



Recipients of the first ever Nagaland State Commission for Women Award 2021 with Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS, Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS and senior government officials on the occasion of International Women's Day 2021 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 8th March 2021.





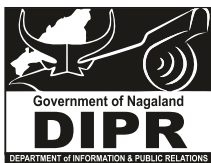
Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio with members of the Press Council of India Sub-Committee during a meeting at CM's Residential Office, Kohima on 23rd March 2021.



Press Council of India Sub-Committee members during their interaction with the Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer and senior police officials at Police Headquarter, Kohima on 23rd March 2021.



The General Observer and the Expenditure Observer for bye-election of 51-Noksen Assembly Constituency with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS and other officials at a meeting in DC's Office Chamber, Tuensang on 30th March 2021.



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A. PITOHO CHOPHY, IA&AS TAKES OVER AS PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), NAGALAND

A. Pitoho Chopphy, IA&AS has taken over the charge of Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima on 26th February 2021 and E. Mhonbemo Patton, IA&AS has been relieved from the additional charge of Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima.

NPSC APPOINTS AA, PIO AND APIO

The Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) has appointed the following officers as Appellate Authority, Public Information Officer and Assistant Public Information Officer in the Nagaland Public Service Commission with immediate effect:

- (i) Appellate Authority (AA)
John Tsulise Sangtam
Secretary,
Nagaland Public Service Commission
Nagaland, Kohima.
- (ii) Public Information Officer (PIO)
Kelhouseto Nakhro
Deputy Secretary,
Nagaland Public Service Commission
Nagaland, Kohima.
- (iii) Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO)
Akala Jamir
Under Secretary,
Nagaland Public Service Commission
Nagaland, Kohima.

RE-OPENING OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, HOSTELS, GUEST HOUSES/PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS

Whereas it has been decided to re-open the residential schools, hostels, guest houses/paying guest accommodation for students of Classes 6 and above with effect from 17th March 2021 in the State of Nagaland, and in view of the COVID-19 pandemic there is a need for taking measures for preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 on the re-opening of the residential schools, hostels, guest houses/paying guest accommodation for the safety of students, teachers, staff, employees, and all others concerned.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the reopening of residential schools, hostels, guest houses/paying guest accommodation on the preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19, as annexed, along with the provisions of the SOP for the reopening of schools for students of Classes 6 (six) and above issued vide order of even number dated 1st February 2021, as applicable, also annexed, for strict

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compliance by all concerned throughout the State of Nagaland.

Annexure I:

SOP for re-opening of residential schools, hostels and guest houses/paying guest accommodation for students on the preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19:

- i. Hostels may be opened only in such cases where it is necessary while strictly observing the safety and health preventive measures as issued by the Government from time to time.
- ii. Students who are not local residents of the city/town/locality, or do not have any support at home, or do not have facility for online education may be prioritized for allotment of hostel facilities.
- iii. Boarders/hostellers shall be allowed to return to the boarding facility in phases.
- iv. Screening of every boarder/hosteller shall be conducted before allowing boarding in the hostel, residential schools and guest houses/paying guest accommodation. Only asymptomatic boarders shall be allowed to join.
- v. Faculty, staff and students should submit self-disclosure, if any of their family members have been infected/availed treatment for COVID-19.
- vi. Thermal Screening of all resident students should be ensured.
- vii. Pulse Oximeter, to check oxygen saturation levels of any symptomatic person must be arranged.
- viii. Since residential students may be coming from different locations, they shall remain in quarantine for monitoring of their health condition for the specified period of 14 days before being allowed to attend classes or as per the policy of the State Government for quarantine issued from time to time (even if a COVID -19 negative test report is submitted).
- ix. There should not be crowding in hostel areas. Therefore, the number of boarders shall be limited appropriately.
- x. In shared rooms/dormitories, the beds should be placed at a distance of 6 feet from each other. Temporary partitions may be considered, if feasible.
- xi. Symptomatic boarders/hostellers shall be isolated in the designated isolation facility at the institute/hostel and shall be referred to the nearest COVID-19 treatment facility for clinical assessment and treatment.
- xii. Density in dining halls, common rooms, playing areas should be limited, keeping in view the requirement of physical distancing.
- xiii. Hygiene conditions should be regularly monitored in kitchens, dining halls, bathrooms and toilets, etc.
- xiv. Cleanliness shall be maintained in dining areas. Utensils should be properly cleaned.
- xv. In case mess facility is within the premises, then mess timings may be increased/staggered. Meals should be served in small batches, to avoid over-crowding. Take away options should be available for students and staff.
- xvi. It must be ensured that the meals are freshly cooked. A senior staff should monitor the same.
- xvii. Wearing of face covers/masks and proper sanitization of hands of the staff engaged for the preparation and distribution of meals should be ensured.
- xviii. Resident students and staff should avoid or limit visiting the markets. As far as possible, essential items may be made available within the campus.
- xix. Every institution should regularly monitor the health of its students, faculty and staff.
- xx. Hostels should be out of bound for all persons except essential staff with known health status.
- xxi. In addition to the above, the provisions of the SOP issued vide Office of Chief Secretary's Order NO.

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CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-1 2020 dated 1.2.2021 for the reopening of schools in Nagaland for students of Classes 6 and above on the preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 (appended as Annexure II), as applicable, will also be required to be strictly observed by all concerned.

xxii. Any violation of the provisions of the above SOP will attract action as per legal provisions against the management, employees, staff of the residential schools/hostels/guest houses, or students, as the case may be.

Re-opening of Schools for conduct of regular classes for students of Classes 6 and above:

Whereas the Directorate of School Education, Government of Nagaland has permitted the resumption of conduct of regular classes for students of Classes 6 and above in all the schools functioning in Nagaland with effect from 8th February 2021 vide Notification NO. ED/AEI-8/2019 dated 27-01-2021 in pursuance to the Department of School Education, Government of Nagaland Order NO.DSE/Misc/1-138 dated 21-01-2021 and in view of the COVID-19 pandemic there is a need for taking measures for preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 on the re-opening of schools for the safety of the students, teachers, and all others concerned.

Therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (b) and Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, in the capacity of Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues the SOP for the reopening of Schools for students of Classes 6 (six) to 12 (twelve) on the preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19, as annexed for strict compliance by all concerned throughout the State of Nagaland.

Annexure:

SOP for reopening of Schools for students of Classes 6 to 12 on the preventive measures to contain spread Of COVID-19:

1. Scope:

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken to prevent spread of COVID-19 when schools resume normal functioning for students of Classes 6 to 12.

2. Generic Preventive Measures:

The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all teachers, employees and students in these places at all times. These include:

- i. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.
- iii. Frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be done wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.

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- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest.
- vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App may be advised wherever feasible.

3. All schools (with Classes 6 to 12) shall specifically ensure the following arrangements:

- i. Seating arrangement to ensure a distance of 6 feet between chairs, desks, etc.
- ii. Schools shall prepare alternate day routine for classes so as to fulfill the parameters given in 2(I) & 3(i) above. For example: Monday, Wednesday, Friday for Classes VI to VIII and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for Classes IX to X, etc.
- iii. Schools shall frame the alternate day routine as per the enrolment in each class and the infrastructure facilities available.
- iv. Supplementary online/distance learning shall be encouraged.

4.1 Before opening up of schools:

a) Planning of reopening of schools

- i. Schools outside the containment zones only shall be allowed to open. Further, students, teachers and employees living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend schools. Students, teachers and employees shall also be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones.
- ii. Prior to resumption of activities, all work areas intended for teaching/demonstrations, etc. including laboratories, other common utility areas shall be sanitized with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution, with particular attention to frequently touched surfaces.
- iii. Schools that were used as quarantine centres will be properly sanitized and deep cleaned before functioning of the school is resumed. Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for disinfection of common public places including offices may be referred to in this regard.
(<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesondisinfectionofcommonpublicplacesincludingoffices.pdf>)
- iv. Instead of biometric attendance alternate arrangements for contactless attendance shall be made by the school administration.
- v. At all times, the teachers and students shall maintain a physical distancing of six feet apart, wherever feasible. Scheduling of activities and seating plan shall be made accordingly.
- vi. Hand washing facilities along with provision of soap shall be ensured.
- vii. For ensuring queue management, inside and outside the premises, specific markings on the floor with a gap of 6 feet may be made. Similarly, physical distancing shall also be maintained in staff rooms, office areas (including reception area), and other places (mess, libraries, cafeterias, etc.).
- viii. Weather permitting, outdoor spaces may be utilized for conducting teacher student interactions, keeping in view the safety and security of students and physical distancing protocols.
- ix. Assemblies, sports and events that can lead to overcrowding are strictly prohibited.
- x. Schools should display State Helpline numbers and also numbers of local health authorities, etc. to teachers/students/employees to contact in case of any emergency.

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- xi. For air-conditioning/ventilation wherever applicable, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which emphasizes that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30° C, relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
- xii. Lockers of students will remain in use, as long as physical distancing and regular disinfection is maintained.
- xiii. Gymnasiums shall follow the provisions of the SOP enclosed as Annexure-D to Order NO.CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-I/2020/(A) dated 31st August 2020 (available at <https://covid19.nagaland.gov.in/docs/1600410622.pdf>).
- xiv. Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.

b) Planning and scheduling of activities

All employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions to take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with the students. iGOT online modules training course on 'basic awareness on COVID' (<https://diksha.gov.in/igot/explore-course/course/do-31301G389971255296164>) may be undertaken by all employees and students on the first day.

c) Availability and management of supplies

- i. Appropriate back-up stock of personal protection items like face covers/masks, visors, hand sanitizers, etc. shall be made available by school managements to teachers and employees.
- ii. Provide adequate supply of thermal guns, alcohol wipes or 1% sodium hypochlorite solutions and disposable paper towels, soap, IEG materials on COVID-19.
- iii. Pulse oximeter to check oxygen saturation levels of any symptomatic person must be arranged.
- iv. Ensure availability of sufficient covered dustbins and trash cans.
- v. Provision for proper disposal of used personal protective items and general waste in accordance with CPCB guidelines (available at: <https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/Projects/Bio-Medical-Waste/BMW-GUIDELINES-COVID I.pdf>) shall be made.
- vi. Housekeeping employees to be informed and trained about norms for waste management and disposal

4.2 After opening of schools:

a) At the entry point

- i. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser/hand washing facilities) and thermal screening provisions. Multiple gates/separate gates, if feasible, should be used for entry and exit.
- ii. Only asymptomatic persons (teachers, employees and students) to be allowed in the premises. If a teacher/employee/student is found to be symptomatic, he/she should be referred to the nearest health centre.
- iii. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently.
- iv. Proper crowd management in the parking lots, in corridors and in elevators - duly following physical distancing norms shall be organized.
- v. Entry of visitors should be strictly regulated/restricted.

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b) **Conduct of activities in the rooms or open spaces within the school campus**

- i. Seating arrangement to ensure a distance of six feet between chairs, desks, etc.
- ii. Staggering of activities to be done, with separate timings/slots, to allow for adequate physical distancing and disinfection of classroom premises.
- iii. The teaching faculty will ensure that they themselves and students wear masks throughout the conduct of the teaching/guidance activities.
- iv. Sharing of items like notebook, pens/pencil, eraser, water bottle, etc. amongst students should not be allowed.

c) **Conduct of skill based training in workshops /laboratories**

- i. For practical activities in laboratories maximum capacity per session based on redesigned spaces, may be planned and scheduled accordingly.
- ii. Ensure that the equipments have been disinfected, particularly the frequently touched surfaces before and after each use.
- iii. Ensure a floor area of 4×2m per person is available for working on equipment/workstation.
- iv. Ensure that members sanitize their hands/wash with soap before and after using training equipment. For such purpose hand sanitizer/hand washing facility should be provided at workstations/simulation labs, etc.

d) **Activities in common areas - library, mess/canteen, common rooms, gymnasium, etc.**

- i. Physical distancing of six feet needs to be maintained.
- ii. Persons using the common areas need to use mask/face cover all the time.
- iii. Cafeteria/mess facility, if any within the premises, shall remain closed.

e) **Transportation to and from the institution**

If transportation facility is being managed by the school, proper physical distancing, sanitization of buses/other transport vehicles (with 1% sodium hypochlorite) shall be ensured.

4.3 **Hygiene and Sanitation:**

- i. Daily cleaning/sanitization of the floors shall be taken up.
- ii. Provision of soap in toilets and hand sanitizers in other common areas in sufficient quantity must be ensured.
- iii. Cleaning and regular disinfection (using 1% sodium hypochlorite) of frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, elevator buttons, handrails, chairs, benches, washroom fixtures, etc.) to be made mandatory in all classrooms, laboratories, lockers, parking areas, other common areas, etc. before beginning of classes and at the end of the day.
- iv. Teaching materials, computers, laptops, printers, shall be disinfected with 70% alcohol wipes.
- v. Deep cleaning of all drinking and hand washing stations, washrooms and lavatories shall be ensured.
- vi. Students and employees should be advised to dispose off used face covers/masks in separate covered bins placed in classrooms, workstations and other common areas. The same may remain stored in the bins for three days and disposed off as dry general solid waste after cutting/shredding.
- vii. Students should not be involved in any of the cleaning activities for health safety reasons.

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5. Risk Communication:

- i. Create awareness to ensure that the students do not gather when leaving the school and in their free time.
- ii. Sensitize students, parents, teachers and employees to create awareness on COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, as detailed under generic measures above.
- iii. If a student, teacher or employee is sick, they should not come to the school and follow necessary protocols in this regard.

6. Psycho-social wellbeing:

- i. Ensure regular counseling is done for students and teachers reporting mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.
- ii. It is advisable that teachers, school counselors and school health workers should work in unison to ensure emotional safety of students.

7. SOP to be followed in case a student/teacher/employee develops symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty in breathing):

- i. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
- ii. Inform parents/guardians as the case may be.
- iii. Patient will remain isolated while wearing a mask/face cover till such time they are examined by a doctor.
- iv. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the State or District Helpline.
- v. A risk assessment shall be undertaken by the District Task Force and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, their contacts and need for disinfection.
- vi. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

8. Any violation of the provisions of the above SOP will attract action as per legal provisions against the

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (6D) of Section 25 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (4 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act), the Government on the recommendations of the Council and in supersession of the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department (Revenue Branch) F.NO.FIN/REV-3/GST/I /08 (Pt-I) (Vol.1)/68 dated the 23rd March 2020, except as respect to things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, hereby notifies that the provisions of Sub-Section (6B) or Sub-Section (6C) of Section 25 of the said Act shall not apply to a person who is -

- (a) Not a citizen of India, or
- (b) A department or establishment of the Central Government or State Government, or
- (c) A local authority, or
- (d) A statutory body, or
- (e) A Public Sector Undertaking, or
- (f) A person applying for registration under the provisions of Sub-Section (9) of Section 25 of the said Act.

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In another notification, the Finance Department has notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Rule (4) of Rule 48 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department (Revenue Branch) F.NO.FIN/REV- 3/GST/I/08(Pt-I) (Vol.I)/65 dated 21st March 2020.

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, with effect from the 1st day of April 2021, for the words 'one hundred crore rupees,' the words 'fifty crore rupees' shall be substituted.

BLOCKS IDENTIFIED AS ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (6D) of Section 25 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (4 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act), the Government on the recommendations of the Council and in supersession of the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department (Revenue Branch) F.NO.FIN/REV-3/GST/I /08 (Pt-I) (Vol.1)/68 dated the 23rd March 2020, except as respect to things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, hereby notifies that the provisions of Sub-Section (6B) or Sub-Section (6C) of Section 25 of the said Act shall not apply to a person who is -

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Sl. No.	District	Aspirational Blocks
1	Mon	Tobu
2	Kohima	Tseminyu
3	Phek	Waziho
4	Mokokchung	Longchem
5	Peren	Tening
6	Dimapur	Aghunaqa
7	Wokha	Champang
8	Zunheboto	Satoi
9	Longleng	Sakshi
10	Noklak	Thonoknyu
11	Tuensang	Chessore

- (1) Planning Department will act as Nodal Department at the State level.
- (2) At the State level, a Committee headed by Chief Secretary will monitor and review the progress of implementation of various activities.

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- (3) At the district level, the Deputy Commissioner will head the District Level Committee with the District Planning Officer as Member Secretary. The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) shall select the Aspirational Block Committee members as per their requirement.
- (4) The District Level Aspirational Block Committee will prepare Five Year Action Plan for their respective Block wherein their priority including schemes under CSS will be incorporated and submit to DPDB for approval.
- (5) The District Level Aspirational Block Committee will supervise the implementation and review the progress of the activities.
- (6) In the normal course, the plans and projects of Aspirational Blocks will be implemented in convergence mode through the existing Central and State programmes. However, in case of additional funding requirement, the Planning & Co-ordination Department will work out the same on need basis upto the maximum limit of Rs. 50 lakh for each Aspirational Block.

This has the approval of the Cabinet Vide NO.CAB-2/2013 (Pt) dated Kohima, the 12th March 2021.

AIR CARGO SERVICE AT DIMAPUR AIRPORT

The Department of Horticulture in a press release stated that Air Cargo facility at Dimapur Airport was officially flagged off by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 2nd March 2021. The release added that the launching of Air Cargo Service in Dimapur Airport was the outcome of the persistent efforts put forward for more than a year by the officials of Airport Authority of India, Dimapur along with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Nagaland.

As on 31st March 2021, a total of 4,810 kg of perishable commodities have been dispatched through Air Cargo from Dimapur Airport. Both Air India and Indigo Airlines have agreed to carry 2000 kg each per day as cargo from Dimapur Airport to different destinations within the Country.

In this regard, any Naga Entrepreneurs and Traders interested for sending Air Cargo from Dimapur Airport may contact the following persons:

Air India, Dimapur Airport	-	H. Thomte Airport Manager +918131891707
Indigo, Dimapur Airport	-	Yuvraj Singh Indigo Incharge +919739977390/9089748326
Department of Horticulture, Nagaland	-	Liaison Officers 1) Meyasashi, Deputy Director, Directorate of Horticulture +91 9436404090 2) Temsu Longkumer, District Horticulture Officer, Dimapur +91 9436004486

MINISTER JACOB VISITS VILLAGES UNDER AGHUNATO SUB-DIVISION

Jacob Zhimomi, Minister, PHED along with Peter Lichamo, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Kitoshe Sumi, Executive Engineer, PHED, and a host of government officials responsible for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) visited Melahumi and Shevishe villages in Tokiye RD Block, under Aghunato Sub-Division on 26th February 2021. JJM is a flagship programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to all household in India by 2024.

Minister Jacob Zhimomi during his visit took time to converse and also listen to the words of gratitude pronounced by the FHTC beneficiaries. Public leaders and GBs of Lizutomi and Satami villages also came to listen and share their need for

safe drinking water to the Minister at Melahumi village. The Minister in his short speech thanked the villages of Melahumi and Lizutomi for generously allowing the Department to tap water from their Bobohu stream for Drinking Water Supply to Zunheboto District HQ. He also paid a visit to the laid 150mm dia. gravity mainline of ongoing Augmentation of Water Supply to Zunheboto Town Phase-2 and the existing water treatment plant at Melahumi Village.

The Minister also had an executive meeting with his department along with Civil Administration of Zunheboto district regarding the execution of Har Ghar Jal under JJM in the district and encouraged the officers to execute the work by supervising personally and to be stationed in designated post and assignment.

PDA DELEGATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN, AICTE, NEW DELHI

On 1st March 2021, the PDA Delegation consisting of Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, and also the State BJP President, Tongpang Ozukum, Minister for Housing and Mechanical, and Medo Yhokha, Advisor for Technical Education and Election called on the Chairman of All India Council Technical Education (AICTE), Professor Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe at AICTE Office, New Delhi.

During the intensive meeting with the Chairman and the Ministry officials, the Delegation highlighted the Higher and Technical Education Departments requirements and problems of the State and appealed to the Ministry for consideration of the State proposal and also any other scheme under the Ministry which are not

availed by the State.

The Ministry officials agreed to sanction five more hostels for Polytechnic Institutes in the State and also upgradation of modern laboratories and IT equipments for all Polytechnic Institutes in the State, on the condition that the proposals (DPR) must be submitted within 15 days to the Ministry. On the issue of National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) in the State, AICTE Chairman also agreed to strongly recommend to the Ministry of Education for establishment of NITTTR in Nagaland.

In the meeting, the officials present were Vice-Chairman, AICTE, M. P. Poonia, Member Secretary, Rajive Kumar and other important officials of the Ministry.

MINISTERS/ADVISORS TAKE COVID VACCINATIONS AT DIMAPUR

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining,

and Chairman, NSMDC, Kashiho Sangtam and Dr. Rev. Wati Aier took their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at District Hospital Dimapur on 3rd March 2021.



Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pangnyu Phom, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, and Chairman, NSMDC, Kashiho Sangtam taking their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at District Hospital Dimapur on 3rd March 2021.

