Office at Wokha district and stated that as per government recommendation, Cadre Review Committee and subsequent approval of the State Cabinet, every ADC Hq in the State is entitled to have SDAO Office and since SDO (C) Sanis has been upgraded to ADC Hq, there is dire need of another SDAO office at Ralan New for the benefit of Ralan and Yamhon area. He also stated that except Wokha and Longleng district, almost all the districts have two or more SDAO offices.

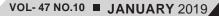
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The board after deliberation agreed in principle to recommend to higher authority for approval - Proposal for widening and black topping from Bailey College to junction to DIET Institute, Vongoju colony, Wokha presented by Principal DIET was also discussed and the board agreed to forward to Chief Engineer R&B for necessary consideration.

On the introduction/creation of Commerce stream at Government Higher Secondary School Wokha, Principal Mt. Tiyi College, Dr. Abeni apprised the board about the need to have commerce stream in the institution, considering the need of the poor students wanting to pursue in this stream since they cannot afford to go to other districts and cities. In this regard, the Chairman requested to prepare Concept Note and submit in the next meeting for consideration. The proposal submitted by Senior SDEO, Wokha for change of nomenclature of Bethsaida Kindergarten School was also forwarded to Director, School Education for recommendation.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robin thanked all departments involved during the conduct of Measles Rubella Campaign and thanked all for the efforts put in for the success and achieving the target (Wokha district achieved a target of 98.41 percent).

PHE Department while presenting their activities, highlighted the schemes and works undertaken in various parts of the district, revenues and expenditures, and launching of the recently commissioned water augmentation. Reacting to the presentation by PHED, MLA Dr. Chumben Murry said out of 7000 odd household in Wokha town, there are only 600 households availing the water supply and suggested that department needs to work more so



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MLA Dr. Chumben Murry, DC Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS, SP Wokha Manoj Kumar IPS and other officials during the SDPDB meeting-cum-Advent Christmas celebrations on 10th December 2018.

that scarcity of water is solved.

Dr. Chumben Murry also stated that departments while giving presentation appealed to give accurate and proper information so that systematic planning/vision can be carried out in future. He also urged all departments to contribute important information and articles in the Quarterly DPDB Magazine since Wokha is the only district publishing such magazine highlighting the activities of the government.

11th Annual Sports Day of Sainik School Punglwa

Sainik School Punglwa held its 11th Sports Day on 8th December 2018 with Namri Nchang, Advisor, Water Resources Department as special guest.

In his address, the Advisor stated that to be a sportsperson requires a lot of patience, discipline, perseverance which helps in building one's personality in life. He encouraged the enthusiastic and young cadets of Sainik School Punglwa to continue doing their best in academic aspects as well which will certainly help the institution, society, state and nation through their success. He gave away the prizes to the winners in all categories of the Sports Meet.

Highlights of the Sports day were Mass PT, release of half yearly magazine by Cadets of Sainik School Punglwa, Aerobics, Bamboo Exercise, Tableau Display, Archery Display, Horse Riding Display, Cycling Display, Gymnastics Display, Athletics final events for 100m, 200m, 400m, 4×100m Relay race, Tug of War (men) for parents and Musical chair for women parents, Ao Cultural Dance presentation by Mindblowers Cultural Club Dimapur and March Past by Cadets.

SDPDB Meeting at Pughoboto

Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) Pughoboto held its monthly meeting under the chairmanship of MLA Y. Vikheho Swu at the ADC's Office Pughoboto on 10th December 2018.

The board proposed and agreed to forward upgradation of Pughoboto Power Department to Executive Engineer. The MLA welcomed the board's suggestion regarding adoption of High School Pughoboto and Ghatashi and added that the adoption of the school by different departments for interaction with students is a noble initiative and will go a long way in building and shaping the students. Powerpoint presentation was presented by OC Pughoboto Vitha Kiri.

Mon DPDB Meeting

Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11th December 2018 at DC's Conference Hall Mon under the chairmanship of Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation and Chairman DPDB, Mon, Pohwang Konyak.

During the meeting, the following agenda were discussed which was approved and recommended by the board, namely change of nomenclature of Edith Douglas School to Eyong Memorial School, Mon; change of nomenclature of Paramount High School to Nyeiwang Memorial School, Aboi; and creation of Wakching Town Council and Chen Town Council.

