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Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio with his colleagues and state officials after unveiling the monolith marking the formal inauguration of Meluri as the 17th District of Nagaland on 21st February 2025.



Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio being conferred the Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) at the 1st Convocation Ceremony of North East Christian University (NECU) held at Anchor Complex, Burma Camp, Dimapur on 25th February 2025.



DCF (HQ) and Deputy Project Director, Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), Ango Konyak with Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Wennyei Konyak receiving the SKOCH Award from the organizers at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road New Delhi on 15th February 2025.



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SCHOOL EDUCATION CLARIFIES ON SMILE APP

The Department of School Education has informed in a notification that in connection with the implementation of SMILE App in all government schools and establishments under the Directorate of School Education (DoSE), the department has been receiving numerous queries regarding issues with the App. These concerns have been acknowledged and are being actively addressed. All concerned are thereby informed that the SMILE App has been updated since the pilot phase in May 2024.

To ensure that all employees have the latest version, the following instructions below are to be followed:

1. Uninstall the old SMILE App
2. Download the latest version of SMILE App that is available on Google Play Store for Android users and Apple App Store for iOS users.
3. If one is unable to mark attendance due to network issues, switch to offline mode. Once the network is available and stable, go back online to sync the attendance.
4. For any other queries, one can reach out to the helpline service numbers - 6909644519, 8974102488 and 6900222184.

H&FW INFORMS ON PACKAGED DRINKING WATER

The Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) has informed that, in pursuance to Notification No.REG-11027/2/2022-Regulation-FSSAI, New Delhi, the 17th October 2024, some regulations under Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011 has been amended and has come into force.

Under the Regulation 2.3, Sub-Regulation 2.3.14, Clause 17 and 18 mentions that “No person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water and mineral water except under the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certification Mark.” Clauses 17 and 18 have been omitted.

Therefore, Food Business Operators manufacturing water does not need to obtain BIS Certification Mark. However, they will have to mandatorily obtain Food Safety License Certificate through the online portal <https://foscoss.fssai.gov.in>. Water test report shall be a mandatory document and the water needs to be tested in one of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India Notified Laboratory having the scope of testing Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water.

The bottle of the packaged drinking water should be legibly marked with these details:

1. Name of the product
2. Name and address of the manufacturer
3. Brand name, if any
4. Lot/Batch number
5. Date of processing/packaging
6. Best before date

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7. FSSAI logo and license/registration certificate number

This notification supersedes the previous notification NO.DHFW-21/FSSA/BIS/13/2021-22/274-79 dated 25th July 2024. For further assistance, one can visit the Food Safety Section, CMO's Office of Kohima, Mokokchung and Dimapur.

This is issued in the interest of public health. Failure to comply with the notification shall be a violation of Section 58 and 63 of FSSA 2006.

CEO, NAGALAND INFORMS ON SHIFTING OF OFFICE

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Nagaland has informed that the Office of the CEO, Nagaland has recently been shifted to a new location. Hence, all correspondence may kindly be addressed to the address mentioned below:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer,
Election Secretariat,
Above Office of the Accountant General,
A.G. Colony,
Kohima, Nagaland -797001.

NHPS INFORMS ON ABPM-JAY AND CMHIS

The Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) is the implementing agency of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) with annual insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh per household and Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme for Employees and Pensioners (CMHIS) with annual insurance cover of Rs. 20 lakh per household for employees and pensioners and Rs. 5 lakh per household for families who are not covered under AB PM- JAY or not a government employee or pensioner.

The CMHIS is financed by converting 50% of the monthly medical allowance of employees and pensioners and the corpus is maintained by the Finance Department in a dedicated Savings Bank Account. Any additional expenditure beyond the insurance cover of Rs. 20 lakh per household for government employees is reimbursed through the salary head of the concerned department.

The AB PM-JAY is financed by the Central and State Governments in the ratio 90:10. However, the entral share for premium is capped at 90% of Rs. 1052/- per household and any excess amount beyond this ceiling is paid by the State Government in addition to the 10% State Share. As a result, for the Policy Year 2024 - 25, the State Government's Share is 51% and the Central Government's Share is 49%.

For the current policy period (April 2024 - March 2025), the implementing insurance company is Future Generali India Insurance Co. Ltd. (FGI). The discovered premium payable to the insurance company is Rs. 1950/- per household for insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh (AB PM-JAY and CMHIS General Category) and the premium for CMHIS (EP) is Rs. 3860/- per household for insurance cover of Rs. 20 lakh. The premium is payable in three installments

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and premium payments are made to the insurance company immediately upon fund release by the Government as insurance coverage cannot commence without upfront premium payment as per IRDAI regulations. Out of the total premium of Rs. 92 crore payable, a total of Rs.90 crore (upto third installment of state share and second installment of central share) have been paid to the insurance company as of date. Accordingly, there is no default on payment of premium to the insurance company.

As of 16th February 2025, the following claims have been processed by the Insurance Company:

For PMJAY: A total of 30,379 claims amounting to Rs. 57.34 crore have been approved. Out of these, 22,914 claims totaling Rs. 42.71 crore have been paid to various hospitals.

For CMHIS: A total of 17,501 claims amounting to Rs. 72.32 crore have been approved. Out of these, 11,638 claims totaling Rs. 47.20 crore have been paid to various hospitals.

For further information and clarification, citizens are encouraged to call the NHPS Helpline (Toll-Free No: 1800-202-3380) or email support-nhps@cmhis.nagaland.gov.in

STATE LEVEL NASHA MUKL ABHIYAN COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

In pursuance to the directives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to constitute the State Level Nasha Mukl Abhiyan Committee comprising of the following members:

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| 1. Secretary, Social Welfare | - Chairperson |
| 2. Director General of Police/Representative | - Member |
| 3. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare/Representative | - Member |
| 4. Narcotics Control Bureau | - Member |
| 5. Director, Higher Education | - Member |
| 6. Principal Director, School Education | - Member |
| 7. NGOs working in the field of drugs | - Members |
| 1. Ark Foundation | |
| 2. Youth Mission | |
| 3. Kripa Foundation | |
| 8. Retired Senior Civil Servants | - Three Members nominated by Secretary |
| 9. Director, Social Welfare | - Member |
| 10. Director, Information & Public Relations | - Member |
| 11. PMU | - State Coordinator |
| 12. FINGODAP | - Representative |
| 13. SLCA (State Level Coordinating Agency) | - Members Secretary of the Committee |
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H&FW INFORMS ON ASSISTANCE UNDER NIRAMAYA HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

The Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW) has informed that, with the aim at improving access to healthcare and support services to individuals with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme administered by the National Trust.

The Niramaya scheme ensures comprehensive coverage, offering up to Rs.1 lakh annually to eligible beneficiaries for hospitalization, therapy, corrective surgeries and alternative medicines.

To avail the benefits, one must enroll and register with the National Trust. The following documents are required for registration- disability certificate having UDID card or UDID enrollment number with PWD certificate, Address proof, Income certificate (for Above Poverty Line), Enrollment fee Payment proof. The enrollment and application must be facilitated through any Registered Organization (RO) registered with the National Trust. The Registered Organization (RO) in the State are given below:

Name of the NGO		Address	Contact	Email
1.	Care and Support Society	158, Block 4, Town Hall Road, Near DC's Office, Sangtemla Ward, Mokok-chung 798601	943601761 1	careandsupportmokok@gmail.com
2.	Cherry Blossoms Society	A16, Lerie Colony, Lerie Chazou near CRPF Camp, Kohima- 797001	89740281 13	cherryblossomssociety@gmail.com
3.	Jo Foundation	354, Agri Colony Jo Foundation Inclusive School, Kohima-797001	9436000597	danieljofn@gmail.com

For more information. visit <https://nationaltrust.nic.in>

MANDATORY MALARIA SCREENING AND REPORTING: A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland urges all private and public healthcare providers to screen all fever cases for malaria. Since it is in the elimination phase, it is crucial that no malaria case goes undetected.

In the interest of public health and to ensure early diagnosis, proper case management, and a reduction in malaria burden, the Government of Nagaland, exercising the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, mandates that all healthcare providers, NGOs, Civil Society Partners, and other stakeholders must report every malaria case to the respective authorities. The positive case details must be immediately conveyed to the Chief Medical Officer, the District Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Officer, or the State

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Programme Officer to enable epidemiological assessment and the implementation of necessary preventive measures.

Case definition for Malaria:

Probable Malaria Fever:

- A suspected malaria case is defined as a patient with fever in an endemic area during transmission season or someone who has recently travelled to an endemic area.
- A case consistent with malaria symptoms, including high fever, chills and rigor, headache, body ache, nausea, vomiting, or unexplained fever.

Confirmed Malaria Fever (Pv/Pf): A malaria case is confirmed when the presence of the parasite is detected using at least one of the following diagnostic methods:

- Microscopy of blood for malarial parasite
- Antigen-based bi-valent Rapid Diagnostic Kit (RDT), and/or
- Molecular diagnostic test.

Mandatory Reporting by Healthcare Providers: For the purpose of this notification, healthcare providers include clinical establishments managed by the Government (including local authorities), private or NGO sectors, and individual practitioners registered under the Clinical Establishment (Registration & Regulation) Act, 2010.

Doctors in Government health institutions and registered private medical practitioners are required to immediately notify the District Health Authority if a confirmed malaria case is detected in their respective healthcare facilities.

Legal implications: Under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Act No. 3 of 1897), failure to comply with these regulations will be deemed an offense punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Strict legal actions will be taken against those who do not adhere to the mandatory reporting requirements.

NVBDCP seeks the cooperation of all healthcare providers, organizations, and individuals in this collective effort to eliminate malaria and safeguard public health.

MANDATORY DENGUE TESTING AND CASE NOTIFICATION: ADVISORY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland urges all private and public healthcare providers to adhere strictly to the issued notification regarding Dengue testing and reporting.

As clearly stated, a Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) positive result for Dengue is only indicative of a probable case. Therefore, all RDT-positive cases must be confirmed through ELISA testing at designated district hospitals in Dimapur, Mokokchung, Wokha, Kiphire, Mon, and NHAK.

In the interest of public health and to ensure early diagnosis, effective case management, and the reduction of Dengue transmission, the Government of Nagaland mandates that healthcare providers notify every Dengue case to the Chief Medical Officer of the district on a

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weekly basis, and daily during the transmission period.

Case definition for Dengue:

Probable DF/DHF:

A case consistent with Dengue Fever symptoms include an acute febrile illness of 2-7 days duration with two or more of the following manifestations - Headache, Retro-orbital pain, Myalgia, Arthralgia, Rash, Haemorrhagic manifestations.

A case with a Non-ELISA based NS1 antigen/IgM positive result from an RDT will be considered probable due to the poor sensitivity and specificity of currently available RDTs.

