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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Minister, Agriculture and Cooperation, G Kaito Aye, Advisor, Higher Education and Election, Medo Yhokha, senior government officials along with the Deputy Commissioners of the districts in Nagaland during the inaugural programme of Deputy Commissioners' Conference at Commissioner's Office, Kohima on 1st July 2022.



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National Doctors' Day under the theme 'Family Doctors on the Front Line' was celebrated at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 1st July 2022



A two day workshop on Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Management was organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 14th and 15th July 2022.



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IT&C INFORMS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE

The Department of Information Technology & Communication has stated that in pursuant to the notification from the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology dated 28.10.2021, wherein it was impressed upon to support and facilitate the public procurement of electronics hardware in the State, by giving preference to Make in India ICT Products, like Laptops/Tablets, Desktops, All in one PCs, Mobile phones etc. so as to deepen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem and to encourage the domestic companies in the country with a view to enhancing income and employment. It said that electronics industry is the world's largest and fastest growing industry, and is increasingly finding applications in all sectors of the economy. In this connection, Government of India attaches high priority to electronics hardware manufacturing, and is one of the important pillars of both 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' programmes of Government of India.

Therefore, it has encouraged all Government Departments in the State to give preference to 'Make in India Products' while purchasing Information & Communication Technology (ICT) goods to support and promote manufacturing and production of ICT goods and services, as per the Government of India Guidelines Order 2017, for Public Procurement Make in India, to boost the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

KHRUOHITUONUO RIO TAKES OVER AS NLA SECRETARY-IN-CHARGE

Additional Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Khruohituonuo Rio has taken over as the Secretary-in-Charge (temporary officiating charge of the Secretary) of the NLA Secretariat w.e.f. 5th July 2022 vide this Secretariat Order NO.AS/ESTT/01/2019/511, dated 05/07/2022.

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H&FW ISSUES ADVISORY ON MONKEYPOX

1. Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease that occurs primarily in Central and West Africa. Monkeypox and smallpox come from the same virus family, called Orthopoxvirus. Monkeypox is a viral infection that originated in rodents and primates and is transmitted to people. It was found in Africa, mostly around tropical rainforest regions but has now spread across the world, especially in Western countries.
2. Cases of Monkeypox have recently been reported in India.
3. **Transmission from animals to humans:** Typically, the virus is transmitted by contact with an infected animal's body secretions or a bite.
4. **Transmission from human to human:**
 - (a) **Direct physical contact:** Contact with bodily fluids, sexual contact, or lesion material.
 - (b) **Indirect contact:** Through contaminated clothing or linens of the affected person.
 - (c) Large respiratory droplets as a result of prolonged close contact.
5. **Common symptoms of Monkeypox include:**
 - (a) Fever.
 - (b) Skin rashes (starting from the face and spreading to arms, legs, palms, and soles).
 - (c) Lymph node enlargement.
 - (d) Headache, muscle ache, or exhaustion.
 - (e) Sore throat and cough.
6. **Monkeypox can cause the following complications:**
 - (a) Pain in the eyes or blurry vision.
 - (b) Shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing.
 - (c) Chest pain.
 - (d) Altered consciousness and seizures,
 - (e) Decrease in urine output.
7. **Certain high-risk populations are likely to be severely affected by Monkeypox. These include:**

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- (a) Persons with significant co-morbidities.
 - (b) Immunocompromised individuals.
- 8. Guidelines to follow if someone you know has Monkeypox:**
- (a) Isolate infected individual. The patient should be managed in isolation.
 - (b) Minimize infected individuals' exposure to surrounding areas by covering their nose and mouth with a sheet or gown.
 - (c) Inform immediate health facility.
 - (d) Avoid contact with contaminated materials such as bedding, clothes, or towels used by the infected individual.
 - (e) Maintain hand hygiene using soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizers.

NBSE INFORMS ON MANAK SCHEME

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified for information of all the Heads of Institutions that INSPIRE Award MANAK Scheme is a flagship programme implemented by the Ministry of Science & Technology with a basic objective to instill creative/innovative thinking among school students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in class 6-10.

The MANAK Scheme envisages targeting one million original/innovative ideas from students studying in more than five lakh middle and high schools across the country and selecting the best ideas having the potential to cater to societal needs and applications, for an INSPIRE Award, thereby motivating these students to take these ideas forward for prototype and product development.

The registered schools under the INSPIRE Award MANAK Scheme, in each financial year, can nominate 2-3 best ideas from their schools, through online mode, in the E Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme (E-MIAS) web portal (www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in).

The online nominations for 2022-23 will resume from 1st July 2022 and the schools will be able to submit their online nominations till 30th September 2022.

Therefore, all registered schools have been requested to take necessary action.

SEC TO UPDATE ELECTORAL ROLLS OF ALL TOWN COUNCILS

The Government of Nagaland vide letter No. MA-65/2016 dated 2nd April 2022 has directed the State Election Commission to initiate and intensively update the Electoral Rolls of all the 39 (Thirty-Nine) Municipal/Town Councils.

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The Government of Nagaland vide letter NO.MA-65/2016 dated 12th July 2022 has conveyed Administrative Approval for the conduct of Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls for all the 39 (Thirty-Nine) Municipal/Town Councils.

Rovilatuo Mor, IAS, State Election Commissioner, Nagaland in the exercise of power conferred under Section 30(1) read with Section 11 (2) & (3) of the Nagaland Municipal Rules, 2003, has directed that Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls for all the Municipal and Town Council in Nagaland shall be taken up with reference to 1st January 2022 as the qualifying date according to the schedule indicated as under:

STAGES OF THE SCHEDULE:

1	House to House Enumeration	3 rd August – 24 th September 2022
2	Preparation of Manuscript Rolls and Preparation of Draft Electoral Roll	26 th September – 3 rd October 2022
3	Draft Publication of Electoral Roll	4 th October 2022
4	Period for Lodging of Claims and Objections	5 th October – 21 st October 2022
5	Period for Disposal of Claims and Objections	22 nd October – 29 th October 2022
6	Period for Filing Appeal to the Respective Appellate Authority	31 st October – 7 th November 2022
7	Disposal of Claims and Objections by Appellate Authority	8 th November – 15 th November 2022
8	Preparation of List of Amendments after the Final Disposal of the Appellate Authority	16 th November – 23 rd November 2022
9	Final Publication of Electoral Roll	24 th November 2022

1. For Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls of the 39 (Thirty-Nine) Municipal/Town Councils, the State Election Commission, in the exercise of provision of Section 34 (1) of the Nagaland Municipal Act, 2001, direct that under Section 11 (2) & (3) of the Nagaland Municipal Rules, 2003 Intensive Revision shall be prepared for all the Wards and Rules 5 to 10 shall apply concerning such revision. Draft Publication as indicated in the above Schedule 3 shall be published under Sub-rule (1) of Rule 6 of the Nagaland Municipal Rules, 2003.
2. Authorized Officer(s) - Administrative Officer (s)/Enumerator(s)/Supervisor(s)/Sector Magistrate(s) etc. are to be appointed during the ensuing Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls for the 39 (Thirty-Nine) Municipal/Town Councils. The individual claimant/objector shall directly apply to the ERO for inclusion/deletion

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etc. Necessary guidelines for the Intensive Revision will be issued for the EROs, Supervisors, and Enumerators separately.

3. Respective EROs shall give wide publicity in this regard under Form-I and also acknowledge the receipt of this Notification to the Commission by return e-mail-W/T Message.

H&FW INFORMS ON COVID VACCINATION

Health & Family Welfare Department has issued a press release stating that India celebrated administering over two crore COVID-19 vaccine doses on 15th July 2022 which would not have been possible without the innovative initiatives and support from the people. Nagaland has currently administered more than 16.90 lakh COVID-19 doses, vaccinated 58.8% of our eligible beneficiaries with 1st Dose, 46.8% with 2nd Dose, and more than 42,000 vaccinated with Precaution Dose.

With the recent rise in COVID-19 positivity rate in our State, the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has requested all the beneficiaries due for the first, second, and precaution dose to avail of the services at the earliest in the Government Covid Vaccination Centers (CVCs).

As on 20th July 2022, Nagaland has more than 1.75 lakh beneficiaries who are due/ overdue for their 2nd dose and more than 5.6 lakh beneficiaries who are eligible for Precaution Dose. To vaccinate the due beneficiaries, the Government of India has announced the newer initiative - Azadi Mahotsav to provide free precaution dose at all the Government CVCs for 75 days (30th September 2022) and Har Ghar Dastak which is till the 31st of July 2022.

Sl.No.	Cohort/Category	Vaccine type	1 st and 2 nd Dose	Remark
1.	12-14 years	CorBEvax	Dosage gap between 1 and 2 - 28 days apart	Any beneficiaries born in the year 2010 (have turn 12 years i.e. above 12 years) 2009 and 2008 falls under this category.
2.	12-17 years	Covaxin	Dosage gap between 1 and 2 - 28 days apart	Any beneficiaries born in the year 2007, 2006 2005 falls under this category.

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3.	18+ years	Covishield	Dosage gap between 1 and 2 - 84 days apart (3 months) apart	Any beneficiaries born in the year 2004 or before falls under this category.
4.	Precaution dose for 18 years above	Covishield		Those who have completed 6 months after second dose.

As COVID-19 cases are on the rise in the country/state, the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has once again reminded the public that vaccination, masking, Hand washing/sanitizing, and social distancing are the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection.

AHOD TRANSPORT NOMINATED AS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

In pursuance of Rule 3(b) and Rule 3(1) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification NO. G.S.R. 653(E) dated 23.09.2021 and in the interest of public service, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to nominate the Administrative Head of Department, Transport as the Appellate Authority and Transport Commissioner, Nagaland, as the Registration Authority with immediate effect.

NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY 2022 CELEBRATED

National Doctors' Day 2022 under the theme 'Family doctor on the front line' was celebrated at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (DHFV) on 1st July 2022 which was organized by State Health Agency (Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY). The programme was graced by Tongpang Ozukum, Minister of PWD (Housing & Mechanical) as the special guest.

Tongpang Ozukum expressed gratitude to the doctors whom he quoted as 'the personification of God on Earth.' He added that being a doctor is not just an honor but a huge responsibility, and has little room for mistakes/error because doctors' mistakes can lead to loss of precious lives. Ozukum further urged them to recommit and retrospect themselves to be progressive.

Ozukum congratulated all the 10 Awardees of Best Performing Doctors under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY. While he lauded the AB PM-JAY scheme which is the largest Government-funded scheme in the world, and its result-bearing work, he urged the Department to sensitize the scheme thoroughly, so that the queries and benefits of the rightful beneficiaries can be made aware. He further suggested that the scheme should come up with a comprehensive survey of its implementation thereof. He acknowledged and appreciated the State's vast improvement in medical facilities and infrastructure, and encouraged all doctors to re-dedicate and recommit themselves to the job.

The programme commenced with greetings from Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, Principal Director, DHFV, wherein, a minute of silence was observed for all the deceased doctors lost to the pandemic.

Asangla Imti, Secretary, H&FW in her short speech, recapitulated the process and selection of awardees from the district level that performed exceptionally for the AB-PMJAY scheme. Further, she reminded that this award is not to undermine to rest of the hardworking doctors but rather, a motivation.

Dr. Joyce Angami, President of Nagaland Medical College shared words of encouragement and motivation. Having mentioned the history of the day, she asserted that it is celebrated not just in commemoration of Dr. B. C. Roy but also to showcase the achievement of all doctors in their highest caliber as respectable and dignified people of the society.

Awardees of outstanding performance on National Doctors' Day are Dr. Imkongsanen, Senior Specialist, DH Wokha; Dr. C. Noksen Sangla, MO, House of Hope Tuensang; Dr. Shevosa Vese, Junior Specialist, DH Phek; Dr. Chongya BL, MO, DH Noklak; Dr. Aman Konyak, SMO, DH Mon; Dr. Imsulemba Jamir, MO, Lemjem Hospital Mokokchung; Dr. L. Khyothungo Yanthan, Junior Specialist, DH Longleng; Dr. Zuchamo Patton, MO, NHAK; Dr. Holiba A. Anar, MO, DH Kiphire; and Dr. Shirley T. Leivon, Consultant, CIHSR Dimapur.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE HELD

The Deputy Commissioners' (DCs) Conference was held from 1st to 2nd July 2022 at the Conference Hall, Commissioner's Office,

Kohima.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the DCs

and SPs hold the prime posts in serving the country and the states, and are the face of the State Government. He said the Administration and Police should work together, with all the responsibilities vested upon them in making the district prosperous. Rio also pointed out that being the Administrative Heads, everyone is expected to possess leadership qualities in taking the decision and timely action in any matter. The CM asked the DCs to propagate the names given to the districts, in line with the name given to the State as 'Land of Festivals.' Rio also urged the DCs to be wiser in handling cases and delivering justice to the citizens when it comes to dealing with modern laws and instituted customary laws, and requested them to bring up the printed relevant laws in local dialect to let citizens understand in a better way.

The Chief Minister, who also dwelled on

acquiring land pattas, asked the DCs to get pattas of the Government lands at the earliest to avoid land disputes and suggested to create Public Parks and other utilities which will improve the living standards of the people with a sense of responsibility in the districts.

Rio also informed the DCs to be very careful and sensitive in dealing with Census Operation to avoid mistakes and also create awareness regarding COVID-19. In his concluding remark, Rio urged the DCs to build a good and cordial relationship with Tribal Hohos, CSOs, NGOs, churches, and politicians to take the districts forward.

The activities of the day-long programme on the first day included review of law and order matters/ issues with participation of DGP, review of Aadhaar, Border Affairs, Land Records, Village Councils and GBs, CAWD, State Election Commission and review on establishment matters including rationalization of DBs.

INAUGURAL PROGRAMME OF FIRST CSR AND INVESTMENT CONCLAVE HELD

The first Nagaland CSR and Investment Conclave 2022 was held at State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 4th July 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that India is the first country in the world to make Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandatory. The policy enables businesses to invest their profits in development activities which is a win-win for everyone, as it allows corporates to participate in the development of the country and an opportunity to expand their markets, and it supplements the government efforts for development through private enterprise and innovation.

Rio lamented that Nagaland has not been able to attract companies to take up projects from

their CSR obligations in Nagaland. He added that out of the estimated ₹1.25 lakh crore which companies have spent as part of their mandatory CSR over the last seven years, a minuscule 0.006% has been reportedly spent in Nagaland. The Chief Minister hoped that companies will be able to integrate local businesses with the national supply chains. He hoped that companies with their resources and expertise can help the State in designing, developing, and delivering innovative solutions with the use of advanced technology.

Rio informed that some CSR projects in the areas of health and education are already being implemented in some of the districts of Nagaland and hoped that such successful interventions

implemented at the local level can be replicated on a larger scale across the entire State. He stated that a shelf of some of the project proposals for the State has already been prepared by the State Government and urged the representatives of companies and other corporate entities to peruse the draft shelf of projects as may be aligned with their CSR priorities and hoped that it will result in tangible CSR commitments. He also iterated that law and order should not be an issue for investors. He added that the State is working towards introducing a modern land law that would allow for easier availability of land through leasing for identified sectors in Dimapur, Kohima, and other identified districts.

During the event, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio also launched the Nagaland Single Window System; Hospital Information System; Drugs & Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS), Equipment Maintenance & Management System (EMMS), and CSR Project Tracking and Management System. He also disbursed the first installment of Performance Incentive Grants under NECTAR to 738 government schools.

CEO, IDAN, Alemtemshi Jamir while delivering the keynote address, thanked the CEOs, investors, and other participants for staying back despite the programme being postponed. He said the Conclave is being organized to encourage the private sector by paving the ways and means to invest their resources in the development of the

State. Jamir also stated that the State has been facing a financial crunch for development due to the lack of resources and non-participation of the private sector.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS in his address made a special reference to the business, economy, and social environment of the State, wherein he mentioned the existence of strong community spirit in the Naga society, citing communitization of government institutions, grassroots planning and community participation in the governance as the instances. He said Agriculture and Services sectors remain the major part of the State's economy and 70% of the State's population is engaged in agriculture due to the high fertility of the soil and partly due to lesser opportunity in other sectors apart from the services sector. He also mentioned the scope and prospect of Agro & Horticultural products in the State and its scope for the investors to invest in this sector. He also highlighted some of the areas where investors from outside the State could invest in the State by partnering with the State Government.