Powerpoint presentation on departmental activities was presented by Principal, Wangkhao Government College, Mon and District Hospital Mon respectively. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

Advisor Noke Konyak, MLA Eshak Konyak and all the Heads of the Offices under Mon district attended the meeting.

Tobu Village VG Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of Tobu Village Guard was held on 11th December 2018 with Advisor DUDA, N. Bongkhao Konyak as the special invitee. The Advisor appreciated the VG personnel for rendering their service to the people at the village level especially at the time of controlling law and order in the villages.

The Advisor unveiled the Tobu Village Guard Golden Jubilee Monolith which was dedicated by Rev. L. Metjen, Finance Secretary KBBB Mon.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Commandant, VG Tuensang HQ, Senior SP Longleng, ADC Tobu and Assistant Commandant VG Tobu.

Zunheboto DPDB Meeting

The monthly Zunheboto DPDB meeting was held on 12th December 2018 at Hovishe Arkha Farm Tizu River under the chairmanship of Shanavas C IAS, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Zunheboto.

While reviewing the previous DPDB meeting, the Chairman directed the board members to verify

the construction of sewage near main road South Point and submit the report. The agenda discussed included request for NPSC exam center at Zunheboto put forward by SKK President. The board deliberated the matter and agreed to forward it to the government for further action. Registration of Suruhuto Range Students Union (SRSU) and Cultural Troupe of Akuluto Zunheboto was also discussed and the board agreed to forward it to the concerned authority for approval. The DSCO Zunheboto briefed the board about setting up of Farmers' Park at Zunheboto and requested the board for recommendation, to which the board agreed to forward the matter to the government.

A powerpoint presentation was given by District Agriculture Officer Zunheboto wherein he highlighted on National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

Inter-College Literary Festival at Wokha

An Inter-College Literary Festival was held at OJC Hall Bailey Baptist College, Wokha on 14th December 2018 by the District Administration Wokha in collaboration with Bailey Baptist College and Mt. Tiyi College, Wokha.

SDO (C) Wokha, Lanusenla Longkumer, special guest of the event spoke on issues and challenges that confront Naga society and women in general. She urged the youngsters to develop a sense of empathy and sensibility while striving towards an egalitarian social order, as emerging intellectuals and leaders of the next generation. She also exhorted the girl students to make the best use of the opportunities for their own empowerment and betterment.

Major highlight of the event were debate on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) -Will it help eradicate the orthodox mindset towards the female child?" Essay competition on "BBBP: Its effect in curbing dangerous social issues" and Art competition on BBBP.

EAC (HQ) Wokha, Tumben P. Tsanglao gave away the cash prizes with citations to the winners, while encouraging and urging the students and participants

of the event to strive for excellence in life. Penthungo Ngullie, Principal i/c Bailey Baptist College, proposed the concluding remark after a session of fellowship over music and various items.

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Coordination Meeting on GPDP held at Longleng

The District Rural Development Agency, Longleng conducted a coordination meeting under Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) on 15th of December 2018 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng.

Addressing the coordination meeting, the ADC Longleng, Temsuwati appealed to all the line departments under the GPDP to have proper coordination to ensure effective implementation of various projects and schemes for the benefit of the rural masses. Asserting that the GPDP is a 'People's Plan Campaign' and its primary objective is targeted to uplift the bottom up policy of the government, he urged the line departments to consult and coordinate with every village council while framing the proposal. He stated that every village has their own priority therefore, every proposal must be done according to the needs and desire of the people at the grassroot level and not as desired by the department, he added.

In his keynote address, Shashi Kant, NLM said that under GPDP, the village councils have a significant role to play in effective and efficient implementation of flagship schemes for transformation of rural India. The GDPD is an intensive and structured exercise for planning at Gram Sabha level through convergence between the village institutions and concerned departments of the State aimed to develop the rural mass.

The meeting concluded with discussion and clarification of doubts by the officers and representatives of the line department. The meeting was attended by the officers of line department and rural development agency.

Mega Legal Services Camp held at Dimapur

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and Dimapur District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with government departments, stakeholders and NGOs organised a Mega Legal Services camp on 15th December 2018 at DDSC Stadium Dimapur.

