



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer along with State Legislators, Administrative Heads of Departments, Heads of Departments and officials reiterating the Preamble to commemorate the day of adoption of the Constitution of India during the 9th Session of the 13th NLA at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 26th November 2021.

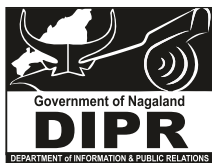
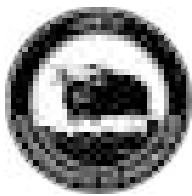




Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with the Speaker, Nagaland, Ministers, Advisors and other dignitaries during the unveiling of the first ever four-lane RCC arch bridge in Nagaland at Sanuorü river, Secretariat Road, Kohima on 29th November 2021.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationary, H. Haiying, Advisor, Department of Under Developed Areas, N. Bongkhao Konyak and MLA, S. Keoshu Yimchunger along with other officials during the inauguration of District Jail, Longleng on 18th November 2021.



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LOGISTICS SECTOR SKILL COUNCIL ASSIGNED THE TASK OF CAPACITY BUILDING OF DRIVERS

The Department of Transport has notified that the Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC) has been assigned the task of capacity building of 2,800 drivers for Liquefied Medical Oxygen (LMO) tankers to streamline Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) distribution in the event of third wave of COVID-19.

Therefore, direction has been given to all concerned authorities to recognize the certificate issued by Logistics Sector Skill Council in respect of carriage of hazardous material and LMO carriage and transportation for endorsement in the driving license to drive a goods carriage vehicle carrying goods of dangerous or hazardous nature to human life under Rule 9 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

The State Transport Department has notified that:

1. BS III and IV emission standards shall not apply to motor vehicles used for government purposes relating to the defence of the country.
2. Such vehicles may get registered as under:-
 - a. Ownership type:- Central/State Government Police, Law Enforcement and Central Government Organization.
 - b. Vehicle type:- Additional type to be created i.e. Armoured vehicle and Other Specialized Vehicles.
 - c. Registration process to be followed:

Sl. No.	Vehicle type	Registration procedure
1.	Armoured Vehicle	On receipt of application along with the letter of an officer, not below the rank of DIG of the applicant organization, specifying the vehicle type, use of vehicle, type approval certificate, the RTO/DTO concerned shall enter the details of the vehicle on the portal under the above mentioned ownership type and vehicle type. NIC shall provide the facility in VAHAN portal to select the emission type manually - BS III or BS IV - for such vehicles.
2.	Other specialized vehicles	

3. Officer not below the rank of DIG or equivalent shall also send a copy of request of registration of such vehicles to the Provisioning Cell, MHA and Joint Secretary, MVL, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

INTRODUCTION OF BH (BHARAT) SERIES OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERIES

The Department of Transport has notified on the introduction of BH (Bharat) series of vehicle registration series with the following details:

1. The 'BH' vehicle registration series can be availed voluntarily for vehicles owned by the defence personnel and employees of the State and Central Government and also by private sector companies and organisations that have their offices in four or more States/Union Territories.

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2. Provided that, in case of application for registration of vehicle under BH series, opted voluntarily by the vehicle owner, the following documents shall be produced:
 - i. Working certificate in Form 60, in case of the applicant working in private sector.
 - ii. Official Identity Card and, in case of the applicant working in government office.
3. The registration mark shall be generated randomly through the portal after verification of working certificate in Form 60 or Official Identity Card, as the case may be, by the registering authority.
4. The registration mark for BH series vehicle generated randomly through the portal shall be in black on white background and shall be exhibited in the following manner, namely:

XX	XX	####XX
Last two digits of the year of registration	Bharat Series Code (2) letters as "BH"	4 numerals 0001 to 9999 followed by letters(s) A,B,C.... and then AA,AB,.....AZ, BA,BB....to ZZ excluding 'I' & 'O'

5. In terms of Rule 51B of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 the principle for Motor Vehicle Tax shall be in the following manner:-
 - i. In case of fully built non-transport vehicles, the Motor Vehicle Tax shall be calculated electronically through the portal on the basis of invoice price excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST).
 - ii. The Motor Vehicle Tax levied by the States or Union Territories at the time of registration in respect of BH series non-transport vehicle shall be the following, namely:-

	Invoice price	Motor Vehicle Tax (% of invoice price)	Remarks
1	Below Rs.10 lakh	8%	2% extra charge shall be levied for diesel vehicles. Electric vehicles shall be charged 2 % less tax
2	Rs. 10-20 lakh	10%	
3	Above Rs. 20 lakh	12%	

- iii. In case, where the vehicle bears BH series registration mark, the Motor Vehicle Tax shall be levied electronically through the portal for two years, or in multiples of two, as the case may be, in the following manner, namely:-

Motor Vehicle Tax for two years for the vehicle under BH series registration	=	Motor Vehicle Tax as per Invoice price * 1.25* 2 15 (Rounded to next integer)
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Note: After seven days from the due date of payment of Motor Vehicle Tax, an additional fee of one hundred rupees per day shall be levied in case of delay in payment of road tax.

Provided that on and after fourteenth year from the date of first registration, the Motor Vehicle Tax (rounded to the next integer) shall be levied annually which will be half of the tax.

6. In the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 in Rule 54 (Assignment of new registration mark), after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-
"(3) This rule, shall not apply to a vehicle having BH-Series registration mark.

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Provided that the owner of the vehicle bearing BH Series registration mark shall intimate the registering authority of his place of residence in Form 33, within thirty days, electronically through the portal, in case the vehicle is being kept in the State other than where the vehicle was earlier registered."

7. In the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, after Form 59A, Form 60 for Working Certificate shall be inserted.

HOME DEPARTMENT INFORMS PUBLIC ON BANNED FIRECRACKERS

Home Department, Government of Nagaland has issued Supreme Court Order W.P(c) No. 728/2015 on direction of ban on firecrackers in India issue order dated 29th October 2021.

The Court Order dated 11th October 2016 directed the Central Government to:

1. Suspend all such licenses as permit sale of fireworks, wholesale and retail, within the territory of NCR;
2. The suspension shall remain in force till further orders of this Court; and
3. No such licenses shall be granted or renewed till further orders.

While issuing the aforesaid interim directions, the Court took into consideration the harmful effects of fireworks on the ambient air and the lungs, eyes and ears of the people. This Court also took note of the fact that extreme nuisance, noise the fireworks cause to citizens particularly the ailing and the aged.

The crackers with reduced emission (improved crackers) and green crackers would be permitted to be manufactured and sold. The manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) are banned as the same cause huge air, noise and solid waste problems.

The sale shall only be through licensed traders and it shall be ensured that these licensed traders are selling those firecrackers which are permitted by this Order.

No e-commerce websites including Flipkart, Amazon, etc. shall accept any online orders and effect online sales. Any such e-commerce companies found selling crackers online will be hauled up for Contempt of Court and the Court may also pass, in that eventuality, orders of monetary penalties as well. Barium salts in the fireworks is also hereby banned.

PESO will ensure fireworks with permitted chemicals only to be purchased/possessed/sold/used during Diwali and all other religious festivals, of any religion whatsoever, and other occasions like marriages, etc. It shall test and check for the presence of banned chemicals like lithium/arsenic/antimony/lead/mercury. PESO will ensure suspension of the licenses of manufacturers of such fireworks items and appropriate disposal of such stock.

The Court further orders that everybody including the implementing agencies are bound to see that the directions issued by the Courts are implemented and followed in its true spirit and in toto.

The Court issued directions from time to time in the larger public interest and having found that such use of banned fireworks affects the health of the other innocent citizens including the senior citizens and the children, it is the duty of all the States/State Agencies to see that the directions issued by this Court in the earlier orders reproduced hereinabove are strictly complied with. No authority can be permitted the violation of the directions issued by this Court and permit banned firecrackers under the guise of celebration. Only those firecrackers are banned, as directed hereinabove, which are found to be injurious to health and affecting the health of the citizens, more particularly the senior citizens and the children.

The Court further directs all the States/Union Territories to see that the directions issued earlier by this Court are strictly complied with in its true spirit and in toto. Any lapse on the part of the State Governments/State Agencies and Union Territories shall be viewed very seriously and if it is found that any

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banned firecrackers are manufactured, sold and used in any particular area, the Chief Secretary of the concerned state(s), the Secretary (Homes) of the concerned state(s) and the Commissioner of Police of the concerned area, District Superintendent of Police of the concerned area and the SHO/Police Officer in-charge of the concerned police station shall be held personally liable.

All States/Union Territories have been directed to give due publicity through electronic media/print media/local cable services to make the people aware and know the directions issued by this Court issued hereinabove with respect to manufacture, use and sale of banned firecrackers.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT INFORMS ON GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

Transport Commissioner, Nagaland, Elias T. Lotha stated that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has laid down the guidelines for "Scheme for Grant of Award to the Good Samaritan who has saved life of a victim of a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing to Hospital/Trauma Care Centre within the golden hour of the accident to provide medical treatment." He said that the scheme came into effect on the 15th of October 2021, and shall remain operational till the completion of the 15th Financial Cycle, i.e. 31st March 2026, with the objective to help the road accident victims in emergency situation, inspire and motivate others to save innocent lives.

The amount of award for each Good Samaritan would be Rs. 5000/- per incident. Also, there will be 10 National Level Awards for the most worthy Good Samaritans who will be selected from all those who have been awarded during the year with a cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- each.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON REDUCTION OF VAT ON FUEL

The State Finance Department has notified that, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section 3 of Section 3A of the Nagaland (Sale of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1967 (as amended), the overall incidence of Value Added Tax (VAT) on "Diesel" and "Petrol and Other Motor Spirit" sold within the State of Nagaland has been reduced by Rs. 7 per litre with reference to the prices prevailing on the 3rd of November 2021.

The notification shall come into force with effect from 4th November 2021.

LABOUR COMMISSIONER INFORMS ON e-SHRAM PORTAL

For the first time in the history of India, a single window portal known as e-SHRAM has been created by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, to register all the unorganised workers in the country to create a national database of unorganised workers in cognizance of the problems and miseries faced by the estimated 38 crore unorganised workers in the country during the nationwide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

e-SHRAM will help in delivering and improving the implementation efficiency of various social security and welfare schemes relating to unorganized workers being administered by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, while also seeking to integrate them and subsequently those run by other ministries as well. In emergency and national pandemic like situations, this database may be utilized to provide necessary assistance to the eligible unorganized workers.

Every registered individual worker under e-SHRAM will be assigned a unique permanent 12 digit Universal Account Number valid across the country to avail any social security or welfare scheme and be

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covered with accidental insurance upto Rs. 2 lakh under PMSBY for the first year, thereafter, it can be continued with the consent of the beneficiary by paying a premium of Rs. 12 per year.

Registration on the portal can be done by self through www.eshram.gov.in or by visiting the nearest CSC centre. Workers like migrant workers, agricultural workers, MGNREGA workers, ASHA workers, home based workers, anganwadi workers, street vendors, domestic workers, rickshaw pullers, taxi drivers, daily wage earners and other workers engaged in similar other occupations in the unorganised sector aged between 16-59 years having Aadhaar and bank account can get registered for free in the portal.

In order to monitor and fast-track the implementation of the e-SHRAM project in the State, the Government has constituted committees namely, the State Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary and District Implementing Committee headed by the respective Deputy Commissioners.

As per the National Statistics Office (NSO) survey report, Nagaland has an estimated 6.3 lakh unorganised workers, hence it is requested that all eligible unorganised workers should get registered on the portal so that no worker is denied of the targeted welfare schemes.

For any assistance or queries, workers can contact the Labour Department or the District Implementation Committee.

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 9 and sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (4 of 2017), the State Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has made the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of Nagaland, Finance Department, Revenue Branch, F.NO.FIN/REV-3/GST/II/08(Pt-I)"D" dated the 30th June 2017, namely:

In the said notification:

- a. In Schedule II - 6%, Sl. No. 243 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;
- b. In Schedule III - 9%, against Sl. No. 452P, in column (3), the words "in respect of Information Technology software" shall be omitted.

T.R. ZELIANG DESIGNATED AS THE NPF LEGISLATURE PARTY LEADER

In view of the decision of the NPF Legislature Party to join the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) Government, Commissioner & Secretary NLA, Dr. P. J. Antony has informed that the Chief Minister and the Leader of the UDA has decided to designate T. R. Zeliang as the NPF Legislature Party Leader in the Assembly. In that capacity, he will hold the status and rank of a Cabinet Minister, enjoying all the attendant facilities.

PAYMENT OF SALARIES & WAGES VIA E-PAY BILL SYSTEM BEGINNING FROM NOVEMBER 2021 REMUNERATION

Based on a comprehensive data on employees collected from all departments by the Personal Information Management System (PIMS) Cell, Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department, the Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner has informed that the decision was taken to introduce the payment of salaries and wages through e-Pay Bill System.

Effective from the month of November 2021, payment of salaries and wages under e-pay Bill will be enabled only for government employees who have been registered in the PIMS database as notified by the P&AR Department vide their O.M. No. AR-3/Gen-174/2007(pt) dated 27.09.2019.

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The process of building up the PIMS database started in 2016 with the co-operation of all the departments and trainings having been imparted to all DDOs and Bill Assistants on the functioning of the e-Pay Bill System. As such, it is expected that remuneration payment for employees on e-Pay Bill System will be smooth and will also receive the necessary support and commitment from all concerned to make it succeed. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the PIMS Cell, P&AR and Finance Department.

All the departments have been directed to strictly adhere to the procedures and guidelines issued by the P&AR Department for updating the employees' details/data in the PIMS portal.

NBSE NOTIFIES HEADS OF REGISTERED INSTITUTIONS

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for the information of the Heads of Registered Institutions that the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India has notified that the National Commission for Women (NCW) has set up a dedicated round the clock (24*7) Helpline Number (7827170170) for women in distress.

The website for the helpline is www.ncwwomenhelpline.in. The helpline provides online supports to women affected by violence or mental stress through referral by linking them with appropriate authorities such as police, health services, District Legal Service Authority. Counselling services and information about women related programs through a single uniform number are also provided.

Therefore, all Heads of Institutions have been requested to take note of the above helpline and disseminate the information to their students.



FONSESA ELECT NEW TEAM OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE TERM 2021-23

The Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA) elected a new team of office bearers for the tenure 2021-23 during the Biennial General Conference of the FONSESA which was held on the 27th October 2021.

The following are the newly elected office bearers - President: Er. K. Hutoi Sema; Vice President: Er. Aroba and Er. Neingumeü Kire;

Secretary General: Er. Mezivil Kikhi; Secretary (Finance): Er. Rukongutuo Suohu; Joint Secretaries: Er. Nzanbemo Odyuo (APEN), Er. Kakheli Swu (AOE PWD), Er. Kekhriezhale Sorhie (EANRE), Er. Mezhülezo Pienyu (NST), Er. Obed Natso (WRDEAN), Er. Nirie-e Nisa (APHEN), Er. H. Akumlong Sangtam (AOE DGM), and Er. Ekon Murry (AOME); PRO: Er. Neiyie Neikha and Advisor: Er. Moa Aier.

CEREMONIAL ATTESTATION PARADE FOR RECRUIT CONSTABLES HELD



Ceremonial Attestation Parade for the 66th Batch was held at Nagaland Police Training School, Parade Ground, Chumukedima on 3rd November 2021.

Ceremonial Attestation Parade for the 66th Batch comprising of the 489 recruit constables was held on 3rd November 2021, at Nagaland Police Training School (NPTS) Parade Ground, Chumukedima.

Director General of Police, Nagaland, John Longkumer inspected the parade and took the salute from 16 parade contingents. He congratulated the newly graduated constables of the 66th Batch including the family members of the new recruits, terming the day as remarkable not only for the fresh recruits but also for the Nagaland Police family. With the training process over and oath of allegiance taken, Longkumer expressed happiness with the addition of 489 trained police personnel ready for duty. Describing police personnel as Peace Warriors, he reminded them about their pledge for restoring peace by maintaining law and

order in the society. Emphasising on the importance of community oriented policing, mutual self-respect and discipline, the DGP said that promotions would be awarded based on performances. On the occasion he also cautioned the new recruits not to misuse social media platforms.

Principal NPTS, Aboli Metha administered the oath of allegiance to the new recruits. Giving a brief report of the training, Metha informed that 489 new recruits including 85 women constables were given training relating to physical training, drills, weapon handling, investigation subjects and awareness programmes on various topics. The educational qualification of the newly recruits included 6 Post-Graduates, 78 Graduates, 66 HSSLC, 133 Matriculates and 206 Under-Matric. Metha acknowledged the intervention of the CM, Deputy CM, DGP Nagaland and all the senior



officers from PHQ for recognising the services of the instructors. Earlier, the DGP handed over the trophies and certificates to the awardees of the 66th Batch. All Round Best and Best in Legal Studies was bagged by Constable Limasunep Longkumer, Best in Weapon Handling to Constable Anguvito H. Zhimomi, Best in

Drill to Constable Phasenti Magh, Best in Physical Training to Constable Zuchanthung Tungoe and Best in Turnout went to Constable Khriephreto Meyase.

Vice Principal, NPTS, I. Meren Chenth was the Parade commander while CDI, NPTS, ABI Pitongse Sangtam was Parade 2 i/c for the day.

CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS KAAS COFFEE FARM

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam with the Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema and Land Resources Department officials made an experiential visit to KAAS Coffee Farm, Sendenyu village, Kohima on 4th November 2021.

The Chief Secretary expressed that he was delighted to experience an actual hands-on in the field for coffee harvesting and processing and marked that the visit was once in a lifetime experience. He stated that he was amazed as to how much work is actually going on in the ground reality and it is admirable to see the progressive villagers undertaking such activities. Alam stated that the Government could not focus on many developmental activities during the pandemic but learned, how much we are dependent on the outside world and how much requirement is there for us to be self-dependent in terms of economic needs. He stressed that the government employment has reached its saturation point, therefore the youths have to find and invest in other avenue and coffee being a very promising crop, he urged the youths to take up these kind of activities which are labour intensive and provide sustainable income. He also assured that the Government will support in possible areas for the requirements and would take up with the concerned department for further development.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema stated that the hills of Nagaland are now growing organic coffee, which is not only being sold locally but exported in international markets. He also highlighted that coffee was introduced to the farmers of Nagaland in the 1980s but lack of market linkages and other factors forced the farmers to give up the cultivation.

Headed by him, LRD in 2016 again decided to revive coffee cultivation and learn about the new varieties of coffee seeds, how to plant and grow them in the cool and hilly climate of Nagaland.

Sema added that, Nagaland at present has nearly 10,000 hectares of coffee cultivation and it is taking steps to expand it to 50,000 hectares by 2030. LRD has exported 27.5 metric tonnes of coffee to the South African company, which signed an agreement to buy Nagaland coffee for 30 years. He said, 'Our aim is to generate at least one lakh jobs as Nagaland lacks industrial activities. Another aim is to prevent the impact of climate change by encouraging farmers to give up jhum (forests are slashed and burnt for farming) cultivation and switch over to coffee.'

Orthopaedic NHAK, HoD, Dr. G. Thong highlighted on the activities of Kebentsin Agri & Allied Cooperative Society (KAAS) Sendenyu village of KAAS Coffee Farm. He briefed that KAAS was formed by 25 members and the main objective of forming this club was to promote and encourage honest work culture among the members and the society at large. The coffee farm was started in the year 2015 with the initiative of the DPO, LRD Kohima and the land for plantation covers a compact area measuring about 25-26 hectares which was voluntarily donated by members of the club. He also reported that the total number of coffee plants within the farm at present is around 80,000 and have supplied 1,80,000 coffee saplings enabling 45 households in Sendenyu area to start coffee farming.