Confirmed Dengue Fever: A case consistent with the clinical description of Dengue Fever and confirmed by at least one of the following laboratory tests:

- Detection of Dengue virus antigen in serum via NS1 ELISA
- Demonstration of IgM antibody titre by ELISA in a single serum sample
- Detection of viral nucleic acid through Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
- Isolation of the Dengue virus from serum, plasma, or leucocytes
- IgG sero conversion in paired sera after two weeks with a fourfold increase in IgG titre

Mandatory reporting by healthcare providers: For the purpose of this notification, healthcare providers include clinical establishments managed by the Government (including local authorities), private or NGO sectors, and individual practitioners registered under the Clinical Establishment (Registration & Regulation) Act, 2010.

Doctors in Government health institutions and registered private medical practitioners are required to immediately notify the District Health Authority of their respective districts if a suspected Dengue case is reported in their healthcare facility.

All blood samples of suspected Dengue cases must be sent to the Sentinel Surveillance Hospital (SSH) for ELISA-based testing. A patient can only be declared Dengue-positive based on ELISA results and not on RDT results. RDT-based testing (using NS1 or IgM) can only indicate a probable Dengue case, while IgG testing alone is not a valid indicator.

Healthcare providers must promptly report all confirmed Dengue cases to the Office of the respective Chief Medical Officer immediately after diagnosis to facilitate proper epidemiological assessment and timely intervention.



SLA SCERT, NAGALAND GETS CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FOR 2nd CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The School Leadership Academy (SLA), SCERT, Nagaland was presented the Certificate of Excellence for the second consecutive year in recognition of its commendable work in School Leadership Development during the three-day National Review & Planning workshop held from 29th to 31st January 2025 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organized by National Centre for

School Leadership (NCSL), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi.

SLA, Nagaland, under the establishment of SCERT, caters to training of school leaders in the state, develops video documentary and case studies on the best practices by school heads in their schools.

ASSAM-NAGALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME HELD

Three-day Assam-Nagaland Student Exchange Programme held under the theme “Discovering Neighbours,” successfully concluded on 1st February 2025 at Government High School, Tzürangkong. Organized by the Border Peace Coordination Committee (Assam-Nagaland) in collaboration with the Friendship Forum (Tembayim Committee, TATT, Tzürangkong) and the District Administration of Jorhat and Mokokchung, the programme aimed to strengthen cross-border ties and promote peaceful coexistence.

The culmination programme featured Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoiji, who lauded the initiative as a significant step toward fostering lasting friendships between the people of both the states. Emphasizing the importance of countering antisocial elements that attempt to disrupt peace along the border, the DC said “We are not enemies but brothers and sisters. Such initiatives should not be confined to border areas but extended across

both the states to eradicate hatred and misunderstandings.’ Phoiji also encouraged the students to cherish the experience and become ambassadors of peace.

A total of 30 students from two schools in Assam, along with 30 students from Government High School, Tzürangkong participated in the exchange programme. They were accompanied by parents, guardians and teachers, with the Assam students being hosted by families in Chungtiayimsen, Watiyim, and teachers of the host school. The participants engaged in sports, cultural exchanges, talent shows, and picnics, fostering deeper understanding and friendship.

This kind of exchange programme aims to heal historical tensions along the Assam-Nagaland border, emphasizing the shared heritage of both communities. By connecting young minds, it seeks to instill a sense of unity and responsibility in sustaining peace and cooperation for the future.

NAGALAND JOINS NATIONWIDE LAUNCH OF WATERSHED YATRA CAMPAIGN

A state level launch programme of Watershed Yatra was held at the Directorate

of Land Resources, Kohima on 5th February 2025 with G. Ikuto Zhimomi, Advisor, Land



Advisor, Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi speaking during the State Level Launching Programme on Watershed Yatra held at the Directorate of Land Resources, Kohima on 5th February 2025.

Resources, Nagaland as the guest of honour.

G. Ikuto Zhimomi in his address, lauded the initiative and stressed on the need for collaborative efforts to address the challenges of water scarcity and land degradation. He reiterated the government's commitment to supporting community-based watershed management projects and empowering rural communities. He said that this mass outreach programme will help to ensure the sustainable use of land and water resources for our future generations.

Albert Ngullie, CEO, SLNA, Nagaland, and Director, Land Resources, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the importance of the Watershed Yatra in the context of the state's unique ecological landscape. He encouraged every citizen to create awareness at both an individual and community level for sustainable utilization and management of our natural resources.

A key highlight of the event was the felicitation of progressive farmers who have made significant contributions to water conservation and sustainable agriculture. This was followed by an experience-sharing session by Kekhrielezo Zuyie, Proprietor,

KK Wood Touch Furnitures, beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana- Watershed Development Component (PMKSY-WDC 2.0).

The Yatra involves a series of activities including developing watershed projects like percolation tanks, check dams, Watershed Mahotsav to create awareness and encourage community participation, Watershed Ki Panchayat, to involve the community in developing and implementing policies around watershed development.

The State Level Launching Programme was followed by the National Level Virtual Launching Programme conducted through webcasting in which Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development flagged off the Watershed Yatra virtually.

The initiative aims to promote the adoption of scientific watershed management practices, enhance water security, improve agricultural productivity, and generate employment opportunities in rural areas, ultimately leading to the holistic development of the state.

The Watershed Yatra Campaign, a

20-Day Yatra, initiated under Ministry of Land Resources, Government of India and organised by the Department of Land Resources, Nagaland, covering four districts of Nagaland, culminated in its last destination at Asukiqa village, Zunheboto, incorporating four other villages in its area, namely Ghokimi, Kitami, Tsaphimi and Puneboqa, on 24th February 2025.

While delivering the keynote address, chairperson of the programme, Assistant Inspector, Land Resources, Roselyn Chishi highlighted that 'Watershed Yatra' is a mass outreach campaign to create awareness about watershed development activities carried out under Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) project areas across 27 States and 2 Union Territories, tentatively launched from 17th January 2025.

The nationwide campaign subsequently helps in achieving 'Community Driven Approach (Jan Bhagidari),' which needs to be adopted for implementation of watershed projects, as per extant guidelines, and also galvanise the implementation machinery at field level, Roselyn concluded. The programme witnessed 'Handing over of assets (Lokarpan)' wherein Alowoni SHG, Kitami village was felicitated with solar dryer under Livelihood, Micro-Enterprises and Business Development, which was administered by Additional Director, Land Resources, Hekato N.

Shramdaan activities comprising of 'Bush management at coffee plantations and digging of compost pits at coffee farms' by Watershed Committee, Ghokimi village was also carried out.

NHHDCCL ORGANISES NATIONAL HANDLOOM EXPO AT NEW DELHI

National Handloom Expo, which was organized by the Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (NHHDCCL) - a Government of Nagaland undertaking, was inaugurated by Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi on 7th February 2025.

Dr. M. Beena, IAS expressed her happiness in the visibility that NE handlooms is gaining which, she added, is rightly deserved. She stated that weavers who come to the Handloom Haat, about 60% of them are from NE and that such handloom expo is to give the weavers an understanding of what the market and consumers are looking for, and help the weavers to cater to the choice of customers. Stating that the materials produced in NE has a lot of export potential,

Dr. M. Beena encouraged corporations, such as NHHDCCL to engage more with the Handloom Export Promotion Council, so as to increase exports internationally.

Dr. M. Beena stated that it is the right opportunity for the NE to come and showcase their handloom before the world and expressed confidence in the potential of handloom in the international market and said that we are in an era of 'slow fashion,' as consumers become more conscious of ethical and responsible fashion and with the handloom industry producing less carbon footprint, it can be a premium section in the international market.

Prasielie Pienyu, Chairman, NHHDCCL, Dimapur thanked the Office of the Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India for sponsoring the National Handloom Expo and expressed

hope that more of such national expos will be held in the future as well.

Wennyei Konyak, Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House New Delhi, Er. Y. Lipongse Thongtsar, Managing Director, NHHDC, officials from Ministry of Textiles, GoI, NHHDC Dimapur and Nagaland House, New Delhi were among those present during the inaugural function. Altogether 80 stalls were set up.



Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Dr. M. Beena, IAS, with Chairman, NHHDC, Prasielie Pienyu and other dignitaries during the inaugural of the National Handloom Expo at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi on 7th February 2025.

SAFER INTERNET DAY OBSERVED

KOHIMA:

The State-Level Awareness Workshop on “Safer Internet Day” under the global theme “Together for a Better Internet” was observed at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima on the 11th February 2025.

Commissioner & Secretary, Information Technology & Communication, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS in his speech, said that the initiative awareness about cyber hygiene is to take the correct measures to protect and ensure a safer usage of internet. He pointed out that in our state, many take to their mobile phones during their leisure time as there are limited recreation facilities and reasoned that this has led our state to high usage of internet while comparing with other states in the country. Therefore, he called upon all participants to spread awareness about cyber hygiene, online safety practices

and responsible usage of the internet in any platform.

State Informatics Officer, NIC, I. Lanusangkum Aier in his introductory address, said that everyone today is aware of all the happenings around the globe through newspapers or online, as there are many opportunities, options and ways and means to get this information to move forward. He shared that since information are made available today through the public domain which could be informative, destructive, healthy or addictive, one should know which information needs to be contented and which are to be shared. He also highlighted about the frauds and scams through internet and shared how it can be secured, and called upon all to use the internet judiciously, safely with responsibility so that we are not affected.

Director, Information Technology & Communication, Er. Sabou Yashu in his

welcome address said that the Safer Internet Day is observed worldwide on the second Tuesday of every February to raise awareness, promote safe and responsible use of internet which is maintained by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. He asked all the HoDs to take the programme seriously and become ambassadors to create awareness on safety measures on use of internet.

PowerPoint presentation on “Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project” was presented by Director, NIC (IT), Swedevenueo Natso.

In observance of Safer Internet Day, the NIC Kohima District Centre, under the ISEA Project, organized an awareness workshop at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office, Kohima under the theme “Together for a Better Internet” on 11th February 2025. During the workshop, NIC Kohima conducted a PowerPoint presentation to educate participants on various aspects of cyber safety. The session covered key topics such as common cyber threats and their impact, cyber hygiene practices to minimize risks, human errors that can lead to security breaches, best practices for a safer online experience, reporting mechanisms for cyber crime and others.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Mokokchung celebrated Safer Internet Day under the theme “Together for a better Internet” at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 11th February 2025.

The programme highlighted the importance of utilizing internet safely and gave insights on cyber crime like fraudulent emails, SMS and voice phishing by the team NIC, Mokokchung. They also encouraged making use of helpline number 1930 and www.cybercrime.gov.in to file for complaints.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Safer Internet Day, 2025 was celebrated at Deputy Commissioner’s Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 12th February 2025 with the motive ‘Raising awareness of online risks & supporting privacy and security.’

DC, Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS while delivering the introductory remarks, expressed his concern on the current scale of cyber-crimes and frauds across the world. Presentation on behalf of the concerned department was administered by DIO (NIC), Pragati Wihangam, focussing on means to mitigate cyber frauds and awareness on cyber-criminal activities.