Addressing the gathering as a special guest, Secretary, Department of Justice & Law, Khanrinla T. Koza urged the citizens to know their rights and avail the varied services provided by the government. She reminded that the Constitution gives room for every individual to fight for their rights and informed that government has devised a policy for Mega Legal Services involving all the departments to give opportunity to the citizens to know their rights and avail the services with an objective to access justice to all.

Highlights of the program included short play on Legal Awareness by Hill Theatre and special song by Living Bread. More than 40 departments including the banks and service providers put up their stalls and offered services and assisted the citizens.



DC Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS speaking at the Mega Legal Services camp at DDSC stadium Dimapur on 15th December 2018.

Central team inspects Music Academy, Jotsoma

A team constituted by NITI Aayog to review the progress of ongoing projects under Special Plan Assistance (SPA) in Nagaland, visited the Regional Centre for Excellence in Music and Performing Arts (RCEMPA), Jotsoma on 18th December 2018.

The team comprising of officers from NITI Aayog and CPWD undertook physical verification of the project. Phase- of the project has been completed and works under Phase-II which are Open Air Theatre, main entrance gate, parking lot, drainage/ boundary wall, external landscaping, furnitures/furnishings and transformer/UPS have also been completed.

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The Music Academy's upcoming plan with the approval of NITI Aayog will include a Creative Centre, Hostel Block, Faculty Block and ancillary infrastructures.

3RD WINTER CARNIVAL 2018 HELD AT PEREN

3rd Winter Carnival 2018 was held from 17th to 20th December 2018 at Local Ground, Peren town organised by Progressive Peren (P2) which is a community based Tourism Initiative supported by district administration under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. DC Peren, S. Tainiu graced the inaugural function as special guest and Tsidi Hairang EAC Dimapur as the host.

The special guest in her address called upon all to jointly work hard with determination so as to

bring progress in the district. Progressive Peren (P2) is a conglomeration of NGOs and concerned citizens to better our lives, its people and the surrounding.

The program began with P2 Half Marathon from Pedi to Peren town. The function was chaired by Rangro Herie E. S. ZBCC. Other highlights included hip hop dance presented by Vibe Crew, Kids Carnival, Food Haat, Zipline Water Zorbing, Bouncy Slides, Fashion Show Exhibition-cum-Sale.

CLEANEST COLONY AWARDED AT MEDZIPHEMA TOWN

A program was held at the Medziphema Town Council Office where the top three cleanest colonies were awarded with cash prizes under the Swachh Survekshan 2019. The Cleanest Colony was awarded to Ward 5 (Khonoma Khel), followed by Ward 7 and Ward 8 which were awarded the second and third prizes respectively.

Accepting the award, Mianichilie Krose, Chairman of Ward 5 attributed the award to all the residents of the colony who strive hard to keep the colony clean throughout the year. He mentioned that the colony members compulsorily clean the area every evening and cleanliness has become a habit for the residents of the ward. He also stated that the colony organizes plantation drive from time to time in an effort to keep the colony green and clean.

Medziphema Town Council, over the past one year, has adopted the Residential Waste Pick-Up where the Town Council workers along with the dumper go and pick up waste from the residents every morning, making Medziphema town one of the cleanest towns in the district.

The program was attended by Ward leaders and GBs of all the wards under Medziphema Town Council.

WOMEN POLICE STATION INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

On the occasion of the State inauguration day, Wokha district inaugurated a full-fledged Women Police Station on the 1st of December 2018.

While inaugurating the new Women police Station, Additional SP Wokha, Tumchobemo Yanthan said the purpose of creating the Women Police Station came out of the concept of women empowerment. He opined that through the creation of this station, crimes and issues relating to women and children will be eased to a certain extent and women officers will discharge their assignments with utmost responsibility in solving women related case and crimes in the district. He also added from now on, Wokha Women Police Station will work independently in registering and investigating any cases against crimes relating to women and children.

Representatives from Lotha Eloe Hoho who also spoke during the function expressed their appreciation to the Government of Nagaland and all officers involved in launching and creating the Women Police Station at Wokha and assured their fullest cooperation in whatever possible ways for effective functioning.

Associate Pastor, Police Baptist Church, Wokha, Zubenthung invoked God's blessings and dedicated the new office.