Speaking on the experience of doing CSR in Nagaland, Dr. Chingmak Chang, Eleutheros Christian Society shared his own experiences and stories working in the community. He highlighted the uniqueness of the Naga community with active community participation. Julia Karst, Project Head, Her & Now, Giz delivered a brief presentation on women's entrepreneurship in the State.

TRAINING HELD ON RICE FORTIFICATION FOR BETTER NUTRITION OUTCOMES

A training on Rice Fortification for Food Safety Officers and Government Officials under the theme 'Rice fortification for better

nutrition outcomes,' organized by the Centre for Health Research and Innovation (CHRI) and National Stock Exchange Foundation (NSEF)

in collaboration with Food Safety Authority, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (DHFW), was conducted at IDSP Conference Hall, DHFW, Kohima on 6th July 2022.

Principal Director, DHFW, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi who was the special guest in the training, said diseases are caused by bad food and the Department has stood firmly for food safety measures in the State by checking shops, eateries and food storehouses so that they fall under the guidelines of the food safety measures, even banning the sale of fish in the State for few months due to the presence of chloroform. He called upon all officers and staff attending the training to learn well so that through them, all the citizens stay safe, healthy, and have prolonged life.

The resource persons for the training were Lead, Nutrition Family Health Centre for Health Research & Innovative (CHRI)/PATH, New Delhi, Rohini Saran, who spoke on the topic 'Concept and need of Rice Fortification,' State Technical Officer, CHRI, Shan Ezung who explained about 'Enabling environment and concept of rice fortification,' and Project Lead, CHRI, New Delhi, who highlighted on 'Quality control and assurance of fortified rice and consumer awareness.'

During the training, the resource persons highlighted that Anemia and micronutrient deficiencies in India are recognized as a deterrent to maternal and child survival and overall productivity of the nation, and contribute to high maternal and neonatal mortality and

morbidity, obstetrical risks, impairment of fetal development, and low birth weight. They also highlighted that the recent data as per National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2020) shows that in Nagaland, anemia affects 34% of women in the reproductive age group (15-49 years), 10% of men, and approximately 43% of children under five years of age in the State, and that Anemia and micronutrient malnutrition can be addressed through improving dietary intakes by diversification of diets combined with nutrition education, food fortification, supplementation, public health and other disease control measures.

The resource persons also explained that fortification is the most effective strategy to combat the problem of micronutrient deficiencies in the population. Wheat, rice, milk, oil, and double fortified salt are the various vehicles for which fortification standards have been released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in 2016.

The objectives of the training were to provide an opportunity for training on safety measures and regulation of fortified rice, sensitize the DO & FSO on the concept of rice fortification, address the myths around fortification to enhance the acceptability of fortified rice, agree on a way forward for partnering in creating mass awareness on rice fortification by leveraging the existing systems and platforms at the district level, and develop a comprehensive sustainable time-bound action plan for the same.

NSDMA CONDUCTS TRAINING ON EMERGENCY OPERATION AND SEARCH & RESCUE

To effectively manage disasters, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with Home Guards,

Civil Defence, and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), with support from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA),

organized training on Emergency Operation and Search & Rescue for AAPDA-MITRA 'Friends-in-Disaster' and Community First Responder. The training commenced on the 15th of May 2022 and will conclude on 16th of August 2022 at Central Training Institute (CTI), Toluvi, Dimapur.

The AAPDA-MITRA training is an in-house training for 12 days which aims to empower the

community volunteer with the skills they would need to respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster, thereby, enabling them to undertake basic relief and rescue tasks during emergencies.

Till date, volunteers from Kiphire, Phek, Longleng, and Peren have completed their training.

ABU METHA APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL MOUNTAIN RUNNING COMMITTEE

Abu Metha, Associate Vice President, Athletics Federation of India, has been appointed as the Chairman of the 'National Mountain Running Committee' of the Athletics Federation of India. The Association stated that it is the first time that a sports administrator from Nagaland will be heading a national committee.

Mountain running is a worldwide sport and a discipline of athletics. The World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) was established in 1984 as the International Committee of Mountain Running (ICMR). In 1985, it first staged 'the World Trophy,' attracting entries from more than 30 countries. In 2002, the IAAF Congress officially recognized it as an International Competition as

defined by IAAF Rule 1 and in 2009, the name was changed to the Mountain Running World Championships, with more than 40 nations taking part.

Four Mountain Running Continental Championships (Africa, Europe, North America, South America) are held every year, plus Commonwealth Championships and Balkan Championships. WMRA annually stages a Long-Distance Challenge, a Youth International Cup and a Grand Prix, while a World Masters Mountain Running Championships is organised together with the WMA. This is the first time that the Athletics Federation of India has instituted the national committee on mountain running.

TORCH RELAY FOR THE 44th CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD

The first-ever Torch Relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad, 2022 started at the Heritage, Old DC Bungalow, Kohima on 11th July 2022.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu, who was the guest of honor, said the 44th Edition of the Chess Olympiad has been awarded to the All Indian Chess Federation (AICF) by the World Chess Federation (FIDE). FIDE instituted the Chess Olympiad Torch relay

to mark the event being held in India, the land where chess originated in the sixth century AD. Kronu informed that the Olympiad Torch relay will cover 75 icon locations all over India as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, and will increase awareness about the sport.

Vice President, Nagaland Chess Association, P. Khezhe thanked all the participants, the officials, and the school children for taking the initiative.

GOVERNOR REVIEWS MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HIGH COURT COMPLEX STATUS


Governor, Nagaland and Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inspecting the construction site of Medical College and High Court Complex, Kohima on 9th July 2022.

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited the site of Medical College and High Court Complex, Kohima on 9th July 2022 and reviewed the status of the construction and infrastructure reports.

Raising concern over the dissatisfactory development, Mukhi probed over the delayed projects of the Medical College and the High Court. The concerned officials briefed their grievances and added that COVID-19 is one of the reasons, besides the non-release of the fund on time, land issues, etc. which hampered the physical progress of the project.

On the Medical College, the officials stated that based on the DPR prepared, Government of India approved a grant of Rs. 189 crore in 2014, in which the funding pattern was 90:10 by Central and State Governments respectively. In Package A (Medical College within Rs. 189 crore) Infrastructure for Medical College Building, Girls and Boys Hostel (250 no.), Residential Apartment-200 Sqm (1 block-10 units), Residential Apartment - 100 Sqm (8 blocks-48 units), Dean Residence, MS Residence, Sports Block, and Library & Lecture Hall Building (Rs. 30 crore funding through the World Bank) were

to be covered. In Package B (Teaching Hospital) New 400 bedded teaching Hospital (Rs. 177 crore funding through JICA) Existing 100 bedded Hospital Up-gradation (funding through the State Government), Mortuary, Girls & Boys Hostel (250 no.) Intern Hostel (100 no.) were included. Highlighting the project, the officials assured that the projects will be completed soon and went on to assert that Naga Hospital will be upgraded and used as a teaching hospital during the first three years and that Medical College admissions will start from August-September 2023.

On the issue of the High Court Complex, the Governor was apprised of the background of the project. The work order for the construction of the New High Court Building Complex (Main High Court Building civil works) at Kohima was allotted to contractor M/s Vilelie Khamo & Son on 29-10-2012, now the stipulated target for completion is December 2022 (Subject to fund availability). To date, the fund released was only 21% of the total amount, whereas the physical progress stands at 72% today. The Governor was also assured that the main complex will be completed by the end of the year, provided fund is made available to the contractor.

MEETING ON REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS HELD IN KOHIMA

The Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) meeting on Registration of Births & Deaths in Nagaland was held on 12th July 2022 at Civil Secretariat, Kohima with Commissioner & Secretary, Economics & Statistics, Kevileno Angami as the chairperson.

Kevileno, who is also the Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Nagaland, briefed on the importance of the Civil Registration System in the State and the ways forward to achieve its goals and objectives in her opening remarks.

The Committee deliberated on sensitizing ASHAs during health camps, sensitizing Anganwadi workers, highlighting the importance of CRS during teachers' training programmes, compulsory birth certificates during school admission, sensitizing schools on the need for compulsory registration of birth, sensitization of the importance of registration of births and

deaths, and the usage of CRS software by Registrars of Births & Deaths.

The agenda discussed were the involvement of the Information & Public Relations Department for publicity of Online Registration of Births & Deaths; redirecting the route/traffic to ORGI Web Portal whenever applicants log in through the IT&C application for online registration; and exploring avenues for IT infrastructure in the State.

The Committee also proposed to organize a one day conference of District Economics & Statistics Officers, district level officers, and stakeholders at Kohima on the importance of the Civil Registration System.

Director Census Operations, Anoop Khinchi IAS, Director, Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Angami, and officials from stakeholder departments also attended the programme.

NEP 2020-A PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM: CS ALAM



Chief Secretary, J. Alam IAS speaking at the state level seminar on development of Nagaland State Curriculum Framework at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 13th July 2022.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS stated that the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 is a paradigm shift in the education system. Speaking at the inaugural session of the state-level seminar on the development of Nagaland State Curriculum Framework at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 13th July 2022, he said that the previous education policy was framed in 1986 and the programme of action to implement the policy came in 1992. He said that the NEP 2020 was finalized after exhaustive consultations and deliberations from grassroot to the experts.

The Chief Secretary stated that a key challenge, particularly in school education, is how to transact knowledge between the teacher and the student. He hoped that the curriculum framework is being designed in such a way that the learning outcomes improve. He said a big challenge is getting access to education, particularly in the disadvantaged section of society and highlighted the need for more efforts for the left out.

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami stated that the inputs given by the people involved in the curriculum framework are critical as they will form the basis on which the SCERT will be developing the textbooks for the students to be studying in schools. She said that education is at the threshold of change, transiting from the old to the new with NEP, 2020. Angami said that under the new policy, it will be a 5+3+3+4 system, where 5 years will be the foundational stage, 3 years in the preparatory stage, 3 years in the middle stage, and 4 years in the secondary stage. She underlined the need to recalibrate and restructure the education system as envisaged

in NEP, 2020.

Highlighting holistic learning, Kevileno Angami stated that core subjects will have to be integrated with arts, sports, and life skills. As highlighted in NEP, 2020, she said that the flexibility of choices has been captured in the state curriculum framework, and it has to be provided to the students so that they can make life choices, and study plans while still in school. However, some subjects such as life skills, mathematics, and science will continue to be mandatory. Stressing the need for change with the changing times, she said there is a need to provide a curriculum to the students that they will study and adapt to the changing times.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, SCERT, N. C. Kikon in her keynote address informed that SCERTs in the country have been entrusted as the state nodal agency for the development of state curriculum framework and have been directed to set up 25 State Focus Groups to work on 25 identified curricular areas. She stated that the Nagaland State Focus Group for 25 subject areas worked to bring out a draft curriculum framework guided by the visions and principles of the NEP, 2020 to integrate and infuse traditional knowledge, cultural values, and indigenous education in all the subject areas of the state curriculum framework. She added the draft was prepared considering the difficulties faced in the present system of education and looking at the challenges ahead.

During the seminar, sessions on curriculum framework for school education, teacher education, adult education, issues & challenges, and future courses of action were taken up.

REFRESHER COURSE TRAINING FOR STENOGRAPHERS HELD

A two-week-long Refresher Course Training for Stenographers was conducted from 4th to 14th July 2022 in batches for Secretariat Stenographers Grade-I, II, and III at the Civil Secretariat Complex, Kohima. The training was initiated by the Home Department, Secretariat Administration Branch 'A' to maximize the working skills of the stenographers in efficiently assisting the bureaucrats and legislators of the State and to adapt them to the progressive dynamics of the administrative system.

Secretary, Home, Peter Lichamo, IAS graced the first day and exhorted the trainees to make use of such an opportunity as it is meant to re-learn the forgotten fundamental basics and hone their skills to perform their assigned duties diligently, particularly the newly recruits.

A wide range of topics from office procedures to shorthand was covered by the three resource persons during the training, and a one-day

course on basic internet was also imparted at NIELIT, Meriema campus.

The training culminated with a short programme with Secretary, Home, in his concluding remarks, advising the trainees to take pride in their given profession as they are also an integral part of the system. Feedback on behalf of the trainees was given by Deo Movi who, while appreciating the Department's initiative, requested to provide such training at regular intervals as it serves as a wake-up call for them to adapt and perform even better. The President of the Nagaland Secretariat Stenographers' Association, Joy Kochummen also acknowledged the Finance Department and the parent department for providing such training to its cadre members.

Certificates were handed out to the resource persons and to over 70 Stenographers who attended the training.

WORKSHOP ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE DRM HELD

A two-day workshop on Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DIDRM) was organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 14th and 15th July 2022. The resource person was Technical Advisor Inclusion, Dr. Shivani Gupta.

Participants included NSDMA and SDRF team members, NGOs, and organizations working with children, women, the elderly, and Persons with Disabilities.

Day 1 of the workshop included sessions on understanding disability and intersectionality, barriers faced by persons with disabilities,

diverse requirements of different disability groups, and legislative mandates for Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR). Day 2 focused on community mapping and strength and weakness analyses, stakeholder analyses, developing a disability-inclusive disaster management plan, feedback of groups, and data collection and inclusive budgeting.

The two-day workshop is part of the project being carried out by the Office of the State Disability Commissioner to 'Strengthen disability inclusion in disaster management in Nagaland.'

REVIEW MEETING WITH TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HELD

'There is a need to cut down on human interface and create an environment which will improve the citizen's ease of doing business with the Government.' This was stated by Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS during the Departmental Review Meeting of the Transport Department at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th July 2022.

Alam stated that offices across the State should go online, be citizen friendly, facilitate the cashless transaction, reduce the waiting period and create a robust system to deliver better and efficient governance without compromising on any regulatory requirements, adding that it will also ease the process of office functioning and bring transparency. Alam further instructed the Transport Department to coordinate with the Information Technology & Communication Department and work towards achieving these goals.

The issue of vehicles plying without registration number plates was also raised and the Department was asked to strictly enforce the legal provisions in this regard. The Chief Secretary also said that proper signage which is easily visible to the drivers should be put on all the roads across the State to improve road safety. While appreciating the revenue generated by the Department, the CS impressed upon the need to put in place the online payment gateway at the earliest for ease of transactions and to avoid inconvenience to the service users.

The Motor Vehicles Department in its presentation, gave a brief overview of the Department's administrative setup, activities, visions, and ongoing projects. The meeting was also attended by Additional Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner, Principal Secretary IT&C, and other senior officials of the Transport Department.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY AT KOHIMA

The Presidential Election, 2022 was successfully conducted for the State of Nagaland on 18th July 2022 at the Annexe, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima.

Additional Secretary, NLA & Assistant Returning Officer, Presidential Election, 2022, Khruohitunuo Rio, through a press release,

informed that 59 sitting Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly participated in the election. She also stated that Kejong Chang was the oldest member who took part. Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Y. M. Yollow Konyak could not take part in the election due to health issues.

STATE-LEVEL REVIEW MEETING OF FOCUS NAGALAND

The State Level Review Meeting of FOCUS-Nagaland (Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the Northeast-Nagaland) was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 20th July 2022 to update the project activities in all the project areas.

Addressing the participants, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, and Mission Director FOCUS Nagaland said that the FOCUS project, effective in 2018 but officially launched only in January 2019, could not be implemented as planned due to the COVID-19

pandemic and other factors. He also mentioned that many of the project activities were under convergence which is quite challenging, but expressed optimism that with the concerted effort of the project team and the Agri & Allied departments, the project would be able to perform better. He stated that Externally Aided Projects are important for the State and revealed that a World Bank-supported project will be for the farming sector which will be implemented soon.

Ben Yanthan, Director of Agriculture said

climate change is affecting agriculture and the livelihood of the farmers of the State. He also presented the key findings of the Baseline Survey and exhorted the project team members to work towards the achievement of the project objectives.

The meeting was attended by Officers from Agri & Allied departments and the project team members from the District and State Offices. The activities of all the eight project districts were reviewed, followed by a discussion on the various components of the project.

JOINT MOCK DRILL ON EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE SAFETY HELD AT DIRECTORATE OF E&S



Joint Mock Drill on Earthquake and Fire Safety was conducted at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Kohima on 22nd July 2022

Joint Mock Drill on Earthquake and Fire Safety was conducted at the Directorate of Economics & Statistics on 22nd July 2022 by Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) with the support of District Project Associate, Kohima (DPA), Home Guards, Civil Defence & State Disaster Response Force and Fire & Emergency Services. The mock drill was a first of its kind at the Directorate level in the State. It was conducted to create awareness and preparedness to ensure the safety of employees

and to effectively respond in the event of any disaster.