Pangnyu Phom appealed to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine without any hesitation and

encouraged the people of Kohima and Dimapur districts to set an example for the far flung areas of the state.

DIFFERENTLY ABLED ARTISTS FROM NAGALAND PARTICIPATES AT NORTH EAST DIVYA KALA SHAKTI CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The first regional cultural event 'Divya Kala Shakti (Ability in Disability)' was held at the Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre, Itanagar on 4th March 2021 with the objective of promoting and providing a platform to talented youths with disabilities. The event was organised by the Departments of Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs (SJETA), WCD and Health, in collaboration with the Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack, Odisha under DEPWD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol.

The cultural event aims to provide a wide and unique platform to showcase the potential of Persons with Disabilities in the field of performing arts, music, folk dance, yoga and martial arts, etc. Around 55 youths with disabilities from all the North East states participated in the regional cultural event with 11 participants from Arunachal Pradesh and

invitees from Delhi, Odisha, and West Bengal.

Indigenous Music and Folk Art School of Indigenous Cultural Society Dimapur, differently abled artists represented Nagaland at the event. Artists from Nagaland comprised of four deaf and dumb and one intellect, and were led by children folkdance guru Kili H. Chishi and Atuna H. Chishi as coach and assistant coach, and escorts. The team performed a choreography of Sümi Naga folkdance and a traditional cotton spinning, synchronized with antique folk song and indigenous music.

Brigadier (Dr.), B. D. Mishra (Retd.) graced the programme as Chief Guest, Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment Gol, Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu, Minister Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs, WCD & Health, Alo Libang, and Secretary, DEPwD, Gol, Shakuntala D. Gamlin were the Guests of Honor.

FONSESA CELEBRATES WORLD ENGINEERING DAY

The Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Association (FONSESA) celebrated the World Engineering Day with the theme 'Engineering for a healthy planet - Celebrating the

UNESCO Engineering Project Report" at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 4th March with Minister, PWD (Housing and Mechanical) Tongpang Ozukum as the Special Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Tongpang mentioned that earlier, the celebration of Engineer's Day was not uniform but resolution was adopted by UNESCO in 2019 to observe every year on 4th March. The World Engineering Day for sustainable development is a big step for addressing the issues facing mankind and will create awareness of the role of engineering which is essential to mitigate the impact of climate change and other advance sustainable development. He said that the global planet warming and its consequences is threatening the very existence of humanity so engineers need to focus on engineering for healthy planet, and added that no branch of engineering is less important than the other as they are equally important and necessary for making this world a better place.

The Minister stressed on the importance of collaboration among the Government, industries, civil societies to promote engineering invocation to transform engineering profession with stronger capacity to respond to the pressing challenges faced by mankind to find solutions to shape a peaceful,

prosperous, inclusive and sustainable world for all. He requested the engineers to be more active, dedicated and to walk an extra mile in achieving the sustainable goals adopted by UNESCO. He also released the Vision Document 2021 for Sustainable Development of Nagaland State Power Sector.

President, FONSESA, Er. Moa Aier in his welcome address said that the day is an opportunity to engage with the Government and other agencies to address the need for engineering capacity and the quantity of engineers around the world to develop strategic framework and best practices for the implementation of engineering solutions for sustainable development.

Federating Department (under FONSESA) members delivered short speeches on the significance, role and importance of the World Engineering Day celebration including AOE, PWD by Er. Nakhro, APEN by Er. Penrithung, APHEN by Er. Supongyanger, AOME by Er. Imtinuksung, EANRE by Er. Renilo Nuh, WRDEAN by Er. Thepfusalie Guozi and AOE DGM by Er. Kereisezo Sachu.

CSC MEETING WITH CSOs ON RESERVATION IN SERVICES

The consultative meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee (CSC) Working Group with Civil Society Organizations on Reservation in Government Services was held at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 5th March 2021.

In his introductory remarks, Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu said that the issue of reservation in government services has been deliberated by various committees in the past like the Banuo Jamir Committee, Kevichusa Committee, Temjen Toy Committee etc. While reservation for indigenous Nagas was introduced in 1967, the reservation policy for backward tribes has been in existence since 1977. Over the last 44 years of its implementation in the State, the reservation policy has undergone several changes. No policy is perfect and needs to evolve with time, and accordingly, the Government decided to review the existing

reservation policy.

Kronu stated that in August 2019, a Review Committee on Job Reservation Policy was constituted under the chairperson of Sentiyanger Imchen, ACS & Development Commissioner and Members consisting of Home Commissioner, Administrative Head of P&AR, Administrative Head of DIJDA and Director, DUDA as Member Secretary. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 2nd March 2020 decided to reconstitute the Committee to review the existing reservation policy of the State under the chairmanship of J. Alam, ACS & Development Commissioner with Members from P&AR Department, Home Department, DUDA and Justice & Law Department. He also said that the above Committee to review the existing reservation policy is yet to submit its report to the CSC.

Kronu said that the State Government had decided to set up Nagaland Staff Selection Board





(NSSB) and it was notified on 20th July 2020. However, due to various grievances voiced about its composition and scope etc., the NSSB was kept on hold by the Cabinet and it has not yet started functioning. The present CSC was constituted in light of the ENSF Charter of Demands rejecting the present form of the NSSB regulations, 2020 and certain other grievances relating to implementation of the reservation policy by the NPSC, he added.

Minister Kronu informed that the Cabinet on 25th November 2020 included Advisor, IPR, SCERT and Home Guards, Toshi Wungtung in place of Lt. C. M. Chang. Further, the Cabinet in its meeting on 14th January 2021 decided to include Minister, Metsubo, Advisor K. T. Sukhalu and Advisor Zhaleo Rio, in the Working Group of the CSC. It also decided to include representatives of NSF, ENSF, ENPO, ENGOA, CNTC and Tenyimia People Organization (TPO) in the working group besides others as the Committee deemed fit.

Kronu informed that the Cabinet also discussed on 18th December 2020 the representation submitted to the Chief Minister on 14th December 2020 by the Core Committee on Rationalization of Reservation Policy (CCoRoRP) on Nagaland Reservation Policy consisting of the five tribal student bodies (i) All Sumi Students' Union (SKK), (ii) Angami Students' Union (ASU), (iii) Ao Students' Union (AKM), (iv) Lotha Students' Union

(LSU) and (v) Rengma Students' Union (RSU) and another representation from Tenyimia Students organizations.

Minister Kronu also said that the CSC felt that the issues relating to reservation and functioning of NSSB required wider consultation and asked for views and thoughts to have a comprehensive look at the Reservation Policy of the State. Reservation for the Backward Tribes in Nagaland began in 1977 when the State implemented 25% reservation in non-technical and non-gazetted posts for seven tribes which were identified as Backward Tribes because they were educationally and economically backward and also having insignificant representation in the services in the State for a period of 10 years. More tribes have since been added and the quantum of reservation was increased. It is presently at 37% with 25% earmarked for the six Eastern Naga BT tribes and 12% earmarked for the other four BT tribes. The roster system was introduced in 2001 to ensure equitable distribution of reservation among the Backward Tribes, he added.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS while delivering the welcome address thanked all the Government Officials, Civil Society Organizations and participants for attending the meeting so as to discuss and deliberate important issue as it touches the future of the educated youth in all walks of life.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021 CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

NAGALAND STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AWARD LAUNCHED ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021:

Celebrating and honouring women across the State and world, Nagaland observed the International Women's Day 2021 under the theme 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world' at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 8th March 2021. The programme was jointly organised by Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCE), Nagaland State Social Welfare Board (NSSWB), State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW), under Social Welfare Department.

Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare, Sarah R. Ritse highlighted some of the women centric schemes and activities under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, of which the Social Welfare is the nodal department. She mentioned that under NSCW, schemes like 181 Women Helpline, Childline 1098, State Protection Services addressed violence against women and children during the pandemic, also bringing up the gap in services for rehabilitation and repatriation of victims



of domestic violence, victims of trafficking, and persons with special needs. States like Tamil Nadu visited Nagaland to study the success and progress of 181 Women Helpline and SRCW. ICDS and One Stop Centre are among the good performing schemes which are at par with other states, and this speaks volume of the dedication and passion of the younger Naga women, though we still need to strive and make sure that every woman benefits from these schemes, Ritse said. She also appealed to the stakeholders to work hand in hand with the District Administration and to make the schemes a success.

Chairperson, NSCW, Khrienuo Tachü, applauded the Naga women for their resilience and great fortitude amidst many challenges and setbacks. She said that though our social institutions, norms and practices are more advantageous for men, Naga women have also become important leaders in various fields. She highlighted women leaders like Raino Shaiza, Neichiülieü Nikki Haralu, Dr. Khrielieü Kire, Banuo Z. Jamir, Prof. Temsula Ao, Rev. Dr. Noksangchila and many more who have been role models for women both at home and outside the State. She said that with the changing times, though both daughters and sons are given equal opportunities and access to education, there are still norms, expectations and obstacles that women have to overcome. Also, though women are emerging as leaders in various fields, there is a need for the Naga society in general to introspect on women attaining leadership in the political arena, and for women to be given more space in decision making, both in the local and state level.

Khrienuo also requested the State Government to introduce the Acquired Property Bill in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, stating that the issue is not with the ancestral property, and it is the private decisions of the parents regarding acquired property, but as a statutory body of the Government of Nagaland, NSCW seeks to intervene in cases where parents who have no sons but have only daughters are faced with the issue of inheritance of acquired property.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam said

that in his career of 30 years, he has seen positive changes and that Naga women are coming forward in many fields. However, a lot still needs to be continued as when one goes through any social change, there is disruption in customs and traditions. Over the last one year, many Naga women showed leadership qualities in fighting against COVID-19, and he applauded the women for the hard work and for quietly working to achieve their goals. J. Alam said that the need of the hour is to recognise and honour the sacrifices and hard work of the women in building their homes.

On the occasion, Chief Secretary, J. Alam presented the Nagaland State Commission for Women Award 2021 to five women achievers, namely Abeiu Meru, President, Naga Mothers' Association; Dr. Vezokholu Theyo, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima; Dr. Visakhonü Hibo, President, Nagaland College Principals' Association and Principal, Japfu Christian College, Kigwema; Pastor S. Anungla, Pastor, Chang Baptist Church, Kohima, and Inspector Rose Yanthan (UBI), Officer-in-Charge, Women Cell, Police Station, Dimapur.

A short video was screened, showing women working in various fields as Entrepreneurs, Nurse, Bus Conductor, Taxi Driver, etc. and the challenges they face in their professions as women. The programme was also attended by Director General of Police, Nagaland, John Longkumer, a host of senior government officials and women leaders.

MYKIFEST AWARD 2020-21 HELD AT KOHIMA:

Women Resource Development, Nagaland held the MykiFest Award, 2020-21 on 8th March 2021, which coincide with the International Women's Day, at Hotel Japfü, Kohima.

In her keynote address, Commissioner & Secretary, Anenla T. Sato, IAS, said that MykiFest was launched during 2018-19, and is an annual event initiated to celebrate the contribution of women as equal partners in the socio-economic development of the State. The productivity, initiative, and ingenuity of our Naga women are vast and ever-developing. However, much of it goes





unnoticed in general, or ignored due to the inherent bias that still exists in a male-dominated society. Thus, she said that the MykiFest was conceptualized to provide an encouraging platform for a wide category of women to come together to interact, do business, exchange ideas, showcase their talents or to sell their innovative products, while endeavouring to popularize the event within and outside the State. Sato also said that women should strive hard to uplift the society and other women and that everything depends on the preparedness of a wise woman. She also said that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department had to postpone and significantly downsize the festival, but felt that recognition had to be given where it was due. Hence, the MykiFest Awards was instituted to recognize and emphasize the activities of NGOs and other women groups who have been working towards the upliftment of women in the State.

Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, and Women Resource Development, R. Khing, in his speech mentioned that the role of women in the present society has greatly changed for the better. Khing also said that they are more hardworking than men and women are the ones who are bringing progression in the State. He further

mentioned that he wanted to see more of women participation in politics and encouraged women to join politics. He asked the womenfolk to become the leaders of the Naga society and also called upon them to guide the youths for a better tomorrow.

The MykiFest award was divided into two categories - In the group category, the awards were presented to Runway Nagaland, Dimapur, North East Network, Nagaland, Apparels & Accessories Production Team, TLI Project, Department of Women Resource Development. In the individual category, the awards were presented to Vimenuo Belho, home based entrepreneur from Kohima, Iboli Zhimo a self-taught artist who founded Listone Pebble Art at Thahekhu, Dimapur, Vikengunu Kera Fatima from Khuzama Village, Mezüheno, a rural entrepreneur from Khonoma Village and Phaoniu Shio and upcoming painter from the Khamniungan tribe.

Additional Director & HoD, WRD, Vilone Sakhrie in his vote of thanks mentioned that the award is to target and acknowledge the lesser known people and would like to focus on such categories of entrepreneurs. He also said that MykiFest Award will be held once in every four years.

DGP NAGALAND CALLS FOR CHANGE IN MINDSET ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:

On 8th March 2021, International Women's Day was celebrated at PHQ, Kohima Nagaland. T. John Longkumer IPS, Director General of Police, Nagaland graced the occasion as the Special Guest.

Imcharenla IPS, DIG (NAP), the first female NPS Officer; Kahuli Sema, the first female Chief Engineer (PEP); Shevotsono Kikhi, Inspector (INT); Sashitula, O.S. (Supply) shared their experiences. Imcharenla shared her experiences and how she petitioned to the NPSC and the then Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister and took up the matter personally with them to allow female candidates to apply for the post of Dy.S.P. which only male candidates could apply. Kahuli Sema also shared her experiences on how she overcome the challenges

faced by her to be a leader in her own field.

On the occasion, the DGP awarded 7 female staff - Executive as well as Non-Executive from PHQ, IGP (INT) and NPTO establishments with Certificate of Commendation and Cash Reward for their exemplary work and the service rendered to the department, namely UBI Shevotsono Kikhi, In-Charge, Security Branch; Hav. Uma Tamang, attached to R.O. Branch PHQ; K. Alila Jamir, UDA Accountant IGP (INT) establishment; Neilakienuo, Assistant Office Superintendent (Training Branch) PHQ; Aojungla Ozukum, Constable Operator (NPTO); Jongshienla, LDA, Branch-II PHQ and Imnasenla, LDA-cum-Computer Assistant, attached to ADGP (Adm.)



Speaking on the occasion, T. John Longkumer, DGP highlighted that along with legal reforms, there is a need for change in mindset which should start from the family first since it is the basic unit of any society in order to bring in change in the society and to ensure gender equality. He acknowledged the contribution of women in shaping his life. He stressed on the need for equal share for women in the acquired properties and informed that the Government is contemplating to bring in legislation in this regard. On the theme of this year's International Women's Day 'Choose to challenge,' he stressed that the theme simultaneously also apply to men to accept the challenges chosen by women and also asked them to choose to challenge and call out against gender bias and inequality for creating an inclusive world. He acknowledged the contribution of women police to the society at large.

The Mahila Band from 15th IR Mahila Battalion also performed on the occasion.

WOKHA:

The Wokha District Administration, DLCW-MSK in collaboration with SAKHI-OSC, Wokha District Legal Services Authority (WDLA) and Lotha Eloie Hoho under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) organized the International Women's Day at VDB hall, Wokha on 8th March 2021. The event was organized on the theme 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World.'

Judicial Magistrate First Class, Nagaland Judicial Services (NJS) & Secretary WDLA, Khrievono Seletsu while speaking on the theme mentioned the tremendous efforts shown by women around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. As the COVID-19 pandemic began, what has caught the attention of the world amongst other facts is the active participation of women in handling the COVID-19 crisis, women stands at the frontline of the COVID -19 crisis as healthcare workers, caregivers, as scientists, homemakers, community organizers and innovators and also as some of the most exemplary and effective national leaders in combating the pandemic, she stated. Women's Day

is a day to remind ourselves of our capabilities and strength and to take pride in being women, she added. The pandemic has given rise to women entrepreneurship which shows that our society has started believing in the capabilities of women and the importance of equality, she said with the hope that there will be more opportunities for women in policy making and decision making platform.

During the function, awards were also given to the winners of the Selfie competition conducted during the month of January 2021 on the National Girl Child week held on the topic "Dadi-Podi" (Grandmother-Granddaughter). Short speech was also delivered by President, Lotha Eloie Hoho, Zuchopeni Ezong. Other highlights of the programme included presentation of drama by GHSS Class-12 students, dance by Ganadora Group and special number by Nchumbemo Patton.

On the same day, the Lotha Baptist Churches Association (LBCA) Women Department also celebrated International Women's Day with the theme 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world' at the Mission Centre Church, Vankhosung, Wokha.

APRO, Bhandari, Lily Kikon speaking on the day's theme said that COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected progress of women around the world in several ways. Observing that it may take some time for the many disadvantaged women to settle back to self reliant lives once again, and to bridge the gender gap, she stressed on the need for both men and women in leadership roles to step up effort to help reshaping their lives for equal future.

Zuchopeni Ezong, President, Lotha Eloie Hoho exhorted and urged the women to be source of strength to the society through their collective contributions and be agents of progress for a future without disparity. Rev. M. C. Kithan, former Executive Secretary, LBCA pronounced the prayer of blessings for the women and urged them to continue to live fruitful lives. L. Meribeni Ngullie, Secretary, Women Department, LBCA delivered the greetings speech. The programme was chaired by Mhabeni Tsopoe, Vice President, LBCA, Women Department.



**LONGLENG:**

In Longleng, the International Women's Day 2021-cum-Seminar on Women's Rights and Privileges was celebrated under the aegis of the District Administration in collaboration with Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA), Bati Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), MSK – District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) and Sakhi One Stop Centre Longleng at PBCA Convention Hall on 8th March 2021 with mammoth gathering of womenfolk from various churches and villages across the district of Longleng.

Speaking on the occasion as the Special Guest, the Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom exhorted the womenfolk to learn from the seminar, raise their voices and give good advices to their spouse to have a sense of humanity and gender equality both in the family and community for a better place. He also lauded the contribution of Phom women towards the growth and development of Phom community and was optimistic that the seminar will bring more positive changes, adding that he was highly encouraged to see the huge participation of women with good response from the village and grassroot level. The DC also gave away the awards to the winners of the Poem Competition.

In her keynote address, Pichano Kikon, EAC, Longleng asserted that the significance of the day is to recognise the responsibility and contribution of women in various fields and to educate them to avail their rights. She also encouraged the gathering to carry the message and disseminate the information back to their family and community.

A. Shamthai Phom, President of Phomla Hoichem in her exhortation extended her appreciation to the district administration, PBCA, the Government agencies involved and the organizing committee for organizing the program in an impressive manner.

Later, in the seminar session, the resource person Pichano Kikon spoke on the 'Rules and functions of DC's Office,' Yantsula, UBSI, Women OC, Longleng spoke on the 'Role of Women Police,'

Dr. Obangjungla, CMO, Longleng spoke on 'Rights of women's health,' T. Longlang Phom, CDPO, Longleng spoke on 'PMMVY Schemes,' K. Athili, LDM Mokokchung and Longleng spoke on 'Banking, Insurance, applying Scholarship and Atal Pension Scheme,' Adv. P. Monyei Phom, Panel Lawyer, DLSA, Longleng emphasized on 'Fundamental Rights and Duties,' P. Phongla Phom, Women Welfare Officer, MSK Longleng and C. Henchum Phom Centre Administrator, OSC, Longleng spoke on "Schemes for women and girl child" and 'Domestic violence' respectively.

MOKOKCHUNG:

In commemoration of the International Day for Women, a programme was organized by Mokokchung District Administration and Sakhi One Stop Centre Mokokchung at Ongpangkong Salang on 8th March 2021 under the theme 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in COVID-19 world.'

Speaking on the occasion, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Vishal IPS said women are the source of inspiration and courage. He maintained that the image of God lies in women but till today, they are not given their deserving rights. He asked all the participants to be an ambassador for women empowerment. He said that in Naga society, women are given maximum freedom and rights in all aspects, but these days there is an increase of domestic violence. Therefore, he asked the womenfolk not to take any kind of oppression but to report to the authority immediately should there be any oppression against them. He assured that Mokokchung Police is always there to help in every way possible to ensure that womenfolk are safe in the society.

SDO (C), Mokokchung, Dharam Raj in his short speech maintained that Nagaland is best when it comes to providing rights to women but when it comes to playing key role in the society, it is very less. He encouraged women to come out of the discrimination and to realize their inner capabilities and qualities which can help them to achieve key role in the society.



