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Governor, Nagaland, R. N. Ravi speaking at the State Farewell programme accorded to him at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 14th September 2021.



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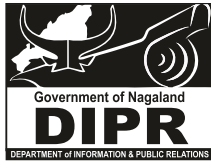
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Union Minister of State, Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Rajeev Chandrasekhar speaking at the inaugural function of the Software Technology Parks of India at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima on 17th September 2021.



Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, G. Kishan Reddy speaking at the inaugural function of the State Soil Testing Laboratory at Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima on 24th September 2021.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

NBSE NOTIFIES PAST HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATION TOPPERS

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the students who passed their HSLC & HSSLC examination from NBSE and placed in Rank 1(one) as the topper from 1975 till 2021 (from 1975 for HSLC examination and from 1997 for HSSLC examination), to share their success stories and achievements by registering themselves in the Board's Portal at nbsenl.edu.in (Toppers Bio-data).

This initiative is taken to track and connect with the toppers of NBSE with an objective to let the achievers share their success stories to encourage and motivate the upcoming students. Therefore, NBSE has requested the toppers to log in to the Board's Portal and register themselves and share their experiences.

STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMS

The State Government has informed that in pursuance of the Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench Order dated 01.09.2021 in PIL No 10/2021, the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department's Office Memorandum No.AR-5/ASSO/98 (Vol-I) dated 16th July 2021 for partial lifting of appointments, shall remain suspended till further orders.

All the departments have been requested to take note and comply with the said Order.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY CONSTITUTED

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986 and in pursuance of the notification dated 14th September 2006 of the erstwhile Ministry of Environment & Forests, the Central Government vide gazette notification dated 20th October 2020 has notified the constitution of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for Nagaland.

The Committee comprises of the following members, namely:

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| 1. I. Panger Jamir, IFS
Retd. PCCF and HoFF, Nagaland | - Chairman |
| 2. T. Yanger Ao,
Retd. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control | - Member |
| 3. Additional PCCF (Environment & Climate Change) | - Member Secretary |

The Authority will function from the Office of the PCCF and HoFF, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Upper Forest Colony, Kohima. The Authority shall exercise such powers and follow such procedures as specified in the above mentioned notification (as amended from time to time).

ACTION AGAINST PERSONS NOT WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Many persons are being found not wearing masks in public places in violation of the directives issued by the Government for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the State. As per Order NO.GAB-1/COM/GEN-4/2020 dated 12.11.2020 and Para E3 and Para J of Order NO.NSDMA-ER-COVID19-30I/2020(Part-II) dated 29.04.2021, action is to be taken against those found not wearing masks and a

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penalty of Rs 200/- is to be imposed every time the offence is committed. The ASI and above level officers of Police, and Assistant Road Safety & Enforcement Inspector and above level officers of Transport Department are the enforcement agencies for the aforesaid provision.

All the District Task Forces have been directed to take urgent steps for ensuring enforcement of the directive for wearing masks in public places by the people, and for taking action against those violating in their respective jurisdictions.

Further, all the District Task Forces will submit daily reports to the State Level War Room on the number of persons found not wearing masks in public places by the enforcement agencies and the total fine collected from the violators.

GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE AWARD IN SCIENCE STUDY OF HSSLC EXAMINATION

Governor of Nagaland, R. N. Ravi has instituted an award to encourage the students of Nagaland to excel in the study of Basic Sciences. The award, known as 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science Study of HSSLC Examination,' will be given to the best 6 (six) students in science stream with the following subject combination:

- I. Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) - 3 Awards
 - 1st – Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh)
 - 2nd – Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand)
 - 3rd – Rs. 25,000 (Rupees twenty-five thousand)
- II. Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) - 3 Awards
 - 1st – Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh)
 - 2nd – Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand)
 - 3rd – Rs. 25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand)

The following guidelines shall govern the 'Governor's Excellence Award in Science Study of HSSLC Examination:

1. The award will go to the best six (6) students in order of merit in the HSSLC Examination in science stream conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) subject combination – 3 (three) students and Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) subject combination – 3 (three) students.
2. The award will carry a citation and cash prize.
3. Only students belonging to any Indigenous Scheduled Tribe of Nagaland as notified by the Government from time to time will be eligible for the award.
4. The students should secure 80% or more in their aggregate to avail the award.
5. The student's performance in PCM and PCB will determine the award in each category.
6. The best students in PCM and PCB combination will be selected in order of mark secured and it will be placed as 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category i.e. students who have opted Mathematics as their main elective subject as PCM category, and students who have opted Biology as their main elective subject.
7. The candidate scoring the highest aggregate in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) or Physics, Chemistry & Biology (PCB) will be considered.
8. In case of tie in the marks and aggregate, whosoever secures higher marks in the external marks of PCM or PCB will be considered.
9. In case of another tie, the following norms shall be followed:
 - a. PCB: The marks of Chemistry to be considered first, followed by the marks of Biology,

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- whichever is higher.
- b. PCM: The marks of Mathematics to be considered first, followed by the marks of Physics, whichever is higher.
10. In case of further tie, the award will be shared.

NBSE INFORMS ON AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

Celebrating 75 years of India's Independence – Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, along with the rest of the country, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has, so far, conducted the following activities with its registered institutions:

1. From 12th March 2021 to 12th April 2021 (Essay/Creative writing) Classes VIII to XII.
2. From 1st July 2021 to 31st July 2021. (Activity A) (Craft Making and Drawing Competition) Classes VIII to X.
3. From 1st August till 14th August 2021. (Activity B) (Essay writing) Class XII.

The winners of each category based on the entries and activities submitted by the students were announced on the occasion of Independence Day i.e. 15th August 2021. The winners, the list of participants and the best entries have also been made available in the Board's Portal (www.nbsenl.edu.in).

In continuation of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, all the registered schools of the Board are reminded once again to undertake the following activities which were notified vide Notification No. 67/2021 dated Kohima the 27th August 2021:

1. Activity 'A' - Classes VIII to XII (1st September 2021 to 25th September 2021)
Essay/Poem writing/Drawing competition on the theme 'People who gave us the 75th year of India's Independence.'
Submission of best one (1) entry by the schools - 27th to 28th September 2021.
2. Activity 'B' - Classes X to XII (1st October 2021 to 25th October 2021)
Reading Comprehension Challenge.
Submission of best one (1) entry by the schools - 26th to 27th October 2021.
3. Activity 'C' - Class XII (1st November 2021 to 25th November 2021)
Essay/Poem writing/Drawing competition
Submission of best one (1) entry by the schools - 26th to 27th November 2021.

The above activities are to be conducted in virtual mode as per the timeline given and only the best one (1) entry is to be mailed in Word format to collessay21@gmail.com. Schools must write the name of the student, class and school clearly as any incomplete entry will be rejected.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 128 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 notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department (Revenue Branch) F.NO.FIN/REV- 3/GST/I /08(Pt-1)(Vol.II)/25 dated the 29th November 2020, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the State Government has waived the amount of penalty payable by any registered person under Section 125 of the said Act for non-compliance of the provisions of notification F.NO.FIN/REV-3/GST/I/08(Pt-1)(Vol.1)/66 dated the 21st March 2020, between the period from the 1st day of December 2020 to the 30th day of September 2021.

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NBSE NOTIFIES

In pursuance of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India letter D.O. 1-56/2021-DIGED dated 9th September 2021, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the Heads of Registered Institution under NBSE to be aware of the ill effects of online gaming addiction/ abuse among the students.

Online games can be found almost anywhere on any gaming platforms such as PCs, consoles and mobile devices. Online gaming can be accessed with the use of a phone or a tablet which is a common factor in online game addiction because children can easily play games anywhere and anytime, affecting their time for their school and social life. Moreover, the closure of schools due to the pandemic has increased use of mobile and internet by children.

Playing online games leads to a serious gaming addiction which has been considered as a gaming disorder. Playing online games without restrictions and self limit leads to addiction and are eventually diagnosed with gaming disorder.

Therefore, Heads of Institutions are requested to share the concerns and sensitize the parents and teachers about the harmful effects of online gaming.

For any untoward incidence, report can be made to National Helpline – <https://cybercrime.gov.in/Webform/Helpline.aspx>

NBSE ISSUES GUIDELINES

With the closure of schools from 30th April 2021 vide NO.NSDMA-ER-COVID19/301/2020 (Part-II) dated 29.4.2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic, schools were allowed to conduct classes through online mode w.e.f. 24th May 2021. However, it is observed that teachers, students and parents have faced challenges in adopting online teaching and learning due to various reasons such as digital divide and connectivity issues while trying to ensure effectiveness of online teaching.

In the backdrop of the above and as envisaged in the NEP 2020 where it speaks about transforming assessment to more regular and formative, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has issued a revised assessment scheme for the conduct of Class VIII Examination 2021 (for government schools only) and Class IX Final Examinations 2021. All registered private schools shall also adopt this assessment pattern for Class VIII Examination 2021. The guidelines are given as below:

1. The two examinations shall be conducted in two phases (Phase I & Phase II).
2. The marks for each phase will be 50% of the total marks allotted for external examination for each subject.
3. The question paper will have all types/forms of questions as per the existing design of question paper of the Board.
4. The examinations will be of 90 minutes duration each.
5. The entire syllabus is divided into two (Subject-wise division of syllabus for Phase I & Phase II examinations are uploaded in the Board's portal).
6. The blueprint of the question papers will also be given out for each subject phase-wise later.
7. Question papers for each phase of examinations shall be made available in the Board's portal (www.nbsenl.edu.in) and schools shall download the question papers for each phase. Further details for downloading the question papers will be notified later.
8. The marks of Phase I & Phase II will be consolidated to prepare the final result of each student.
9. Schools shall carry out the internal assessment in all the subjects and record the marks for inclusion in the final results preparation.

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10. The Phase I examination will be conducted in later part of October 2021 and Phase II examination will be conducted in December 2021. Detail routine and the time for submission of results will be given at a later date.
11. Depending on the situation, the mode for conduct of the two phase wise examinations will be made known to the schools.

Therefore, all the Heads of Registered Institutions of the Board have been informed to note the changes in the conduct of the said examinations of Class VIII and Class IX 2021, and instruct the teachers accordingly to follow the division of topics/chapters for each subject as given in the annexure. Students must be made aware of the changes in the examination pattern/scheme. Schools shall ensure that the given topics are covered and remedial teaching be taken up to ensure that students achieve the expected learning level.

MOTOR VEHICLES COMMISSIONERATE SHIFTED

The Commissionerate of the Motor Vehicles Department has been shifted to the Department Office building in the New Capital Complex w.e.f. 01.09.2021. Henceforth, all correspondences to the Department Office may be made at the following address: Commissionerate of Motor Vehicles Department, New Capital Complex, Kohima-797004.

NBSE INFORMS ON EKLAVYA SERIES

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified that the Registered Heads of Institutions that the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, New Delhi is launching an Eklavya series.

Eklavya is an interactive online educational programme that contains numerous hands-on activities, projects and models which help in conceptual understanding of various topics, thought provoking questions and assignments which promote out-of-box creative and inspiring DIY (Do It Yourself) project videos using local materials. The series will help students and teachers by equipping them with scientific temper and key competencies.

The details of the programme are as follows:

Programme	3030 Eklavya (Registrations opens on 5 th September 2021) Programme Intro Video. https://tinyurl.com/EklavyaIntro)
Time	Live every Sunday 4-5pm First Episode (26 th September 2021)
Organizers	CBSE and CCL IIT Gandhinagar
Participation	Free upon registration
Registration and Certification	Go to the programme website https://ccl.iitgn.ac.in/eklavya or https://cbse.nic.in/eklavya
Live episodes	https://youtube.com/IITGNCLI
Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation Certificate for all Modules (Rs.100+tax)• Certificate of competency for whole course (Rs.100+ tax)

Heads of Institutions have been directed to take note of the schedule and encourage the teachers and students to register and participate in the aforesaid programme.

NSLSA HIGHLIGHTS ACTIVITIES



The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority conducted various legal literacy programmes and activities for Legal Literacy Clubs across the State.

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority conducted various legal literacy programmes and activities for Legal Literacy Clubs (LLCs) during the last few days.

NSLSA informed that on 17th August 2021, Mon District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organized a Painting Competition on Right to Education (RTE) with LLCs. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary DLSA, Mon, Seyielenuo Mezhu, NJS elaborated on the competition topic. First position was bagged by Aying from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Mon, second position - Peter Leezushu from Konjong Higher Secondary School, Mon, third position - Manwang from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Mon and consolation prize was awarded to Pholang K from Government Higher Secondary School 'D,' Mon.

Wokha DLSA organised an Inter-School Legal Literacy Club Members Painting Competition on 'Right to Education.' Athunglo P Humtsoe was adjudged as the winner, second - Rhonjanthung Jami and third - Nzanroni Yanthan.

Longleng DLSA organised Online Speech Competition for LLCs on the topic 'RTE Act 2009' on 30th August 2021. The winners were Lidau H Phom from Christian School, K Asang Phom from Good Shepherd School and Theiang B Phom from Shamakok Mission School. Over 20 students from

LLCs participated.

Dimapur conducted Inter Legal Literacy Club Debate Competition on the topic 'Social media and the rapid spread of information' at the District Court Complex on 30th August 2021. Seven LLC schools participated in the debate competition. Mharhoni Ezung from Livingstone Foundation International and Lisabeth B. Awomi from Christian Higher Secondary School bagged the first position, Imnasenla Longkumer from St. John Higher Secondary School and Christina Ming from Naharbari Government High School bagged the second and third position respectively.

On 26th August 2021, Phek DLSA in collaboration with teacher in-charge, Legal Literacy Club members of Christian Home School, Phek conducted Painting/Sketching Competition on the topic 'Misuse of gadgets and social media' in the presence of Cheliam Khamniungan, Secretary, Phek DLSA-cum-JMFC. Thajeleno, APP, Kavito, teacher in-charge and Dieze Vadeo. Thozo, Vethalu and Mewe were adjudged as the winners.

Kohima DLSA conducted Online Debate with the LLCs on 27th August 2021 on the topic 'Development and environment,' and the winners were Stella Higher Secondary School, Dr. Neilhouzhu Higher Secondary School as first and second respectively, and Chandmari Higher Secondary School and GHSS Tseminyu.





RASHTRIYA POSHAN MAAH LAUNCHED ACROSS THE STATE

LONGLENG:

Social Welfare Department, Longleng organized the launching programme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah, under the theme 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life' on 3rd September 2021 at EBRC hall, Longleng with ADC Longleng, D. Robin as the special guest.

Welcoming the gathering, CDPO Longleng, Longlang Luckpan briefed on Poshan Maah and urged all the convergence departments for their cooperation and support so as to make Poshan Maah a success and beneficial to the rural masses in the district during the month-long celebration.



Rashtriya Poshan Maah, under the theme 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life' was launched at EBRC Hall, Longleng on 3rd September 2021.

D. Robin in his speech emphasized on the importance of proper nutrition for women and children. He added that living a healthy life is very important and everyone should be really careful on what to consume. Encouraging the department and AWWs, he urged them to carry out their duties responsibly, with dignity and hard work.

PEREN:

ICDS Project under the Department of Social Welfare, Peren organised the launching programme of Poshan Maah 2021 under the theme 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life' on 1st September 2021 at Women Welfare Conference Hall, Jalukie town. Speaking at the programme,

CDPO Jalukie, Namhuheing spoke on the major activities to be conducted during Poshan Maah and emphasized on the importance to prevent and reduce undernutrition, stunting of children and women, anaemia and low birth rate, and informed a proper diet can ensure that the body is in proper state. Further, he encouraged the AWWs and AWHs to play an active role for implementing the activities which will help in sensitizing the masses towards adoption of nutritional behavioral.

ADC, Jalukie, K. Mhathung Tsanglao graced the launching programme of Poshan Maah 2021 held at Kejanglwa village, Peren on 2nd September 2021 in the presence of Block CDPOs, DPRO Peren, AWWs, Village Councils, officials from District Mission Management Unit, Block Mission Management Unit, NSRLM, RD Block Jalukie and Peren. The programme was organised by Peren ICDS Project under the Department of Social Welfare. Addressing the gathering, K. Mhathung Tsanglao stressed on the greater benefits of planting more plants which have medicinal and nutritional values. The ADC requested the CDPOs and staff from different blocks to work with full commitment for the successful implementation of the month-long celebration programme.



Officials and participants during the launch of Rashtriya Poshan Maah held at Tening Town Hall on 4th September 2021.

A block level anaemia awareness and screening camp was also held at Heningkunglwa Village Council Hall under Peren district on 8th

September 2021 with CDPO Jalukie, Namhuheing as the resource person. The objective of the camp was to impart knowledge about anaemia among the community.

A block level cooking competition was held at New Jalukie, Local Ground on 10th September 2021. The programme was chaired by Project Coordinator, Peren, Kulule.

As part of the month-long celebration of Poshan Maah programme, Department of Social Welfare, Peren organised essay competition on complimentary feeding at Ahthibung Town Hall on 24th September 2021. Speaking on the occasion, MO, PHC Ahthibung, Dr. Vezokholu Khamo stressed on the importance of good health and stated that young youths are the backbone of the nation for which she encouraged young mothers to practice exclusive breastfeeding and complimentary feeding of young children.

The month-long programme, 'Poshan Maah,' was launched at Tening, led by District Administration and Department of Social Welfare. CDPO Tening, Yanbeni Humtsoe highlighted on the activities to be carried out throughout the month that includes four phases, namely Poshan Vatika, Yoga and AYUSH for physical well-being, distribution of nutrition kits and identification of Severely Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and distribution of nutritious food. EAC, Tening, Tumben P. Tsanglao exhorted the Department officials, especially the Anganwadi workers to be ambassadors for spreading awareness on holistic nutrition for children and mothers. He further reminded how more than 50% of children in the country are suffering from at least one type of malnutrition and how the programme can help in improving the nutrition status with an emphasis on micronutrients that are vital for a child's mental well-being apart from other physical aspects.

MON:

Poshan Maah 2021 celebration was

launched on 3rd September 2021 at DRDA Hall in collaboration with blocks (ICDS) Mon, under the theme 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life.' The celebration was launched by ADC, Mon, Chingak Konyak who encouraged the Frontline Workers, Supervisors, Poshan Coordinators, Anganwadi Workers, Helpers and the convergent departments to render cooperation, dedication and achieve the target with satisfaction. He also urged the staff and masses in rural areas to maintain COVID-19 SOP. A briefing on (0-16 years) children was given by District Coordinator Child-Line Mon, Eunice Thalih where she stated that their Toll Free No. 1098 service is available 24×7 for assistance towards child abuse, injury, missing, molestation and rape cases.



Social Welfare Department, Mon celebrated Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2021 at Council Hall, Mon on 24th September 2021.

As a part of ongoing activities with the celebration of Poshan Maah 2021, Mon block (ICDS) and District jointly conducted cooking competition-cum-local food show programme at Chi village on 10th September 2021 in collaboration with RD-NRLM. Y. Tauhong Ngonyen DPO (ICDS) delivering the welcome address on behalf of all the convergent departments, stated that community participation is compulsory and focusing on antenatal check up for females is crucial. He also briefly spoke on the importance of PMMVY schemes. Eight SHGs for cooking competition and six SHGs for local food show participated in the programme.

Social Welfare Department Mon celebrated



Poshan Maah 2021 on 24th September 2021 at Council Hall Mon, with the theme, 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life.' While briefing on Poshan Maah, Supervisor, Mon Block, Ngupya Wangshu stated that the programme aims at reducing malnourishment in children by 2022, adding that the programme targets 0-6 years, lactating mothers and adolescent girls. Supervisor, Mon Block, L. Amei Konyak delivered on awareness on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) where she stressed on the importance of breast feeding. Resource persons of the programme were i) Block Program Manager, RD Mon Block (NSRLM), S. Yatao Konyak who spoke on kitchen gardening ii) City Coordinator Childline Mon, Eunice Thalih who highlighted the emergency services provided by Childline 1098 iii) HIV/TB dots Plus, Supervisor, Loshon, who gave a detailed explanation on Tuberculosis and iv) ICTC Counselor, Nyemnyei, who also gave a detailed explanation on HIV Aids.

Social Welfare Department, Mon on 30th September 2021 observed the closing programme of Poshan Maah 2021 with Project Director, DRDA Mon, M. Temjen Longchar as the special guest. The programme witnessed a presentation of the activities under Poshan Maah 2021 by District Coordinator, Nokyam Khoiyem where he highlighted that there were over 1,65,000 participants with over 6000 activities held across the district pushing Mon district in the 2nd slot for overall performance in the State.