Neidilhou Angami, Director, Economics & Statistics urged the staff to take the drill as an opportunity to learn and experience a new lesson to tackle real-life disaster situations. He also urged the staff to take the exercise seriously.

The mock drill began with the sounding of a siren. During the mock drill, fire safety was demonstrated by Fire & Emergency Services personnel while the first aid demonstration was

presented by SDRF personnel. An evacuation plan was executed and a search & rescue mission was conducted by SDRF personnel where those injured were retrieved from different levels of the building. A high-rise building rescue mission was also demonstrated. The mock drill exercise was conducted by simulating an earthquake scenario.

During the Drill, self-help during calamities such as 'Drop Cover and Hold,' finding an appropriate place for protection, evacuating to a safe place, how to check for injuries and treat them, how to remain calm and self-assured, and help others who are distressed, to be alert, quick and responsible were taught and demonstrated.

CS REITERATES THAT DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT SHOULD REFLECT IN THE RESULTS

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, during the review meeting held with the Departments of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Land Resources and Soil & Water Conservation held at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 22nd July 2022, called on the departments to make sure that the funds are being properly utilised, that the schemes reaches the eligible beneficiaries, and that the various activities carried out should reflect in the results.

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources stated that during 2021-2022, fish production of 9,151 MT was achieved (data collected is from the fishery ponds constructed and implemented by the Department), and 280 lakh fish seeds were supplied to the fish farmers at subsidised rate. The target of the Department is to achieve 11 Kg per capita consumption by 2030, as per WHO recommendations and to achieve 22,000 MT fish production by 2030. The Department also pointed out the issue of shortage of Technical staff and vehicles.

On being asked if there is improvement in the fish production over the years, the Department pointed out that unless commercial fish farming is tried, production will be low. He Chief Secretary advised on identifying the areas

of common fish farming. Maintaining that what is lacking in our system is the poor quality of data, he said that GIS should be used for comprehensive data. The Chief Secretary, pointing out that a lot of potential is yet to be realised, advised that more innovative and productive ideas should be taken up by the Department.

The Department of Land Resources highlighted the vision and mission of the Department, and the various programmes and schemes being implemented such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component 2.0 (CSS) and activities carried out under State Schemes such as Rubber Plantation, Coffee Plantation, Arecanut Plantation, Springshed Management, Permaculture based approach etc. The Department stated that the State has high potential for Coffee Plantation and the target stands at 50,000 hectares. 21 (Twenty One) Coffee Bars have been established in the State, with the Department providing the machineries. The Department also presented slides showcasing the various water conservation works, planting materials distribution etc.

The Department, on the issue of shortage of technical staff, stated that conversion of the

excess Casual staff to Technical staff is not feasible as the Casual staff do not possess the required qualifications. The Chief Secretary pointed out that either the activities of the Department should increase or the strength of the staff should be reduced. He also advised the Department to focus on the Cadre Review properly and to address/present the problems there.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation also delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the aims and objectives, and the various schemes of the Department such as Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Nursery Development, Integrated Watershed Management Project, Mechanised Land Development, Integrated Land Development Under Negotiated Loan, Integrated Catchment Area, RKVY, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture and Digital Agriculture Mission under National E-Governance Plan Agriculture. The Department mentioned that the proposal for up gradation of the State Soil & Conservation Research & Training Centre at Sechu-Zubza to Regional Centre is being discussed.

The Chief Secretary asked the Department to seriously implement the Digital Agriculture Mission under National e-Governance Plan Agriculture scheme, as it will involve many departments and agencies, and also because Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is giving a lot of focus on this scheme. He said that Soil Testing works are going on well at the Directorate and the districts, and called on the Department to make sure that operation, maintenance and providing service remains active even in the long run. He also asked the Department to work on revenue models from the laboratories.

The meeting concluded with the Chief Secretary advising the departments to carry out proper publicity and advertisement of the schemes and projects being implemented, so as to improve the selection process and so that the right beneficiaries can apply and avail the benefits. He also called on the departments to re-orient their approach in taking up matters, adding that help can be assured at the senior level, but the efforts should come from the department level.

INDIAN ENGINEERS' FEDERATION (NER) CONDUCTS ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The inaugural programme of the two day Indian Engineers' Federation (INDEF) North Eastern Region (NER) mid-term-cum-annual council meeting, hosted and organised by Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA) was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 22nd July 2022 with Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir as the special guest.

Metsubo Jamir, speaking at the inaugural

programme said that in this modern world, it is impossible to imagine a life without the machineries, systems and gadgets that has become a part and parcel of our daily lives which we take for granted, and all these would not have existed, had it not been for the engineers who designed and produced them. He further emphasised on the immense potential of the North East Region with plenty of natural resources accounting for 34 per cent of the country's water

resources and almost 40 per cent of India's hydro power potential, and the role of the engineers in ensuring that these projects become a reality bringing about development and sustainability to the region. Jamir said that with the rapid progress in technological advances, the present day engineers must also ensure the protection of the environment and nature which has been of late rapidly degenerating in our modern day quest for progress and development.

The keynote address was delivered by President INDEF (NER), Er. Pura Tupe, who

highlighted some of the issues related to the engineering services such as pay disparity when compared with other services like the Indian Civil Services, the need for a proper rotational transfer and posting policy to ensure effective functioning, and also the need to have an Engineering Commission to address the issues and service matters of the engineers. He hoped that the two day event will have progressive outcomes and also strengthen the bond between the North Eastern States and that the region will progress as one.

NORTH EAST FOOD PROCESSORS' MEET HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day North East Food Processors Meet for the Technology Upgradation, Bankers, and Investors was held at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima on 22nd July 2022.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS speaking at the programme, said that Nagaland is the only state which was formed out of political agreement and even after statehood, there were no time to invest in economic development which has resulted in the State lacking behind the other mainland states especially in the case of food processing system. Only eight food processing units in Dimapur and one in Kohima were set up during the recent years. He exhorted the officials and encouraged all the investors to invest in North East, particularly Nagaland. He said that there is no scope of other large and medium scales industry in the State but only through agri based industries, the State can generate revenue and employ the youths.

Sema said that the purpose of the meet is to have a practical field of what is happening in the food processing sector outside the North East India and to showcase the new technologies,

latest schemes and benefits of Government of India. He also urged the bankers and NABARD not to shy away but to come forward as Nagaland State Government has provided Rs. 220 crore which is yet to be spent. He further called upon them to create awareness to the young entrepreneurs.

Assistant Professor, NIFTEM, Nitin Kumar mentioned that Nagaland State being traditionally agrarian with the economy being primarily dependent on agriculture, an approximate of 70% people relies on agriculture for their livelihood despite being a resource rich State. He said food processing industry in Nagaland is practically non-existent and would need to be vitalized in order to tap its full potentials.

Assistant Manager, Invest India, Aditi Sharma speaking on processing scenario in India, said the country is a major producer of several agricultural and food items in the world but less than 10 percent of that is processed. He added that the Food Processing Industry sector is one area, which has the potential to add value to farm output, create employment opportunities, improve exports and strengthen the domestic

supply chain. Besides processing of major fruits for various value added products, Indian processing industries are also looking for value added products from minor or underutilized fruits.

Speaking on scope of food Processing sector in the State, Director, Horticulture, Dr. R. Elithung Lotha said there is availability of fruits such as pineapple, kiwi fruit, passion fruit, Naga mircha, large cardamom suitable for food processing industries. He added that demand for processed food are constantly on the rise and cheaper workforce can be effectively utilised to set up large

low-cost production markets bases for domestic and export good investment opportunities exist in many areas of food processing industries. He encouraged the bankers to create awareness for the farmers and young entrepreneurs about various government schemes to avail for one's business expansion.

The programme was jointly organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Indian Chamber of Commerce. The processors' meet was attended by the state officials, bankers and entrepreneurs.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON ERI SILK HELD

Sericulture Department, Nagaland, and Capacity Building & Training Division, Central Silk Board, Bengaluru jointly organized a four-day Resource Development Programme on Eri Silk Development Projects under Silk Samagra-2 from the 19th to 22nd July 2022 at the Directorate of Sericulture, Kohima.

Sericulture Officers along with staff from Zunheboto, Mon, Tuensang, and Longleng District and members of NGOs from Mokokchung district participated in the programme.

The resource persons from Central Silk Board, Assam Agricultural University, NABARD, Nagaland University, and Ava Creations Social

Impact Foundation, Guwahati imparted the training covering topics on soft skills, financial management, entrepreneurship models, eri silk production value chain, marketing, and development of location-specific action plan. Dr. Siddique Ali Ahmed, Scientist D, CSB, Bangalore was the Programme Coordinator for the said programme.

Mhathung Kikon, Additional Director handed over certificates to the participants during the valedictory function and lauded the participants for their active participation and the resource persons for their sincere time and efforts.

CELEBRATION OF BIJLI MAHOTSAV ACROSS THE STATE

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Power in association with District Administration, NEEPCO, and DoPN organized 'Bijli Mahotsav.' The Bijli Mahotsav is being celebrated all over the country under the umbrella of Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @ 2047 for more public participation and getting across the development in the power sector to the citizens. The Ministry of Power,

New and Renewable Energy organized events to celebrate the collaboration between the State and Central Governments and highlighting the key achievements of the power sector in all the districts for a week-long celebration from 25th to 30th July 2022.

Some key highlights of the achievements are:

A) 169 GW of generation capacity was

added, transforming our country from power deficit to power surplus.

B) 1.6 lakh ckm of transmission line added, connecting the entire country into one grid running on one frequency, emerging as the longest integrated grid in the world.

C) Achieved 100% village electrification (18,374) in 2018 and 100% household electrification (2.86 crore)

D) Rs 2.02 lakhs crore outlay for system strengthening which has increased power supply in rural increased from 12 hours in 2015 to an average of 22.5 hours at present.

E) Fastest growing RE capacity doubled from 76 GW in 2014 to 160 GW now, achieved 40% RE Gen capacity mix in 2021 and stands 4th globally.

KOHIMA:

Kohima district celebrated ‘Bijli Mahotsav and Ujjwal Diwas’ at Mezoma village on 26th July 2022.

Speaking as the guest of honour, MLA and Chairman, DPDB Kohima, Keneizhakho Nakhro said that with the Prime Minister’s concern for the rural populace to get each household electrified, various schemes under the power sector have been implemented in the State to achieve its vision. Nakhro also stressed on the important role of being a responsible consumer by clearing the power bills on time, to have an uninterrupted power supply. He further highlighted the benefits of electricity and other various government schemes being implemented in the district for overall development.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS in his short speech said that two villages Mezoma and Kidima have been selected in Kohima district for the celebration. While

highlighting the benefits of electricity and how the quality of life has improved with access to power, he called upon the gathering to introspect the purpose of the celebration and to take forward the message for a better future.

As part of the event, testimonials on electrification schemes were shared by the beneficiaries, screening of films on various programs/schemes, Nukkad Natak by the Mezoma Students’ Union, and cultural presentations by Mezoma youth were held to spread awareness on the benefits of electricity.

Celebrating the ‘Bijli Mahotsav and Ujjwal Diwas’ at Kidima village on 27th July 2022, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Er. Zale Neikha said the mega event was introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi where 683 villages have been selected across India based on works of different beneficiaries and bijli schemes. The selected villages will be evaluated to 100 villages among the best working model villages. Further, the 100 villages will be re-evaluated down to five villages and the final five villages will have the privilege to have a video conference with the Prime Minister on the 30th of July 2022 to gain much-needed knowledge and awareness to take full advantage of the schemes, he added.

Zale also highlighted various schemes introduced by the Ministry of Power in Kohima such as Saubhagya, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), and Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM).

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Shanavas C IAS, NEEPCO Ltd. District Nodal Officer, Er. John Zeliang, Chairman of Kidima Village Council, Head GB of Kidima village also spoke on the occasion.

MOKOKCHUNG:

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence, the Ministry of Power in association with the District Administration and Power Department organized 'Bijli Mahotsav' at Alichen Community Hall, Mokokchung.

Addressing the gathering as the special guest, SDO (Civil), Mokokchung, Longdiba L Sangtam maintained that the Department of Power is trying its best to provide sufficient power supply to the people with minimal charges. Therefore, as concerned citizens, the best way to reciprocate towards the department is to make use of the power more judiciously.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 'Bijli Mahotsav' event was held on 25th July 2022 at Sovima Village Council Hall, Chumoukedima. As part of the event, the people were apprised of the various government schemes such as Saubhagya, Ujjala, smart metering, and also the rights of the consumers.

MLA, Azheto Zhimomi highlighted the benefits of electricity, the challenges faced during electrification in remote areas, and how the quality of life improved with access to power. He mentioned that Chumoukedima being recognized as a new district, should take the opportunity of the benefits of the scheme and try to make it one of the best districts by uniting and thriving together. Zhimomi urged the officers to be honest and sincere in their work and requested them to focus not only in urban areas but also in rural areas and help the underprivileged. He further stated that the Village Council is like a government agent, and urged the VCs to be active, informed, and conscientious.

'Bijli Mahotsav' event was also held at the Council Hall, Chumoukedima A Village on the 26th of July. The celebration was graced by Advisor for Sericulture, Excise & Minority Affairs, Zhaleo Rio.

Zhaleo Rio said electricity is one of the most important basic requirements of human life and the achievements have reached various parts of the country. He also spoke on the roles of the consumers, the Power Department, and all other stakeholders to improve the power supply.

Manager (Civil) NEEPCO Ltd. Zachamo Ovung highlighted the objective to provide 24x7 quality power to the consumers at par with global standards. He mentioned that Ujjawal Bharat, Ujjawal Bhavishya will showcase achievements in the power sector, including the renewable energy sector along with a vision of the nation in this sector by 2047 when the country completes 100 years of Independence. He said in Chumoukedima A Village, with the new addition of 1 no. of 25 KVA, 1 no. of 63 KVA and 1 no. of 100 KVA, the village currently has 314KVA installed capacity. This has added and strengthened the distribution system by the addition of more HT lines and LT Lines.

As a part of the celebration, various cultural programmes such as Nukkad Nataks, cultural dance, and movie screening were carried out to impart knowledge on subjects such as the benefits of electricity and its conservation.

WOKHA:

'Bijli Mahotsav' was organized at Longsa village and Wokha village on 25th July 2022.

Addressing the gathering at Longsa village, Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan stated that because of the many schemes, policies, and initiatives of the

Ministry of Power, electricity has now reached every nook and corner of the country. He urged the people to be responsible citizens by way of using power effectively, conservation of power, paying electricity bills on time, and taking proper care and ownership of properties to enable the Department to provide quality power supply.

Advisor for Law & Justice, Dr. Chumben Murry, who graced the celebration as the special guest at Wokha village, stressed on judicious use of electricity, as industrialization and development are only possible through effective utilization of electricity. He called upon the people to extend support and cooperation to the Government and the Power Department so that various schemes and policies which target to uplift the well-being of the community can be implemented on time.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS also spoke on the occasion. The event also witnessed several beneficiaries sharing their experiences, and screening of short films on power sector were also displayed during the celebration.

ZUNHEBOTO:



Celebration of Bijli Mahotsav under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at Lizu Naghuto village Zunheboto on 29th July 2022.

'Bijli Mahotsav' was held at Council Hall, Natha Old, Zunheboto on 27th July 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto said that the object of the scheme is to give 24X7 continuous power supply to all households. He hoped that the state becomes self-sufficient in power soon.

Nikheto Zimomi, President of Sumi Hoho said the Power department is working hard for the people and appealed to the public to give cooperation to the Department. He added that the public should commit to co-operating with the Government to not give any hindrance to development activities.

On 29th July 2022, celebration of Bijli Mahotsav was also held at Lizu Naghuto village Zunheboto with Huska Yepthomi, Former President, Sumi Hoho as the special guest.

MON:

'Bijli Mahotsav' celebration was held at Leangha village, Mon on 26th July 2022. The village was chosen because of the recent installation of a 25 KVA transformer in the Loung-Chinglen area under its jurisdiction, besides an already installed 100 KVA transformer in the village.

Chief guest, Advisor, Land Resources and Chairman DPDB, Mon, C. L. John thanked the Prime Minister for all the schemes that have had a positive impact on the lives of the common people. He also

expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister under whose leadership all the schemes are being

implemented successfully in the State. He urged the gathering to utilize electricity wisely and efficiently and also develop the habit of paying for electricity. He stressed the importance of practical education and economic empowerment and encouraged the villagers to inculcate life skills in their children.

Speeches were also delivered by MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak, DC Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS, District Nodal Officer, N. Orenthung Odyuo, and Chairman, Leangha Village Council.