Another programme was held earlier at Town Hall, Mokokchung which was organized by the District Administration & District Level Centre for Women-MSK (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao) Mokokchung, where 10 women frontline workers were felicitated - Women Sanitary Workers: Masasula, Bendangmenla, Ozungtula, Tsungo and Sashilila, Medical/Health Worker: Dr. Chubala Aier, CMO Mokokchung and Narosenla, Microbiologist IMDH Mokokchung, Women Police: No. 3889 W/P THC Kirenjungla, Women Police Station DEF, Civil Society: Maonginla, Watsu President and Shilula Imchen, Associate Pastor ,Women MTBA.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir who was the Special Guest thanked all the women frontline workers for working tirelessly in fighting the pandemic. He also mentioned his appreciation to all the departments and NGOs for walking extra mile in the fight against COVID-19.

To mark the occasion, Royal Enfield Club, Mokokchung distributed flowers to women during their ride in and around Mokokchung Town which was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung.

KIPHIRE:

On account of International Women's Day, a two-day free baking class was organised by the Kiphire District Administration, DLCW- Manila Shakti Kendra and Sakhi- one stop centre on 5th and 6th March 2021.

Altogether, 22 women from 11 wards, SHGs and women organisations attended the class. On the final day, Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Wati Aier, NCS encouraged the trainees to take the opportunity and apply what they have learnt as a small step towards a sustainable livelihood. The training incorporated both modern and traditional methods of baking and recipes.



The Dimapur Police organized a health awareness camp for women police personnel on the occasion of International Women's Day at DCP Zone II Office, Dimapur on 8th March 2021.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur District Administration in collaboration with the District Level Center for Women-Mahila Shakti Kendra (DLCW-MSK) Dimapur and Sakhi-One-stop Center (OSC) Dimapur, celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2021, under the theme Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 World.'

Special Guest for the occasion, DC,

Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS in his address lauded the women for being the best performers in any field. Observing that women were not given their due rights initially, he however noted that over the years, good sense has prevailed in the society and with the efforts of rights based organizations, gradually women were given equal opportunities for aspiring various goals and shouldering responsibilities in the society. Appreciating the existence of equality for men and women in the





Naga society, Soundararajan encouraged for liberating the existing sense for betterment of the society.

Marking the day, one female candidate from various fields was nominated and the awardees were felicitated by the Special Guest – Administration: ADC, Dimapur, V. Lovitoly Sema; Medical field: Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Antoly Swu; Police: Officer-in-Charge of Women Police Station, Dimapur, Rose Yanthan; Games and sports at national and state level: Akumtila Longkumer; Hasna Kumar and Kikrusenuo were felicitated for being the Top Girl Scorer under Dimapur district; Academic Excellence: Government Teacher (Science) Watimenla, and Digamber Jain Girls' College Dimapur was also felicitated for their concern and care for women education; Geeta Kumari was nominated for the award for her contribution towards health and sanitation for women at the grassroot level; Art and Culture: Zuchobeni Tungoe the only female contestant from North East India who has made it to the top 15 of the VLCC Femina Miss India 2020; Local Female Entrepreneur category: Lipokjungla Ozukum, Director and Co- Founder Ilando Services Private Limited; Civil Societies category: Naga Women Hoho Dimapur; Non-Governmental Organization: the Missionaries of Charity Dimapur, affiliated to the Missionaries of Charity Kolkata.

Highlights of the day included special song by Vilika T Chishi, welcome note by Women Welfare officer, DLCW-MSK Dimapur, Lanusangla Jamir. The programme held at DC's Conference Hall Dimapur was chaired by District Coordinator, DLCW-MSK Dimapur, Dhonthaidi Langthasa while vote of thanks was proposed by IT, Sakhi-OSC Dimapur, Tiasenla N. Jamir.

Also, on the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Dimapur Police organised a health awareness camp for women police personnel at DCP Zone II Office.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, said that police

personnel being in a very busy service, hardly get time to go for yearly health check-up. He however maintained that they should lead by example by keeping one's body fit and healthy. Acknowledging the importance of women in the society, Tetseo, expressed concern over zero representative of women in State Assembly and encouraged Naga women to participate in politics.

President, Inner Wheel Club, Sanjukta Bhattacharjee in her speech expressed gratitude to the women police personnel for their services and sacrifices made for the society. President, Rotary Club Dimapur, Kitoshi Zhimomi also gave a short speech on IWD 2021 theme 'Choose to challenge'.

The first session was chaired by ACP, Ketoukhrielie Metha and the welcome address was given by DCO Zone II, Dimapur, Aotula T Imchen. After the formal programme, talk and interactive session on breast cancer and medical tests were conducted by Dr. Nitin Agarwal and Dr. Khushboo Agarwal.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district celebrated International Women's Day at Town Hall on 8th March 2021 under the theme "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 world," jointly organised by District Administration, Sumi Totimi Hoho, Social Welfare Department, District Level Center for Women-MSK and Sakhi OSC.

The programme started with banner march from SBCZ Ground to Town Hall which was led by EAC Zunheboto, N. Nyamok Konyak. Short speeches were delivered by Advocate Easter, UBSI Women PS, Kengbame, Teacher, Cornerstone School, Dr. Shikatoli, Inakali Swu and Assistant General Secretary, Grace. EAC, Orenthung Kikon also spoke on the occasion and exhorted the womenfolk on various aspects of life.

MON:

Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Mon Town Council Administration



organised the celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March 2021 at Council Hall, Mon Town with the theme, 'Choose to challenge.' The event was chaired by CDPO, Mon, Renchano Odyuo.

Speakers for the event, DPO Mon, T Tauhong Ngonyen, Deputy CMO Mon, Dr. Limatula and SDO Civil Mon HQ Ilika Zhimomi NCS addressed the gathering. The speakers focused on the importance of a girl's education, self-reliance and financial independence for women, female health, role of women as homemakers. The speakers urged upon the participants present to change one's own mindset and embrace the roles and responsibilities of women with confidence.

The occasion also witnessed a felicitation of women doctors and administrators by ADC & Administrator Mon Town Council, Rahul Mali, IAS. The event was attended by female officers, doctors, administrators and Anganwadi workers.

Also, the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission Mon in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Mon organised the celebration of International Women's Day with the theme "Women in Leadership" (Achieving Equal Future in a Covid-19 World) on 8th March 2021 at DRDA Resource Centre Mon. The event was chaired by AC (SISD) Wakho Konyak.

BDO & BMM RD Block Mon, T Manhom Konyak in his welcome address stated that the day was celebrated to acknowledge the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women.

Delivering a short note on International Women's Day, Project Director DRDA Mon, Wennyei Konyak stated that the day was not only to acknowledge the achievements and challenges of women but also focus on the way forward. He stated that in Konyak tradition, women had always been empowered since time immemorial by citing an example that in order to be an Angh (King), one had to be born out of a Rani (Queen). He further stated that the fields were always in the Queen's name. He stated that the role of a woman in the house was that of a pillar and urged upon the gathering to stand

strong for their own family.

Resource person for the event, Chief Judicial Magistrate & Secretary DLSA Mon, Seyielenuo Mezhii highlighted some of the female personalities from international and national platforms who were instrumental in their own fields during the pandemic. She stated that it was important to know the great achievements of such female personalities in order to remind oneself the potential and capabilities of women. Mezhii asserted that the way forward is to appreciate and uplift one another and to stand up together to fight for women's political and property rights. She urged upon the gathering to introspect into their lives and bring about changes in order to faithfully fulfill the role of a woman.

Pashet VLO Leangha village received the Best VLO, while Shakjong VLO Chi village performed a special song. The event was attended by female members of various SHGs, officers and staff of NSRLM and DLSA.

TUENSANG:

The International Women's Day was observed in Tuensang under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao organised by Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Tuensang in collaboration with Mother's Welfare Society, Tuensang on 8th March 2021 at Town Hall, Tuensang.

DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS highlighted the importance of the day and said that it is a day celebrating social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Two sessions on 'Personal hygiene' and 'Women's Rights, Child Abuse' were conducted by Dr. Sungmo, DTO Tuensang and Antimangyang, Advocate DLSA respectively.

Executive Chairman, Mother's Welfare Society, Tuensang Ayimla Sangtam, shared their success stories and their action plan. The programme was chaired by Centre Administrator, Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Tuensang Chulongla and Yongkhong Kelep performed a special song.



**NOKLAK:**

Noklak district observed International Women's Day celebration on 8th March 2021 at Longdon Baptist Church, Noklak town.

Inaugurating International Women's Day 2021 through video message, Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Women Khrienuo Tachu extended her warm greeting to the women of Noklak and wish that Noklak become exemplary in shaping women leadership.

Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Nagaland, Awan Konyak, delivering inaugural lecture on the topic 'The Contemporary Naga Women' exhorted the women to strive hard in order to progress in every sphere of life looking at the women role models who have achieved in life through courage and conviction. She also acknowledged the fact that contributions of women are positively recognized in Naga Community.

Speaking on the occasion, DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS, delivered a comprehensive lecture on empowerment initiatives and stated that vocational and educational empowerment center for school dropouts and adolescent girls shall be established under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, which will be a permanent training center where services will be delivered on a weekly basis. Empowerment initiatives undergoing in the district were elaborated in detail by Deputy Commissioner. Proposal had been submitted for sanitary pad unit which is expected to materialize in near future, he added. To improve the health and wellness parameters in the community, DC said that a reverse osmosis plant for the whole town is planned to be operationalized through KMH with the support of CSR donors. With respect to empowerment through employment, DC stated that proposal had been submitted for procurement of agricultural trucks for marketing of goods and taxi services through women entrepreneurs under the aegis of KMH.

The project under NAWYEM initiatives mission is ongoing and Noklak has also received

approval for setting up of business incubation center, the DC added. The community through KBCA is proposing for cluster based development of agri products and handicrafts for which the proposal has been submitted, he said. To improve the medical sector, proposal has been prepared for ambulance services and diagnostic facilities and improving the medical infrastructure in the district. Respective departments are in collaboration for ensuring the proper initialization and implementation of the projects.

The DC said a pilot project has been initiated to provide micro loans to all aspiring entrepreneurs who wish to take up piggery and mushroom farming etc. Similarly, to support the cost of professional education, students' loan facilities with support of State Bank of India and Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam are going to be launched soon. A particular day has been marked for banking services, exclusively for women, on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, where all support activities, scholarship, banking services opening or all transactions related to women shall be given priority, he said. As part of a targeted approach for providing medical services, one day in every month will be designated as a women special medical care day where District Administration, CHC and FPA will be coordinating to ensure services reach even in the remote villages.

To mark the occasion and creating ownership, the DC announced three committees under KMH which has been set up, namely Women's Education Promotion Committee, Women's Health Promotion Committee and Women's Entrepreneurship Promotion Committee.

Vincent Belho, General Manager, FPA India, Nagaland Branch; Ville Rhetso, Consultant FPA India, Nagaland branch; Akangkoka Namo, Programme Officer FPA India Nagaland Branch; Dr. Chandra Vadhana, Founder & Director Prayaana Collective, Kerala; Newkhai, President, Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam; Khaikho, DCPO, Tuensang; Munno, Literature & Education



Secretary, Khamniungan Baptist Churches Association; Neikhoto, Branch Manager, SBI Noklak Branch, and Dr. Meyachungla Jamir also spoke on the occasion.

To mark the occasion, special medical camp for women was held at CHC, Noklak. Sanitary pads were distributed to school going adolescent girls. An 18 point stakeholder commitment and outcome statement was released as concluding remark of panel discussion. The programme was organised by District Administration, Noklak under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and in collaboration with various other agencies and organizations.

PFUTSERO:

International Women's Day was celebrated at Pfutsero on 8th March 2021, with ADC Pfutsero, Japheth Woch as the Guest of Honour, under the theme 'Choose to challenge.'

Woch called upon to celebrate women who choose to challenge the stereotype and achievements of women. He also encouraged the women to take part in decision making. He sought the support of the NGOs and the womenfolk in Pfutsero sub-division while acknowledging the contributions made by the women during the pandemic.

Short speeches were delivered by Chairman, Pfutsero Town Welfare Committee, Mezelo Lomi, President, CMA, Zhonelu Tunyi and Women Secretary, CBCC Neingupe-U Rakho. A poem, "Lawyer of the unborn child" was read out by Pfuzoto Tetseo. The programme was organized by Pfutsero Town Council and Chakhesang Women Welfare Society.

TENING:

The International Women's Day 2021-cum-Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was celebrated under the theme 'Choose to challenge' which was organised by Tening Town Women Welfare Organisation in collaboration with Tening Block Task Force on BBBP with Special Guest, Bino Newmai,

retired DPO, Department of Social Welfare on 8th March 2021.



International Women's Day celebrated at Tening on 8th March 2021.

Speeches were delivered by the Special Guest, Bino Newmai and Senior Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Tening, Dr. Neilasakuo Linyu which was followed by word of gratitude by EAC, Tening, Tumben P. Tsanglao, NCS. Song competition was also held on the occasion.

MELURI:

International Women's Day was celebrated at Meluri sub-division, organised by Pochury Mother's Association, sponsored by the North East Network, under the theme "Choose to challenge" on 8th March 2021.



International Women's Day celebrated at Meluri under the theme 'Choose to Challenge' on 8th March 2021.

ADC, Meluri Fürhesie as the resource person dwelt on the empowerment and equality of women. Pochury Hoho President, Chonpa Jurry greeted the gathering on the occasion. The programme was chaired by Joint Secretary, Pochury Mothers' Association, Atsülu.



**CM LAUNCHES 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE AT SECRETARIAT PLAZA**

Along with the rest of the country, Nagaland launched the celebration of the 75 years of India's Independence on 12th March 2021 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima. The celebration started with a march which was flagged off by the Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha. Students of various schools and colleges from Kohima took part in the march, which started at High School Junction and ended at the Civil Secretariat Plaza.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio speaking at the function stated that the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence is on the 15th August 2022, however the launching started on 12th March, which is 75 weeks before the Anniversary Day. Rio stated that 12th March also occupies a stellar place on the timeline of the freedom movement as it was on this day in 1930, 91 years ago, when the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi started his most famous, inspiring and epochal Dandi March from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad to Dandi, a coastal village in Gujarat, about 385 Km away, which was intended to protest against the nefarious provisions of the salt tax imposed by the British Government.

Rio said that at the dawn of independence, India had many overwhelming challenges before it.

However, over the decades, the country has been able to deepen and strengthen the democratic processes and foundations in the country, and have brought about significant social and economic equality among the people.

The Chief Minister stated that Nagaland which came into existence, about 16 years after India's Independence, has also been moving shoulder to shoulder with the rest in order to make all those dreams a reality. He also spoke of the improvements in various sectors such as education, human resources, road, power and health sector. Rio commented on the substantial progress and achievements by the State and the entire nation and urged everyone to put in their effort to achieve their various developmental goals, and ensure that no individual is deprived of his fundamental rights. Rio also mentioned that the State Government is striving for early political solution, a matter intricately linked to our identity and history, and reminded about the life and the message of the father of our nation who always advocated peace, non-violence and purity of means.

In the celebration of the India's 75 years of Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', cultural presentation of song and dance display were also



performed by various artists organised by TaFMA and Art & Culture.

A photo exhibition with the theme 'Celebrating 75 Years of India's Independence,' organized by the Field Outreach Bureau, Kohima, Bureau of Outreach & Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India was also inaugurated by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on the same day.

The photo exhibition is curated to depict through the medium of photos India's freedom

struggle. It consists of old and rare photographs of well-known and lesser known freedom fighters of the country, Gandhi's advent into the freedom struggle, the historic march from Sabarmati to Dandi to break the British Salt Law which became a precursor to the countrywide mass movement against the British rule and intensified the freedom movement. Photos of freedom fighters like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose and important events connected in their fight for India's Independence were also exhibited.

STUDY MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED UNDER VIGYAN JYOTI SCHEME AT JNV, KOHIMA



EAC (Sadar), Kohima, Kevingoto Kulnu handing over study materials to a student under the Vigyan Jyoti Scheme at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kohima on 13th March 2021.

A programme on distribution of study materials to girl students under the Vigyan Jyoti Scheme was held at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kohima on 13th March 2021 with EAC (Sadar), Kohima, Kevingoto Kulnu, NCS as Special Guest and Moasangla, Associate Professor, Kohima Science College as the Resource Person.

Principal, JNV, Kohima, K. Kapfo stated that the Vigyan Jyoti Scheme is an initiative of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, intended to create a level-playing field for the meritorious girls in high school to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). He encouraged the students to work hard and make best use of the study materials.

Encouraging the girl students to take up science, Resource Person Moasangla expressed happiness that more girls are taking up science education and that the number of girls are more in many of the institutions. She also encouraged them to build a research attitude by asking questions and asked the students to make proper use of technology in their studies. She stressed on the need for a mentality change in the society and break that belief that mathematics and science are hard subjects.

Special Guest, Kevingoto Kulnu said that the students studying in government institutions must consider themselves lucky and privileged, stating that they have the best teachers, facilities and opportunities. He stated that education is a



great instrument for women empowerment and a tool to balance gender disparity. Kulnu added that one becomes empowered when they are educated. He stressed on the importance of science education

and the advantages of it for their future careers. Citing his personal experiences as an administrator, he also encouraged the students to consider administration as a career.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DIRECTED TO PAY ALL PENDING BILLS TO MEDIA HOUSES



Chief Secretary, J Alam, IAS addressing a meeting with media houses held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th March 2021.

Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS directed the State Government Departments to clear all pending bills to the media houses at the earliest to ensure smooth functioning and cordial relationship between the Government of Nagaland and the media, during a meeting held on 17th March 2021 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

J. Alam informed that a memorandum from the media houses of the State regarding pending advertisement bills was received by the State Government which was taken up in the Cabinet Meeting held on 11th March 2021. He stated that the Cabinet was of the view that the media plays an important role in the State and felt that no dues should be left pending so as to ensure proper functioning of the media houses.

The Chief Secretary called for modernization of bill payment system by the Departments and urged them to make electronic payments, adding that technology has provided solutions to various problems and challenges faced by the State Government in the past as well. The Chief Secretary also mooted the

possibility of developing appropriate software in consultation with Technical Department.

The meeting deliberated on various other issues related to the functioning of the media and Government and agreed on various points to be taken up at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary urged payments of all pending bill to media houses to be cleared by 31st March 2021.

Each department will appoint one nodal officer for advertisement related matters and will submit the name along with designation, phone number and email address to the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR). DIPR will send the compiled list to the media houses.

The State Government will hold an internal meeting with all Departments and work out policies for better functioning and relationship between the Government and media in the State.

The meeting was attended by officials from concerned departments and representatives from Morung Express, Eastern Mirror, Nagaland Page, Nagaland Post and Tir Yimyim.



LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF POSHAN PAKHWADA 2021

PEREN:

ICDS Jalukie Project under the Department of Social Welfare, Peren launched Poshan Pakhwada 2021 on 16th March 2021 at Village Council Hall, Samziuram Village to create momentum towards nutrition at the block level and to celebrate the third anniversary of Poshan Abhiyan.

CDPO, Namhuhieng spoke on major activities to be conducted during Poshan Pakhwada and encouraged the participants to play an active role for implementing the activities which will help in sensitising the mass towards adoption of nutritional behaviour.



ADC, Peren, Mhathung Tsanglao along with Social Welfare Department officials and others during the closing function of Poshan Pakhwada 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 31st March 2021.

The programme was chaired by AWW, Wigamliu, Poshan pledge was administered by AWW, Thuimei Gangmei while District Poshan Coordinator Peren, Kukule and Assistant Poshan Coordinator, Zizi highlighted the activities on Poshan Pakhwada. Vote of thanks was delivered by VDB Secretary Samziuram Village, Nikodim.

The concluding programme of the Poshan Pakwada (Nutrition Fortnight) was held on 31st March 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren. District Programme Assistant, Poshan Abhiyan, Mezilungliu Nchang gave the report on Poshan Pakhwada. Of the targeted 4000 programmes, the district was able to conduct 2005 programmes in the five blocks of Peren district with a total participation of 30,000.

LONGLENG:

CDPO, Longleng, Longlang Luckpan launched Poshan Pakhwada 2021 on 18th March 2021 at EBRC Hall, Longleng.

The CDPO encouraged and asked all

AWWs to rededicate themselves and work hard so as to achieve the target set under Poshan Abhiyan. District Coordinator, Longhong Phom, spoke on the importance of medical plants and its uses. As part of the Poshan Pakhwada, medical plants and herbs were planted at CDPO's Office premises and Anganwadi Centre.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Social Welfare Department (ICDS) with Health & Family Welfare Department conducted Poshan Pakhwada Camp under Poshan Abhiyan at Sub-Centre Salangtem Ward, Mokokchung on 22nd March 2021.

The target of the camp was to address identification of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), children screening and management of anaemia among women and adolescent girls. Dr. Kibangkumba Deputy CMO Mokokchung gave the highlights about the Poshan Pakhwada.



Social Welfare Department with Health & Family Welfare Department conducted Poshan Pakhwada Camp at Sub-Centre Salangtem Ward, Mokokchung on 22nd March 2021.