DPO, Kohima, Dr. Menuosietuo Tseikha elaborated on the cycle of coffee plantation. He narrated that planting the seeds are carefully



selected according to the unique micro climate, flavour and aroma and exceptional cup quality which will take approximately 3 to 4 years for the newly planted coffee trees to bear fruit. The fruit, called the

coffee cherry, turns bright, deep red when it is ripe and ready to be harvested. He also presented a live hands-on to process the cherries till the drying of the beans.

CEO NAGALAND HOLDS BRIEFING MEETING FOR ELECTORAL ROLL OBSERVERS



Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS had a briefing meeting with Electoral Roll Observers on 5th November 2021 at his office chamber in connection with Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date.

The CEO highlighted on the importance of the role played by the Electoral Roll Observers during revision period in ensuring the fidelity of the electoral roll and taking timely corrective measures wherever necessary. He informed that for a free and fair election, an accurate and error-free electoral roll is the most important pre-requisite. For enhanced participation of electors in the electoral process and avoiding electoral malpractices, it is essential to improve the registration processes which will in turn increase the fidelity of the electoral rolls. He expressed confidence that with the active

involvement of the Observers in the revision process, the State will have an error-free and healthy electoral rolls for conduct of the coming elections.

The meeting was attended by CEO, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, N. Moa Aier, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Ruokuovituo Khezhie, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Awa Lorin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer.

O. T. Chingmak Chang, IAS. L. Akato Sema, IAS, Anoop Khinchi, IAS, Anenla T. Sato, IAS, Vikeyie Kenya, IAS, Kenilo Apon, IAS and Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS have been appointed as the Electoral Roll Observers by the Election Commission of India. They will be undertaking 3 (three) visits to their respective assigned districts during the period of Summary Revision till the publication of final Electoral Roll.

CS DIRECTS DEPARTMENTS TO CLEAR ALL PENDING ADVERTISEMENT BILLS AT THE EARLIEST

A review meeting to discuss matters relating to payment of pending advertisement bills was called by the Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS with various departments on 6th November 2021 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima.

The Chief Secretary stated that all pending advertisement bills should be cleared and the departments should expedite the process at the earliest. He also opined that all bills should also be paid on priority basis in the future and should not be kept pending. Stating that the State Advertisement

Policy is in place, Alam insisted that the policy should be followed religiously so that all payments of bills are done through a single window and to avoid confusion and accumulation of bill.

Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema informed that only 25 departments have so far submitted names of their Nodal Officers to DIPR. The Chief Secretary directed all remaining departments to submit the names at the earliest and to coordinate with DIPR with matters related to advertisement.

13th INTER-DISTRICT CATCH THEM YOUNG TOURNAMENT 20201

The 13th edition of the U-14 Inter-District Catch Them Young Tournament was formally inaugurated by Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 12th November 2021. The two day sport event was organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports.

Abu Metha speaking at the event said that there are no shortcuts in sports, like elsewhere and if you put in your hard work, success will come searching for you. He stated that the Government of Nagaland continues to give utmost importance to the development of youth activities and sports and games comes to the forefront, which is the aspiration of the Government. He said that the aspiration of the Nagaland Olympic Association is for Nagaland to produce champions at the highest levels in sports in the months and years to come. Abu added that to make that happen, the State, the citizens of the State, and all stakeholders must make investments and efforts towards realization of those dreams.

Director, YRS, Akumla Chuba delivering her welcome address, said that the Catch Them Young is an annual programme of the Department where young talents are identified with an aim to give greater opportunities for their future endeavours. She added this year, 1532 children have enrolled in different sports discipline from all 12 districts adding that the huge enrolment shows the love of sports is growing fast in Nagaland and the message sent across is that sports can be taken as profession and not merely as a hobby. She also informed that in the inter-district tournament 89 boys and 78 girls selected from 12 districts will participate. She also urged the stakeholders to support and help the children to achieve their goals to bring laurels to the State.

Highlights of the event included oath-taking by host team captain on behalf of the players and T. Imtisungit Ao took oath on behalf of the officials. The special guest declared the tournament open followed by the boys 100m heats.

NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) observed National Legal Services Day on 9th November as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Pan India Awareness and Legal

Services Week.

KIPHIRE:

Kiphire DLSA observed National Legal Services Day on 9th November 2021 at Government





High School, Kiphire. Retainer Lawyer, DLSA Kiphire, Bendangwati Sangtam, spoke on 'Importance and functions of legal services.' Senior Principal, GHS Kiphire, YP Singh encouraged the participants to be active in order to acquire better legal knowledge. Altogether 75 persons from five Legal Literacy Club Schools, Agape High School, Saramati High School, El-Beth High School, GHS Kiphire, GHS Yangphi and teaching staff participated.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur DLSA conducted Mini Legal Camp at Deputy Commissioner's Complex, Dimapur. Secretary, Dimapur DLSA & CJM, Seyielenuo Mezhi NJS highlighted the importance of Legal Services Act and how Legal Services came into existence. The camp was opened for general public and during the camp, free legal counselling, free affidavit and free drafting of application of any kind were provided, wherein around 37 beneficiaries availed free services from the said camp.

LONGLENG:



Longleng District Legal Services Authority organised a Mini Legal Services Camp in observance of National Legal Services Day at Court Complex, Longleng.

Longleng DLSA organised a Mini Legal Services Camp in observance of National Legal Services Day at Court Complex. During the inaugural session, Secretary, Longleng DLSA highlighted on the different schemes available under Legal Services Authority. The Project Assistant urged the participants to avail the services of mini legal services camp and also to visit the frontal office for any grievances and

screen the video clips act played by the PA and PLs on RTE Act, Food Security Act, Pension Schemes under Social Welfare Department and Lok Adalat. The State Bank of India also participated to sensitise the attendees on the various schemes like PMSPY, PMJJPY, APY, NPS and Zero Account. Free affidavits were also made available to the beneficiaries, wherein 33 participants were benefited.

PHEK:

Phek DLSA observed National Legal Services Day by organising Legal Awareness programme at Chozuba sub-division.

Resource persons Samuel Ritse PP, Phek briefed on the topics POCSO Act 2012 and RTE 2009, Keneinuo Swuro PA, Phek shared on the Social Welfare Schemes and Lok Adalat. Cheliam Khamniungan, Secretary, Phek DLSA spoke on the function of Legal Services and National Food Security Act 2013. The programme was chaired by PLV, Phek, Kevizenue Lohe. Altogether, 96 representatives from 16 villages and 1 town attended the programme.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang DLSA organized a seminar on Anti-Ragging and Sexual Harassment-Prevention Prohibition and Redressal, jointly organised by IQAC, Anti-Ragging and Internal Committee of Sao Chang College in collaboration with Tuensang DLSA venue at Multipurpose Hall. Advocate, Tuensang DLSA, Soteth Anar spoke on the topic Anti-Ragging, Kumdilog Kessen, Judicial Magistrate First Class-cum-Secretary Tuensang DLSA shared about the court procedure. Altogether 300 beneficiaries attended the programme.

WOKHA:

Wokha DLSA observed Legal Services Day-cum-Mini Camp at Chukitong Range, covering six villages.

Highlights of Wokha DLSA activities and Mini Camp activities were delivered by Adv. Meribemo A Lotha and Adv. Shanchobeni P. Lotha.



During the Camp, Legal Help Desk was opened for general public where free Legal Counselling, Legal Drafting, Applications, Free Pamphlets were provided by Adv. Gracy Ezung and other Panel Lawyers, free registration to undergo vocational training by DDU-GKY under Ministry of Rural Development, free medical check-up and medicines, free blood group testing and HIV-AIDS testing by NSACS.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Mokokchung DLSA conducted drawing competition on account of Legal Services Day under

the aegis of NALSA and NSLSA. The competition was held at Children's Home and Observation Home, Mokokchung under the theme 'The world we live in.' Altogether 12 people participated, out of which three of them were awarded with gift hampers and certificate

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto DLSA on account and in observance of Legal Services Day organised cleanliness drive at District Court Complex, Zunheboto along with court staff, prosecution staff and PI staff. 23 members participated in the programme.

NAGALAND DUTY-CUM-SPORTS MEET 2021 HELD

Nagaland Duty-cum-Sports Meet 2021 commenced on 12th November 2021, at NAPTC Stadium, Chumukedima, Dimapur.

Delivering the inaugural speech, special guest, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that all activities across the world suffered due to the pandemic, and continues to suffer, however despite all that, he observed that the police was always in the forefront, serving the people during the pandemic. He acknowledged all officers and ranks and files of the police for their sacrifice and dedication. Rio acknowledged the presence of President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and President, International Hockey Federation (IHF), Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, and hoped that the State would be further blessed under his dynamic leadership.

Rio further added that Nagaland was known to the nation as a troubled and backward state, lagging behind in all affairs. He further noted that even in the IOA, Nagaland was able to get affiliation during 2004, 41 years after attainment of statehood, whereby asserting that it showed how much the State was pushed back because of insurgency, and for not knowing to come and work together for all practical purposes. With the ceasefire and the on-going dialogue, he hoped that Nagas would realize

to unite, look for peace and development, so that the youths would get opportunities and platforms to compete.

Further speaking on the Nagaland Police Sports Battalion, whose foundation plaque was earlier unveiled by him, Rio expressed happiness, asserting that the manifesto put in at 2018 was fulfilled. In order to promote sports in the State, Rio maintained that a six storied building was completed and ready for accommodation, which would have a permanent Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) Office, and would hold 20 disciplines sports associations, which the State identifies a priority sport, and looking at the potential to compete at the national and international level.

Guest of honour, President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and President, International Hockey Federation (IHF), Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, in his speech stated that sports is an integral part of our lives, and even more important for the police force, asserting that one needs to have agility, speed, efficiency, alertness and above all, the power and grit of determination. He further lauded the State Government for setting up a battalion wholly dedicated to sports, adding that this is the first of its kind in India.





Batra urged Chief Minister Rio to set up a hockey turf, adding that if a hockey turf is set up in the State with a capacity of 2000 spectators, required change rooms and utilities, he assured of international events to the State, so as to make sure that Nagaland also comes under sports map of the world.

DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, and Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha also spoke on the occasion.

The meet concluded on 18th November 2021 at the NAPTC Stadium, Chumukedima, Dimapur with the 13th NAP IR Battalion emerging as the overall champion from amongst the 32 teams, which participated at the Nagaland Police Duty-cum-Sports Meet.

Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland, Y. Patton who graced the event as special guest, stated that event like Nagaland Police Duty-cum-Sports Meet helps revive the spirit of oneness thereby renewing the bond of fraternity among the Police families. Patton desired that such event ought to be held with more vigor and enthusiasm with an objective for developing the spirit of healthy competition. "Policing is a very challenging job and can be stressful but with such sporting events, it is bound to improve the physical and mental health and fitness of officers and men alike," Patton maintained. Further, Patton said that Police Meet, besides Games and Sports, exhibits

skills in policing in duty items including scientific aid to Investigation, Drill, Weapon handling, Wireless communication, Shooting etc.

Stating that Nagaland Police has produced many outstanding sportspersons in various disciplines since the first Police Meet held in the year 1967, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "It is our earnest hope and endeavour to expose more hidden talents among the jawans through such meet and nurture them to their fullest potentialities." He said that the present Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio was committed to raise one Nagaland Police Sports Battalion in Nagaland Police Complex, Chumukedima and for which the Foundation Stone has been inaugurated. He also disclosed about the ongoing construction of Astro Turf Football Ground within the complex, with a vision for providing improved infrastructure.

Earlier, Patton took the band salute which was followed by drill competition final and combined musical presentation by 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Battalion Pipe Band and PTS Brass Band. He also presented the overall Champion Trophy to the winners. Minister, Tongpang Ozukum, DGP Nagaland, T. John Longkumer IPS, Senior Police officers, Retired Police Officers and other invitees attended the closing ceremony programme.

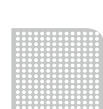
STATE LEVEL CATAPULT COMPETITION HELD AT KISAMA

The first State level Catapult Target Hitting Competition was held at Heritage Village, Kisama on 15th November 2021.

The programme is dedicated to the people of India who holds within them the power and potential to enable the vision of Prime Minister to activate India 2.0 which is fuelled by the spirit of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. In commemoration of the birth anniversary of the Indian tribal freedom fighter,

Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the iconic week of Bhagwan Birsa Munda Birth Anniversary is celebrated from 15th to 22nd November 2021 across the country.

Altogether, 25 participants participated in the catapult target hitting competition. The competition was organized by the Department of Tribal Affairs as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration, and inaugurated by Additional Secretary, Nchumbemo Lotha.



NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATED

KOHIMA:

State level National Press Day, 2021 was held at DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th November 2021 with the theme 'Who is not afraid of media?' with Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha as the special guest.

In his speech, Advisor, Abu Metha said that the DIPR was called as the propaganda machine of the Government that is in power but that narrative has changed with the passing of time. IPR has the responsibility of highlighting the achievements of the State Government. He asked the Department to step out of the old narrative and contribute more towards the new story of Nagaland. He added that with the advent of internet revolution and the eruption of social media and the scope of various media platforms, the amount of debated deliberations that are happening on various social media platforms, the Department should put in more effort in such fields. Metha urged the Department and the media houses to tell the success stories of the State despite the hurdles and the challenges faced, because every success story inspires and motivates people.

Metha stated that merely claiming to be the fourth pillar is not enough, but walking that extra mile will ensure that there will be growth in the fourth pillar of democracy. He also urged the press and media houses to give more focus on investigative journalism. Investigative journalism needs the support of the media houses, of the society as a whole, and needs to be backed up by budgets because investigative journalism is not normal reporting but it is about asking questions, putting people in discomfort and this is where the role of the fourth pillar comes in. The Advisor stated the media should act as watchdog of the other three pillars and should also act as the voice of the citizens and help in changing the narrative of the Naga people. Without the freedom of the press and without a vibrant media, democracy does not

exist, he opined.

Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema in his exhortation stated that National Press Day is celebrated to honour and acknowledge the Press Council of India which acts as the modern watchdog of free and fair press in the country. He asked the media people present to strive for the betterment of the society and to help in the upliftment of the state and the country as a whole.

DIMAPUR:

The Dimapur Press Club celebrated the National Press Day under the theme "Who is not afraid of media?" at DBDIL Hall, Don Bosco School Campus, Dimapur, on 16th November 2021 with Padma Bhushan, Dr. S. C. Jamir, who is also the former Governor of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and CM of Nagaland, as special guest.

Addressing the gathering, S. C. Jamir said that world is moving very fast particularly in the field of science and technology and the modern society has become information society where every citizen is equally interested to get latest information of not only the country but of the whole world, so, information should be comprehensive, accurate and fair.

On relationship between government and press, Jamir said that much have been discussed, debated, deliberated on all occasions and various commentaries were also made but more important is the relationship between newspapers and its readers, stating that newspapers must focus their attention on the welfare of the common man and in highlighting the problem of the people instead of the speeches of politicians. Speaking on his vision of Nagaland, Jamir also mentioned that people of Nagaland are living in a confused society as no group or society can say which directions they are going.

The programme was chaired by Akangjungla, while welcome address and vote of thanks were proposed by VP, DPC, Temjen Anichar and Dilip Sharma.



NORTH EAST TECHNICAL OFFICIALS WORKSHOP AND EXAMINATION AT KOHIMA

The first ever programme under the aegis of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) started at Kohima on 16th November 2021 with Chairman of the Technical Committee of the AFI, and President of the Telangana Athletics Association, Stanley Jones and Technical Resource Person from AFI, Shambudas from Kolkata as the resource persons.

In the inaugural function, Vice President of AFI, Abu Metha appreciated the AFI for the strategies in promoting and developing Athletics in Nagaland and the North East. He encouraged the technical officials to take full advantage of the programme and have the aspirations to officiate at the highest levels including national and international events. Metha also stated that the AFI is of the view that there is an enormous talent bank in the North East and that it is taking up various initiatives and game plans to promote the sport in the region. He said that it is the nation building duty of the AFI to create opportunities for the youth of the

North East.

Stanley Jones in his address gave assurance that the AFI will promote the sport in Nagaland and North East. He said that technical officials are the most important aspects of all national and international events and hoped that technical officials from Nagaland will also reach the highest levels of the sport.



Chairman, Technical Committee of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), and President of the Telangana Athletics Association, Stanley Jones and Technical Resource Person from AFI, Shambudas with Vice President of AFI, Abu Metha at the North East workshop for technical officials at Kohima on 16th November 2021.

IFAD TEAM OFFICIALS WITH MIZORAM FOCUS TEAM VISIT STATE FOR MID-TERM REVIEW

International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) team comprising of eight members and four members from Mizoram FOCUS team officially visited Nagaland on a five day Mid-Term Review (MTR) meeting of Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in North-East, Nagaland (FOCUS) project supported by IFAD from 15th – 20th November 2021.

On 15th November 2021, officials of FOCUS-Nagaland and senior officials of Agriculture Department led by APC, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS held a meeting with the visiting team of IFAD at de Oriental Grand, Kohima. The IFAD team was led by Anton Glaser as team leader for MTR mission. The opening remark was delivered virtually by Country Director, Han Ulac Demirag who stressed on the need to tackle on environment and climate related issues by the project. Through a press release, it stated that the APC and MD welcomed and exhorted

the visiting team on the sustainability of Jhum and the efforts of the project towards improving it. The Joint Secretary & State Project Director-FOCUS, S. Tainiu highlighted the overview of the project, the progress and prevailing issues, after which the team deliberately discussed both physically and virtually with the IFAD officials on the component wise activity, its challenges and hindrances during implementation of the project. The meeting was also attended by the counterpart FOCUS project Mizoram of four team members from agri and allied department as part of exchange field programme.

On 17th November 2021, Country Director of IFAD UN for Asia and Pacific Division, Han Ulac Demirag called on the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam IAS at his office chamber in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima. The Chief Secretary appreciated IFAD for the interest shown in Nagaland specially to enable people in rural areas to generate



Country Director of IFAD UN for Asia and Pacific Division, Han Ulac Demirag called on the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS at his office chamber at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 17th November 2021.

better incomes for farmers and improve their food security and economy. He hoped that the project in the State will continue to help the farmers learn new and innovative farming technologies for agricultural growth. Alam emphasized on the need to train on global best practices so that farmers can take advantage of the available natural resources such as land and water, as well as agricultural technologies for better outcomes. Han Ulac Demirag appreciated the Government of Nagaland for their commitment towards the implementation of the project and assured to extend help in every possible way during the forthcoming Mid Term Review.

On 18th November 2021, Country Director of IFAD, Han Ulac Demirag in a note stated that he was impressed with the initiatives and achievements and vision of the people, during a visit to a project site at Nerhema and Gariphema village farm along with the APC and Mission Director FOCUS, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, State Project Director-FOCUS, S. Tainiu and a team of Agri officials. Demirag expressed satisfaction on the exotic and organic 'greens' cultivated in Nagaland and stressed on the need to tackle on environment and climate related issues by the project. APC Nagaland, Kikheto briefed on the practical and theoretical stages involved in the progress of the projects under FOCUS. His key focus was on the integrated sustainable cropping and stressed on the need to make Jhum sustainable agriculture. Jhum system covers 60 percent of the area under food grain cultivation, and about half of rural households are

engaged in jhum cultivation therefore he urged the farmers to study and practice intercropping without further damaging the forest area causing loss of biodiversity, which will contribute in maintaining the ecosystem. He reminded that the site at Nerhema and Gariphema faces critical water shortage due to lack of proper storage and infrastructure hence, crops fails to produce at their fullest capacity. He explained the hardships of cultivation on hilly regions which are in immediate need of water-bodies, road connectivity and storage for the produce.