The event witnessed the screening of videos on the Government's initiatives and activities in the power sector. Over 300 villagers participated in the celebration.

PHEK:



Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya celebration was held at Chosaba Village Council Hall in Phek district on 28th July 2022.

'Bijli Mahotsav' was held at Phusachodu village on 27th July with Chotisuh Sazo, MLA as the special guest.

Sazo informed that the Power Department has sanctioned two transformers 25k.v. and 50 electric posts for the replacement of old ones in the village.

A testimonial on electrification was presented by Vecuto Rose, Convener, Village Electrical Management Board.

On 28th July 2022, programme for celebrations

of Bijli Mahotsav was also held at Chosaba Village Council Hall in Phek district with Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Razouvolie as the special guest. Short films on Universal Household Electrification (REF), Village Electrification (REC), and Film on Renewable Energy (PFC), etc were shown at the programme. Testimonials on electrification were given 'by VEMB Chosaba village.

TUENSANG:

The 'Bijli Mahotsav' event was organized at Ahotsi village, Longkhim town, Tuensang on 26th July 2022.

Addressing the occasion, ADC, Longkhim, Phuleshe Yephthomi said that Consumer's Rights are applicable in two ways, where consumers have the right to address their problems and at

the same time, they should responsibly use energy and pay their electric bills on time.

A short film on the power sector was screened.

On 27th July 2022, 'Bijli Mahotsav' was also observed in New Helipong village.

ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo, Chief Senior Manager, NEEPCO Ltd. Alemwati and Executive Engineer, Power, Tuensang along with the Village Council members and denizens of New Helipong graced the occasion. A cultural show, Nukkad Natak, and screening of short films on the power sector were also held.

PEREN:

'Bijli Mahotsav' was held at Ahthibung Town Hall, Peren on 26th July 2022.



DC Peren, NZPO President and others during the 'Bijli Mahotsav' celebration at Lamhai Dungki village, Peren on 29th July 2022.

While speaking at the inauguration programme of 33/11kV, 2.5 MVA Sub-Station, Advisor, Water Resources, Namri Nchang said with this inauguration, Ahthibung area will have a much-reduced interruption of power supply because faults on the transmission line beyond Ahthibung will be taken care of by this sub-station. Stating that the Government has provided modern public property for these areas, it is the responsibility of the public to utilize it to its optimum by extending support and cooperation to the Department.

Er. John Zeliang, CGM, NEEPCO Limited and State Nodal Officer for Nagaland said the event aims to educate and sensitize the general public on the importance of power as well as to highlight the key achievements of the Ministry of Power through the screening of short films, NukkadNatak and Cultural performances.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS stressed on judicious use of power and encouraged the public to coordinate and support the Department to experience a better power facility.

Lamhai Dungki village, Peren also celebrated Bijlee Mahotsav at its Village Council Hall on 29th July 2022. The event was graced by NZPO President, Kevipele Iheilung as the special guest.

Others who spoke in the programme included CGM, NEEPCO & State Nodal Officer for Nagaland, Gol, John Zeliang, and DC Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS. During the event, short films on

Universal Household Electrification (REC), Village Electrification (REC), Distribution System Strengthening (PFC), Capacity Addition (NTPC), One Nation One Grid (PGCIL), Renewable Energy (SECI), and Consumer Rights (PFC) were also screened, while beneficiaries testimony was given by Ighuneule.

KIPHIRE:

'Bijli Mahotsav' was observed at Kiphire village and Phelungre village in Kiphire district on 26th July 2022.

EAC, Kiphire (Sardar), Chubamongla highlighted some of the achievements and the ongoing works relating to power in the district. She said Kiphire district is one of the most fortunate districts as compared to other districts because electricity has already reached every corner of the villages and various departments are executing developmental activities. She appealed for judicious electricity consumption and timely payment of electricity bills.

To engage with the visitors and guests, various cultural programmes, Nukkad Natak, and screening of short films on the power sector were organized. The events also witnessed several beneficiaries sharing their experience regarding power supply.

DIMAPUR:

Under the umbrella 'Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya' Power@2047 - 'Bijli Mahotsav' was celebrated on 28th July 2022 at Council Hall, Toluvi village, Dimapur.

Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi said this scheme has immensely benefitted Nagaland with the rest of the North East Region and the nation. Speaking on the State Power Scenario, he stated that from 2021-22, due to shortages of resources, restricted peak demand stood at 184 MW and off-peak demand at 141 MW. With demand exponentially increasing year by year, the projected power requirement by 2025 stood at 550 MW. He mentioned that the gap between Power Purchase and Revenue Receipt is one major challenge faced by the Government. To ensure a stable and quality power supply in the district, he called on the people to each individual or consumer to practice judicious use of power and conserve energy, as this will not only help to better our environment but also increase the life span of electrical equipment ensuring uninterrupted power supply to our homes/offices/schools etc.

DC, Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal IAS requested the citizens to take a pledge to be responsible and co-operate with the Government. He said that the power sector in the State and country will only develop if citizens use power judiciously and pay their dues on time.

As part of the event, various activities were conducted - A short film presentation by Universal Household Electrification (REC), Village Electrification (REC), and Distribution System Strengthening (PFC) and testimonials on the electrification scheme.

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Bijli Mahotsav was also celebrated at Signal Angami

village, Dimapur on 29th July 2022, with MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer gracing the occasion as the special guest. District Nodal Officer for the celebration, Er. Zachamo Ovung, NEEPCO Limited, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Sachin Jaiswal IAS also spoke on the occasion. Other highlights of the celebration included short films on Universal Household Electrification, Village Electrification Distribution System strengthening, Capacity Addition, One Nation One Grid, Renewable Energy, testimonials on electrification by beneficiaries, Nukkad Natak and cultural dance.

NOKLAK:

Bijli Mahotsav was celebrated at Council Hall, Kusong village under Noklak district on 28th July 2022 with Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru as the special guest.

Meru elaborated on the responsibility of the rural people and advised them to spread awareness about the usage of electricity, billing, energy efficiency, etc. The DC also requested the consumers to pay electricity bills on time.

Films on Universal Household Electrification, Village Electrification, Distribution System Strengthening, Capacity Addition, One Nation Grid, Renewable energy, and Consumer Rights were also screened during the occasion.

Bijli Mahotsav celebration was also held at Council Hall, Nokyan B Village under Noklak district on 29th July 2022 with Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru as the special guest. District Nodal Officer & Er. N. Vantsso Kithan, NEEPCO Ltd. Doyang highlighted on various achievements of the nation in the power sector. Film on Universal Household Electrification, Village Electrification, Distribution System Strengthening, Capacity Addition, One

Nation Grid, Renewable energy and Consumer Right were also screened during the occasion.

TSEMINYU:

'Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya' Power @ 2047, Bijli Mahotsav was held at Council Hall, Tseminyu village on 28th July 2022 with, Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resources Development, R. Khing as chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, R. Khing appraised the people on the usefulness of power in our day to day activities.

Short speech was also given by Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi IAS.

Bijli Mahotsav was also held on 28th July 2022 at Tesophenyu Village Council Hall with R. Khing Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development as special guest.

NIULAND:

Niuland District Administration along with the Department of Power celebrated Bijli Mahotsav at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 29th July 2022.

Reflecting on the two villages – Ghokuto and Ghokito under Niuland district that was newly electrified, DC, Niuland, Sara S Jamir reminded the gathering to use electricity judiciously and pay the electric bill on time.

ADC Niuland, Lemlila Sangtam, District Nodal Officer, Dalim Batman, DGM (Civil) NEEPCO, James G Zhimomi GB, and Viheto Chishi, Head GB also delivered short speeches. Various short films on NTPC, REC, PGCIL & PFC were presented to educate the citizens on the achievement of the power sector in the country.

LONGLENG:

'Bijli Mahotsav' was held at Hamlikong and Oushok village, Longleng on 27th and 28th July 2022 under the theme 'Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya' Power@2047 with Deputy Commissioner Longleng, Dharam Raj IAS as the special guest.

The DC while addressing the gathering, said educational facilities, medical, healthcare, or transportation etc. works and functions under the utility of electricity. He said the Power Department takes charge of providing electricity but it is not only their responsibility, it includes the cooperation of the general public so that the system will run smoothly and benefit every single household.

As part of event, testimonials on the electrification scheme were shared by the beneficiaries from Oushok village, Nukkad Natak a drama played by ETC Naga and Pongmei Buchem team. Films on Universal Household Electrification, Village Electrification, Distribution System Strengthen, Capacity Addition, One Nation One Grid, Renewable Energy, and Consumer Rights were also screened during the programme.

SHAMATOR:

The celebration of Bijli Mahotsav was held at Langa village under Shamator district with Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, Thsuvisie Phoiji as the special guest.

The DC stated that electricity is one of the most essential daily needs in the modern world, and encouraged the citizens to be responsible and make judicious use of electricity.

A short speech was delivered by Senior Manager NEEPCO Ltd. & District Nodal Officer Power, Er. Alemwati. A short film on universal household electrification, Village Electrification

was also screened during the programme.

Bijli Mahotsav was also held at Leangtsuwong, Shamator with Deputy Commissioner Shamator,

Thsuvisie Phoiji as the special guest. Short films on Universal Household Electrification, Village Electrification etc. were shown.

GRAND FINALE OF UJJWAL BHARAT, UJJWAL BHAVISHYA POWER @2047 HELD AT DIMAPUR

The grand finale event of Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya Power @2047 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was held at DC's Conference Hall Dimapur on 30th July 2022 through video conferencing.

Welcome remark was delivered by Minister for Power and NRE, R. K. Singh, followed by glimpses of Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya celebrations from across the nation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held interactions with beneficiaries of schemes from five districts of the country, namely

Mandi, Himachal Pradesh; Khowai, Tripura; Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Prime Minister also launched Revamp Distribution Sector Scheme and National Solar Rooftop Portal, and laid the foundation stone of Green Energy Projects of NTPC which was followed by his address.

The video conferencing event at Dimapur was attended by Advisor, Power, H. Tovihoto Ayemi and other officials from the Department.

WORKSHOP ON USE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY INPUTS IN NAGALAND HELD

A one-day workshop for nodal officers of line departments on the implementation of the plan of action on the use of space technology inputs in Nagaland was conducted at Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC), Kohima on 26th July 2022.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Principal Secretary and Development Commissioner, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS said the Plan of Action has been finalized after consultation with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC). He said the GIS cell has been a database for Nagaland which needs to be carried forward. He added that it has developed initiatives with expert organizations such as NESAC and ISRO, and expressed his contentment that the State, through the use of technology, is in progress with the rest of the states.

Bhatia stated that proper geospatial data can help in the preparation of projects and help

monitor the progress of the projects. He also said that satellite technology can help in proper monitoring of projects in remote areas which are otherwise difficult to reach due to the rough terrain of the State. He also highlighted that if proper technology is used by various departments, there will be ample data that can help in optimal usage of resources and benefits would reach the maximum number of people.

Technical session on 'Indian Space Programme' was taken up by Director, NESAC, Department of Space, Government of India, Dr. S. P. Aggarwal, while Project Director, NGISRSC, Er. Mhathung Kithan shared 'Use of space based technology for governance and decision making: A decade of service to the State of Nagaland.' Sessions on 'Natural resources management,' 'Agriculture and allied activities,' and 'Infrastructure, planning & technology diffusion, societal applications' were taken up

by the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC).

The workshop was organized by the

Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, Planning & Coordination Department, Government of Nagaland.

WALKATHON-CUM-EAT RIGHT MELA HELD

Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the Food Safety Authority, Department of Health & Family Welfare organized a Walkathon-cum-Eat Right Mela with the theme 'Food safety is shared responsibility. You don't have to eat less, you just have to eat right,' which was flagged off at Classic Island, Kohima on 26th July 2022.

Principal Director, DHFW, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi mentioned that the Eat Right Movement is being organized to disseminate information, and awareness, empower citizens for behavioral exchange towards healthy food including fortified food and take conscious decisions to support good health for a healthy nation.

Minister, HFW, S. Pangnyu Phom said that the event is important as it would spread the message across the state and the nation to have healthy food and to combat negative nutritional

trends to beat lifestyle diseases. This event would help in mainstreaming the masses in adopting fortified food in one's diet. He also appealed to the concerned authorities to cross-check every food essentials that are coming into the State and to take strict actions against defaulters. The Minister asked the citizens to pledge to 'Eat safe, eat healthy and eat sustainable.' He thanked the Food and Safety Authority, DHFW for organizing the event in collaboration with the Centre of Health Research and Innovation, Delhi.

The walkathon commenced from Classic Island, near the Red Cross building, and culminated at St. Peter's School where the Eat Right Mela demonstration was held. The objective of the Mela is to spread awareness about the good and bad intake of food, and to bust the myths about fortified food.

CEO NAGALAND APPRISES ELECTION OFFICIALS ON AMENDMENT OF FORMS

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS held a meeting through video conference with Deputy Commissioners/ADCs and District Election Officers (DEOs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Election Officers (AEOs), and Technical persons on the amendment of forms and IT applications on 27th July 2022.

The meeting discussed the important aspects of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 enacted by Parliament which amended the Representation of People Act, 1950 and Representation of People Act, 1951. The amendments in the said Acts broadly cover the

following aspects:

1. Electoral Registration Officer may require Aadhaar number for electoral registration/authentication purpose.
2. Four qualifying dates in a year.
3. Gender-neutral provision for Service and Special Electors and
4. Power to acquire premises for the conduct of elections

Furnishing of Aadhaar number is purely voluntary, and those who do not have an Aadhaar number may submit a copy of any of the 11 documents prescribed by the Commission. This exercise will commence with effect from

1st August 2022 till 1st April 2023. No entry in the electoral roll would be deleted on the ground of inability on the part of any existing elector to furnish/intimate Aadhaar number. The purpose of obtaining an Aadhaar number is for authentication of electors' entries in the electoral roll and extending electoral services to them in the future. Strict measures are in place to ensure security and safe custody of collected data.

It was also highlighted that now there would be four qualifying dates in a year, viz. 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October. Applicants can file their advance claims for inclusion in the electoral roll during the annual

summary revision. Earlier, only those who completed 18 years of age by 1st January of the year could get themselves enrolled. After the four qualifying dates in existence, all who are completing 18 years of age on any of the qualifying dates of the year can get themselves enrolled after the relevant qualifying date.

The second session of the meeting covered legal aspects of the amended/modified forms and various IT applications such as ERONET, Garuda, NVSP, VHA, and Voter Portal, which was taken by AEO Kohima, R. Toshimeren, AEO (MIS) CEO's Office, Ketousieu Khruomo and Project Manager (IT), Iliho.

HOMEGOING SERVICE OF FORMER CHIEF SECRETARY, NAGALAND, P. TALITEMJEN AO

The Homegoing service of Lt. P. Talitemjen Ao, IAS was held on 29th July 2022 at The Heritage, Officers' Hill, Kohima. A host of dignitaries, government officials, representatives of various public organizations, and well-wishers gathered to pay their final respects to a man who had dedicated his whole life to the welfare of the people and had served the Government of Nagaland in various capacities even after his retirement.

Many in their eulogies for him expressed how he had been a role model for all, young and old, and how he had served the Government with utmost integrity and dedication. A man of few words who chose to lead by example, his contributions to the State are unmatched and one notable achievement was how under his leadership as the first Chief Information Commissioner of the State, the Nagaland Information Commission was set up.

After the homegoing service, the mortal remains of Late P. Talitemjen Ao, IAS was taken

to his native village Akhoya, Mokokchung where he will be laid to rest.

Late P. Talitemjen Ao, Retd. IAS passed away on 28th July 2022 at Kohima. He was born on 26th February 1944 at Akhoya village in Mokokchung district, the eldest son of Late I. Pangersowa Jamir.

Late P. Talitemjen Ao cleared the Nagaland Public Service Commission Civil Service exam in 1972 and got into the Nagaland Civil Service as an Extra Assistant Commissioner. He was posted as Extra Assistant Commissioner, Mokokchung, from 1972 – 1973. He then cleared the Union Public Service Commission examination and joined the prestigious Indian Administrative Service in 1973 (Nagaland cadre). Late Talitemjen served in various categories in a number of departments in the State including Home Commissioner, Nagaland and Commissioner, Nagaland. He was the Chief Secretary of Nagaland from July 2004 till his retirement from service in February 2006. He was appointed as the first Chief Information Commissioner,



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio releasing a publication titled 'Nagaland Opportunities Abound' during the Corporate Social Responsibility, Investment and Banking Conclave at State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 4th July 2022.