PHEK:

The Social Welfare Department, Phek organised cooking competition at CDPO's Office Meeting Hall on 10th September 2021 as part of the month long Poshan Maah observation on the theme 'Preparation of nutritious food locally available fruits and vegetables.' Six groups participated in this event, namely Vekuhu SHG, Phek Village AWW,

Women SHG Federation Phek Block, Phek Town AWW, Kuphulu SHG Ketsapo and Ketsapo Village AWW.



Participants during the cooking competition held as part of Rashtriya Poshan Maah celebration at CDPO's Office, Phek on 10th September 2021.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Ghathashi ICDS, Department of Social Welfare celebrated Poshan Maah from 1st to 30th September 2021. The closing programme was held at Ghathashi Town Hall under the theme, 'Converging towards a healthy walk through life.'



Ghathashi ICDS, Department of Social Welfare held the closing programme of Poshan Maah on 30th September 2021.

A brief report on the month long Poshan Maah 2021 was given by Block Coordinator Poshan Abhiyaan, Vikito and and EAC Ghathashi, Nitile Tep delivered a message about healthy eating habits.

The programme, attended by village leaders and Dobashis, also witnessed exhibition of nutritious food crops along with cooking competition and the winners were awarded with cash prizes.

DIPLOMA IN SCHOOL COUNSELLING COURSE INAUGURATED FOR 3rd BATCH

A programme for the inauguration of the 3rd batch of the 9-month diploma in school counselling was inaugurated at SIEMAT Hall, SCERT, Kohima on 2nd September 2021. The programme is sponsored by Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland.

Professor & Head, Guidance & Counselling Cell, SCERT, Dr. Zavise Rume said that guidance and counselling programme started only in the 1980s and gradually, it has become the most important cell for activities in SCERT. The proposal for upgrading the diploma course from 6 months to 9 months was approved in July 2017 and SCERT Nagaland was the first state in the whole country to approve school counselling in 2018. He said that every child will be required to go under counselling as it is an integral part of school education. Rume further said that the need for professional counselling is increasing in the present complexities of modern day lives, and every child is experiencing different kind of mental stress. Therefore, there is a need to focus on psychological, emotional and physiological well-being of children, and this programme will offer a hands-on skill based practical course which will ensure that the counselling practices will be integrated to the daily teaching learning process in schools.

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS in his inaugural speech, said that the pandemic has created a very tough time for

everyone especially the students. He said that it is an open fact that students from different kind of economic backgrounds usually study in government schools and they all go through a different kind of challenges. He also mentioned that adolescence is a very tricky phase where children at that age can be influenced into bad habits and whatever incidents that an adolescent faces in this phase stays with her/him throughout their life. Shanavas also said that counselling can help a lot of children especially in today's world where there are many students dealing with anxiety issues, depression and suicidal tendencies. He further said that when the teachers present go back to their respective schools, there will be a lot of expectations from them and they should lean to those expectations and asked them to be compassionate and passionate about counselling because they are dealing with children who are the future of the society.

Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Kelhikha Kenye in his speech appreciated the Department of SCERT for coming up with this school counselling programme. He said that this year, the Government of India has allotted 60 seats for in-service government teachers to take up the diploma course. He further said that Samagra Shiksha mission's vision is that one day, the trained teachers will be deputed as full time counselling teachers in all the districts.

WRD SIGNS MoU WITH NINE SKILLED UNEMPLOYED WOMEN FOR PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

Directorate of Women Resource Development, Government of Nagaland on 4th September 2021, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with nine skilled unemployed women for taking up collaborative programmes and production activities under Apparels & Accessories Programme of Transformative Livelihood Intervention Project of the Department for a period of two years on a 'Pay-Per-Production' basis on 3rd September 2021.

During the signing of the MoU at the Directorate, Director, Women Resource Development, Vilone Sakhrie mentioned that as part of Livelihood Intervention and Support programme of the Department, skilled unemployed women are being engaged for production works (tailoring, weaving and its related activities) initially for a period of six months purely on 'Pay-Per-Production' basis. He stated that engagement on Pay-Per-Production basis under this programme



Director, Women Resources Development (WRD) with skilled unemployed women and officials during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at the Directorate of WRD, Kohima on 4th September 2021.

started during 2019-20, where trainees from Multi Training Centres (MTCs) of the Department as well as other skilled unemployed women tailors and weavers were given the opportunity to enable sustainable livelihood as well as for enhancement of Myki apparels and accessories production output. Since then, every year, various skilled unemployed women individuals are being engaged in these activities.

Sakhrie further pointed out that provision was made for engagement of these skilled unemployed women for extending the period of their services through a MoU if their performance was found to be satisfactory and commendable after completing the initial period of six months. These women have been actively engaged in production of

three-layered face masks with the advent of COVID-19 pandemic in the State and subsequent lockdowns where production continued from their respective homes. This enabled the Department to produce a sizable quantity of face-masks, aprons and other products, most of which were donated to frontline workers, health workers and other local bodies engaged in combating the pandemic.

The Apparels & Accessories Programme of TLI Project continues to churn out a variety of products which are donated wherever necessary or otherwise sold at very reasonable prices, so that even the poorer section of the society can avail quality products. Moreover, it has also become a regular source of income for these women engaged in the activities.

STATE LEVEL TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION HELD

The State Level Teachers' Day celebration, organised by the Department of School Education, was held at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 5th September with Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu, IAS (Retd.) as the guest of honour.

Addressing the celebration, Sukhalu said that the Government make policies, but the implementation part lay with the teachers. He said that teachers are the builders of nations and

education being an ever changing aspect, both subject matter and the methods involved need constant upgradation. He called on the teachers to bring out the best of a child, adding that the current pandemic has given a clear picture as to how education needs to adapt with the change of time and the need to prepare to embrace such changes with time where inclusive education can create an inclusive society.

The Advisor mentioned that with the

introduction of the New Education Policy 2020, more changes are taking place rapidly and the primary level should be able to create a strong foundation where teachers are required to be able to nurture the potentialities of every student. He urged the teachers to not only emphasize on academic learning but also to emphasize on character building and added that to

have a better future, there is a need to introspect the role of educators in the society.

Advisor Sukhalu released the DoSE newsletter, which will be published quarterly on the role of the Education Department. Message on Teachers' Day from the Governor and Chief Minister of Nagaland were also read out.

AWARDEES OF NATIONAL AWARDS TO TEACHERS 2021 FELICITATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

The awardees of the prestigious 'National Awards to Teachers 2021' were felicitated by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind on 5th September 2021 through a felicitation programme conducted on a virtual mode. The programme was attended by Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of State for Education, Annpurna

Devi and Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Anita Karwal.

A total of 44 teachers from different states across the country were selected for the award of the prestigious national award and Swedesunuo Zao, Head Teacher, Government Middle School, Jakhama is one among them.

MINISTER NEIBA KRONU HIGHLIGHTS AGRI ACTIVITIES AT VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH 13 STATES

Minister for Planning & Coordination and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu represented the Chief Minister and Minister for Agriculture, who are on tour, in the video conference meeting on the 7th September 2021 with the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar. He was accompanied by Advisor, Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS.

The video conference meeting was attended by 13 States – Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, represented by Chief Ministers, Agriculture Ministers and other officers. The topics for discussion during the meeting included Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Digital Agriculture, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (MNOOP).

Minister Neiba Kronu, speaking on behalf of the State of Nagaland, highlighted issues and

suggestions on the agenda that was discussed, as follows:

- 1. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF):** While thanking the Union Government for introducing such important scheme of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), the progress of the AIF in the State has not been on expected lines as the lending institutions have been shying away from financing the farmers and entrepreneurs due to issues of collateral securities. Therefore, it was requested to the Union Government to help the State in creating more agriculture infrastructure in the State through Grant-in-Aids.
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN):** He stated that as on 31st August 2021, a total of 2,00,082 farmers from Nagaland has been benefitted amounting to Rs. 265.52 crore transferred to their accounts.
- 3. Kissan Credit Card (KCC):** As on 30th June 2021, an amount of Rs. 223.54 crore have been extended to 35,959 KCC beneficiaries by the banks covering all districts.





4. **Digital Agriculture:** The State is yet to implement collection of digital database of land records because of the State's peculiar land-holding system. However, the Department of Agriculture and Soil & Water Conservation Department, along with GIS Cell of the State is working out to implement the same.
5. **National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP):** The Department is implementing the scheme under NFSM (OS& OP) since 2014-15. So far, it has covered an area of about 4623 ha along the foothill areas of Mokokchung, Wokha, Mon, Dimapur, Peren and Longleng. The Department has targeted area coverage of 1100 ha during 2021-2022. The State Government is targeting only 15,000 Ha of wastelands for oil palm cultivation. This decision was taken on the basis of actual availability of the cultivable areas. They have also been asked to set up Oil Extraction Mill by August 2022.
5. **Export of agriculture products:** Despite the pandemic, the Agri and Allied departments organised several meetings, workshop and on 15th March 2021, a major consultative and buyer-seller

meet in partnership with APEDA was organized at Dimapur which was attended by the experts from within and outside the State.

Under the umbrella of Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board (NSAMB), market channels are opening up for export of local products to the metro cities under the brand name of "Naturally Nagaland." For the first time, Naga King Chilli was exported to London on the 29th July 2021. The others niche products such as Bamboo-shoot, Pineapple, Kiwi, Cardamom, Ginger, Sweet & Juicy Cucumber, Tree Tomatoes etc. are in the pipeline for export. However, Kronu stated the challenges of huge cost of transportation both inside and outside the State.

Minister Kronu further stated that the Naga Coffee which is one of the best quality is the first agriculture product that has been exported for the last few years to the international market. So far, about 10,000 ha of coffee have been planted and the State is targeting that by 2030, about 30,000 ha would be covered throughout the length and breadth of the State. Rubber is also one of the commercial crops exported to other states.

SPUNER ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT VIDEO CONFERENCE

A meeting via video conference mode was held under the chairpersonship of Hibu Tamang, IPS Additional Commissioner Police, Special Police Unit of North-Eastern Region (SPUNER) Delhi Police.

The Commissioner Police, SPUNER thanked the officials from all the Bhawans for acting proactively to provide help to the North-Eastern people landing in Delhi for different purpose as well as for the good coordination between SPUNER and State Bhawans during present pandemic. He also informed the Board that a new building for SPUNER unit is coming up at Nanakpura and that Delhi Police has recruited around 1100 personnels from different North-Eastern states and they are deputed

especially in areas where North-Eastern people are residing in high numbers.

The purpose of the meeting is basically to re-activate the contacts with the North-Eastern Bhawans as no physical meeting has taken place during the last one and half years due to the present pandemic. Requesting all the Bhawans to keep in touch with SPUNER for security related issues if required, from Nagaland State, Chief Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House Delhi and Additional Chief Secretary, Jyoti Kalash IAS, Joint Resident Commissioner, Sarita Yadav IAS and Deputy Resident Commissioner, Wennyeyi Konyak attended the video conference.

CHIEF SECRETARY ADDRESSES AHOds & HOds MEETING

AHOds & HOds meeting was held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th

September 2021 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS.





Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS addressing the AHOs & HoDs meeting held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th September 2021.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary urged all the departments having pending advertisement bills to pay their bills to the newspapers at the earliest. He also stressed on the importance of maintaining websites and asked all the departments to keep it updated, as it is the only source of keeping the citizens informed about the department. Such updation on the websites with the right and timely information will drastically reduce the number of RTI cases, he added.

Principal Secretary, Information Technology & Communication and Power, K. D. Vizo said out of 95 departments, only 72 departments have updated their websites and the remaining 23 departments are yet to update. He further mentioned the cabinet decision in 2016 which clearly stated that all the Government departmental websites are to be hosted at the State Data Centre.

Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha IAS

asked all the departments to come up with activities and programmes, and submit reports to the Home Department in commemoration of the 75 years of India's Independence—Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

On attendance, the Chief Secretary asked the AHOs & HoDs to continue monitoring the attendance of officers and staff and urged them to work in close association with one another.

During the meeting, the Department of Justice & Law notified on the subject "Engagement of Legal Consultants" with regard to discontinuation of appointment of Legal Consultants/Advisers/ Assistants. This notification supersedes all other notifications dealing with the engagement of Legal Assistant, Legal Advisers, Legal Consultants including the Finance Department's Notifications dated 24th August 2018 and 15th April 2019. A PowerPoint presentation on CAG Audit Report was presented by the Finance Department.

1st NAGALAND FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT DIMAPUR

The 1st Nagaland Futsal Championship organised by Nagaland Football Association (NFA) in collaboration with Dimapur District Football Association (DDFA) started at Dimapur District Sports Complex (DDSC) on 11th September 2021.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Editor-in-Chief, Nagaland Post, Geoffrey Yaden who attended the programme as Special Guest, congratulated the NFA and DDFA for being able to arrange the tournament in a short period of time.





Citing the example of Dr. T. Ao, who was the first Indian Olympic Football Captain, he said that football is not new to the people of the State. He also recalled the Nagaland Police Football Team which was one of the toughest teams in the country and the

teams that won the Subroto Cup. He encouraged the participants to get inspiration from past sportspersons who brought laurels to the State.

NFA, President, Neibou Sekhose and President, DDFA also addressed the gathering.

STATE GOVERNMENT APPEALS

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland on 13th September 2021 in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Nagaland to deliberate for developing a comprehensive strategy for dealing with the complaints pertaining to illegal taxation/extortion in Dimapur district, and also for discussing the matter of collection of items tax/fees by Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and certain other issues as contained in the representation dated 09.09.2021, submitted by the Confederation of Nagaland Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CNCCI) to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland.

The meeting was attended by Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, DGP, Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Principal Secretary, Home, Commissioner, Nagaland along with other senior officers. After due deliberations the following were decided in the meeting:

1. The collection of any kind of tax/fees on items/goods that comes under GST regime shall be immediately stopped by all the Municipals and Town Councils across the State. Any other Government Department/agency, which may be collecting tax on any items falling under GST regime shall also give directions for immediately

stopping such collections.

2. Commissioner of Police, Dimapur in consultation with PHQ will immediately put in place a security grid and take other measures, including stationing sufficient security personnel at various locations to check illegal taxation/extortion.
3. The Administrators of all the ULBs will take steps for including the representatives of the business communities of their cities/towns in their advisory committees for taking decisions in respect to various business related activities.

The necessary Orders/Directions, wherever required, for the decisions taken in the meeting would be issued shortly by the Government.

In the meeting, it was also informed that the application of the SARFEASI (Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest) Act, 2002 is under examination of the Select Committee of Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

In view of the above, the Government appealed to CNCCI to give support and cooperation to the Government Departments for tackling the menace of illegal taxation/extortion and also for assisting in further improving the ease of doing business in the State.

STATE FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF R. N. RAVI

Governor, Nagaland, R.N. Ravi was accorded a State Farewell programme at the State Banquet Hall, CM's Residential Complex, Kohima on 14th September 2021.

Chairing the programme, Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS mentioned that R. N. Ravi

belongs to the Indian Police Service of 1976 batch (Kerala Cadre), served the Indian Police Service with distinction, and retired in 2012 as the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau. From 2014, R.N. Ravi has been functioning as the Interlocutor for Naga peace talk. He joined as the Governor of



Nagaland on 1st August 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton lauded R.N. Ravi's passion for understanding the core issues concerning any development matters and using his good office for ensuring removal of any impediment or complications that may hamper the progress of that matter. He also mentioned that Governor Ravi ensured smooth and early completion of some critical and beneficial projects for the people of the State. Patton expressed his immense gratitude to Governor Ravi for his time and concern for the interest of the people of the State and said that the State will continue to be inspired by the advice and exemplary statesmanship of the Governor.

Leader of NPF Legislature Party, T. R. Zeliang said that R.N. Ravi's name and identity is synonymous with the Indo-Naga political issue, and expressed hope that the Governor will continue to support the Naga people for an amicable solution to the Naga political problems, keeping his close association with all sections of the Naga society.

Calling Governor Ravi as a genuine and a down to earth person, who worked without any pretensions in discharging his duties, a sincere and hardworking professional who does what he think is right without any fear, Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio thanked the Governor for the many things he achieved in a difficult situation. As a person well acquainted with the Nagas and their long history of struggle and aspiration, Rio said that the Governor's tenure in the State has its fair share of challenges, of which a lot still needs to be achieved.

Rio said Governor Ravi did his best during his time as an Interlocutor - the Landmark Framework Agreement with the NSCN (IM) signed on 3rd August 2015, followed by the signing of the Agreed Position with the NNPGs on 17th November 2017, which bears ample testimony to the hard work and the negotiating skills of the Governor. He further

said that as a Governor, R.N. Ravi had genuine concern for the development and welfare of the State and carried out whatever was possible within the constraints of the State's resources, to expedite and improve implementation of infrastructural and welfare projects in the State. Rio also mentioned that Governor Ravi helped immensely in the management of the COVID-19 crisis in the State. The Chief Minister said that down the memory lane of the State which is yet to be written, the people of Nagaland will remember that Governor Ravi tried his best, both as a Governor and as an Interlocutor, for the Naga Political Issue.

Governor R.N. Ravi while addressing the gathering, said he was immensely benefited by the inherent love and affection of the people of Nagaland. Countering to Chief Minister's statement, he said Nagaland is not less civilized than Tamil Nadu, may be in terms of industrial development, the state is behind, but not in terms of human civilization and values. R.N. Ravi said as a Governor, adviser and well-wisher, he tried and acted where he thought he should act with the intention of bringing some good to the people of Nagaland.

As an interlocutor, R.N. Ravi stated that he tried to bring the talk from abroad to the land and its people where it belongs. Narrating the story when some Naga leaders met Mahatma Gandhi in July 1947, he said Gandhiji advised them to choose the path of non-violence like him if they want to pursue their desire, and Nagas were united till the Naga National Movement remained non-violent. He added that violence has only divided the Nagas and brought much more miseries. The Governor said he and his family will always remain grateful to the people of Nagaland for their love and affection.

Earlier, the invocation prayer was pronounced by Pastor, Shan Kikon, and a musical and cultural programme was presented by TaFMA.

APC NAGALAND HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR FARMERS IN VIDEO CONFERENCE HELD WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS

A video conference meeting was held on 16th September 2021 in the office chamber of APC,

Government of Nagaland under the chairmanship of Vivek Aggarwal IAS, Additional Secretary (Digital





Agriculture), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for the project proposal submitted under the National e-Governance plan (NeGPA)/Digital Mission Agriculture (DAM) for 2021-22 titled "Soil & Water Resource Management and Meteorological Analysis and Forecasting System Using Remote Sensing, GIS Mapping, Drone and Emerging Technologies," submitted by the Government of Nagaland.

Y. Kikheto Sema IAS, APC congratulated the Ministry for the innovative digital MoU with five firms to provide various farmers advisories services launched by the Union Ministry on 15th September 2021. He particularly congratulated Additional Secretary (Digital Agriculture) and team Digital for their commendable services to the farming community. He gave a brief introduction on the proposal being forwarded and thanked the Ministry for sanctioning of setting up of Soil Testing Labs in all districts and mini labs in all 74 blocks.

Kikheto also stated that the farmers in the State still practice a traditional form of agriculture and there is a need to incorporate modern and emerging technologies in order to transform the agriculture sector of the State by adopting settled/permanent agriculture. He highlighted that

the rapid change in climatic conditions such as rainfall pattern, temperature etc. is leading to drought like situation and emergence of pests like Fall Army Worms that was never before experienced in the State. Therefore, it has become all the more important for the State to adopt latest emerging technologies so as to mitigate any eventualities by use of technologies such as weather forecasting, various farmers' advisory services and also by use of drones for quick assessment of the damages for interventions in real time.

The officials of the Department of Soil & Water Conservation and Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Government of Nagaland presented the proposal. The Additional Secretary (Digital Agriculture) in principle, agreed with the proposal and invited the State officials from Nagaland to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for the finalization of the project proposal.

The meeting was also attended by K. Zhekheto Awomi, Director, officials of the Department of Soil & Water Conservation and Mhathung Kithan, Project Director, Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre besides other supporting officials.

UNION MINISTER VISITS PROJECT UNDER SANKALP AT DIMAPUR

Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics & Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrashekhar visited Mongken Apparel & Garment Production and Training Unit which is a convergence project under SANKALP, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, in Dimapur on 18th September 2021.