On 19th November 2021, Country Director, IFAD, Han Ulac Demirag protracted his visit to the southern part of the Angami region to review the progress of activities being implemented under the IFAD-FOCUS. Demirag said it is important to bring the right technology and enhance the production, while visiting the project site at Sakabama and Jakhama village. He said the activities and designs have to be made on a systematic build up and a concrete plan, and assured that he will look forward to approve a new structure of packages and design and a model developed to suit the Naga farming activities for the project to progress successfully. APC and Mission Director FOCUS, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, visiting a FOCUS-IFAD project site at Jakhama, stated that the project was delayed in the implementation due to various reasons relating to parliamentary elections and subsequently the surge of COVID-19 which halted the project and could not be taken up on the date as expected. He proposed to introduce a technology intervention in



new tissue culture of potatoes. He stressed that 'potato' is next to rice as far as staple food is concerned and the life shield is more, yet the traditional method of farming and the way the farmers are cultivating in such a terrain area makes it difficult for any surplus production of crops, therefore intervention of this new technology will bring down the headloads and hardships to an easier and sustainable cultivation, he also added that it will produce better production and exotic crops originating from the State. He further requested the IFAD to assist them in sponsoring during the activities taken up with the

International Potato Center (CIP) so that the project is not halted anywhere between the developmental stages.

The FOCUS Nagaland project is being implemented in eight districts of the State viz., Kohima, Wokha, Mokokchung, Zunheboto, Mon, Longleng, Phek and Kiphire, covering 645 villages. The MTR Consultants lead by Mission Team Leader Mr. Anton Glaser visited the project sites at Kohima, Wokha, Phek, Zunheboto, Mokokchung and Longleng from 16th to 18th November 2021 to evaluate the project activities in the field.

CEO NAGALAND SIGNS MoU WITH DEPARTMENT OF POST

As directed by the Election Commission of India (ECI), a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Post (DoP), represented by the Postmaster General (PMG), NE-II Region, Dimapur, Som Kamei and the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar on 15th November 2021 in the office chamber of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, for delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and various notices through Speed Post Services of the DoP on mutually agreed upon terms.

By using Speed Post Services, EPICs and important Notices will reach the voter in a safe, time-bound and efficient manner. The MoU is being operationalised with immediate effect.

On the occasion of signing the MoU, the

DoP represented by the Superintendent of Post, Razouzakie Phinuo and his team of officials expressed the hope and assurance that the DoP will ensure delivery of EPICs to the right person on time.

The CEO, Nagaland and his team of officials expressed happiness at this special initiative of ECI & DoP which will especially benefit the common people in the State.

The MoU will be valid for five years with effect from the date of signing it, and will be extendable subject to the terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon by both the parties at the time of each extension. The PMG will provide facilities available under the Speed Post services including booking, transmission and door delivery of all Speed Post articles containing EPICs and Notices to the concerned voter.

GOVERNOR VISITS NAGALAND UNIVERSITY, LUMAMI

Governor of Assam & Nagaland and Chief Rector Nagaland University, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited the Nagaland University Headquarters at Lumami on 16th November 2021.

Speaking at the function, the Governor said ever since its inception in 1994, Nagaland University has grown quantitatively and qualitatively despite the challenges of geography, transport and communication. He stated the university stands for encouraging and empowering the young minds to be enlightened citizens to take care of the needs of society. The university campuses despite being

geographically dispersed are committed towards achieving a single goal of transforming the university into a centre of excellent and vibrant knowledge, he added.

Prof. Mukhi mentioned that the rainforest of North East and Nagaland will help in fulfilling the voluntary commitment in meeting global environment needs by achieving the objective of net zero and reducing the use of fossil fuel. He said the rainforest provides fresh oxygen, the need of which was desperately felt during the second wave of the pandemic. He said that the university must strive



towards protecting and preserving the sustainable lifestyle values for the present as well as future generation and suggested each campus to adopt five villages as model village.

The Governor stated that National Education Policy, 2020 was designed with the will of the people by considering the needs and requirements and with an aim at creating innovative mind and create a pool of job givers, he expressed hope that with determination and commitment, NU would be able to implement the NEP 2020 in the next academic session. He suggested short term skill based programmes for that. He emphasized on the importance of agriculture in the State considering the limitations of other industries.

Speaking about Nagaland University, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pardesi Lal said the prime objective of the university is to meet and match the requirements of the students academically, concentrating on all detailed provisions (departments) in the university. He added any society where women strive for higher education can be regarded a society with a positive vision and Nagaland University having an enrolment percentage of more than 62% of girl students, can

definitely be acknowledged as a society moving in a proper direction.

The Governor also interacted with students and faculty members during the visit. The Governor was accompanied by his wife, Prem Mukhi, Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, T. Mhabemo Yanthan IAS, Additional Secretary, George Abraham and other officials.

On 18th November 2021, Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi and his wife Prem Mukhi visited Khonoma village. The Governor held an interaction with Khonoma village people where he was briefed on the transition of Khonoma - the first green village in India, from logging and hunting community to nature conservation community. As eco-tourism village, the responsibilities upheld by different community groups in the village were highlighted. In his short speech, Governor expressed happiness that after assuming office of Nagaland Governor, Khonoma was the first village he visited and added that he has the highest regard for Khonoma people. He expressed appreciation for the eco-tourism initiatives taken by the village and mentioned that he would take up the matter of improving the road conditions with the Government for better tourism experience.

WORKSHOP ON SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM HELD AT KOHIMA

Workshop on Single Window System, organised by Invest India & Department of Industries & Commerce, was held at conference hall, Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 17th November 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, Industries & Commerce, K. Hokishe Assumi said that Nagaland needs to grow with the rest of mainland India, and mentioned that unless the State grows, India will not grow. He stated that the word "single window system" will be a boon for a state like Nagaland, where there are many services which are not digitalized and investors should not face problem and consume time for all the clearance required. The Director called on the officials present to carry out their work seriously on whichever assignment one is

allocated. Assumi thanked the Invest India Team for all the initiatives and added that Nagaland will have the required certificate and documents under the single window system in the near future.

Chief Technology Officer, Invest India, Aditya Sharma said that Single Window System is a framework to bring all the information on line and added that 14 states have single window system so far. He informed that Nagaland will be the 15th state to have online information under the initiative of the Invest India. He added that on February 2020, the Finance Ministry, Government of India finalized to have online platform which will help to facilitate all approval of Centre and state under the single window system. He mentioned that Invest India wants to work as a team and try to understand the



challenges and quickly start progressing. He added that the main focus is to bring information online and to create confidence that something is happening on

the ground and things are progressing well.

The programme was followed by deliberations with the line departments.

CEREMONIAL FUNCTION OF 34th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IRCS



Governor, Assam & Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, his wife Prem Mukhi and others during the 34th Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland, State Branch at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 17th November 2021.

Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCSN) State Branch, Kohima organised the ceremonial function of the 34th Annual General Body meeting at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan Kohima on 17th November 2021.

Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi in his IRCSN Presidential Address said the Red Cross has achieved remarkable accomplishments over the years through their humanitarian services, reaching out to the poor and vulnerable specially in times of disaster. He reminded that the Red Cross must always adhere to their core principles - voluntary service, humanity, impartiality, unity, neutrality, independence and universality.

Governor said the Nagaland Red Cross has taken a proactive role in the districts as an auxiliary body to the district administration throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and also helped during fire disasters, accidents, and organised medical camps. He asked the IRCSN to be prepared for any kind of disaster whether natural or man-made through proper planning and

collaboration with all stakeholders. Governor appealed to the Red Cross to reach out to the grass root level where the vaccination for COVID-19 is low. He further urged everybody specially the youths of colleges and schools to become members of the Red Cross. Expressing gratitude to IRCS Dimapur branch for organizing blood donation camps, he also advised the IRCSN to carry out blood donation camps.

Governor expressed appreciation to the IRCS New Delhi and Chief Minister Nagaland for providing COVID-19 kits and funds in the form of Grant-in-Aid. Through the IRCSN meeting, he expressed hope that all the Red Crossers would get encouraged to work with greater zeal and enthusiasm. He also presented the Red Cross batch to the newly inducted Patrons and Vice-Patrons.

Managing Committee Member, Dr. Kephlusie Terhüja delivered the welcome address; General Secretary IRCSN, Dr. Neiphi Kire presented the report on Business Session; MC Member, Dr. Rose Chakhesang delivered the vote of

thanks and Chairperson IRCSN, Abeni TCK delivered the introductory speech.

NAGALAND HAS HUGE POTENTIAL TO BE A LEADER IN SPORTS AND MUSIC: GOVERNOR MUKHI



Governor, Nagaland & Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with their wives, during the inauguration of exhibition of portraits of former Chief Ministers of Nagaland at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 17th November 2021.

Governor, Nagaland & Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi stated that it is imperative for the country to develop in soft power such as sports and music, in which Nagaland has a huge potential to be a leader in this front. He stated this during the inauguration of exhibition of portraits of former Chief Ministers of Nagaland at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 17th November 2021.

Governor Mukhi stated that the exhibition takes one through the different eras of the Nagas under the leadership of different Chief Ministers – the struggle, challenges and achievements that the people have gone through, and added that it is also a great moment to retrospect and make necessary improvements. Mukhi while stating that the youth were amongst the best in the country and the world, added that the Government's endeavour would be to help create an ecosystem of optimum opportunities for them in the State so that they not only help overcome the development differentials with the most advanced states of the country, but

outdo them as well.

The exhibition consists of 11 Chief Ministers of Nagaland who served the State from its inception, viz. P. Shilu Ao, T. N. Angami, Dr. Hokishe Sema, Vizol, J. B. Jasokie, Dr. S. C. Jamir, K. L. Chishi, Vamuzo, T. R. Zeliang, Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu and Neiphiu Rio. The portraits have been painted by artists from the State and will be kept for viewing by the public at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, after which it will be displayed and housed at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio speaking at the inauguration said that Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA) was conceptualized to promote musicians and artists of the State. With Nagas gifted with musical and artistic abilities, he stated that training is needed. With Mizoram and TaFMA partnering to promote the talents of youth from the two states, he hoped that through this, they will learn from each other.

Chairman, Youth Commission,



Government of Mizoram, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia was also present during the launch of the exhibition. He stated that the two states recognize the immense talent present in their youths, and for which providing training is important in order to convert all these skills into profession. He said that Mizoram Youth

Commission together with TaFMA will promote the talents of youth in the two states in the field of music and arts.

A musical 'Headhunting to Beatboxing' was also performed in honour of the Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi during the event.

WORLD FISHERIES DAY CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

World Fisheries Day, 2021 was celebrated at Government Fish Farm, Thizama, Kohima on 20th November 2021 with Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo Khamniungan as the special guest.

Advisor, Khumo Khamniungan stated that fishery provides a very good employment opportunity and a source of income for many families. He said many people are able to sustain their family because of it. He urged the fish farmers to stop depending on the Government for funds to take up various activities, and also urged the people to take up fishery as an occupation as it provides various opportunities. He called upon the fish farmers to seek technical advice and help from the Department officials for better fish harvest and also asked them to work together with various sections of the society.

Secretary, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Anoop Khinchi IAS, who chaired the programme, stressed on the importance to practice fishery in a sustainable way. He stated that about 2.8 million people in the country are employed in fishery and related activities, and about 11½ % of fishery potential is being utilized in the State. He said that fishery activities could be a huge employment generation opportunity for the State and called upon the fish farmers to form Fish Farmers' Organisations. He also spoke on the importance of paddy-cum-fish culture and ornamental fishing.

Delivering the keynote address, Director, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Kevisa Kense IAS, stressed on the need for increase in inland fishing as

there is scope for it, unlike marine fishing where there is a decline. He stated the Department has provided refrigerated vans for preserving the fishes and transporting it to the market. Kense highlighted on the need for the fishes to reach the market as there are many fisheries in the State. The Director urged the public to stop depending fully on the Government for funds for various projects and also urged the fish farmers to maintain and keep the water bodies clean.

Best Fish Farmer Award was awarded to a fish farmer from every district of the State. Pangjunglemba, a fish farmer from Mokochung, shared his success story on how he is able to make a living and sustain his family through fishery.

Training on need based fish farming practices was also conducted during the event. SDFO, Rulanthung Ezung presented on Fish Farm Management Practices; FI, Tsutsamo Ezung presented on Composite Fish Culture; SDFO, Khriezhato Nakhro presented on Paddy-cum-Fish Culture and Common Carp Breeding. It was followed by an interaction with the fish farmers.



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo presenting the Best Fish Farmer award to a fish farmer on the occasion of World Fisheries Day, 2021 at Government Fish Farm, Thizama, Kohima on 20th November 2021.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON FORTIFIED RICE CONDUCTED AT DIMAPUR

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland in collaboration with Centre for Health Research Innovation (CHRI) and National Stock

Exchange (NSE) foundation as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by Government of India, organised an awareness campaign on fortified rice on 20th

November 2021.

Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Pukhayi Sumi gracing the programme as special guest, said the programme is being conducted to promote rice fortification to address the prevalence of iron deficiency anaemia in the State. He also said that fortified rice has been identified as one of the key interventions by the Government of India which has now become part of National Flagship Programme like Poshan Abhiyaan and Anaemia Mukht Bharat as a preventive strategy to tackle anaemia which is a cost-effective, culturally appropriate strategy to address micro nutrient deficiency.

Satakshie Sharma, CHRI speaking on the importance of rice fortification in diet and overall

health, said that rice fortification is a process of adding nutrients such as iron, folic acid etc. to regular rice keeping in mind the dietary requirements to improve the nutritional quality of food and to provide public health benefit. She said that rice being India's staple food, fortifying rice with micro nutrients is an option to supplement the diet of the people. Highlighting the benefits of fortified rice to the gathering, she encouraged the gathering to consume the rice which would be available for all beneficiaries through public distribution system without any hesitation.

As part of the demonstration of fortified rice, fortified rice packets and food packets were also distributed to the beneficiaries.

NAGALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT IG STADIUM KOHIMA



Participants of the senior men category cross country race (10 Km) during the Nagaland Cross Country Championship held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima on 19th November 2021.

The inaugural function of the Nagaland Cross Country Championship was held on 19th November 2021 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. The event was flagged off by Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), Abu Metha. The competition was also witnessed by Chairman of AFI Technical Committee and President of Telangana Athletic Association, Stanley Jones and Technical Official, AFI, Sambhudas Bandopadhyaya.

The event was a huge success with over 200 athletes from the various districts of Nagaland taking part in the competition.

Winners from each category were awarded with cash prizes. Winners of the senior men and women walked away with Rs. 20,000 for 1st prize, Rs. 15,000 for 2nd prize and Rs. 10,000 for 3rd prize. The rest of the cash prizes for the rest of the categories were Rs. 10,000 for 1st prize, Rs. 7,000 for 2nd prize and Rs. 5,000 for 3rd prize.

PAIWANG KONYAK CALLS ON UNION MINISTERS

Minister for Transport, Civil Aviation, Railways and Land Resources, P. Paiwang Konyak called on Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav

on 22nd November 2021 at his Office, New Delhi. During their meeting, Konyak urged the Union Minister to make Dimapur railway station the



terminating point for the Nagaland Express again. The Nagaland Minister pointed out that on two occasions earlier, the State Government had requested the Railway Board to "revoke" the decision to make Ledo station as the terminating point for the Nagaland Express. However, a favourable action from the Railway Board is still awaited. The Union Minister assured that he would personally look into the matter.

The Nagaland Express Train between Dimapur and Guwahati was introduced in 2011. The State Government of Nagaland has maintained that to make Ledo station which is 150 km away from Dimapur, as the terminating point for the Nagaland Express, is not justifiable. The Nagaland Government said that Dimapur station is the 'second highest' revenue station under North East Frontier Railway. The Nagaland Express has been the only passenger

train which terminated and started from Dimapur station. Moreover, Dimapur station is the only railway station which serves as the lifeline for the State.

On 23rd November 2021, P. Paiwang Konyak also called on Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, Sarbananda Sonowal at his Office, New Delhi. During their meeting, Konyak appealed to the Union Minister for implementing the Inland waterways projects in the State (Tizu-Zungki River which has been declared as National Waterway-101 by the Government of India). He also mentioned that comprehensive DPRs were prepared by M/S WAPCOS and the proposal has been submitted in the Ministry for sanction. The Union Minister gave his assurance that the project will be taken up in the present financial year and asked the State to send the top priority proposals within a short time.

9th SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NLA HELD

The 9th session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) began on 25th November 2021 at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima, with the Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer making obituary references to the passing away of the following Members:

1. Pongchailenba Konyak, former Member of NLA who passed away on 11th August 2021.
2. Chupfuo Kense, former Member of NLA who passed away on 17th August 2021.
3. Lhiweshielo Mero, former Member of NLA who passed away on 13th October 2021
4. Kihoto Hollowon, former Member of NLA who passed away on 15th October 2021.
5. Khuosatho Nyusou, former Member of NLA who passed away on 14th November 2021.

STARRED QUESTIONS:

Replying to MLA Yitachu's question on the present status of waterways project over Tizu River, Minister, Transport, Civil Aviation & Railways, Paiwang Konyak stated that the Tizu-Zungki River was declared as National Waterway 101, as per the National Waterway Act published video Gazette

Notification No. 18 on 26th March 2016, so as to develop the river as an inland water corridor. The Government of Nagaland requested the Inland Waterways Authority of India to prepare the DPR and accordingly, M/S WAPCOS Limited prepared the DPR in accordance with the guidelines of the Central Sector Scheme for Inland Water Transport. As per the DPR, the project is to be implemented in three phases and on the request of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, the Government of India decided that the project will be implemented by the Nagaland Inland Waterways Board. Minister Paiwang said that after almost two years, because of the pandemic, he visited the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Railways, Ports, Shipping & Waterways for early implementation of the project. Minister Paiwang said that high deposits of granite, marble and limestone in Phek and Kiphire districts can only be transported in ships which will arrive with the finished goods and essential materials for the North East. On 23rd November 2021, Minister Paiwang said that he called on Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, who gave him the assurance that the project will be taken up, if the



prioritized proposal to start the project is submitted.

MLA, Yitachu raised questions on whether the Department of Industries & Commerce has any plans to clear the bills and take over the work order against Avangkhu (IBTC) Phek, 2008-2009. In reply, Chief Minister, Niephiu Rio said that the progress is slow because of the distance and therefore, activities are not in full swing but with full support from the Government, entrepreneurs and local groups of Myanmar, the road will be connected soon and assured to pursue the work and continue to develop a trade centre.

Replying to MLA Yitachu with regard to GPS under Meluri Sub-division, Advisor, School Education, K. Tokugha Sukhalu said that there are 22 GPS under SDEO Meluri with a total strength of 111 teachers. The Department of School Education is in the process of meeting the inadequacy through redeployment or through recruitment, to improve the quality of education.

Replying to the starred question raised by MLA Yitachu, Leader of the House & Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio who is also the Minister in-charge of Finance, replied that there are 28 RD blocks which are functioning without banks, and added that the Government is in the process of negotiating with the various banking institutions to establish the banking facility at the RD block level which are functioning without banks. Rio informed that opening of bank is monitored and reviewed through the State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC) chaired by the Chief Secretary with important departments of the State Government. He mentioned that opening of bank branches however depends entirely on the assignment and decision of the respective banks. The State Government along with the SLBC has been reviewing the matter and emphasizing on the need to open the branches by the allotted bank expeditiously. Joining the discussion, MLA Y. Vikheho Swu highlighted the difficulties of the sub-division in the banking sector. He cited the example of Pughoboto sub-division which was opened in 1984 but till now, salary disbursement and other government bills are not entertained for which he requested the Leader of the House to look into the

difficulties face by the people.