Bulk LPG Loading Facility Commissioned at Dimapur

Director (HR) Indian Oil Ltd. Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra inaugurated the commissioning of Bulk LPG Loading Facility at LPG Bottling Plant, Dimapur premises on 3rd December 2018 in the presence of CGM Indian Oil-AOD State Office, Uttiya Bhattacharyya.

Plant Manager LPG BP, Dimapur Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) Kumrah Solei mentioned that IOCL has augmented the Bulk LPG handling capacity of the bottling plant by constructing an additional bay dedicated for the same. This will increase the volume of Bulk LPG inflow to the bottling plant which in turn will improve the bulk movement to upcountry locations, he added.

During the occasion, an empty tank was filled through the Bulk Loading Facility and the operation was explained to the Director (HR).

FSPU INAUGURATED IN TUENSANG VILLAGE



Fish Seed Production Unit (FSPU) was inaugurated by SDO (C) Tuensang, Pakon Phom at Thimlak of L. Khel, Tuensang village on 10th December 2018 in the presence of District Fishery Officer (DFO) Tuensang, Rongsenkumzuk and L. Khel Tuensang Village Council Members.

SDO(C) Tuensang, Pakom Phom with other officials and Village Council Chairman of L. Khel Tuensang village during the inauguration of Fish Seed Prduction Unit at Thimlak, Tuensang village on 10th December 2018.

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Speaking on the occasion, the SDO(C) emphasised on more fish seeds production in order to fulfil the requirements of fish seeds for its farmers within the district. Encouraging the concerned government departments, he urged them to continue their endeavour in serving the common people and to replicate similar projects in other areas within the district.

While explaining about the project, DFO Rongsenkumzuk said that the Department of Fisheries

& Aquatic Resources constructed FSPU known as Chinese Eco-hatchery under the funding of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) at Thimlak Government Fish Farm at Tuensang village. He also said that the FSPU is the need of the hour in the district and this is the first Fish Seed Hatchery in Tuensang district.

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Village Council Chairman, B.Takum also spoke on the occasion, thanking the department for their contribution and developing the Thimlak Fish Farm for the district.

TEMJEN IMNA ALONG INAUGURATES 100 BEDDED GOODWILL BOYS HOSTEL AT KOHIMA COLLEGE

Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along on 11th December 2018 inaugurated the 100 bedded Goodwill Boys Hostel at Kohima College in the presence of Director, Higher Education, Dr. Anungla Aier and other faculty members of Kohima College at Hostel Campus, Kohima College.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said it is high time for the Nagas to believe and work in unison. He said the newly inaugurated Goodwill Boys Hostel is not only a property of Kohima College nor Higher Education department or Government of Nagaland but it is a property of our destiny, for which, he urged the students and the authority to maintain it.

Executive Engineer, School Education, Kelechütuo Pienyü while presenting a technical report stated that the construction of the 100 bedded Hostel at Kohima College began in 2013 by M/s Eastern Associates with an estimated budget of Rs. 480 lakh. The building was funded by University Grants Commission and HUDCO, he said.

Principal, Kohima College, Dr. Watijungshi in his welcome address mentioned that the College has 50 bedded girls hostel which will be extended by 50 more in the coming years.

C.M. CHANG UNVEILS FOUNDATION STONE OF FOREST RANGE OFFICE AT TENING

Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, C. M. Chang formally unveiled foundation stone of Forest Range Office at Tening under Peren district on 13th December 2018.

C.M. Chang addressing the occasion, said that the vanishing of birds and wild animals poses threat to the environment, and

Minister, EF&CC, C.M. Chang and Advisor WRD, Namri Nchang with EF&CC staff after unveiling the foundation stone of Forest Range Office at Tening, Peren on 13th December 2018.



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added that the land is fertile but people are not hard working. Chang appealed to all to cooperate with the government for more development in their area. The range forest of Tening was launched with Japanese aide, and Germany and Korea projects are also in the pipeline, the Minister said.

Advisor for Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang said people have to utilize development for their benefit. He cautioned on air and soil pollutions and called upon all to conserve nature. The MLA also appealed to the church leaders to take initiative for conservation of forests, and added that schemes for various development works would come in the near future and SDEO office will be inaugurated very shortly.

Conservator of Forest (STC) Nagaland, Dr. Kenei IFS highlighted the Japanese ICA project on "A Boon to Tribal Livelihood."