During a short interaction with the officials,

Additional Director, Department Of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA), Anungla Phom highlighted how Mongken brand was initiated by DUDA to create economic opportunities for local designers, artisans and craftsmen from Nagaland. She also informed the establishment of Anghya market linkage hub in 2019 in all four district headquarters of Eastern Nagaland to maximize the income generation in rural areas.

NATIONAL TEACHER AWARDEE 2021 FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD

The felicitation programme in honor of National Teacher Awardee 2021, Head Teacher GMS Jakhama, Swedesunuo Zao was held at the Directorate of School Education Morung Conference Hall on 18th September 2021 with guest of honour, Advisor, School Education K. T. Sukhalu

IAS (Retd).

Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS informed that the award was to be given by the President of India but due to COVID-19 pandemic, the awardee could not travel to Delhi. Advisor Sukhalu gave away the



National Teacher Award 2021 to Head Teacher GMS, Swedesunuo Zao for her contribution and dedication.

Congratulating Swedesunuo for her achievement, Advisor K. T. Sukhalu informed that the Department will be making arrangements for the awardee to travel to every district of Nagaland to interact with the students and teachers to carry the message of example so that the service of other teachers become more dedicated. He stated that he has been observing the surplus teachers enrollment whereas the enrollment of the students is going down. Sukhalu mentioned that the national awardees are selected from lakhs of teachers from all over India which is a lifetime achievement. He called on all communities to support the education

institution to have more improvement.

Swedesunuo Zao acknowledged the Department for organising the programme and thanked all her staff for supporting her to reach this far and assured that with this national award, she will work with more dedication and sincerity in the days to come.

Special Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami congratulated Swedesunuo Zao for bringing such an honour to the Department. She said that despite all the challenges, through her motivation, commitment, dedication and sincerity, she has achieved the award. She appealed to all the teachers to be more dedicated and sincere in their work.

UNION MINISTER VISITS NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT SITE AT PIPHEMA

Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, Ashwini Kumar Choubey made his first official visit to Nagaland at Piphema Old Village on 20th September 2021.

Visiting the Nagaland Forest Management Project (JICA) site, Ashwini Kumar Choubey expressed his admiration to the people, the landscape and also the huge forest coverage in the State. He mentioned that in spite of the land belonging to the community, the government projects through Nagaland Forest Management Project (JICA), the percentage of forest is increasing and improving which is an exemplary challenge to other parts of the country. He stated that to improve and increase our rich biodiversity, we will have to protect and save our forests.

'Plant trees and save trees' was the word sent from the good office of the Prime Minister to the people, said Choubey and that he was happy to address the Nagas with this message to urge and motivate the people to plant more trees. Planting trees, be it traditional or medicinal, will ultimately benefit the land, for better climate, for pollution free

state and a better land to live in.

From the departmental point of view, Choubey also said that the Government is willing to help the Department and the State to improve the forest area and assured to also improve the status of the forest personnels and add more facilities for the departments.

Earlier, Choubey was accorded for a ceremonial plantation at the project site and appreciating the affectionate gesture towards him by the villagers, he also declared to aid a child financially from Piphema village.

DFO, Dimapur, Beizo Suokhrie, IFS highlighted on the management of forest under the village and mentioned the village has been identified as one of the Nagaland Forest Management Project (JICA) Villages and on 11th February 2020, the Piphema Old Village Council signed a resolution with the NFMP and thus, Piphema Old JFMC was included into the NFMP (JICA). He also added that the village has a thick forest coverage which provides a rich variety of flora and fauna, owing to which the villages practice forest conservation to maintain the forest areas for the benefit and sustainability of future generations. The village has





also taken the initiative for protection and conservation of forest and natural environment by banning hunting, fishing, deforestation, burning of forest in its jurisdiction.

Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey also addressed the media at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 20th September 2021. Saying that India will not move forward unless North Eastern states are developed, he added that the Central Government is concerned about the North Eastern states on all fronts and consider it as one of the most important parts of India. The Centre is focussing on NE states since the situation has improved to a great extent and there is

possibility for all round development in the region. He also emphasized on the importance of saving trees and protection of environment, which he said will be a boon to farmers and the environment as a whole. As proposed by the State Government, Rs. 20 crore have been sanctioned for rehabilitation and discouraging of Jhum cultivation in the State. He also mentioned that Kohima and Dimapur have been selected under Nagar Van Scheme which enforces people's participation and collaboration between the Forest Department, Municipal bodies, NGOs, corporates and local citizens on promotion and development of cleaner and greener environment.

VANIJYA UTSAV HELD AT URBAN HAAT DIMAPUR

To promote trade and export of local and Agri-Horti produces, processed food products, handloom and handicrafts and various exportable products from Nagaland, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Agricultural and Export Products Development Authority of India (APEDA) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) organised a two day event, 'Vanijya Utsav' under the theme 'Showcasing India as a rising economic force,' on 21st and 22nd September 2021 at Urban Haat, Dimapur.

Gracing the event as the special guest, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Labour and Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba Jamir observed that organising such events should bring end results with proper follow ups and urged upon the people to work and participate in the government initiatives. He informed that the Department has created world class export centre at Ganesh Nagar but regretted that the State has still not been able to attract even one investor. Mentioning that the unresolved Indo-Naga political issue as one major underlying problem, hampering the State to go forward at par with other states, Imnatiba encouraged all to cooperate and energize one another.

Delivering the keynote address, Commissioner & Secretary, Industries &

Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa encouraged the gathering for focusing on the unique products of Nagaland which has high value. Nagaland is the only state where Special Economic Zone is developed and therefore, we need to encourage exports, he maintained. Observing that local economy has not been sustainable, Kevichusa informed that the Department has a vision for strengthening this sector and appealed to all to move forward together.

Economic Advisor, Department of Commerce, GoI, C. Vanlalramsanga called upon all the states to act immediately for taking up the ambitious challenge of 400 billion dollars export target for 2021-22. Observing that the North Eastern states including Nagaland has tremendous potential yet untapped for enhancing exports in various sectors, he encouraged all for taking part in the call and take immediate and immediate steps for rising to the challenge of achieving the merchandise export target for 2021-22. He also appealed to all the stakeholders for attending the event across the country for working together as a team towards achieving the goal of boosting exports and the economy as the country celebrates 75 years of independence.

Assistant General Manager, APEDA, Bidyut Baruah, admitted that NER has ample advantage for exports due to conducive climatic



conditions and also for sharing 98% of borders with different countries. While stating that APEDA bridges the gap between buyers and producers, he impressed on the need for good quality of

continuous supply of products. He also emphasized on the need for good testing laboratory, reminding about the sensitivity of international markets in terms of quality requirements.

CHIEF SECRETARY CHAIRS SLSC MEETING WITH AGRI & ALLIED DEPARTMENTS



Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS addressing the State Level Sanctioning Committee meeting of Agri & Allied Departments held in the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 23rd September 2021.

The State Level Sanctioning Committee of the Agri & Allied Departments for the year 2021-2022 was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Nagaland J. Alam IAS. The meeting was held in the Secretariat Conference Hall on 23rd September 2021 and was attended by all the AHoDs, HoDs and Missions of Agri & Allied Departments.

Major convergence schemes of the Agri & Allied Department - RKVY, PMKSY, MOVCD-NER and other CSS schemes, namely NFSM, ATMA, NMSA, SMAM, NMEO etc. were taken up by the SLSC for recommendation and approval.

The Chairman of the SLSC stated that more than 60% of the total population depends on Agriculture and Allied sectors and appreciated their

efforts in performing a crucial role for Nagaland during the times of COVID-19 pandemic coupled with deficit rainfall amounting to drought and Fall Army Worm pest destroying the standing crops.

During the meeting, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Vice Chairman of SLSC Y. Kikheto Sema IAS encouraged the members to provide extraordinary service to the needy people and urged the district officers to deliver the goods to the people. He stated that the State is going through a double pandemic of COVID-19 and drought in the farmer's field, and called upon the Agri & Allied Departments to come out of isolation and work together for the benefit of the farmers and progress of the State.





GOVERNMENT COLLEGES PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE-CUM-TRAINING HELD

The two day Government Colleges Principals Conference-cum-Training was held on 23rd and 24th September 2021 under the theme "Envision, Inspire, Excel," at the Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima.

Commissioner & Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, W. Honje Konyak, in his welcome address appreciated the initiative taken by the Department and hoped that the conference-cum-training will regenerate the commitment and responsibility in all. He stated that Principals are not just mere teachers but represents the Department and the Government, their performance reflects the face of the Department as well as the Government. He appealed to them to enforce the rules and regulations in the field under their own jurisdiction.

Honje called upon them to realize their responsibilities as they play an important role in molding the future of the society, are accountable for the smooth functioning of routine activities and recognizes the teaching and learning priority of their institutions.

On the first day, the resource person was Senior Accounts Officer, Department of Education and Department of Health & Family Welfare, Zubenthung Murry who spoke on the topic "Training on accounts and role of DDO." On the second day, the resource persons Prof. N. Das, Department of English, Nagaland University and R. Andreas, Under Secretary to the GoN, Department of Economics & Statistics spoke on the topic "API Assessment" and "Office Procedures" respectively.

CEO OFFICE ORGANIZES VIRTUAL TRAINING



Training on Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll 2022 was conducted through virtual mode on 24th September 2021.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland organized a one day training programme through virtual mode on 24th September 2021 for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and Assistant Election Officers (AEOs) in connection with conduct of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll with reference to 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date.

There are 13 EROs, 60 AEROs and 10 AEOs in the State. The EROs/AEROs are

administrative officers: ADCs/SDOs(C)/EACs. All the districts participated in the training.

CEO, V. Shashank Shekhar appreciated the efforts of the Administrative and Election Officers while discharging their official duties. He reminded the officials that the Election Commission is monitoring the progress of various pre-revision and revision activities. He mentioned the important role of BLOs (Booth Level Officers) at the booth level. He also spoke on the importance of an accurate electoral roll in general. He stated that



through the Election Commission's SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) programme, the voters in general and especially the new voters may be made more aware about the true spirit of democracy.

The technical session on legal provision and procedures on electoral roll was conducted by Assistant CEO, Aila Chang and procedures on forms processing in ERONet by users was taken by Kitoka, Programmer.

The IT initiatives of the Election Commission were also explained during the training. These include the Garuda app through which the latitude/longitude, photos and AMF (Assured Minimum Facility) of the polling booth are being uploaded and the VHA (Voter Helpline App) through which the voter can apply online for inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of his name in the voters list.

REVIEW MEETING OF STATE IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENTS OF SCHEMES UNDER MINISTRY OF DoNER, TOURISM & CULTURE

Planning & Coordination Department held a review meeting of State Implementing Departments of schemes under the Ministry of DoNER at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 24th September 2021, in the presence of Union Minister, DoNER, Tourism and Culture, G. Kishan Reddy.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, addressing the meeting, said that the DoNER Minister visiting Nagaland shows renewed focus on North East Region (NER), adding that earlier, it was 'Look East Policy' but now it will be 'Act East Policy.'

Kronu stated that many SPA projects in Nagaland are pending as central funding has stopped, adding that these projects need special attention and intervention from the Ministry. He urged the DoNER Minister to revive the Swadesh Darshan scheme in tourism sector as this scheme was beneficial for many districts in Nagaland, and many districts are yet to avail this schemes. He also urged the DoNER Minister to revive the Tagore scheme as such scheme will be beneficial for Nagaland to promote and preserve our culture and traditions.

Joint Development Commissioner, Planning & Coordination, Augustine M Yanthan presented a PowerPoint presentation on the review of schemes and support required from Ministry of DoNER.

Union Minister, DoNER, G. Kishan Reddy said that DoNER Ministry is a coordinating agency and its purpose is to coordinate all the

schemes/projects of the Government of India and carry out its proper implementation in the NER.

Minister Kishan Reddy assured that he will hold review meetings with all the Ministries and discuss the schemes, projects with the Ministers, Senior Government officials of the Government of India, department wise. He also assured that he will review with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, adding that the Prime Minister is very keen on developing the NER, to make sure that the schemes are implemented properly and to make sure that the NER is at par with the rest of the country. He said that he wants to carry out regular persuasion of the major schemes, be it the railways, schools, hospitals, agriculture etc. of the NER. He also mentioned that out of Rs. 12,000 crore, Rs. 6,000 crore has been approved as Farmers' Incentives for the NER, and expressed confidence that even in the days to come, more schemes, projects be made available for the NER.

Minister Reddy cautioned that the State Government needs to pay more attention to proper implementation of schemes, as this will pave the way for more projects to come up in the near future. He assured that more priority will be accorded to Nagaland for more schemes/projects, and that he will discuss the issues on the loopholes and the constraints faced by the State, and work with commitment to bring more development to the NER, and to fulfill the expectations of the people of NER.

Joint Secretary, DoNER, Government of India, Anuradha Sharma said that, as pointed by



EFC, NLCPR projects are pending in the State since 2007, and such pending projects either needs to be completed or closed down, as these projects would have lost the impact they had in 2007, and no sanctions would be made available if the State Government fails to comply with these guidelines. Regarding NESIDS and NERSDS, though they are new schemes started in 2017, she requested that such projects should also be completed at the earliest. She said that DoNER with NITI Aayog has come up with NER District SDG Index Report, which is an important tool to check the status of each district, to check the gaps and work on that. Nagaland is ranked 21 among the 28 states, and she expressed hope that the ranking improve in the coming days, using this Index and Dashboard. She also said that many Ministries are not able to use the 10 percent GBS because projects are not going from the State, and in this regard, if there are any issues, it could be followed up, why projects from the North East are not getting approved and why the Ministries

are not able to spend the 10 percent GBS. This money has to be spent on the North East, it cannot be diverted to any other parts of the country. The aim should be to persuade to get those funds so that the fund situation also eases and do not lapse, because in the event that it lapses, neither the DoNER gets it, nor the states gets it, adding that it is the right of the NER states to get the fund.

The review meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam IAS who also delivered the welcome address. Vote of thanks was proposed by Commissioner & Secretary, Planning & Coordination, Imokaba Jamir IRS. Advisor K. T. Sukhalu, AHOds and HOds of all implementing departments, and a host of senior government officials also attended the review meeting. During the interaction session, various implementing departments highlighted the achievements on their ongoing projects and also highlighted their grievances and sought support for implementing various projects.

CM DISTRIBUTES CASIO LASER LED HYBRID PROJECTS TO TaFMA AND COMMUNITY BASED NGOs



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio distributed Casio Laser LED Hybrid projectors to TaFMA empanelled music institutes at State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 27th September 2021.

Casio Laser LED Hybrid projectors were distributed to TaFMA empanelled music institutes, TaFMA district partners and selected community based NGOs by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on 27th

September 2021 at State Banquet Hall, Kohima. The project is an initiative of Casio India CSR programme - Gyan Ki Roshni or Light of Knowledge.

At the outset, Rio thanked Casio India for

the donation of 100 laser Hybrid projects. He also congratulated the TaFMA for their initiative and relentless pursuit to propagate music even during the difficult times of pandemic. He further appreciated the music institution for imparting trainings at the grassroots level even during the pandemic and for inspiring Nagaland through music. He also applauded the TaFMA for their consistent building networks and rising partnership across the countries like Libya, Russia, USA and even signing MoU with Asian Music Connect.

Rio mentioned that since State Government has declared Music as an industry, everyone has so much responsibility to work for our children. Music industry is not only for leisure or for singing in some

functions but music is a huge business which needs to excel. Music has so much competition but so much potential and opportunities too, he added. He further encouraged parents to give opportunity to their children as youths are our hope for tomorrow. Through music, we can exhibit talent and people will come to know us. He hoped that the recipients will make good use of the projects and enlighten the people, make children professional and continue to promote and empower the youth at the grassroot level.

Chief Minister Rio assured full support to partner and guide the artistic and creative pursuits of the youth and wished them the best in a joint venture to make Nagaland a centre of music.

AH&VS OBSERVES WORLD RABIES DAY

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland observed the 15th 'World Rabies Day' under the theme 'Rabies: Facts, not fear' on 28th September 2021.

The Department said that for rabies, it is nothing new as fears, misconceptions and misinformation about the disease and its prevention dates back hundreds of years. For that reason, the year's theme is focused on sharing facts about rabies and not spreading fear about the disease by relying on misinformation and myths, it added.

The Department in the districts also celebrated the 'World Rabies Day' by conducting awareness programme to raise awareness and educate others about rabies – a 99% fatal, yet 100% preventable disease and giving out free anti-rabies vaccines to the pet lovers. Altogether, 2024 dogs were vaccinated against Rabies.

Awareness on Rabies and free Anti Rabies

vaccination drives was conducted at District Veterinary Hospital, Kiphire on 28th September 2021 under the theme " Rabies: Facts, not fear." Chief Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Officer, Kiphire, Dr. Tsilise Sangtam stated that every year, the nation celebrates Rabies Day on 28th September as it marks the death anniversary of French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur, who first developed rabies vaccine. Sangtam added that it aims to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals and also to support advocacy for increased efforts in rabies control. He also said that rabies is a communicable disease that can spread to people and pets if they are bitten by a rabies animal, and though the disease is fatal, it is preventable so, he urged everyone to be aware about the disease so as to be safe from rabies in the days to come. A short video clip was also shown regarding the Rabies Disease.

KOHIMA SMART CITY LAUNCHES AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV "KOHIMA STREET CARNIVAL" AT KOHIMA

Launching the event on 29th September 2021, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire stated that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is an initiative of the

Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements where Smart Cities Mission (SCM)





under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has planned numerous events across 100 Smart Cities as part of 75 weeks of celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav. Stating that Smart Cities have been advised to undertake a 75 Hour Urban Transformation, implementing events with the objective of reimagining public spaces in their cities and impacting the citizens, he also mentioned that Kohima has been performing well in many areas under Smart Cities and called upon every individual to come forward and participate in the changes and set a good example to the rest of cities in the country.

Joint CEO, KSCDL, Avelu Ruho said that the physical transformation of the place has been intended to be lighter, quicker and cost effective public space, and tactical intervention would be implemented in a trial mode before making it a permanent sustainable solution in future which would be undertaken with support from many stakeholders and citizens in both planning and execution of projects. Adding that after completion of the place making within 75 hours, cities are advised to organize public events, keeping in mind COVID-19 appropriate behavior. She expressed her hope that this celebration would pave the way for positive changes in urban planning, in the mindset of the people and attitudes of every citizen, resulting in healthy and happy spaces not only in public spaces but in all nook and corner of the city.

The Street Piano Festival, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), Kohima Street Carnival

was held at Old NST Parking, Kohima on 29th September 2021. The event was organized by Kohima Smart City in collaboration with Brillante, the Nagaland Piano Festival. The Street Piano Festival witnessed live piano performances in the open from a host of piano performers of all ages. The street piano festival will also be a curtain raiser for the third edition of Nagaland Piano Festival, Brillante. It started in Nagaland in the year 2017. The third edition will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is an international event, and eight countries are confirmed to take part in the festival which will be held from 19th, 20th and 21st November 2021.

The Kohima Smart City in collaboration with Kohima Municipal Council and other government departments, local music and fitness institutes and citizen based organizations organised 'Kohima Street Carnival' from 29th to 2nd October 2021 along New NST to Razhu Point, covering an array of events targeting all groups of citizenry. Some of the events were Zumba in collaboration with De Operettas Music Institute, Busking in collaboration with TaFMA, Street Health Clinic for Senior Citizens with Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Flower Exhibition and Sale with Kohima Village Women Organisation, Cyclothon with Nagaland Mountain Biking Association, Blood Donation Camp with the Voluntary Blood Donors Association, etc. Other events include Street Food Festival, Painting Competition, Walkathon and Street Carnival for children.



DISTRICT LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR TAKING FORWARD THE SDG HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

NOKLAK:

District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Noklak on 2nd September 2021. The workshop was chaired by District Planning Officer, Meren Jamir and other dignitaries present were Deputy Commissioner, Hiazu Meru and Superintendent of Police, Pritpal Kaur along with all district level department officers.

The DC in his keynote address introduced the SDG and dwelt on the importance of data collection at the district level. He said that, Noklak as the youngest district of Nagaland, the SDG are very important for inclusive development. He also shared about the key priority areas for the district, which includes road connectivity, IT, quality healthcare and education.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by SDG Officer, SDG Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Abilo Humtsoe on SDG localization and integration with a focus on Noklak district. She shared about the State and district level institutional mechanism and strategy for SDG implementation and District Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDG. She also highlighted the importance of having separate data collection for Noklak district for monitoring the progress of the SDG.

TUENSANG:

District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 3rd September 2021. The workshop was chaired by District Planning Officer, Tuensang, Solumo Ezung.