Replying to a starred question by MLA Yitachu on the status of Tizu Valley Hydro Power Project (24 mv), Minister for Power said the project cost at 2021 is priced at Rs. 333.63 cr and the project is awaiting approval of the State Screening Committee for externally aided projects for funding under EAP. The Minister further said that the Department has proposed to take up the project as State owned project with funding under EAP so as to maximise benefit to the State of its natural resources and to reduce power purchase from outside.

Replying to a starred question raised by MLA Yitachu on Village Guards Service Rules, Deputy CM, Y. Patton said that the Service Rules for the Village Guards is yet to be notified. He also added that the Department in principle follows the Draft Service Rules framed in 2014 for the gazetted and non-gazetted officers of the village guards with respect to their promotions and other service matters.

Replying to a starred question by MLA Yitachu on vacancy of maths and science teachers in the State, Minister in-charge of School Education said total vacancies of maths and science teachers in the State as on 31st October 2021 is 188 out of which maths-76, science-112. He added that the Department will undertake recruitment for filling up the vacancies at the earliest.

ASSENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner & Secretary, NLA, P. J. Antony reported the assent of Governor of Nagaland to the Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill 2021.

PRESENTATION OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Y. Vikheho Swu, Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances (2021-2022) presented a copy each of the following:
 - 100th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (4th session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly) and





101st Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (3rd session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

2. Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (2021-2022) presented a copy each of the following:

- 71st Report on the Rules for Regulating the Procedure for Deputation and Absorption of the Central and State Officers, including officers from autonomous bodies and their service conditions under the Government of Nagaland, 2016
- 72nd Report on Action taken by the Government on the 63rd Report on the Nagaland State Biological Diversity Rules, 2012
- 73rd Report on the Nagaland Pharmacist Service Rules, 2018, 74th Report on Action taken by the Government on the 68th Report on the Nagaland Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2019
- 75th Report on Action taken by the Government on the 65th Report on the Nagaland Government Printing Press (Technical) Service Rules, 2015.

3. Zhaleo Rio, Chairman of the Committee on Estimates (2021-2022) presented a copy each of the following:

- 144th Report on the Examination of the Estimates of the Tourism Department (Hornbill Festival)
- 145th Report in the Examination of the Estimates of the Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Department (RKVY)
- 146th Report on the Examination of the Estimates of the Labour Department, 147th Report on the Examination of the Estimates of the Cooperation.

4. Mhathung Yanthan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Undertakings (2021-2022) presented

the following reports:

- 102nd & 103rd Reports on the Examination of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 pertaining to the Nagaland Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation (NHHDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce.
- 104th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2016-2017 relating to the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation (NSMDC) Limited under the Department of Geology & Mining.
- 105th, 106th, 107th & 108th Reports on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations made in the 87th, 88th, 89th & 90th Reports of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 relating to the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NSMDC) under the Department of Geology & Mining.
- 109th Report on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2017-2018 pertaining to the Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation (NSMDC) Limited under the Department of Geology & Mining.
- 110th, 111th, 112th & 113th Reports on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2016-2017 relating to N1DC, NHL, NHHDC & NIRMSC under the Department of Industries & Commerce.



- 114th, 115th & 116th Reports on the Action Taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations contained in the 82nd, 85th & 86th Reports of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, pertaining to the Nagaland Hotels Limited (NHL) under the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland.
- 117th, 118th Reports on the Examination of the Audit Paragraphs that appeared in the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2017-2018 relating to the Nagaland Hotels Limited (NHL) & Nagaland Industrial Raw Materials Supply Corporation Limited (NIRMSC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce.
- 119th & 120th Reports on Action Taken by the Government on the Observations and Recommendations contained in the 81st & 93rd Reports of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Examination of the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2011-2012, 2012-2013, pertaining to the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC) under the Department of Industries & Commerce. Government of Nagaland.

GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE HOUSE:

The following Government Bills were moved for consideration by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and passed unanimously by the House on 26th November 2021:

1. Nagaland Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2021.
2. The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax

(Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2021.

3. The Nagaland Lokayukta (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021.
4. The Supplementary Demand for the regularization of excess expenditure for the year 2014-2015.
5. The Nagaland Appropriation (No. 5) Bill 2021 for consideration and passed.
6. The Nagaland Appropriation (No. 6) Bill 2021 for consideration and passed
7. The Supplementary Demand for the Regularization of Excess Expenditure for the Year 2015-2016.
8. The Supplementary Demand for the Regularization of Excess Expenditure for the year 2016-2017
9. Introduction, Consideration and Passing of the Nagaland Appropriation (No.7) Bill, 2021

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 9th SESSION OF THE 13th NLA:

Minister for Health & Family Welfare Pangnyu Phom moved the Resolution on the Transplantation of Human Organ Act 1994 and Transplantation of Human Organ Act (Amendment) 2011 on 25th November 2021, and was adopted on 26th November 2021.

Parliament had enacted the Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994 (No.42 of 1994), hereafter referred to as the 1994 Act, with the aim to provide for the regulation of removal, storage and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic purposes and for the prevention of commercial dealings in human organs connected therewith or incidental thereto by making inter-alia the following provisions:

- * Setting up authority for removal of human organs,
- * Regulations and registration of hospitals involved in removal, storage or transplantation of human organs and
- * Offences and penalties for contravention of





Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio addressing the 9th Session of the 13th Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 25th November 2021.

the Act.

The Transplantation of Human Organ (Amendment) Act, 2011 (No. 16 of 2011), hereafter referred to as the 2011 Act, was enacted with the aim to curb commercial trade in human organs while facilitating organ transplantation for needy patients by making inter-alia the following provisions:

- * Regulate the transplantation of tissues also of the human body;
- * Expansion of the definition of "near relative" in order to include the grandfather, grandmother, grandson and granddaughter as near relative;
- * Making it mandatory for a registered medical practitioner to ask the patient or near relative of every person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) whether any prior authorization for removal of any human organ or tissue or both of his body has been made. If not, the patient or his near relative should be made aware of the option to authorize such donation.

- * Requiring the hospital to inform in writing to the Human Organ Retrieval Centre for removal, storage or transplantation or transportation of human organs or tissues or both of the donor;
 - * Appointment of a "transplant coordinator" in all hospitals registered for organ retrieval and transplantation;
 - * Regulation of the transplantation of organs for foreign nationals, to prevent the exploitation of minors and mentally challenged person and to provide for Swap Donations of organs.
 - * Establishment of a National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network;
 - * Development and maintenance of a national registry of the recipients of human organs transplants;
 - * Enhancement of the penalties provided under the Act.
- These provisions shall come into force in a

State which adopts the Act under Clause (1) of 252 of the Constitution on the date of such adoption.

Therefore, the House resolved that the Transplantation of Human Organ Act 1994 (No.42 of 1994) along with Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act, 2011 (No. 16 of 2011) shall be adopted in the State of Nagaland.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio moved for the Consideration of Resolution on the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 on 25th November 2021, and the House adopted the act on 26th November 2021.

The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) empowers banks and financing institutions to take possession of the mortgaged assets against default in repayment of loan and realise their money by selling the secured assets without the intervention of Courts. Article 371 A(I)(a)(iv) of the Constitution of India provides that no Act of Parliament in respect of ownership and transfer of land and its resources shall apply to the State of Nagaland unless the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland by a resolution so

decides.

The provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 cannot override any provision of the Constitution of India. The tenor of Article 371A of the Constitution of India will apply at the stage when the Banks/Financial Institutions would make an attempt to transfer the ownership of the property through the process of auction. Therefore, the Banks/Financial Institutions are obligated to respect and follow the mandatory constitutional protection (Article 371 A (I)(a)(iv)) to ensure that the ownership of Security Interest is transferred, following the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002 read with the Nagaland Land & Revenue Regulations (Amendment) Act 2002 and other applicable Acts of Nagaland, only in favour of an indigenous person and none else.

On the second day of the 9th Session of the 13th NLA on 26th November 2021, Speaker Sharingain Longkumer began by addressing the House under Rule 284 in commemoration of the day of adoption of the Constitution of India. All the Members of the House along with the AHDs, HoDs and officers reiterated the Preamble with the Speaker.

ADVISOR FOR TOURISM AND ART & CULTURE BRIEFS THE HOUSE ON HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2021

Advisor for Tourism and Art & Culture, Khehovi Yephthomi addressed the House during the 9th Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly on 26th November 2021 and gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming Hornbill Festival 2021. He said that for the past 21 years, the Hornbill Festival has been brilliantly showcasing the cultural canvas of Nagaland and the festival has proved to be one of the rarest kinds in the world drawing the interest of visitors from all over the world. He said that the Hornbill Festival is not only an annual cultural affair of mass get-together but a window to experience the unique identity and cultural legacy of our rich Naga traditions while also providing opportunities for the local economy to flourish. He further added that as

per the post event analysis, the Hornbill Festival has promoted and created avenues for tourism trade and related business such as hospitality sector-hotels and restaurants, tourist taxi drivers, tour operators and tour guides, photographers, videographers, creative artists, IT experts, entertainers, local craftsmen, weavers and caterers, Self Help Groups etc.

On the celebration of the 22nd edition Hornbill Festival 2021, he said that the State Tourism Department will endeavour to minimise tourism related losses, boost tourism service providers and the hospitality sector while also maintaining Covid protocols and encourage the increase in tourist footfall to make up for the



financial hit it took since the onset of the pandemic. He also said that the Department is hopeful of reaching out to the wider audience with new innovative ideas and also achieve the objective of

celebrating Hornbill Festival which is to facilitate the local artisans /artists/textile industry/agro and allied sectors and also to generate employment opportunities.

ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE LAUNCHED



Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS flagging off the car campaign in commemoration of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women at Old MLA Hostel Junction, Kohima on 25th November 2021.

A “car campaign” in commemoration of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and launching the 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence with the theme 'End violence against women now!' was held at Old MLA Hostel Junction, Kohima on 25th November 2021.

Guest of Honour, DGP, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer IPS in his address reminded and reassured the women of Nagaland that there are constitutional and legal provisions available to combat this threat and ensure justice to all who are wronged. He stated that the Indian Constitution through the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policies laid the foundation for a just and egalitarian society where the dignity and respect of women are ensured. The legal provisions in the Indian Penal Code and CrPC (Amendment Act) 2013 enshrine preventive and punitive actions to safeguard the rights of women and girls. These laws are further bolstered by other laws like,

Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005; (Prevention of) Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act; Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place 2013; POCSO Act 2012; The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006; Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act 1986, and the IT Act 2000.

Longkumer mentioned that it has been the concerted effort of Nagaland Police to address the issue of violence against women and to this effect, Women Police Stations and Anti-Human Trafficking Units have been established in all the districts of Nagaland. Additionally, Women Help Desks have been established in every police station to increase the outreach. Nagaland Police, since 2018 to 2020 registered 249 cases of violence (crime) against women leading to arrest of 19 persons, rescue of 26 women and girls from human trafficking and rescue of 18 sex workers, he stated. He said the campaign is aimed to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls by increasing awareness,

promoting advocacy and creating opportunities for discussions on the challenge and solutions and assured that all grievances will be taken up expeditiously for redressal as per the law of the land.

Chairperson NSCW, Khrienuo Tachü in her introductory message briefed that the 16 Days of Activism is observed worldwide to end all forms of violence against women. Mass awareness and sensitization is needed to stop sexual harassment, domestic violence, and the exploitation of women and girl child. As a community, we need to identify and address the forms of violence against women that the present Naga society is faced with, and every woman and girl should be able to walk freely and safely in the streets in any locality at any hour

without fear, threat or harassment,' she added.

Meanwhile Director, Social Welfare, Michael Zaren and Member Secretary, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, Victo Sema added their views on the calls to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts and sensitize the end of violence against women.

The programme was jointly organised by Department of Social Welfare, NSCW, NSSWB, SRCW, Anganwadi, Child Line and Women Helpline, KCCI, AKMWP, NAC. Around 50 cars participating in the campaign, dispersed to various colonies across Kohima town distributing IEC materials, flyers, posters, banners, etc. to create awareness on the elimination of violence against women.

INTER-COLLEGE EXTEMPORE SPEECH COMPETITION MARKS "AUDIT DIWAS/DAY" CELEBRATION

Starting from 16th November 2021 "Audit Diwas/Day" is being celebrated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Along with "Audit Diwas," an "Audit Awareness Week" is also being observed across the country. On this occasion, the Office of the Principal Accountant General, Nagaland, Kohima organised an inter-college extempore speech competition on 24th November 2021 with the focus on "Accountability, Transparency and Good Governance". Twenty-four students representing 12 colleges in and around Kohima participated in the competition.

The event was organised to give a platform to today's youth to express their views on the present scenario of "Accountability, Transparency and Good Governance". Some interesting views expressed by the participants were-

- * Government and the public should work together for better governance.
- * Marginalised and people at the grassroots level are suffering more due to corruption at the top and development not reaching them.
- * Lack of strong action against wrong-doers is encouraging more corruption in the state.
- * There is overpopulation of educated youths; we need to change our mindsets

and look towards private sectors/self-employment and not only depend on government jobs.

- * Students should come together to raise their voice against backdoor appointments and fight for equal opportunity.
- * RTI Act is a powerful tool to promote transparency and accountability: However, RTI Act is only a tool to get the information, it is up to us to use it effectively.
- * Punctuality and discipline in the government offices will promote good governance.
- * Looking at the deplorable conditions of the government hospitals in the state, the health sector need to be strengthened otherwise it is like a ticking time-bomb.
- * The Government has failed to monitor the judicious utilisation of public money. People should ask where, why and how the public money is spent?
- * Citizens are important stakeholders and therefore should take the responsibility to hold the Government accountable.
- * Public and the Government should work together to promote free and fair election so that good and capable leaders are elected

to ensure good governance.

This is the pulse of today's youth.

The judges for the competition were Dr. Rosemary Dzüvichü, Professor, Department of English, Nagaland University; Rupin Sharma, IPS, DG (Home Guards, Prisons & SDRF); and Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, DC Dimapur.

The result of the competition is as follows:

1. Mr. Takanungba Pongen of Modern College,

Kohima. (Rs. 15,000 with Certificate)

2. Miss Hanlula Yimchungrü of Sazolie College, Jotsoma. (Rs. 10,000 with Certificate)
3. Miss Philomina Rutsa of Kohima Science College, Jotsoma. (Rs. 5,000 with Certificate).

Also, consolation prizes (Rs. 1000) with certificates were given to all the participants.

RAJ BHAVAN KOHIMA OBSERVES CONSTITUTION DAY



The officers and staff of Governor's Secretariat and Household Establishment, Raj Bhavan observed the Constitution Day at Banquet Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 26th November 2021.

The officers and staff of Governor's Secretariat and Household Establishment, Raj Bhavan observed the Constitution Day on 26th November 2021 at Banquet Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor, T. Mhabemo Yanthan IAS exhorting the gathering, said that the Constitution is the supreme law of India and every citizen should respect and honour with

dignity. He also acknowledged the works of the father of the Constitution, Dr. Ambedkar, popularly known as 'Baba Ambedkar,' the man behind the birth of Constitution of India. It was adopted on 26th November 1949 and became effective on 26th January 1950.

Commissioner & Secretary also administered the oath by reading out the Preamble to Constitution followed by the staff present.

NPSA CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Nagaland Police Service Association (NPSA) celebrated its Golden Jubilee at Nagaland Police Officers' Central Mess, Chumukedima on 27th November 2021 with Deputy Chief Minister Nagaland, Y. Patton as the Special Guest and Director General of Police Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS as the Guest of Honor.

Speaking on the occasion, Patton

congratulated the members of NPSA on attaining 50 years of unforgettable moments. He said the Nagaland Police Service occupies a position of being a "Premier Service" under the State Government, and that the role of the NPS Cadre holds great significance due to the fact that its members are playing a crucial role in the field level. He emphasized to continue on modern, effective



Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland, Y. Patton and Director General of Police, Nagaland, T. John Longkumer, IPS along with other officials during the Golden Jubilee celebration of Nagaland Police Service Association at Nagaland Police Officers' Central Mess, Chumukedima on 27th November 2021.

and sensitive security architecture that inspires a sense of safety among all sections of society and it is vital to continue updating area of skilling, research and capabilities of the police force he added.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured that the Government is committed to address any genuine grievance of the Police Force and urged upon all to continue in rendering their sincere and dedicated services to the people in keeping with the Nagaland Police Motto "Security, Service and Sacrifice." Patton said the NPS Officers serve as the backbone for maintaining public order and safety, enforcing the law, and preventing detecting and investigating criminal activities. He added that the since inception of the State and the tumultuous period of insurgency, the NPS Officers have been in the forefront to serve and protect the Naga people and a number of officers have paid the ultimate sacrifice in laying down their lives for the peace and security of the state and the country.

Patton mentioned that though the accountability for traditional responsibility such as crime investigation, prevention and detection of crime remain primary, police today face far too many dynamic challenges that emerge in the form of social, cultural and technological changes so, the need of the hour demands proactive, transparent policing in sync with the aspirations of society and national policy. He said that there is a need for congruent responses amidst the maze of every emerging technological option and the police must gear up to meet the security aspirations of a well-informed society which demands transparency and prompt justice delivering system.

The programme was chaired by General Secretary, NPSA, Shouka Kakheto. Presidential Address was delivered by President, NPSA, Teisovise Metha. Special song was presented by Kihika Sumi Chishi, while vote of thanks was delivered by Assistant Secretary, NPSA, K. Lucy Yhome.

MMHONLUMO KIKON LAUNCHES BRILLANTE WEBSITE

The website of Brillante, the Nagaland Piano Festival 3rd edition was officially launched by

Advisor Information Technology & Communication, New & Renewable Energy, Science & Technology,





Advisor, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), New & Renewable Energy, Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon launching the official website of Brillante at the Directorate of IT&C, Kohima on 29th November 2021.

Mmhonlumo Kikon at the Directorate of IT&C, Kohima on 29th November 2021.

Mmhonlumo Kikon speaking at the event acknowledged Brillante, the Nagaland Piano festival 3rd edition for putting Nagaland on the world map in piano music which is significant and historic. He added that the event is a brilliant idea and over the years, it has become a respected and a familiar brand in India's music scene. He also congratulated the Brillante team for impacting many individuals through Brillante and the success stories of these individuals have not only transformed their lives but have now become agents of change in the music industry. He also hoped that the vision of Brillante will make Nagaland the piano capital of India and also support the piano community beyond Nagaland.

Kikon remarked that though Nagaland is a small state, there is a need to aspire to take such initiatives to the national and international platform as well. He stated that he was thrilled to launch the first official website by an event based organization in the State of Nagaland. He added that the website will facilitate the initiative to go global and will attract more audience to witness and access

the various programs and initiatives taken by the organization.

Director, Brillante, Khyochano TCK Ngully speaking at the event, said that Brillante stands to promote piano music and provide platform to emerging artist. She also said that the festival is to celebrate the history and impact of piano music and encourage the study and performance of piano music in Nagaland. She added music needs to be a community effort and also it need to be enjoyed outside the classrooms in the community as well. Ngully said the event started in Nagaland in 2017 and it went national in 2019 and the third edition is now an international event. She also said the event will be launched virtually on 15th-17th December 2021 in YouTube and six countries will participate in the virtual event. She also narrated various success stories and how Brillante has impacted and provided hope for artists in our State.