JEE MAIN 2025: CSAB LAUNCHES AWARENESS DRIVE FOR NORTH-EAST STUDENTS

To raise awareness among students from North-East (NE) states about registering for JEE Main 2025, the Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB) 2025 conducted a press conference at Kohima Press Club office, Kohima on 11th February 2025. The initiative aims to increase participation by highlighting reserved seats and dedicated support through the CSAB counselling process.

Officials emphasized the availability of nearly 24,000 seats across NITs in India, including 2,000 reserved seats under the State Quota for NIT+ institutions in NE states and 740 additional seats nationwide for NE students through CSAB-NEUT counselling.

The press conference was led by Prof. Anindya Basu, Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, CSAB 2025,

along with Prof. Pankaj Kumar Sa (Vice-Chairman), Prof. Surajit Das (CSAB 2025 Media Representative), Dr. J. Arul Valan (Admissions In-charge, CSAB 2025), and Dr. Wati Walling (Dean Academic, NIT Nagaland).

Despite over 15 lakh candidates appearing for JEE annually, participation from the North-East remains below 1%. CSAB officials stressed that increasing awareness and enrolment could provide significant educational and economic opportunities, benefiting both students and local communities.

JEE Main serves as the gateway to India's top technical institutions, collectively known as the NIT+ system, which includes 31 National Institutes of Technology (NITs), 26 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), 3 Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs), 37 Government-Funded Technical Institutes (GFTIs) and IIST, Shibpur

Students who passed Class XII in 2023, 2024, or are appearing in 2025 are eligible to register for JEE Main 2025. The CSAB counselling process provides several advantages like exclusive seat reservations for NE students, multiple admission chances through two CSAB Special Rounds, seamless online counselling with multilingual support, diverse course options in emerging technology fields, enhanced career prospects with placements in PSUs, government agencies, and top tech firms.

With expanding career opportunities in NIT+ institutions, the CSAB 2025 team is urging students from Nagaland and the North-East to seize this opportunity. Officials are seeking support from local media, educational institutions, and government bodies to maximize awareness and participation.

For registration details and counselling information, students can visit the official JoSAA/CSAB website.

UNION MINISTER SURESH GOPI VISITS NAGALAND

As part of his visit to the State, Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas & Tourism, Suresh Gopi held an interaction with officials from the Chumoukedima District Administration, and various Heads of Offices at Police House, Chumoukedima on 14th February 2025.

Suresh Gopi informed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, they are committed to the development of the North East in general and Nagaland in particular. He appealed to the officials to scrutinize the budget and track to full benefit for every individual in the State as a citizen

of India. He urged them to have a plan and make full use of it, and assured them of full support to any proposal or projects they bring forth.

After the meeting, the Union Minister visited Naga Heirloom Centre at Sovima, and was impressed with the artisans at work. He also visited Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio at his private residence. He was accompanied by Commissioner & Secretary & A&C, Himato Zhimomi, Additional Director, T. Kakiho Sumi, Secretary, Tourism, Nchumbemo Lotha, Chumoukedima District Administration and department officials.

INDIAN DELEGATION VISITS NEW ZEALAND TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN KIWI FRUIT DEVELOPMENT

A five-member Indian delegation, including two representatives from Nagaland Meyasashi, Director of Horticulture, and S. Senka, Joint Director, Horticulture, Nagaland visited New Zealand from 12th to 15th February 2025.

The visit was organized by the New Zealand Embassy in Delhi as part of the roadmap and strategy for the development of the kiwifruit industry in India, in collaboration with Zespri International Limited, New Zealand. Over the course of four days, the delegation engaged in extensive discussions with key stakeholders in Auckland, New Zealand, including the Consul General of India, the India-New Zealand Business Council, scientists from Plant & Food Research and the Kiwifruit Breeding Centre, the CEO and officials of Zespri International Ltd. and Māori kiwi

fruit growers.

The team also visited multiple kiwifruit orchards, export packhouses, and kiwifruit nurseries to gain insights into best practices in cultivation, post-harvest management, and export procedures on kiwifruit.

Nagaland, being the second-largest kiwifruit producing state in India, stands to benefit significantly from international collaborations, especially with New Zealand, the world's leading producer and exporter of Kiwifruit. With initiatives undertaken by both the Central and State Governments to foster global cooperation in the kiwifruit industry, the exchange of expertise and advanced techniques is expected to enhance kiwifruit cultivation across the country, driving economic growth and improving the livelihoods of farmers, particularly in states like Nagaland.

NFMP WINS PRESTIGIOUS SKOCH AWARD

Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) was awarded the prestigious SKOCH Award 2024 during an award ceremony organized for national award winners as part of the 100th SKOCH Summit held at Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 15th February 2025. Ango Konyak, DCF (HQ) and Deputy Project Director, NFMP along with Wennyei Konyak, Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi received the award on behalf of the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (DEFCC), Government of Nagaland (GoN).

The NFMP is a project implemented by DEFCC, Government of Nagaland which is assisted by Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA). The project aims to improve forest ecosystems and support income generation by rehabilitating Jhum areas and supporting livelihoods. It focuses on sustainable forest and environment conservation and improving livelihoods in targeted villages through need based, village specific interventions led by Joint Forest Management Committees.

The project period is from 2017-2027. It will cover 185 villages in 11 districts and 22 Forest Ranges. It will cover an area of 79,096 hectare under Forest Intervention and also aims to form 555 Self Help Groups under livelihood component.

The SKOCH Award stands as one of the highest independent honors bestowed

upon states and organizations. The award is known for its rigorous and independent outcome based assessment process. SKOCH Group, the organizers of the award, is India's leading think tank dealing with socio-

economic issues, with focus on inclusive growth, since 1997. It has instituted India's highest independent civilian honours in the field of governance, technology, economics and social sector.

NIT FLAGGING OFF CEREMONY HELD AT KOHIMA

The Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan graced the National Integration Tour (NIT) flagging off ceremony at Kohima Garrison Assam Rifles on 18th February 2025.

Speaking at the flagging off ceremony, the Governor said that he was delighted to attend the flagging off ceremony of the National Integration Tour organized by the 13 Assam Rifles under the esteemed aegis of HQ IGAR North. He informed that this initiative which started from the 4th of February 2025 and culminated on 18th of February 2025, brought together 16 enthusiastic students and 4 dedicated teachers from various colleges in Kohima who visited Mumbai, Pune and Goa.

The Governor extended his gratitude to the Assam Rifles for their commitment to promoting national integration and for organizing this tour with such dedication. The efforts put in to nurture the spirit of unity among the youths are commendable and deserve our appreciation. The Assam Rifles have, time and again, demonstrated their dedication to the service of our nation,

and this initiative is yet another testament to their commitment towards their duty, he added.

The Governor encouraged more students and teachers to join such initiatives in the future, as these tours are not just about travel; they are about building bridges, forging friendships and nurturing a sense of national pride and unity. It is through such initiatives that we can truly understand and appreciate the diversity that defines our nation and work towards a future where harmony and understanding prevail. The Governor further appealed all to strive and be ambassadors of peace, unity and integration, and work towards building a nation that is united in its diversity.

The Governor congratulated the Assam Rifles, the teachers and the students for this successful National Integration Tour and felt confident that the lessons learned and the memories created during this tour will inspire all to work towards a more united and integrated India.

STATE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND PAWAN HANS LTD. VISITS KOHIMA

A team from Pawan Hans arrived in Kohima on 18th February 2025 to conduct inspections under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN. The assessment focuses on infrastructure and feasibility in five districts - Tuensang, Mokokchung,

Zunheboto, Kohima, and Phek (selected under the first phase of the scheme). The initiative aims to enhance regional air connectivity, improving accessibility and economic opportunities for residents in Nagaland's remote areas.

In a meeting with the inspection team and transport officials, Transport Secretary, Robert Longchari highlighted key developments and challenges. While infrastructure is largely in place, some financial approvals and minor modifications, such as fencing and helipad upgrades, remain. The government must also address legal and land acquisition hurdles before operations begin. He emphasized that

the helicopter service will significantly benefit not just district headquarters but also sub-divisions, particularly in medical emergencies and subsidized transport. Given Nagaland's challenging road infrastructure, air connectivity is expected to provide a crucial alternative.

Pawan Hans has begun evaluating the existing facilities, with plans to construct additional helipads over time.

DISTRICT ATTACHMENT PROGRAMME OF 54th BATCH NSS (P) HELD

A two-day District Attachment Programme of 54th Batch Nagaland State Secretariat (NSS) probationers was held at Pughoboto Election District from 18th to 19th February 2025. As part of the NSS (P) Foundation Course training, a delegation of 20 NSS (P) officers visited various offices, schools and CHC under Pughoboto sub-division.

ADC, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang addressed the NSS probationers and briefly highlighted to them about Pughoboto Sub-Division. The attachment period aims to train the probationers in understanding the

functioning of different government offices and provide an overview of office structure, policies, protocols and office procedures to instill in them a deep understanding and the right frame of mind towards public service.

As part of their exposure visit, the 2025 batch of NSS probationers visited various government offices viz. E.E. PWD (R&B), SDEO (Education), CDPO, SDHO (Horticulture), Government Higher Secondary School, Pughoboto and SMO CHC on the first day. The second day exposure trip included visit to Pughoboto Police Station (SDPO) and SDO (Agriculture) Office.



ADC, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang with Nagaland State Secretariat (NSS) probationers and district Heads of Offices during the two-day District Attachment Programme of the 54th Batch (NSS) Probationers held at Pughoboto from 18th to 19th February 2025.

The Nodal Officer for the programme, Er. Keyileuteing Ntang, EAC, Pughoboto and the District Heads of Offices with their

respective staff actively engaged with the probationers over the course of the two-day training.

1st SLCC ON 8th ECONOMIC CENSUS 2025-26 HELD IN KOHIMA

The first meeting of the State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) on the 8th Economic Census was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS on 19th February 2025 at the Chief Secretary's Conference Room, Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

Secretary, Economic & Statistics, Akunu S. Meyase initiating the meeting, said that the Economic Census is the head count of all establishments/entrepreneurial units and workers employed within the geographical boundary of the country with particular focus on non-agricultural sector. Akunu also informed that till date, seven Economic Censuses have been conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with States and Union Territories.

Meyase added that the 8th Economic Census 2025-26 will be conducted in collaboration with States and Union Territories using advanced Information Communication Technology (ICT) platform which would facilitate geo-codes embedded data collection on mobile devices, real time data validation and scrutiny and interactive Management Information System (MIS)

dashboards for monitoring and supervision.

The meeting was convened for identifying the mechanism in which the State intends to fulfill the requirement of contractual manpower & IT personnel and identification of master trainers. The meeting also discussed the activation of District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) in the district and requirement of IT expert for each district to resolve IT related issues. During the meeting the Department also briefed the members that government employees' service will be utilised from various departments and they will be deployed as enumerators and supervisors.

The Chief Secretary urged the Heads of Departments of the concerned departments to give instructions to the district level officials to provide all the support and necessary assistance, and asked all the Deputy Commissioners to conduct meeting and to start the census operations. He also nudged the Department to use social media platform to promote awareness and sensitised the public on the Economic Census.