The workshop was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang and concerned Heads of Departments of the District. The session on SDG localisation and integration focussed on Tuensang district and was conducted by SDG Officer, SDG

Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Abilo Humtsoe. Humtsoe shared about the national, state and district level institutional mechanism and strategy for SDG implementation, District Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDG and way forward. She also highlighted those indicators, as part of the North East Region SDG Index - Baseline Report 2021 to 2022, which requires improvement in Tuensang district.

SDG Consultant, SDG Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Zitin Munshi conducted the interactive session where the priority areas and viable local level solutions for Tuensang district for all the relevant departments were discussed.

DC, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant speaking during the workshop said that the SDG are very important for the District therefore all the departments should come together to help in achieving them.

LONGLENG:

The District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held on 6th September 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng. The programme was chaired by District Planning Officer, Longei Phom. Officials present included Deputy Commissioner (DC), Superintendent of Police and district-level department officials.

Two technical sessions were held, as part of the workshop. The first technical session was led by SDG Officer, SDG Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Abilo Humtsoe on SDG localisation and integration with a focus on Longleng district. She shared about the national, state and district level institutional mechanism and strategy for SDG implementation, District Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDG and way forward. She also highlighted those indicators (as part of the North



East Region SDG Index – Baseline Report 2021-22) which require improvement in Longleng district.

This was followed by an interactive session for identifying the priority areas and viable local level solutions for Longleng district for all relevant departments.

WOKHA:

A District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at DC's Conference Hall on 13th September 2021. The programme was chaired by District Planning Officer, P. Nchumbemo Kikon while dignitaries present included Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha, Superintendent of Police, Menangmeren and other district level department officials.



Resource person, Abilo Humtsoe giving a PowerPoint presentation at the district level workshop on 'Building Capacities for Taking Forward the Sustainable Development Goals,' held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 13th September 2021.

The keynote address was given by DC where he introduced the SDG and emphasized that there should be concerted efforts by all stakeholders to bring about sustainable development. He said that climate change is a global phenomenon which involves loss of human lives and property, thus we need concerted effort in order to bring sustainable development. DC also stated that the root cause of the climate change are due to human induced greenhouse gas emission, insufficient disaster risk management and undervaluing environmental cause and benefit in decision making. He also highlighted the effect of climate change across the globe and in Wokha district such as the drought-like situation in the district wherein many farmers are

suffering due to human-induced activities that have caused climate change.

The DC mentioned that existing programmes such as Poshan Maah, which is being celebrated this month to help reduce malnutrition and anaemia among children, and Water Resources Department's - 'Catch the rains where it falls,' all fall under the SDG. He urged all departments to ensure that all policies and actions undertaken are carried out to protect the environment and to achieve the targets of the SDG for inclusive development.

As part of the workshop a technical session was held by SDG Officer, SDG Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Abilo Humtsoe on SDG localization and integration with focus on Wokha district. She shared about the national, state and district level institutional mechanism and strategy for SDG implementation, District Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDG and way forward. She also highlighted those indicators, as part of the North East Region SDG Index – Baseline Report 2021-22, which require improvement in Wokha district.

PEREN:

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Coordination Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland organised a District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the SDG at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 16th September 2021.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in his opening remark said the SDG was adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

In the first technical session, SDG Officer, Abilo Humtsoe gave a brief highlight on SDGCC Nagaland. She said that SDGCC of the Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland was established with a mandate to act as a centre for knowledge dissemination, SDG monitoring, policy strengthening, and as an accelerator of SDG

implementation across the State.

Abilo also spoke on the topics - SDG Localisation & Integration in Nagaland with focus on Peren district. During the workshop the national level preparedness, State level strategy for achieving SDG, State and District level institutional mechanism, District SDG monitoring framework and NER District SDG Index - Overall performance of Nagaland and Peren, were highlighted.

MON:

District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 20th September 2021. The workshop was chaired by District Planning Officer, and other dignitaries present were Deputy Commissioner, Mon and district level department officials.

There were two technical sessions held by SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC), Planning & Coordination Department as part of this workshop. The first technical session was held on SDG localisation and integration with a focus on Mon district. The national, state and district level institutional mechanism and strategy for SDG implementation, District Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDG and way forward was shared during this session. Through this presentation, those indicators (as part of the North East Region SDG Index – Baseline Report 2021-22) which require improvement in Mon district were also highlighted.

Following this session, the keynote address was shared by the DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS

who emphasized about the need to improve district SDG performance as highlighted in the NER-SDG Index that was recently released. He also highlighted that regular data monitoring will be critical in order to reflect the right data for the district.

The keynote address was followed by an interactive session which consisted of interactive exercises for identifying the priority areas and viable local level solutions for Mon district for all relevant departments.

KOHIMA:

District level workshop on building capacities for taking forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) was held at Planning Conference Hall, Kohima on 22nd September 2021, organized by SDG Coordination Centre (SDGCC) and Department of Planning & Coordination.

District Planning Officer, Pudusul Luho said that Nagaland is engaged in the process of SDG integration and localization since 2018 with its SDGCC under the Planning & Coordination Department. He added that though SDG is a new policy to most of the departments, he called for coordination among the departments to understand and identify the challenges and its solutions.

During the workshop, SDG Consultant from all the departments highlighted on the localization and integration of SDG, and preparedness of the State. The main objective of the workshop is to sensitise all the district level officials for taking forward SDG and develop understanding of the SDG. Participants from 28 departments and the SDG Consultants from the SDGCC attended the workshop.

TRAINING ON USE OF WEBGIS PORTAL AND MOBILE APPLICATION ORGANIZED AT TUENSANG

A three-day training on PRA Map Exercise for Selection of Treatment Areas and refresher training on WebGIS portal and mobile application for monitoring and collection of field data under Nagaland Forest Management Project was organized at CKS Hall, Tuensang. The training is assisted by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) headed by the Chief Project Director-cum-

CEO, Dharmendra Prakash, IFS (PCCF and HoFF). It is a forestry intervention and biodiversity conservation project. The project aims to focus on different project works for livelihood improvement and forest community development.

The WebGIS portal and mobile application, are developed under the supervision of Project Director (M&E and IM), Vedpal Singh, IFS for





concurrent monitoring and evaluation. This training is conceived and organised by Samom Khelen Singh, DFO, Tuensang and DPD- M&E & GIS, heading GIS and MIS Cell at PMU.

DFO Tuensang, Samom Khelen Singh presented his views on the relevance of PRA Map Exercise and GIS and Remote Sensing on the opening day of the training, organized from 1st to 3rd September 2020. He also motivated the ground staff and participants to understand and use the applications.

The training was organized to improve the understanding of ground-level staff for collaborating with the villagers in decision making by organising PRA Map Exercise and collecting the forest related data with the help of a mobile app. It will also help the key stakeholders on different monitoring and evaluation related problems with the use of the

WebGIS Portal.

Three experts including Anurag Verma, GIS Expert, PMC NFMP, Limasanen Longkumer and GIS team member, PMU NFMP, Anamoa Imsong presented various modules of these applications and described their uses. A field visit to Kuthur village was also organized on 2nd September 2021 in this regard for the collection of data for plantation under different modules, JFM and SHG activities, and institutional strengthening with the help of a mobile app. The experts along with DFO, Samom Khelen Singh broadly discussed the different issues related to PRA Map Exercise and different modules of the WebGIS Portal and mobile application. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Joint Forest Management Council were also present during these discussions.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 6th September 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Peren, K. Mhathung Tsanglao.

In the meeting, the DPDB members discussed on the maintenance and widening of road between Peren town and New Peren District Headquarter, and the Board approved and decided

to forward the matter to higher ups for necessary action. Proposal for setting up of Sericulture Institute at Jalukie was also discussed where the Board decided to request District Sericulture Officer, Peren to carry out certain formalities before forwarding it.

A short presentation on Village Poverty Reduction Plan under Gram Panchayat Development Plan was also presented by ADPM (DMMU), Ruuvilie Kuotsu.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 7th September 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB.

The meeting discussed about the upgradation of Government Middle School, Tuensang to High School for which the School Education Department, Tuensang was entrusted with the verification and detailed reports, to be submitted to the Government for approval. The Board also deliberated and approved for

construction of guesthouse-cum-village museum at Tuensang village. Construction of District Park at Noksen, as proposed by the Noksen Village Council was decided to be forwarded to the Government for approval. The Board also considered the constitution of SDG Committee for Tuensang district.

Regarding landslide and sinking problem of Phenjan Sector, St. John Sector-A, Tuensang town which is affecting hundreds of households, the meeting decided that the District Administration, Tuensang will do spot verification and will submit to



Land Resources Department, Tuensang for further modalities. The problem of severe network connectivity in Tuensang district was also discussed and the Board agreed to write to respective companies for immediate compliance.

The meeting deliberated on dumping ground of the town, and the Public Health Engineering Department's test result was also

highlighted which stated that the downstream quality of water is not promising for consumption and which needs urgent check. The Tuensang Town Council's proposal for the construction of treatment plant-cum-dumping ground to the Government of Nagaland was also highlighted and it was decided for the matter to be pursued at the earliest.

KIPHIRE DPDB DISCUSS ON UPLIFTMENT OF THE DISTRICT

Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th September 2021 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of MLA, Pungro-Kiphire A/C, T. Yangseo Sangtam.

The MLA encouraged all the Heads of Departments (HoD) of the District and the new members to diligently offer their services for the benefit of the District. Sangtam lamented that Kiphire is regarded as one of the most backward districts in the State due to negligence in many sectors, and said that more needs to be done on that part. He urged all the HoD of the District to be responsible in their duties so that Kiphire will be on par with other districts, and added that they will work together as a whole for the upliftment of Kiphire district.

Awards were given to the following meritorious students in the District and to the best attendance of DPDB members - Cia Bose from Saramati View Modern School, Kiphire (Top 13 in HSLC); Linkhianshe from Loyola Higher Secondary School, Kiphire in HSSLC; Z. Tsangkuchu from Social Welfare Department; L. Meshu Khiam from Transport Department and Daniel Zeliang, DPO & Member Secretary, Kiphire DPDB.

The Board discussed on the proposal for construction of GA Rest House at Kiusam EAC Headquarter and registration of Jan Shikshan Sansthan Society, Kiphire. PowerPoint presentations were presented by the Health & Family Welfare (National Tobacco Control Programme), Land Record & Survey and Horticulture departments.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September was held on 8th September 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) & Vice-Chairman, DPDB, M. Shayung Phom at DPDB's Hall, Longleng.

Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Longleng, Bautung highlighted the infrastructure grievances faced by the school and appealed to the members to extend full cooperation and assistance for all round development of the institution.

The DC reviewed the previous meeting minutes and constitution of committee for District

Award, and informed that 13 deserving officers, villages and individuals were awarded with District Award during the 75th Independence Day celebration.

Agenda for establishment of departments such as Transport, Employment and Home Guards were discussed and deliberated. The Board decided to pursue the matter and put it up for government approval to redress the grievances faced by the public.

DPO, Land Resources Department (LRD), Kughalu Chishi through PowerPoint presented the activities and developments implemented by the LRD in the District during 2020.





SMOKE FREE DISTRICT HEADQUARTER CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

Launching programme of Smoke Free District Headquarter Campaign, and meeting of District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC), Longleng and District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC), Longleng was held at DC's Conference Hall on 8th September 2021.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, National Tobacco Control Programme, M. Shayung Phom highlighted the DLCC and DTCC constituted, and launched the Smoke Free District Headquarter Campaign, Longleng. The DC encouraged the newly constituted committee to take up inspection and enforcement of its activities efficiently and with courage. For awareness of the mass, the DC also appealed the committee established to inspect on

the matter.

Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Longleng, Dr. Kibangkumba spoke on the ill effects of tobacco use which causes health disorders like TB, cancer, stroke, infertility, miscarriage, low birth weight in women, etc.

Briefing on the activities of DLCC and DTCC Longleng, District Nodal Officer (NTCP), Longleng, Dr. Bongau Phom encouraged all to behave as responsible citizens. Dr. Bongau said that the main objective of the programme is to strengthen Section 4 of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and to create awareness to protect non-smokers who are exposed to secondhand smoking in work place and particularly children at home.

AWARENESS DRIVE ON ACTIVITIES OF NEW INDIA@75 CONDUCTED IN KOHIMA

As part of celebrating the 75th year of India's Independence, Kohima district, for implementation of activities of New India@75 conducted a virtual awareness drive on HIV & AIDS, TB and blood donation for students of Corragio School and Dr. Neilhouzhü Government Higher Secondary School, Seikhazou in Kohima on 9th September 2021.

The subcommittee for awareness drive led by Convener, Ainato Yeptho, Deputy Director, Nagaland State AIDS Control Society & President, Voluntary Blood Donors Association, Kohima

organised the first phase of awareness drive for the students under the aegis of National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

The awareness drive was conducted for the students of Christ King Higher Secondary School and Holy Family Higher Secondary School, Kohima. The awareness programme was also conducted for students of Government High School, Chandmari, Kohima on virtual mode.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON DEVELOPMENTAL PROPOSALS

Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September 2021 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 9th September 2021 under the chairmanship of Noklak DPDB and Advisor, Fisheries, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo.

The following points were discussed and approved to be forwarded to the concerned authorities for necessary consideration - Submission of existing site map and proposal site of DC Complex at Noklak; Proposals for construction

of DC's residence, flat type quarters for officers and GA rest house at Noklak headquarter; Proposals for requirement of land for Police at Noklak Headquarter; Proposal for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Coordination Cells for Noklak district; To operate/run local taxi service in Noklak town and request for approval of local taxi fare by the DPDB; Request for approval of DDMA JCB Monitoring Committee and guidelines for hiring; Matters regarding Officers Club Noklak; Adoption of Noklak town by DPDB; Establishment of Treasury



Office at Noklak; Accidental insurance scheme; Proposal for upgradation of Government Middle School at Chilliso village under Samagra; Construction of

school building in Jejeiking and Pangking villages and renovation of school building in Pang GPS; and Construction of EAC quarter at Panso.

MT. TIYI COLLEGE ORGANISES NATIONAL WEBINAR ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND ACADEMIC WRITING SKILLS

A national webinar on 'Research Methodology & Academic Writing Skills' was organised by Research and Seminar Committee in collaboration with IQAC, Mt. Tiyi College (MTC), Wokha on 9th September 2021. The first ever webinar in MTC hosted around 90 participants from across different universities and colleges of India.

The keynote address was delivered by Chairperson & Convenor, Research and Seminar Committee, Dr. W. Meribeni Patton. The resource persons for the webinar were, Chairperson, Centre for the Study of Social System (CSSS), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal

Nehru University, Professor Vivek Kumar and Head of Department, Economics, Nagaland University, Professor Zarenthung Ezung. The purpose of the webinar was to enhance and equip teachers and scholars with necessary knowledge to undertake better research and to develop research writing.

The programme was chaired by Coordinator IQAC, MTC, Medongunuo Ngone, with Member Research and Seminar Committee, MTC, Dr. Roland K Kikon as the Moderator, and Member Research and Seminar Committee, MTC, Dr. Rosanna Kikon gave the closing remarks.

NIPUN BHARAT MISSION MEETING HELD IN KOHIMA



NIPUN Bharat, Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Kelhikha Kenye presenting a PowerPoint on NIPUN Bharat Mission at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th September 2021.

A co-ordination meeting with District Steering Committee on National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) was held in DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 10th September 2021.

ADC, Kohima, N. Bhavani Sri chairing the meeting informed that the purpose of the meeting is to understand and launch the NIPUN programme. She said that the District has a huge role to play and requested all the line departments to work together



in order to achieve the goal.

Giving a brief introduction on NIPUN Bharat, Deputy Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Kelhikha Kenye stated that the Ministry of Education has launched NIPUN to ensure every child in the country necessarily attains Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27. He said that foundational numeracy means the ability to reason and to apply simple numerical concepts in daily life problem solving.

The mission will be set up under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha which is an integrated scheme of School Education Department, covering pre-school to senior secondary level. It will focus on children of age group from 3 to 9 years including pre-school upto Grade 3.

Congratulating Kohima district for taking up the early initiative for implementation of this programme, Kenye sought all the line departments to work together in every level by engaging teachers, parents, community leaders and stakeholders to ensure school children attains this competency.

Kenye also gave a PowerPoint presentation on the vision of FLN Mission, National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2017, National Education Policy 2020, aims to achieve FLN by 2026-27, objectives, learning goals of the mission, empowering teachers', administrative approaches and role of various stakeholders and institutions in the mission, establishing PMU at state and district level, monitoring & information technology/framework, and the impact of FLN mission.

DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS DELIBERATED AT PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting for Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) was held under the chairmanship of Pughoboto SDPDB Chairman and MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 10th September 2021.

The meeting was held with Village Council Chairmen under Pughoboto sub-division wherein the MLA urged upon the village councils to maintain the graveyard in proper place instead of the roadside area, and use the Grant-in-Aid, NREGS fund judiciously for village development. The Board also resolved to direct all the Village Council not to bury the dead by the roadside.

Sumi Aphuyemi Hoho, President, Inavi Swu highlighted on the Pughoboto ADC upgradation to district and decided to reiterate the same genuine demand to the Government. The Board also resolved to stop blank cheques signed by any village council authority in case some are still practicing the same. For progress of the development activities and for good workmanship in the sub-division, the Board suggested that NREGS would not be sanctioned without the SDPDB approval. All officers were also asked to keep the village councils updated about the various projects implemented by the Government.

On COVID-19 pandemic, the MLA called

upon all to maintain proper behaviour and follow the Government guidelines. The Board decided to write a letter to Public Works Department, Tseminyu to maintain the road which is under their jurisdiction, from Khashanyu Junction towards Pughoboto.

CDPO, Ghatashi, Chiro highlighted on the one month Poshan Abhiyaan activities in the sub-division. Dr. Vikhashe Ghathasi briefed about the COVID-19 related issues where he said that during the COVID-19 test in all offices in Pughoboto, out of 19 offices, 119 people were tested, and that the tests will be continued. He urged the people to take the COVID-19 vaccine and get themselves tested.

Special guest, SFS Deputy Director, Obed Bohovi who presented on the prospect of shiitake (Lentinula) mushroom cultivation, highlighted the people on its health benefits and also marketing opportunity and linkages to the farmers. He said that North East climate is very suitable for shiitake cultivation, and is in demand from outside the State, which can generate huge revenue. Forest Ranger, Pughoboto, Kihoto gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various activities and programmes taken up by the Department.

In regard to various development programme, MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu stressed on the





Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change felicitating Union Minister of State, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Ashwini Kumar Choubey at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 20th September 2021.



President of India, Ram Nath Kovind felicitated the awardees of 'National Awards to Teachers 2021' through a felicitation programme conducted virtually on 5th September 2021. Swedesunuo Zao, Head Teacher of Government Middle School, Jakhama was awarded with the prestigious award.



The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland observed the 15th World Rabies Day under the theme, 'Rabies: Facts, not Fear' in various parts of the State on 28th September 2021.



The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kiphire organized a livestock treatment and vaccination camp at Murasha and Amahator village, Kiphire on 18th and 22nd September 2021, respectively.



Officials and trainees during the skill training on heavy machineries for economic development of Nagaland for Junior Excavator Operators, which was conducted at Parade Ground, Tuensang.



The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities conducted a leadership training for youth with disabilities at Kohima on 24th September 2021.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu along with Advisor, Civil Administrative Works Department and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Kazheto Kinimi and other officials during the inauguration of the newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School, Akuluto at Zunheboto on 16th September 2021.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom along with Minister, Advisors and officials during the upgradation programme of Community Health Centre, Kezocha at Kohima on 9th September 2021.

schemes provided under Japan International Cooperation Agency, National Rural Livelihood Mission and NHP. He also emphasized on the importance of the natural and reserved forests stating that besides village beautification in the area there can also be a commercial nursery hub to

sell saplings for sustenance and growth of economy.

During the meeting the ADC distributed medicines, wheel chairs, and other materials to the Health Centres, which was procured under Local Area Development Fund, 2020-21.

SDPDB MEETING HELD AT TSEMINYU

Tseminyu Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) held a meeting at ADC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu with Chairman, SDPDB and Advisor, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and Women Resources Development, R. Khing.

The Board reviewed the previous meeting

minutes and recommended for upgradation of Kandinu Government High School to Government Higher Secondary School and forwarded the proposal for land requisition for Model College at Tseminyu. The meeting was chaired by Manpai, Phom, ADC Tseminyu.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

The monthly Mangkolemba Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) for the month of September was held on 10th September 2021 at Dobashi Court, Mangkolemba under the chairmanship of Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts, National Highways, Dr. Longrineken, and in the presence of Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Inna Along.