Training on Emergency Operation and Search & Rescue for Aapda Mitra, 'Friends-in-Disaster' was conducted at Central Training Institute, Toluvi, Dimapur.



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu interacting with the participants during the Chess Olympiad held at the Heritage, Old DC Bungalow, Kohima on 11th July 2022.



Participants with their certificates during the 2nd edition of Zunheboto District Khelo India Badminton Tournament at DSCZ Stadium, Zunheboto on 27th July 2022.



Advisor, Land Resources, C. L. John and MLA, N Thongwang Konyak with others during the 'Bijli Mahotsav' celebration at Leangha village, Mon on 26th July 2022.



Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom flagging off the Eat Right Walkathon at Classic Island, Kohima on 26th July 2022.



Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS along with others during the inauguration of 33/11 KV 2.5 MVA Sub-Station which was initiated by the Department of Power at Marepkong Ward, Mokokchung.



Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru with officials and trainees after the culmination of the demand-driven skill development training in construction sector conducted at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 23rd July 2022.

Nagaland Information Commission, in March 2006 and served till February 2011.

Late P. Talitemjen Ao is survived by his wife

Moala Panger, two sons and one daughter.

KOHIMA COLLEGE ACCORDS FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL



A farewell programme was held in honour of retiring Principal, Kohima College, Kohima, Dr. Ralimongla on 29th July 2022.

Kohima College, Kohima organised a retirement celebration honouring its Principal, Dr. Ralimongla on 29th July 2022 in recognition of her selfless dedication towards the college.

Dr. Ralimongla joined the college as Principal on 9th July 2019. Her tenure saw the successful completion of the college commerce block, digitisation of library, upgradation and extension of language lab, inauguration of alumni office, renovation of IQAC office and many more.

In her speech, Dr. Ralimongla expressed her gratitude to the college, faculty and staff for their support and cooperation especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and shared glimpses of her experiences in the college, stating that she had gained professional and personal growth in knowledge, wisdom and friendship. Dr. Ralimongla acknowledged the Minister, Higher

Education and Tribal Affairs, Director, Higher Education and Commissioner & Secretary, Higher Education for having the confidence in her and promoting her to Principal in 2019 after her teaching service at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma.

Vice Principal, Keneilesa Neikha on behalf of the college acknowledged and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the college for the sacrifices and services rendered by Dr. Ralimongla during her tenure as the Principal of the college.

Short speeches were also delivered by Mhaliezolie Kire, President, Kohima College Teachers Association (KCTA), Victor on behalf of the ministerial staff of KCK, Kossam Konyak on behalf of the Kohima College Students' Council (KCSC), and by other faculty and staff members.

RIO ADDRESSES THE NORTH EAST INDIA FESTIVAL, BANGKOK

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, speaking at the inaugural programme of the 2nd Edition of North East India Festival, Bangkok on 30th June 2022 at Central World Complex, Bangkok, stated that the Second Edition of the North East India Festival 2022 is being celebrated at Bangkok to mark India's 75 years of Independence and diplomatic relationship with Thailand. He hoped that it will help in further connecting the two regions with age old social and cultural relations, shared history and ethnicity.

Rio said that by educating people on the similarities of the people of North East Region of India and the people of Thailand and other South East Asian countries, it can help unify and help form close economic collaboration between Northeast India and Southeast Asian nations. He said that festival will give a further thrust to the Act East Policy of the Government of India and Act West Policy of Thailand and other South East Asian countries.

Chief Minister Rio highlighted on the geographical features and cultures of Nagaland. He also shed a light on the famous Hornbill Festival. He stated that the State hosted eight Ambassadors of the ASEAN countries during the Hornbill Festival in 2021 and is looking forward to welcoming a Thailand delegation of the tourism industry this year.

Rio said Nagaland is there to build a robust platform for bilateral trade. Stating that Nagaland is blessed with various fruits, vegetables, organic products, floriculture, herbal, medicinal plants, etc. he also said that products from Handicrafts and Handloom sector are popular and in high demand. He added that there is sizable quantity

of untapped mineral resources in Nagaland. He also underlined on the potential of bamboo and honey in the State.

Rio said India is investing extensively towards building infrastructure to connect its North Eastern Region with the ASEAN countries as part of its Act East Policy. India – Myanmar – Thailand Trilateral Highway promises to transform the region economic landscape through trade with the ASEAN and the development of Kaladan Multi Model Transit Transport and building of an Integrated Port and Inland Water Transport Terminal in Sittwe being undertaken in consonant with the Act East Policy of the Government of India, provides further impetus to the trade and investment of the NE region with the ASEAN countries, he added.

Rio stated that the trilateral Asian highway passes through Nagaland and that the State is ready with requisite infrastructure and allied facilities for bilateral trade with Thailand and ASEAN countries. He said that the youth of Nagaland have skills not only in traditional arts and crafts such as basketry, pottery, spinning, weaving, carving and dyeing metal work, but also in art, music, modern nursing, computer technology, programming and designing. The Chief Minister said that the State aims to become a preferred investment destination for anyone planning to cater to ASEAN market, large Industrial Parks with plug and play facilities for investors to explore are part of our economic infrastructure strategies and that the Government of Nagaland will be very proactive to provide one stop clearances and support for investors.

Chief Minister Rio stated that the State's biggest strength is creativity of its people and

that Nagas are emerging in the creative fields in India - starting from music, fashion, hospitality and service industry. He said that the State has a dedicated department under the banner of Task Force for Music and Arts, (TaFMA), engaged in creating an eco-system for music and the arts.

The Chief Minister said that the Government wants to engage with Thailand on a continuous basis and that he was there with an objective to strengthen ties, build partnerships and create trust. He said that the State Government wants to initiate a Naga Emporium in Bangkok which will also be a facilitation centre to undertake

investments in Nagaland including creation of avenues to visit Nagaland as a tourist destination.

Rio said that the State will be happy to offer all kinds of support in promoting Thai products in Nagaland and is looking forward to welcoming Thai investments, Thai products and the people of Thailand to Nagaland. He extended his appreciation to the Indian Embassy for hosting the occasion and the efforts being put up by North East India Festival team led by Shyamkanu Mahantaand, the Chief Adviser of the Festival, Abu Metha and the whole team.

**TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING
FOR ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT CONDUCTED****WOKHA:**

Wokha District Administration and Sakhi-One Stop Centre supported by National Commission for Women organized a one-day training and capacity-building programme for Anti Human Trafficking Unit and other stakeholders dealing with prevention of human trafficking and rehabilitation of victims under Wokha district on 5th July 2022 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS while delivering the keynote address, said that no single organization can handle issues such as human trafficking single-handedly and urged all stakeholders, NGOs, and government agencies to come forward and extend support in tackling such illegal crimes. Stating these issues revolves around various departments in the Government along with civil societies, he said that there should be good coordination between various agencies for detection of human trafficking right from the village level organization to churches, police and other concerned government agencies.

President, Wokha Bar Association, Adv. Oren Humtsoe highlighted the concepts, different patterns, and dimensions of human trafficking. Nzanbemo Kikon, SI Wokha Police Station, and Adv. Shanchobeni P Lotha, Nodal Officer, OSC & Project Assistant WDLSA dwelled on cases reported/modus operandi of human trafficking in the district and the role of anti-human trafficking units and existing response system and legal mechanism to address human trafficking.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Training and capacity building programme for Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) and other

stakeholders dealing with human rehabilitation of human trafficking and rehabilitation was held in Mokokchung on 7th July 2022.

The training was organized by the District Administration and Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC), Mokokchung in collaboration with the State Resource Centre for Women. The programme was supported by National Commission for Women in collaboration with Nagaland State Commission for Women.

Delivering the keynote address, SDO (C) and Nodal Officer, OSC, Sentilong Ozukum maintained that many a time people do not voice out against the violence of which our society is not an exception. He said if one does not voice out against violence, he is indirectly encouraging violence, and that human trafficking, which is a community-wide problem can be controlled or eliminated only through community participation against it.

Topics on concept, different patterns and dimensions of human trafficking and cases reported/modus operandi of human trafficking at the District and the role of AHTUs, existing response system, and legal mechanism to address human trafficking, rescue and rehabilitation services for trafficked women and children (schemes under MWCD, GoI) and role of civil society in preventing human trafficking were discussed in the programme.

Resource persons were, Additional SP & Nodal Officer, OSC, Imtimeren, Advocate Talijungla Longkumer, MDLSA Panel Lawyer, OSC, Dr. Amongla, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee and President, Watsu Mungdang, S. Arenla Longkumer.

MON:

SDPO Mon, Imtiakum highlighted the



A training and capacity building programme for Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and other stakeholders was held at DC's Conference Room, Mon on 7th July 2022.

concepts, different patterns, and dimensions of human trafficking. He spoke about the cases reported/modus operandi of human trafficking in the District and the role of Anti-Human Trafficking

Sakhi - One Stop Centre and District Administration Mon, in collaboration with State Resource Centre for Women, organized a training and capacity-building programme for the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) and other stakeholders dealing with the prevention of human trafficking and rehabilitation of victims on 7th July 2022 at DC's Conference Room, Mon.

Delivering the keynote address, EAC Mon & Nodal Officer, Sakhi-OSC, Molosangla Ozukum urged all the stakeholders to work together and help the government agencies to fight against the social evil of human trafficking.

Units.

Panel Lawyer, DLSA Mon spoke about the existing response system and legal mechanism to address human trafficking.

Case Worker (OSC), Anyim Konyak highlighted the rescue and rehabilitation services for trafficked women and children through the schemes under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. Director HADO, KBBB, Y. P. Wilson Konyak emphasized the role of civil society in preventing human trafficking.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AWARENESS-CUM-FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD AT BHANDARI

Awareness generation and sensitization-cum-felicitation programme was held at the Town Hall, Bhandari on 5th July 2022.

Speaking in the programme, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, Rohit Singh, IAS called upon the public and the leaders to cooperate with the initiative of the District Administration, and the town council to participate and play a proactive role in achieving the vision of zero waste generation in Bhandari.

The ADC also stated that under the Swachh

Bharat Mission, systematic waste management, disposal, or recycling of eco-friendly waste generated through daily human activities will be implemented soon. He cautioned against the use of single-use plastic and encouraged alternative products which are eco-friendly and less hazardous to health.

EAC & Nodal Officer SUP, BTC, Rohbi Sangtam who spoke on introduction of Swachh Bharat Mission & Waste Management, highlighted the environmental and health benefits and

importance of waste management, individual and public health sanitation, segregation of waste, etc. He appealed to the public, churches, and student leaders to continue to create awareness and sensitize the public for achieving a free open

defecation zone in their respective areas and colonies.

In the programme, the Medical and Etsü colonies were awarded first and second prizes for being the cleanest wards.

DEMAND-DRIVEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

LONGKHIM:



ADC Longkhim, Phuleshe K. Yeptthomi, officials and trainees during the demand-driven skill development training held at Longkhim town, Tuensang on 4th July 2022.

The fifth lap of the demand-driven skill development training programme for the youths of Nagaland in the construction sector, organized by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Kohima, Nagaland and District Skill Committee, Tuensang, with Zynorique Initiative Society as the empanelled training partner commenced on 4th July 2022 at Longkhim town, Tuensang.

In the inaugural programme, the welcome address on behalf of the Department was delivered by Er. Netenba Ajem, Vice-Principal, Government ITI, Tuensang. Altogether 50 unemployed youths will be trained in plumbing and electrician works.

SANIS:

The sixth lap of demand driven skill development training in construction sector for Multi-Skill Technician implemented by the

Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with empanelled training partner - Zynorique Initiative Society was inaugurated at Sanis town under Wokha district at ADC Headquarter on 11th July 2022.

A brief note on the training programme was given by Chairman, Zynorique Initiative Society, Ar. Richard Belho. He highlighted the importance of skill development and the common vision towards skilling the youth for livelihood purposes and working towards mitigating the problems of unemployment in the State.

Deputy Director, Zubemo Lotha Tsanglao spoke on behalf of the Department and enunciated the willingness of the Department to train the youths in skill-related job roles. Speaking on behalf of the District Skill Committee EAC Sanis, Arhomo Yanthan thanked the Department for bringing the training programme to Sanis sub-division and encouraged the trainees to sincerely attend and benefit from the training.

Altogether 50 unemployed youths was trained in plumbing and electrical job roles during the weeklong training programme.

NOKLAK:

Inaugural of the demand-driven skill development programme for the youth of Nagaland in construction sector was held on 18th July 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru mentioned that Nagaland is a salaried economy where societies look towards government jobs for

employment. However, employment in the government sector is saturated and as such, he encouraged the youth to learn skills for gainful employment in the private sector as well.

Hiazu Meru said people of Noklak are naturally gifted with handwork such as handicraft making, black-smithy, pottery making and even building modern wooden houses. He hoped that the training in the construction sector will benefit many youths to be equipped with skills for gainful employment.

District Employment Officer, Tuensang, Nagaland, T. Yimlikumzuk elaborated on the importance of skill training for the youths in the District. While explaining the training programme, Yimlikumzuk said when someone is trained and gets the certificate, one may face a struggling period to move forward. He advised that during such time one should never give up but rather work hard for a better future.

The training programme was conducted by the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and Zynorique Initiative Society (ZIS). Altogether 50 youths attended the week-long training under Chetan Sharma (Team Leader), Ar. Shreyas Vijayan (Head Trainer) and Lupoyi Tunenu (Trainer).

PUGHOBOTO:

Demand-driven skill development training

was organized by the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in



MLA Y. Vikheho Swu with officials and trainees during the demand-driven skill development training held at Town Hall, Pughoboto on 30th July 2022.

collaboration with the Zynorique Initiative Society (ZIS) for the youth of Pughoboto sub-division at Town Hall, Pughoboto from 25th to 31st July 2022.

SDO (C) Pughoboto, R. Daniel Angami expressed gratitude to the Department officials and ZIS for selecting Pughoboto, to conduct the training. He also encouraged the participants to make good use of the training.

The skill development training culminated on 30th July 2022. MLA, Y Vikheho Swu speaking at the culmination programme urged the trainees to be honest in their trade and encouraged them, stating that there is a lot of scope in skill development in the State. He also called upon them to develop their skills and be professional. Swu said that the people in the State are not well developed in terms of skill development due to lack of vision, plan and due to sole dependency on government initiatives. He stated that success of an individual depends on themselves.

Swu expressed his gratitude to the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, ZIS, District Administration, Police, PATC and all the people concerned for taking the initiative and for their support for the success of the programme.

The trainees received tools and certificates. Altogether, 50 people took part in the training. A presentation was also given by ZIS.

PEREN CONDUCTS DPDB MEETING

Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for July was conducted on 6th July 2022 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC Peren, Vineet Kumar IAS.

The agenda for the proposal of Grant-in-Aid for a urinal shed and safe drinking water facility at Baptist High School, Tening was approved to be forwarded to higher authority for further action.

Regarding the agenda on monsoon preparedness of Peren district, officials from Roads & Bridges, Food & Civil Supplies, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Health & Family Welfare, Public Health Engineering and PWD (Housing) departments shared their preparedness level if any eventuality

arise as well as the issues they have been facing.

Other agenda discussed in the meeting included: frequent failure of power in Tening town and the vacant post of Headmaster at GHS, Tening.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren in his concluding remarks lamented the public complaints regarding the absence of many officers in the station. He said bringing changes in the District requires the efforts of all the DPDB members and the presence of officers can bring a lot of difference in the functioning of the District. Further, he appealed to the officers to be available in their respective posting place to ensure smooth functioning of the office as well as to provide the best services to the public.

RTA KOHIMA DELIBERATES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES

The Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Kohima held a meeting on 6th July 2022 in the Office Chamber of Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, RTA Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS.

The RTA Kohima decided to direct the City Bus Operators Union Kohima (CBOUK) to comply with the Government's notification concerning retrofitting the buses, thereby, making them accessible for persons with disabilities.

The retrofitting shall be done only at the following centres approved by the Government: Bimal Automobile, Dimapur, and Bhai Bhai Engineering Works, Kohima.

The RTA Kohima also decided to direct Urban Development Officer (UDO) Kohima and Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) to make necessary facilities for persons with disabilities at bus-stops, parking spaces, and ticketing counters confirming the accessibility

standards.

The Superintendent of Police, Kohima was requested to submit quarterly accident data for onward submission to Transport Commissioner for further necessary reports. Taking into account the management and maintenance of town/urban roads being handed over to the Urban Development Department, the RTA Kohima decided to propose to the Government to include UDO as one of the members of the RTA.