The Department informed that 1st week of April is tentatively scheduled for roll out of the 8th Economic Census across the country.

TRAINING ON ONLINE SYSTEM OF RoW PORTAL FOR TELECOM AND ONLINE ILP SYSTEM HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural programme for conducting training on the online system of Right of Way (RoW) Portal for Telecom Infrastructure and Online Inner Line Permit

(ILP) System was held at Conference Hall of Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima with Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Vyasan R. IAS as



Home Commissioner, Vyasan R, IAS with officials during the inaugural programme for Telecom and Online Inner Line Permit held at the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication, Kohima 20th February 2025.

the special guest on 20th February 2025.

Speaking at the programme, Vyasan informed that since there is no office of Information Technology & Communication at the district level, he called on all the trainees to play the additional role to fill the gap in order to serve the people. He urged everyone to make good contact with the service providers in the region so that proper network is available. He said Right of Way provides a single platform for telecom companies for all necessary permission and approval and added that without clear and streamlining RoW policies, connectivity projects face often delay leading to poor internet services.

Commissioner & Secretary, Information Technology & Communication, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS said there are 397 villages in Nagaland which are not covered with mobile

towers and informed that the Government is trying its best to provide with 4G network. He urged all the participants to pay attention and understand the problem of different network issue so that when one leaves his/her respective district, some improvements are made in addressing the problems of that area. He called on to emphasis on the importance of my Bharat Net, a robust technology to empower the future of internet.

Administrative officials from the 17 (seventeen) districts attended the two-day training which was hosted by the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication in Kohima. The training schedule included training on Online Inner Line Permit System, Training on Right of Way and Hands-on Training on Right of Way for Telecom.

CS HOLDS MEETING TO BOOST AVGC-XR SECTOR AT KOHIMA

A meeting was held to promote the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) sector in Nagaland, with Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS at the Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 20th February 2025. The meeting brought together Administrative Heads of Departments (AHDs), Heads of Departments (HoDs), and officers from various stakeholder departments to discuss strategies for the development of the sector.

The departments present included Higher Education, Finance, Planning & Transformation, Law & Justice, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), Education and SCERT, Industries & Commerce, Tourism, Art & Culture, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Investment and

Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), and Information & Public Relations (IPR).

A key outcome of the meeting was the decision to constitute a Task Force on AVGC-XR, comprising all stakeholder departments, with the Department of Information & Public Relations (IPR) as the Nodal Department. The Task Force will be responsible for formulating a policy framework to guide the development of AVGC-XR in the state. It was also decided to form a state-level steering committee on AVGC-XR.

During the meeting, each department shared their existing contributions to the sector and outlined their future plans. All departments expressed enthusiasm and commitment to working together to harness the potential of AVGC-XR as a game-changing industry for Nagaland.

STATE LEVEL TRAINING FOR DENTAL SURGEONS HELD

One-day State-Level Training for Dental Surgeons serving in the State under different programmes like National Health

Mission (NHM), National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya



Health & Family Welfare Department officials during the one-day State-Level Training for Dental Surgeons serving in the State held at the Directorate of H&FW Kohima on 21st February 2025.

Karyakram (RBSK), Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD), National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) and Quality Assurance was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, Nagaland on 21st February 2025. The training was organized by NOHP, Nagaland.

Dr. Meribeni Odyuo, Director (Dental) DH&FW gracing the training programme as special guest, stressed on the importance of the NOHP under NHM, and how it plays a crucial role in improving oral health in India. She encouraged all the participants to reaffirm commitment in delivering quality

oral health care that is aligned with National Health goals and also to actively participate, exchange knowledge and integrate the insights post training in their professional practice.

The resource persons for the training also included Dr. Alemwabang Aier, Joint Director & SPO, NCD, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo, Joint Director & SNO, NTEP, Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, Joint Director & SNO, RBSK, Dr. Arenla Walling, Joint Director & SNO, (NTCP), Dr. Sentirenla. Junior Dental Specialist, DH Dimapur and Dr. Neingutuonuo Angami, Junior Dental Specialist, NHAK.

CM NEIPHIU RIO INAUGURATES MELURI AS THE 17th DISTRICT OF NAGALAND

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio officially inaugurated Meluri district as the 17th district of Nagaland at a function held at the Public

Ground, Meluri on 21st March 2025.

Addressing the gathering as the special guest, Rio stated that Meluri was notified



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio with his colleagues and state officials during the inauguration of Multi Discipline Sports Stadium at Meluri on 21st February 2025.

as the 17th district on 2nd November 2024. He congratulated the Chakhesang Public Organisation (CPO) and its leadership for their support in recommending and issuing the “No Objection Certificate” for the district’s formation. He urged them to continue fostering brotherhood and unity between the Chakhesang and Pochury tribes, along with the rest of the Naga community.

Rio highlighted that Meluri’s administrative center was established 67 years ago, with a Chairman Bench Court set up in 1958. Calling Meluri the ‘Land of Fortunes,’ he emphasized the district’s natural and cultural wealth, including Shiloi Lake, Tizu River (which connects to the Chindwin River), and the Trade Centre at Avakhung. He also noted Meluri’s rich cultural heritage and economic potential as a newly formed district.

As part of the celebrations, the Chief Minister unveiled a monolith marking the inauguration and also inaugurated the Multi-discipline Sports Stadium.

Short speeches were also delivered by Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, Advisor, New & Renewable Energy, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe and Minister for Power

and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye. Welcome address was delivered by the President, Pochury Hoho, Chonpa Jurry, profile of Meluri district was proposed by Deputy Commissioner, Meluri, Mhathung Tsanglao and greetings from the President of Chakhesang Public Organisation.

The highlights of the day included a special song performed by Atusa Katiry and South East Nagaland District (SEND) Choir. Cultural dances were performed by the Lozaphuhu Cultural Troupe, Meluri Area Public Organisation, Apoksa Area Public Organisation, Kamalia Area Public Organisation, Phoyisha Area Public Organisation and Phokhungri Area Public Organisation.

The invocation and benediction were pronounced by Rev. Rümatho Nyusou, Executive Secretary, Pochury Baptist Church Council and Rev. Rathüvü Thüvüri, Executive Secretary, Pochury Council, NCRC respectively. The programme was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Meluri.

The inauguration of Meluri district marks a significant milestone in the administrative and developmental landscape of Nagaland, promising new opportunities for the region and its people.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE, K. VARDHAN SINGH VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Environment, Forests & Climate Change and External Affairs, Government of India, Kirta Vardhan Singh paid a three-day visit to Nagaland from 19th to 22nd February 2025.

During his stay in the state, the Union Minister visited Chida Lake, a natural tourist site located at Khezhakeno village, where he apprised the village leaders the

need for preservation and conservation of biodiversity. He also visited Kapamodzu Peak, a tourist hotspot at Zhavame village of Phek district, and interacted with Village Council Members and Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) Members. The Union Minister appreciated the village authority for maintaining and preserving the rich biodiversity of Kapamodzu Peak and all



Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change and External Affairs, Kirta Vardhan Singh with Forest officials of Phek division during his visit to Phek on 22nd February 2025.

the forest conservation in the State.

The Union Minister of State was accompanied by a team comprising of

District Administration, Police, officers and staff of Forest Department, Phek Division.

YOUTH CONCLAVE-CUM-CULTURAL FEST BRINGS DIVERSE VOICES TOGETHER IN DIMAPUR



Former Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. S. C. Jamir addressing the Youth Conclave-cum-Cultural Fest held at Lions Club, Dimapur on 22nd February 2025.

The Linguistic Minority Forum of Nagaland (LMFN) hosted an inspiring Youth Conclave-cum-Cultural Fest under the theme 'Unity in diversity,' at Lions Club, Dimapur on 22nd February 2025, bringing together community leaders, students, and distinguished guests for a day of dialogue, cultural celebration and unity.

The event began with a flag hoisting ceremony, followed by an inaugural session featuring the Vande Mataram song and the lighting of the lamp. A welcome speech by Arijit Sharma set the tone for the day, emphasizing the importance of cultural harmony and youth empowerment.

Speaking on the occasion, former Chief

Minister of Nagaland and former Governor of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Odisha, Dr. S. C. Jamir highlighted the nation's shift away from its foundational values of unity and inclusivity. Dr. Jamir, a veteran politician who served as a Member of Parliament from 1961 and held key positions under Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, reflected on the drastic changes in India's political landscape. He lamented that national issues are increasingly overshadowed by party interests, and legislative debates have lost the decorum and civility they once had.

Reflecting on Nagaland's history, Dr. Jamir noted that the State's formation came through immense sacrifices. However, he expressed concern over rising tribalism and internal divisions. 'We started with only one district; today, we have 17. There was one Naga National Political Group (NNPG); now, we have 27. Are we multiplying negativity in the State?' he questioned, urging people to prioritize unity over division. Dr. Jamir encouraged the young people to focus on shaping a better future instead of dwelling on past conflicts and called on political leaders to create opportunities for the youth and ensure an inclusive, progressive future for Nagaland.

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Sushmita Dev addressed the event, emphasizing the importance of cultural

integration and respect among communities. She stressed that India would remain divided without mutual understanding and warned of the dangers of forgetting history.

Former MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry at the event, called for unity beyond ethnic and linguistic lines, suggesting that the term 'Non-Naga Linguistic Forum' replaces the word 'minority' to promote inclusivity. Murry also urged the youth to develop a global outlook, warning that neglecting to adapt to technological advancements and global issues could leave them behind in an evolving world.

The event featured speeches from various dignitaries including social worker Captain (Retd.) Hekiye Sema and LMFN Chairman, Bishnu Bhattacharjee, various community leaders including Chandu Agarwal, Dr. Arihant Jain, and Sadequl Alam, underscoring the collective call for unity, tolerance, and a renewed commitment to secularism.

The conclave showcased how cultural festivities and intellectual discussions can go hand in hand, leaving participants inspired and ready to contribute to their communities, grave concerns over India's political trajectory, cautioning that the country may face severe consequences if secularism is not upheld.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK 2025 HELD AT KOHIMA

The Reserve Bank of India's Financial Literacy Week 2025 for Nagaland was inaugurated at Hotel Vivor, Kohima by General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, Paresh Chauhan on 24th February 2025. The function was attended by Makuni Thaimai, AGM, State Bank of India, Kohima,

Velayutham S, Chairman, Nagaland Rural Bank, Nengneithem Hengna, Director, Project Runway India HM Pvt. Ltd. SHG Members (NSRLM) of Meriema, Tsiesema Bawe and Tsiesema Basa and Thizama, representatives of NSRLM, various banks and CFLs.



General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, Paresh Chauhan with other officials during the inaugural of RBI Financial Literacy Week 2025 for Nagaland held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 24th February 2025.