After reviewing the last SDPDB meeting minutes, the Board discussed the following agenda - Proposal for upgradation of Mangkolemba sub-division into full-fledged

district; Proposal for construction of guest house at Nokpu village under Tribal Affairs Department; Application for registration of Medemmera Women Multipurpose Society, Mangkolemba; Improvement of power supply in Mangkolemba and street lighting in the town; Status of the Hospital and COVID-19 update; Proposal for improvement of Mangkolemba - Longnak road and connecting road to JNV Longnak; Proposal for starting Fire & Emergency services in Mangkolemba; and Construction of a common toilet for SDEO's Office, Mangkolemba.

MON DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON OFFICERS' CLUB

The Mon District Planning & Development Board held its meeting at the Conference Room of the Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon on 13th September 2021 under the chairmanship of DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The Board approved the following proposals to be forwarded to the concerned departments - selection of Semi-Intensive Mithun Rearing Farm at Nyahnyu village and proposal for creation of Sub-Division Veterinary Office (SDVO) at Tizit.

The Board also deliberated on reviving the

Officers' Club Mon office-bearers and formed a search committee for the same to be headed by ADC, Mon, Chingak Konyak and Additional Superintendent of Police, Mon, T. Ado Yanlem. SDO (C), Angjanyang, Yanithung Ngullie highlighted the Board that Officers' Club Mon is the only District Club in the State with facilities like Indoor Stadium for badminton, table tennis, snooker, carrom, gym, lounge and mini library. He urged upon the members to be active at the Club so that there can be more interactions and communications among the officers, making work easier to be executed.



PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the month of September 2021 was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice-Chairman, Phek DPDB, Razouvolie Dozo at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Phek on 14th September 2021.

The DC reviewed the last meeting minutes

and the Board discussed the establishment of a college at Chozuba town which was approved and recommended to higher authority.

Dr. Lichukholie, National Tobacco Control Cell highlighted the DPDB members on smoke free campaign. Senkalemba from the Department of Horticulture presented a PowerPoint on the departmental activities.

PUBLIC HEARING UNDER MGNREGS HELD AT PHEK

Project Director, DRDA, Phek, Razukhru D. Vasa speaking at the Social Audit District Level Public Hearing under MGNREGS, Phek at DRDA's Conference Hall on 14th September 2021.

Society for Training and Research on Rural Development Social Audit Unit, Nagaland held Social Audit District Level Public Hearing under MGNREGS, Phek at DRDA's Conference Hall on 14th September 2021.

The function was chaired by DPC/PD, MGNREGA, Razukhru D. Vasa where he briefed the meeting on accurate use of funds and records

so that problem does not arise even in near future. He also urged the village functionaries to give their full cooperation for development of the village.

Introduction was given by State Resource Person, SAU, Nagaland, Vepo Keyho. Records were presented by Khekiye K. Shohe and Vezokholu, both from DRP Kohima.

DC DIMAPUR CHAIRS 2nd QUARTERLY MEETING OF NTEP, NTCP AND DAPCC

The 2nd quarterly meeting of National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) and District AIDS Prevention and Control Committee (DAPCC) was convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS at the Conference Hall of DC's Office, Dimapur on 14th September 2021.

In the meeting, Rajesh lauded the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department for working actively in all the three programmes while striving to achieve the target objectives, with all mechanisms/infrastructure set in place. He impressed upon them to give more focus on creating awareness to the people so that the efforts of setting up infrastructures would not go to waste.

While delivering the welcome note, Chief Medical Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Moatemjen explained in brief about NTEP, NTCP and DAPCC. Objectives

of TB Forum was also highlighted to the members by officials of H&FW Department.

Objectives of Smoke Free District Headquarter campaign and activities report was presented by DNO, NTCP Dimapur, Dr. Reyosalu Kase while DPO, DAPCC Dimapur briefed on the objectives of New India @75 to the District Level Committee, and highlighted on the scenario of HIV& AIDS.

Other highlights of the programme included testimonials by cured patients and felicitation to Maova village, Dimapur by DC, Dimapur for adopting Tobacco Free Village guidelines of NTCP.

Representatives from Christian Forum and All Nagaland Private School Association also spoke during the meeting where they noted that participation of organisations and NGOs are required for tackling any problem that exists in a society.

LOTHA DICTIONARY RELEASED DURING DPDB MEETING

Anglo-Lotha Dictionary was released at Wokha by Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon during the monthly District Planning & Development Board meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 15th September 2021.

Mmhonlumo Kikon thanked the Department of Art & Culture and Lotha Academy for coming together in publishing the Anglo-Lotha Dictionary, which he said is very significant for the Lotha community and the Naga people, and expressed hope that this book will be used properly.

The Advisor also thanked Yanbeni Yanthan and Dr. Imlienla Imchen, Assistant Professor, Centre for Naga Tribal Language Studies, Nagaland University who have taken the initiative to bring out the dictionary with phonetic symbol properly ascribed. He added that in this day and age there is a realization that there should be a book or dictionary

in our own language to know about one's own cultural knowledge.

Director, Art & Culture Department, Adela Moa while speaking at the function said that in 2018 the Planning & Coordination Department had asked the Art & Culture Department to take up some programme of the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India (GoI) to bring out dictionary of different Naga languages.

As language is the basic foundation on which societies are built and knowledge system sustained, it is not only essential for communication but it is the storehouse of a community's history, legacy and also for the development of a community's literature, having a data based in regional language, which will enable people as well as interested scholars to learn the language. Against this backdrop, the Directorate of Art & Culture along with Yanbeni Yanthan and Dr. Imlienla Imchen



collaborated to document the regional language of the Nagas, starting out first with the Lotha language. The book is the first Naga regional dictionary to use the International Phonetic Alphabet which she believed will be beneficial for the Lotha language speakers as well as students and scholars to use the phonetic transcription for pronunciation.

On behalf of the people of the District, Vice-Chairman, Wokha DPDB and DC, Wokha, Orenthung

Lotha thanked the Department for this initiative. During the meeting, the Board also recommended to the higher authority for consideration the upgradation of Government High School, Sanis to Government Higher Secondary School.

The Department of Agriculture presented a PowerPoint on the Department's activities in the District. Chief Medical Officer, Dr. C.W Tungoe also highlighted on COVID-19 scenario in the District.

KOHIMA DPDB RECOMMENDS SEVEN SOCIETIES FOR REGISTRATION

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting took up seven societies for registration during the monthly meeting held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th September 2021. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Gregory Thejawelie.

Representatives of the societies presented the aims and objective of their societies during the meeting. The societies included Bumblebee Society, Upper Agri Colony, Kohima; Kohima District Amateur Boxing Association, High School, Kohima; Kohima District Table Tennis Association, Officers' Hill, Kohima; Nagaland Table Tennis Association, AG Colony, Kohima; Bridge of Hope, Perizie Colony, Kohima; De Operettas Music and Arts Society, Puro Complex, Supply Colony; and Rev. Moa Longchari Cancer Foundation, Peraciezie High School Road.

The Board deliberated on the matters and based on the recommendations submitted by the screening committee, it decided to recommend it to the Government for further approval and necessary action.

On 10th Northern Angami I - A/C recasting of Iconic Project under 2021 - 2022, the Board decided to recommend the change of programme, from cementing of one road to construction of clock tower, and forward it to Planning & Coordination Department to take up with the State Planning Board for necessary action.

Social Welfare Department gave PowerPoint presentations on their departmental activities under District Welfare Office by DWO, Akali Sema; Integrated Child Development Service by CDPO, James Ezung and Integrated Child Protection Services, Nagaland by Programme Manager, Raitalie Zeliang.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at Sumi Hoho Conference Hall on 15th September 2021. Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo chaired the meeting which was attended by Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G Kaito Aye; Advisor, School Education and Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, K. T. Sukhalu; and Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies and Taxes, Pukhayi Assumi.

Zunheboto DPDB Chairman requested the Minister for Agriculture to give necessary help

to the farmers, especially for corn crop cultivators as their entire crops were destroyed this year due to Fall Army Worm, and also asked the farmers to send photos of destroyed crops to the Department so that they can compile and send it to the Government.

Minister, G. Kaito Aye in his speech asked the departments, especially agri & allied to keep in touch with the farmers, understand their problems and bring it to the Government. He said that he has apprised the Government to look into the problems of the farmers and provide modern agricultural



equipments.

MLAs and various NGOs expressed their displeasure over the slow pace of work of the NHIDCL and asked the company to expedite the work and also provide quality work according to the DPR. The General Manager, NHIDCL assured that they will try their best to complete the work in time and provide quality work with public support but also shared their problems regarding land compensation cases, as the land compensation demand is very high. He requested the members to help them so that there will not be any obstacles for completion of work on time.

Public Works Department (Roads &

Bridges) presented various departmental activities and the problems faced by the Department regarding the construction of various bridges and roads which are ongoing. The Department also shared the problem faced in non-payment of salaries of almost half of labourers under Zunheboto division for more than two years.

Health & Family Welfare Department shared on the present COVID-19 status of the District to the members, and informed that till now 49,237 people have been vaccinated, taking the vaccination percentage to around 65% and added that 13 villages have been declared as fully vaccinated village.

KOHIMA DDMA QUATERLY MEETING HELD

Quarterly meeting of Kohima District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) was held at DPDB's Hall, Kohima on 15th September 2021.

Highlighting about IDRN, Senior Technical Director and DIO, DIC Kohima, J. G. Lorin Rengma stated that IDRN is a nationwide electronic inventory of resources that enlists equipment and human resources, collated from districts, states and national level line departments and agencies. He added that primary focus of IDRN portal (idrn.nidm.gov.in) is to enable the decision makers to find answers on availability of equipment and human resources required to combat any emergency situation. The database would also enable them to assess the level of preparedness for specific disasters. He informed that, to update data in IDRN, District Collector or Magistrate are the

authorized officials to get the latest information about disaster management resources available with various line departments and agencies, and information is uploaded in the portal using services of District Informatics Officers.

During the meeting, Chief Medical Officer, Kohima mentioned that positivity rate of COVID-19 has been declining to 2.6% from 10th September 2021 till date. She suggested to the members to reinforce COVID-19 protocols to minimize the impact of the third wave. She also informed that the vaccination for the second dose will be available at any of the sub-centres every Wednesday in Kohima town.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie. He informed the line departments to prepare Disaster Management Action Plan within one month.

SENSITISATION PROGRAMME ON SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES HELD AT NOKLAK

Sensitisation programme on scholarship schemes was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 16th September 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that, we are living in an age of Information Technology (IT) and all our working system is based on IT, therefore, all of us, specially the teachers need

to be updated and know what is happening around them, and advised the teachers to be well-equipped and update their skills.

Seeing the economical challenges in the District, Hiazu Meru said that this is an important scheme for the students of the District. The DC opined that many parents and students may not be aware of the schemes and hence requested the



teachers to reach out to all the eligible students. He also said that such kind of seminar is very important and hoped that the seminar will be helpful and beneficial for all the trainees.

UDA (Scholarship), Jangsemba Tsudir spoke on guidelines and criteria of scholarships. He mentioned that, the objective of pre-matric scholarship schemes for minorities and Schedule Tribe students of Class IX & X is to encourage parents to send their children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to

support their children to complete school education.

Special Educator, Zurhetho Nyuthe, in his PowerPoint presentation explained in detail on how to apply for scholarships through online mode. He advised the trainees to read all the guidelines properly before applying online.

The seminar was organized by SDEO Office, Noklak and sponsored by Directorate of School Education. More than 44 trainees attended the training from both government and private schools under Noklak district.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON COMMUNITISATION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS & SERVICES ACT 2002 HELD

KOHIMA:

A district level consultative meeting for reviewing of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002 was convened at the DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th September 2021, with a panel team led by Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired), along with officers from the District Administration, School Education, Health & Family Welfare, Chief Medical Officer, Public Health Engineering, Social Welfare, Rural Development and Power departments.

The meeting deliberated on the impact of communitisation. A questionnaire designed to review and re-examine the communisation progress in their respective areas by obtaining the feedback from the field offices were presented. The questionnaire is also expected to get the views and opinions, in detail about their department in the concerned area to enhance and improve the services and for better coordination among the community.

WOKHA:

To take the views of the village level and with the objective to find out how communitisation has been functioning in the last 19 to 20 years, the panel has asked the departments to select performing and non-performing villages from all sectors to enable the panel to select villages to conduct survey in their respective areas, this was stated by Chairperson of Panel for Review of

Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002, Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) at Wokha on 20th September 2021.

Member Secretary, Panel for Review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002, John Lohe and other officials accompanied the Chairperson. Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

KIPHIRE:

Review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 22nd September 2021 with Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) as the Chairperson.

Jamir stated that the main objective is to find out how communitisation has been functioning in the last 19 - 20 years, as the Government failed to review the Act for more than 20 years. She urged all the department to select performing and non performing villages from all the sectors so that they will be able to conduct survey in their respective areas. She also handed over the questionnaire designed to the line departments and urged them to re-examine and give their own views and opinions of their department for better coordination among the community and the Government.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier chaired the meeting. Jamir was accompanied by Member Secretary of Panel for Review of



Communitization of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002, John Lohe and other officials.

NOKLAK:

District level consultative meeting for review of Communitization of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 23rd September 2021.

Chairperson, Panel for Review of Communitization of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002, Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) stated that the Government wants to find out what impact the communitisation had made in the developmental processes in the village level. The chairperson urged upon the line departments to take views of the village level, to find out how communitisation has impacted it over the years.

Banuo Z. Jamir handed over the questionnaire to all the line departments and urged them to re-examine and give their own views and opinions and submit the questionnaire on or before 15th October 2021.

The Chairperson was accompanied by Member Secretary, panel for review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002, John Lohe and other officials. Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru chaired the meeting, and department officials from School Education, Health & Family Welfare, Public Health Engineering, Power, Social Welfare, Rural Development and District Administration attended the meeting.

LONGLENG:

District level consultative meeting for review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Longleng on 24th September 2021.

Chairperson, Banuo Z. Jamir was accompanied by Member Secretary, Panel for Review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002, John Lohe and other officials. Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom chaired the meeting. Officers from District

Administration, School Education, Health & Family Welfare, Power, Social Welfare and Rural Development attended the meeting.

MON:

A consultative meeting for reviewing of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 25th September 2021, led by Chairperson, Review Panel, Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) and Member Secretary, John Lohe.



Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) along with other officials during a consultative meeting to review the Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002 at DC's Office, Mon on 25th September 2021.

Jamir stated that the review is the first since the Act came into force. She highlighted that the review is being done through surveys on two levels, village level and departmental levels through questionnaires. She stated that 31 villages in Mon district have been selected for the survey based on their size, remoteness and proximity to the towns. Altogether, 320 villages have been selected for the survey in the State and the panel team has covered nine districts prior to Mon, Jamir added.

Officers from District Administration, School Education, Health & Family Welfare, Public Health Engineering, Social Welfare, Rural Development and Power Department deliberated on the impact of communitisation.

PEREN:

Chairperson of Panel for Review of Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act 2002, Banuo Z. Jamir, IAS (Retired) along with



Member Secretary, John Lohe and other officials visited Peren and held a district level consultative meeting with the administrative officers of the District and Heads of Offices of the District at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 27th September 2021.

Addressing the meeting, Banuo Z Jamir stated that the panel was constituted the previous year in the month of July and will study the strength and weaknesses of the Communitisation of Public Institutions & Services Act, 2002 covering all the public services covered under the Act. She also said the main purpose of the visit was to ascertain the impact of communitisation at the village level development process.

Earlier, District Rural Development Agency, Peren organised a one-day orientation programme for district level line department officials on People's Plan Campaign 2021-2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier where Project Director (PD), Moa Sangtam gave a brief highlight on Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), while a short PowerPoint presentation on Village Poverty Reduction Plan was given by ADPM (DDMU), Ruuvilie Kuotsu. Further, PD, Moa Sangtam also called for active cooperation from all the line departments in order to make this campaign a success.

DWSM PEREN CONDUCTS SWACHHATA SHRAMDAAN AT JALUKIE BLOCK

On account of 75 years of India's Independence, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), Public Health Engineering Department, Peren conducted a Swachhata Shramdaan at Mhainamsti

village and along the highway area under Jalukie Block, Peren on 17th September 2021.

During the event the village members, WATSAN committee, village councils, women leaders and youth organisations sensitized the



The District Water and Sanitation Mission, Public Health Engineering Department, Peren conducted Swachhata Shramdaan at Mhainamsti village under Jalukie Block, Peren on 17th September 2021.

villages on the harmful effects of Single Use Plastic (SUP), and encouraged the ban of SUP in the villages. The Department also encouraged the

village on adopting alternative means of plastic use, like cloth bags, to promote reduce, reuse and recycling habits.

COVID-19 STATE LEVEL MONITORING TEAM VISITS MON

The District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19, Mon held a joint meeting with civil societies of Mon and representatives from the State Level Monitoring Team, Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, W. Honje Konyak and Deputy Director, Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS), Dr. Nukshisangla Jamir at the Conference Room, DC's Office, Mon on 17th September 2021.

Honje Konyak apprised the meeting that the purpose of the State level team visit was to intensively review and guide the DTF and health workers and have practical interaction and discussion about the challenges faced by the workers. He stated that the team had visited Tobu and Aboi where they had interactive meetings with all the stakeholders and were satisfied with the performance in handling the pandemic. He expressed his appreciation and satisfaction to the DTF Mon under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS for performing well in all the parameters for the

management and containment of the pandemic. He, however, warned the members not to be complacent and be prepared in case of a third wave.

Deputy Director, NSACS, Dr. Nukshisangla Jamir thanked every section of the society involved in saving lives during the pandemic. She stated that Mon is one of the best performing districts in the State and assured the Task Force that the team would be available anytime to help the District in continuing with the good work.

The Monitoring Team thoroughly reviewed the strategies and coverage of testing and vaccination which was highlighted through PowerPoint presentations by members of the medical team. The meeting deliberated on ways to improve, and the challenges faced by the health workers. The Monitoring Team resolved to put forward the challenges being faced by the DTF to the State Level with the hope that with further guidance and support, the District's performance will be enhanced in all parameters.

CULMINATION PROGRAMME OF PMKSY-WDC HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS**MON:**

Land Resources Department, Mon organised a culmination programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC), erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Batch IV, V & VI at Council Hall, Mon on 17th September 2021 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS as the special guest.

The DC in his speech thanked the Department for being one of the most effective departments in Mon. He urged the people to take every opportunity given by the Government for the maximum benefit of the public. He also urged them to avail all the benefits given by the Agri & Allied Departments and to venture into cash crops production, provided by departments like Land

Resources. He further urged the people to conserve and sustainably use the natural resources for the future generations.

DPO, Land Resources, Mon, Biren Chetri gave an overview of the project activities where he highlighted all scopes, aims and activities of the project in all the 38 villages.

The programme also witnessed the handing over of the Watershed Development Fund to all the 38 beneficiary villages by the DC.

PEREN:

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatsov) a culmination programme in recognition of the successful completion of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development

Component (PMKSY-WDC), erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Batch V & VI project was organised by the Department of Land Resources, Peren at Women Welfare Organisation's Conference Hall, Jalukie town on 22nd September 2021.

Gracing the occasion as the special guest, SDO (C), Peren, Kemciyile acknowledged the Department and the project stakeholders for the successful completion of the programme. She stressed on the importance of agriculture and farming with the support of technology and financial assistance in post COVID-19 era. She also encouraged the villagers to have a sense of ownership for the assets created through the Department.

Speaking on the occasion, DPO, Land Resources, Peren, Alemla Aier elucidated the concept of exit policy protocols in the management of Watershed Development Fund. She urged that the funds be utilised judiciously by venturing in the areas which can create an avenue to build a sustainable source in the interest of the village.

SDO (C), Peren, Kemciyile handed over the Watershed Development Fund of PMKSY-WDC to all the 26 villages.

PHEK:

Culmination programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development Component, erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Batch V & VI (Project IX & X), was held at PTC Hall, Phek town on 23rd September 2021 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Phek, Razouvolie Dozo as the special guest. The programme was chaired by WDT Member, Vesalu Puro.

Keynote address was delivered by DPO, Land Resources, Phek, Levi Bennet. Short speeches were given by Chisato Vero on Project IX, and Solomon Thüvüry on Project X.