RTA has discussed the appeal made by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to exclude from the purview of entry timing for FCI trucks, however, because of the traffic congestion during peak hours, the appeal was declined.

The RTA observed that there are frequent breakdowns of goods laden vehicles along National Highway 2 (Kohima - Dimapur) causing jams all along and adding to the woes of travellers,

therefore the house decided to conduct routine checking for overloading and violators will be penalized under Section 194 (I) of MV Act.

The house also decided to request Oasis Ltd. and Gayatri Ltd. to allow RTA Kohima to

use their weight bridge during such activities conducted by the Police, and monthly report to be submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Kohima to RTA.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the new Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Dharam Raj on 7th July 2022 at DPDB Hall, Longleng.

The DC while welcoming the members present exhorted the heads of offices to be more active by sharing their wisdom and past experiences in the DPDB. Asserting that expression of difference in opinion is required to have innovative solutions to every problem, he said innovative solutions can only be achieved through the active participation of the members. He also appealed for better coordination of all the government agencies with the District Administration.

Referring to the departmental activities presented by the Land Records & Survey Officer (LRSO), the DC called upon the heads of offices to obtain land permits for their respective offices and quarters from the District Administration with a GPS survey done by the LRSO to avoid land encroachment.

The DC also apprised the members to compulsorily vaccinate their staff with COVID-19

vaccine and keep vigil against reports of the virus in the District after CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjongla apprised the members on the status of COVID-19 cases in the District.

Responding on the status report of African Swine Fever in the District by Dr. Aoyimson Jamir, Dharam Raj urged the District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department to come up with a proper action plan to control the spread of African Swine Fever in the District and the measures to control stray dogs in the District Headquarter. Citing that piggery is an important occupation of people to boost the rural economy, he urged the Department to take all necessary measures to stop the prevailing swine fever in the District.

The Board recommended in principle for extension of the playground and the construction of a rostrum at Yingli College. The proposal was submitted by the ENSF. The establishment of the SDEO office at Tamlu submitted by the Tamlu Area Teachers' Association (TATA) was recommended to the concerned department after the ASDEO, Longleng briefed the members on the urgent need for the establishment.

ASSESSMENT CAMP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PwDs CONDUCTED

CHANGTONGYA:

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, in collaboration with District Administration and Mokokchung Artificial

Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) conducted an Assessment Camp for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

and ADIP scheme at Community Health Centre Changtongya, Mokokchung on 7th July 2022.

Altogether, 96 beneficiaries were assessed and registered during the assessment camp to avail of the facilities where ADIP (disabled person) identified 23 persons and RVY (senior citizens) 73 persons. SDO (C), Rorheu Peseyie, Dr. Imtijungshi SMO, staff from CHC Changtongya, Caritas India CBR staff, Mokokchung District Disabled Forum, and ALIMCO team led by Suman Kumar, Rehab Expert/Prosthetist & Orthotist were also present at the camp.

Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari on 28th July 2022.

In the camp, a total of 71 senior citizens and seven persons with disabilities were assessed with necessary documents as beneficiaries. They were informed that aid and assistive materials would be provided sometime after the assessment was carried out.

During the assessment camp, eye and ear check-ups, dental impressions, and general health check-ups were also conducted. The assessment camp was carried out by the central visiting team along with SMO, CHC Bhandari, Dr. Caroline, and other medical personnel.

BHANDARI:



ADC Bhandari, Rohit Singh with doctors, health workers and senior citizens during the assessment camp held at CHC Bhandari on 28th July 2022.

TULI:

An assessment camp for senior citizens and persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and the ADIP scheme was held at CHC Tuli on 8th July 2022. The programme was organized by the Ministry

of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in collaboration with District Administration, Wokha conducted an assessment camp for senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (Divangjan) under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and ADIP scheme at the Community

of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Cooperation of India (ALIMCO) in collaboration with the District Administration of Mokokchung. About 200 citizens registered during the camp.

NBOCW WB REGISTERS MIGRANT WORKERS OF 89 BRTF, SECHÜ-ZUBZA

The Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCW WB) in coordination with 89 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF), Sechü-Zubza conducted field registration of migrant workers in a programme held at Sechü-

Zubza, Kohima on 8th July 2022.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman, NBOCW WB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome said India being a welfare state, provides social security to its citizens in all walks of social life, and the Board's



Chairman, NBOCW WB, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome with Chief Executive Officer, NBOCW WB, T. Chubayanger and officials from 89 BRTF, Sechü-Zubza during field registration of migrant workers at Sechü-Zubza on 8th July 2022.

job is to look after the building and construction workers of the State and also workers from other states. He emphasized the need for workers to register with the Board to avail of the benefits, as their job nature is seasonal, prone to accidents, and they face risks to their lives and social exclusion. Dr. Yhome stated that the Board and BRTF will work together to register all building and

other construction workers working under BRTF.

Chief Executive Officer, NBOCW WB, T. Chubayanger informed the workers gathered that the staff and officials from the NBOCW WB will explain the schemes available to the officers of BRTF so that whenever workers are unable to understand anything about the scheme, they can approach the BRTF for any query.

AEE, BRTF, Harsh Srivastava stated that the BRTF was not aware of the schemes provided under NBOCW WB earlier, but by working together with NBOCW WB, he expressed hope that the facilities for its workers can be upgraded.

The Government of Nagaland constituted the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCW WB) to provide social security to this section of workers. The Board runs five welfare schemes: Tool Grant, where all registered beneficiaries who annually renew their registration receives Rs. 1000 as assistance for the purchase of tools; Insurance coverage in case of natural and accidental deaths; Maternity Benefits; Medical Assistance; and Education Scholarship for two (maximum) children of the beneficiary.

TUENSANG DPDB DISCUSSES SEVERAL ISSUES

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held a meeting on 8th July 2022 at DPDB Hall, Tuensang. The meeting was chaired by ADC Tuensang, Thungchanbemo Tungoe.

The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department updated on the irregular supply of water that was caused by damage of two out of four water supply sources by a landslide and the pipes being washed away by the monsoon. He assured the Board that the restoration works were being carried out and

normal supplies will resume within a week.

The ADC Longkhim asked the heads of offices to deploy and monitor all the designated employees at the Sub-Division. He also inquired about the issue of SDEO (School Education) functioning without staff.

The Chief Medical Officer, Tuensang gave a detailed report of its office setup, functions, schemes, challenges, and achievements to the Board. The Board reiterated to check on the absenteeism of the heads of offices in the DPDB meeting.

KOHIMA SUMI HOHO CELEBRATES TULUNI AT KISAMA



Tuluni Festival was celebrated at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, Kohima on 8th July 2022.

Tuluni - the premier festival of the Sumi Nagas was celebrated in Kohima with Minister of Agriculture and Cooperation, G. Kaito Aye as the 'Tuluni Papu' which means 'Tuluni Father' on 8th July 2022 at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. The programme was organized by the Kohima Sumi Hoho.

According to Kaito, the true significance of the Tuluni Festival is to love and respect one another and to maintain one's originality and identity. He further encouraged exhibiting one's gifted talents for self-reliance and sustenance in

every field.

The highlights of the Festival included folk dance performed by Shena Old Cultural Club, a folk song presented by Kenuozou Colony womenfolks, and a hopping/jumping competition (Pùxa kuxuni). The gathering was also enthralled by a special number presented by Pretty Rhythm.

The Presidential address was given by Khevito T. Shohe, while Vixepu Swu chaired the programme. Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies, Pukhayi Sumi, and dignitaries took part in the celebration.

DEPARTMENT OF F&AR RELEASES FINGERLINGS AT VARIOUS PLACES

DOYANG RESERVOIR:

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR), Nagaland on 8th July 2022 released fingerlings in Doyang Reservoir, Wokha. District Fishery Officer of Wokha, Rulanthung Ezung said with the initiative of Director F&AR, Rongsennungba about four lakh fingerlings consisting of fish species Rohu, Mrigal, Silver Carp, Grass Carp, and Common Carp were stocked in the reservoir under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, PMMSY.

Stocking of fingerlings is the mainstay of reservoir fisheries development which will facilitate fish production on a sustainable basis. The DFO Wokha also stated that Doyang Reservoir falls under the medium reservoir where auto stocking is not possible and requires a regular stocking programme to use the productive potential of the water body.

TIZU RIVER:

FOCUS-IFAD Nagaland, in collaboration

with the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, conducted river ranching with Indian Major Carps and Grass Carp on 16th July 2022, where two truckloads of fingerlings were released into the Tizu river, Zunheboto district.

ADC Zunheboto, Moakumzuk Tzudir, speaking during the programme, said in Zunheboto, there are fewer chances of fish production and the only alternative option is riverine fisheries. Tzudir urged the citizens of Zunheboto to do away with the usage of bleaching powders, generators, or batteries which will lead to the extinction of aquatic species.

President, Sumi Kukami Hoho, and Kashito Yephthomi said that the undertaking was possible because of the efforts of Minister for Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye, and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Kikheto Sema IAS. He called upon the surrounding villages to enforce strict laws to curb the malpractices.

President, Sumi Hoho, I Nikheto Jimomi asserted that no matter how much effort someone

makes if the citizens do not look after it, all would be futile.

NSONJI LAKE:

Fish seeds releasing programme at Nsonji Lake, Sendenyu village was organized by Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the northeast (FOCUS) and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi IAS, and Deputy SPD, FOCUS, Nagaland, Lipokonen Jamir released the fish seeds at Nsonji Lake on 26th July 2022.

Yhunsenlo Kent, PIT-FOCUS-IFAD, and Joint Director Fisheries & Aquatic Resources welcomed all the invitees. Earlier, a total of 400 packet of fish seeds were distributed to Sendenyu village and Rumesenyu village. Sivi Mor, DPO/PIT, FOCUS-IFAD Kohima chaired the programme.

WORLD POPULATION DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG



Deputy Commissioner Longleng, Dharam Singh exhorting the gathering at the World Population Day-cum-launching of World Population Fortnight programme on 11th July 2022.

Longleng observed World Population Day-cum-launching of World Population Fortnight on 11th July 2022 under the theme 'Adopt Family Planning Measure and Write a New Chapter of Progress.' Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj IAS was the special guest. The programme was held at District Hospital (DH) premises.

DC, while addressing the programme, congratulated CMO doctors and staff for initiating such programmes and expressed his happiness to have such a gathering, especially of women. He said when it comes to family planning and children, women are the one who suffers the most both physically and mentally. The DC also pointed out how population growth hurts the progress of a nation and states with limited land and resources. He stated that it becomes difficult for the Government to provide infrastructure and other facilities to the people when more villages

and wards are created and urged the gathering to adopt family planning.

The DC expressed his optimism that by controlling population growth we would have world-class quality infrastructure and health care facilities like other advanced countries where they maintain population growth. So it is our responsibility and duty to realize the problems faced by the Government and contribute towards nation building by adhering to the policies and programmes of the Government, he added.

Dr. Ademla Tinu, SMO DH Longleng highlighting the importance of family planning in brief said India was the first country to adopt and launch national protection on family planning in 1952. Over the years the programme has reached every nook and corner of the country including PHCs, sub-centres, dispensary and even urban health centres.

PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

KOHIMA:



Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS and others during the launching of a video on ill effects of Single-Use Plastic at Kohima on 18th July 2022.

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) for implementation of total ban on all Single-Use Plastic (SUP) in Kohima has fixed penalty for defaulters not complying with the Government's Order in both the rural and urban areas of the District.

This was decided during its meeting held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 11th July 2022. The meeting decided to penalize the business establishments/defaulters who were found selling/using the banned identified SUP items with Rs. 1,000/- for the first offense, Rs. 5,000/- for the second offense, and Rs. 10,000/- with the cancellation of license for the third offense.

While noting the views and opinions shared by the members, DC stated that collective efforts and assistance from all concerned NGOs, churches and other stakeholders will be required for the successful implementation of the exercise.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS launched a video on ill effects of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) at his office chamber, Kohima on 18th July 2022.

Launching the video, Shanavas said the decision of coming up with the video for public awareness was taken in the District Task Force meeting held on 11th July 2022. He said that the video was about the importance of banning SUP and the harmful effects of plastics towards the environment.

The awareness clips were made in three languages i.e. English, Nagamese and Tenyidie with its content contributed by Kohima Municipal Council (KMC), Zub Zub India and Keep Our City Clean.

The DC also informed that Kohima DTF will be requiring the LED screen of Smart City Kohima, Pollution Control Board and IPR to display the awareness clips, which will be also made available in various social media platforms. He hoped that through the awareness clips, the message will be clear and the citizens of Kohima district will co-operate with the DTF in banning the SUP in the District. Shanavas further stated that with the launching of the awareness clips as its first step, the DTF will be taking up its plans and activities as follow up action in due course of time.

TUENSANG:

Tuensang Chamber of Commerce & Industries in collaboration with Tuensang Town Council organized a one-day seminar on single-use plastic and waste segregation at GHSS

Auditorium, Tuensang on 16th July 2022.

The resource person of the seminar was ADC and Administrator, Tuensang Town Council, Thungchanbemo Tungoe. The seminar was attended by members of All Wards Union Tuensang, shopkeepers, and shop owners of Tuensang.

Speaking on the occasion, Thungchanbemo appreciated the effort of the TCC&I, its cooperative and proactive role towards cleaner and greener Tuensang, and he also encouraged the local entrepreneurs to take the lead in the endeavour. Everyone should follow government orders and directives so that each stakeholder can work together fruitfully towards the common agenda, he added.

Vice President All Ward Union Tuensang Town, Imlikaba Anar, and President TCC&I, Ebesola I Chang delivered short speeches. VP, TCC&I, Puranchand Gupta gave the vote of thanks while VP, TCC&I, Athula Yim chaired the programme. Dr. Mero, WHO also spoke on awareness of COVID -19 and the importance of vaccination.

DIMAPUR:

A meeting of the District Task Force and NGOs, civil societies, DMC, and GBs restricting Single-Use Plastics (SUP) and reiterating the ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of SUP was held at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 19th July 2022.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner pointed out that if the wholesalers/shopkeepers discourage the customers from using SUP giving them alternatives such as cloth bags on nominal payment then the plastic menace will be reduced. He also requested that since churches play a vital

role in Nagaland in all spheres of life, churches should give awareness to the masses to control the menace of SUP. The Administrator, DMC suggested having public awareness programme about SUP and their alternatives should be made available in the market. The GBs federation also suggested passing an order from DC's office and DMC's office to empower the colony's GBs and council to check the menace of SUP while DUCCF suggested all manufacturing units, factories, and wholesalers involved in SUP be

banned immediately.

The house decided that reports on daily activities by the ULB on SUP will be submitted to the higher authority. It was also decided that five numbers of Vigilance Squads are being formed comprising of District Administration, Police, Nagaland Pollution Control Board, Municipal and Town Council Representative, GB representative, DUCCFs representative, Sadar village councils, and GBs to strictly monitor and ensure ban on SUP.

ZISAJI PRESIDENCY COLLEGE KIPHIRE CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Zisaji Presidency College (ZPC), Kiphire celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 12th July 2022 at the College Campus.

The word 'ZISAJI' is believed to have been derived from the words 'ZI' which means Zungki, 'SA' meaning Saramati, and 'JI' from Jingkhu. Since its inception in the year 1997, 10th July, ZPC has embarked on a journey of shaping the dreams and aspirations of thousands of young men and women into reality.

The message of Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along was delivered by Lerimong Sangtam, the State BJP executive member. Along in his speech, mentioned some of the far-sighted and visionary leaders and founding members of Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire like MLA, R L Akamba, R Tsiotongse, Zikumong, and late R. Setsipi Sangtam and other eminent personalities like Tsanio (Retired DPRO) Dr. Surendra Prasad Panda, A J Sebastian, Zhetovi R Joshua Sangtam and T. Ali Jamir, the first government-appointed principal.

The Minister expressed his happiness that the college is working in sync with the

changing times and making use of modern technology for administrative functioning and curriculum transaction which is a great boost to take forward the New Education Policy. The college is also rapidly progressing by leaps and bounds with the latest facilities such as the digital smart classroom, e-library, entrepreneurial skill development programme, integrated farming and incubation centre for horticulture in collaboration with the Horticulture Department, IGNOU Study Centre for students who cannot pursue higher education in regular mode.

Along also acknowledged the ZPC for being awarded with permanent affiliation in the year 2022 and for being accredited by NAAC with Grade B in the year 2019.

DC Kiphire, T Wati Aier in his exhortation said that in the life of a student one should put God first to excel and achieve. He urged every student to inculcate the culture of hard work to build the society and the nation and to bring changes to society. He appealed to the teachers and the staff to hold career guidance seminars from time to time for the benefit of the students.