Other highlights of the event included screening of a short video on previous event held and Vizotha Nagi presented a piano solo. NK square representative highlighted the features of the website. One may visit the website at www.brillantefest.org.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with other officials during the Nagaland Duty-cum-Sports Meet 2021 at NAPTC Stadium, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 12th November 2021.



Advisor, School Education, K. T. Sukhalu attended the North-East Education Conclave along with officials of School Education and Samagra Shiksha at Guwahati on 20th November 2021.



Dr. S. C. Jamir addressing the gathering during the National Press Day organized by the Dimapur Press Club at DBDIL Hall, Don Bosco School Campus, Dimapur on 16th November 2021.



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and various notices through Speed Post was signed between the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar and the Department of Post, represented by the Postmaster General, NE-II Region, Dimapur, Som Kamei at the CEO's Office Chamber, Kohima on 15th November 2021.



The Mahila Shakti Kendra and District Administration, Longleng in collaboration with Nagaland State Aids Control Society, Longleng and Longleng Town Baptist Church conducted an awareness programme on teenage pregnancy at Longleng Town Baptist Church on 13th November 2021.



A one-day training programme on value addition of fish products for Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, Self Help Groups implemented by Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources was conducted at Wokha on 19th November 2021.



Students writing their exam at Ruzhukhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima using desks and benches provided by the Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland for improvement of infrastructures in schools.



Director General, Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force (HG, CD & SDRF), Rupin Sharma, IPS inaugurated the District Commandant Office of HG, CD & SDRF at Mokokchung on 16th November 2021.

GOVERNOR LAUNCHES EDUVERSITY CARES2



Governor, Assam & Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and others during the launch of Eduversity Cares2 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 30th November 2021.

Governor of Assam & Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, while launching the Eduversity Cares2 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 30th November 2021, said that the group's major objective should be to identify the talented students and produce IAS, IPS and IFS officers. He encouraged the Eduversity Group to be the torchbearer for excellence.

Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Women, Khrienuo Tachu, in her address, congratulated the CEO, MD and colleagues of the Eduversity Group for coming up with such great initiative with special focus on girl students. She said that the Naga Women in this 21st century are more

informed and equipped, she hope that this initiative will empower and lead the Naga Women to another level.

In his keynote address, Chief Operating Officer, Eduversity Group, Prakash Nayak, said that the initiative is for girl students of the institution to cope with their monthly cycle without compromising on their studies and classes. Under the initiative, a girl student gets a two-day leave during the initial period of menstrual cycle, which is considered as the peak of any discomfort. According to him, the leave would be on voluntary basis and the classes missed shall be compensated on Saturdays.

STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON IMPORTANCE OF RELIABLE STATISTICS FOR DATA PROVIDERS HELD

A State level seminar on awareness amongst data providers on importance of reliable statistics was organized by the Economics & Statistics Department with Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics (E&S), L. Khumo as Special Guest at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 30th November 2021.

Advisor, L. Khumo said that a seminar like this will be of great help to identify the gaps and to bridge such gaps for building up an accurate official statistics and strengthen the statistical system in the State.

Additional Director & HoD, E&S, Neidilhou Angami highlighted the importance of the seminar for Data Providers and said that the seminar is being organized particularly for the line departments officials since most of the data are obtained from

them. He said that the administration data lying with the various line departments plays a very vital role in policy formulation and intervention and it directly impacts the State development and economic growth as well as affecting the performances of the Government in many areas. He stressed on the importance to have a unified and accurate data base for the entire State for effective planning and monitoring and to enhance the State's potential, capabilities and perspective.

Special Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Kevileno Angami, Deputy Director, Higher Education, Medongoi Rhakho, Chairman, Zynorique Initiatives Society, Ar. Richard Belho and Senior Consultant, NISG, National eGovernance Division, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Yanpvuo Kikon were the resource persons for the seminar.

GENDER STATISTICS NAGALAND 2021 REPORT RELEASED



Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo along with other officials during the release of the Gender Statistics, Nagaland 2021 report at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 30th November 2021.

The Gender Statistics, Nagaland 2021 and a short video on registration of births and deaths (Dreamz Unlimited) was released by Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation and Economics & Statistics, L. Khumo at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 30th November 2021.

The Gender Statistics Report 2021 is the 4th publication series published by the Directorate of Economics & Statistics which focuses on demography, health, education, employment, participation in decision making, social obstacles and other gender statistics.

According to the 2021 report, in demographic statistics as per 2011 census, the sex ratio (number of females per 1000 males) is 931, for rural it is 940 and for urban areas, it is 908. Zunheboto has the highest sex ratio (976) and Mon has the lowest at 899. During the year 2020, total number of births registered was 46079, out of which 22917 (49.73%) were female and 23162 (50.27%) were male. Dimapur registered the highest with 6803 female and 6652 male which is followed by Mon with 6032 female and 5742 male.

In education and literacy during 2019-20, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for general education at primary level for female is 165% and 163% for male, for upper primary class, it is 79% female and 74% male, at elementary level, it is 119% for female and 116% for male, at secondary level, it is 61% female and 55% male and at

higher secondary level, it is 38% female and 34% male.

In economy and employment, the percentage of female cultivators (65.2%) and agricultural labourers (7.3%) are more than male cultivators (47.4%) and agricultural labourers (5.8%) respectively. On the other hand, females have less percentage (24.4%) in other workers category as compared to males at (45%). As per PMIS report, female employees comprised of only 22.46% of total employees during 2014 which substantially increased to 31.26% in 2020 out of which 31.38%, 28.55%, 28.52% and 36.55% of female employees falls under the categories of Class-I, Class-II, CLASS-III and Class-IV respectively.

In participation in decision making, during the 2018 State General Election, women voters were 82.48% and male voters were 86.09%. Female voters in the 17th Lok Sabha Election 2019 was 82.69% and male voters was 82.44%. As per Rural Development department, there were 2438 VDB women members and 12 VDB women secretaries in Nagaland during 2019-20.

According to the report on census of land holdings 2015-16, total land holding size of Nagaland is 196882 hectares, out of which total land size holding by women is 19677 hectares (9.99%). Maximum land holding size by women was registered in districts of Kohima and Phek.

SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL EXERCISE HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

A meeting for special summary revision of photo electoral roll was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima on 1st November 2021.

ADC, Kohima, N. Bhavani Sri, IAS informed and highlighted the schedules for the special summary revision of photo electoral roll with reference to 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date.

The ADC also notified the publications of electoral roll in draft to the electors of the 8 - Western Angami, 9 - Kohima Town, 10 - Northern Angami - I, 11 - Northern Angami - II, 12 - Tsemnyu, 14 - Southern Angami - I and 15 - Southern Angami - II Assembly Constituencies, that the electoral roll has been prepared in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and a copy is available for inspection at the office and at polling station during office hours.

Towards the end of the meeting, copies of the draft roll was handed over to the representatives of the political parties.

TUENSANG:

Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS during a meeting with representatives of political parties on electoral roll draft publication at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 1st November 2021.

Electoral roll draft publication session was conducted at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 1st November 2021. The session was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and DEO, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

Speaking in the programme, Ramnikant encouraged checking doubtful list and urged everyone to put all effort to clean the e-roll so as to have a clean election. Unclean e-roll will also create problems and tension during elections, he added.

ADC and ERO, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma also advised the party members to utilize the Supervisors and BLOs so that every eligible member can be enrolled in the rural areas. He also advised the party members to appoint BLA and let the BLA mobilize for complete entry of the rural areas.

The draft publication session was attended by all political parties of the district.

NOKLAK:

The distribution of draft electoral roll to the political parties of 56 Assembly Constituency and 57 Assembly Constituency was done by Deputy Commissioner (DC) and District Election Officer, Noklak, Hiazu Meru on 1st November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

The DC and DEO sought for early appointment and submission of BLO names for smooth and quick functioning of work. He also said the work of claim and correction must be clear and sincerely worked out and submitted within one month.

GOVERNOR's CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED

NOKLAK:

Award distribution ceremony of the district level essay competition conducted on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 2021 on the topic 'Relevance of Gandhiji's thoughts for building a peaceful and prosperous Nagaland,' organized by Raj Bhavan,

Kohima in collaboration with District Administration, Noklak was held on 1st November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that the values and principles of Gandhiji's thoughts are still

relevant to us and advised the gathering to practice it. He thanked all the participants for participating in the essay competition and also the school authorities for taking the initiative for the competition.

The programme was attended by government officials, school authorities and students from different institutions and civil societies.

KOHIMA:

A felicitation programme for the award of Governor's Certificate of Excellence, 2021 on essay competition under the topic 'Relevance of Gandhiji's thoughts for building a peaceful and prosperous Nagaland' on account of Gandhi Jayanti, 2021 was held at Kohima District Planning & Development Board's (DPDB) Hall, Kohima on 3rd November 2021.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, N. Bhavani Sri, IAS who chaired the programme gave a brief account of the essay competition. She said that on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2021, as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and at the initiative of Raj Bhavan, all the districts were asked to organise the essay competition for the students of

High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in all the districts of Nagaland.

Accordingly, the Kohima district level essay competition was conducted in online mode on the topic as notified and out of 57 participants from 18 schools, Vijayanand V. Thomas, Class – XII from Ruzhukhrie Higher Secondary School, Kohima won the first prize and was awarded a prize money of Rs. 25,000/- and certificate while Alinen Kent, Class - XII from Stella Higher Secondary School bagged the second prize, who received a prize money of Rs. 15,000/- and certificate.

TUENSANG:

The Governor's Certificate of Excellence for district level essay competition on the topic 'Relevance of Gandhiji's thoughts for building a peaceful and prosperous Nagaland' as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav were awarded during a programme held at DC's Office Chamber, Tuensang on 11th November 2021.

The certificates were given away by Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant to the winner, Chemi Shiu of GHSS Thangjam and second prize to Simi Kumari of GHSS Tuensang.

PENSION SCHEMES LAUNCHED AND DISBURSED AT LONGWA MON



Department of Social Welfare, Mon organised a programme for verification-cum-disbursement of pension under various schemes such as National Social Assistance Programme, blind and disabled scholarship at Longwa village, Mon on 1st November 2021.

Department of Social Welfare, Mon on 1st November 2021 organised a launching programme of verification-cum-disbursement of pension under various schemes such as National Social Assistance Programme, blind and disabled scholarship at Longwa village, Mon.

District Welfare Officer, Mon, Y. Tauhong Ngonyen encouraged the beneficiaries to open bank accounts and IPPB account in Post Office for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). He also appealed the civil societies to extend support to the Department in the verification process like Unique Disability ID.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS**LONGLENG:**

A four day skill development training on baking for educated and unemployed women was conducted at Vomshak's Treat Kitchen, Longleng from 28th October 2021 and culminated on 31st October 2021.

A total of eight (8) girls from Longleng Sardar underwent the baking class with Trainer, Phenmei Phom. The training was aimed to generate self-employment and also to empower them for small enterprises. The training programme was organised by Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), District Administration & Mahila Shakti Kendra (DLCW), Longleng.

DIMAPUR:

Skill development training programme on value addition on fruits, vegetables and spices was held at Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre (NTTC), Dimapur on 15th November 2021 with Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS as the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Sema stressed on post-harvest management and encouraged the entrepreneurs and said that processing of food harvested should start from their own place. He stressed that the Government employment has reached its saturation point, therefore the youths have to find and invest in other avenues. He urged the youths to take up those kind of activities which will provide sustainable income.

Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore, Dr. Ng. Iboyaima Singh, the Programme Coordinator mentioned that as Nagaland has raw materials there is a need to popularize processing and marketing of food produced in Nagaland.

Joint Director and HoD, MSME Development Institute, Dimapur, Taliwati Longchar mentioned that the people of Nagaland should converge and adapt to the new market trend and focus on quality packaging.

Assistant General Manager, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Guwahati, Sunita Rai Bharali stressed on the need to scale up production and target GI products such as Naga King Chilli and Naga Cucumber and to focus on the branding.

MON:

A two-day basic training/workshop on Skill Development under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Support Activity was organized by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) on 25th and 26th November 2021 at the Office of the Executive Engineer (EE), PHED Mon Division, with the objective to impart basic skill development to ensure sustainability of the water supply infrastructure.

A total of 64 participants including WATSAN committee members, village heads from 21 villages where JJM scheme is currently under implementation at Mon district attended the training.

MONTHLY REVIEW MEETING OF WOKHA DTF FOR COVID-19 HELD

The monthly review meeting of Wokha District Task Force (DTF) for COVID-19 was held on 2nd November 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. The meeting focused on taking preventive steps and preparedness for the third wave.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Wokha DTF for COVID-19, Orenthung Lotha who chaired the meeting expressed appreciation for providing the District Hospital with Oxygen Plant

under PM Cares and Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton for donating an X-Ray machine. He added that all the machines require high voltage power supply for operation which require separate additional 200 kVA transformer for which he said that, EE (Power), Wokha have already submitted the DPR to the Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) Department which requires immediate attention and requested the H&FW Department to sanction the required amount at the earliest.



Lotha thanked the bikers groups for visiting the interior areas and spreading awareness about the importance of taking COVID-19 vaccine and appealed to all the citizens of the district who are yet to take the vaccine to avail the vaccine.

Chief Medical Officer, Wokha while briefing the members about the district's scenario of COVID-19 said that 66% of the district has been vaccinated so far and stated that activities are underway to vaccinate the remaining 33% of the district's population.

DISTRICT LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MOBILIZING THE UNORGANIZED WORKERS HELD AT PEREN

District level implementation committee for mobilizing the unorganized workers and undertaking registration drives in Peren district for enrollment of such workers on e-Shram portal (National Database for Unorganized Workers) was held on 2nd November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

Assistant Labour Commissioner, Peren, Temwang Konyak said the Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed e-Shram portal (www.eshram.gov.in) for creating a national database of unorganized workers, which will be seeded with Aadhar and it is also the first ever national database of unorganized workers.

While speaking on e-Shram portal, Konyak stated that the Ministry of Labour & Employment is continuously working on improving the life and dignity of labour force of the country by protecting and safeguarding the interest of workers, promotion

of welfare and providing social security to the labour force both in organized and unorganized sectors.

Any workers who is working in unorganized sector and aged between 16-59 years is eligible to register on the portal, eg. migrant workers, gig workers, platform workers, agricultural workers, MGNREGA workers, fishermen, milkmen, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, street vendors, domestic workers, rickshaw pullers and other workers engaged in similar other occupations in the unorganized sector, Konyak added. He also briefed the house on the key objectives of e-Shram, modes of registration, documents required for registration in e-Shram, benefits for unorganized workers registering on e-Shram portal. He requested the line departments to spread awareness to the beneficiaries and encourage them to get registered in order to avail the benefits.

Later, a round of discussion hour was also held where doubts and queries were raised and clarified.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HIV, TB AND BLOOD DONATION HELD IN DIMAPUR

In commemorating 75 years of Independence, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) launched a campaign on New India @75 which were planned to conduct awareness in three phased manner on the three themes namely, HIV, TB and blood donation with the objective to disseminate information regarding HIV/TB prevention and services; developing an understanding about the infection and to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS and TB, and also to encourage blood donation within youths.

In disseminating the campaign, a District Level Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS and CMO, Dimapur, Dr. I. Moatemjen, as Member Secretary. Further a sub-committee was formed to look after the entire campaign for the awareness, publicity and also to screen the competitions under the three themes i.e. HIV, TB and blood donation. The awareness campaign was spearheaded by District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit (DAPCU) and District Tuberculosis Officer, Dimapur, and awareness camps were conducted on HIV, TB and blood

donation in various schools and colleges within Dimapur district.

Altogether, seven colleges namely, Pranabananda Women's College, Public College Of Commerce & Arts, Sakus Mission College, SD Jain Girls' College, Yemhi College, Immanuel College and City College of Arts & Commerce and the following six schools, Carmel Higher Secondary School, Holy Child School, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Little Star Higher Secondary School, St. Paul Higher Secondary School and St. Joseph Higher Secondary School were covered under the first phase of awareness campaign. The

campaign also included competitions on the three themes i.e. HIV, TB and blood donation for the schools and colleges.

After all the entries were received, the screening committee which comprised of Deputy CMO, District Education Officer and DPO, DAPCU, Dimapur screened and judged the entries received from the students under the three themes. After the committee screened the entries the result of the competition was declared on 2nd November 2021, and EAC (Development), Dimapur felicitated the winners in the presence of Deputy CMO and DTO, Dimapur.

INTER DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

PEREN:

The inaugural programme of 7th Peren District Inter Departmental Badminton Tournament began at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Jalukie on 5th November 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier with winners of the 7th Peren District Inter Departmental Badminton Tournament at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Jalukie on 5th November 2021.

Addressing the inaugural function, ZBCC Youth Secretary, Dr. Rampaikopong Michui stated through the tournament coordination between various departments would be strengthened and further encouraged the participants to play with dignity and integrity.

The closing ceremony programme was held on 6th November 2021 at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Jalukie. The occasion was graced by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier. The

winners and runners up were awarded cash prize, medals and certificates by the Deputy Commissioner, Peren in the presence of ADC, Jalukie, ADC Peren and other dignitaries.

TUENSANG:

The 3rd Inter Departmental Sports Meet 2021 kickstarted on 25th November 2021 at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Tuensang. Vishal Chauhan, Superintendent of Police, Tuensang was the special guest for the occasion. The events of the sports meet were Table Tennis, Badminton and Carrom, and a total of 40 departments participated in the sports meet.

The SP, Tuensang appreciated the organizers for successfully organizing the event. He said that sports is one arena in which we forget the pressures, difficulties and negative feelings, and unite, and it is an opportunity to get to know and make friends outside one's department.

The two-day Sports Meet concluded on 26th November 2021 with President, United Tribes of Elderly Leaders Union, Imphongsot as special guest.

Altogether, 49 departments participated in Table Tennis, Carrom and Badminton events. DEF Tuensang emerged as the overall winner of the Inter Departmental Sports Meet.

PHEK BLOCK LEVEL FEDERATION MEETING HELD AT PHEK

Women Self Help Groups, Phek Block Level Federation under Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission held its first general body meeting on 5th November 2021 at Phek Town Hall with SDO (C), Phek, Zhoi Lohe as the guest speaker.

Speaking on the occasion, Lohe said that everyone needs to know how to earn and spend their livelihood economically, thereby enhancing their living standard. Lohe stated that, women have opportunities in different ways like, capacity

building, quality development to look after families as well as society for which he encouraged the women folk to understand themselves in all fields and take responsibility for the growth of the society.

While acknowledging SHGs for their various successes, Lohe reminded that there is still a long way to go and catch with the rest of the world. He stressed on the need for transparency and accountability in financial matters.

TOKHU EMONG MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2021 CELEBRATED

Tokhu Emong-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival 2021 started on 5th November 2021 at Public Ground, Wokha with Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon as the special guest on the opening day.

Speaking on the occasion, Kikon extended Tokhu greetings and expressed solidarity, peace and tranquility among the Lothas and also brotherhood in the larger interest of Naga society. Recalling the rich Lotha culture, he stated that the Lothas are also a warrior's tribe among the Nagas.

Kikon expressed strong desire to prioritize and promote the culture and tradition. He also mentioned storytelling as the most important and powerful medium of communication, for which he said that discussions and gatherings are essential for preserving and living our culture.

Kikon also called to contribute and strengthen the apex body, Lotha Hoho in any capacity and stated that little individual interest must not dilute the community but rather support the apex body which will eventually elevate the community. He also stressed on unity in purpose and called to

commit and have a motto to volunteer and sacrifice for the betterment of the community.

The three-day festival culminated on 7th November 2021 at Local Ground, Wokha with Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan as the special guest.