In his speech the special guest DC, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo stated that one should not misuse government schemes, and urged all the stakeholders to give their best.

WOKHA:

The Department of Land Resources, Wokha conducted the culmination programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC), the erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, under Batch IV, V & VI, sponsored by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, at Youth Centre DBHSS on 24th September 2021.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha who was the special guest said that the Department of Land Resources is one of the actively performing departments in the District, and is immensely contributing towards the upliftment of the general public with its economy. He also urged the WDC members from different villages, who had come to attend the programme, to play a proactive role as the successful implementation of the particular schemes largely depend on them.

District Project Officer, Wokha, Tepunol Yore while highlighting on IWMP expressed his optimism that the Department will continue and strive hard to achieve greater heights, keeping in mind, the works being well achieved in other programmes like RKVY, spring-shed and NAFCC. During the course of 5 years project plan many community assets were created and also plantations of various groups were achieved, under entry point activity, a total of 45 different structures were created such as resting shed (15), water reservoir tank (22), community hall (2), public toilet (1), project road extension (3) and an approach road foot step were constructed in one village.

DPO said that despite the COVID-19 lockdown the Department has done a tremendous job to uplift the economic status of the District by taking up various schemes, and added that the District has witnessed economic progress in 2020 through rubber tapping, the District has yielded 31.54 lakh Kg from 66 villages covering 1,013 households with a turnover of Rs. 37.84 crores, besides huge earning from other crops like tea, areca nut, coffee and parkia, besides other

horticulture crops.

DPO added that the District has currently achieved a total plantation area of 1,586 Ha under rubber plantation, 428 Ha of areca nut plantation, 414 Ha of coffee plantation and 29 Ha of tea plantation and he is expecting to earn a total of Rs.115.64 crore per year.

DIMAPUR:

Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS highlighted on the importance of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development Component (PMKSY - WDC), and called for effective utilisation of water, during the culmination programme of PMKSY- WDC Projects under Batches IV, V & VI, Dimapur district at IMC Hall, Notun Bosti on 24th September 2021.

The DC noted that years back, rainfall was consistent and predictable because of which there was hardly any crop failure and no dearth of water scarcity. Today, due to the unpredictable monsoon, climate change, increase in urban population there is pressure on land and all these leads to water scarcity, and for which the Government is focussing on PMKSY watershed projects, he maintained. Rajesh also advised the youth for taking up such projects professionally and encouraged the Department and elders to motivate them.

DPO, Land Resources Department (LRD), Dimapur, I. Acato Chishi gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting on the activities taken up under PMKSY programme. He informed that under Batch IV, 4 micro watershed was taken up, under Batch V, 12 micro watershed, covering 4000 hectares each and under Batch VI, 8 micro watersheds in 8 villages, covering 4000 hectares was taken up. He also shed light on the promotion of livelihood activities taken up by the Department including piggery, basket making and promoting SHG. He further said that the Department has a target for establishing and promoting 400 permaculture home kitchen garden. Acato attributed Nagaland as one of the most successful state in India in implementing the PMKSY projects.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Organized by the Department of Land Resources, Mokokchung, Nagaland, the culmination programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC), erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Batch V and VI (Project IX, X and XI) under Mokokchung district was held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 27th September 2021.



Officials and participants at the culmination programme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component which was held at Town Hall, Mokokchung on 27th September 2021.

Addressing the gathering as the special guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS said PMKSY ensures convergence with all assets/infrastructure based programmes related to water conservation and management. He said, among the many schemes, PMKSY-WDC is most important because it simply does not deal with water alone, but it covers all the aspects of farming, and that the main objective of it is to restore ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources.

The ADC while appreciating the Department for their tireless effort and commitment towards implementing the programme, also asked the farmers to take advantage of it by taking proper care of whatever the Department is providing.

ZUNHEBOTO:

In commemoration of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of India's Independence, a culmination programme for Pradhan



Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana -Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC) Batch IV to VI for Zunheboto district was organised at Town Hall Zunheboto on 30th September 2021 by Land Resources Department (LRD).

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo, speaking as the guest of honour said that he has been witnessing what the Land Resources Department, Zunheboto has been doing for the welfare of the farmers. He recalled how popular coffee plantation was way back in 1980's, but failed because of unavailability of market. He urged the gathering to put an end to

the negative mentality, doubting the schemes being initiated by the Government, and added that schemes are being initiated for the welfare of the farmers.

District Project Officer, Zunheboto, V. Vikugha Sema while highlighting the project said that it is to restore the ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources such as soil, vegetative cover and water to enable multi-croppings and introduction of diverse agro-based activities, which will help to provide sustainable livelihoods to the people residing in the watershed area.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON MODERN BASKET & PICKLE MAKING CONDUCTED AT SAKSHI

District Administration, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Mahila Shakti Kendra, Longleng conducted skill development training on modern basket and pickle making at EAC Headquarter, Sakshi Block on 18th September 2021. The main target group were school dropout girls and unemployed women.

During the introductory programme, EAC Sakshi Block, Ruokuosetuo encouraged the

participants to take such activity as an opportunity to enhance their skill for self-reliance. In his short speech, SDO (C), Longleng, Trongdiba Tongpi encouraged the participants to become financially independent. Head GB, Sakshi appreciated the office for organizing such programme in their Block. A total of 30 women attended the training. Trainers were Wanmei and Shamei.

SEMINAR ON 'YES TO LIFE' CONDUCTED AT ABOI



EAC, Longching, Dr. Cthitu Nienu and Medical Officer, District Hospital Mon, Dr. Ngampa Sangme addressing the gathering during a seminar on 'Yes to Life,' under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan or Drugs-Free India campaign held at ATBC, Aboi on 19th September 2021.

The District Administration of Aboi in association with the Aboi Town Baptist Church Youth Department conducted a seminar on the topic 'Yes to Life' under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan or Drugs-Free India Campaign at ATBC, Aboi on 19th September 2021.

The seminar was attended by the youth of Aboi town. The programme was led by ATBC Youth Director, C. Yongtok and a short speech on behalf of the District Administration was delivered by EAC Longching, Dr. Cthitu Nienu.

MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical Officer, District Hospital Mon, Dr. Ngampa Sangme was the resource person, and he gave a PowerPoint presentation on various issues related to substance abuse, the need to spread awareness and help those going through such addictions. He also encouraged the attendees not to become victims but rather victors.

At the end of the programme all the attendees pledged to fight against substance abuse and make Aboi town drugs free.

FARMER EMPOWERMENT TRAINING HELD AT NOKLAK



Resource person, Dharamveer Kamboj speaking at a training on farmer empowerment held at Jungyam Fisheries, near AYUSH Hospital, Noklak on 20th September 2021.

'Empowered Farmer - Empowered Society,' a training on farmer empowerment was held at Jungyam Fisheries, near AYUSH Hospital, Noklak on 20th September 2021 with resource person, Dharamveer Kamboj.

Speaking at the training, Dharamveer Kamboj encouraged the farmers to be self-reliant and learn division of labour, like farmers for farming and Self Help Group for food processing and marketing. He emphasized on good packaging, lab analysis and branching and urged upon the farmers to preserve their biodiversity and traditional knowledge of farming and agriculture.

Dharamveer Kamboj trained the farmers on production of herbal medicine, plant essential oils, soap, shampoo, face gel, aloe vera products, cardamom oil extract, tulsi drops and processed food products like mango, guava, kiwi, gooseberry, pineapple, mango candies, ginger, lemon, maize milk, maize milk ice cream, etc.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru and Superintendent of Police (SP), Noklak Dr. Pritpal Kaur also spoke during the training programme, and SP, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur presented food processing machines to Noklak farmers society during the occasion.

FARMER'S MARKET MEET 2021 HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in collaboration with Tizü Valley Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Network (TVBCLN), Zunheboto organised the 1st Farmer's Market Meet 2021, with special focus on traditional agriculture at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 22nd September 2021 with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo as the special guest.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the DC congratulated the event organizers for

successfully materialising their project and also holding such an event at the district. He added that potential for rich agriculture farming and organic products were always seen but after seeing the huge stocks of organic products and also keen participation from the farmers it was now clear that the vision of self-sustainable agri farming is definitely achievable. He also encouraged the farmers to continue with the traditional agriculture farming.



Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo along with officials and others during the 1st Farmer's Market Meet 2021 at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 22nd September 2021.

While delivering the keynote address, Sidharth elaborated that the vision of the project is to focus on traditional agriculture farming and to provide a platform to the farmers.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT CHIZAMI

Officials along with women entrepreneurs during a legal awareness programme on empowerment of women through entrepreneurship, organised by Nagaland State Commission for Women at Chizami, Phek on 23rd September 2021.

A one-day legal awareness programme on empowerment of women through entrepreneurship was organised by Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) at Chizami, Phek on 23rd September 2021. The programme was attended by participants, existing and aspiring women entrepreneurs from Chizami town and neighbouring villages.

The NSCW led by the Chairperson, Khrienuo Tachü and Secretary, NSCW and Joint Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Bodeno S. Colo met with the Chizami Village Council leaders and conveyed their appreciation for including women in the Village Council and VDB as full-fledged members and for following 'equal wage for equal work' principle in the village.

Khrienuo Tachü in her keynote address stated that NSCW is committed to the empowerment of women and girls. She highlighted that there is a common perception that Naga women enjoys high and equal social status with men but in reality, Naga women continue to struggle and face multiple barriers owing to discriminatory customary practices. She noted that our women do not have inheritance rights and almost no participation in decision making in public spaces such as the Village Council at the grassroots, and therefore 'economic empowerment for women becomes critical to overcome such barriers.' She lauded Chizami village for including women in their decision making bodies. She added, when women become financially independent and stand on her own feet, she will be respected in the society and will claim her rightful space in society. She encouraged the participants to develop entrepreneurial skills, be focused and passionate, and to uphold the value of dignity of labour.

Assistant Legal Remembrancer and Under Secretary, Justice & Law Department, Government of Nagaland, Weko-u Mero highlighted the various legal rights for women guaranteed by the Indian

Constitution, such as the Code on Wages 2019, Indecent Representation of Women Act, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA) 2005, Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) 2012, and Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017.

Principal, Japfü Christian College, Dr. Visakhonü Hibo facilitated the session on 'Vocational Education – Upskilling and Reskilling,' where she encouraged the participants to develop skills and utilise our rich biodiversity i.e. plants, fruits, livestock, etc. for enhancing one's livelihood. She also shared and demonstrated several food processing recipes using indigenous fruits, spices and plants. Further, she highlighted the need to maintain hygiene, quality control, use good packaging, develop marketing skills in order to make any enterprise a successful one.

Speaking on 'Naga Textiles – Chizami Weaves and Livelihood opportunities,' Honorary Member, North East Network (NEN), Seno Tsühah shared the case study of Chizami Weaves (CW) – its objectives, the journey of CW in enhancing the earning capacities of women towards sustainable livelihoods and social justice, and the lessons learnt. She emphasised on the need to develop a good plan before starting any business enterprise – to explore opportunities, identify an area of interest, locating assets, develop a business plan that includes a good marketing strategy amongst others.

Director, Life Ministries, Colo Mero presented on 'Entrepreneurship - Opportunities and Challenges.' He stressed on the need to prepare our children for entrepreneurship or any other livelihood options by imparting life skills and values of hard work at a young age, that starts from home as this is foundational.

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP ON SMOKE FREE KOHIMA CAMPAIGN HELD

An advocacy workshop on tobacco control and initiation of the Smoke Free District Headquarters campaign was held at Kohima Municipal Council's (KMC) Office building on 24th

September 2021.

Administrator, KMC, Lanusenla Longkumer chairing the workshop said that the campaign for Smoke Free Kohima city was launched on 29th April



2016, following which sensitisation and other programmes on Smoke Free District Headquarter campaign were carried out. She said that to achieve Kohima district as 'Smoke Free District Headquarter,' every stakeholder and individual must support and contribute towards the endeavour.

District Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Kohima, Dr. Arenla Walling speaking at the workshop said that smoke free campaign was to strengthen the enforcement of Section 4 of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003, which bans smoking in identified public places. She said that the Health & Family Welfare Department alone cannot enforce or implement the provision of law under the Section and sought cooperation from all the enforcement officers and stakeholders to contribute their support to achieve a smoke free district.

Dr. Arenla stated that smoking should be banned because the smoke contains more than 7000 harmful chemicals, of which 100 are toxic and about 70 of them causes cancer. Smoking and exposure to second hand smoke can cause cancer, CV diseases, stroke, pneumonia and can damage the reproductive system, increase chances of TB infection, and women and children suffer the most from second hand smoke, she added.

On smokers and COVID-19, Dr. Arenla said that be it first or second hand smoke, it reduces lung capacity and increases the risk of many respiratory infections and can increase the severity of respiratory diseases. She said COVID-19 is an infectious disease that primarily attacks the lung, smoking impairs lung functions making it harder for the body to fight the virus and other respiratory diseases.

NSCW ORGANIZES LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT KIPHIRE

A one-day seminar on legal awareness programme on 'Women and Health' was organised by Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW), supported by National Commission for Women (NCW) and in coordination with Akehda Sangtamlarü Thsingmüjang (AST) at Kiphire town on 24th September 2021.

The programme was chaired by Member NSCW, W. Nginyeih Konyak. In the introductory note, Member NSCW, Chongliu acknowledged and appreciated Chairperson NCW, Rekha Sharma for

extending full support to NSCW. Resource person, Dr. Tiakala Walling, Senior Medical Officer spoke extensively on 'Women and Health' and Hotingkyu Sangtam, Advocate, elaborated on 'Legal services to mentally ill and mentally disabled persons with reference to women.'

The NSCW Team also visited Sakhi – One Stop Centre, District Hospital Kiphire, District Jail Kiphire and Women Police Station, Kiphire as part of its annual activities to interact and assess the liveability, safety and protection of women inmates.

EXPORTERS' CONCLAVE HELD

KOHIMA:

Exporters' Conclave organised by the District Industry Institute, Kohima in collaboration with the Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland was held at the Conference Hall of Industries & Commerce Directorate, Kohima with guest of honour, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, N. Bhavani Sri on 25th September 2021.

Speaking on the occasion Bhavani said that one of the problems faced by the farmers is lack of linkage with the market. She added that though the

climatic conditions give surplus production, most of the time the produce get spoilt for lack of proper packaging and cold storage facilities. She encouraged the farmers to go for crops that suit the soil and climatic conditions and informed that the recent inauguration of Soil Testing Laboratory in Kohima will be able to identify the types of crops, which will be able to boost the production level.

Joint Director, Er. Y. Lipongse Thongstar in his keynote address said that Exporters' Conclave is to showcase export oriented products in order to



promote trade and export of local agri-horti produces, processed food products, handloom, handicrafts and various exportable products and also to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence under the theme 'Showcasing India as a Rising Economic Force.'

The event was organized by the District Industries Centre (DIC), Kohima in collaboration with Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and District Administration.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Organized by DIC, Mokokchung and Industries & Commerce Department, Nagaland in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), an exporters' conclave was held at the Conference Hall of Hotel Metsuben, Mokokchung on 25th September 2021.



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS addressing the Exporter's Conclave held at the Conference Hall of Hotel Metsuben, Mokokchung on 25th September 2021.

Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS said though the State of Nagaland is basically an agri dominated state, we are still conditioning from traditional to modern practice, but if we are to catch up with others, we have to increase the export, and in order to achieve it we need to cover more area for production thereby increase the productivity. He also said, initially we cannot export everything, therefore we need to specialize and focus on few products. Talking about schemes in different departments, Singh said there should be convergence of schemes and integrated plans to export our unique production.

ATMA KOHIMA TRAINS YOUTH ON POULTRY REARING & MANAGEMENT

ATMA Kohima in association with State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI) Nagaland and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) organized a training programme on 'Poultry Rearing & Management' under Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) scheme at Conference Hall, Chief Veterinary's Office, Kohima from 20th to 25th September 2021.

During the training, Deputy PD, ATMA Kohima, Dr. Keviu Shuya highlighted on the aims of the training programme which is to impart skill-

based training to rural youths to promote employment and creation of skilled manpower. Farm Manager, CVO Kohima, Dr. Thepfudi Shuya and BTM, Tseminyu Block, Dr. Vibeilie Keretsü were the resource persons for the training.

Demonstrations were conducted during farm visit to the State Poultry Farm. A self-assessment test for the participants was also conducted at the end of the training programme. Altogether, 20 youths benefited from the training.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF HEAVY EARTH MOVING MACHINERY TRAINING HELD



SDO (C), Mokokchung, Sentilong Ozukum with officials and trainees during the training on Operation & Maintenance of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 27th September 2021.

MOKOKCHUNG:

A 6 (six) days training on Operation & Maintenance of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery was organised by Public Works Department (Mechanical), Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in collaboration with District Skill Committee, Mokokchung. The programme was inaugurated by SDO (C), Mokokchung, Sentilong Ozukum at the Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 27th September 2021.

In his short speech, Ozukum said that skill is as important as academic degree in our generation, and expressed his hope that everyone will benefit from the training.

The training consisted of two batches. Altogether 50 trainees took part in the training in the first batch.

TUENSANG:

Skill training in heavy machineries for economic development of Nagaland, post COVID-19 lockdown was conducted for Junior Excavator Operator as per National Skill Development Corporation curriculum, at Parade Ground, Tuensang.

The training was imparted to 50 trainees, and it was organised by Public Works Department (Mechanical) and Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Tuensang.

PEOPLE'S PLAN CAMPAIGN ON GPDP HELD

KOHIMA:

A one-day training on People's Plan campaign on Gram Panchayat Development Plan with the line departments was held at DPDB's Hall, Kohima on 28th September 2021.



A training on People's Plan Campaign on Gram Panchayat Development Plan was held at DPDB's Hall, Kohima on 28th September 2021.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie introducing the campaign stressed on the importance of planning and development process of Gram Panchayat. He mentioned that India is a land of villages and if India is to develop than the need to develop the rural areas is a necessity which will ultimately mean the development of Gram Panchayat. On the other hand there is poverty and a vast existence of

social injustice therefore unless this areas are taken care of, the country will lapse in development, he added.

Thejawelie stated that the scenario for the existence of a Panchayat was envisioned since the time of independence, to be involved in the preparation and implementation of all the economic activities and social justice. Hence under Article 243 the clause for Panchayat was inserted, which defines the role and functions of a Panchayat.

Rural Development Officer, Rural Development, Vilopi Angami initiating the training informed that Gram Panchayats have been mandated for the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for economic development and social justice and the planning process are to be comprehensive and based on participatory process involving full convergence with schemes of all related central ministries/line departments, related to 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Vilopi Angami also briefed that 'People's Plan Campaign (PPC)' is an effective strategy for ensuring the preparation of GPDP in a campaign mode and the campaign will be rolled out as 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' from 2nd October 2021 to 31st January 2022.

MON:

An orientation programme for line departments on People's Plan Campaign 2021-22 for Gram Panchayat Development Plan 2022-23 with the theme, 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas,' was held at Resource Centre, DRDA, Mon on 29th September 2021.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS stated that the plan should ensure people feel empowered, and requested all the line departments to take it seriously and put their whole hearted effort to ensure whatever is planned gets done.

Project Director, DRDA Mon, M. Temjen Longchar highlighted the three main areas of focus which are - identify and provide livelihood; provide all entitlements; and provide public goods and services.

A presentation on the 'Gram Panchayat Development Plan for 2022-23,' was presented by BDO, RD Block, Tobu, W. Moba Konyak, which was followed by discussion on the schemes under 29 subjects (as per Article 243G of the Constitution), with the line department officials.



Deputy Commissioner, Mon, K. Thavaseelan, IAS speaking at the orientation programme on People's Plan Campaign 2021-22, held at Resource Centre, DRDA, Mon on 29th September 2021.

MEETING WITH NITI AAYOG CONSULTANT HELD AT KIPHIRE



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kiphire, T. Wati Aier with NITI Aayog Consultant, Madhu Banti Dutta at a joint meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 28th September 2021.

A joint meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 28th September 2021 with NITI Aayog Consultant, Madhu Banti Dutta.

Dutta stated that the main objective of her visit was to focus on all the socio-economic development and also to tackle the main problems faced by Kiphire district. Due to the pandemic situation, assigned work were not able to be completed on the stipulated time but she assured that she will meet the higher authority of NITI Aayog for the development of the District.

Dutta said that she is so fortunate to visit the

Aspirational District in Nagaland, which is surrounded by natural beauty and has the potential of preserving eco-tourism in the future. She also stated that more funds are needed in order to solve the problems in every aspect.