The closing programme of the nutrition fortnight event was held at Sangtemla Ward, Multi-Purpose Hall, Mokokchung, on 31st March 2021. DPO, (ICDS), Mokokchung, I. Mangliyangba in his report on Poshan Pakhwada said that altogether 1859 different activities have been carried out in the district during the observation of Poshan Pakhwada 2021.





WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATED

KOHIMA:

World Oral Health Day 2021 was observed in the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare on 20th March 2021 with the theme 'Be proud of your mouth.' The meeting was chaired by Director (Dental) Dr. James Theyiephrezo.

Director (Health), Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao in his exhortation mentioned that we should be proud of our mouth but we also should be careful with our mouth as it is the entry point of everything into our body. Deputy Director and State Nodal Officer National Oral Health Programme Officer, Dr. Meribeni delivering the keynote address, stated that good oral health always contributes to overall general health. She said that oral disease is a silent epidemic affecting large section of the population and it is important to inculcate good oral hygiene practice as most of oral diseases are preventable.

During the function, Principal Director's Commendation Certificate for Outstanding Service for 2021 was awarded to Junior Dental Surgeon

CHC Aboi. Elaborating on the initiatives, Dr. C. Tetseo, Joint Director and SNO NTCP stated that, beginning from 2021, dental surgeons rendering outstanding service will be recognised by the department. The function was attended by Mission Director NHM, and Programme Officers and staff in the directorate.

ABOI:

In commemoration of the World Oral Health Day, the Health & Family Welfare Department of Aboi lead by Junior Dental Surgeon, CHC, Aboi, Dr. Neiphrezo Soriinuo conducted health talks, painting and speech competition at St. John School, Aboi on 20th March 2021.

Dr. Neiphrezo highlighted on the importance of good oral hygiene through a powerpoint presentation. The speech and painting competition was held under the theme 'Be proud of your mouth.' Winners were awarded with certificates, diaries, pens and toothpaste.

WORLD WATER DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

World Water Day, organized by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), was celebrated under the theme 'Valuing water' on 22nd March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner (DC)'s Conference Hall, Kohima.

Delivering a keynote address, Executive Engineer, PHED, R Kohima Division Er. Supongyanger stated that the World Water Day is observed on 22nd March annually which focuses to raise awareness on the global water crisis, adding that people and organisations mark World Water Day every year by taking action to tackle water crisis in different ways. He urged the citizens to dedicate themselves by practising ways to conserve water in our daily routine by following some important and easy ways to conserve water such as, keeping the tap closed when not in use and not to ignore any water leaks which would lead to draining out huge amount of water, practising rainwater harvesting and take it up as

a culture, find ways on how to recharge groundwater, protect water resources and find ways on how to conserve water pre-monsoon and post-monsoon.

DC, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie exhorted the participants that water is connected to every form of life on earth and is a basic human need where everyone needs access to safe water. He urged the PHED to create awareness on rainwater harvesting particularly for a place like Kohima, where water crisis occurs especially during the dry season and requested the Department to ensure safe drinking water to the citizens.

Emphasizing on the safe drinking water, Chemist, DWSM, PHED Kohima Division, Dziesetseinuo Kiso said that safe drinking water should ideally be clear with no smell, free from pathogens, not salty and free from chemicals. She added that in most parts of the African and Asian and advancing country like India, safe drinking water was not readily available, particularly in rural areas,



one reason safe drinking water is of paramount concern is that 75% of all diseases in developing countries arises from polluted drinking water, contaminated water not only has the potential to pose immediate threat to human, but also can effect an individual productive rate. She mentioned that according to WHO Report, an estimated 1.1 billion people in the world drink unsafe water, approximately 3.1% of the global annual death (1.7 million) and 3.7% (54.2% million) of the annual burden are caused by the use of unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation and hygiene.

WOKHA:

Department of Executive Engineer's Office, PHED Wokha observed the World Water Day on 22nd March 2021 under the theme 'Valuing water.'

District Coordinator, DWSM, Wokha Aremo

Ovung while delivering the keynote address encouraged the gathering to be torchbearers in creating awareness on the global water crisis and the urgent need for conserving water which is vital for sustaining life. He also sensitized the gathering about the "Jal Shakti Abhiyan-Catch the Rain campaign, where it falls, when it falls" which was launched by the Prime Minister on World Water Day 2021, which aims to encourage the public to construct rainwater harvesting structures.

IEC Consultant, Khonzani Kithan spoke on the theme 'Valuing water' and 'Water2me' which is the year's digital theme. She elaborated on the judicious use of water, importance of water and its health benefits. She also urged the gathering to focus on the current water crisis and to cooperate in order to overcome the crisis and to inculcate and follow the basic ways of harvesting and conserving water.

PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE VISITS NAGALAND



PCI Sub-Committee, Convenor and members interacting with media persons at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 22nd March 2021.

INTERACTION WITH MEDIA PERSONS:

Directorate of Information & Public Relations organised a meeting with the Press Council Of India (PCI) Sub-Committee along with media persons in regard to the evolve guidelines for the media and security forces on reporting in conflict situation and to organize activities particularly to North Eastern states, Naxal affected areas and Jammu and Kashmir at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 22nd March 2021.

Three member team of PCI Sub-Committee led by Convenor, Jaishankar Gupta, along with Members Kamal Nain Narang and Pradeep Kumar Jain paid a two-day visit to Nagaland and the team held meetings with various stakeholders- Press, Senior Police Officials, Governor and Chief Minister. Sub-Committee Member, Jaishankar Gupta

addressing the media said that the press face problems working in conflict zones and taking side with states or being neutral in printing articles. He remarked that across the state, often press are unable to perform their duty due to pressure from organizations, NGOs or other elements. He added that main purpose of the interaction with the media persons is to discuss free and fair on the problems and issues faced by them while discharging their duty as journalists. He also lamented that the welfare of journalists are neglected as till date only few states have implemented welfare schemes for the journalists across the state. He also acknowledged DIPR's initiative in providing various welfare schemes to the accredited journalists.

President, Nagaland Press Association, H. Chishi, a senior journalist participating in the

discussion opined that today, journalists do not know where they stand, as the media are remote controlled by certain group of people. He stated that the credibility of Indian media is highly questionable by the world not because of terrorism issues of Jammu and Kashmir but many other issues contributing in making India to rank at the bottom of Free Press. He remarked the democracy is not fully efficient without the free press. Also while extending appreciation to DIPR for providing various welfare schemes to the journalists in Nagaland, he however said that still much more needs to be done.

Director, IPR, Z. Tokishe appealed to the PCI Members to strongly recommend to the Government of India to implement life insurance and pension schemes for the journalists of Nagaland. He also highlighted the various welfare schemes provided by the Department for the accredited journalists of Nagaland.

The team also distributed questionnaires to journalists to find out the problems and issues faced by journalists which can be filled and sent through their email or to the Director, IPR. Other media persons also shared their opinions and suggestions and various problems faced by them while discharging their duties to PCI during the discussion.

INTERACTION WITH CM:

The Press Council of India Sub-Committee met and interacted with Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio at his Residential Office on 23rd March 2021.

The Sub-Committee briefed the Chief Minister on the purpose of their visit to the State and highlighted the various problems faced by journalists and media persons in the country, particularly in conflict areas.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio briefed the team on various issues and the current affairs of the State. He informed that the welfare of the press fraternity in the State is relatively good as compared to other states. He also apprised the Sub-Committee members on the steps taken by the State Government for the welfare of the press fraternity.

The meeting was also attended by the Chief Secretary, Jan E Alam.

INTERACTION WITH SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS:

The Press Council of India (PCI) Sub-Committee met DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS and other Senior Police Officers of the State at PHQ, Kohima on 23rd March 2021. The three Member Sub-Committee led by Convenor, Jaishankar Gupta and members Kamal Nain Narang and Pradeep Kumar had a lengthy discussion with the Senior Police Officers of the State on matters related to media management and reporting from conflict areas.

Sub-Committee Convenor, Jaishankar Gupta during the discussion expressed his concerns over the need for authentic news backed by proper facts to be presented regarding any incident or event or conflict even from the remotest of areas in the State and elaborated on the role of the security forces in ensuring that the media is presented with all the proper facts and figures regarding any event, and also the need to have a Nodal Officer who would be in-charge of disseminating information to the media fraternity. He said that the sub-committee was visiting the State so that they could get a proper view of the ground realities in the State and to experience in person the problems or difficulties, if any, that the media might be facing in the state, only after which they would be working towards formulating certain guidelines to be followed by media and security forces on reporting from conflict areas.

T. John Longkumer, IPS updated the team on the current scenario in the State and expressed that the State is relatively peaceful and that there were hardly any issues of security or threat to the Media Fraternity in the State and emphasised largely on the point that the Naga people enjoyed their right to freedom of speech and expression to a greater extent as compared to people living in other parts of the country. He further mentioned that the media personnel and the security forces share a very cordial relationship with one another. Other Senior Police Officers also added to the point mentioned by the DGP by saying that the Media in the State is very independent and devoid of any influence by the Government or any other organizations.

WORLD OPTOMETRY DAY OBSERVED AT KOHIMA

World Optometry Day, organised by Nagaland Optometry Association, was celebrated on 23rd March 2021 at the Directorate of School Education with the theme 'Training of school teachers on vision checking.' The celebration of World Optometry Day is held for the first time in Nagaland, and was attended by Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C and a host of teachers from different schools.

The Principal Director expressed his appreciation to Nagaland Optometric Association for their contribution and encouraged them to arrange various activities, events and gatherings to raise awareness about the optometrists and to lend a helping hand to people with eye problems and eye care. He added that students with accommodation and convergence problems may need structured vision

training of the eyes in order to improve their reading skills. He asked the teachers to share their experiences on the importance of the day once they go back to their respective schools and added that the department will plan some pilot projects in the near future.

Hitoli Khehoto Jimo in her keynote address said that optometrists are the primary health care practitioner of the eye and vision system who provide comprehensive vision care like, Refraction, Dispensing, Detection, Diagnosis, Management of the diseases and Rehabilitation on the conditions of the vision. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Convener NOA, Porenthung Odyuo on correcting refractive error, and also the impact of uncorrected myopia, so that it serve as guidance for the school authorities that the visual task demand of the people who face problems.

SARAS FAIR 2021 – SALE AND PROMOTION OF RURAL PRODUCTS

Self Help Group stalls set up at SARAS Fair 2021 at Khouchiezie (Kohima Local Ground) on 24th March 2021.

The Regional Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society (SARAS) Fair 2021, offering the best of traditional ethnic food, handlooms and handicrafts of the State, was inaugurated by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire on 24th March 2021 at Khouchiezie (Kohima Local Ground). The SARAS Fair is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development,

Government of India and is organized by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), Department of Rural Development, Nagaland.

Dr. Kire encouraged the Self Help Groups (SHGs) from different districts participating in the fair to learn, exchange and emulate the best practices from one another. He encouraged the

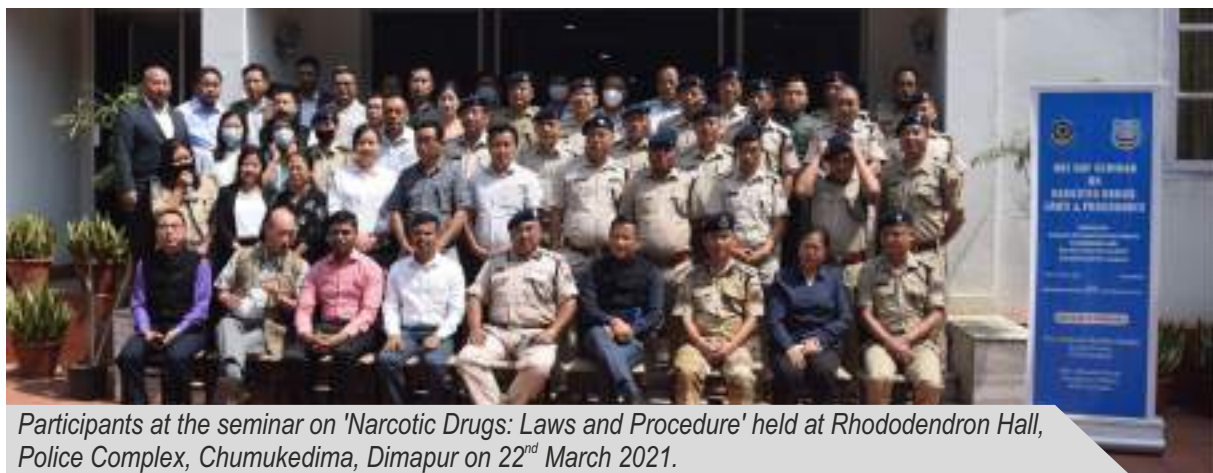
SHGs to avail the opportunities provided by such platform to not just confine their products in the local market but to promote and expand it to a broader market.

Dr. Kire also suggested for promoting different products which are unique to a particular region and expressed hope that with improvement in the COVID-19 pandemic, more SHGs will participate in future fairs.

Mission Director, NSRLM, Imtinenla

informed that the objective of the fair is mainly to bring local artisans, SHGs into a platform where they can promote, sale and expand their products to more customers. With the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affecting small businesses, she said that with relaxation in SOP, the SARAS Fair is being held to encourage SHGs to restart their business, and two SHGs from 11 districts are participating in the fair. She expressed hope that SHGs from Noklak will also be able to participate in the next SARAS Fair.

ONE DAY SEMINAR ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: LAWS AND PROCEDURE HELD



Participants at the seminar on 'Narcotic Drugs: Laws and Procedure' held at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 22nd March 2021.

DIG (Training & Camp Commandant), Police Complex Chumukedima, Aotemsu, IPS on 22nd March 2021 opined that Dimapur is a transit point of a very vicious cycle that facilitate movement of narcotic substances in the State and an underlying challenge of the law enforcement agency in recent times is the emergence of new synthetic drugs which are easy to manufacture and smaller in size and that cracking modus operandi of the peddlers is critical to the fight.

The DIG was addressing a section of officers from the Police, Justice & Law, Excise, Drug Controller, Health & Family Welfare departments during the 'One day seminar on 'Narcotic Drugs: Laws and Procedure.'

The programme was organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) in collaboration with Narcotic Control Bureau, Guwahati Zonal Unit, Guwahati at Rhododendron

Hall, Police Complex, Chumukedima, Dimapur.

Aotemsu said that the modus operandi in more than the last 20 years have evolved and changed subsequently. More so the assignment and nomenclature of the enforcement agency have changed. He said that new synthetic drugs that have evolved in recent years could prove to be the easiest and leave way to peddle drugs without making anyone suspicious. The same additional doesn't require huge dose. One of the underlying challenges in the front, he mentioned, is that everything now seems normal and are easy to pass through any of the checkpoints. He called the participants to take the call to give feedbacks and explore insights into the obstacles and problems faced in the ground and how to tackle the challenges in this kind of investigation in Nagaland.

NSLSA Member Secretary, N. Longshithung Ezung, NJS opined that laws dealing

with drugs and narcotic are special legislation requiring specialized knowledge. "It needs efficient skill of handling the case from the stage of arrest to final disposal of the case," he said. With the subject having more stringent penal provisions than many other legislations requiring penalty and that it also prescribes certain special procedures of arrest, search, seizure etc. and also for handling seized drugs for the purpose of collecting evidence, he pointed that it has been an area of interest discussed among judiciary and the law enforcing agency in various platform. Towards this, he called for concerted efforts of stakeholders - judiciary, law enforcing agencies, prosecutors and bar to fully and effectively implement NDPS cases noting that the seminar will be of learning and equipping oneself with required knowledge and skills.

Resource Person Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB), Guwahati, Manish Modi, Intelligence Officer and SP, NCB, Imphal Zone, Suresh Kumar gave

detailed presentation on salient features of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, Investigation & Common Errors, Trials and Disposal Orders and important judgements.

The daylong seminar converged on amendments and important features, national for drug abuse, prohibition control and regulation, offences and penalties, powers etc. The subject on investigation dealt on information gathering and processes, search and seizures, production in court and sampling, linking evidences, charge sheet, trial monitoring and error committed during these processes.

The NCB officials also gave insights into the storage and disposal of drugs which includes drawal of sample, number of samples to be drawn, numbering of package containers, packing and sealing of samples, test and disposal of persons arrested and articles seized, and pre-trial disposal, procedure of disposal.

FAKE MARKSHEET RACKET BUSTED BY CID TEAM OF NAGALAND POLICE

In a major breakthrough, the Special Investigation Team (SIT), CID Branch of PHQ led by Dy. SP (Crime) unearthed a well organised racket wherein fake marksheets and other educational certificates of HSLC and HSSLC of students from Nagaland were being manufactured and used for commission of crime by a gang of IT professionals based in Guwahati, Assam.

The SIT apprehended three accused persons namely (i) Mohbubur Rashid Choudhury @ Manoj Das (ii) Rahul Sen @ Rajat yadav & (iii) Jinna Razzakul Alom @ Mitul Alom from various locations in Assam after a month of reconnaissance and surveillance. The prime accused Mohbubur Rashid Choudhury @ Manoj Das was arrested from Beltola, Guwahati while the other two were arrested from Kokrajhar, Assam. In a successful operation under

the supervision of DIG (CID) and SP (Crime) Nagaland, the SIT along with Cyber Cell PHQ and CFL Chumukedima conducted simultaneous raids in Beltola, Guwahati and Kokrajhar Assam, and recovered various incriminating documents and evidence such as fake marksheets, seals of high ranking officials of NBSE, cash, laptops and various electronic equipments used in the commission of crime. The gang operates under the name Career Today Nagaland & Edumart Naga and impersonate themselves as Director and executives of these fake career and placement consultants and would convince the institutes with the false promise of providing students for admission in their colleges. The gang would submit forged documents to the institutes and on the pretext of travelling and other logistic requirements had extracted huge amount of



money from various institutes across the country.

According to a press release from the SP, Crime, the case came to light when the matter was reported to PHQ by the Chairman NBSE, wherein it was alleged that marksheets and other educational certificates which were sent to NBSE for verification by various technical institutes from Tamil Nadu, and

Karnataka were found to be fake. The accused are currently in the police custody and further investigation is going on to unveil other accomplices involved in the case. Further, Police advises the public to be wary of such scams as criminals are taking advantage of the prevailing pandemic for commission of similar online frauds.

KAYAKALP AWARD FELICITATION PROGRAMME

The Kayakalp Award Felicitation programme for awardee health facilities for the year 2019-2020, was held at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Kohima on 26th March 2021, with Minister, H&FW, S. Pangnyu Phom as the Special Guest.

In his opening remark, Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep S. Bhatia, IAS said that Kayakalp was introduced by the Prime Minister in 2014 and it was launched at a national level by the Ministry of H&FW on 15th May 2015. He also said that Kayakalp, which means rejuvenation, is an initiative which was launched to promote cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health facilities. The goal of Kayakalp is to incentivize and recognize public healthcare facilities that show exemplary performance in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control.

Deputy Director, NHM, Dr. Manyau Phom mentioned that although the external assessment was completed by 2nd week of March 2020, due the pandemic, the award function could not be held in time. He also said that the objective of Kayakalp scheme is to inculcate a culture of ongoing assessment and peer review of performance related to hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation, to create and share sustainable practices related to improved cleanliness in public health facilities linked to positive health outcomes, and to link performance under 'Mera Aspatal' (Clients Satisfaction) under

Kayakalp scheme. He further added that based on the norms and guidelines, as provided by Ministry of H&FW, Nagaland had undertaken the processes and protocols followed by the assessment of health facilities for the Kayakalp Award.

Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom, in his short speech said that Kayakalp schemes are to encourage and incentivize public health facilities. These awards are meant for hospitals with the highest standards of sanitation, hygiene and quality of Healthcare Services. Pangnyu also said that there has been a phenomenal transformation in many hospitals particularly, those hospitals which has bagged the Kayakalp Award in the last few years. He reiterated that teamwork is crucial in any event. He stressed that Kayakalp Award, without the 4th grade staff contribution, nurses and doctors cannot do it alone, and he congratulated all the staff who has put equal effort to win the award. He also said that he will continue to give his support to build stronger, skilled and equipped healthcare workers to provide quality and accessible healthcare services and to build a resilient health system in the State.