Yanthan called for preservation of the cultural heritage and to let the spirit of friendship and brotherhood prevail among the people. He called upon the gathering to rejuvenate and re-dedicate their lives for a brighter future and asked them to emulate the good deeds and examples set by the forefathers and make use of the resources and make themselves self-sustainable.

Tokhu Emong is the biggest festival of the Lothas, observed at the end of the agriculture year following the harvest, with the harvest over and the granaries full the people take respite from the sweating, toils and settle down to enjoy the fruits of the hard labour with leisure. It is also a time for thanksgiving, reconciliation, sharing and accommodating each other, past rancors are forgiven, friendships are renewed, new ties are established and bonds of close intimacy are formed. The final day of the Tokhu Emong is called Loroe Tokhu meaning festival of damsels.

STATE HAS A LARGE SCOPE ON BEEKEEPING: MHATHUNG YANTHAN

A one-day awareness programme on Scope and Importance of Bee, Beekeeping & Honey

initiated by Nagaland Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) in collaboration with Central Institute

Horticulture (CIH) Medziphema, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare was held at Sanis town, Wokha on 5th November 2021. The objective of the programme is to encourage and motivate the farmers on income generation and crop productivity and production through bee pollinating services. The programme targets on quality control of honey and marketing strategy.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan thanked the NBHM for venturing into new activities like, broom and mushroom cultivation, in the form of giving livelihood support to the beekeepers and also to the community. He said that beekeeping is not very popular in this area and added that during his day as the Team Leader of NBHM he had encouraged the area people for beekeeping but people were not that receptive, but expressed his happiness that now people has realized its importance.

Mhathung said bee keeping, is crucially important for agriculture well-being of the State, the natural biological interdependence that comes from bee pollination and production of seeds, be it agriculture, horticulture or other forestry produce

largely depends on availability of bee in large scale. A state like Nagaland, which is rural based agrarian economy has a large scope on beekeeping or apiculture and urged the trainees to protect and preserve the practice.

Commissioner & Secretary to Governor of Nagaland and Team Leader, NBHM, T. Mhabemo Yanthan while delivering the keynote address said that sustaining the economy of the rural people is very important. He said that the potential of beekeeping that will support and sustain the economy of the rural population was conceived by the then Team Leader of the NBHM and present Advisor of Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan in 2007 and commended the nodal department for doing a fantastic job. The Department received the National Award in wild honey and mushroom cultivation under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, under Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK), he added.

Altogether, 70 (seventy) beekeepers and horticulture farmers from 15 (fifteen) villages under Sanis Division attended the awareness training programme.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

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

Discussing on the agenda of the day, the Board after a brief deliberation recommended the following agenda proposed by various organisations and agencies: Upgradation of Government Middle School, Tangha to Government High School; Application of Tamlu Village Students Union (TVSU) and Yongphang Students' Union (YSU) for registration as society under Societies Registration Act; Upgradation of SDO (Power), Longleng to Executive Engineer and approval of verification/implementing committee for LADP 2021 - 2022 under 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng.

The implementing committees constituted for LADP with ADC, Tamlu as Convenor, DAO, Longleng and BDO, Tamlu as members for 49 A/C Tamlu. For 50 A/C Longleng, ADC Headquarter as Convenor with DHO, Longleng and BDO, Sakshi as its members.

The Board also had a lengthy deliberation on poor internet connectivity in the district and for smooth functioning and implementation of e-NPS and e-Pay Bill system for the government employees. In this regard, the DC appealed to all the HoDs to arrange alternative internet connectivity so that salary of the employees are not delayed.

SDO (Power), Longleng presented the activities of the department through a PowerPoint presentation. He also apprised the Board about the grievances faced by the Department and highlighted various reasons for frequent power disruptions in the district.



PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of November was held at Baudi Hall, Jalukie town on 6th November 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Peren and Vice-chairman, Peren DPDB, Sentiwapang Aier.

Rehungyibe Nsarangbe, Class-X of Government Higher Secondary School, Peren and Merari Nbung, Class-XI of Baptist Higher Secondary School, Jalukie 'B' were felicitated for securing 1st and 2nd position in Peren District Level Essay Competition on the topic 'Relevance of Gandhiji's thoughts for building a peaceful and a prosperous

Nagaland' as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.' Schools under Peren with 100% pass percentage, subject toppers in High School Leaving Certificate as well as Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate were also felicitated in the meeting. The prizes were handed over by the Deputy Commissioner.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Kiholi highlighted in detail the COVID-19 vaccination status and action plan of the district. Director, Pro Rural Society, Paul Lokho highlighted the action plan to combat COVID-19 in collaboration with DTF and SDTF in the district.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall on 8th November 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The members discussed on the agenda of YTC for transferring of Sotokur EAC Headquarter from Tuensang Sadar to ADC Shamator. The President of YTC explained on the reason behind the proposal to the Board. He stated that the main objective of the proposal is for administrative convenience to which the representatives of the CKS also agreed on for the proposal. The Board

agreed to forward the proposal for approval.

The proposal for the allocation of funds for the reparation of EAC Longkhim quarter was also discussed and sent for approval.

The vaccination status of Tuensang district under bottom 41 list in the country was discussed and the remedial drive to pull out from the bottom 41 list was also deliberated. The Board also decided for extensive vaccination and awareness drive in rural areas which will be headed by HoDs of the district. Tuensang town is also to install a 24x7 vaccination centre to boost the vaccination percentage in the district.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 8th November 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman, Wokha DPDB and Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting.

Department of Rural Development, District Executive Force (Police), Irrigation/Water Resources presented their departmental activities.

Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New &

Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon said that the main focus on the implementation of government projects, schemes and its activities is to uplift the economic status of the common people. He urged all the department to implement such activities in convergence with other line departments to avoid duplication of works, while selecting the projects he urged the concerned department to select the location on priority basis so that the particular project will boost economic viability of the concerned area. He assured all the



departments that the Board will extend full cooperation for the successful implementation of projects and schemes.

Advisor, Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan called upon all the department to be actively involved in all developmental activities.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of October and November 2021 was held on 8th November 2021 at ADC Planning Conference Hall, Mokokchung. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Minister, Public Works Department (Housing and Mechanical) and Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Tongpang Ozukum.

On the proposal of Youth Hostel at Mokokchung, the Chairman stated that he had apprised the concerned Minister, and asked the Board to get a reply from the concerned department. Ozukum said that the land owner of Kendriya Vidyalaya School, Tuli is willing to give the land free of cost for the establishment of the school, and also stated that the school should not be closed down.

The Board also deliberated on the construction of pedestrian footbridge for main

junction, Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC) dumping site, Mokokchung Highway by-pass road and purchase of medical equipments for combating COVID-19 in the district.

The Board also accepted the translated documents of Village Councils Act Nagaland submitted by the select committee for approval. After thorough deliberation, the Board approved the registration of society, Soul Care, Chami village, society for care and support to orphan children.

Certificate and cash were awarded to the winners of the essay competition, organized by Raj Bhavan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2021. Alemmeren B. Longkumer from Jubilee Memorial School, Mokokchung secured the first position while Senmangba Jamir of Jubilee Memorial School, Mokokchung came in second.

NEP ORGANISES COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION ACROSS DISTRICTS



Project Director of Nagaland Education Project (NEP) – The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching And Resources - NECTAR) and Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS addressing the gathering during the sensitization and awareness campaign on NEP – The Lighthouse (NECTAR) at Town Hall, Peren on 8th November 2021.

PEREN:

The Nagaland Education Project (NEP) – The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom

Teaching and Resources - NECTAR) organised a one-day programme on community awareness and sensitization about the project at Town Hall, Peren

on 8th November 2021.

Project Director of NEP and Principal Director, School Education, Shanavas C, IAS appealed the people to actively participate in the project. The Project Director, while stressing on the aims and objectives including project components said that it will bear fruit after nine to ten years with constant monitoring. He said that communication strategy has to play a vital role in the education policy, and support and confidence is required for successful implementation of the project.

MON:

Department of School Education (DoSE), Nagaland Education Project (NEP) - The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources - NECTAR) Project Management Unit (PMU) led by Principal Director (DoSE) and Project Director, NEP - the Lighthouse (NECTAR), Shanavas C, IAS conducted a district level awareness programme on the project at the Conference Hall, office of

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon on 11th November 2021.

Shanavas while highlighting the NEP's aims, objectives and project components stated that NEP - The Lighthouse (NECTAR) aims to improve and enhance quality and learning outcomes of government schools in Nagaland.

Shanavas added that it will be the first ever World Bank financed education project in the Northeast Region of India to be directly implemented by a State Government i.e., Department of School Education, Government of Nagaland.

State Project Coordinator, Visato Koso stressed on the impact and importance of community ownership, investment and collective management.

The programme was attended by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, other administrative officers, officials from police and other departments and representatives from various NGOs and civil societies.



Deputy Project Director, Nagaland Education Project (NEP) – The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching And Resources - NECTAR), Avelu Ruho addressing the gathering during the district level awareness and sensitization at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 16th November 2021.

KIPHIRE:

The district level awareness and sensitization on Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources - NECTAR) was launched by the Department of School Education on 16th November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

Deputy Project Director, NEP – The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Avelu Ruho while highlighting the project's aims and objectives stated that the main focus is to enhance classroom teaching and resources, with an aim to improve and enhance quality and learning outcomes of government schools in the State and through this initiative the State Government is committed to address the targeted problems within fixed project duration - to enhance the governance of schools across the State, to improve in teaching practices and to enhance the overall learning environment, she said. Ruho also said that community initiative will be of great help for the success of the project activities, and which can change the education sector. She also informed that the project is funded by the World Bank for five years only.

The meeting was attended by officials from various departments, tribal hohos of Sangtam, Sema, Yimkhiung, Tikhir, all eleven ward representatives, and representatives from various government schools.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Organized by the Department of School Education (DoSE), a district level awareness programme on Nagaland Education Project (NEP) - The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources - NECTAR) was held on

23rd November 2021 at the Conference Hall of ADC (Planning), Mokokchung.

Principal Director, DoSE and Project Director, NEP – The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Shanavas C, IAS presented a PowerPoint on 'Nagaland Education Project Aims, Objectives and Project Components.' Another presentation on community ownership, investment and collective management was given by State Project Coordinator, NEP – The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Visato Koso.

PHEK:

A community awareness and sensitization programme was held at Town Hall, Phek on 17th November 2021, which was organized by the Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources - NECTAR).

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo stated that quality education is a must for everyone to lead a good life and urged the teaching community to give their best. The DC said that Nagaland is known for the concept of communitization throughout the country for which he urged the school management authority to work together and work out ways for the school children. He said that the society is still lagging behind in many ways, and added that proxy/bogus teachers need to be identified.

The aims, objectives and components of the project was presented given by Deputy Project Director, NEP - The Lighthouse (NECTAR), Avelu Ruho. Presentation on community ownership, investment and collective management was delivered by the Programme Monitoring Unit (PMU) team.

ZHALEO RIO LAUDS DIMAPUR DTF

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs and Chairman, Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Zhaleo Rio expressed

appreciation to the members of the Dimapur District Task Force (DTF) for surpassing 100 % vaccination in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.





Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio addressing the Dimapur District Planning & Development Board meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 9th November 2021.

Chairing the Dimapur DPDB meeting for the month of November on 9th November 2021, Zhaleo Rio informed that the district has achieved beyond 120% vaccination in the urban areas, the Chairman, Dimapur DPDB encouraged the members for achieving 100% vaccination even in the rural areas. He further requested the DTF and the officers for motivating and educating the public on the benefits of vaccination to ensure that the public get both doses of vaccination.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the Board recommended and approved the proposal for establishing a Paramedical Institute by Life Square Society at Neiphrulie Colony, Chumukedima village, basing on the satisfactory joint verification

report conducted by EAC Seithekiema, GBs and CMO Dimapur. The members also approved the proposal for changing the nomenclature of Excel Children School to Dzuvian School.

The agenda of the day included formation of District Level Screening and Verification Committee for society registration cases which was mooted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Dimapur DPDB. Towards this, DC Dimapur explained that the committee would be headed by ADC, concerned area administrative officers, members from concerned departments, whereby the committee would screen and verify the society registration proposals before putting up at the DPDB meeting, to which the Board agreed and approved.

VACCINATION EXPRESS AMBULANCE LAUNCHED AT TUENSANG



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS launching the Vaccination Express Ambulance for door to door COVID-19 vaccination campaign at Tuensang on 9th November 2021.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Tuensang District Task Force (DTF), Kumar Ramnikant, IAS launched the Vaccination Express ambulance for door to door COVID-19 vaccination

campaign on 9th November 2021 to mobilise, track, sensitise and vaccinate those who missed first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Tuensang town.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th November 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, Phek DPDB, Razouvolie Dozo.

The DC asked the HoDs to urge their respective staff to get vaccinated. With Phek district being declared as ginger and cardamom zone, Dozo called upon the members to disseminate information to the people for more production.

Upgradation of S. Pethury Montessori

School, Meluri and registration of Phoyisha Cultural Organization, Phor was approved. Creation of Postal Branch at Phor village was also approved during the meeting and has been sent to the higher authority for further action.

CMO Phek, Khriezotuo Paphino informed that about 600 COVID-19 cases have been detected, and death rate was 2.98%.

Winners of District Level Essay Competition were also felicitated during the meeting, where Kheyeto Lohe was declared the winner.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) conducted its monthly meeting on 10th November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Peter Lichamo.

EAC Headquarter, Nyamok Konyak briefed the Board members about the National Portal, e-Sharm scheme on behalf of the Labour Department. Priyanka Kumar (MGN Fellow) highlighted about Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship scheme for skill development in the district. AEO (Election), Nathan highlighted the members on Voters Services, a mobile app introduced by the Election Commissioner.

Proposal for posting of Information Assistants under Information & Public Relations

Department at Satakha, Akuluto and Atoizu subdivisions were presented through EAC Akuluto, Orenthung Kikon, to which the Board approved and forwarded the proposal for further procedure. EAC Akuluto also presented proposals for upgradation of Primary Health Centre to Community Health Centre and reverting of Sub-Treasury Office at Akuluto to which the Board members decided to approve the proposals. The Board also approved for the creation of sub-centre at Lochomi village.

During the meeting, the DC gave away the Governor's Certificate of Excellence to the District Level Essay Competition winners, Likupu Yephthomi of GHSS, Aghunato and Heshenoto Achumi of Woodland HSS, Zunheboto for securing first and second positions, respectively.

SENSITIZATION & AWARENESS CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME ON RPwD ACT HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

MOKOKCHUNG:

Sensitization & awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 was held at Conference Hall, Hotel Whispering

Winds, Mokokchung on 11th November 2021. The programme was organized by Mission Mode Team (Accessible India Campaign) in collaboration with the office of State Commission for Persons with



Disabilities.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and Team Leader, Mission Mode Team (AIC), K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS gave the introduction of the sensitization & awareness campaign and appealed to every person to be a good messenger and educate the people on the campaign on rights of persons with disabilities.



Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Nagaland and Team Leader, Mission Mode Team (AIC), K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS addressing the gathering during a sensitization & awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 held at Conference Hall, Hotel Whispering Winds, Mokokchung on 11th November 2021.

Advocate, Gauhati High Court/Kohima Bench, Apila Sangtam and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro spoke on the overview, status of implementation and way forward of RPwD Act, 2016.

PHEK:

Sensitization & awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 for State Government officials, organized by Mission Mode Team (Accessible India Campaign) in collaboration with the office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PWD), was held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 16th November 2021.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and Team Leader, Mission Mode Team (AIC), K. Libanthung Lotha, IAS gave the introduction of sensitization and awareness campaign while Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Apila Santam shared on court directives/ legal implications of non-compliance. RPwD Act 2016 overview, status of implementation and way forward was delivered by State Commissioner for PwD, Diethono Nakhro.

The team said that after verification of important public buildings in the State capital as well as in all the districts, the team had submitted recommendations to the Government for sensitization and awareness campaign on the rights of PwD. They added that the main objective behind the campaign is to sensitize, educate and make aware the need to create barrier free environment for PwD.

DLCC MEETING HELD AT KIPHIRE

The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting, with the aim for effective implementation of Section 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 was conducted on 11th November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

The committee also decided to form an enforcement team and officially they will function as

flying squad in the district. The team will be visiting shops from time to time and fine will be imposed on the defaulters.

District Nodal Officer, NTCP Kiphire, Dr. N Moa Jamir informed that posters were pasted in all the offices and institutions to create awareness among the public. He also informed that the committee will select 'Tobacco Free Institutions' within the district.

SURVEY TEAM IDENTIFIES ACCIDENT PRONE AREAS AT MOKOKCHUNG

Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, District Road Safety Committee, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir convened a meeting and had a joint survey for identification of accident prone areas in Mokokchung town on 12th November 2021.

The survey team included Executive Engineer, Mokokchung Electrical Division, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (National Highways) Mokokchung and Service Provider from BSNL, and the team was led by EAC

Mokokchung, Vitolu Chishi and Traffic OC, Mokokchung, Talimayang Jamir.

The following areas were designated as accident prone areas: Ungma, 145.200 Km; Marepkong Ward, 146.400 Km; Marepkong Ward near Hyundai Company, 146.700 Km under NH-02; Assam Rifles Camp, 147.500 Km; Yimyu Ward near IOC Petrol Pump, 3.200 Km; NH 702

near IMDH (Bridge); near Petrol Pump Sungkomen Ward 153.600 Km, NH.02; and Old Tuensang Road Junction Tzusapang, 155.500 Km, NH-02.

The team visited all the areas and discussed to find ways to prevent accidents and put necessary roadside barricades and road signs to help save motorist from fatal accidents.

MEGA LEGAL CAMP CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PHEK:

A mega legal camp which was organized by Phek District Legal Services Authority (PDLISA) under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) in collaboration with various Government Department/stakeholders was conducted on 13th November 2021 at Local Ground, Phek.

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo called upon the people to avail the various opportunities given by the Government. Dozo urged the gathering not to pay attention to rumours regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

District and Session Judge-cum-Chairperson, PDLISA, Duvelu Vero, NJS in her keynote address said that such type of programmes or events are conducted to disseminate information and create awareness among the public of the various government schemes and programmes.

JALUKIE:



A Legal Services Camp was organised by the Peren District Legal Services Authority at Jalukie town on 13th November 2021.

As part of pan India legal awareness and outreach campaign, Legal Services Camp (Mega Camp) was organised on 13th November 2021 at Jalukie town by Peren District Legal Services Authority (PDLISA) under the aegis of NALSA (National State

Legal Services Authority) in collaboration with the departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Social Welfare and Postal. The camp was officially inaugurated by Secretary PDLISA/CJM/c Peren, B. P. Resu.

Agriculture Department, apart from introduction of various schemes, distributed seedlings and fertilizers. Horticulture Department distributed pamphlets and gave advice, counselling and clarified some of the FAQs. The H&FW Department gave free COVID-19 vaccination to the public, while Social Welfare Department disbursed old age pension to the beneficiaries. Awareness on various government schemes were also given during the programme.

TSEMINYU:

Kohima District Legal Services Authority under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority conducted a Mega Legal Camp on 13th November 2021 at Tseminyu Town Hall, with Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice S. Hukato Swu as special guest.

Justice Swu stated that Articles 39 (A) of the Constitution mandates the State to provide free legal aid by making suitable legislation/schemes to ensure opportunities for every section of the society. He added that without legal knowledge, the society will not progress.

Free consultation with the legal team, drafting of affidavits, Lok Adalat pre litigation, counseling, free eye checkup for all age group, on the spot Aadhaar registration, correction of name, registration of senior citizens and display of various schemes by different departments were conducted during the camp.





AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON TEENAGE PREGNANCY CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme, the Mahila Shakti Kendra & District Administration, Longleng in collaboration with Nagaland State Aids Control Society, Longleng and Longleng Town Baptist Church conducted an awareness programme on teenage pregnancy at Longleng Town Baptist Church on 13th November 2021 with DSRC Counsellor, District Hospital, Lithei Phom and Literature Secretary, PBCA Longleng, Chingong Phom as resource persons.

Lithei Phom emphasized on the three topics: definition, causes and prevention of teenage pregnancy. She said that the main reason for high rate of teenage pregnancy is

inadequate sex education and one absolute method to prevent pregnancy among teenagers is sexual abstinence.

Chingong Phom spoke on moral ethics. She advised the students not to be influenced by the peer pressure/bad company, to choose healthy lifestyle, to avoid early marriages. Asserting that it will be difficult to live in a society where there is criticism for every little act, she challenged the students to be different and live life with dignity and achieve their goals.

Around 800 students of various schools of Longleng town from the age group of 13 to 19 years attended the awareness programme.

KOHIMA DWSM MEETING ON JJM SCHEME

The Kohima District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) held its meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawellie at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th November 2021.

Chairing the meeting, the DC said the DWSM function is to monitor and keep track of the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district, implemented by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) and Rural Development Department. JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connection by 2024 to all households in rural areas. The mission was launched by Prime Minister on 15th August 2019.

On the status of JJM implementation, in schools (government and private schools), 57% coverage have been completed in seven Blocks under the district. The DC asked the CMO and DEO, Kohima to cross check the availability of the facility so as to ensure that regular drinking water is available in the schools and centres.

On JJM village under 2020-21 fiscal year, where 80% of the civil works have been reportedly completed in 45 villages, DC asked the remaining

20% of the work be completed within the time period. DC further requested the third party who are to check the quality work executed by the agencies to be sincere and to reflect the actual work in their report.

Executive Engineer, PHED, Kohima Urban Division, Subongyanger gave a PowerPoint presentation on JJM mission and its strategy. He also informed that under Kohima Urban Division, six villages including BSF Kiyake will be covered under the scheme. He also presented on the JJM components, steps followed for JJM implementation, village, district and state action plan, Implementation Support Agencies (ISA) and on monitoring & evaluation.

District Coordinator, Kohima Division, Ashale Seb also presented a PowerPoint on JJM under rural division, where she stated that seven villages have been covered under 'Har Ghar Jal' village. She also informed that besides the 1st phase of JJM 2020-21 with 45 villages, another 45 villages have been listed in the 2nd phase for the implementation of the scheme for the year 2021-22. Status on Anganwadi centres, water testing through FTK test at village level and lab test reports were also presented.



DIGITAL INTERVENTION FOR ARTISANS LAUNCHED AT MON



Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS addressing the gathering during the launching of awareness-cum-digital literacy training for new designs and manufacturing technologies in handloom and handicraft sector at DRDA Centre, Mon on 16th November 2021.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS on 16th November 2021 graced the launching of awareness-cum-digital literacy training for new designs and manufacturing technologies in handloom and handicraft sector at DRDA Centre, Mon.

Thavaseelan stated that the massive shift from manual to automated manufacturing with the advancement of technology, creating digital linkages for creating and reaching out to more markets and adapting to the demands of other markets by diversifying to other products beyond the traditional products were some of the major challenges and focus areas for the sector in the State. However, the detailed training programme of the NIELIT Team would be a stepping stone to tackle the challenges and focus areas, he added.

The DC urged upon the participants to make optimal use of the training programme and through the values and knowledge gained from the training, ensure that their businesses goes to the next level.

Director, NIELIT, Kohima, L. Lanuwabang briefed about the Project content and its implementation plan. He expressed happiness for Mon to be the first district in Nagaland where the project is being implemented. He stated that the

handloom and handicraft sector of Nagaland is considered as one of the prime contributors for economic enhancement in the State, thereby, a need was felt to enhance productivity, diversity and value addition in handicraft and handloom products to ensure their better acceptance in the market. It was realized that this could be satisfactorily achieved by introducing artisans to innovative design and production process by leveraging its tools and technology and promoting market tie-ups through a digital platform, he added.

NIFT, Kolkata, Dr. Dibyendu Datta, talked about sustainability in handloom and handicraft trade and creating linkages between the different stakeholders for upliftment in their livelihood.

Joint Director, NIELIT, Daniel Meren delivered a session on Digital Marketing and its opportunities and challenges.

The project is implemented by NIELIT, Kohima in collaboration with Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland under the sponsorship of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. 60 artisans from Mon District have been enrolled to undergo the 36 hours digital literacy training as the first batch of the project.



FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL CONDUCTED AT PENSHE SECTOR, NOKLAK



Participants during the Farmers' Field School conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services at Penshe Sector, Noklak town on 16th November 2021.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services conducted a Farmers' Field School at Penshe Sector, Noklak town on 16th November 2021. The resource persons were CVO Tuensang, Dr. Tekasangba and VS, Tuensang, Diko Nusory.

During the Farmers Field School, the trainees were taught on piggery, goatery and poultry farming. They were also imparted training on immunization/ vaccination, caring, feeding, treatment, record keeping, production, profit, etc.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall on 16th November 2021.

Chairman, Head Office, Nagaland Rural Bank (NRB), V. Venkata Narayanan, AMK Shopping Complex, Kohima who presented the NRB PowerPoint presentation during the meeting apprised the Board that the Pughoboto Sub-Division will be getting a mobile van with ATM facility sponsored by NABARD by January 2022. He said NRB Pughoboto was established in June 1984. He requested the citizens and the government department officials to promote the

bank and avail the financial facilities available.

MLA, Vikheho Swu acknowledged the NRB officials for their initiative to set up a mobile ATM booth van at Pughoboto, the second ATM mobile van in the State after Mokokchung. He assured that he will highlight to the higher authorities the difficulties faced by the bank institution. He also encouraged all the pensioners, who are drawing their pension from outside the area, to transfer their accounts to NRB, Pughoboto for their convenience.

ADC and DEO, Pughoboto SDPDB, Vice Chairman, Thungchanbemo Tungoe urged the officers to be present at the meetings regularly.

DWSM MEETING HELD AT PEREN

Peren District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) meeting was held on 17th November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier.

EE Peren, Public Health Engineering Department, Bursenla Ao highlighted the different strategies which needs to be adopted for achieving the objectives of JJM, roles and functions of DWSM as well as ongoing activities under Jal Jeevan

Mission in Peren district.

During the meeting, the members also approved the four (4) proposed JJM Model Villages under RD Block in Peren district which includes New Peren village under Peren Block, Punglwa village under Jalukie Block, Songlhu village under Ahthibung Block and Tening village under Tening Block.

The DC appealed to the DWSM members to jointly visit the identified JJM model villages under RD Block in Peren district and also organise awareness generation programmes in schools, health and Anganwadi centres. Further, he also called for coordination from all the other convergent departments in order to ensure the successful development of the identified model villages.

MON HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 18th November 2021 at the Conference Hall of the office of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon. The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The Board deliberated on the agenda for the registration of Ukha Union Mon society and

approved for it to be forwarded. District Economics & Statistical Officer, Mon distributed the Nagaland Statistical Handbook 2021 to all the members of the Board present.

Departmental activities were presented by Department of EE PWD (R&B) Naginimora and EE PWD (R&B) Aboi.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

As per the State Government's guidelines in accordance with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare directives to increase the COVID-19 vaccination coverage for both first dose and second dose in the district, the Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo and her medical team launched the 'Har Ghar Dastak' (Knocking On Every Door) campaign in Kohima on 8th November 2021.

The vaccination campaign has so far covered various parts of urban and rural areas in the district, which will continue till 30th November 2021. During the campaign period, the medical team will continue to go from house to house for awareness generation activities and for enhanced accessibility for vaccination to all the citizens in the district. It will also facilitate beneficiaries who might be bed ridden or have extremely restricted mobility or disability or special needs to avail the COVID-19 vaccination at their place of residence.

WOKHA:

Block Task Force on COVID-19 Bhandari and Village Level Task Force (VLTF) on COVID-19,

Yimpang and Alikhum villages held an awareness campaign and COVID-19 vaccination drive at Yimpang and Alikhum villages on 28th November 2021.



Block Task Force on COVID-19, Bhandari and Village Level Task Force on COVID-19 held an awareness campaign and COVID-19 vaccination drive at Yimpang and Alikhum villages on 28th November 2021.

Intensified door to door awareness campaign was carried out by Assistant Public Relations Officer, Bhandari, Lily Ngullie, Information Assistant, Kanili Chishi and the ASHAs which was followed up by vaccination drive of 1st and 2nd dose by the medical team led by MO, Primary Health Centre (PHC), Yimpang, Dr. Chonbenthung Ezung, Pharmacist, Nzanthung Yanthan and the nursing staff of Yimpang PHC.

VLTF on COVID-19 comprising the Village Council Chairman and VDB Secretary, students'

union leaders, church leaders and Anganwadi workers assisted in the vaccination drive.

THONOKNYU, NOKLAK:

District Task Force (DTF) on COVID-19, Noklak conducted a COVID-19 vaccine sensitisation programme at Town Hall, Thonoknyu Headquarter on 26th November 2021 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DTF on COVID-19, Noklak, Hiazu Meru.

Hiazu Meru urged upon the citizens of Thonoknyu town and villagers of Thonoknyu sub-division to come out of hesitancy in getting COVID-19 vaccination and requested them to come forward to take the vaccine.

Senior Medical Officer, District Hospital Noklak, Dr. Victor explained about COVID-19

vaccine and advised the gathering to take the vaccine. He urged upon the leaders not to hesitate in taking the COVID-19 vaccination and sought co-operation from Thonoknyu town and every villages under Thonoknyu sub-division for the successful completion of vaccination.

VDB Secretary, Peshu Nyukya Village shared a success story during the meeting on being the first village in the district to achieve cent percent vaccination. Free medical camp was also conducted at DBs Court, Thonoknyu Headquarter by District Hospital, Noklak and Integrated Ayush Hospital, Noklak in collaboration with the District Administration, Noklak. Citizens of Thonoknyu town and neighbouring villages availed free medical treatment and COVID-19 vaccination during the medical camp.

AEROBIO AND WASTE BINS DISTRIBUTED AT DIMAPUR

A programme on distribution of 'Aerobio,' complete human waste management solution, blue & green waste bins and flag - off of road sweeper vehicles was held on 19th November 2021 at Aerobio Manufacturing Unit, Thilixu Atosa, Dimapur.

Guest of Honor, Advisor, Municipal Affairs and Urban Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire mentioned that the use of Aerobio properly will bring a change in the society and that change should start within us.

Presentation on Aerobio was given by Proprietor, Aerobio Production Unit, Watinuksung Jamir. He mentioned that Aerobio is an indigenous formulation consisting of novel bacterial consortia. Aerobio can completely break down human faeces and rapidly make an environment foul odour free. It can metabolize complex forms of substrates that constitute the faeces aerobically. Aerobio is made up of bacteria isolated indigenously, can work across a

range of temperature and there is no production of methane gas. Aerobio does not alter the biological communities when applied in an environment, and Aerobio are non-pathogenic, he also mentioned that Aerobio eliminates the odour and harmful causing agents completely and no methane gas is generated.

Joint Director, DMA, Temjenrenla Kechü explained on the usage of blue & green waste bins. She mentioned about solid waste management which consists of three categories, namely biodegradable, recyclable and inert waste. The blue bins is for dry waste and the green bins is for wet waste. The proper utilisation of it can improve waste problem up to 60 – 70%. She encouraged the usage of blue and green bins and a proper dumping site for inert waste.

Aerobio and waste bins were distributed to all the ULBs under Dimapur district. Advisor, Dr. Neikiesalie Kire also flagged off the road sweeper vehicles during the event.

TRAINING ON VALUE ADDITION OF FISH PRODUCTS FOR SHGs HELD AT WOKHA

A one-day training programme on value addition of fish products for Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM) Self Help Groups (SHG) under Gender Budgeting 2020-

2021, implemented by Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Government of Nagaland was conducted on 19th November 2021 at Wokha.



The resource persons were District Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Officer, Wokha, C. Dory Yanthan, District Functional Specialist, Daniel Ovung, Area Coordinator, Renbeni Patton and Victor Ovung and other supporting staff assisted in conducting the training programme.

28 trainees from 13 different SHGs from

Englan Yingsung Federation (EYF) and Village Level Organisation (VLO) from villages like Old and New Riphyim village, Old and New Changsu village, Englan and Yikhum village attended the training programme. The trainees were imparted hands-on demonstration and training on making fish cutlets, fish fingers, fish pickles and fish soup.

SEMINAR ON AGRI AND HORTI CONDUCTED AT CHOKRIBA VILLAGE

In a concerted effort to help local farmers enhance productivity of local organic products post-COVID-19 lockdown, and at the same time, to ramp up COVID-19 vaccination in the district, a one-day seminar on agri and horti as well as COVID-19 vaccination awareness-cum-vaccination camp was held on 20th November 2021 at Chokriba village under Chetheba Circle, Chozuba Sub-Division, under the aegis of Phek District Administration.

MLA of Chozuba Assembly Constituency, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo spoke on vaccination and post-COVID-19 economic sustainability. Deputy

Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie Dozo gave a brief highlight of the status of vaccination in the district, factors that were hindering vaccine coverage and urged the gathering to protect citizens by promoting vaccination. Dozo also spoke on focusing on special localised agri and allied products.

DAO, Phek spoke on the conservation of native crop germplasm and procedure for organic farming/produce accreditation, while DHO, Phek presented on the topic, post-harvest management and supply chain/market with special focus on kiwi.

'AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV' SALES DAY AND TRAINING ON NURSERY TECHNIQUES HELD AT KIPHIRE TOWN



Kiphire Forest Division, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change organized a sales day and training on nursery techniques at Kiphire town on 22nd November 2021.

To mark the nationwide celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' Kiphire Forest Division, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and in recognition of the role of tribals in sustainable forest management, the Department under the ambit of Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) organized a one-day sales day for SHGs Anatongre at Daily Market, Kiphire town on 22nd November 2021. Three SHGs participated in the sales day and products like vegetables, wild

fruits and handicrafts were sold.

Kiphire Forest Division also conducted training for the Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) under FDA (NAP). For the training, the JFMC Kiphire village was selected and they were given hands-on training on nursery techniques. As a follow up action of the training, nursery materials like agro-net, polybags, watering cane and seeds were provided to the JFMC for establishment of nursery at their villages.



KOHIMA DISHA MEETING TAKES UP VARIOUS CSS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

Kohima District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 22nd November 2021 under the chairmanship of DISHA, Kohima and Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Tokheho Yephthomi.

The district legislators, Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha and MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro also attended the meeting.

MP, Tokheho in his chairperson's address stated that the Nagaland MPs were given the assignment to look after the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and to apprise the Central Government. The MP said that the outcome of the meeting on the implementation of the CSS activities in the district highlighted by the departments will be reported back to the Central Government.

The MP informed that the activities under telecom, water supply, civil supplies and other departments of all the states have been specially monitored by the Central Government. The Government of India is strictly going as per the targeted years of each flagship programme, therefore the implementing agencies have to execute the work within the targeted timeframe, he added.

On Rural Development (RD) sector, Tokheho while stating that there are 74 RD Blocks in Nagaland, he informed that less than 39 RD Blocks were eligible because of the criteria that minimum population of twenty thousand should be there in

each Block with 18 Scheduled Tribes.

On Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connection, the MP said major share should reach the rural villages and asked the Department to implement the scheme wherever it is possible and to give actual ground reality wherever it is not possible so that there will be a scope to highlight the grievances and possibilities in future.

On School Education sector, Tokheho pointed out the importance of learning how to speak and understand Hindi, adding that without which it would be difficult to communicate with rest of the country. He therefore asked the Department to take this area seriously and also suggested to organise the art of discussion and debate besides the classes.

The MP also shared his thoughts and suggestions on Social Welfare, Tribal Affairs and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) sectors. He said that the departments should implement the programmes wherever the requirements were there and execute the work in time. He called for collective efforts in order to avail the opportunities on time.

The concerned departmental officials of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Public Health Engineering, School Education, Food & Civil Supplies, Social Welfare, Tribal Affairs and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) highlighted its departmental implementing activities under CSS during the meeting.

INTER DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT PFUTSERO

The Inter Departmental Coordination Meeting under Pfutsero Sub-Division was held on 22nd November 2021 at ADC's Conference Hall, Pfutsero.

The meeting was chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pfutsero. Stressing on the importance of attending the monthly coordination meetings, he urged the officers to be

sincere and regular as various important agenda were discussed during such meetings.

Total ban on plastics in the Sub-Division was also discussed. The Heads of Offices were encouraged to put up signage in their offices and to discourage the use of single use plastics and water bottles (less than 1 litre) during events/occasions. Schools and educational institutions will also impart



life skill activities to the students in the institutions by using biodegradable materials to discourage the use of plastics (eg. paper bags, bamboo dustbins, etc.)

The SMO Pfutsaro highlighted the COVID-19 pandemic scenario in the Sub-Division. Even

though COVID-19 cases have reduced, the rate of vaccination in the Sub-Division continues to remain low. Therefore, door to door vaccination drives have started in the towns and similar exercises will be conducted in the villages as well.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT JAKHAMA

An awareness programme in commemoration of 75th year of India's Independence was conducted by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB) and Blood Donation, under the aegis of National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India on 23rd November 2021 at St. Joseph's College, Jakhama.

District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Kohima, District Programme Officer, Sentimongla Tzudir briefed on the prevention, causes and treatment for HIV/AIDS. District TB Officer, Akaba Jamir and Assistant Director (SIMU) NSACS, Avilie Sekhose also spoke on TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and importance of blood donation, respectively.

ACTIVITIES AS PART OF SVEEP CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

TUENSANG:

A quiz competition as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign was conducted at Town Hall, Tuensang on 23rd November 2021, organized by the District Administration and District Election Office, Tuensang.

ADC and ERO, Tuensang, Ajit Kumar Verma was the special guest of the programme. Students from Sao Chang Government College, St. John Higher Secondary School, Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Thangjam, GHSS Tuensang and Loyem Memorial College participated in the quiz competition.

Speaking during the occasion Ajit Kumar Verma encouraged the students present in the programme to take responsibility as young voters in electing a leader. The idea of having a quiz competition under SVEEP campaign is to educate the young voters about their roles in the election process and the importance of election, he said.

PHEK:

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) awareness programme was held on 29th November 2021, which was jointly organised by District Administration and Higher

Secondary Schools of Meluri - Government Higher Secondary School, Christian Mission School and St. Xavier Higher Secondary School.



Participants during the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation awareness programme held at Meluri on 29th November 2021.

The students of three Schools with placards and banners marched and gathered at traffic point. Principal, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Father Tommy speaking on the occasion dwelt on the importance of one's vote. He said voting for the right candidate and electing the right leader can bring enormous change to society.

WOKHA:

As part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities 2021 a signature campaign was conducted on the theme 'My Vote Not for Sale, I take Pledge for Clean



Election,' on 27th November 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Wokha.

Around 120 students from 9 (nine) schools and 2 (two) colleges participated during the signature campaign organised by the Election Department, Wokha.

SDO (C), Wokha, Selempla S. Sangtam while briefing the student's said, this campaign was organised with a view to create awareness among the student's about Clean Election because Election Commission of India is of the view that newly voters who are eligible to get enrolled in the Electoral Roll should be sensitized before getting enrolled so that new voters are aware of the entire electioneering process.