The Reserve Bank of India has been observing Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 on a specific theme targeted at particular segments of the population. FLW 2025 which was observed from 24th to 28th February 2025, marks the 10th Edition of this initiative. The objective behind observing the FLW is to spread awareness among people about key financial topics through focused campaigns. Financial literacy empowers individuals and

households to manage their money effectively, plan for their future, and make informed and responsible financial decisions that lead to financial well-being and makes them aware of their rights as consumers of financial products and services.

Financial Literacy Week 2025 was inaugurated by Governor, RBI, Sanjay Malhotra in Mumbai. This year, under the theme 'Financial Literacy: Women's Prosperity,' the intent is to prioritise financial literacy for women considering their multifaceted role in society. The campaign covered topics such as risk diversification,

responsible borrowing, maintaining a good credit score and household budgeting and will have special focus on homemakers, working women and women entrepreneurs.

During the course of the week, the Reserve Bank of India, in collaboration with banks and other stakeholders, organized awareness programmes and outreach activities across the country. These initiatives will also be sustained during the year to ensure a lasting impact.

NECU HOLDS 1st CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT DIMAPUR

North East Christian University (NECU) held its 1st Convocation Ceremony at Anchor Complex, Burma Camp, Dimapur on 25th February 2025. The ceremony was graced by La Ganesan, Governor of Nagaland and visitor of NECU, as the Graduation Speaker.

A significant highlight of the event was the conferment of the Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland, in recognition of his contributions to public service and leadership.

Governor, La Ganesan, in his address, congratulated the graduates and emphasized the significance of the occasion, encouraging the graduates to carry forward the knowledge, empathy and dedication they have cultivated at NECU. Highlighting NECU's unique academic approach, the Governor lauded the institution's commitment to blending classroom education with mandatory community service, preparing students for impactful contributions to society. He also noted the university's efforts in addressing the

lack of quality higher education institutions in Nagaland, which often forces students to seek education outside the Northeast at significant expense. Through international collaborations and specialized programmes such as International Relations, Korean Language and Indigenous Studies, NECU has been playing a crucial role in equipping students for global opportunities.

The Governor also commended NECU's initiatives to preserve and promote local heritage, particularly through the Annual Symposium on Naga Culture, which has gained international recognition alongside the Hornbill Festival. The university's accreditation by NACCB to certify traditional healers was noted as a significant step in integrating indigenous knowledge with modern practices, an achievement that has drawn global attention.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio stated that education, global collaboration, and the role of young leaders shape the future of Nagaland. He acknowledged the university as a centre of academic excellence and a hub for transformative ideas, nurturing minds that dare to dream beyond borders.

Rio highlighted the unique challenges faced by the state and the need for innovative thinking and perseverance in addressing them. Encouraging the graduates, he recognized their resilience and hard work, urging them to strive for excellence in their respective fields and contribute to the development of Nagaland. He envisioned the state evolving into a global destination and a key contributor to India's growth story.

Rio further called upon the graduating class to become passionate ambassadors of Nagaland on the global stage, embracing the state's rich cultural heritage and sharing its story of courage, innovation, and unity with the world. Concluding his speech, Rio reaffirmed his dedication to advancing education, international dialogue, and community development.

Nineteen (19) students from various disciplines were awarded degree in the convocation ceremony, marking a milestone for NECU as it continues its journey in higher education. University officials, faculty members, parents, and students attended the event.

SEKRENYI-CUM-MINI HORBILL 2025 CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill 2025 was celebrated at the Heritage Village, Kisama on 25th February with Advisor, Prison, Printing & Stationery, Er. Kropol Vitsu as the Host.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Kropol Vitsu said that Sekrenyi is a time of cleansing and purification, it is a time of rededication, to pray for blessings for the whole year round. He also highlighted on the importance of Sekrenyi and how every village celebrate it. Mentioning particularly his native village, he said that Viswema village celebrate this festival in the month of December (between

the 15th to 31st), however acknowledging the wisdom of the elders, the common Sekrenyi festival is being celebrated on 25th February every year uniting all the Angami villages on a particular date. He urged the youths to conserve our traditions and culture which is our unique identity.

Rev. Fr. Dr. George Pezalhukho Rino invoked God's blessings, the welcome address was delivered by General Secretary, APO, Keneilesa Neikha, Phichu ja (Blessings from elders) by Kruvil Kikhi and a folk song was presented by Khrietuo Mezhu & Co.

Visosietuo Vupru blew the traditional horn and in the later part of the programme, an exhibition of Angami ethnic cultural and indigenous games like war cry, tatipfe, folksong, phrida, traditional fire making, tholi etc. were showcased.

Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio attended the second day of the Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival at Kisama Heritage Village, celebrating the cultural heritage of the Angami Naga tribe on 26th February 2025.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rio highlighted the uniqueness of Sekrenyi, stating that while most Naga festivals revolve around agricultural activities, Sekrenyi is centered on purification and renewal. He recalled that during the British era and earlier times, Nagas sought the support of their friends in times of war, and Sekrenyi continues to symbolize unity and mutual support among the tribes. Acknowledging the wisdom of the older generations, Dr. Rio praised their sense of gratitude, ethical values, and sustainable use of natural resources. He stressed the importance of preserving

traditions and suggested that festivals like Sekrenyi should serve as platforms to review and report cultural progress.

President of APO, Theja-o Vihienuo, in his festival greetings, spoke about the purification rituals of Sekrenyi done to receive blessings, and urged people to introspect if they prepare themselves spiritually and morally to qualify for the blessings.

The festival programme, chaired by APO Vice-President Vikehelie Victor Khawakhrie, featured various traditional performances, including Blowing of Traditional Horn by Visosieto Vüprü, Folk Fusion by Seyiekuolie Bio and friends, Phichü Ja by Vilazosie Punyü, Head GB of Khonoma, Tshaze Pfhe and Helim by the Lidi Kro-u Society. Meguo-o Mechülho gave a detailed explanation of how Sekrenyi was celebrated, President, ABCC, Rev. Savito Nagi pronounced the invocation prayer.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Minister, Horticulture and Women Resource Development, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor, Prison



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio addressing at the Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival celebration at Kisama Heritage Village, Kohima on 26th February 2025.

and Printing & Stationery, Kropol Vitsu, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, and Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Kekhrie Yhome,

MLA, Kevipodi Sophie, along with a host of Kohima Tribal Unions and Government Officials. The festival's highlights included Naga Wrestling Exhibition and Tug of War.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON 7th MINOR IRRIGATION STATISTICS, 2nd CENSUS OF WATER BODIES AND 1st SPRING CENSUS HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day state level training and workshop on 7th Minor Irrigation Statistics (MIS), 2nd Census of Water Bodies and 1st Spring Census with reference Year 2022-23 sponsored by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Minor Irrigation (Statistics) Wing, Government of India and organized by the Department of Water Resources, Kohima was held at Chief Engineer's Office Conference Hall, Water Resource Department, Kohima on 25th February 2025.

The inaugural programme was chaired by the Chief Engineer and Joint Census Commissioner, WRD, Er. K. Hutoi Sema, who appraised that the forthcoming Census Operation will be conducted completely on

mobile based apps developed by the NIC, New Delhi and NIH, Roorkee.

During the inaugural address, the Commissioner & Secretary, Water Resources and Census Commissioner, Nagaland, Gregory Thejawelie, IAS exhorted the participants and the Training of Trainers (ToTs) to be diligently and actively involved in the field operation to deliver credible data for sustainable planning of the State. He stressed upon the participants that data collection is vital for planning and formulation of schemes, for which data and information should be genuinely canvassed at field level.

Director of Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Keditsu encouraged the officials to collect data at source in the Census



Commissioner & Secretary, Gregory Thejawelie, IAS with officials and participants during the one-day State Level Training and Workshop on 7th MIC, 2nd Census of Water Bodies and 1st Spring Census with Reference Year 2022-2023 held at Water Resource Department, Kohima on 25th February 2025.

Operation.

During the technical session, SE & Nodal Officer, Er. Sobu Angami spoke on the topic 'Overview of the Censuses,' while Khriesatuo Kerets, DDS spoke on 'Village Schedule & Ground Water Schedule of 7th

MIC,' and Er. Krotso Koza, EE spoke on 'Surface Water Schedule, MIC, Water Body Schedule & Spring.' Limaasem Aier, UDA and Kashito Yeptho, LDA-cum-CA administered the Mobile Apps.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE, BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA VISITS SHAMATOR



Union Minister of State, Steel and Heavy Industries, Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma being accorded a warm welcome on his arrival at Shamator on 25th February 2025.

Union Minister of State, Steel and Heavy Industries, Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma paid a two-day visit to Shamator district from 25th to 26th February 2025, to review the socio-economic progress made by the district.

The visit assumes significance, as Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma is the first Central Minister to visit Shamator post-independence, which is located in the far eastern region of Nagaland.

During the visit, Varma reviewed the status of implementation of various developmental projects which are funded by the central government for accelerated development of the district. The Minister reviewed various projects pertaining to the PWD Department, Rural Development and the status of physical infrastructure including road connectivity.

The Minister interacted with officials from the Community Health Centre and distributed Ayushman Health Cards to the beneficiaries. He also interacted with the students and motivated them by

answering their queries and shared his experiences with the students during his visit to Government Higher Secondary School, Shamator.

The Minister interacted with the people from tribal communities - Yimkhiung, Tikhir and Sumi, and ascertained the issues pertaining to them. He highlighted that the newly formed Shamator district is a 'District of Aspirations' and urged all the communities to benefit from the inclusive policies of the

central government.

Earlier, on his arrival to the district, the Minister received a ceremonial welcome from the tribal communities of Shamator. He also participated in the community breakfast at Leangkonger village and said that Shamator district is called 'Brotherhood District' because of unity and cooperation between all the communities, and assured that he will fondly remember it. He assured that the Union Government is fully committed

to the development of the State of Nagaland, based on the needs felt by the people through inclusive policies.

The Union Minister was accompanied by Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Keoshu Yimchunger, President of Tribal Council, Thrungso, Colonel Archit Goswami, 14 Assam Rifles, District officials led by the Deputy Commissioner, Shamator and members from all the tribal communities.

CS CHALLENGES LSC CONTRACTORS TO SET A NEW BENCHMARK IN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

The NECTAR project under the Department of School Education conducted a one-day Training and Orientation on Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) for the contractors of all the sixteen (16) Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) that will be set up in sixteen districts of Nagaland. The event was held on 26th February 2025 at Japfü Hotel, Kohima.

Nagaland Chief Secretary & Chairman, Project Steering Committee, NECTAR, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, delivering the keynote address, described the project as a watershed for Nagaland. He stated that the stakes are high given the status of school education in Nagaland and the expectations from the project. Alam asserted that the various pioneering initiatives of the World Bank-supported project will serve as a model not only for Nagaland but for the rest of the country. He also mentioned that the contractors were selected on their merit, and the project is being implemented with transparency. He therefore urged them to uphold the project's standards in implementing the construction works.