DISTRICT LEVEL SOCIAL AUDIT UNDER MGNREGS HELD AT WOKHA

Department of Rural Development, Wokha conducted its 1st Phase District Level Social Audit public hearing under MGNREGS for Wokha district for the financial year 2020-2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 12th July 2022.

Altogether, 27 villages were covered during the first phase of the social audit for the financial year 2022-2023. Assistant Director of Social Audit Unit, Nagaland, Imlirenla Sanglir in her introductory speech highlighted the importance of social audit under MGNREGA stating that Section 17 of MGNREGA has mandated social audit of all works executed under the scheme. She further stated that while the direct objective of the social audit process is to deter corruption, the social audits are a critical mechanism through which it empowers citizens and strengthens democratic action thereby bringing about social transformation, community participation, and a tool to bring transparency and accountability. To attain its objectives she asked the implementing

agencies and the programme functionaries to judiciously follow the guidelines.

The observer from the District Administration, EAC Wokha, I. Yentinougbou said since MGNREGA is demand-driven, the workforce should be generated to its maximum as given in the guidelines, and demand for work should be made as per the needs and requirements of the community.

Project Director DRDA, Wokha reiterated the programme functionaries to take corrective measures accordingly as per the social audit findings. He also instructed the VDBs to follow the MGNREGS guidelines while executing the projects.

Resource person of SAU Nagaland, District Resource Person, Ningsangla Lomou presented the social audit finding for Ralan and Chukitong Block, while Block Resource Person, Yanathung presented social audit findings for Chanpang Block, after the Gram Sabha resolution of all the respective villages were reviewed.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 13th July 2022 at DPDB Hall with MLA and Chairman, Phek DPDB, Kezhienyi Khalo as the chairperson of the meeting.

In the meeting, the chairperson congratulated the members for confidently taking up their responsibilities and tirelessly performing their duties in the District.

MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu encouraged the members to be regular in their station for the welfare of the public.

PowerPoint presentations of department

activities were given by the Department of Public Health Engineering and DFO (Forest) Phek.

DC and Vice-Chairman, Phek DPDB, Razouvolie Dozo congratulated Pfutsero Town Council and Phek Town Council for securing 1st and 2nd position in Category 2 of the competition for the 'Cleanest Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Wards Award-2022 Nagaland,' respectively.

DC also informed about Phek Town Council being awarded the Best Innovative Solutions in the special category for the 'Cleanest Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Wards Award - 2022 Nagaland.'

WOKHA DPDB TO AWARD CASH PRIZES TO OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Apart from the State and National Awards for teachers, Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) has decided to award cash prizes to the outstanding teachers. The Board has decided this to encourage the teachers to produce good results during the HSLC & HSSLC examination. The Board has agreed to reserve some amount from LADF Common Pool fund. In this regard, the Board entrusted the District Administration and the District School Authority to bring out certain modalities/ criteria for teachers to receive the award.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology and New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon while welcoming the new DC, urged him to treat the District as his own and to take ownership of all the development processes to ensure that all the development indicators improve during his stay. While speaking on the improvement of quality education in the District, he said that the District Administration along with School Education and all the stakeholders of the District to be vigilant and monitor that no proxy teachers should be encouraged at any cost to ensure impartment of quality education for the sake of the future generation.

Vice-Chairman, Wokha DPDB and DC also assured that the District Administration along with District School Authority will submit in the next DPDB meeting an action plan for overall improvement of education in the District and also for particular schools where special focus is required. DC also assured that draft modalities for cash award schemes for the teachers will be

submitted in the next meeting.

While highlighting the status report on Wokha - Bokajan road, EE Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) Wokha, Er. Mhathung Kikon said that the road is divided into two sections and is looked after by two divisions namely, the Wokha division and Baghty division, from Wokha '0' Point to 52 Km is under the Wokha division, and from 52 Km till Rengmapani is under Baghty division. The latter was handed over to Border Roads Organization (BRO) by the department of PWD (R&B) in the year 2009-2011, which the BRO is not maintaining. He said a bridge has also collapsed affecting the connectivity with Bokajan/ Dimapur. He urged the District Administration to call a meeting with the BRO to solve the problem at the earliest.

Later in the day Advisor, Law & Justice, Dr. Chumben Murry along with Vice Chairman, Wokha DPDB and DC, Ajit Kumar Ranjan IAS, and various Heads of Offices visited Longsa village and interacted with the village council and the public.

Dr. Chumben Murry, in his keynote address, stressed the importance of economic recovery at Longsa village, especially in agriculture production, and added that along with agri and allied department personnel, he visited Longsa village to highlight various schemes.

Following Heads of Offices in the district highlighted their activities in the District, DRDA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil & Water Conservation, Water Resources, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, and Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the SDPDB Chairman, MLA Y. Vikheho Swu at DB's Court Hall on 13th July 2022.

The Board discussed the criteria for registration of societies. For the registration of Swu-Chilimi, Ghokimi village, they were asked to submit related documents such as the experience certificate and bank accounts. The Board agreed to a monthly cleanliness drive for at least an hour at Pughoboto town. The Board also proposed writing a letter to the concerned department for setting up of Sub-divisional Board for Social Welfare, and

also suggested that the departments should set up a board in Pughoboto instead of going and filling up the vacancy post from Zunheboto HQ. The Board thoroughly deliberated on the issue of the disability certificate by the medical board.

MLA directed Public Works Department (PWD) officials, Pughoboto to utilize the road maintenance fund judiciously and be accountable if the government sanctions the fund. He expressed concern over the need to clear drainage during the rainy season. CDPO Chirotsu Nyusou and EE PWD, Er. Chengato Kath highlighted their departments' activities.

KOHIMA DPDB APPROVES VARIOUS SOCIETIES FOR REGISTRATION

Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th July 2022. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of Kohima DPDB, Shanavas C IAS.

Presenting the activities of the District Health Society, Chief Medical Officer Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo highlighted the observation of World Population Day & Fortnight conducted under the theme 'Adopt family planning measures and write a new chapter of progress' from 27th June to 24th July 2022. She informed that the World Population Day consisted of two parts – mobilization fortnight from 27th June to 10th July 2022 and population fortnight from 11th to 24th July 2022.

On COVID-19 vaccination, Dr. Theyo informed that under the age group of 18+ beneficiaries, a total of 73.14% have been covered while from 15 to 18 years – 55.64%, 12 to 14 years – 10.46% and Precaution Dose was

36.61%.

Dr. Theyo informed that free COVID Precaution Dose for the 18 to 59 age group who have crossed six months from the date of their 2nd dose can be availed from Government CVCs from 15th July 2022 onwards, which will continue for 75 days. She further informed that one confirmed Dengue positive case from Kohima town was reported on 13th July 2022. Besides the other activities, she also highlighted the activities of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK) and the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM).

On the agenda of society registration, the Board decided to recommend the following societies for registration to the Government: Life Connect Nagaland; Nagaland State Social Audit Agency; CUE Academy Educational Society; Spartan Gym Society, and Nagaland Yogasana Sports Association. The meeting also decided to recommend Kohima College Alumni Association, which was taken up in the last meeting to the Government for necessary action.

On the agenda of NOC for Kohima District Construction Workers Union, the Board decided to keep the matter for now as the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Zaremo Kikon informed the Board that the Department is not taking up such an issue at the moment as per Government's Order.

During the meeting, DC reminded the departments of the ban on Single Used Plastic (SUP) w.e.f. 1st July 2022 as notified by the Government and requested the departments not to use water bottles less than 20 litres in offices or during office meetings. He informed that various

activities including conduct of surprise checking will be taken up very soon and the defaulters will be penalized.

Updates on the progress of Village Adoption Committees were highlighted by the conveners where DC requested the committees to initiate the activities in their respective adopted wards/villages at the earliest.

Other highlights of the meeting included a presentation by National Helpline for Senior Citizens, Nagaland, and presentations by various societies for registration.

DC LAUNCHES LIVELIHOOD PROJECT AT MOKOKCHUNG



Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS with officials and farmers during the opening programme of livelihood project under LADP Common Pool 2021-2022 at Forest Complex, Marepkong ward, Mokokchung on 18th July 2022.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS graced the opening programme of livelihood project under LADP Common Pool 2021-2022 at Forest Complex, Marepkong ward, Mokokchung on 18th July 2022.

The project is an initiative of Mokokchung DPDB 2021-2022 with its activities, breeding and distribution of ten thousand 14-days old broiler chicks to selected farmers, (50% self-help

group) of 10 Assembly Constituencies under Mokokchung district. In the 1st phase, 3,000 chicks were distributed to 30 farmers from the 26, 27, and 28 AC segments.

Speaking at the programme, the DC said that the project is a livelihood generation and sustainable initiative. He also advised the farmers to follow scientific management while rearing chickens and wished them success in their project.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of July was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 20th July 2022 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas

Mali IAS.

The Deputy Commissioner apprised the Board of the recent developments regarding the previous board meeting's agenda and also expressed the need to bring up a blood bank in the District.

JJM PROJECT INAUGURATED AT LAKHUTI VILLAGE



Advisor, Horticulture and Borders Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan inaugurated the Jal Jeevan Mission project at Lakhuti village, Wokha on 19th July 2022.

Advisor, Horticulture and Borders Affairs, Mhathung Yanthan inaugurated the JJM project at Lakhuti village, Wokha district on 19th July 2022.

Addressing the inaugural programme at the Community Hall, Lakhuti, the Advisor said it was a long-awaited dream of the villagers, which has come into reality and termed it a memorable and historic day. He also lauded the people for the support in the course of implementing the project and expressed gratitude on behalf of the village community to the Department and all concerned involved in the successful completion of the project.

For proper maintenance of the machinery, Yanthan stated that it depends on how best the village authority and the community maintains it, and urged them to utilize it with a sense of

ownership and take responsibility for it as their own, and take good care of the machinery and urged the Village Council and WATSAN committee members to work out modalities as to how revenue can be generated for maintenance of the machine and pumps.

EE PHED, Wokha, Imnazulu Ao said very shortly the Department will officially hand over the project to the village authority and he urged the villagers to maintain and follow JJM guidelines and take responsibility for maintaining the machinery. He also urged the Village Council to come out with a resolution to ensure machines, pipelines, and pump are properly taken care of.

The project was executed by the Department of PHED with the main source located at Chumbolong and the main reservoir has a

capacity of 1 lakh litre which aims to provide safe drinking water to all the households in the village.

Later in the day the Advisor, accompanied by officials from PMGSY, EE HQ in-charge Nagaland, departmental officials from Wokha and Kohima, Technology Provider - ELEMER enterprise, Contractor M/S North East Enterprise and village

elders, inspected the ongoing construction of the road under PMGSY from Sanis to Lakhuti to ensure quality work is maintained and to oversee the progress of work. The Advisor also inspected the ongoing construction of a playground at Lakhuti village carried out under Khelo India to take stock of the progress of work.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTES TEA SAPLINGS AT NIULAND



Niuland, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office organized tea saplings distribution programme for small tea growers in the District under the tea development programme (RKVY) at SDAO, Niuland on 20th July 2022.

Niuland, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office organized tea saplings distribution programme for small tea growers in the District under the tea development programme (RKVY) at its office premises on 20th July 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, S. Sara Jamir said Niuland district has the potential to become one of the richest agricultural districts in Nagaland because of its advantageous topography and favourable climate conditions for various crops. She encouraged the tea growers to expand which can usher in employment. DC also stressed the collaboration of the various stakeholders and requested SDAO Niuland to provide technical support and supply necessary machinery to the tea growers. She envisioned the registering of a patent for Niuland tea which can bring more recognition in the tea industry.

While speaking on the prospect and potential of tea farming in the District, Simon Philips Jyrwa, Commercial Manager of Atoqa Tea Producer Company Ltd. Nikhekhu said the company has a capacity of 23 lakh Kgs of green leaves and 5 lakh Kg CTC made per year, licensed under the Tea Board of India. Its main vision is to cater to the problems faced by the small tea growers by rendering the cost of transportation and fair price for green leaves. He highlighted that in 2021 annual supply of raw materials did not meet the total capacity of the factory i.e. only 30% of raw materials were received. He stated that there are three main factors for the low supply viz. lack of technical knowledge of tea cultivation and its management, shortage of tea plantation area, and lack of labour. He extended his cooperation to the Department to work towards the progressive

goal and higher productivity of the tea industry in the District.

Meanwhile 50 thousand tea saplings were distributed to the tea growers during the function.

INDIGENOUS COOKING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY CHAKHESANG MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION



Chakhesang Mothers' Association to encourage indigenous cooking style, organized cooking competition, documentation and declaration of Chakhesang dish-cum-interpretation and display of Chakhesang attires at Phek town on 20th July 2022.

Chakhesang Mothers' Association (CMA), to encourage indigenous cooking style, organized cooking competition, documentation and declaration of Chakhesang dish-cum-interpretation and display of Chakhesang attires at Phek town on 20th July 2022 to promote indigenous food. MLA and Leader of NPF Legislature Party, Kuzholuzo Nienu was the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuzholuzo said

people need to embrace the healthy lifestyle which was handed down by their forefathers and urged the gathering to promote traditional foods as they are both delicious and healthy.

Phek Deputy Commissioner, Razouvolie Dozo expressed gratitude to the organizing committee for documenting the indigenous dishes and said that the programme has not only created a great event for the people to improve but also helped them to showcase their skills.

The winner of the competition was Pfutsero Town Mothers Association, who won a cash prize of Rs. 30,000 which was donated by CPO, while Secheku Mothers' Welfare Society secured 2nd prize, receiving Rs. 20,000, while 3rd prize was won by Khuza/Kezha Area Mothers' Association with a cash prize of Rs. 15,000, and Chakhesang Women Society Kohima came in 4th and was awarded Rs. 10,000.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) monthly meeting for July was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 21st

July 2022 under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, Mokokchung DPDB, Shashank Pratap Singh IAS.

The Board while reviewing the minutes of the

last DPDB meeting concluded that the problem of poor network/service (BSNL Telecom) in Mokokchung was lack of maintenance at the Micro Station due to a land dispute, the matter has been resolved with a new MoU signed with Deputy Commissioner as the witness.

Regarding the translation of the Nagaland Village Council Act, 1978 Document to the local dialect, a committee has been set up to submit a report by September 2022. Concerning water supply in Mokokchung town, the Board decided to constitute a Water Task Force. Report from the Livelihood Project Phase-1 states, the distribution of 3,000 nos. of chickens to 30 beneficiaries from 26, 27, and 28 A/C under the Mokokchung district with Phases II & III to follow.

An official from Health & Family Welfare Department, reporting on the COVID-19 status in Mokokchung, said at present there are two active cases and the overall vaccination headcount in the District is 90% first dose and 80% second dose.

The Board recommended the opening of Kids Ark Academy, Alichen, Longkhum village, Valley View Academy, Longlilenden ward, Tuli, and recognition of Green Hills Academy, Chuchuyimlang with the upgradation of classes from Class VII to Class-X.

The Board verified and recommended the following societies for registration, Grateful Giving Society, Mangkolemba village, Green Hills Farm Society, Satsu village, Rus Irriguus Society, Mangmetong village, Creative Mythos Society, Sangtemla ward, and Arju Society, Mokokchung.

On the proposal for the construction of the Health Sub-Centre at New Yaongyimti village, the Board directed the village council to take up the issue with concerned authorities in the State Government.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged all the members to maintain no single-use plastic zone in their respective office premises to make a cleaner Mokokchung district.

9th INTER DEPARTMENTAL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED AT ZUNHEBOTO

The 9th edition of the Inter-Departmental Tournament, organized by District Sports Council Zunheboto (DSCZ) started at the District Headquarters on 21st July 2022 with Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu as the special guest.

While delivering his speech at the inaugural function, Sukhalu encouraged the gathering to look upon sports as a primary prospect for livelihood and as a profession. The mentality of our people should shift from office jobs only, to other prospects and sports is very

strongly proving itself to be, if not the best, among the best means of alternative, he added.

The Advisor further spoke about the recent developments regarding the DIET Centre at District Headquarter which was approved and would very soon re-start when sanctioned. He also urged the public to remain cautious and not to be complacent about the COVID-19 situation in the State and District and to be prepared for any eventualities.

Altogether 39 departments participated in the tournament of two events, Badminton and Carrom.

**'SVANIDHI MAHOTSAV' - CELEBRATION OF ATMA
 NIRBHAR STREET VENDORS DAY AT DIMAPUR**


MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer addressing the gathering at the SVANidhi Mahotsav - celebration of Atma Nirbhar Street Vendors Day at Super Market, Dimapur on 23rd July 2022.