DC, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier highlighted some of the projects that were completed and the ongoing projects that are being taken up at Kiphire town and in two sub-division, Seyochung and Pungro. Problems such as lack of technicians, gynaecologists at the District Hospital, road and transportation problems were discussed during the meeting.



WORKSHOP CONDUCTED ON WASTE SEGREGATION

KOHIMA:

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), commemorating 75 years of India's Independence, Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) organised an awareness workshop on waste segregation for Ward Sanitation Committee members at its Conference Hall on 29th September 2021. The workshop was organised under the slogan of 'Kachra Alag Karo Amrit Diwas.'

Resource persons, Office Secretary, KMC, Zakiexhotuo Kiso spoke on 'waste segregation' while Advocate-cum-Panel Lawyer, KDLSA, Keduvi Zhotso spoke on 'Duties and responsibilities of local authorities and village panchayat of census towns and urban agglomerations - under Solid Waste Management Rules 2016,' and Advocate-cum-Panel Lawyer, KDLSA, Asenla Walling spoke on 'Criteria and actions to be taken for solid waste management in the hilly areas under Solid Waste Management Rules 2016.'

Administrator, KMC, T. Lanusenla Longkumer who chaired the programme informed that the KMC will be organizing different activities till 2nd October 2021 as part of AKAM, such as awareness workshop for community/pay and use toilet caretakers, felicitation of waste entrepreneurs, sanitation workers, etc.

CHANGTONGYA:

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence, Changtongya Town Council organised a waste segregation awareness programme at Dobashi Customary Court, Changtongya on 29th September 2021.



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Speaking on the occasion, SDEO Changtongya, N.Temsu highlighted the objectives, importance and the purpose of the awareness programme. He encouraged the participants to sensitise the people on how to dispose the waste segregate.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at District Planning Hall, Mokokchung on 30th September 2021 under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum.

The Board approved and forwarded the registration of Medemmera Women Multipurpose Society, Mangkolemba. The Board also approved

the improvement of road to Valley View Girls Hostel at Fazl Ali College and the verification committee for Local Area Development Programme 2021-22.

Department of Land Resources presented a PowerPoint on the topic, Coffee Plantation in Mokokchung district. The meeting was also attended by Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba.

RIO INAUGURATES STAFF QUARTER AT NEW DELHI

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the Staff Quarter, Type I, II and IIA and Community Centre for the Delhi Nagaland House staff at Sector 13, Dwarka, New Delhi on 4th September 2021. Dr. Rev. Ricky Medom, invoked the dedicatory prayer.

Rio said that it was a dream come true for him since it was in 2004 during his first Chief Ministership that he approached and requested the then Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee for the present land at Dwarka. Unlike other states, as requested by the CM, Nagaland was allotted two plots and the land was given on reserved price for which he is still grateful to the late Prime Minister even today, he added.

While appreciating the contractors and the department for the workmanship, Rio said assistance created by the Government should not become a liability but it should serve the purpose for which it was created. He also gave a positive reply to Minister for Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum's request for providing more funds for completion of the remaining components since cost escalation will hugely cost the State Government if the project is further delayed.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister said that the Government of Nagaland had achieved two assets in the capital, at R K Puram and Dwarka, Delhi and also one asset at Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra. He wished the officers and staff a comfortable stay in the new staff quarter.

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton said that the long felt need and dream for Staff Quarter has been achieved and also mentioned that under the

dynamic leadership of CM, Neiphiu Rio the State has progressed and he called him as a 'Champion of Development.' Patton said that the Government of Nagaland has given beautiful staff quarter and a Community Centre, and that now it will be the duty of the employees to sincerely serve the Naga people who come to the national capital.

Minister for Housing and Mechanical, Tongpang Ozukum speaking on the occasion said due to CM, Neiphiu Rio's wisdom and far sightedness, the project was conceptualised 17 years back during his first tenure as Chief Minister of Nagaland.

The project took off in the year 2007 with seven components – including Staff Quarter Type I, II and IIA, Community Centre, Power Sub-station, Basement Parking, Staff Quarter Type 4, Staff Quarter Type 5 and Twin Tower, of which first four components were completed and the remaining three components are under construction. The Minister also acknowledged the DDA, Fire Department, Jal Board for being understanding and accommodative for all the necessary permission without much difficulties. Further, he thanked the Housing Department, officials, engineering wings, and Chief Resident Commissioner and all the officers and staff for their support and assistance.

The inaugural function was attended by various officials including Chief Resident Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Jyoti Kalash, IAS; Secretary, Housing, Kevekha Zehol; Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Housing), Er. Yanbemo Lotha and Deputy Resident Commissioner, Wennyei Konyak.

COFFEE BAR INAUGURATED AT LONGLENG

Inaugural programme of coffee bar, 'Coffee & Chill' with the theme 'Drink What You Grow' under the initiative of District Project Officer (DPO), Land Resources Department (LRD), Longleng, and in commemoration of 75th Anniversary of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), was held at Omega Lodge, Longleng on 7th September 2021

with ADC, Longleng, D. Robin as special guest.

D. Robin in his address appreciated the Department of Land Resources and congratulated DPO Longleng for his hard work. He encouraged the people to pay a visit in their leisure time and taste the coffee grown in the district. Robin further stated that all officers should work together for the benefit and

welfare of the public.

DPO, LRD Longleng, Kughalu Chishi asserted that, it is a unique occasion and a new venture in Longleng district. He stated that the Department's programme aims to encourage local farmers to grow coffee to export, promote local entrepreneurs and inculcate the habit of drinking

coffee in the State. Longleng now has an exceptional coffee equipment with the Department promoting coffee plantation, and has produced as much as 380 hectares of coffee till date. He assured that Longleng district will become one of the coffee populated district with more and better production in the near future.

URINAL SHED INAUGURATED AT MAIN TOWN KIPHIRE

Urinal shed was inaugurated at main town Kiphire on 8th September 2021 by District Public & Development Board, Chairman, T. Yangseo Sangtam, MLA.

During the programme DC said that the urinal shed is funded by NEC Aspirational District Programme. He also mentioned that works like, construction of two school buildings and power line in Pungro sub- division, guest house in Seyochung and road repairing are some of the ongoing works being carried out from the fund, adding that more programmes are on the way. He said that the urinal

shed is needed, especially for the shopkeepers, police personnel and general public. He further appealed to the public to maintain it properly as it is a public property.

MLA, Yangseo Sangtam encouraged the general public to have civic sense by keeping the urinal shed neat and clean. Government properties should be taken as a privilege and one should be responsible, he said. He further called upon the public to practice rain water harvesting during the rainy season. District Administration officials, Ward Chairman, GBs and NGOs attended the programme.

YELLOW CHAIN OFFICE INAUGURATED AT KIPHIRE

Educated Unemployment Block (EUB)-cum-Yellow Chain Office was inaugurated at Kiphire on 8th September 2021 by MLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam.

During the programme he encouraged all the educated youths to take up skill development as he said, in the present scenario many talented youths are



Educated Unemployment Block-cum-Yellow Chain Office was inaugurated by MLA, T. Yangseo Sangtam at Kiphire on 8th September 2021.

wasting their time waiting for government jobs. He suggested all the youths not to depend on the

Government but to move ahead by taking up various skills as many schemes can be availed from the

KEZOCHA PHC UPGRADED TO CHC

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom as the special guest inaugurating

the upgraded Community Health Centre (CHC) at Kezocha, Kohima on 9th September 2021 stated that

CHC is a whole-of-society approach to health and it ensures the highest possible level of health service and well-being by focusing on people's needs. He added that the State should not lack in health sector, therefore medical facilities and services is being prioritised at large by the Government.

Pangnyu highlighted that the health centre at Kezocha was established on 13th July 1979 and after a long gap of more than 30 years it has been upgraded to the status of CHC. Stating that some PHCs and CHCs across the State could not be inaugurated till date because of land issues and disputes, Pangnyu expressed happiness to the community for not having such issue and achieving the upgradation, and encouraged them to be a role model for the rest of the State.

Pangnyu stressed on the importance of vaccination and testing for COVID-19 and mentioned that the only solution to be safe is to get vaccinated. He also appreciated that the status of vaccination in the area is about 63% of the population and urged for more social participation for enhanced self-care and self-reliance in health issues.

Pangnyu assured that as per the CHC status, all the facilities for a CHC will be added in due course of time and asked the leaders of the community to take equal responsibilities and be a guardian and a model in taking care of the centre.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha acknowledging the Minister, H&FW and H&FW Department remarked that the upgradation to CHC was a long cherished dream and the need of the hour of the Kezo range villages and this accomplishment will be recognised as a major development and achievement of the range.

Neikha requested the H&FW Department to provide facilities, manpower and infrastructures provided in a standard CHC in rural areas and also urged the people to support the medical experts and staff in proper functioning of the health centre and further requested them to cooperate and coordinate to make the CHC a stable and sustainable centre.

Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical), Tongpang Ozukum in his note addressed the three categories in health services i.e the primary, secondary and the tertiary, and stated that CHC being in secondary category is a vital and basic category in health sector. He mentioned that millions of people worldwide are at the risk of falling into poverty due to spending more out-of-pocket budget in health issues therefore scaling up CHC across low and middle-income areas could save many million lives.

The Minister was concerned over the gap between the trust of public in availing the facilities of government health centres and also requested the H&FW Department to provide all the facilities, infrastructure and manpower to progress smoothly.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan emphasised the correlation between the importance of agricultural sector to health sector and stated that the ultimate development in organic farming leads to better health and generation of sustainable livelihood. He further added that the topography and the landscape of the area has a wide potential to develop and become a productive area as the region itself is blessed with rich natural and human resources, which in turn will build a robust economy in future and further encouraged them to take forward the vision of the area people.

Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Neikhrielie Khimiao congratulated the area people for achieving the upgraded CHC and termed it as an extra mile achievement in the midst of the pandemic. He urged the community to be committed and own equal responsibility of the CHC to strengthen, protect and utilise the facility judiciously.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie in his short speech stated that healthcare services is important and it is essential to have healthcare services in various sub division, sub-centres and village levels. He hoped that with the upgradation, the CHC will go a long way in serving the area people.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING PICKUP TRUCKS LAUNCHED AT LONGLENG

The Office of the Assistant Register of Cooperative Societies (ARCS), Longleng held the launching programme of the Cooperative Marketing Pickup Vans financed under Integrated

Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) 2020-2021, at DC's Office premises on 13th September 2021, with Deputy Commissioner and Chairman DLCC, ICDP Longleng, M. Shayung Phom as





Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom with beneficiaries of the pickup truck financed under Integrated Cooperative Development Project 2020-2021, at DC's Office premises, Longleng on 13th September 2021.

special guest.

The DC acknowledged the Department for providing financial assistance to the needy farmers living in rural areas for their economic upliftment. He also advised the beneficiary societies to make good use of the vehicle and to repay the loan on time and urged them to work unitedly for the progress and

expansion of the societies and set good example for other cooperative societies to follow in the days ahead.

The beneficiaries of the Pickup trucks were Yachem Village Integrated Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. and Mongtikang Village Integrated Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.

ADVISOR K.T. SUKHALU INAUGURATES NEWLY UPGRADED GHSS AT AKULUTO

Advisor, School Education, K.T. Sukhalu inaugurated the newly upgraded Government Higher Secondary School, Akuluto on 16th September 2021 in the presence of Advisor, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority and Civil Administrative Works Department, Kazheto Kinimi.

Advisor K.T. Sukhalu in his inaugural speech thanked the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for upgrading a total of eight Government High Schools to Government Higher Secondary School. He added that the Government's main aim is to give good and free education to all the students and so encouraged the parents to not hesitate in sending their children to government schools. He also requested the elders and various organizations to support the teachers in their good and bad times so that they will teach their children with full dedication and sincerity and also support the school education committee so that the school produce good results or else if the school does not show good results, the Department will have no option but to downgrade it to High School again.

The Advisor further stated that the present times or present generation is an education and

intellectual era and not force and might era, and requested the parents to not decide what their children will be in future, but rather if their foundation is good they can themselves find their ways and become a successful person. To the teaching faculty, Sukhalu requested them to be sincere and honest in teaching, saying that if the foundation of the students are weak or poor, they will not succeed in future.

Advisor, Kazheto Kinimi thanked the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and especially K.T. Sukhalu for making the dreams of the people of Akuluto and surrounding villages a reality. He also requested the people of his constituency to leave aside political differences and come together and support him so that they can work together and bring more development to their place.

Director, School Education, Wonhungo Tsoepoe, in his short speech, said that upgrading the school was done with a belief that Akuluto Higher Secondary School will definitely produce good results and good leaders and also to bring good education facilities to their doorstep, and so he requested the education committee and teachers to not let the Department's expectations down.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR INAUGURATES STPI FACILITY AT KOHIMA

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) facility was officially inaugurated by Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar in the presence of Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, New & Renewable Energy, Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon at Directorate of Information Technology & Communication on 17th September 2021.

Minister of State, Rajeev Chandrasekhar delivering his message said that electronic & information technology and skill development & entrepreneurship may be both very different but the underline common thing is that it both targets the youth, and the mission is to build a runway of opportunity of hope and prosperity for all the youths of India. He also said that the inauguration programme of STPI is fulfilling part of PM's vision of creating a technology ecosystem in the North-East and thereby creating opportunities for future generations of youngsters of this region.

Chandrasekhar said the main reason of his visit to the North Eastern Region is aimed at creating a real change in the technology ecosystem in the region and deepening the extent and quality of opportunities that comes from the ecosystem. He remarked that the main objective of NIELIT centres across the country is to take the delivery of skills, knowledge and expertise closer to the communities that will use them. He further opined that the training centres across the North-East states is already creating appetite for more learning among the youths and aligning the learning to the opportunities that exist outside. He said that in the next six to eight months the other strategy that will be visible in North East Region will be new ideas and new concepts that are more relevant in the post COVID-19 world.

Chandrasekhar called on the Ministry of Electronic & Information Technology to work closely with the State Government and State Administration in order to create job opportunities. He further encouraged the IT Department to create a rolling strategy to have monthly meetings with the Ministries. He suggested STPI Kohima that while core focus be on graphic design, but that should not exclude other ideas to incubate. He also urged the State Government to build a network using the STPI and

NIELIT with the other education institutions to create more job opportunities in Nagaland. In conclusion he said that post COVID -19 there is tectonic shift in demand of technology around the world and one of the sectors in India which has grown in double digit is the IT sector, which can create huge opportunities in delivering technology to the world.

Advisor, Mmhonlumo Kikon informed that the Government of Nagaland has silently invested a lot of energy and resources for the IT Department. He stated that the STPI is not just for giving grants and identifying entrepreneurs, but the Government of India will be handholding them through mentorship for achieving success of the programme that will be chosen.

Mmhonlumo declared that the Government of Nagaland envisions to create 5000 IT and ITeS related jobs in the next two years in active collaboration with the Union Ministry. He stated that due to the changed scenario because of COVID-19, STPI, IT Department will create an ecosystem where internet will be made accessible to every nook and corner of Nagaland.

Mmhonlumo also called on the IT related agencies in the State like NIELIT, NIC to collaborate and coordinate with the IT Department in the days to come. He further stressed on the need for NIELIT courses to be relevant to the uneducated unemployed youth.

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, IT&C and Power, Nagaland, K. D. Vizo stated that knowing the huge potential of STPI, Department of IT&C had given almost 40% of building infrastructure to STPI. He said that it is the right time to take Nagaland to the next higher level and make it the land of e-Governance, through extensive use of e-Governance and ICT based technologies. Vizo also added that the main aim of the Department is to make the State a major software exporter in South East Asian Region and make the State one of the richest states in the country by actively engaging unemployed youth in meaningful IT and e-Governance related activities.

Minister of State, Rajeev Chandrasekhar also virtually inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, Chuchuyimlang, Permanent Campus during the programme and interacted live with the students.



**UNION MINISTER OF STATE RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR INAUGURATES
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT KOHIMA**

Union Minister of State, Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Rajeev Chandrasekhar after inaugurating the Entrepreneurship Development Centre at Industrial Training Institute, Kohima on 17th September 2021.

Union Minister of State, Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Rajeev Chandrasekhar on his visit to Industrial Training Institute, Kohima on 17th September 2021 inaugurated the Entrepreneurship Development Centre.

In his address the Union Minister, Rajeev said that his visit to Nagaland was to meet the students, the faculties and the people who run the institutions that are changing lives. He added that the mission given to him by the Prime Minister of India was to take the responsibility to see and give the best, so that young IT students have a bright future, and that the goal is to see that North East India is developed and the youths of the North East is given the opportunities to be skilled and trained to avail job opportunities.

Chandrasekhar also said that in this post COVID-19 world, India is going to play a much bigger role in terms of manufacturing, Information Technology and electronic, and the things required for this role are more youngsters who are skilled, trained, motivated and getting into these jobs as professionals or entrepreneurs. As a result to prepare them for these roles, he said the ITI network is doing its best in preparing the youngsters for a career. Describing Nagas as skilled and hardworking, he encouraged the State to take up investment in the State and he assured that the ministry will stand shoulder to shoulder with the State and be true partners in proposals for the future of the youngsters and the State Government.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, Imnatiba in his speech described the Union Minister of State, Rajeev Chandrasekhar as a successful entrepreneur and mentioned how he was ranked by the India Today Magazine as the 41st most successful person in India in 2017. He added that to have a person of his calibre really gives hope to the young Naga entrepreneurs. Imnatiba also highlighted the present situation, like the Indo-Naga political problem and also cited the present condition of industries in Nagaland, like the Tuli Paper Mill and the Sugar Mill which has come to a standstill. He mentioned that the export promotion centre which was set up with world class facilities has also failed to attract investors which has led to overburden the Government with unemployment problem. He therefore requested the Union Minister of State to take personal intervention by his department to deal with the problems faced by the Nagas.

During the programme, the Union Minister, Rajeev Chandrasekhar also presented certificate and trophy to Sentibendang Jamir who secured the first rank in the All India Trade Test for Craftsmen Training Scheme, 2020.

Others who spoke on the occasion also included Director, IIE, Guwahati, Dr. Abhijit Sharma and Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Chiden Yaden. The programme was chaired by Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, R.Asenla Keitzar, IAS.

PEREN TOWN GETS 'COFFEE HILL TOP'



Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mhathung Tsanglao along with others during the inauguration of Coffee Hill Top for entrepreneurs at Peren town on 17th September 2021.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mhathung Tsanglao inaugurated Coffee Hill Top for entrepreneurs under the initiative of Land Resources Department (LRD), Government of Nagaland at Peren town on 17th September 2021.

Mhathung Tsanglao expressed gratitude to the Land Resources Department for the initiative, training and placement of local entrepreneurship in coffee plantation and products.

DPO Peren, LRD, Alemla Aier gave a brief note on coffee programme launched in Nagaland in 1980s, where coffee plantation was started with encouragement from the Coffee Board of India with

Nagaland Plantation Crops Development Corporation (NPCDC). In 2016 the Department of Land Resources was appointed as nodal agency for plantation and promotion of coffee with the State having a favourable climate for growing coffee. Alemla informed that the Department has signed MoU for 30 years with Noble Cause Coffee Company, Cape Town, South Africa, and added that the Department has a vision to develop 50,000 hectares of coffee plantation by 2030.

The inaugural programme was attended by government officials including Additional Superintendent of Police, Peren and different NGOs.

LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF C GOPAL REDDY AND COMPANY 2 LANE ROAD PROJECT PEREN-DIMAPUR NH-129A (PKG-2)

Launching programme of C Gopal Reddy and Company 2 Lane Road project, Peren-Dimapur NH-129A in collaboration with M/S Hi-Tech Construction & Co., under NHIDCL (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways) Peren, Nagaland was held at Base Camp, Old Jalukie on 20th September 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in his speech said it is a privilege and source of blessing for the Nagas, particularly for the Zeliang people under Peren district for getting 2-Lane Road (Pkg-2) from the company, which will be a big boost for development to the entire district of Peren. DC in his address also encouraged the company to work with

dedication and requested them to maintain the quality of road and work. Further, the DC also called upon the civil societies and stakeholders to continue their cooperation and support even in the days to come with the same spirit.

Others who spoke in the programme were Zeliangrong Baudi President, C. R. Zeliang, Zeme Council President, Dr. Tumda Newme and Village Council Chairman, Old Jalukie. The programme was chaired by EAC Jalukie, Wangan Phom, while welcome speech was delivered by Managing Director, CGR & Company, and invocation of God's blessing was done by Rev. Hevziebe, Jalukie 'B' Baptist Church.