Awards and Incentives (Kayakalp & NQAS) to hospitals:

For Quality improvement especially Cleanliness, hygiene & infection control, the list of selected Health Units awarded under Kayakalp during 2019-20 are given below:



Category of HU	Name of HU	Ranking
Community Health Centre (CHC)	Changtongya CHC, Mokokchung	1 st
	Meluri CHC, Phek	2 nd
	Noklak CHC, Tuensang	Commendation
	Sanis CHC, Wokha	Commendation
	Medziphema CHC, Dimapur	Commendation
Best Primary Health Centre (PHC) Award	District	Health Unit
	Dimapur	Chumukedima PHC
	Kohima	Botsa PHC
	Mokokchung	Mongsenyimti PHC
	Peren	Athibung PHC
	Wokha	Chukitong PHC
	Zunheboto	Suruhuto PHC
	Kiphire	Sitimi PHC
	Mon	Changlangshu PHC
	Phek	Dzulhami PHC
Commendation for PHC	District	Health Unit
	Kohima	Chunglikha PHC
		UPHC Seikhazou
	Dimapur	Singrijan PHC
	Tuensang	Longpang PHC
	Wokha	Nyiro PHC
	Peren	Dungki PHC
		Heningkunglwa PHC
	Mokokchung	Chuchuyimlang PHC
		Longkhum PHC
		Merangkong PHC
	Zunheboto	Satakha PHC

GENERAL OBSERVER AND EXPENDITURE OBSERVER REACHES TUENSANG

In view of the bye-election for the 51-Noksen Assembly Constituency, the General Observer, Suvendu Kanungo, IAS and the Expenditure Observer, Abhishek Anand, IRS reached Tuensang on 30th March 2021. The General Observer also visited the 51-Noksen constituency to assess the preparation and was present during the filing of

nomination of the candidates on the 30th March 2021.

The Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Tuensang also briefed the Observers about the preparations for the conduct of elections in the constituency and handed over the District Election Management Plan in the DC's Office chamber, Tuensang.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PCPNDT ACT AND PMMVY HELD AT LONGSACHUNG VILLAGE

The District Administration and DLCW-MSK under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Sakhi - One Stop Centre (OSC) organised a one day awareness programme on Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Technique Act (PCPNDT) and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), a maternity benefit scheme, and Free Medical Camp on 28th February 2021 at Longsachung's Village Community Hall.

During the programme, Case Worker, Sakhi - OSC, Thungbeni Kikon highlighted on PCPNDT Act and OSC, while Emilo, Assistant District Coordinator, PMMVY enlightened about the benefits of

the PMMVY scheme. Dr. Thungjamo Jungio, Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Nyiro sensitized the villagers about the COVID-19 vaccination and encouraged all to avail the vaccine for a healthy life.

Village Council Chairman, Longsachung, Yakhasao Ezung thanked the team for visiting and educating the villagers about the benefits of various schemes and policies for the wellbeing of the village community. A free medical camp was also conducted for the villagers, where 672 patients suffering from various ailments were treated and free medicines were also distributed to the patients.

COORDINATION MEETING CONDUCTED AT ABOI TOWN

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Aboi, Chumlammo Humtsoe called an inter-departmental coordination meeting for all government establishments and apex civil societies under Aboi, on 1st March 2021 at ADC's Conference Hall, Aboi.

Chumlammo Humtsoe encouraged the departments to share their activities and grievances and called upon the civil societies to be more responsible and cooperate with the officials. He also

said that such meetings will be conducted monthly for smooth functioning of the departments.

Major Sushil Gill from Assam Rifles, Aboi also urged all to cooperate stating that development comes only through peaceful environment.

A felicitation programme to honour EAC, Aboi, Lithrila Sangtam for conferment of Governor's Commendation for her outstanding leadership during COVID-19 was also held at ADC's Residence.

DIAGNOSTIC CUM HEARING AID FITMENT CAMP AT MON



Doctors treating patients during a three day Diagnostic-cum-Hearing Aid Fitment Camp at District Hospital Mon on 2nd March 2021.



Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing along with officials and awardees of the MykiFest Award 2020-2021 held at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 8th March 2021.



Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum along with officials during the release of the Vision Document 2021 for 'Sustainable Development of Nagaland State Power Sector' on World Engineering Day on 4th March 2021.



Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland, Shanavas C, IAS along with officials and participants during World Optometry Day at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 23rd March 2021.



Students and participants during the World Oral Health Day celebration at St. John School, Aboi on 20th March 2021.



Participants of World Consumer Rights Day which was observed at Changtongya town on 15th March 2021.



Participants during the commemoration of World Water Day under the theme, 'Valuing Water' which was organized by Public Health Engineering Department, Wokha on 22nd March 2021.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu addressing the gathering during the inauguration of Nischals Portable & Micro-scale Labs at Rüzühkhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima on 16th March 2021.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with officials and dignitaries after laying the Foundation Stone for District Hospital Longleng on 10th March 2021.

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India in collaboration with District Administration, Mon and Youth Action for Social Service (YASS), Mon held the inaugural programme of a three days Diagnostic cum Hearing Aid Fitment Camp under Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme on 2nd March 2021 at District Hospital, Mon.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS expressed appreciation to the central team for coming to the State for the camp

which is a follow up of the initiatives taken in 2018-2019. While the previous camps were focused on all categories of PwDs, this camp is specifically targeted for persons with speech and hearing disabilities, he said. The DC stated that beneficiaries would be given hearing aids after tests are conducted.

Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Mon, Dr. Khrielasanuo stated that the camp could be made possible because of the proactive initiative taken by the DC, Mon.

Social Welfare Officer, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Prosenjit Majumdar stated that the camp was initiated under ADIP scheme.

FISH SEEDS DISTRIBUTED AT DIMAPUR



Amur Carp and Singhi seeds distributed to farmers at Dimapur on 2nd March 2021.

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Fresh Water Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar,

Odisha, under the project 'Mission Stunted Fingerlings and Species Diversification for Development of Fisheries' at Ura and Diezephe village, Dimapur distributed Amur Carp and Singhi

seeds to the farmers on 2nd March 2021.

A short distribution programme was held at Government Brooders Fish Farm, Dimapur, where Sub Divisional Fishery Officer, Khriezhato Nakhro gave a brief overview of the project and highlighted the future activities. Assistant Director & Nodal Officer of the programme highlighted on the significance of genetically improved varieties of fish seeds in scientific fish farming practices and further urged the farmers of the State to adopt the new

technology and improved varieties of fish to increase the productivity per unit area and reduce dependency on low quality fishes imported from other States.

Nakhro also expressed his gratitude to the Director, ICAR-CIFA, Dr. S. K. Swain and Principal Scientist & Nodal Officer for NEH, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Dr. P. P. Chakrabarti for sanctioning and providing all necessary assistance towards the project.

DISTRICT LEVEL INTER-HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY COMPETITION CONDUCTED IN KOHIMA

One day District Level Inter-High School Literary Competition in essay writing and quiz on the topic 'The internet created to be a change' and 'Different forms of addiction among students,' organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports was conducted at Lower Forest Colony's Community Hall, Kohima on 3rd March 2021.

During the programme District Youth Resource Officer, Chubarenla Longchari in her introductory speech said that the inter-high school literary competition aims to broaden and enhance the students communication, verbal and writing skills.

Schools participating in the competition included Chandmari Higher Secondary School, Mt. Hermon, Stella Higher Secondary School and Northfield. The judges were Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Kohima Science College, Dr.

Moakum Kichu and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, St. Joseph's College, Jakhama, K. Alibo Achumi.

In the essay competition Emao M. Lam from Chandmari Higher Secondary School bagged the first prize while Hisinle Kemp from Stella Higher Secondary School and Kechanei-u Huozha from Northfield bagged the second and third prizes, respectively.

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COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTED IN MON DTF MEETING

Mon District Task Force (DTF) for administration of COVID-19 vaccine held a meeting on 3rd March 2021 at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Room. The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

In a presentation, Dr. Mheche Mero highlighted that a total of 62 sessions had been conducted in Mon. A total of 1,429 healthcare workers registered out of which 755 healthcare workers had been administered the first dose and 406 administered with the second dose. 4,064 frontline workers registered out of which 1,577 had

been administered with the first dose. The meeting deliberated on increasing vaccination among the healthcare workers and frontline workers and also discussed ways to make the Block Task Forces more efficient and proactive.

With the third phase of vaccination presently ongoing, the meeting deliberated on ways to reach out to the targeted age group and reduce hesitancy to get vaccinated. Members of the Task Force also acknowledged Executive Secretary, KBBB and President, Konyak Union for being the first two persons to take the vaccine in the third

phase and stressed on the role played by such faith-based leader and community leaders to reach out to the general public.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Shasinle Tep stated that presently there are four COVID-19 Vaccination Centres operating in the District -

District Hospital Mon, Aboi Community Health Centre, Tobu Community Health Centre and Tizit Primary Health Centre operating four days in a week. Dr. Tep added that vaccination centres in the District will be increased gradually depending on the number of registration and turn out.

WORKSHOP ON DECENTRALISED RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES HELD AT MON

District Administration, Mon in collaboration with Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN) conducted a one day workshop on 'Decentralised Renewable Energy Technologies' on 3rd March 2021 at the DRDA's Conference Hall, Mon.

CLEAN is a Delhi based non-profit organization which aims to support, unify and grow the decentralised clean energy sector in India. Board Member, CLEAN, Fazle Muztaba stated that the team's objective in Mon was to explore the

various clean energy potentials in the District and provide guidance and support to all stakeholders.

The workshop was conducted in three sessions, targeting stakeholders such as officials from various Government Departments, members of Village Development Boards and entrepreneurs.

Resource persons for the workshop were Board Member, CLEAN, Fazle Muztaba, Xess Programme Manager, CLEAN, Anuj Hemant and Programme Associate, CLEAN, Amittosh Pandey.

TUENSANG DTF FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 Vaccination held a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 4th March 2021. DC & Chairman, Tuensang DTF, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS chaired the meeting.

The meeting discussed on the updates of first phase vaccination for healthcare workers, second phase vaccination for frontline workers and third phase for 60 plus senior citizens and citizens of 45 to 59 years with comorbidity.

DIO, Tuensang, Thungchabeni disseminated on the overall scenario of the vaccination

process and the challenges and also highlighted on the introduction of CoWIN 2.0 App. She also appealed to all the beneficiaries who have taken the first dose of Covaxin to compulsorily take the second dose. RRT, WHO, Dr. Christina Nzani Humstoe updated on her visits to vaccination sites and sessions.

The DC stressed on the importance of awareness campaign for the vaccination and the proactive role of churches, youths and NGOs. He also called for translations of awareness messages to local dialects and requested the churches in disseminating messages.

PEREN CHILDLINE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD

Peren Childline Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was held on 5th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier, who is also the Chairman of Peren CAB.

The Board members had an open discussion pertaining to the functioning of Childline in the District. Regarding rescue vehicle for

Childline, Peren, Centre Coordinator for Peren, Ibamsile pointed out the shortcomings that are being faced during rescue operations such as unavailability of vehicle to which the DC assured to look into the matter.

Other agenda discussed in the meeting included incorporation of Childline weblink and Komal film on child sexual abuse in Peren District's



official website, to maintain record of entry-exit vehicle number in every Check-Post on a regular basis, to organise meeting of District Task Force on child labour and to organise one day training-cum-orientation on child rights and child protection with community based organisations.

A short PowerPoint presentation was also given by Centre Coordinator, Ibamsile wherein she briefed on Childline, its objectives and actions, intervention model, child protection activities and notable achievements and exercises of the Childline till date.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 6th March 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC & Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

Agenda discussed included proposal for creation of a Sub-Jail and Fire & Emergency Station at ADC Headquarter, Shamator and recognition of Class VIII of Temjen Memorial School, Kuthur which were decided to be forwarded to the concerned Department for approval.

The DC also appraised the Board on the

third phase of COVID-19 vaccination process and Dr. Moa, CMO, Tuensang highlighted the scenario of vaccination process to the members.

A proposal was made by the Board for installation of a Treatment Plant at the dumping site and DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB also asked the Public Health Engineering Department for routine check of quality of water downstream.

The directives of the Planning & Coordination Department for the development of Public Parks at District Headquarter was also discussed and two spots were earmarked for the establishment for the same.

SOCIAL AUDIT AND PUBLIC HEARING UNDER MGNREGA HELD AT WOKHA

Social Audit and Public Hearing under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Wokha was held on 6th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

The Audit Team was led by State Resource Person, Social Audit Unit (SAU) Nagaland, Imlirenla Sanglir assisted by Village, Block and District Resource Persons (VRPs/BRPs/DRPs) fact finding teams including Benchumo Shitiri, Sunepienla, Yanathung and Khrutalu Shijo.

State Resource Person, SAU Nagaland, Imlirenla Sanglir emphasized on the importance of maintaining documents like master roll, measurement book, Job Card and cash book properly. Further, she said that the main purpose of social audit is fact finding in the implementation of schemes to facilitate accountability and transparency. The VRPs/BRPs/ DRPs has presented the findings of village wise report of the social audit. Some of the observations found are

that, in most of the VDBs documentation and records, maintenance is found to be poor, number of Job Cards does not tally with MIS because of deletion of bogus deceased and migration, etc. It was pointed out that in some of the VDBs Gram Sabha and Rozgar Diwas are not held regularly.

After proper discussion and deliberation, following rectification measures and instruction were given to the Blocks and VDBs for necessary correction - shelf of projects to be maintained properly and implemented, involvement of all Job Card holders in the planning process is to be ensured. Rectification letter for the unresolved issues in the Gram Sabha were submitted by the concerned BDOs during the public hearing.

EAC Headquarter, I. Yentinoungbou who represented the District Administration as Independent Observer, emphasized the importance of proper implementation of the proposed scheme in the shelf of projects and proper maintenance of records and documents as an essential component



to reflect accountability and transparency.

Project Director, K. Shekiho Phuleshe explained the importance of social audit and its implications. He further said that in the public hearing, shortcomings and loopholes are pointed out for necessary corrective measures. He requested all the concerned BDOs and VDBs to take all corrective measures and pointed out that same mistake should not be repeated in future.

During the audit, the following resolution were adopted for proper maintenance of records in all the block level for smooth functioning and successful implementation of projects - all the VDBs should maintain proper documentation and records; Gram Sabha and Rozgar Diwas should be

conducted on regular basis; in the event of change of VDB Secretary, all documents, records, files, Job Cards, muster roll, etc. should be handed over to the new VDB Secretary; three phase photos in hard copy to be maintained in the VDB Office; from time to time proper awareness/ training on documentation and implementation of MGNREGA should be conducted for the new VDB Secretary; Job Cards should be updated properly; all necessary documents should be maintained properly and produced to the auditors promptly; all VDBs should mandatorily put up Transparency Board and wall painting to be done; and there should be no project diversion unless in emergency cases owing to natural calamities.

H&FW DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT LONGLENG DPDB MEETING

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), M. Shayung Phom at the DC's Conference Hall on 6th March 2021.

EAC, Longleng, Pichano Kikon highlighted on financial contribution made by the DPDB members for assistance to the Bridge Construction Committee over Dikhu River between Mongtikang and Salulamang. She also briefed on the surprise checking conducted in all the Government Offices in the District Headquarter on 25th February 2021 by the District Administration.

CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla informed about the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive in the District.

MO, Longleng, Dr. Temsu spoke on

advocacy campaign for elimination of Tuberculosis in India by the year 2025. He said that TB is one of the major public health problems in the country and added that initiative is taken by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for elimination of TB, five years ahead of global timeline of 2030.

Appealing the Board members to be a part of TB elimination campaign, Dr. Temsu highlighted that the Government of India provides every citizen with free diagnosis, free drugs and free treatment for TB in Government Health Centres along with financial incentives for patients and treatment support as well.

The Board constituted the Verification Committee for LADP, 2020-2021 for 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng. The Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) presented their departmental activities through a PowerPoint presentation.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of March was held on 8th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Advisor, Water Resources & DPDB Chairman, Namri Nchang.

Establishment of Public Park at Peren, posting of Headmaster/Assistant Headmaster

(HM/AHM) at Government High School (GHS), Tening, construction of hostel facility at GHS, Nsong, water supply to Peren town and New Site, Peren were the main agenda discussed during the meeting. In regard to establishment of Public Park at Peren, SDO (C), Vejoyo Swuro apprised the Board members that a site near Peren Government College has been earmarked and after which an

open discussion was held. The Board after deliberation approved the proposed site and decided to put forward the proposal to the higher authorities for further necessary action.

On posting of HM/AHM at GHS Tening, ADC, Tening, Rhosietho Nguori asserted that the post of HM/AHM has been lying vacant for so long and as exam is approaching, there is an immediate need for the said post. The ADEO,

Peren also apprised the Board members that the matter has already been informed to the higher authority but till now no immediate action has been taken. In this connection, the Advisor requested the HoD incharge to endorse a copy of the proposal to him.

In the meeting, District Economics & Statistical Officer, Vikeyielenuo Chielie gave a brief presentation of their departmental activities.

COVISHIELD SENSITISATION DRIVE HELD AT MON



DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS addressing a Sensitization Drive for COVID-19 Vaccination at Mon on 8th March 2021.

As part of the sensitisation drive for the phase three of Covishield vaccination in Mon organised by District Administration, Mon and Department of Health & Family Welfare, Mon, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 8th March 2021 visited Wagiem Ward to address a gathering of members from the Ward Council and other elders.

The DC in his address stated that the vaccination was not only for one's own safety but for the safety of the family and community. He urged

upon the people not to believe in rumours and false prophecies. He stated that the purpose of the visit was not to force them into taking the vaccine but to make them aware of the vaccination through proper channel and information.

Doctors from the medical team addressed the gathering with the procedures and eligibility to avail the vaccine while also clearing doubts and questions about the vaccine.

The sensitisation drive will cover all the 11 Wards in Mon town.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 9th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman, Wokha DPDB & DC, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha, C. W. Tungoe

while presenting the status of COVID-19 vaccination in the District, said that altogether 1,399 persons including healthcare workers, frontline workers, persons aged 45 to 59 years having comorbidities and 60 years and above has so far taken the first dose, and 526 people have taken the second dose

of vaccine in the District.

On the HIV/AIDS scenario, from April 2020 to February 2021, the Department of Health & Family Welfare said that the District have tested 4,236 persons and 36 were tested positive.

The meeting also deliberated on metalling of DRDA Road from Liphayan to Jonopur under the

Department of DRDA and development of Public Park at Tsumang Lake under Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department and the proposals were recommended for submission to higher authority for approval. Registration of Wokha Humtso and Elumyo Senior Welfare Forum were approved.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by ADC, Renbomo Ezung.

The gathering deliberated on setting a Public Park at Zunheboto and the Board decided that a Search Committee will be formed and the Search Committee will identify various locations to set up the Public Park.

Chairman, Zunheboto, DPDB, K. T. Sukhalu asked the District Administration to assist the

ongoing two-lane road construction so that no obstruction arises and that work is carried out smoothly. Sukhalu asked the District Administration to furnish the names of the officials who has never attended the Board's meeting so that strict action will be taken against them.

District Agriculture Officer presented the various activities carried out by the Department under IFAD, which includes distribution of 30 tonne of kharif crops to 100 villages, 15 tonne of rabi crops to 100 villages and creation of 40 water harvesting ponds in 40 villages.

ADVISOR K. T. SUKHALU VISITS ZUNHEBOTO

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu handed over a new cesspool cleaner vehicle key to ADC, Zunheboto, Renbomo Ezung which was procured under Municipal Affairs Department on 9th March 2021.

Sukhalu also paid a visit to Zunheboto District Jail and interacted with the Assistant Jailor and jail inmates. He exhorted the inmates to change themselves while in jail and be a changed person when they finish their sentence. The inmates

informed about the poor condition of the cells and the Advisor assured that he will approach the concern department and address their grievances. The Advisor donated a generous amount for the welfare of the inmates.

The Advisor, along with party workers, contractors and concern department officials, visited various locations, where blacktopping of road is being carried out, to see the progress and the quality of it.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 10th March 2021 under the chairmanship of Chairman, Phek DPDB & Minister for Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu.

MLA, Yitachu and MLA, Chotisuh Sazo who

also attended the meeting gave short speeches. The agenda deliberated and discussed by the Board were application for registration of Jeynow Welfare Society, Avankhu village under Meluri Sub-Division, public parks and helipad at Phek. The agenda were approved and recommended to the higher authorities.

Departmental activities was presented by ICDS, Phek.



KOHIMA DTF ON PROGRESS OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

Kohima District Task Force for COVID-19 vaccination held its meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th March 2021 under the chairmanship of DC & Chairman, Kohima DTF for Immunization, Gregory Thejawelie.

The Chairman acknowledged all department concerned on the progress of ongoing COVID-19 vaccination in the District. He said that the District has been concentrating on the vaccination drive and as a result it has been receiving good number of people getting vaccinated till date. He hoped that with the efforts put in by Chief Medical Officer, Kohima and her team in conducting sensitization programme on COVID-19 vaccination, more people will come forward in the coming days. Thejawelie further sought everyone's support and efforts to convince the people to get the vaccination when their time comes.

During the meeting, the DC also pointed out that repair works undertaken at K. Badze Quarantine Centre and Meriema Covid Care Centre should be kept safely and further activities will be carried out as per the directive from the State Government.

Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the achievements of Kohima District on COVID-19 vaccination. She highlighted that a total of 10,245

beneficiaries were vaccinated with a total of 143 sessions conducted till 9th March 2021 in the District, where 6,272 frontline workers received their first dose and 193 have completed their second dose. While 2,153 number of healthcare workers received their first dose and 1,217 received their second dose. 374 beneficiaries of 60 years and above and 36 beneficiaries aged 45 to 59 years with co-morbidities have been vaccinated till date.

PowerPoint presentation on the overview of next phase, CoWIN 2.0 was also presented by SMO, WHO, Dr. Shila Longkumer where she highlighted on the eligible beneficiaries as follows – healthcare workers/ frontline workers as specified by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 60 years and above and 45 to 59 years of age with co-morbidities as on 1st January 2021. On COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs), she highlighted that vaccination in government health facilities will be free of charge while in private health facilities it will be on payment basis.

On the way forward of the next phase, COWIN 2.0, Dr. Shila presented on the plan to increase CVCs in phase manner - accessibility for rural areas, efforts to vaccinate pending healthcare workers and frontline workers, strengthen AEFI Surveillance & Response Plan and to strengthen communication strategy. She further shared about some Frequently Asked Questions during her presentation.

SCHOOL HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMME HELD AT KOHIMA



CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo giving a PowerPoint presentation on Ayushman Bharat during District Level Coordination Committee meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th March 2021.

The District Level Coordination cum Consultative Meeting for School Health & Wellness Programme under Ayushman Bharat held its first meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th March 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC & Chairperson of the Committee, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said that Ayushman Bharat: School Health & Wellness Programme is a joint collaborative with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. The programme is the third pillar of Ayushman Bharat for promotion and prevention of diseases among school children. The school health promotion activities will be implemented in all government and government aided schools in the country.

In the first phase, School Health Programme will be implemented in 191 districts across 33 States/UTs where three districts, Kohima, Peren and Kiphire from Nagaland have been included. Under the programme, focus will be on adolescents as globally, adolescents carry 11% of global disease burden, however, they received only 1.6% of development assistance for health in 2015. Dr. Theyo also highlighted on the present situation of adolescent health in India.

Highlighting on the School Health & Wellness Ambassador initiative under this programme, Dr. Theyo said that two teachers in every school will be designated as Health & Wellness Ambassador who will be trained to transact health promotion and disease prevention information in the form of interesting activities for one hour every week. 24 hour sessions will be delivered through weekly structured interactive classroom based activities. The health promotion messages will also have bearing on improving health practices in the country and students will act as Health & Wellness Messengers in the society.

Deputy CMO, Kohima, Dr. Rupert Peseyie also highlighted that the objective of School Health & Wellness Programme is to provide age appropriate information about health and nutrition to the children in schools; to promote healthy behaviours among the children that they will inculcate for life; to detect and treat diseases early in children and adolescents including identification of malnourished and anemic children with appropriate referrals to PHCs and hospitals; to promote use of safe drinking water and safe menstrual hygiene practices by girls; to promote yoga and meditation through Health & Wellness Ambassadors and to encourage research on health, wellness and nutrition for children.

REFEREE CLINIC HELD AT AHTHIBUNG TOWN

A Referee Clinic organised by Recreation Club Ahthibung (RCA) in collaboration with Department of Youth Resources & Sports and Referee Association, Nagaland commenced on 10th March, 2021 at Ahthibung Town Public Ground with

G. Kamei, General Secretary, DDFRA, Avar Danla, State Referee and Vihokhe Assumi, State Referee as the resource persons. The first of its kind to be held in the Sub-Division, the Clinic saw 22 youths registering for the three days long programme.

SEMINAR ON JOB PLACEMENT HELD AT WOKHA

Wokha District Administration organized a one day seminar on job placement and overseas job vacancies on 11th March 2021 at Tiya Hall, Wokha in collaboration with the Emporium Skills Training Institute, Dimapur, with Anirban Mukherjee, Operations Manager, India & International-Emporium as the resource person.

Emporium Skills Training Institute is

registered under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, National Skills Development Corporation, Government of India for Aviation, Hospitality and Cruise-Line sector.

Mukherjee while highlighting about their institute said that their institute is empanelled with 13 State Governments in India and three neighbouring countries, best faculty team with great industry



experience, state-of-the-art infrastructure and free training under PMKVY scheme. He also stated that they were awarded as the Best Vocational Training Institute by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for Aviation and Hospitality Placements, and also placed more than 7000 Naga youths and over 35,000 students globally. They tie up with over 500 plus world class organizations in the field of aviation, hospitality, cruises and other allied sectors.

EAC, Wokha, Imtinungula Longkumer in her welcome address thanked the team for organizing such kind of event for the students to enlighten the students and disseminate knowledge and further she urged the trainees to make best use of the knowledge gained to achieve their goals in life.

More than 200 students from different schools and colleges attended the one day skill training.

NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUTH PARLIAMENT HELD AT BHANDARI



Neighbourhood Youth Parliament as part of celebration of '75 Years of India's Independence' held at the 7th NAP Unit School, Bhandari on 12th March 2021.

Neighbourhood Youth Parliament as part of celebration of '75 Years of India's Independence,' organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Wokha was held at the 7th NAP Unit School, Bhandari on 12th March 2021.

Assistant Teacher, Tsenlamo Ovung spoke on the topic, 'India's Freedom Struggle and Life Journey, Philosophy of Mahatma

Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose,' and Assistant Teacher, Subodh Kumar Singh spoke on the topics 'Role of Youth in Nation Building and Community Development' and 'Contemporary Issues Confronting Local Community.'

The programme was chaired by National Youth Volunteer, Longtsubemo Kikon.

KOHIMA DPDB RECOMMENDS FIVE SOCIETIES FOR REGISTRATION

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of March 2021 was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th March 2021. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman, DPDB & DC, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie in the presence of Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire and MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro.

On registration of Jotsoma Nature Conservation Eco Tourism (JNCET) taken up in the last meetings, the Board decided to recommend the matter to the Government based on the verification report submitted by Area Administration Officer along with Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department and others.

On the agenda of registration of societies,

the representatives of each applicant societies namely Nagaland Optometrist Association, Secretariat Road; Universal Health Coverage Nagaland, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare; Nagaland Taekwondo Association, Rüziezou P. Khel, Kohima village and Benevolent Accord Society, Rüsoma presented their activities, aims and objectives during the meeting. The Board after thorough deliberation on the matter decided to recommend the four societies to the Government based on the criteria fulfilled by each societies and as recommended by the District Screening Committee.

The Board also took up the earlier proposal

for upgradation of Kigwema High School to Higher Secondary School (Science Stream) and the District Education Officer, Kohima, Neizetunuo presented the verification report stating that the school has fulfilled all required documents for upgradation. The members also shared their views on the upgradation and supported the proposal where the House further considering the need to come up with more Science Stream in government schools, decided to recommend it to the Government for further necessary action.

District Project Officer, Land Resources, Dr. Menuosietuo Tseikha gave a PowerPoint presentation on the departmental activities.

WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

CHANGTONGYA:

World Consumer Rights Day was observed at Changtongya town which was held at GA Rest House, Changtongya town on 15th March 2021. The programme was organised by Changtongya Multi-Purpose Co-Operative Society Ltd. in collaboration with the Department of Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, Kohima.

Theme Speaker, Moakumzuk Tzudir, SDO (C), Changtongya highlighted on the importance of observing the World Consumer Rights Day and the rights of consumers. He said that the Government protects all consumers in the country under the new Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and further called

upon all to spread awareness about consumer rights.

The programme was chaired by Y. N. Alem, Secretary, MPCSL Ltd., Changtongya while vote thanks was delivered by O. Purlamba, Chairman, MPCSL Ltd., Changtongya.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto District observed World Consumer Rights Day and officially launched the Consumer Rights Organisation (CRO), Zunheboto Division, by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo on 15th March 2021 at VDB Hall.



Officials and participants during the launch of Consumer Rights Organization, Zunheboto Division at VDB Hall, Zunheboto on 15th March 2021.



The DC congratulated CRO, Zunheboto Division for the successful formation and launch of CRO at the District. He encouraged CRO to tie up with the District Administration, ZTC and also Chamber of Commerce & Industries and reminded that the focus should not only be at the district level but must concentrate at the sub-divisions as well.

President, CRO, James Jungio informed that CRO is a national registered organization which was founded at Delhi with an aim to spread awareness on consumer rights and protection and was subsequently formed and launched at Kohima on 7th January 2019. He mentioned that CRO in collaboration with the Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, volunteers to mitigate corruption in all aspects possible at the State. With the formation of CRO, Zunheboto Division, the organization would be regularly checking on violation of consumer rights, sensitise on awareness of rights. The organization also aims to work on educating the consumers on issues like safety of school children travelling on school buses, protection of women and children rights, education on consumer laws,

suggestions on creating a healthy atmosphere at the prisons, rights of senior citizens, malpractices by street vendors, assistance in disaster management, etc.

Jungio added that CRO had been working during the pandemic, checking the prices on essential commodities in the entire State. Complete eradication of all sorts of corruption at the State and District level are what CRO is working on, he added. He also informed the gathering that with the collaboration of the Legal Metrology & Consumers Protection, CRO aims to organise awareness programmes in all the districts and sub-divisions in 2021- 2022, for which he appealed to the District Administration and law enforcing agencies for their cooperation and assistance.

Speech on Consumer Protection Act was delivered by Public Prosecutor (PP), Khetoholi Yephtho. Delivering the keynote address, Advisor CRO Dr. Huskha Yephthomi said that along with the International Red Cross Society, Consumer Rights Organisation is also one of the most important organizations.

ROLE OF STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD HIGHLIGHTED IN MON DPDB MEETING

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 15th March 2021 at the Conference Hall, Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, Mon which was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

Chairman, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, Satya Prakash Tripathi, IFS highlighted the importance, role and structure of the State Biodiversity Board. He also highlighted the roles of Biodiversity Management Board at the village level and the problems faced in setting up such a board in Nagaland. He made an appeal to the Board to avail the benefits of central schemes such as National Mission on Medicinal Plants and Community Forests.

Agenda discussed during the meeting included the upgradation of Yingang School, Aboi to Class VIII. The Board deliberated on this and approved the agenda for necessary action. Renewal

of Little Angel School Welfare Society at Naginimora, the school serves children from underprivileged background and with the verification from EAC, Naginimora, the Board approved it for necessary action.

SDO(C), Angjanyong, Yanithung Ngullie put forth an agenda for the unnotified towns in Mon. He stated that there were 10 such towns in the District which were deprived of benefits from both rural development and urban development projects since these towns failed to reach the population criteria of a town yet at the same time were not recognized as villages.

Ngullie proposed for such towns to be recognized as rural settlements or for the population criteria of township to be relaxed and until such arrangements are made, the towns were to be covered under DUDA. The Board approved the proposal for necessary action.



Social Welfare Department, Mon, presented a PowerPoint presentation on its various activities such as ICDS, NSAP, PMMVY and Poshan Abhiyan. It was highlighted that altogether there were 403 Anganwadis in the District. The total beneficiaries in Mon under PMMVY stood at 3,669

mothers with a total amount of Rs. 1.55 crore paid to the beneficiaries through DBT. The beneficiaries under NSAP in the District from six different categories stood at 7,510 beneficiaries with IGNOAPS having the highest, at 6,166 beneficiaries.

PRESERVATION OF LANDMARKS NOTED IN NOKLAK DPDB MEETING

Noklak District Planning & Development Board meeting for the month of March was held on 15th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak.

Vice Chairman & DC, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS chairing the meeting informed the Board that a cave called Pyo Ling Kha at Chiphur village measuring 300 ft length, 150 ft height and 30 ft breath is one of the biggest caves of the State. Also, a gigantic tree at Choklangan village called Nok-khio Pai Meiniu measuring 148.5 ft in height, 22.8 ft in circumference and 7.2 ft in diameter is one of the largest trees. The DC called for the two landmarks located in the District to be preserved and protected.

Agendas discussed during the meeting were, posting of Public Health Engineering and Electrical Junior Engineers at Thonoknyu Headquarter and construction of Water Storage Tank at Thonoknyu town, and for which the Board approved and recommended to the concern departments.

SDO (C), Longdiba Sangtam shared on the problems of water shortage at Thonoknyu Headquarter. CMO, Tuensang, Dr. Moa Jamir shared on the COVID-19 vaccination which are

ongoing and encouraged the members to take the vaccine.

The Board also discussed about hospital equipments and proposal for construction of boundary fencing, 100 kV Transformer, construction of ART & OST, Guest House, separate ward buildings, etc. at Community Health Centre (CHC), Noklak which was submitted by the SMO, CHC, Noklak and which the Board approved and recommended to the concern department.

District Promotion Promoter, Chongkoi also submitted a proposal to conduct science exhibition in the District, engagement of district consultant, business incubators which was approved and forwarded to the concern authorities. The meeting also discussed on various agriculture and tourism sector projects

Registration of brand name as Noklak and Noklak First for various products was discussed and approved. Inclusion of priority list in the District's website was also approved. The Board constituted a Verification Committee for LADP implementation, 2020-2021 and also approved for the development of a Public Park in the District Headquarter and recommended it to the concern department for consideration.

SEMINAR ON MODERN BEE KEEPING HELD AT VEBAZU RUNGUZU NASA VILLAGE, PHEK

A seminar on Modern Bee Keeping was held at Vebazu Runguzu Nasa village, Phek on 16th March, 2021. The programme was organized by Zanubu Hill Development Organization, Vebazu Runguzu village, Phek and sponsored by District Horticulture Officer (DHO), Phek.

Resource Persons, Principal Investigator,

AICRP (HB&P), ICAR Professor and Head of Department, Entomology, School of Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development (SASRD) Nagaland University, Medziphema Campus, Dr. H. K. Singh highlighted the importance of modern techniques and updated training of beekeeping in Nagaland and India, and Scientist, AICRP (HB &P),





Resource persons and trainees during the seminar on Modern Bee Keeping held at Vebazu Runguzu Nasa village, Phek on 16th March, 2021.

Department of Entomology, SASRD, Medziphema, Dr. Avinash Chauhan, emphasized on quality control of bees and honey production, and importance of hygienic honey production.

The beekeepers also held an interactive session with the resource persons. 20 beekeepers and farmers from Chozuba and Chetheba area participated in the programme.

NSRLM ANGJANGYANG BLOCK CONDUCTS THEMATIC TRAINING

Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), Angjyangyang Block, Mon conducted Thematic Training for 2020-2021, covering seven villages namely Ukha, Yakshu, Khenjenshu, Changnyu, Yonghong, Yaphang and Yei villages. The training commenced from 5th March 2021 and concluded on 18th March 2021.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Block Programme Manager, A. Khumba, coordinated by three Thematic Area Coordinators, IBCB, SISD and FI of the Block. It was attended by the Community Cadres, leaders of Self Help Groups and other stakeholders.

DISTRICT LEVEL STANDING COMMITTEE ON MCC HELD AT TUENSANG

A meeting of the District Level Standing Committee on Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for the bye-election of 51 A/C Noksen was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall on 18th March 2021. The meeting was chaired by DC & DEO, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The meeting was attended by SDO (C) RO, Tsiatsusie for 51 A/C Noksen, administration officials,

political parties and Election Department staff.

DEO highlighted on the instructions of the Election Commission's Office and on application of MCC in the whole District as directed by the Election Commission.

RO, Noksen A/C, Master Trainer, H. P. Gupta and AEO, Renben Mozhui highlighted the guidelines of MCC in the meeting.

GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATED AT WOKHA

The Wokha District Administration, DLCW-Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) in collaboration with Department of Health & Family Welfare under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) celebrated the Girl Child Day across the District at seven ASHA Blocks namely

Ralan, Wozhuro, Bhandari-1 and 2, Sanis, Chukitong including Wokha Sadar on 19th March 2021.

During the celebration, 308 baby kits and nutritional food supplements for lactating mothers were distributed to the beneficiaries under BBBP.

MEETING ON CHAKHABAMA - ZUNHEBOTO ROAD CONSTRUCTION HELD

A meeting in connection with the ongoing two lane road construction between Chakhabama - Zunheboto was held on 20th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall under the chairmanship of DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Sümi Hoho, Sümi Kükami Hoho, Sümi Gazetted Officer's Union, SKK, GBs, VCCs from surrounding villages, landowners and representatives from SSAALWC.

YRS HOLDS INDIGENOUS GAMES AT MON

Youth Resources & Sports Department, Mon organised the District Level Indigenous Games at Mon Local Ground on 20th March 2021.

District Sports Officer, Anguvito Sumi stated that the winners of the District levels will

participate in the State level. Altogether 125 participants took part in the competition in four categories namely Tug-of-War (Men), Greased Bamboo Pole Climbing, Stilt Bamboo Race and Cock Fight.

ANAEMIA CAMP FOR WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS AT MON

As part of the ongoing Poshan Pakhwada in Mon District, Social Welfare Department, Mon in collaboration with convergent departments organised an Anaemia Camp for women and adolescent girls at Konyak Union Conference Hall, Mon on 22nd March 2021.

DPO (ICDC), Mon, Tauhong Ngonyen stated that Poshan Pakhwada was observed every year across the Nation mainly targeting the nutritional status of children in the age group of 0 to 6 years of age, and pregnant and lactating mothers. He stated that through the camp, lifelong lessons would be gained and urged upon the participants to

disseminate such valuable information to others.

Resource Person, MO, Shangnyu Primary Health Centre, Dr. Penjei Konyak enlightened the participants on anaemia, its various causes, symptoms and cure. He stated that since anaemia was more prone in women, anaemia camps are mainly targeted at adolescent girls and pregnant women. He stated that anaemia was easily controlled through supplements, proper diet and medicine. He also highlighted the various iron rich food that are locally available.

Altogether 125 participants were screened for anaemia.

HELICOPTER SERVICE RESUMES AT NOKLAK

The weekly State Helicopter Service from Dimapur to Noklak resumed on 22nd March 2021. The service could not be resumed earlier as the District did not have COVID-19 testing facility. The

people of Noklak expressed their gratitude to the State Government for resuming the helicopter service. The helicopter service shall be available once a week, on Mondays.

DC PEREN IMPOSES SECTION 144 OF CrPC IN DISPUTED AREAS

In view of the prevailing situation concerning the incident at Lamhai Namdi village (UR) on 22nd March 2021 resulting in destruction of property and loss of life leading to tensions in the nearby area. Considering the exigencies of the circumstances, District Magistrate, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in exercise of powers conferred upon him under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure

Code (CrPC), 1973 promulgated a Prohibitory Order imposing curfew in the disputed areas, prohibiting assembly of more than 5 (five) persons and carrying of any lethal weapon and arms from Mhainamtsi (Kohima-Dimapur) Junction towards Mhainamtsi Police Check Gate to Heningkunglwa Police Check Gate, bordering Dimapur District.

KOHIMA DTF HOLDS REVIEW MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS

The Legislators in-charge of Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19, Minister for Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum and Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire along with other members of Kohima DTF on COVID-19 held a review meeting at District Planning & Development Board's Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd March 2021.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie chairing the meeting thanked the legislators for their commitment and making themselves available to support the DTF in COVID-19 related activities. He said that the District has witnessed gradual improvement in COVID-19 situation recently and acknowledged all concern for their efforts.

The Legislators also appreciated the medical team, District Administration and all other line departments for contributing their tireless efforts in this cause. Minister, Tongpang further called upon everyone to be alert and educate the people on the COVID-19 situation and SOPs laid down by the Government.

On the proposal for provision of on-call medical service at Covid Care Centre, Meriema submitted by Chief Medical Officer (CMO), the meeting deliberated on the observance made by the medical team and considering the present status of COVID-19 situation in the District, decided to further highlight the matter to the High Powered Committee

(HPC) for further decision. It was also decided to highlight the DTF concerns on K. Badze issue to HPC for further direction. The meeting also took up issues in regard to Triadage OPD presently functioning at Kohima Local Ground and other COVID-19 related issues, during the meeting.

CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo presenting on Kohima District COVID-19 status since day one till 23rd March 2021, stated that the District has 3,912 confirmed positive cases as on 21st March 2021. She informed that out of 3,912 positive cases, 3,840 were recovered, 21 deaths, 37 migrated/sent to other districts and 13 migrated/sent to other states with one active case.

On sample collection record, CMO informed that till 23rd March 2021 a total of 41,546 samples were collected out of which 3,894 turned out positive.

On quarantine facilities, CMO informed that the District had set up Quarantine Centres at Meriema, K. Badze, ATI, IG Stadium Multi Purpose Hall and JNV, where a total of 5,521 (male- 3,648 and female-1,873) were accommodated at the centres till the close down of the centres.

On COVID-19 Hospitals, a total of 336 patients were admitted at NHAK COVID-19 Hospital and Chedema COVID-19 Hospital while a total of 1,978 patients were admitted at Meriema Covid Care Centre and K. Badze Covid Care Centre.