Joint Secretary, DSE & Deputy Project Director, NECTAR, Avelu Ruho introduced

the scope of the NECTAR project to the contractors and their team during the welcome address. She mentioned that the concept of LSCs was envisioned during the tenure of former Principal Secretary, School Education, Menukhoh John, to address the challenges faced by government schools in Nagaland. The concept of LSCs as hub schools with modern facilities and enhanced teaching-learning practices catering to neighbouring spoke schools would elevate the state of government schools. She further stated that the setting up of LSCs is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and encouraged the construction firms to render their best services in the interest of our children's future.

Director, DoSE & Assistant Project Director, NECTAR, Razouseyi Vese stated in the opening note that the concept of a hub school with students from surrounding villages existed in the past. Such schools functioned with the active support from villagers and produced many technocrats, educators, and eminent personalities. He impressed upon the audience that there is a need to revive the past glory of government schools through the Lighthouse School

Complexes. To achieve this goal, he appealed to the contractors not to compromise on the quality of work, as it will be for the benefit of our children and our society. He also extended full support to the construction firms and urged them to ensure that the desired works are executed on time.

Experts from the Project Management

Unit conducted sessions on “Social Standards and Safeguards” and “Environmental Standards and Safeguards” highlighting the importance of adhering to the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) for minimising the negative impact of the project and maximising benefits for the community and the environment.)

LAUNCH OF THREE-DAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN KOHIMA

The three-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), organized by Swavalamban Connect Kendras in collaboration with the District Administration and various line departments, commenced successfully at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office, Kohima on 26th February 2025. With 20 aspiring entrepreneurs participating, the programme aims to equip budding entrepreneurs with essential knowledge and skills to navigate the entrepreneurial landscape and contribute to the region’s economic growth.

The event began with an introductory address by the District Centre Manager of SCK, Neiketou Theyo, followed by an overview of the EDP by Moasunep K. Jingru, EAC, Kohima. The speakers emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in driving local development and urged participants to embrace innovative ideas and think beyond conventional career paths.

The first session featured resource persons from the banking sector, including Temsu Meren, Lead District Manager (LDM), and representatives from the Agri and MSME

Credit Centre, State Bank of India- Katila Aier, Chief Manager and Ngaite, Manager. The session focused on critical financial aspects such as working capital management, understanding CIBIL scores, maintaining loan accounts, cash credit (CC) loans, term loans, and various banking services and schemes tailored for entrepreneurs. The bankers also highlighted the essential documentation required for availing credit facilities, underlining the significance of insurance, Income Tax Returns (ITR), and Goods and Services Tax (GST) compliance. They encouraged participants to utilize available financial schemes and develop sound financial management skills.

The second session was led by Keviboto Sheqi, Managing Director of Pioneer Coaching Institute. Drawing from his own entrepreneurial journey, Sheqi shared valuable insights into the challenges faced by entrepreneurs, strategic decision-making, and effective business management. He motivated the participants to overcome local barriers, think globally and seize emerging opportunities.

QCI BRINGS GUNVATTA SANKALP TO NAGALAND TO PROPEL QUALITY-BACKED GROWTH IN THE STATE

The Quality Council of India (QCI), in collaboration with the Government of

Nagaland, organized Gunvatta Sankalp Nagaland at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 27th February 2025, an initiative aimed at supporting the state's efforts in driving quality-led growth across key sectors. This one-day event served as a dynamic platform, bringing together senior government officials, industry leaders, policymakers, and experts to drive meaningful discussions and forge partnerships aimed at elevating quality standards

in Healthcare, Education & Skilling, Industry & MSMEs, and Tourism.

The inaugural session was graced by the Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, along with Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister, Kesonyu Yhome IAS, Chairperson, QCI Jaxay Shah and Secretary General, QCI Chakravarty Kannan marking the beginning of a strategic dialogue on embedding quality at the grassroot level.

Minister Temjen Imna Along in his keynote address, remarked, 'The people of Nagaland can serve as a beacon of quality for the nation. The pursuit of excellence and quality is at the heart of our progress, and Nagaland is committed to partnering in this journey. The aspirations of our common people define the quality of Nagaland and they are the true brand ambassadors of our state.'

Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam (IAS) expressed gratitude to QCI, stating that QCI's



Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along with Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, officials from QCI and others during the inaugural session of Gunvatta Sankalp held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 27th February 2025.

roadmap will further strengthen Nagaland's growth journey. He said that quality and accreditation are crucial, especially after Nagaland achieved universal healthcare, and adding that we also need credible lab testing for mines in the state, he said that QCI's expertise will support multiple sectors and accelerate our development goals.

Chairperson, QCI, Jaxay Shah emphasized the role of Gunvatta Sankalp in empowering states through quality-driven reforms, stating Nagaland is a state that values sustainability, entrepreneurship, and excellent qualities that make it a role model not only for India but for the world. He asserted that QCI firmly believe that Viksit Bharat is not possible without a Viksit Nagaland. He expressed his confidence that through the discussions at Gunvatta Sankalp, we will uncover new pathways to embed quality into Nagaland's journey towards a developed future. QCI will support, collaborate, and ensure that Nagaland's unique identity and strengths are amplified

through quality-driven initiatives, he added.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS, Secretary General, QCI Chakravarty Kannan also spoke on the occasion.

Gunvatta Sankalp Nagaland marks a crucial step in supporting and amplifying the state's efforts to strengthen quality standards across sectors. With engaging discussions, insights, and shared commitments, this initiative aims to support the government, industries, and communities in enhancing quality consciousness. Aligned with the Viksit

Bharat 2047 vision, it reinforces Nagaland's journey toward a high-quality, sustainable, and globally competitive future.

It may be mentioned that the Quality Council of India (QCI) is a premier autonomous body set up by Government of India. QCI is responsible for creating a quality mindset and envisions ensuring quality across products and services that touch every citizen. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry serves as the nodal point for QCI.

RESIDENTIAL TECHNOLOGY CLINIC FOR BAMBOO SECTOR HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Department of Industries & Commerce and Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDCL) successfully organized Residential Technology Clinic for Bamboo Sector under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performances (RAMP) Scheme. The event took place at Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Sovima, Chumoukedima, with technical support from the Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA).

The Technology Clinic was held from 24th to 27th February 2025, and brought together participants from across the state. In convergence with the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), Self-Help Group (SHG) members involved in the bamboo sector also took part in the event. The Technology Clinics successfully concluded with 40 participants in each session throughout the four-day programme.

With the themed "Innovating with Advanced Bamboo Technology," the clinic featured three sessions under the topics, Clinic 1: Bamboo Basic Course Clinic 2: Bamboo Handicraft and Utility Items

Training, and Clinic 3: Bamboo Furniture Training.

Dr. Tolto Metha, Team Member, NBDA and resource person, conducted Clinic 1, highlighting the diversity and economic potential of bamboo. He noted that Nagaland is home to 46 of India's 144 bamboo species, the highest among all the states. He emphasized the versatility of bamboo across various applications, including construction, furniture, bioethanol, ornaments etc. underscoring its transition from being called as the "poor man's timber" to "Green Gold" due to its immense economic value. The course also explored the potential of bamboo as a substitute for plastic and the importance of developing disposable bamboo products as sustainable alternatives.

Following the session, participants were taken on a guided tour of the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, where they received demonstrations on bamboo processing technologies and machinery.

Clinic 2 and Clinic 3 were led by Master Trainers, Khrolo Naro and Rouvi Chuzho. These sessions included hands-on training

where participants worked with various bamboo species using advanced machinery available at the centre.

General Manager of NIDCL, Temjenyanger Jamir addressed the participants, encouraging them to leverage the opportunities provided by the RAMP scheme. The RAMP team also delivered an overview of the scheme.

RAMP is a World Bank-supported scheme of the Government of India aimed at improving access to market, access to credit, capacity building of MSMEs, etc. As MSMEs in Nagaland continue to expand and modernize, access to advanced machinery and technology is crucial for maintaining competitiveness. The Technology Clinics under RAMP bring together leading experts and technocrats to equip entrepreneurs with

the knowledge and technical skills required for upgrading their businesses.

At the RAMP Technology Clinic, participants from various MSMEs in Nagaland gain hands-on experience with emerging technologies and advanced machinery, ensuring that they stay up to date with the latest technological advancements and remain competitive in the market.

The success of the Bamboo Technology Clinic highlights the commitment of the Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDCL) and Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA) to advancing technology and skill development in the bamboo sector, contributing to the growth of the state's economy.

PLANNING & TRANSFORMATION DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, R. RAMAKRISHNAN, IAS

Farewell programme in honour of Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, R. Ramakrishnan, IAS was held at Douluhou Garden, Billy Graham Road, Kohima on 27th February 2025.

Deputy Chief Minister, and Minister in-charge of Planning & Transformation Department and National Highways, T. R. Zeliang speaking at the programme, said that Ramakrishnan's unwavering commitment,



Deputy CM, T. R. Zeliang with retiring Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, R. Ramakrishnan, IAS and officials of Planning & Transformation Department during the farewell programme held in honour of R. Ramakrishnan at Billy Graham Road, Kohima on 27th February 2025.

dedication and ability to navigate complex challenges were instrumental in setting many of the policies and initiatives that have transformed the state. He reflected on his extraordinary contribution toward the state during his tenure and added that he was not just an officer, but a strategist, a problem solver and a relentless advocate for good governance.

Zeliang also remarked that his dedication towards public service has been unparalleled and tireless service towards the state and the public will cherish forever.

Retiring Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, R.

Ramakrishnan, IAS delivering his farewell speech, mentioned that his career achievements were made possible because of the support rendered by department officers and staff. He also wished the best for the department and urged all to continue working for the development of the state.

Short speeches were also delivered by the Secretary, Planning & Transformation and Transport Department, P. Nungsangwapang Jamir, JDC, Vilhouhunuo Sachu, Retd. Additional Development Commissioner, Nlumo Murry and Project Director, GIS, Er. Mhathung Kithan.

STATE FINANCE COMMISSION VISITS SHAMATOR

The Fourth Nagaland State Finance Commission led by Chairperson, Sarah R. Ritse, Retired Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and her team visited Shamator and convened a review meeting with District Administration, Town Councils, Public Leaders, Ward Chairmen, and representatives from government officials of PWD, PHED and Power on 27th February 2025 at DB's Hall, Shamator.

Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, Chubatemjen tabled the district urban status, after which, representatives were given time

to put up their agenda. Ward Presidents of Shamator shared the problems faced by the general public reflecting mainly on water scarcity, poor road condition, and frequent landslides. Representatives of Shamator Public Forum suggested for escalation of fund for expansion of roads, culvert and drainage.

The Departments of Public Health Engineering, Power and PWD also reported the status of their ongoing projects and problems faced by the departments.

DIPR CONDUCTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON TUBERCULOSIS

As part of the ongoing "TB Free Nagaland" campaign launched by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, an awareness programme was held on 27th February 2025 at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima.

The programme which was attended by the officials and staff of the Department

concluded with a "TB Mukht Bharat" pledge taking ceremony administered by Joint Director, IPR, Simon Teilia. This initiative aims to not only educate the public about the infectious nature of the disease and the steps to prevent its spread but also combat the stigma associated with the disease.