**DIGITAL INTERVENTION ON HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT SECTOR LAUNCHED AT NIELIT KOHIMA**

Digital intervention on handloom and handicraft sector for livelihood enhancement of artisans of NE states was launched by Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Imnatiba at NIELIT Auditorium, Kohima on 24th September 2021.

Addressing the launching programme, Imnatiba said that importance of digital is much needed at this time of pandemic which has become a part and parcel in the society. Imnatiba said that digital intervention on handlooms and handicrafts sectors for livelihood will enhance many artisans life in the State. He also stated that Government of Nagaland is giving much importance to handloom and handicraft artisans so that our rich culture would be promoted. While encouraging the Department of Industries & Commerce and NIELIT for implementing the project, he expressed his hope that through their cooperation and support many opportunities would be opened up for the artisans and entrepreneurs to build up their innovative and traditional skills.

Director of NIELIT, L. Lanuwabang while highlighting the projects said that Nagaland is the first state to take up such initiative in the North East with an aim to develop appropriate technologies that produce value added products with quality upgradation, quality control and technological upgradation, and also to strengthen packaging and delivery of products so that it will increase shelf life

and provide access to markets. The prospects of artisans and entrepreneurs will also be enhanced and help develop marketing and distribution channels and linkages to create an overall conducive environment for entrepreneurial growth.

Lanuwabang informed that a total of 5920 tribal youths and women practicing either handlooms or handicrafts from Nagaland will be trained through this project facilities. He also said that the project will be promoting the products globally by Dynamic Web Portal, an e-commerce facility for worldwide marketability.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kekhrievor Kevichusa said that NIELIT Kohima has been supporting the Department of Industries & Commerce as a start-up incubator and in various requirements of IT fields. He also said that through this project it will be able to highlight and promote not only to the Department but also to the artists and artisans in Nagaland to enhance their skills.

During the programme Advisor, Imnatiba also launched MIS portal and released the Digital Literacy Book. The programme was organized by NIELIT in collaboration with the Department of Industries & Commerce. The project is implemented by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Kohima and sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.

UNION MINISTER INAUGURATES SOIL TESTING LAB

Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, G. Kishan Reddy inaugurating the State Soil Testing Laboratory at Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima on 24th September 2021 stated that the Government of India has been at the forefront for ensuring that soil quality is effectively managed to make agriculture more productive and sustainable. Soil management is one of the most important interventions under the national mission for sustainable agriculture therefore, establishment of a soil testing lab will help and boost the rural farmers and agri sector by enabling systematic correction of the soil samples and analysis by generating timely test results.

Reddy stated that, with the breathtaking landscapes, peaks, rivers and valleys, the North Eastern states have wealthy tourist destinations. NE states are the land of opportunity, the land of investment, employment generation, tourism and medicinal plants, etc. and Nagaland being the home of Naga king chilli, kiwi, cardamom, pineapple, bamboo shoot, etc., achieving to export the products to UK for the first time this year, has boosted the farmers to market the products not only in other states but export it to other countries as well, he said.

Reddy said that he is from a rural background and understands that technological intervention in agri and horti product yields a major difference in quality and quantity. He also expressed contentment over the



quality of the lab equipments, with instruments to analyse both micro and macro nutrients.

Reddy concluded that the Prime Minister is regularly discussing on the importance of NE states and with this special focus, the Government of India has allocated Rs. 6000 crore to the NE states on farmer scheme this year.

Director, Soil & Water Conservation, K. Zhekheto Awomi while giving the technical report of the project 'Establishment of State Soil Testing Laboratory Building & Equipment at Kohima, Nagaland' said that the project was funded by North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DoNER, Government of India and the date of approval was on 29th June 2017 and the actual commencement of project was undertaken on 29th March 2018. He added that the cost of the project was Rs. 371.70 lakh with NEC share (90%), Rs. 334.53 lakh and the State share (10%), Rs. 37.17 lakh.

The Director also said that the aim and objective of the project is to assess the nutrient and fertilizer status and requirement of the soil, to

create awareness about the importance of maintaining soil health for sustainable production of agricultural commodities, to issue soil health card as per requirement after appropriate testing and analysis of soil sample and Soil Health Management through creating awareness on balanced use of fertilizers.

The Director said that the soil samples are collected from the fields from all the respective districts and that the laboratory can test more than 1 (one) lakh samples per year for 13 (thirteen) parameters such as primary and secondary macronutrients, micronutrients and other soil parameters.

Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue, Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu while congratulating the Soil Department for achieving to establish the Soil Testing Laboratory, he said the Department requires infrastructures in all the districts of the State so as to reach out to all the blocks and added that though the soil of the State is fertile, soil testing have become very important for agriculture in the State to check its acidity.

DoNER MINISTER UNVEILS COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR ROAD



Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region, G. Kishan Reddy with Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland, Y. Patton and others after unveiling the commemorative plaque for road project at Sovima, Dimapur on 25th September 2021.

Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), G. Kishan Reddy unveiled the commemorative plaque of road from NH -29, Sovima Village Gate to Thahekhu village, Dimapur on 25th September 2021.

Addressing a public gathering at the Nagaland State Cricket Stadium, Sovima, Dimapur, Reddy observed that the particular road is very important for Dimapur city, as the bypass road would ease traffic congestion in Dimapur's main road, besides improving social and trade relations between different areas.

Talking about the ongoing road construction between Kohima to Dimapur, Reddy felt that the road activity ought to speed up and requested the officials for completing the road at the earliest, while assuring that the Government of India, NH is ready to give money, and added that it would be the game changer for Nagaland.

Reddy stating that traditions, language, areas and states might differ but asserted that we are one people, one nation, one country and we are all sons of Bharat, and added that the Government under the leadership of Narendra

Modi, wants to increase all infrastructure activities in the NER. In this regard, he urged the people to discuss with the existing government, and to support development of the region. He assured that the Government would implement all Gol schemes with commitment.

Deputy Chief Minister and also Minister, Home and Roads & Bridges, Nagaland, Y. Patton mentioned that roads are the only means of transportation and communication within the State, Nagaland being landlocked the socio-

economic activities of the State entirely depends on road infrastructure. He impressed upon the DoNER Minister that the State would require more assistance from the Ministry of DoNER for construction and improvement of road infrastructure for promoting tourism, trade, industry and all round development. He therefore requested the Union Minister that funding under NESIDS be extended till the roads are fully developed and road conditions of the State are at par with that of other states in the country.

UNION MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR TRAINING-CUM-EXAM CENTRE AT MEDZIPHEMA

Union Minister, Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India, G. Kishan Reddy unveiled the plaque and laid the foundation stone for In-Service Teachers Training-cum-Examination Centre with residential facilities at Pherima, Medziphema on 25th September 2021.

While addressing the foundation programme, G. Kishan Reddy said it is one of the important events of education department in the state level to have this training centre for teachers with residential facilities. He was glad that there is focus for ensuring teachers for crash programme and upgrade teacher's skills with all kinds of infrastructure. This training centre will focus in training teachers so that various modes of learning can be imparted in all schools which is very important during this time of pandemic. The residential facilities will also benefit both student and teacher, he said.

Reddy also mentioned on Narendra Modi's New Education Policy which includes the inputs for education policy for every state in India, which gives priority and protects local culture, festivals, songs in education. He requested Nagaland to pledge for 100% literacy, as Nagaland

is one of the opportunity state which is rich in natural resources and can also create employment and fulfill the dream of Naga people.

The Minister also urged the village to give importance to education as without it no state or country will develop. He further called upon the District Administration to fully utilise the flagship programme for each individual and Self Help Groups. He promised to work for the North East people, cooperate in all the developmental activities and develop the North East region.

Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu in his short speech briefed on the concept of the training centre, the changes in the School Education Department and the need for upgrading teaching in the State.

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio thanked the Centre for sanctioning the programme and building the centre of excellence. He also submitted a representation by the village for approach road.

Minister, Planning & Co-ordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu also in his short speech thanked the Union Minister for his concern for Naga people by accepting the proposal for building the training centre.

DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

The long cherished dream to have a separate Judiciary District Court became a reality for the people of Wokha district as the Department of Justice & Law, Government of Nagaland inaugurated the District Court Complex at Wokha on 28th September 2021.

The District Court was inaugurated by the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court (High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh), Justice Sudanshu Dhulia. While congratulating the district for having a new District

Court, he stated that it is good to have good infrastructure but dispensation of justice is not merely having a good infrastructure, but dispensation of justice should be in the mind and heart of a judge and of a lawyer, because they are the wheels of the same vehicle and added that ultimate aim should be to bring peace to disputes.

Principal Secretary, Department of Justice & Law, R. Ramakrishnan, IAS said Mokokchung and Tuensang District Court Complex which is on the verge



Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia along with other dignitaries and officials during the inauguration of District Court Complex at Wokha on 28th September 2021.

of completion, will be inaugurated very shortly, and construction of Noklak and Mon District Court Complex will be taken up in the next financial year. Ramakrishnan also urged the District Administration as well as the people of the district to give support to the judiciary so that they will have a vibrant District Court in Wokha.

Executive Engineer, Civil Administrative Works Department, Nagaland while giving the technical report said the building which

commenced in the year 2012 was constructed at a cost of Rs. 662.50 lakh with a total plinth area of 27,984 sq. ft.

Short speeches were also delivered by Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice S. Hukato Swu, Justice Songkhupchung Serto and President, BAR Association, Wokha, Oren Humtsoe. Secretary Judicial, Law & Justice Department, Nino Iralu proposed the vote of thanks.

CHILD FRIENDLY COURT INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

In a first of its kind for the State of Nagaland, a child friendly court named as Children Zone in the District Court Complex, Wokha was inaugurated by Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, Chief Justice of the Guahati High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh and Patron-in-Chief Nagaland, SLSA at Wokha on 28th September 2021.

Initiated by the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), the Children Zone is an extension of free legal services scheme for children under National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), with the aim to set up child friendly court room for children. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act mandates that child-friendly environment be set up to make the criminal justice system less traumatic for the child survivor and their family.

According to statistics, the case of girl child abuse in the State in 2019 was 0.72 % and in 2020 the cases has risen to 4.93% in Nagaland. The establishment of Child Friendly Zone in all the districts in Nagaland remains vital in safeguarding the interest and wellbeing of children in every stage of judicial process, incorporating child friendly procedures.

Children are produced at the court multiple times for recording statements at the call of the magistrate on a case, they have to sit in the courtroom

in the presence of the police, lawyers, and accused people in most of the cases, including POCSO cases.

Court trials and sessions are daunting and stressful, not only for the accused but the staff and their families too. Even for adults, court dates would put a lot of strain, especially if the victim or the accused has an infant which has to be taken care of. In such cases children can be taken care of, in the Child Friendly Zone which would have crèche facility not only for the victims or the children of accused but also the children of the staff of the office.

The Children Zone is aimed to resolve cases related to crime against children in a friendly environment with state-of-the-art provision facilities as per the guidelines provided in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, where the child can feel at ease to reveal the ordeal without any hesitation. The child friendly zone will provide a child a safe and stress free environment for the court to record statements and to improve the efficiency of the welfare services for a girl child and speedy disposal of child sexual abuse cases.

A child victim along with their family/support person, can access the court through an entrance so that they are not compelled to see the accused persons, the police, etc. while they enter the court, and to maintain their privacy.



VARIANTS OF COVID-19 AND IMPORTANCE OF VACCINE

(A DIPR feature)

Why is COVID-19 still around?

- * The virus that causes COVID-19 continues to mutate, and so new variants emerge.
- * A major worry right now is Delta, a highly contagious virus strain, which was first identified in India in December 2020.
- * It has been called a variant of concern by the World Health Organization (WHO) because of its high transmissibility.
- * In Nagaland, 99% of the result of samples sent for genome sequencing are found to be of the Delta Variant of concern. (Source: IDSP, DoHFW)
- * In Nagaland, 78% of positive cases in the second wave are among the unvaccinated and 14 % of positive cases had received a single dose. (Source: Weekly Bulletin, IDSP, DoHFW)

Are there more variants to COVID-19?

All viruses, including the virus that causes COVID-19, change over time. Some of these changes may affect the virus's properties, such as how easily it spreads, the associated disease severity, or the performance of vaccines, therapeutic medicines, diagnostic tools, or other public health and social measures. World Health Organisation (WHO) has classified each emerging variant as either a Variant of Concern (VOC) or a Variant of Interest (VOI). The Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta variants fall under Variants of Concern. While, the Eta, Iota, Kappa and Lambda fall under Variants of Interest.

What is a Variant of Concern? (Source: WHO)

For Variant of Concern, clear evidence is available indicating a significant impact and rise on transmissibility, an increase in fatality and significant decrease in effectiveness of vaccines, therapy and other measures. Possible attributes of a variant of concern:

- Evidence of impact on diagnostics, treatments, or vaccines
- Possibility of interference with test results.
- Evidence of substantial decreased effectiveness to treatments.
- Possibility of getting reinfected.

- Evidence of reduced vaccine-induced protection from severe disease.
- Evidence of increased transmission.
- Evidence of increased disease severity and mortality.

What is a Variant of Interest?

For these variants, evidence is available that could imply a significant impact on transmissibility, severity and/or immunity, realistically having an impact on the epidemiological situation. However, the evidence is still preliminary or is associated with major uncertainty.

Evidence from multiple countries with extensive transmission of VOCs has indicated that public health and social measures (PHSM), including infection prevention and control (IPC) measures, have been effective in reducing COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Is the Delta variant more contagious?

Yes. The Delta variant is highly contagious, about twice as contagious as previous variants. However, the same precautions, such as avoiding crowded spaces, keeping your distance from others and mask wearing, still work against the Delta variant.

Are the COVID-19 vaccines effective against the Delta variant?

Yes. The WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing severe illness and death, including against the Delta variant. When it's your turn make sure to get vaccinated. If your vaccination involves two doses, it is important to receive both in order to have the maximum protection. The vaccines protect most people from getting sick, but no vaccine is 100 per cent effective.

Will I be fully safe from COVID-19 after vaccination?

Not everybody who receives vaccines has 100 percent protection. You might still get COVID-19 after being vaccinated. This is called as breakthrough infection. This does not mean that the vaccines are not working or that, something is wrong





with the vaccines. But the vaccine will give you a really good chance of not developing the disease.

The degree of severity of disease among people who have a breakthrough infection is less severe than the severity of disease among people who are not vaccinated. If you have been fully vaccinated but are showing symptoms of COVID-19, you should contact your doctor about whether you should get tested.

What to expect after vaccination? What are expected immediate and delayed side effects of this vaccine?

Covishield: Some mild symptoms may occur like injection site tenderness, injection site pain, headache, fatigue, myalgia, malaise, pyrexia, chills and arthralgia, nausea. Very rare events of demyelinating disorders have been reported following vaccination with this vaccine but without the causal relationship establishment.

Sputnik V: Short term general chills, fever, arthralgia, myalgia, asthenia, general discomfort, headache.

- Local: injection site tenderness, hyperaemia, swelling
- Less common: nausea, dyspepsia, loss of appetite
- Occasionally: enlarged regional lymph nodes

Is the vaccine safe? How was the vaccine developed in such a short time?

Developing a vaccine generally involves years of research. First, we need a vaccine candidate

that is evaluated in animals for its safety and efficacy. After a vaccine candidate passes a pre-clinical trial, it enters the clinical trial phase. While scientists have worked round the clock in the laboratory, even regulatory approvals which used to take several months have been fast-tracked. It helped eliminate all the time lapses between the preclinical and clinical trial stages. Earlier, the vaccine development involved a series of steps, but in the case of the coronavirus vaccine, the scientists and regulators worked in tandem, accelerating the whole process without compromises on any protocols and any step.

How long I will remain protected after vaccination?

Longevity of the immune response in vaccinated individuals is yet to be determined. Hence, continuing the use of masks, hand washing, physical distancing and other COVID-19 appropriate behaviours is strongly recommended.

Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19. The main aim of vaccination is to break the chain between positivity and hospitalization or death. Vaccinated people still must wear a mask, follow hand hygiene and avoid crowded places.

* Avail all recommended doses of COVID-19 Vaccine to get the optimum level of protection. Always follow the precautionary measures of Wear a Mask, Washing Hands Frequently, Maintaining Social Distance and do not go out of the house un-necessarily.

(Source: Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland)

THE ILL EFFECTS OF ONLINE GAMING ADDICTION/ ABUSE AMONG THE STUDENTS

In pursuance of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India letter D.O. 1-56/2021-DIGED dated 9th September 2021, the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the Heads of Registered Institutions under NBSE to be aware of the ill effects of online gaming addiction/ abuse among the students.

Online games can be found almost anywhere on any gaming platforms such as PCs, consoles and mobile devices. Online gaming can be accessed with the use of a phone or a tablet which is

a common factor in online game addiction because children can easily play games anywhere anytime affecting their time for their school and social life. Moreover, the closure of schools due to the pandemic has increased use of mobile and internet by children.

Playing online games leads to a serious gaming addiction which has been considered as a gaming disorder. Playing online games without restrictions and self-limit leads to addiction and are eventually diagnosed with gaming disorder.

Therefore, Heads of Institutions are requested to share the concerns and sensitize the



parents and teachers about the harmful effects of online gaming.

For any untoward incidence, report can be made to National Helpline-<https://cybercrime.gov.in/Webform/Helpline.aspx>

Advisory To Parents And Teachers On Children's Safe Online Gaming

Don'ts:

- * Do not allow in-game purchase without parental consent. To avoid in-app purchases, OTP based payment methods may be adopted as per RBI's guidelines.
- * Avoid credit/debit cards registration on apps for subscription. Place an upper limit or expenditure per transaction.
- * Do not let children buy directly from the laptop or mobile they use for gaming.
- * Advise children not to download software and games from unknown websites.
- * Tell them to be beware of clicking links, images and pop-ups in the websites as they may contain a virus and harm computer and may contain age inappropriate content.
- * Advise them not to give personal information over the internet while downloading games.
- * They should never share personal information with people in games and on gaming profile.
- * Advise them not to communicate with strangers including adults, through web cam, private message or online chat as it increases the risk of contact from online abusers or bullying from other players.
- * Advise them against engaging in game for long hours without taking a break considering health aspects and addiction.

Do's:

- * While playing online games, if something wrong happens, stop immediately and take a screenshot (using the 'print screen' button on the keyboard) and report it.
- * Help your child to protect their privacy online, get them to use a screen name (avatar) that does not reveal the real name.
- * Use antivirus/spyware programmes and configure web browsers securely using firewall.
- * Activate parental controls and safety features on the device or in the app or browser as it helps restrict access to certain content and limit

spending on in-game purchases.

- * Notify if a stranger tries to start a conversation about something inappropriate or requests personal information.
- * Check the age rating of any games your child is playing.
- * In case of bullying, encourage your child not to respond and keep a record of the harassing messages and report the behaviour to the game site administrator/block, mute or 'unfriend' that person from their players list, or turn off the in-game chat function.
- * Play alongside your child to get a better sense of how they are handling their personal information and who they are communicating with.
- * Help your child understand that some features in online games are used to encourage more play and spending. Talk to them about gambling, what it is and its consequences both online and in the physical world.
- * Always ensure that your child accesses internet from a computer placed in the family space.

Keep your eyes open for:

- * Unusually secretive behavior, mostly related to their online activity:
 - A sudden increase in the time they spend online, especially social media.
 - They seem to change screen on their device when approached.
 - They become withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages.
 - Their device suddenly has many new phone numbers and email contacts.
- * Install internet gateway at home which has features like monitoring, logging and controlling the types of content that the children can access.
- * Teachers need to keep an eye on falling grades and social behaviour of the students.
- * If teachers observe something that may seem suspicious or alarming, they should inform the school authorities immediately.
- * Teachers should ensure that children are sensitized about the pros and cons of the internet from time to time.
- * Teachers should train students for secure configuration of web browsers & web applications.

(Source: Nagaland Board of School Education)





Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire addressing the gathering during the launch of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Kohima Street Carnival at Old NST Parking, Kohima on 29th September 2021. Music artists performing during the Street Piano Festival held at Old NST Parking, Kohima on 29th September 2021.



Officials, Anganwadi workers and participants during a programme organized by ICDS Project as part of Poshan Maah celebration at Phek on 14th September 2021.



Principals of Government Colleges with officials during the Government Colleges Principals Conference-cum-Training held under the theme 'Envision, Inspire, Excel,' at the Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima on 23rd and 24th September 2021.



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