To commemorate the 2nd anniversary of SVANidhi Mahotsav which was launched in 2020, the department of District Urban Development Agency along with Dimapur Municipal Council organised the 'SVANidhi Mahotsav,' celebration of ATMA Nirbhar Street Vendors Day, sponsored by the State Urban Development Agency, Nagaland, Kohima on 23rd July 2022 at Super Market, Dimapur.

MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer speaking on the occasion as the special guest thanked the Department and the bankers for their efforts. He said the scheme is one of the most popular schemes in India launched during the pandemic to help the street vendors with financial assistance. It is the first of a kind in India where financial assistance has been provided for the street vendors at an affordable interest rate, he added.

The MLA pointed out that, out of 75 cities selected in India, Dimapur was selected, which is a great opportunity for the street vendors of Dimapur if they understand and follow the right guidelines. He urged them to avail the schemes and learn the art of saving and credit discipline. He said that if people can learn these two

disciplines, then Nagaland will surely catch up with the rest of the country.

During the presentation of testimonial, Rita Gosh, PM SVANidhi beneficiary, and Convenor SEWA and Kesiateilak Sieringmaa, SHG-G, DAY - NULM beneficiary, thanked the Prime Minister for opening the way to the street vendors by providing financial assistance and giving them identity as street vendors. She said the financial assistance provided has helped them through the pandemic and they can meet their daily needs and thanked the departments and the bankers for assisting them throughout the process.

PM SVANidhi scheme was launched to facilitate working capital loans to the street vendors to help them restart their business which was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The scheme is available to all the street vendors who are engaged in vending in urban areas with collateral-free working capital loans of up to 10000 of one year tenure, and can also avail Rs 20000 and Rs 50000 loans in subsequent tranches to approximately 50 lakh street vendors, interest subsidy at 7% per annum on regular repayment of the loan, cashback up to

Rs. 1200 per month per annum on undertaking prescribed digital transaction, eligibility for enhanced digital transactions.

Other activities involved during the celebration were digital training, distribution of Parichay boards and QR code, registration of new

street vendors, food stall, exhibition-cum-sale of SHGs products, and stall for street vendors. Film screening on the PM SVANidhi scheme was also done. Street vendors may apply directly on the PM SVANidhi portal or through a Common Service Centre (CSC).

SCIENCE FEST-CUM-EXHIBITION HELD AT MISHIKITO DIMAPUR

Mishikito Student's Union & Science Fraternity Mishikito in association with the Department of Science & Technology held a Science Fest-cum-Exhibition at GPS Mishikito village under the theme 'Explore the Possibilities' on 23rd July 2022.

Yanhungbemo Kikon, SDO (C) Dimapur Headquarter while declaring the event open lauded the students union for shouldering the herculean task of organizing such a rare and innovative science event at the village level.

Meanwhile, Er. Ononguto Soleho, Chief Mentor IHUB & SEC NSC Department of Science & Technology and associate organizer of the event gave a brief introduction to the

Innovation Hub & Space Education Centre. 18 different science projects were exhibited by the competing participants. Project on the uses of non-convention resources by Angukakito Class IX & Nisushokivi Tsuqhe Class X won the first prize. Floating House by - Likali K Assumi Class VII and Solar City by - Likivi M Yeptho Class IX won 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. A total of 21 students participated in the exhibition.

While interacting with the organizers Puloto Shohe, President, Mishikito Students Union conveyed the desire to organize such programmes annually in the interest of the students if the Government is supportive of their endeavour.

FIRST-EVER 'WOMEN GRAM SABHA' IN WOKHA DISTRICT CONDUCTED IN RIPHYIM OLD VILLAGE

Riphyim Old Village Council under Wokha Block conducted the women only Gram Sabha on 23rd July 2022 at Riphyim Old Village Council Hall, Wokha.

The programme was initiated under the project for creating clusters of Model Gram Panchayat to achieve holistic and sustainable development through institutional strengthening of Gram Panchayats and enablement of quality GPDP across India, coordinated by the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Ministry of Rural Development in convergence with Rural Development Department, Health & Family

Welfare Department, Sakhi - One Stop Centre, and NRLM.

The resource persons for the Gram Sabha were Renthunglo Kikon (Centre Administrator, Sakhi - One Stop Centre Wokha), Premy E Ezung (Community Health Officer, Changsu HWC), and H Wophyomo (Area Coordinator SISD, BMMU Wokha).

During the programme, Renthunglo Kikon spoke on services provided by Sakhi – One Stop Centre, and Premy E Ezung described different schemes and programmes for mothers and pregnant women. H Wophyomo gave a detailed session on Self Help Groups and their loan facilities.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 26th July 2022 in the official chamber of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, where DPDB Chairman and Advisor, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing was also present.

The agenda discussed by the Board were, proposal for bio-diversity conservation by the Council of Rengma Baptist Church (CRBC); the

constitution of District Sports Council Tseminyu in view of the upcoming Nagaland Olympic and Paralympic 2022; the creation of a police station at K. Station; and installation of CCTV in all public and private offices in Tseminyu.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Department of School Education (DEO Tseminyu). The Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Tseminyu DPDB, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi IAS chaired the meeting.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 26th July 2022 at the Conference Room, Office of DC Mon chaired by Advisor, Land Resources and Chairman, Mon DPDB, C. L. John.

The Board presented meritorious certificate to the top three students of HSLC & HSSLC result 2021 under Mon District.

The following agenda were deliberated and forwarded to the concerned authorities for necessary action: Proposal for up-gradation of Government High School Mon Town 'C' to Government Higher Secondary School; Registration of Helping Hand Society, Mon; Registration of People's Welfare

Society, Mon; Registration of Longgaem Valley Association, Mon Town; Opening of Nanpha School, Hukzukuh at Wangti village and for approval; Selection of semi-intensive Mithun rearing farm at Chenloisho Village Reserve Forest under Mon District Aspirational Programme; Extra classroom for Higher Secondary School, Aboi; Establishing of Central University at Mon District; Establishing a new Government College at Tobu and Aboi.

The meeting witnessed a PowerPoint presentation by the E.E Water Resources Department, Mon. It was attended by MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak; DC Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS, and other members of the board.

NOKLAK CELEBRATES WORLD HEPATITIS DAY


On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day an awareness programme on Hepatitis was held at Assam Rifles Conference Hall, Noklak on 28th July 2022.

On the occasion of 'World Hepatitis Day', Shamator Noklak Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 7 Sector Assam Rifles/ HQ Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) conducted awareness on Hepatitis at Assam Rifles Conference Hall, Noklak on 28th July 2022.

The awareness lecture was conducted by Dr. Jacob Lalmalsom, Chief Medical Officer, 14 Assam Rifles. He addressed the students and staff of the

school and educated them about types of Hepatitis, Hepatitis A, B, C, D, E, their mode of transmission, its signs, symptoms and complications.

The CMO also emphasized the preventive and precautionary measures for Hepatitis, including the vitality of timely vaccination.

Authorities of Holy Angels High School, Noklak conveyed their gratitude to 14 Assam Rifles for sharing knowledge on Hepatitis.

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES INTERACTS WITH HANDICRAFT ARTISANS IN CHOZUBA

Personnel from the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India interacted with handicraft artisans at the Vamuzo's Memorial Hall on 28th July 2022. The event was organized by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Handicrafts Service Centre, Kohima in association with DIC Chozuba.

The resource persons were Senior Assistant Director (H), T. Rollee Vareishim, Handicrafts Promotion Officer, Rajib Chandra Roy, and General Manager, DIC Chozuba, Cholzo Sophie.

The interaction held with handicraft artisans

in view of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, highlighted the schemes of DC (Handicrafts) to the artisans, distribution of Pahchan ID Card, benefits of the e-commerce platform/ GeM portal registration, MUDRA loan scheme, welfare schemes for artisans, benefit of artisan I Card (Pahchan), spot enrolment of new artisans for Pahchan ID, GI registration and procedures, Bima Yojana and helpline centre 1800 208 4800. More than 200 people took part in the training-cum-interaction programme.

DRUG EDUCATION AND AWARENESS HELD IN ZUNHEBOTO

A programme on drug education and awareness for pharmacists and small shop owners was held at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 28th July 2022.

The programme was held to create awareness on the misuse of drugs, and laws about the sale of items under the category of medicinal substance.

Drug Inspector, Zunheboto Boto Sema spoke on the Drugs & Cosmetic Act and the role of pharmacists where he highlighted the

storage of medicines, the right way of dealing with patients, record maintenance, and sale of restricted medicines like cough syrup. He emphasized strict maintenance of the rules and added that the pharmacists should buy from registered wholesalers only.

The opening remark was given by ADC and Administrator Zunheboto Town Council, Moakumzuk Tzudir. SDPO Zunheboto, Shikato Swu explained the offences and punishments under the NDPS Act.

NOKLAK DISTRICT HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT COUNCIL OFFICE INAUGURATED



Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru inaugurated the Noklak District Handloom and Handicraft Council (NDHHC) office at Punyaongan Sector, Noklak town on 19th July 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru inaugurated the Noklak District Handloom and Handicraft Council (NDHHC) office on 19th July 2022 at Punyaongan Sector, Noklak town.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Hiazu Meru stated that Noklak district has many artisans good at handicrafts, blacksmithy, pottery, weaving, woodworks, etc. and some of the last traditional Naga practices are found in the district such as cotton growing, weaving, and traditional products, and under the NDHHC, artisans will get an opportunity to earn their livelihood, DC added.

Hiazu Meru explained the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999, its proposals, and the types of geographical indications. He also shared the importance of documentation and awareness creation. Further, he said that the roles and responsibilities of NDHHC will be multiplied and it has the potential to benefit the District and

assured that the District Administration is in full support of the Council.

Superintendent of Police, Noklak, Dr. Pritpal Kaur while encouraging the artisans said the products of handloom and handicrafts are in high demand in the market. She advised the artisans that the finished product should be of good quality, and they should improve it with technology so that it will increase market demand. She encouraged them to work hard on handloom and handicrafts where it will generate income and at the same time preserve the culture and tradition.

President, Khiamniungan Tribal Council, M. Thangou said that the District is lacking behind in all aspects and therefore requested the DC, SP, and all the stakeholding department officials to work harder for the upliftment and benefit of the people.

NST BUS SERVICE LAUNCHED AT ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT



Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training, K. T. Sukhalu flagging off the new Nagaland State Transport day service bus from Zunheboto to Dimapur via Kohima at Zunheboto on 21st July 2022.

A new Nagaland State Transport (NST) day service bus, from Zunheboto to Dimapur via State capital Kohima was launched by Advisor, School Education and State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT), K. T. Sukhalu at Zunheboto district on 21st July 2022.

While addressing the gathering, Sukhalu thanked and appreciated the concerned Minister, Paiwang Konyak for sincerely acknowledging

the need of the District and making the bus service a reality. He lauded the President, Sumi Kükami Hoho, Kashito Yeputhomi, and his colleagues for initiating the project and making it possible eventually. He added that the District is grateful and appreciative of the concerns of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

Further, the Advisor appealed to the Department for proper maintenance and also urged the public to always treat the property as their own to prolong its services.

The launching programme was chaired by Superintendent NST, Zunheboto, N Aier who pointed out that passengers from the District should always insist on buying tickets from the counters while traveling because it not only adds to the revenue of the government but also works as an insurance for the travellers in case of unfortunate incidents.

MINISTER KASHIHO SANGTAM INAUGURATES THREE MOBILE SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES

The commissioning of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories and launching of the three-day capacity building programme on Mobile Soil Testing was held at the Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima on 21st July 2022.

Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining, NSMDC, V. Kashiho Sangtam

who was the special guest of the programme said Nagaland is primarily an agrarian state where more than 70% of the population is engaged in agriculture, and one must realize that successful agriculture is dependent on healthy soil to produce food sufficient to feed the ever-increasing population.

Sangtam added that our State now has three Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories in addition to the Soil Testing Laboratories in all the districts that are fully equipped with high-tech equipment capable of analyzing both macro and micro nutrients which would aid the farmers in monitoring the health of the soil and apply location-specific management practices. He informed that the State also has block-level Mini Soil Testing Labs coming up very soon in all the blocks which will cater to the soil testing needs in remote areas.

The Minister stated that with the assistance of the Central Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister, efforts are being made to issue Soil Health Cards to all the farmers of the State in phase wise manner and also assist the farmers with organic fertilizers, bio-fertilizers, and micronutrients basing on the soil test report so that the health of the soil can be monitored and managed properly thus keeping the soil alive and healthy for sustainable production.

The Minister also added, the State has two Bio Fertilizer Production units at Rotimi village, Zunheboto district, and Seyochung town, Kiphire district which will be functional in a few months, and a proposal for another ten Bio Fertilizer Production units are with the Finance Ministry, Government of India for consideration and with these units in place, he said the State will have sufficient biofertilizers to meet the demand of the farmers for the entire State.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam IAS, who was the guest of honour said facilities are now available for the farmers since Nagaland has 90 soil testing labs where 3000 soil tests can be conducted in each lab, therefore he said it would be possible to give a soil health card to all landholders which would be the goal of the Department. He said the Central Government

is also focused on agriculture and allied departments, particularly in North East India, and with the advancement of digital agriculture one can get the data and information of a particular plot and guide and help farmers. The Chief Secretary also said the State Government is now focused on convergence, a whole government approach where all departments are involved to work in one direction.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema IAS, who delivered the keynote address highlighted the history of the Agriculture Department and how the allied departments were formed including the S&WC Department. He said all the Soil Health Management programmes were handed over to the S&WC Department and within six months, the Department was able to bring 12 Static Soil Testing laboratories from the Ministry which was a great achievement. He also explained that within two years, the Department has launched 27,304 Soil Health Cards (SHCs) for farmers covering all 74 blocks, and 10 Bio-Organic Fertilizer Quality Control Labs sanctioned by the Ministry during the current year.

Additional Director and State Nodal Officer, Soil Health Management, L. Chubaonen in his Technical Report said of late the need for soil testing has become very essential for agriculture as people have misused and overexploited the soil for decades without thinking about the need to restore its health. He also stated that the three Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories were sanctioned at Rs. 75 lakh per lab and built by M/s Octopus Services, a company based in Baroda, Gujarat.

He explained that these Laboratories are equipped with all the state-of-the-art equipment like Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS), Nitrogen Distillation Unit, Flamephotometer, Spectrophotometer, etc. required for analysis of

soil samples for both macro & micronutrients in line with the Ministry guidelines for issue of Soil Health Card.

The programme was chaired by Secretary, S&WC, Geology & Mining, and team leader NEPeD,

Libanlung Lotha, IAS while the vote of thanks was proposed by Director S&WC, S.K. Hekshe.

Minister V. Kashiho Sangtam also inaugurated the three Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories during the occasion.

DC PEREN INAUGURATES DISTRICT HOSPITAL ICU AT PEREN



Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar IAS inaugurated the new ICU building at the District Hospital, Peren town on 22nd July 2022.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS inaugurated the new ICU building at the District Hospital, Peren Town on 22nd July 2022.

The DC in his address called upon the gathering to invest more energy and cooperation to the government, to witness smooth functioning and manifold development in the district. He also said that the newly constructed building of the ICU can be showcased not only in the district but also to other districts too. Kumar congratulated the citizens of Peren for achieving the structure at the right time and requested the medical fraternity to make best use of the facilities.

Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, who also spoke at the programme extended his appreciation towards the administrator and

other local leaders for coming forward in the construction of the ICU.

President, PTWO & Member, Construction Committee, Pelingrangle gave a brief report of the construction of ICU wherein she acknowledged various donors including the churches, organizations and individuals for their generous contributions towards the successful construction of ICU structure. She also informed that the amount received through public contribution was Rs. 19,34,721/- (Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred And Twelve only) .

The programme was chaired by SDO(C) Kemciyile. Dy. CMO Peren and President PTWCU & Member, Construction Committee Gaigwang Hegeu also spoke during the programme.



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer casting their votes during the Presidential Election at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 18th July 2022.



(Left) FOCUS-IFAD Nagaland in collaboration with Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources released fish seeds at Tizu river, Zunheboto on 16th July 2022 and (Right) Fish seeds were released at Nsonji lake, Sendenyu village, Tseminyu on 26th July 2022.



Chief Secretary, J. Alam IAS released 'Creating School Complexes in Nagaland,' a joint paper by the Department of School Education and KPMG India at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 15th July 2022.



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