A significant component of the campaign focuses on dispelling myths and

misconceptions about TB. It highlights key preventive measures like respiratory hygiene - to cover the mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, to avoid spitting in public places, proper sputum disposal, and maintaining well-ventilated living spaces.

The campaign also emphasizes the importance of completing the full course of Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS), reassuring the public that TB patients are no longer infectious after two weeks of treatment. Furthermore, a toll-free Ni-Kshay Helpline (1800-11-6666) is available for individuals seeking information or support. This message aims to reassure the public and encourage compassionate support for individuals undergoing treatment.

The campaign focuses on early detection

and stresses that Cough is not the only symptom of TB but there are other equally important signs, including fever, chest pain, swelling in the neck or armpits, sudden physical changes, sudden weight loss, cough with mucus, blood in sputum and night sweats. Early detection is crucial for effective treatment and preventing further spread of the disease.

The awareness programme comes at a crucial time as Nagaland strives to meet the national target of eliminating TB by 2025. The success of the Tuberculosis elimination programme hinges on collective effort, public awareness and participation, preventive measures, and tackling the stigma associated with the disease, thereby ensuring a healthier future for Nagaland.

NAGALAND CINEFEST 2025 HELD AT KOHIMA

The Nagaland CineFest 2025 commenced on 28th February 2025 at the Heritage, Kohima, organised by the Department of Information & Public

Relations, in association with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) under the theme, "Celebrating



A conversation with Bendang Walling, LC Sekhose, Khrievilie Suohumvü, Kikru Neikha and Mr. Smile at the CineConnect session on the first day of Nagaland CineFest 2025 held at Heritage, Kohima on 28th February 2025.

Stories, Inspiring Minds.” The two-day festival was inaugurated by the Advisor to the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha as the special guest.

Stating that the dynamics of film industry in India has completely changed, Abu Metha said that the power of social media, OTT platform and digitalisation of the world has democratised the film industry, allowing filmmakers and content creators to reach every corner of the globe within a matter of seconds, so also, allowing people to strive for their dreams and aspirations. He advised the gathering to use social media positively to empower oneself, while also understanding its responsibilities.

Metha also assured that the State Government is carrying out exercise to map the creative economy of the State. Festivals like the CineFest Nagaland 2025, films, cinema, sport, music, dance, entertainment etc. are all part of the creative economy, ensuring that there is no drain of talent for the State, and that young people have gainful careers in their State. He added that the State Government will be closely working with the Department of Information & Public Relations so that there will be more and bigger festivals related to films and cinema in the Hornbill Festival. He added that the State Government will collaborate with Ministries, Foreign Embassies/Governments and engage the real stakeholders of the film industry - filmmakers, actors etc. to design, formulate, and guide the planning process.

Stating that Nagaland, in the past decades, has been known for all the wrong reasons, be it violence, insurgency, instability, social turmoil, Abu Metha emphasized that our stories and the journey

to the dreams and aspirations of the Naga people must be told in a different narrative - to be told through the creative and innovative minds of the people, so that our struggles will be better appreciated and understood, and that the global community will be more positive in understanding us. He reiterated that our stories have to be told through films, documentaries, songs, dances etc. and appealed to the young audience to imagine, dream, tell stories to the world.

Earlier, emphasising on the impact of films, Joint Secretary, Information & Public Relations, Kusa Fithu said that film festivals such as the Nagaland CineFest celebrate diversity and serves as a hub for networking and collaboration. Kusa expressed hope that the Nagaland CineFest 2025 will not only entertain but help to educate and inspire emerging and aspiring filmmakers, actors, producers and film enthusiasts to showcase their work, engage in discussions and celebrate the art of filmmaking.

The first day of the festival featured masterclasses on “The evolution of film editing: cinema to digital age,” - A historical journey through major editing techniques innovations by Moses Mark, Singapore, and ‘Nagaland, New Horizons’ by Bendang Walling. Another highlight of the day was CineConnect- A conversation with Bendang Walling, LC Sekhose, Khrievilie Suohumvü, Kikru Neikha and Mr. Smile. Films such as Eleison (Have Mercy) - directed by Raymond Colney (Mizoram), Chanchisoa (Expectation) - directed by Elvachisa Sangma (Meghalaya) and Paper Airplanes - directed by Moses Marks (Singapore) were screened on the first day of the festival.

The two-day festival will showcase a diverse range of films, highlighting both local and national talent.

COMMERCIAL MEETING OF AKASHVANI NORTHEAST ZONE HELD AT KOHIMA

A two-day Programme & Commercial Meeting of All Akashvani Stations in the Northeast Zone commenced on 27th February 2025 at Hotel Japfü, Kohima, which was hosted by Akashvani Kohima. The meeting brought together Heads of Programmes (HOP) and commercial representatives from across the region to discuss strategies for content enhancement and commercial development.

Ashish Bhatnagar, Additional Director General (Administration & Broadcast Operation, Content-Operations), Akashvani, Northeast Zone, Guwahati presided over the first meeting aimed at refining programming strategies and improving audience engagement. Addressing the gathering, Bhatnagar emphasized the need for creative programming, increased audience participation, and the enrichment of localized content to enhance the reach

and influence of public broadcasting in the region. Discussions also covered operational challenges and collaborative approaches to elevate the quality of programming across Akashvani stations in the Northeast.

The second day of the meeting, held on 28th February 2025 was graced by the presence of Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur, Director General of Akashvani, New Delhi. The discussions focused on commercial development strategies, including revenue generation, sponsorship acquisition, and leveraging modern broadcasting techniques to expand Akashvani's audience base.

This high-level meeting marks a concerted effort to drive innovation and sustainability in public broadcasting, ensuring that Akashvani continues to serve as a vital source of information and entertainment for audiences across the Northeast.

MINISTER G. KAITO AYE LAUNCHES OMIS

Minister for PWD (R&B), G Kaito Aye officially launched the Online Management and Information System (OMIS) at Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 28th February 2025.

Minister Kaito sharing his thoughts at the event, said launching of the OMIS platform marks a significant leap forward for steadfast commitment to modern governance, transparency and excellence in public infrastructure development. He added that the Department proudly introduces the digital platform for efficient, accountable and citizen-centric service delivery.

Kaito remarked that the cornerstone of the OMIS is its emphasis on public engagement; where for the first time, citizens of Nagaland can access real-time updates on

the status of the roads and infrastructure. He also stated that the open-access model will foster trust between the government and the people, empowering citizens to stay informed about developmental initiatives in their communities. He said that the initiative also aligns with national goals, such as the Digital India Mission, reinforcing Nagaland's role as a proactive participant in India's digital transformation journey.

Commissioner & Secretary Works & Housing Department, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS highlighted some key feature of the OMIS. Engineer in-Chief, NPWD, Er. P. I. Imna Ao gave a brief introduction to OMIS and Nodal Officer, OMIS, Er. Imnameren E.E. provided hands-on demonstration on the OMIS portal.

NDRF PERSONNEL SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES FAMILIARISATION EXERCISE (FAMEX) IN NAGALAND

The 12th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) successfully conducted and culminated its Familiarisation Exercise (FAMEX) for Nagaland State at its last district, Zunheboto on 28th February 2025. In the last demonstration, comprehensive earthquake rescue awareness programme at enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities among key stakeholders and the public was staged at Government College, Zunheboto.

As part of the State Touring initiative, NDRF personnel carried out specialized rescue techniques including search-and-rescue operations, victim evacuation, and first-aid administration across the state. These exercises were designed to provide

practical training and equip participants with critical life-saving skills essential for effective emergency response during seismic events, official stated.

At Zunheboto, the event was witnessed by district administrative officials, police personnel, Heads of Offices and students, who actively engaged in the programme. During the winding up programme, touring officials emphasized the importance of community readiness and a well-coordinated response to minimize casualties and damage in earthquake-prone regions.

Later, an interactive session was held, allowing participants to engage with NDRF experts on disaster mitigation strategies, the use of emergency equipment, and best practices in crisis management.

NSHRC CHAIRPERSON, JUSTICE SONGKHUPCHUNG SERTO VISITS ZUNHEBOTO DISTRICT

The Chairperson of Nagaland State Human Rights Commission (NSHRC), Justice Songkhupchung Serto along with his team reached Zunheboto district on 28th February 2025.

During his visit to the Government Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto, Serto took stock of the ongoing school building construction and further proceeded to an interaction with SMDC and teaching faculty where, he was apprised of school details and grievances by the school administration. Serto, in his address to the school authority, said that a teacher's job, though may not be acknowledged so, is a noble service and is one of the prime contributors in building, developing and growing of everything thing. He added that if Nagaland wishes to be known as developed state in the future, it has

to be through education. Interacting with the teaching faculty, Serto described that all children are differently abled, and has to be moulded accordingly.

Principal of GHSS, in his honorary address, acknowledged the team's visit to the school as monumental and the school is deeply honoured to host a guest of his stature, which is the first of its kind, he added.

The NSHRC team also visited District Hospital Zunheboto, District Jail and Police Station. The Chairperson held a meeting with Zunheboto District Administration and line departments and concluded his programme with a meeting with the judicial officers.

NSHRC Chairperson and the touring team also visited Satakha town on 27th February 2025.

5th EDITION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025 AT CHANGTONGYA

The 5th Edition of Inter-Departmental Football Tournament 2025 under Changtongya Sub-Division, Mokokchung district started on 5th February 2025 at Changtongya Local Ground, organised by Sub-Divisional Departmental Co-ordination Forum (SDDCF), Changtongya under the chairmanship of SDO (C) Changtongya, C. Wangan. Altogether, 24 government departments under Changtongya Sub-Division participated in the tournament.

The event was graced by Major Kapil Pal, DELTA COB Commander, 12th AR as the special guest in the inaugural programme.

In his welcome address, C. Wangan mentioned that the main objective of the tournament is to foster understanding, co-operation and co-ordination among all the government departments under Changtongya Sub-division.



Major Kapil Pal, DELTA COB Commander 12 AR greeting the players during the 5th Edition of Inter-Departmental Football Tournament 2025 held at Local Ground, Changtongya on 5th February 2025.

TRAINING ON ONLINE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM OF BIRTHS & DEATHS HELD

TUENSANG:

The 2nd Phase of Online Training on Registration of Birth and Death was held

at ETC Hall Tuensang on 5th February 2025, organised by the Office of the District Economic and Statistical Officer (DESO),

Economics & Statistical Officer, Nzanbemo Kithan with DESO Tuensang, P. Shokum and participants during the 2nd phase of training on Online Registration of Birth and Death held at ETC Hall, Tuensang on 5th February 2025.



Tuensang.

P. Shokum, DESO, Tuensang gave a brief introductory note about the training programme. The training session was conducted by Resource Person, Nzanbemo Kithan, Economic and Statistical Officer, who spoke on the importance of registration of birth and death, procedure for Online Registration of Birth and Death and Civil Registration System (CRS).

Altogether, 90 participants attended the training programme.