GHS AND KGBV GIRLS HOSTEL BUILDING INAUGURATED AT PHOMCHING

Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak inaugurated Government High School and KGBV Girls Hostel Building at Phomching town on 14th December 2018.

Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor requested the villagers to maintain the school building properly and invited suggestions for development in the area.

Director, School Education, Wonthungo Tsopoe in his short speech requested the villagers and students to give cooperation to the teachers. Deputy Commissioner, Mon Thavaseelan K, IAS called upon the Village Council and students bodies to check proxy teachers.

POLICE OUTPOST BUILDING INAUGURATED AT PHOMCHING



Advisor, F&ES, SIRD, R&R, Pohwang Konyak inaugurating the GHS & KGBV Girls Hostel building at Phomching Town on 14th December 2018.

Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak inaugurated Police Outpost building at Phomching on 14th December 2018.

the During inauguration program, Pohwang Konyak said that Police Station is meant to secure and protect the people and more importantly, Phomching being located between Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Myanmar, he encouraged the villagers to cooperate with the police personnel for better situation in their area.

Wangchem, Head GB Phomching also delivered a short speech.

AYUSH Hospital inaugurated at Noklak

Newly constructed 30 Bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital, Noklak was inaugurated on 18th December 2018 by Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying.

In his speech, the Advisor stated that Noklak is fortunate to have the AYUSH Hospital and called upon all to contribute towards the functioning of the hospital. He thanked the landowner and the people who took the responsibility for constructing the hospital. He further requested the department to facilitate all materials required for the hospital and the staff to serve the needy people.

Brief history of the hospital was delivered by the CMO Tuensang.

UHPC inaugurated in **Mokokchung**

The much needed Urban Primary Health Centre (UHPC), established under National Urban Health Mission 2014 and approved in 2015 was inaugurated on 20th December 2018 at Yimyu Ward, Mokokchung by the Principal Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vikeyie Losu who was the special invitee of the inaugural program.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Director said the setting up of the UHPC is a big step forward for the health unit of Mokokchung and maintained that the aim of having the centre in the town is to improve the health status of the people. While appreciating the co-operation and support given by the people, Dr. Vikeyie Losu reiterated that the UHPC is community based therefore, support of the people is very important for better service of the medical staff.

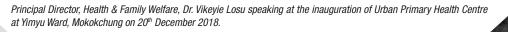
Short speeches were delivered by Vice President, All Ward Union, Mokokchung and Chairman, Yimyu Ward, Mokokchung; report on UPHC was given by Deputy Director-cum- Nodal Officer (NUHM), Dr. Puse Liegise; invocation was pronounced by Pastor, Yimyu Baptist Church.

Chenwetnyu Village Council Office inaugurated

Chenwetnyu Village Council Office which was constructed under MGNREGA and Grant-in-Aid was inaugurated by MLA 45 Tehok, C.L. John and dedicated by Rev. Dr. W. Pongsing Konyak on 24^{th} December 2018.

C.L. said that it is the first complete Village Council Office in Mon district and termed it as mini Office Complex and called upon all to use the building for progressive works. He also released the book "Chenwetnyu Village Council Gaon Bura & Village Council Members Bio-Data 2018."

BDO Chen, B. Wakhoo in his short speech said that development and achievement in the village/ society come through unity and cooperation among villagers. He said that Chenwetnyu is one of the most progressive villages in Mon district. On behalf of District Administration, SDO (C) Mon also delivered a short speech.





BRIEF PROFILE OF FREELANCE PHOTOJOURNALIST KEKHRIEZHAZO MIACHIEO



(A DIPR feature by NOUNESENO, IA Jakhama)

A nurse yearning to see her mother who passed away, a pastor's hope to set up churches in his village, a musician who feels like an outsider in the place she calls home and still counting days to a brighter future – these are some of the lives which are captured through the lens of freelance photojournalist Kekhriezhazo Miachieo in his project titled 'The Others,' which was displayed at the Hornbill Festival 2018 at Kisama.

'The Others' is based on the Indo-Burma border division of 1967, to Nagas of the East (Burmese Nagas) and the Nagas of the West (Indian Nagas) and the eventual consequences of the geographical demarcation but still entwined by history, culture and religion. While the Nagas in India have been more privileged having been granted statehood, the Burmese Nagas in Myanmar have suffered a less fortunate fate. The community has seen little to no development. Education, healthcare and accessible roads are still out of their reach. Miachieo in his work 'The Others' captures the lives of Burmese Nagas living in Nagaland, their socio-economic conditions and their desire to seek a better future.