On Paid Quarantine Centres, a total of 569 returnees were quarantined in various hotels

designated as Paid Quarantine Centres in the District while 426 were admitted at military COVID-19 facility and 1,420 healthcare workers quarantined at other designated centres.

On District COVID-19 vaccination, CMO highlighted that a total of 14,936 beneficiaries were vaccinated in 227 sessions conducted till 22nd March 2021. Out of 11,486 number of frontline workers registered for vaccination, 7,397 received

first dose and 1,910 got second dose. Out of 4,223 of healthcare workers registered, 2,207 received first dose and 1,550 got second dose.

In the third ongoing vaccination, a total of 1,607 beneficiaries from the category of 60 years and above received the vaccine while 265 beneficiaries under the category of 45 years to 59 years with co-morbidities received the vaccine till 23rd March 2021.

MON DLCC - NTCP HOLDS MEETING

District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC), Mon under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) held its review meeting on 23rd March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Mon. Four schools were declared as Tobacco Free Institutions namely, St. John's Higher Secondary School, Little Flower School, Christ King School and Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Mon.

To create awareness on the ill effects of

tobacco, the members decided to initially reach out to all the Sub-Divisions of Mon District and later at the village level. It was also decided that committees would be constituted in all the Sub-Divisions for effective implementation of NTCP. Further, all schools in the District would be given time till 31st May 2021 to become tobacco free. The Committee also agreed to increase the frequency of enforcement drives so that Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 is implemented in letter and spirit.

WORLD TB DAY CELEBRATED AT PHEK



DC, Phek Razuvolie Dozo speaking at the National Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination programme on World TB Day held at Phek on 24th March 2021.

National Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination programme and World TB Day programme under the theme 'The Clock is Ticking' was held at Clock Tower, Phek town on 24th March 2021 with Razouvolie Dozo, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Phek as the Special Guest.

The DC said that though tuberculosis is a curable disease, there is need to combat it by taking every possible measures and asked all sections of

the people to spread awareness regarding the disease.

The programme was chaired by DTO, Dr. Ruokuohelie Rutsa, while welcome address was delivered by DNO/NTCP, Dr. Nichukholie Vupru and felicitation was done by Senior PMDT, Vezotalu Shijoh. CMO, Phek, Dr. Vibeitunuo Mepfuo gave the keynote address. A testimony was shared by Vepahu Khamo, a recovered TB patient.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the by chairmanship of Y. Vikheho Swu at Customary Court Hall, Pughoboto on 24th March 2021.

Swu stressed on the need to start the work pertaining to Pughoboto-Zunheboto Road before the rainy season starts. He requested the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Pughoboto and Jordan Company to provide

machineries and supervise.

SDO, PWD, Akumyanger briefed on the works executed under the Sub-Division. SDO, Public Health Engineering highlighted on the ongoing road construction. In regard to water scarcity, ADC, Pughoboto, Thungchanbemo Tungoe was given the charge to convene a meeting with all the contractors for an alternative arrangement.

LOCAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HSLC AND HSSLC EXAMINATION HELD AT KOHIMA

Meeting of the Local Examination Committee under Kohima District was held on 24th March 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Kohima. Chairing the meeting, DC, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie who is also the Chairman of the Committee, interacted with the members for the conduct of examinations. He informed that both the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) Examination, 2021 is scheduled to be held from 6th April 2021 to 29th April 2021 throughout the State, and mentioned that 21 Centres for HSLC and 22 Centres for HSSLC

examinations have been set up under Kohima District.

Stating that this year, due to COVID- 19 pandemic, more examination centres have been created in the District as well as in all the other districts and sub-divisions to observe social distancing and maintain SOPs issued by the Government for the conduct of the examination. The DC also sought full support and co-ordination for the conduct of HSLC and HSSLC Examinations smoothly and urged the members to take suitable steps to ensure that malpractices in any form do not occur in the examination centres.

DLCC MEETING HELD AT NOKLAK

The first District Level Consultative Committee (DLCC) meeting of Noklak District was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak on 24th March 2021. DC, Noklak Reny Wilfred, IAS chairing the meeting said that Noklak

has huge potential in horticulture, aquaculture, handicrafts, agriculture & allied and tourism sectors. In order to promote the scope of all these, he urged for a concerted effort from the administration, stakeholders, departments, NGOs and farmers.



The agenda discussed were financial inclusion status of Noklak, current banking challenges in Noklak, and priority sector lending targets and customer service point.

The training conducted on priority sector lending covered agriculture loans, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) and other priority sectors like education loan, housing loan, social infrastructure, renewable energy, Self Help Group (SHG), Joint Liability Group and PMJDY. The training also covered PMEGP and other social security

schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY.

The resource persons of the training were District Development Manager, NABARD, S. Amarjit Mangang, Lead District Manager, Noklak and Tuensang, Mughashe Assumi and Branch Manager, SBI Noklak, Neikphoto Tachu.

The programme was attended by officials from District Administration, representatives from Khamniungan Tribal Council, Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam and Khamniungan Baptist Churches Association.

'SMOKE FREE KOHIMA CITY' COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

The Sub-Committee for 'Smoke Free Kohima City' held its first meeting at Kohima Municipal Council's Conference Hall on 25th March 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Sub-Committee's Convenor & SDO (C) Sadar, Kohima, Daniel Angami.

The Convenor informed the members that the Sub-Committee was constituted during the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting of District Tobacco Control Cell, Kohima held on 25th November 2020. He said that the Sub-Committee was constituted to initiate 'Smoke Free Kohima City.'

State Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Dr. C. Tetso who was also present in the meeting said that the whole idea of smoke free city was to make the city a healthier place. Informing that the Department plans to launch campaign for smoke free in all District Headquarters starting from April 2021, he suggested Kohima, being the capital of the State, to initiate the campaign and set a good example. He also shared his suggestions made during a meeting with Kohima Smart City, to incorporate 'Smoke Free Kohima City' in Kohima Smart City Project. Dr. Tetso further informed that the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases is scheduled to visit Kohima and Wokha in 2021 to survey the implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco

Products Act (COTPA), 2003 as such he called upon the Committee to strengthen the activities in the District.

District Nodal Officer, Kohima, Dr. Arenla Walling also informed that during the awareness rally on health hazards of tobacco, particularly on smoking tobacco on 28th April 2016, declaration was made for making Kohima city free from tobacco smokes for greener, healthy and safe future. And in pursuance of the declaration, the DLCC in its consultative meeting held on 26th May 2016 had chalked out the guidelines and action plan for effective implementation of 'Smoke Free Kohima City' as envisaged under COTPA, 2003.

Dr. Arenla further presented the guidelines and action plan of 'Smoke Free Kohima City' where she informed that some activities have been carried out in line with the guidelines.

Other members also shared their views and suggestions for the implementation of 'Smoke Free Kohima City' and decided to initiate the exercise with all the district offices, management of people in public places, pledge for government servants and more sensitization programme with the Angami Women Organization, Angami Youth Organisation and Kohima Village Youth Organisation to be the ambassador in their respective areas for the successful implementation of the 'Smoke Free Kohima City.'



NAMRI NCHANG VISITS LAMHAINAMDI VILLAGE

Appalled at the incident that occurred on the fateful evening of 22nd March 2021, where three Zeliangrong brothers namely Late Itingwangbe Haikam, Late Peramhialungbo and Late Sikamwangbo were killed in cold blooded manner by some unknown miscreants, Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang along with officials from the District visited Lamhainamdi village on 26th March 2021.

The Advisor expressed regret on the inhuman act committed stating that there is no room for such disharmony within one's own Naga family. He strongly called out against 'Gun Culture'

which he said has to be stopped at all cost, further stating that taking someone's life mercilessly will not yield any result. He called upon every intellectual to raise their voices for the common good and condemned such inhuman act within the society. He urged the people to maintain peace and unity.

The Advisor expressed his gratitude to the District Administration headed by the Deputy Commissioner, police forces, public leaders from various organizations and the people from the District. He also expressed his condolences to the bereaved family members.

**AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR GRASSROOT LEVEL WORKERS ON
DISABILITY ISSUES HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG**

Awareness programme for Grassroot Level Workers on Disability Issues held at Sangtemla Multipurpose Hall, Mokokchung on 26th March 2021.

A one day Awareness Programme for Grassroot Level Workers on Disability Issues, organised by Care and Support Society and supported by RCI - North East Zonal Coordination Committee (NEZCC) was held at Sangtemla Multipurpose Hall on 26th March 2021.

Short speeches were given by ADC, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, Superintendent of Police, Mokokchung, Vishal, IPS, DEO, Mokokchung, Limasangba Aier, Reverend C.

Wati Longchar and Property & Finance Secretary, ABAM. During the programme grassroot level workers were encouraged to give special attention for self-empowerment of the differently abled.

During the sensitization programme, Dr. Imli Lemtur, MD (Paediatrician) IMDH, and Arenli Jamir, Project Co-ordinator, DDPO, Mokokchung spoke on the topic 'Early Identification and Intervention Schemes and Benefits' and 'RPD Act, 2016,' respectively.

CS VISITS ZUNHEBOTO



Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS interacting with DC, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo and President, Sumi Hoho at DC's Residence, Zunheboto on 26th March 2021.

Chief Secretary (CS), Government of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS paid his maiden visit as Chief Secretary to Zunheboto District, accompanied by Commissioner, Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS on 26th March 2021 and had an interaction with the administrative officials, President Sumi Hoho and his colleagues at the Deputy Commissioner's Residence, Zunheboto.

J. Alam, terming his visit as a familiarisation tour with tribes of the State and the District said that he wanted to get connected with all Tribal Hohos of Nagaland, as there are many issues which can be curbed with the support of tribal apex organisations. The CS added that the Government and Tribal Hohos should have an understanding with each other and work accordingly as there will be crucial

times ahead and as such he needs the support of civil organizations. He shared that they may not be able to completely solve all the problems at one go but with the support of civil organizations some crucial problems can be resolved.

President, Sumi Hoho, Hekhushe Sikhu while speaking on behalf of Sumis, assured their full support while adding that their main objective was to coordinate with the Government for the welfare of all people. He also shared some of the grievances being faced.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo who also proposed the keynote address where he shared some of the problems pertaining to the District.

ENFORCEMENT DRIVE ON SALE OF TOBACCO AT MON

For effective implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 an enforcement drive against sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions was carried out under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) on 26th March 2021 at Mon town. The team consisting of representatives from District Administration, Excise & Prohibition

Department, Police and Konyak Student Union (KSU) was led by District Nodal Officer, NTCP, Mon, Dr. I. Simon Sumi and District Consultant, NTCP, Mon, Nyeamyang Konyak.

25 shops around educational institutions were found selling tobacco products. The team seized the products and burnt the items in a dumping area.



HEALTH CUM RCH CAMP HELD AT KIGWEMA VILLAGE



Doctors examining elderly patients during the Health Camp conducted at Kigwema Village Council Hall on 27th March 2021.

Under the initiative of Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha along with Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Kohima and District Health Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), NHM conducted a Healthcum Reproductive Child Health (RCH) Camp at Kigwema Village Council Hall on 27th March 2021.

Former Director, H&FW, Dr. Neiketou graced the camp as the Special Guest in presence of ADC, Shaying Sheu where MO, Kimipföphe, Primary Health Centre, Dr. Lozino Peseyie chaired the programme.

Dr. Neiketou said that health camp is required as nowadays medical treatment has become very expensive and every one cannot avail treatment. He therefore said that organizing such camp in the village was a great opportunity for the villagers to avail the medical facilities without any expenses and thanked all concerned for their services rendered to the village.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo stated that health camps were platforms for people to avail medical services provided by the

Department of H&FW and called upon the gathering to avail the services during the camp. She also reminded the gathering on the responsibilities of everyone towards health awareness in order to have a healthy society in future. Adding that the VHC should take initiative for Village Health & Nutrition Day (VHND) and to channelize for visit of Medical Officer to the villages, CMO pointed out on the need for community participation to bring sustainable healthcare services through their participation and active contribution.

In the day long camp, villagers both young and old with different types of disease availed free checkup and medicines. An acknowledgment programme for complete immunization and Ante-Natal Check-up (ANC) was also held. Prizes were also awarded for those who completed immunization and to the best performing ASHA.

During the Health Camp, lab test were provided with free medicines and distribution of IEC materials. Altogether, 230 availed the health services provided at the Health Camp where 12 doctors and 20 nurses rendered their services during the camp.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AT MON

Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK), Mon in collaboration with District Administration, Mon organised a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao awareness programme for adolescent girls on 26th March 2021

at Town Council Hall, Mon.

SDO(C), Mon, Ilika Zhimomi stated that the programme was targeted specifically at girl students of Class VIII since they were at a crucial transitional

phase. She asserted that the aim of the programme was to create awareness among adolescent girls on topics which they may not receive at home or in the school. Although the topics may not be part of the school curriculum, she encouraged the teachers to have similar sessions in their classes.

Speaking on reproductive health for adolescent girls, MO, Tang, PHC, Dr. Khumrila Sangtam highlighted the physical changes that an adolescent undergoes during the transition from childhood to adulthood. She also highlighted the process of menstruation and the ways to maintain personal hygiene during menstruation. She further highlighted the abnormalities during menstruation which may require professional help.

District Coordinator (MSK), Neijoi Konyak spoke about 'Good Touch & Bad Touch' where she explained the difference between a touch of care

and affection and a touch with bad intentions. She spoke about molestation and urged upon the students not to be scared to voice out and speak up against such behaviour. She also stated that remaining silent to such behaviour would only encourage the perpetrator to continue further.

Coordinator, Childline, Mon, Eunice Thalih highlighted the programme about Childline 1098 which assist, aid and rescue children in distress through a 24/7 toll free number 1098. She stated that Childline teams on receiving a distress call arrives at the destination within 60 minutes. Childline reaches out to children from 0-18 years of age and in extreme emergency cases upto 25 years of age. She encouraged the students to make use of the service for themselves or for others and urged them not to be afraid to report since full confidentiality is maintained.

LONGLENG OBSERVES GIRL CHILD WEEK



District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng organised Girl Child Week celebration at Yingli College, Longleng on 27th March 2021.

District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng conducted Girl Child Week celebration under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) on the theme 'Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow' at Yingli College, Longleng on 27th March 2021.

Resource person, Youth Secretary, PBCA, Longleng, Phakmei Phom emphasized on different values between men and women and encouraged that one should realize the potential of oneself and also get inspiration from other women. He reminded

the girls that they are unique and special.

Introduction to Girl Child Week celebration was given by EAC Headquarter, Longleng, Rohbi Sangtam while EAC, Longleng, Pichano Kikon encouraged the girls to take such platform as an opportunity to learn and know their rights.

In the second session, different items like singing, dancing, speeches, poem recitation, etc. were presented. Games like puzzle picture, word guessing, picture portray, tug of war were also played.





CULMINATION PROGRAMME OF 9TH KOHIMA A/C WARD ADOPTION HELD

Culmination programme of the 9th Kohima Assembly Constituency (A/C) Ward Adoption under District Planning & Development Board, 2019-2020 was held at Lower PWD Colony Ward-11, Kohima on 29th March 2021.

The programme was graced by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Dr. Neikiesalie Kire as the Special Guest. Kire stated that village adoption was started in Kohima for the weakest villages later it was also extended to adopt wards in town area. The Advisor also inaugurated a Waiting Shed near Lotha Baptist Church, Kohima.

Convenor, Development Committee, Lower PWD, Satsü Angami gave a brief report of various

projects and development works implemented during the Wards Adoption Programme such as construction of waiting shed, toilet, Youth Recreation Hall at Panchayat Hall with table tennis board, construction of footsteps, black topping of roads from Lotha Baptist Church to Chandmari Higher Secondary School and Lower PWD Taxi Junction to Midlane Bridge. Installations of 250 kVA transformer, seven solar lights and four convex mirror, and replacement and new installation of 28 pieces of electric poles. Human Resource Department also imparted training on paper bag making for women, hospitality, management and vermi composting.

COTPA CONDUCTS RAID AT WOKHA

The National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), COTPA Flying Squad led by District Nodal Officer, (NTCP) Wokha, Police, DBs and District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) members conducted raid on sale of prohibited tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 metre of educational institutions under COTPA Section 6 (b) on 30th March 2021.

During the raid, five defaulters were penalized and prohibited items were seized and the seized products were destroyed the same day in presence of all the COTPA Flying Squad members.

DNO, Wokha also informed that similar raids will be conducted frequently as per the laid down rules and laws in Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act.



GOVERNMENT HOLDS MULTIPLE INAUGURATION PROGRAMMES AT SEYOCHUNG TOWN



Minister for Geology & Mining, Soil & Water Conservation, Chairman NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam inaugurating the 'Rural Marketing Complex' at Seyochung town on 3rd March 2021.

SEYOCHUNG TOWN HALL:

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire inaugurated the long awaited Town Council Hall at Seyochung under Kiphire District on 3rd March 2021.

In an inauguration function Dr. Kire encouraged the Seyochung area people to co-operate with the Town Council and create more opportunities for the near future, keeping area development as the first priority.

MARKETING COMPLEX:

A new marketing complex, 'Rural Marketing Complex' was inaugurated at Seyochung town under Kiphire District on 3rd March 2021.

The businesses at the Complex will be operated exclusively by upcoming young entrepreneurs and women from Seyochung town. It

was formally inaugurated by Minister for Geology & Mining, Soil & Water Conservation, Chairman NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam.

In his address, V. Kashiho Sangtam stated that the Marketing Complex was a long felt need of Seyochung town, and said that infrastructure and connectivity will help the town to grow.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the Community Health Centre at Seyochung town under Kiphire District on 3rd March 2021.

During the inauguration function, Pangnyu Phom stated that the newly inaugurated Centre belongs to the community and therefore, reminded the people that the success of the Centre will depend on their involvement and support.



MINISTER KAITO AYE INAUGURATES APPROACH ROAD AT MISHILIMI



Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye during the inauguration of the Approach Road from Ampho Zhukhi to Phitoqa at Mishilimi village on 3rd March 2021.

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At the inaugural function the Minister called upon the people of Aphuyemi to be the real pioneers of Sumi and to maintain unity to bring development in their area. Seeing the sub-division progressing in the field of agriculture, the Minister urged upon them to work hard to bring more opportunities and expand the agri projects in the area. He also promised to fulfill the needs of the Mishilimi village in the field of economic development and to look into the matter

regarding the memorandum submitted by the Mishilimi Village Council in the construction of Agri-linked Road from Mishilimi to Kipegha, measuring about 5 km towards Rengma area.

Retired Principal Director for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Sukhato A Sema in his short speech said Agri-linked Road from Mishilimi to Tsemenyu will uplift social and economic development of the people.

Women and Men Cultural Troupes performed during the inauguration. Welcome address was given by Village Council Chairman, Khulu Wotsa.

RIO LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR CHC AT SATAKHA



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Ministers, Advisors and officials during the Foundation Stone laying programme for Community Health Centre, Satakha on 6th March 2021.

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio laid the Foundation Stone for Community Health Centre

(CHC), Satakha on 6th March 2021 at Satakha town.

Rio expressed happiness that the

foundation of CHC, Satakha which was sanctioned the previous year was made possible and also applauded the Department of Health & Family Welfare for their tireless efforts and he further expressed hope that, through the upgradation of Public Health Centre to CHC, it will benefit the people of Satakha Sub-Division in particular and Sumis in general.

Rio encouraged the people to not only depend on doctors and nurses and reminded that not only abusive substances but excess consumption of meat/sugar can also be harmful for our health and asked everyone to always keep their body fit and healthy, and further advised the doctors and nurses to not only treat the disease but also let people know what is causing the disease and what one should eat to keep healthy and what not to do so as to avoid getting sick.

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS in his speech said that the laying of the Foundation Stone is definitely a step towards meeting the aspirations of the people and expressed hope that soon they will be able to upgrade the infrastructure and provide

more doctors as per the CHC requirements. He also informed the people about the Ayushman Bharat scheme which provides health insurance upto Rs. 5 lakh, providing free treatments covering surgeries, medical and day care, cost of medicine and diagnostic test.

Sumi Hoho President, Hekhushe Shikhu in his speech said that people asks Ministers and MLAs to bring development to their place but when government projects come they refuse to give land, ask for good roads but refuse to part with an inch of their lands and he therefore encouraged the people to give lands in order for development to take place.

Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye extended his sincere gratitude to the CM and his colleagues for fulfilling the long-awaited dream of Satakha people and also added that under the able leadership of the CM, Satakha will soon get a PHE SDO, Electrical SDO, BDO Office with quarters, and Sub-Treasury Office.

The programme was led by Dr. Akaho Sema, CMO, Zunheboto while dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Vivika H Chishi, Women Pastor, Satakha Town Baptist Church.

S. PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES CHC IN TENING



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with Advisors at the inauguration of Community Health Centre, Tening on 6th March 2021.

Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the Community Health Centre (CHC), Tening on 6th

March 2021.