Assistant Election Officer, Wokha, Aketo Shohe, while giving the opening remark encouraged the students to be an agent of change and lead by example by choosing the right leaders without

indulging in any malpractice.

NOKLAK:

Inter Sector Relay Race competition, organised by District Election Office, Noklak under the theme Clean Electoral Rolls, was held at Noklak on 29th November 2021.

During, the prize distribution ceremony, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that the Election Commission of India is giving much importance for equal participation in the electoral process.

Campaigning on special summary revision, Meru said the event is being organised under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) to create awareness on clean electoral process in the district. He further encouraged all eligible persons in the district to enroll in the electoral rolls.

ELECTORAL ROLL OBSERVER HOLDS MEETING AT NOKLAK

A meeting was conducted by the Electoral Roll Observer and Commissioner & Secretary, Land Resources Department, Vikeyie Kenya, IAS with political parties and Booth Level Officers (BLO) on 24th November 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Kenya requested the BLOs to have proper check on double and fictitious entry in the electoral process. He also advised the BLOs to work sincerely as the electoral process is time bound. He hoped that there would not be any lapse in the district while

entering the electoral roll. He mentioned that the political parties have an important role in the electoral process and requested all the political parties to give full co-operation to District Administration and Election Office to have a clean, accurate and successful implementation of electoral process in the district.

During the interactive session, BLOs and the political parties shared their problems and queries with the Electoral Roll Observer.

RIO ADDRESSES KOHIMA DPDB DAY OUT-CUM-PRE CHRISTMAS

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said officers posted in the State capital has to contribute not only for their departments but towards all round development of the capital town. He said this while addressing the Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Day Out-cum-Pre Christmas held at Dzüü Resort, Rüsoma on 27th November 2021.

Stating that the activities of Kohima Smart City had geared up, Rio emphasised on sanitation by adding that the whole district of Kohima including the villages and the capital city should be kept clean. He said a

competition on cleanliness drive amongst the colonies and wards be conducted and winners awarded in order to encourage them to keep their environment clean.

Rio also emphasised on Registration of Indigenous Inhabitant of Nagaland (RIIN), where he stated that each responsible elected officers should know and take the ownership to identify the indigenous person during the certification process to avoid mistakes as it is a sensitive issue. He also spoke on SARFAESI, where he said that as responsible government servants, one should know all the policies and governance of the issues.

KIKHETO SEMA INAUGURATES NATURALLY NAGALAND AT KOHIMA



Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS along with others during the inauguration of 'Naturally Nagaland' outlet in Kohima on 1st November 2021.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Kikheto Sema, IAS inaugurated the outlet of 'Naturally Nagaland' in Kohima on 1st November 2021.

Kikheto Sema stated that Naturally Nagaland is to fulfill the commitment of the State Government, emphasizing on the importance of agri & allied products, for promotion of farmers and entrepreneur's products and sell under the banner of *Naturally Nagaland*.

Sema informed that the first outlet was launched at 4th Mile, Dimapur on 9th July 2021. The products of Naturally Nagaland are all organic and naturally grown. All SHGs, farmers and entrepreneurs may have their own brand name which can be promoted and sold under Naturally Nagaland.

Sema further stated that, *Naturally Nagaland* has been conceptualized by the State Government under the initiative of former Chief Secretary, Late Temjen Toy in November 2019 and it's vision is to promote farmers, entrepreneurs, SHGs of Nagaland.

Additional Director, DUDA, Dr. Anungla, stated that it is a window to present the agri & allied, handicraft & handloom products of Nagaland by being mindful of the quality and value addition of all finished and processed products in order to meet the prescribed benchmark and quality of each products that goes out in the market in Nagaland and outside.

TOVIHOTO INAUGURATES 10 MVA SUB-STATION AT CIHSR



Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi with Power Department officials and others during the upgradation of the Sub-Station at Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Dimapur on 6th November 2021.

Advisor, Power, Tovihoto Ayemi inaugurated the upgraded 33/11 KV, 5 MVA to 10 MVA Sub-Station at Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Dimapur on 6th November 2021.

Terming the inauguration of the sub-station at CIHSR as a big achievement for the Department, the hospital and the surrounding areas, Ayemi reiterated the importance of stable power supply as pivotal for any developmental activities, institution and town to progress.

Talking about the prepaid metering, Ayemi reminded that by December 2023, it has to be mandatorily installed in every consumer's house. He went on to say that prepaid metering system would be to the advantage of the consumers as one has to pay for only what they are consuming, buy power as per budget, time saving and no erroneous bills. He urged the public to be mentally prepared for installing the prepaid metering system in their houses. He also informed that the Power Department would have a social media platform for addressing the grievances and updating the general public.

Chief Engineer (D&R), Er. Moa Aier asserted that stable power supply is very critical in

the medical and education sectors, besides industries and commerce. He emphasized on the need for more power at CIHSR and surrounding areas and informed that more space has been earmarked for power infrastructure in future.

MS, Referral Hospital, Dr. Clement Momin acknowledged and lauded the Power Department stating that the upgradation was done at the right time. He said that the power upgradation would provide smooth power supply benefitting CIHSR, the community and the students.

Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. Penrithung Yanthan asserted that the Department is trying its best to bring changes and improvement, to give the best facilities to the people. Towards this, he called upon the people to pay for what they have consumed and sought their support in the fight against power theft.

Presenting the technical report, Er. Tiameren Walling informed that the project which started during 2018 by Power Grid Corporation was completed at the cost of Rs. 1.98 crore. He informed that the project is an ambitious project undertaken by Ministry of Power and Government of Nagaland with funding from World Bank.

TASTE OF NOKLAK SOCIETY LAUNCHES 15 PRODUCTS

Taste of Noklak Society (TONS), a society formed by Noklak farmers and Superintendent of Police (SP), Noklak launched 15 products at Noklak on 4th November 2021. The products includes mithun meat pickles, michinga, neem and lemon soaps, aloe vera and neem gels, tulsi products, lotions, michinga (xanthoxylum) extract, large cardamom extract, kiwi candies, mango juice, pineapple juice, perilla seed candy, wild apple juice, ginger extract, shampoos and other herbal products.

Chairperson, TONS, M. Mongshai stated that it was SP, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS who started the society by giving them the name 'Taste of Noklak Society,' to help women, students and entrepreneurs, and further helping them in getting training at Dimapur, CIH Medziphema and KVK Tuensang under Dr. Sisharenla. Thereafter, they

received training from Dharambir Kamboj, who has been awarded by the President of India.

Mongshai stated that they started as a 13-member team from different villages by making products on home scale basis. As their products gained popularity, they started proper packaging, labelling, food testing, branding and marketing.

SP, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS in her speech emphasised that each group should keep on teaching all these methodologies to groups of other villages as Master Trainers. Dr. Kaur also explained about legal procedures, medical clearance for products, biodiversity management, geotagging and geographical indicator purposes.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru stated that farming is one of the emerging sectors where educated youth can make a good career.



Meru pointed out the importance of making value addition products because far flung villages suffer as

perishable items gets wasted sometimes because of lack of markets and transportation problems.

BADMINTON INDOOR STADIUM INAUGURATED AT MEDZIPHEMA

Advisor, Sericulture, Excise and Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio inaugurated the newly constructed Badminton Indoor Stadium at Medziphema and declared open the 1st Medziphema Town Winter Tournament 2021 at Medziphema town on 11th November 2021.

Zhaleo Rio said the newly constructed Indoor Badminton Stadium is constructed under the Local Area Development Programme fund 2019-2021 and appealed to all to take good care of the facility, which will immensely benefit the sporting community of Medziphema.

TRAFFIC ISLAND AND FLOWER BED INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Evaluation, Economics & Statistics and Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Chairman, L. Khumo inaugurated the traffic island and flower bed at Main Junction, Noklak town on 13th November 2021.

In his inaugural speech, Khumo stated that since Noklak has been given the tag 'Frontier District,' he challenged the people of the district to work tirelessly for good cause and learn to do good things and maintain cleanliness. The Advisor requested the people of the district to give full co-

operation to the District Administration and other government authorities in order to progress in every sphere. He urged the Ward Chairmen of Noklak town and GBs to maintain a good atmosphere and cleanliness in their respective sectors.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru said that it is the first event which has taken place after adopting Noklak town as DPDB town, and added that more will take place in the near future. Meru further challenged the citizens of Noklak town to make Noklak as the cleanest town in the State.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING INAUGURATED AT MOKOKCHUNG

Director General, Prisons, Home Guards, Civil Defense & State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS inaugurated the District Commandant Office of Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force, Mokokchung on 16th November 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Sharma thanked everyone involved in the successful completion of the new office building. He expressed hope that the

Mokokchung office will deliver its best services to the public from the new office. He also called upon the gathering to give due respect to the Home Guards as they do tremendous work during times of disasters.

The DG also released 'Newsletter' of Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Mokokchung. The technical report was presented by EE, PEP, Alichen, Mokokchung, Er. Kito Anche.

NEWLY UPGRADED BOYS HOSTEL OF YINGLI COLLEGE LONGLENG INAUGURATED

The newly upgraded boys' hostel of Yingli College, Longleng was inaugurated on 15th November 2021 with Director, Higher Education, Dr. Apeni Lotha as special guest. The hostel is constructed through Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (National Higher Education Mission) by the Department of Higher Education, Nagaland.

Dr. Apeni Lotha expressed hope that the hostel will be properly utilized for further extension of higher education in this part of the State. She encouraged the students, teachers, non-teaching staff and the land donors of the college to give their best for uplifting higher education in the district. The special guest appreciated the college for properly





Director, Higher Education, Dr. Apeni Lotha with Yingli College, Longleng officials and students during the inauguration of the newly upgraded boys' hostel of Yingli College, Longleng on 15th November 2021.

maintaining the college infrastructures and campus. Joint Director, Higher Education and State Project Director, Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Menuokholie Kire spoke on the

implementation of the RUSA project in the college, and he shared that the hostel was used as a COVID-19 Quarantine Centre for the people of Longleng district.

CM RIO LAUNCHES EXPORT FACILITATION CELL AT KOHIMA



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio launching the Export Facilitation Cell at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th November 2021.

Chief Minister (CM), Neiphiu Rio officially launched the 'Export Facilitation Cell' of the Indian

Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) assisted by North Eastern Council (NEC) in the presence of Vice

Chancellor, IIFT, Dr. Manoj Pant at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th November 2021.

CM, Neiphiu Rio speaking at the event said the cell will be a new beginning in import and export sector not only for the State but also for the entire North-Eastern states. He said that the main objective of setting up the export facilitation cell in Nagaland is to encourage and assist the existing and upcoming entrepreneurs, and setting up an organised system to do business. He urged the entrepreneurs to take advantage of the facilities and promote their activities through this cell.

The Chief Minister also encouraged the youth to be more focused and take responsibilities and not take the easy way out. He added that many youth have certificates but due to lack of expertise in certain discipline many cannot find jobs in the

market. He said that we have to teach our children and students to take up other disciplines also, where they can get employment or get more opportunities to compete with the outside world.

CEO, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, Alemtemshi Jamir delivering his welcome speech said that the launching of the export cell in Nagaland is a giant leap towards the export and import sector in the State and for the people of Nagaland. He also said that the facilitation cell will be a cell where people can come enquire and training will be provided by IIFT experts on matters of trade and commerce.

Overview of the export facilitation cell was presented by Vice Chancellor, Dr. Manoj Pant, Professor CTFL, Nitin Seth and Secretary, NEC, Moses Chalai.

PATIENT ATTENDANT LODGE INAUGURATED AT MON

Director, Urban Development Department and Mission Director, State Urban Development Agency, Takatuba Aier on 17th November 2021 inaugurated the Patient Attendant Lodge at Mon. The project was undertaken by the Urban Development Department under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Aier highlighted the various components of the NULM scheme under which the lodge has been constructed. He stated that the component of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)-DAY-NULM was modified with the prior permission from the Ministry to allow for the building of such patient attendant lodges in urban areas of the State without any homeless population. He asserted that such modifications were deemed necessary to help the

caregivers/attendants of patients with limited resources from other parts of the district.

Aier further highlighted the various self-employment schemes under the Department and encouraged the people of the district to avail such schemes and use it wisely for their growth and betterment.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS thanked the Department, civil societies and NGOs for their support in retaining the project in the district while it was undergoing some hurdles and challenges. He stated that the project addresses a major problem for people coming from other parts of the district. He expressed gratitude and appreciation upon the Department and the former AUDO Mon, Y. Kunyangse, under whose supervision, the project was completed in record time.

DISTRICT JAIL LONGLENG INAUGURATED

The District Jail, Longleng was inaugurated on 18th November 2021 by Advisor, Prisons and Printing & Stationary, H. Haiying. Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom, Advisor, Department of Under Developed Areas, N. Bongkhao Konyak and MLA, S. Keoshu Yimchunger also attended the programme.

Advisor, H. Haiying in his speech stated that there are 10 (ten) district jails and 1 (one) central jail in the State, and with the addition of Longleng District Jail there will be a total of 12 (twelve) district jails in Nagaland. He added that there were lots of ups and downs in the process of the project but it is successfully completed and congratulated the



contractors, engineers and all those involved. He also urged the citizens to cooperate so that the District Jail can be considered a model jail in the State in future.

Addressing the inaugural programme, Minister, S. Pangnyu Phom expressed hope that the District Jail will help in solving issues such as crimes,

drugs and robbery. He urged the District Administration, NGOs and the public to co-operate and make the best use of such establishment. He also stressed on the importance on vaccination, stating that it is the best solution available so far to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and added that everyone should be vaccinated at the earliest.

FRUIT CANNING FACTORY RECOMMISSIONED AT LONGNAK



Advisor, Horticulture and Borders Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan along with others during the recommission of the Fruit Canning Factory at Longnak, Mokokchung on 18th November 2021.

Advisor, Horticulture and Borders Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan on 18th November 2021 formally recommissioned the Fruit Canning Factory at Longnak, Mokokchung.

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan lauded all those involved in bringing the Longnak Canning Factory back to life. He stressed on the need to run the factory consistently and urged the villagers to take up farming as an enterprise by harnessing the potential of the area and also sought their continuous support and cooperation for all round development.

The Fruit Canning Factory at Longnak started in 1964 and was commissioned as quasi-

commercial unit on 5th May 1974. The factory has a capacity of 250 MT annually. The factory was kept on hold in 2006, primarily for upgradation and revitalization. During 2010, the Department engaged a team of experts from Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore for feasibility study and preparation of detailed plan for modernization of the factory. The team recommended a total revival cost to the tune of Rs. 411.74 lakhs out of which the Planning Commission, Government of India awarded Rs. 100.00 lakhs. The restoration work is now completed and is now starting to manufacture processed products of bamboo shoots, pineapple, kiwi, oranges, passion fruit, etc.

RIO DEDICATES FOUR LANE RCC ARCH BRIDGE AT SANUORÜ RIVER, KOHIMA

The first ever four-lane RCC Arch Bridge in Nagaland at Sanuorü river, Secretariat Road, Kohima was unveiled and dedicated to the people of Nagaland by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio on 29th November 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Rio expressed appreciation and gratitude to the department officials, contractors, land owners, and others involved for extending cooperation and for executing the work successfully on time with sincerity and commitment. He said Sanuorü bridge is one of the most important bridges in Nagaland as it connects the main town to the 'nerve centre' of the capital. He added that it is the responsibility of every individual to maintain, preserve and protect our assets, environment and keep our surroundings clean.

Principal Secretary, Works & Housing, Menukhol John in his introductory remarks stated that the project was sanctioned by the Ministry of

Road Transport & Highways in December 2015, and the work was allotted to M/s Vilelie Khamo - KC (Joint Venture) during July 2016 with a total cost of Rs. 35.81 crore. So far, 12.35 crore has been released, which is only 30% of the total cost and remaining 23.46 crore is yet to be released, he stated.

John thanked the department officials, Administration, Police, Power Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Kohima Village Council, Kohima Village Youth Organization, L. Khel, Tsieramia Council of Kohima Village, land owners, etc. for their services and contributions.

Rev. Keviyiekielie Linyü offered the dedicatory prayer. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister In-charge Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Y. Patton, Ministers, Advisors, Government officials and a host of well-wishers

R. KHING INAUGURATES COMMUNITY THUTHO PROJECT AT KIDIMA

Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing along with officials during the inauguration of the Community Thutho (Cattle) Project at Kidima, Kohima on 29th November 2021.

Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Women Resources Development, R. Khing inaugurated the Community Thutho (Cattle) Project at Vegetable Village, Kidima on 29th November 2021.

Addressing the occasion, Khing said that thutho can survive both in hot and cold places and Government of India has approved the project. Khing advised the villagers to not only farm for self-subsistence but also for commercial purpose, and expressed hope that the project will be an exemplary project.

Advisor, Youth Resource & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha also spoke on the occasion and appealed to

the people to take care of the facilities.

Managing Director, NLDB, Neikeyielie Theünuo in the keynote address said that three sites with 200 cattle capacity, with 30 dung pits for manure purpose has been set up. Training Centre with cowboy quarters has also been constructed. Theünuo informed that Community Thutho Project is the first of its kind in Nagaland and urged the people to be a model village.

Chairman, Kidima Village Council, Zakitol Thol expressed gratitude to the Department and Government of Nagaland for choosing their village for the project.

**H&FW INFORMS ON OMICRON VARIANT**

In a press release, the Department of Health & Family Welfare stated that as the State celebrates the Hornbill Festival, there is a need to ensure to keep the community safe and protected. WHO has already identified the highly transmissible variant of concern, Omicron. As per ICMR, Omicron is possibly already in India and it may be a matter of time before it is detected.

What do we know about the Omicron variant?

- * This variant was reported at a remarkable speed. Earliest cases so far were detected on 9th November 2021 and reported to World Health Organisation (WHO) on 24th November 2021.
- * This variant has a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning. Preliminary evidence suggests there may be an increased risk of re-infection with this variant, as compared to other Variant of Concerns (VOCs).

Do tests still work on this variant?

- * Most diagnostic tests continue to work and can detect this variant.
- * Several labs have indicated that for one widely used PCR test, one of the three target genes is not detected (this is called S gene dropout or S gene target failure). This is similar to what we saw with the Alpha variant. So, we can use this PCR test to rapidly identify the likely presence of the new variant, and help us prioritize which samples need to be sent for genome sequencing, in order to confirm the new variant.

Do current vaccines still work on this variant?

- * It is important to get vaccinated for the protection that they provide against the widely circulating variants. Researchers are looking into potential impact on vaccines and other tools.

What can people do to protect themselves?

- * The most important thing people can do is reduce their risk of exposure to the virus. We know how to do so: get vaccinated, wear a mask, keep a distance, avoid poorly ventilated or crowded spaces, keep your hands clean and cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- * The more COVID-19 circulates the more opportunities the virus has to change, the more mutations we will see. It is essential that we all continue to work to reduce the circulation of COVID-19. (Source: WHO)

Universal use of masks, especially in social, religious, or other official gatherings. Masks will reduce transmission in the community and avoid super spreader events or uncontrolled transmission

So, let us celebrate responsibly. Adhere to all Covid Appropriate Behaviours: wear mask at all time as you go outdoors, wash your hands frequently or carry hand sanitizers and avoid over crowded spaces. Do take all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for optimum level of protection. Let us remember, no one is safe until everyone is safe.

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





Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema and others during an experiential visit to KAAS Coffee Farm, Sendenyu village, Kohima on 4th November 2021.



Country Director, International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), Han Ulac Demirag, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, State Project Director - FOCUS, S. Tainiu and IFAD Team with farmers during their visit to Gariphema village and Jakhama village, Kohima on 18th and 19th November 2021, respectively.

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