Kekhriezhazo Miachieo is based in Kohima. He graduated from Bangalore University with a degree in Computer Application, and also completed a diploma course in photography. He worked as staff photojournalist at Hindustan Times, New Delhi for 3 years. He joined India Today magazine in 2013 and was associated as a photojournalist with the magazine till 2017.

Miachieo won the Toto-Tasveer Young Photography Award 2017 for his series 'Cycle of Street Life.' He did an exhibition at Sangai Photo Festival 2018. He also covered the aftermath of the Nepal Earthquake 2015, Uttarakhand Floods 2013, Muzaffarnagar Riots 2013 and the aftermath of the Kashmir Floods 2014 among others.

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The 1st State Level Indigenous Games competition was held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 13th December 2018.



The 25th Anniversary-cum-Stone Pulling Ceremony coinciding with the 19th Hornbill Festival was held at Northern Angami Centre, Chiephobozou on 5th December 2018.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy CM, Y. Patton and other legislators and officials taking part in the Stone Pulling Ceremony.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio taking salute on the occasion of the 55th Statehood Day celebrations at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 1st December 2018.



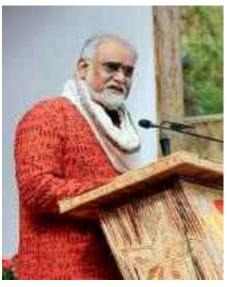
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HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2018 AT A GLANCE



ED Member of Legislative Council, Australia, Rev. Fred Nile delivering a speech during the cultural extravaganza, Hornbill Festival on 4th December 2018.



Dr. Sachidanand Joshi speaking at the cultural extravaganza, Hornbill Festival on 3rd December 2018.



Governor of Mizoram, Kummanam Rajasekhar addressing the gathering during the Cultural Connect event at Kisama on 6th December 2018.



Former Chief Minister and Governor, Dr. S. C. Jamir at the Hornbill Festival at Kisama on 1st December 2018.



Union Minister, Tourism, K.J. Alphons was presented with traditional Naga dao and spear by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at the Hornbill Festival on 5th December 2018.





Participants in action during the Cock Fight at the main arena, Kisama on 8th December 2018.



Advisor, AH&VS, R. Khing riding a pony cart during the launching of the Hornbill Festival Pony and Cart Ride at Pony Farm, Kigwema on 1st December 2018.

Participants form different tribes partaking in the Stilt Bamboo Race at main arena, Kisama on 5th December 2018.



Thang-ta martial art performed by Manipur troupe during the cultural extravaganza at Kisama on 2nd December 2018.



Ao and Khiamniungan men enagaging in the final round of Tug of War competition at Kisama on 6th Decemeber 2018.

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Baredi Dance performed by the cultural troupe from Madhya Pradesh during the cultural extravaganza at Kisama on 2nd December 2018.





A traditional game being played by the Garo tribe at Kisama on 9th December 2018.



K-Pop MONT performing at the Hornbill International Music Festival at Agri Expo, Dimapur on 3rd December 2018.



Sumi Kick-fight Akikiti being displayed at Kisama Amphitheatre at the Hornbill Festival, Kisama on 6th December 2018.

The Sumi cultural troupe demonstrating the Ikha Sunhei Ikha Tashe (Tug of War) indigenous game at Kisama on 10^{th} December 2018.





Mikiyas Yemata of Ethiopia won the 8th Hornbill Half Marathon which was flagged off from the Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd December 2018.



Winner of the World War II Peace Rally at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama on 6^{th} December 2018.

HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2018 AT A GLANCE





Director (HR) Indian Oil Ltd. Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra inaugurating the commissioning of Bulk LPG Loading Facility at LPG Bottling Plant, Dimapur on 3rd December 2018.

Advisor, F&ES, SIRD, R&R, Pohwang Konyak inaugurating the GHS&KGBV Girls Hostel building at Phomching town, Mon on 14th December 2018.



Minister, HE & TE, Temjen Imna Along speaking at the inaugural of the 100 bedded Goodwill Boys Hostel at Kohima College on 11th December 2018.



A full fledged Women Police Station was inaugurated at Wokha on 1st December 2018.