S. Pangnyu Phom, speaking on the occasion stated that with the initiative of the Chief

Minister, a High Powered Committee was set up and 390 posts for doctors and nurses were created in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. 10 CHCs, 15 PHCs and 43 Sub-Health Centres were created/upgraded in the current phase, he said. Phom also said that all required facilities of CHC, Tening would be sanctioned as per the norms and appealed to the public for cooperation and support to the government for all-round development. Phom said that the Government of India's policy is to give good healthcare facilities to all as India celebrates 75 years of Independence.

Advisor, Information & Public Relations, State Council of Educational Research & Training and Village Guards (VG), Toshi Wungtung said that Peren, particularly Tening, has natural beauty and scope for tourism environment. He said that

development has to do with human needs and basic development like road, agriculture, education and health are the core issues.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha, Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts, National Highways, Dr. Longriniken and Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang also spoke on the occasion.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru said that the Department would be mooting for post creation of doctors and also assured for better medical equipment to serve the people.

The traditional welcome was accorded by Old Nkio village. The programme was presided by SMO, CHC, Dr. Neilasakuo Linyu and Advisor, Namri Nchang was the Host of the programme.

DUDA HANDS OVER YINGLI GOVERNMENT COLLEGE BUS

The Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) handed over a college bus for Yingli Government College at the Directorate of DUDA on 8th March 2021. The college bus was procured through the Underdeveloped Areas Programme (UDAP) during 2020-2021.

A short handing-taking over programme was attended by Minister of Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along, Advisor, DUDA, N. Bongkhao Konyak, along with Directors and officials of DUDA and Higher Education Department. While

handing over the college bus, Minister, Temjen Imna Along said that this gesture of DUDA will encourage the student community which will in turn support the college administration.

Advisor, DUDA, Bongkhao Konyak stated that DUDA is committed to ensuring that educational development in the five backward districts of Eastern Nagaland is galvanised and assured that the Department will ensure that tangible achievements are met with various programmes so as to address the intra-district imbalances.

SAKSHI, PONGO AND NAMCHING RECEIVE PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the Primary Health Centre (PHC) of Sakshi, Pongo and Namching on 9th March 2021.

In his inaugural speech at Sakshi PHC, Pangnyu appealed to the government officials and civil societies to give special attention for upliftment of Sakshi and urged the leaders of Sakshi to work hard with dedication for the upliftment of the people. He informed that Sakshi was chosen as Aspiration Block by the District Planning & Development Board

under his leadership.

CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla proposed the welcome address and briefed on the status of the health unit. President, EYSU, Aye Keikung and Public Leader, Phulang Avennoho also spoke on the occasion. The programme was chaired by DIO, Longleng, Dr. S. Imnameren Phom while vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman, Sakshi Village Council.

At Pongo PHC, Pangnyu said that the seeds of development sown today will benefit the

people for generations to come and called upon the officials of H&FW to do the follow-up action and fulfill the needs of the health centres. He also informed that in commemoration of India's 75 Years of Independence, both the Central and State Government is committed to bring healthcare facilities to the people at their doorstep. He appealed to the public to extend their full cooperation and support to the healthcare workers and resolve any issues amicably.

DTO, Longleng, Dr. Temsusashi chaired the programme while Deputy CMO, Longleng, Dr. Philip Kent, pronounced the welcome address and briefed on the health unit under the PHC. Vote of thanks was delivered by Chairman, Pongo Village Council.

At Namchan, the Minister stated that development of healthcare facilities was one of the priority commitments of the Government. He also

informed that there are many non-functional health centres in the State and that the Department is trying to revamp it and make them functional. He was optimistic that the upgraded PHCs under Longleng would also benefit the neighbouring villages of Tuensang and Mon District.

Dr. S. Marina Yaden, DVBO, Longleng chaired the programme while vote of thanks was given by Community Health Officer, Namching Lily Mozhui. President, PPC, Bukshe also spoke on the occasion.

DC Longleng, M. Shayung Phom in his speech congratulated the Department of H&FW for upgrading more health centres in the District. He encouraged the people that landowners should not create hindrance to development but to take ownership of the health centres which will help provide good healthcare facilities to the people.

PANGNYU LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL LONGLENG

Asserting that Phoms are peace loving people, Minister for Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom appealed to the people of Longleng District to continue to work together with unity and oneness for all-round development of the District, during the Foundation Stone laying ceremony of District Hospital Longleng on 10th March 2021.

On the occasion, the Health Minister appealed to the people to avail the COVID-19 vaccine to control and contain the spread of the virus. He also appealed to the H&FW officials for early completion of the DPR, pursue post creation of employees and other follow-up action for early functioning of the Hospital with full facilities.

Pangnyu expressed his gratitude to the District Task Force, frontline workers, government officials, the civil societies, PBCA and the churches for their contribution and making the Hospital as one of the most successful District Hospitals with CHC status during the pandemic.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic was a blessing in disguise for Longleng

District as a lot of unexpected development took place for upliftment of the Hospital during the period. He narrated how both COVID-19 Hospital and District Hospital were functioning with the available resources and active contribution from various sources as healthcare facilities became priority to combat the virus during the pandemic.

Director, H&FW, Dr. Neikhrilie Khimiao in his speech asserted that the Department alone cannot develop the Hospital without the active support and cooperation of the people and called upon everyone to extend their support to uplift the Hospital.

Briefing on the overview of the project, Er. Moanaro, Executive Engineer, Medical Engineering Division, Kohima informed that it will be a 50 bedded hospital with an estimated cost of Rs. 12 crore. She said that the DPR is underway and would be completed soon however site development will go on side by side for speedy completion of the construction.

Others who spoke included President, PPC, President, Phomla Hoichem, President, Longleng Town Ward, Chairman, Orangkong



village. Welcome address was proposed by Medical Superintendent, Dr. Lhouvizotuo Belho. The programme was chaired by SMO, Dr. Ademla Tinu while vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Obangjungla, CMO, Longleng.

The Minister, H&FW also inaugurated the

upgradation of Yachem Primary Health Centre to Community Health Centre, where the welcome address and Health Status Report was shared by CMO, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla and the programme was chaired by MO, Yachem, Dr. James.

ART CENTRE INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK



Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurating the ART Centre at Community Health Centre, Noklak on 16th March 2021.

Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying inaugurated the Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Centre, Noklak on 16th March 2021 at Community Health Centre (CHC), Noklak.

Speaking on the inaugural ceremony, H. Haiying congratulated the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for constructing the full-fledged ART Centre under Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) at CHC, Noklak. He urged upon the community to give a positive response in availing the benefits. He also called upon the people to be aware of HIV/AIDS infection and requested all citizens of the District to have a sense of ownership of the Centre.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS stated that Noklak is getting District Hospital status and expressed his gratitude to all

who had initiated and worked for the successful opening of the ART Centre. He opined that, Mobile Unit Lab should be started in order to reach out to far flung villages. The DC also expressed gratitude to the representative of 56 A/C for setting up of Solar LED Lighting in Noklak.

Deputy Director, (CST) NSACS, Dr. Nitovi Shikhi appreciated the church bodies for coming forward to fight the disease. Unless the family and community level change it would not be possible to achieve the goal of elimination of HIV/AIDS by 2030, he said. He requested the community to co-operate with the authorities and not to discriminate HIV/AIDS patients.

The dedicatory prayer of the ART Centre was delivered by Executive Secretary, KBCA Himpao and welcome address was given by SMO, CHC, Noklak, Dr. Victor Lam.

NISCHALS PORTABLE & MICRO-SCALE LABS LAUNCHED AT RÜZHÜKHRIE GHSS

Directorate of School Education organised the launching programme of Nischals Portable & Micro-scale Labs at Rüzühkhrie Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Kohima on 16th March 2021.

Advisor, School Education, K T Sukhalu speaking at the programme said that the newly installed Lab will be of great help to the students of the school. He remarked that maths and science have been a big challenge for many students and he expressed hope that the Lab will not only simplify the process of learning maths but will make it more interesting too.

Sukhalu urged the teachers to concentrate on learning the techniques during orientation training so that students will be able to pick up science and maths without any mind block or barriers. He also challenged the students to have determination, focus and patience in all walks of life but more so in maths. He further congratulated Nischal for all the hard work and his commitment for the younger generation, and coming all the way to Nagaland to encourage the boys and girls.

Founder & Mentor, Nischal's Smart Learning Solutions, Nishal Narayanam said that across the world, most of the students have a fear and phobia and dislike towards mathematics mainly because at an early age, the foundation and fundamentals were not strongly learnt. He expressed confidence that once the students have command over the concepts and fundamentals of maths, learning the subject will be fun and one can even pursue a career in it.

Nishal remarked that math being the father

of all sciences should be an activity based learning making it more joyful, fun and playful. He urged the students to have a scientific temperament and the vigour to correlate every concept they learn and apply this in real life. He stated that learning by doing is the most effective proven practice and establishing the math and science laboratory is to inculcate learning by doing. He also challenged the students to be catalysts in their journey of learning mathematics and sciences and transforming math fear into joy. He also urged the teachers to make the best use of the Lab and make learning interesting and fun for the students.

Chief Executive, C R Rao, AIMSC Hyderabad, Dr. Yugandhar also delivering a short speech said that the evolution of mathematics and computer science today will invariably shape our world tomorrow. He also said that the state-of-the-art laboratory is highly innovative, and students and teachers using the Lab will bring paradigm change in the teaching and learning process. He added that CM Rao institute is playing an important role in executing crucial and sensitive projects related to mathematical and computer science. He further urged the students to take full advantage of the Nischals Lab as it will help to remove math phobia among students and pave way for better understanding of the subject.

Principle Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS also informed that similar labs have been installed in Dr. Neilhouzhü Kire, GHSS, Kohima, GHSS, Dimapur, GHS, Zunheboto and GHSS, Mon and Mathematics Laboratory in GHSS, Phek and GHSS, Tuensang.

JACOB ZHIMOMI COMMISSIONS AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO FIVE VILLAGES

Minister of Public Health Engineering (PHE), Jacob Zhimomi on 16th March 2021 commissioned the augmentation of water supply to five villages in Japukong Range at Yajang 'C' village in the presence of Minister of Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along and Advisor,

Kazheto Kinimi, Chief Engineer, PHE, Er. Repayangba Longkumer and representatives from five village councils.

Minister, Zhimomi while lauding all those involved for the successful completion of the project, also apprised the gathering that the Central



Government is committed to providing safe and adequate water supply through individual household tap connection or easily accessible public fountain in all villages of the State in phase manner. The Minister also stated that the Department is currently implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme in phase manner and called upon the people for their active participation and cooperation for the success of any developmental activity.

The project augmentation of water supply scheme through the water source to five villages in Japukong Range funded by North East Council was started in 2014 and completed during 2020. The project cost amounting to Rs. 4.84 crore was implemented to provide water supply to five villages namely Yajang 'A', Yajang 'C', Irmen, Akumen and Tsuremen village from the stream source located near the villages.

VOCATIONAL & LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

Vocational & Leadership Training Centre, a permanent centre to cater to vocational training needs of dropout students under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Phadhao (BBBP) was inaugurated at Noklak on 19th March 2021.

Speaking as the Special Guest, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Reny Wilfred, IAS informed that the trainees will be trained in weaving, shoe making, basket making, jewellery and bead making, etc. where raw materials will be freely provided to all the selected and registered trainees. Each batch will have 20 students in the first phase of six months, and number of batches will be decided based on the phase of learning, he added. The number of trainees has been limited due to space constraints and also with an intention to provide quality training. Micro credit will be provided to talented trainees and marketing avenues will be opened up through the Training Centre for finished products.

The DC mentioned that, in Leadership Training Centre, library facilities will also be provided where books, computers and internet facilities will be installed in order to impart proper knowledge. He urged upon the trainees and the stakeholders to have ownership of the Centre.

SDO (C), Noklak, C. Phuniang stated that, the Centre is a humble beginning with a big vision of bringing economic empowerment of women in the District. He expressed his appreciation to the DC for initiating the project and also extended his gratitude to District Administration, Tuensang for sparing the required fund for the management of the Centre.

President, Khamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thango, in his speech, said the Training Centre is an opportunity for girl dropout students to learn new skills to earn their livelihood. He called upon the trainees to work hard and encouraged them to have the enthusiasm to learn.

MOKOKCHUNG JUDICIAL OFFICER'S QUARTER INAUGURATED

Justice, S Hukato Swu, Judge, Gauhati High Court inaugurated the Mokokchung Judicial Officer's Quarter at Aongza Ward, Mokokchung on 20th March 2021.

Justice, Swu called upon all to respect rule of law which he said is the most important discipline in judiciary and said that he expected it from all sections of society. He congratulated everyone on

the successful completion of the building and requested everyone to maintain it properly.

Assistant Engineer, CAWD, Mokokchung, Er. Satemtemsu, gave the technical report. Short speeches were delivered by Principal Secretary, Justice & Law, R. Ramakrishnan, IAS, and NJS Registrar, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Neiko Akami.



TWO SUB-CENTRES INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

SMO, Noklak, Dr. Victor Lam inaugurating the Health Sub-Centre at Aniasu village on 18th March 2021.

The much awaited health centres along the international border areas, a Sub-Centre at Aniasu village on 18th March 2021 and a Sub-Centre at Langnok village was inaugurated on 20th March 2021 by Senior Medical Officer, Noklak, Dr. Victor Lam.

Dr. Victor Lam urged upon the villagers to take ownership of the Sub-Centres and contribute in

every way possible. He also called upon them to give their full cooperation to the medical staff and advised the villagers to avail the benefits at the Sub-Centres. He also expressed his appreciation to the village authorities for construction of attached kitchen for the staff and arrangement of accommodation for the ANM at both villages.

MARKET SHED INAUGURATED AT NGAULONG LODI VILLAGE

The District Administration, led by EAC, Nsong, Tumben P. Tsanglao inaugurated a Market Shed at the Tri-Junction of Nagaland-Assam-Manipur under Ngaulong Lodi village, Peren under the aegis of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) on 20th March 2021.

Special Guest, Tumben P Tsanglao congratulated the people on setting up the Market Shed. He said that the Market Shed will provide basic goods like foodstuff, clothes and

household items. He also appealed the people to maintain friendly relations with the neighbouring States.

The EAC also highlighted about the Samridhi Sukanya Yojana under BBBP. He informed that the sensitisation programme for COVID-19 vaccination drive and the role of women in the grassroot level leadership is in progress.

The programme was chaired by Chairman, Village Council, Chiwang.

SUB-STATION INAUGURATED AT DIMAPUR

A 33/11 kV 2X10 MVA Distribution Sub-Station at Forest Colony, Dimapur was inaugurated by Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi on 22nd March 2021.

Tovihoto Ayemi, who graced the occasion as Special Guest, said that the newly inaugurated Sub-Station was a long awaited project of the Power

Department and the public. He said that the new station will be relieving around 40% of the load from Metha Sub-Station and will cater to the needs of densely populated areas. He appreciated all officials and staff involved and also the Contractor for the successful completion of the project. The Advisor stated that Power Department despite being faced



Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi along with officials during the inauguration of the new Sub-Station at Forest Colony, Dimpur on 22nd March 2021.

with many challenges and hurdles, do not get the deserved appreciation.

The Advisor who also launched prepaid meters said that 10,000 prepaid meters are expected to be installed in Dimapur in the next few months and will slowly change the old meter system to smart metering which is also in accordance with the Union Government's aim to have smart metering all over the country.

SE (Revenue) Power, Er. Lobosang Jamir gave a technical report in which he mentioned that the long felt need of 2X10 MVA 33/11 kV Sub-Station has been constructed under the Integrated Power Development Scheme, Government of India at a

cost of Rs. 9.16 crore. He also informed that the electricity in Dimapur urban and suburban areas under the Dimapur Electricity Division, covering 72,956 consumers, is provided from nine Power Sub-Stations, scattered at various strategic load centres with 117.50 MVA installed capacity.

Er. Jamir also mentioned that the new sub-station will be relieving a significant portion of the load from Metha Sub-Station and will ensure stable power supply and lesser frequency of unscheduled power outages for the citizens residing in the main town areas where business establishments will be able to transact efficiently and electricity revenue will also improve.

PANGNYU PHOM LAUNCHES i-LEARN APP



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with other officials launching the i-Learn App at Kohima on 23rd March 2021.

A virtual programme for launching of i-Learn App was held at the Chamber of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 23rd March 2021.

Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom informed that Nagaland, with support from USAID's NISHTHA project, implemented by Jhpiego, have launched Naga Telehealth, a telemedicine platform for ensuring continuity of essential health services across all 189 HWCS in the State. More than 1000 teleconsultations has been conducted through this platform and have received good feedback from medical doctors and Community Health Officers (CHO).

Pangnyu added that the health workforce have been on the frontline, fighting the pandemic and there is a need to equip them with the right knowledge, skills, and expertise. He stated that Nagaland in partnership with USAID-NISHTHA/Jhpiego, has implemented the i-Learn App which is a CHO capacity building and performance tracking application. It is a learning management system for CHOs with self-facilitated learning for improving and learning new skills in clinical and non-clinical areas.

Pangnyu stated that the initiative will be able to support CHOs in enhancing their skills and capacities in various domains and ultimately ensure provision of quality and affordable healthcare services and hoped to build stronger, well-skilled, and equipped health workers to provide quality and accessible healthcare services to the community.

Mission Director, NHM, Dr. I. Talitemsula

Jamir stated that the success of the ambitious programme especially within the given timeline will not be possible without the CHOs, who lead the primary healthcare team at the HWCS, thereby bringing quality care closer to the community. CHOs are a vital cadre of the health workforce to bring quality, affordable and accessible healthcare to the doorstep of our communities and it is important to strengthen their skills since they will be at the forefront of healthcare delivery at the HWCS. The platform also includes a unique architecture where it will be possible to monitor the progress of CHOs across HWCS which will help in empowering them with new skill sets.

Director, Health Office USAID, Sangita Patel in her address pointed out that USAID is committed to protect the safety and health security of the global workforce and ensure to continue life-saving mission across the world, and support partner countries in their response to COVID-19. NISHTHA is supporting the State Government of Nagaland for moving from a fragmented to comprehensive primary healthcare through operationalization of Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres, she added

Patel also thanked the State Government for the partnership to work together and combat the pandemic, building a stronger and resilient health system and health workforce to ensure that everyone has access to quality and accessible healthcare services.

PHED COMMISSIONS NEW WATER SUPPLY PROJECT FOR KOHIMA TOWN

The Department of Public Health Engineering (PHE) commissioned a new water supply project for Kohima town by pumping from Zari River at Water Treatment Plant Site, Mima village on 26th March 2021.

Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated and commissioned the new water supply project and lauded the Department for the initiative taken to construct a water plant for the denizens of Kohima town. The CM on behalf of the Government and Department extended his

appreciation to the source owners as well as the Southern Angamis, particularly Mima and Kezoma village, for their contribution in augmentation of the water supply.

Rio stated that the project started in 2012 and took some time to implement due to misunderstanding in land issues, natural calamities, COVID-19 pandemic and in between technical difficulties were faced delaying the commissioning of the project. He urged for cooperation from the Department, the villagers, town dwellers and the





Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with his colleagues and officials during the commissioning of the new water supply project for Kohima town at Water Treatment Plant Site, Mima on 26th March 2021.

beneficiaries to take care of the Water Treatment Plant.

Rio while stating that water has become a precious commodity and setting up of water treatment plant and maintenance comes with a cost in areas of water treatment, power supply, etc., therefore he called for public support and cooperation by paying water fees to the Department. The State capital has been facing with scarcity of water and the requirements and demands of the public are not in proportion so the aim to implement a water plant from Dzükou, which have a vital topography for water plants is being proposed. Rio also opined for outsourcing and privatization of such projects in the near future so that profit sharing will benefit both the Government and the source owners.

Minister, PHE, Jacob Zhimomi extending

his appreciation to the villagers reminded that it is the custom and tradition of our forefathers for sharing whatever one have and that this project is a testament that their descendants have not failed them, and lauded the villages for upholding the tradition of giving. He mentioned that this project is not a complete solution but it is a huge relief for the dwellers of Kohima town and assured that proper maintenance and operation will be done by the Department on their part.

Technical reports of the project was highlighted by Chief Engineer & HoD, PHE, Repangyangba Longkumer, short speeches were delivered by Chairman, Mima Village Council, Neichüzo Keyie and Chairman, Kezoma Village Council, Puhovi Tase. Secretary, PHE, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS proposed the vote of thanks.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, Covishield at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 3rd March 2021.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom awarding the winner of the Best Community Health Centre (CHC) to CHC, Changtongya at the KAYAKALP Award 2019-2020 at Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 26th March 2021.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sheringain Longkumer and Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS with school children, dressed as Mahatma Gandhi, depicting the Dandi March during the launch of 75 Years of India's Independence at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 12th March 2021.



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