WOKHA:

A training session on the 'Online Civil Registration System of Births & Deaths' was held on 6th February 2025 at the Office of the District Economic and Statistical Officer (DESO), Wokha with Chonbeni Oren Patton, ESO, Kohima as the resource person.

The resource person and master trainer highlighted the importance of digital registration, emphasizing on how the world is seen rapidly becoming digitalized and

the need to keep up with this progress. She also highlighted the digitalization of civil registration processes and pointed out that online registration in Nagaland is currently below 1%, placing the state far behind others. Therefore, she urged the participants to stay focused and actively engage in the workshop. She also mentioned that the first phase of implementation has been completed.

DESO, Wokha, R. Thsanso in his closing remarks, commended Wokha for its high performance compared to other districts and emphasized that the training is a crucial government policy. He also explained what a User ID is and its role in the system. He thanked the representatives from various villages for attending and expressed hope that they would utilize the training for enhancing the service system through digital means, eliminating the need for lengthy and costly trips to town. He also urged everyone to visit the office if they encounter any issues or require assistance.

WILDLIFE WING OFFICE NEEDED FOR BHANDARI: MLA ACHUMBEMO KIKON

MLA and Chairman, SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon said Bhandari sub-division is a pocket to big number of wild elephants and needs a Wildlife Wing Office to help manage elephant menace and reduce man-elephant conflicts. He said this during the monthly SDPDB meeting of Bhandari held on 7th February 2025.

Lack of manpower in the forest department offices of the sub-division to man a large area is also another concern, Achumbemo Kikon added. While reviewing the previous meeting minutes, he emphasized that requisition of land for construction of the proposed Bhandari sub-division Office

Complex will be done as outright purchase, and that purchase of land will be done under the existing government rate for which the matter will be highlighted to the higher up. He also noted that the public should be well informed that the initiative will not only help expand the town area but will also be convenient for the departmental offices as well as the general public.

Kikon also lauded the Bhandari sub-division based departmental heads, led by ADC Bhandari, for carrying out village co-ordination tour of the sub-division whereby interactions were held with the Village Councils and village functionaries through

which, they assessed how they function and also take stock of grievances faced by the villages.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, Longasen Lotha also informed the board that construction of the office of SDO (Civil) Ralan, has begun on the purchased of a plot of land at Ralan.

The board discussed on revocation of decision of downgrading GMS Yampha to GPS, utilization of VDB fund in the villages to enhance transparency and developmental initiatives, attendance in the SDPDB meeting by the departmental officers posted within the sub-division in order to strengthen

participation for policy making, additional requirement of Police Out-posts in some strategic sites along the border areas of the sub-division to check border related issues and maintain public safety.

The board also deliberated on the matter of geotagging, stating that GPS coordination shows various areas of Bhandari sub-division under the jurisdiction of Assam, and constitution of Rural Empowerment and Economic Development (REED) Welfare Society.

Health & Family Welfare and Power Departments highlighted their ongoing activities in the sub-division.

EAC, SHAMATOR VISITS SOTOKUR CIRCLE TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND HEALTH INITIATIVES

EAC, Shamator, Mekato J. Aye communities, focusing on education, visited Sotokur Circle to engage with local health, and gender equality. During his



EAC, Shamator, Mekato J. Aye with village functionaries during his visit to Sotokur Circle to promote education and health care initiatives on 7th February 2025.

visit on 7th February 2025, Aye toured the Community Health Centre and schools in Kuthur and Sotokur, where he highlighted the importance of girl child enrollment in schools, and celebrated 10 years of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative with a tree plantation drive. Aye interacted with the school authorities and students. Discussions centered on improving educational outcomes

and increasing support for female students.

In a separate meeting with the Village Councils, Aye collaborated with the Community Health Officer (CHO) to organize health awareness programmes, focusing on menstrual hygiene. As a part of the health initiative, Aye presented infant health care kits to support community well-being.

ROAD SAFETY SEMINAR HELD AT MON

Mon District Road Safety Committee organized a Seminar on Road safety 2025 on 8th February 2025 at Town Council Hall, Mon with the theme, 'Parwaah Kareng, Surakshit Rahenge (We Care, We Protect).' Pakon Phom, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mon graced the programme as a special guest.

The special guest highlighted that the aim is to promote awareness about road safety and reduce the alarming number of road accidents. He urged the participants to be more careful and be well aware of the traffic rules.

Kanchan Kumar Kandpal (IPS), Superintendent of Police, Mon & Member, DRSC explained about Traffic Rules and

its the importance. He stated that a simple mistake will lead to serious causes, and encouraged the participants to be well prepared and secure one's own life and also others.

In the Technical Session, Khongwang, Officer In-charge of Traffic, Mon shared the importance of wearing seat belts and helmets. He also cautioned against the usage of Mobile Phones while driving, and not to misuse Driving License. Khoatun, ARSEI explained on MV Acts & Rules, while Birimong, MVI shared on Traffic Sign, Engo, ARTO spoke on Fines & Penalties and Chemkhah, LDA spoke on Good Samaritan, Hit & Run Case & Insurance.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 10th February 2025 under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, DPDB, Zunheboto, Er. Picto Shohe.

While addressing the meeting, Picto Shohe appealed to all the responsible Heads of Offices to serve the district with sincerity and regularly attend the board meetings. He requested the members to be vigil in

development aspects towards Atoizu while highlighting that Atoizu is till date, without bus services, though it is one of the earliest sub-divisions in the state. He further appealed to the concerned departments for improvement of roadways in the area keeping in mind the presence of Khelhoshe Polytechnic at Asukuto town.

The President, ZRSU expressed his concern regarding poor attendance of some of the officials in the district during their survey in the offices, and appealed to all

Heads of Offices to be stationed to their respective place of posting for the welfare of the district. The lack of sincerity by some officers is of grave concern and needs to be addressed at the earliest, he added.

Further, discussing on an agenda submitted by the Chairman for creation of AHO/Horticulture Office at Atoizu, where the land for establishment of the office is already

donated but the office is yet to be processed, the board members after deliberation, forwarded the applications for creation of AHO at Atoizu, and maintenance of roads from Asukuto-Akuluto via Khitsakita for further procedures.

Executive Engineer, Power Department presented the departmental activities.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at DPDB Hall, Phek on 10th February 2025 under the chairmanship of Advisor for New & Renewal Energy, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

The meeting discussed and deliberated on the importance of upgradation and improvement of approach road to Phek Government College at Phek. Advisor Z. Nyusietho and Minister, Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye asked AUDA, Department of Urban Development Phek, and Chairman, Phek Town Council to take initiative for improvement of the college road as per necessity at the earliest.

Addressing the DPDB meeting, K.G.

Kenye urged upon the members, particularly heads of the offices, to enforce work culture in the offices. He also acknowledged his commendation for Meluri becoming full-fledged district of the State.

Proposal for new registration of society in respect of Entrepreneur Reformation Company Limited Chozuba town and Educare Society, Pfutsero were discussed and forwarded to the concerned authority for approval.

Detailed departmental activities and achievements were presented by Enyiwekha Wezah, DFO (Forest), Phek and Dr. Vethihulu, Department of Health & Family Welfare.

CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held on 10th February 2025 at DPDB Conference Hall, Chumoukedima under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio.

The Chairman pointed that, with the support of Chief Minister, Chumoukedima district is getting importance towards infrastructure development, and urged all

district officers to put up their proposal whether it be post creation, construction of staff quarters or any requirement of land.

The meeting reviewed the previous meeting agenda on Registration of Yeknak Society, Thilixu Village where the board decided to recommend the society for registration to the government. On issues of Chathe Riverbed Mining, the board highlighted on the urgent action for preserving Chathe river and came up with a

decision to have a consultative meeting with the village councils and also suggested to make a documentary in Nagamese to create awareness on how it has affected the quality of water for drinking and other essential purposes due to river bed mining, excavation, waste dumping and road cutting.

Other agenda discussed were speed regulation on National Highway within Chumoukedima district, where issues related to safety was taken up by the District Road safety Committee and the board suggested that parking on the roadside should be stopped, speed limit to maintained

and parking of heavy vehicles should be prohibited. The board also discussed and approved to recommend the proposal for the creation of a separate Project Director of DRDA. It also deliberated on the need for State Disaster Response Force personnel, and proposal for creation of one post of Revenue Officer under Chumoukedima District Administration.

Another agenda suggested by the Chairman was to propose a Fire Service Station in Medziphema town under Chumoukedima district.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Dimapur held its first meeting of the year on 11th February 2025 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur. The meeting was chaired by H. Tovihoto Ayemi, Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election, with Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Dimapur,

initiating the discussions.

Ayemi while recognizing that some officers had other commitments, encouraged more sincerity in attendance, particularly among senior officers, to ensure effective coordination and progress. He expressed his appreciation for their role and looked forward to their contributions. He also



Dimapur DPDB meeting being held at DC's Office Conference Hall, Dimapur on 11th February 2025.

thanked all officers and board members for their dedication and hard work toward the district's development.

Ayemi emphasized the importance of active participation in DPDB meetings and urged district heads to attend regularly, highlighting that their insights and inputs were crucial in shaping Dimapur's growth. He also encouraged members to engage actively in discussions and share their views for a productive session.

The key agenda discussed during the meeting were: The board agreed to change the location for the Iconic Project under Dimapur-I A/C, and the proposal was forwarded for further approval from the Government. With regard to Registrations of Society, Jingkhu Welfare Society and Word of Faith Ministry were approved and forwarded to the concerned department for approval.

The expansion of the road at West Yard Colony between Hokishe Sema Road and Marwari Patti Road was also discussed and it was decided that the administration will write to the Army authorities at Rangapahar regarding the matter.

The board decided that DPDB meetings

will be held on the 20th of every month. If the date falls on a holiday, the meeting will take place on the next working day.

The board also discussed the shortage of non-judicial stamps in Dimapur affecting the public, especially the students. It was highlighted that although there are 55-56 licensed vendors, many do not have proper shops, leading to frequent shortages in the market. To address this, the district administration will conduct surprise inspections to ensure vendors operate from their designated locations. Additionally, the board discussed the possibility of making non-judicial stamps available digitally to ease accessibility for the public.

The Transport Department delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key safety initiatives.

The meeting concluded with discussions on streamlining the distribution process of non-judicial stamps and ensuring strict compliance with licensing regulations. The renaming of St. Anthony's School to Potentia School, Nagarjan, Dimapur, and registration of Tsunshiso Cultural Society was deferred to the next meeting.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Wokha was held on 11th February 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Wokha.

The following agenda were discussed and approved: With regard to status of Wokha- Bokajan road, DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar IAS informed that the road has been non-operational for the past last two years. In this regard, Executive Engineer, Roads & Bridges, Baghty informed the board that

the road along this stretch has been severely cut off in two locations and in this matter, estimates and proposal have already been submitted to higher authority for sanction for restoration of the said road. The board after deliberation, requested the concerned department to take follow-up action to ensure that sanctioned is being made for restoration of the road.

District TB Officer, Wokha highlighted about the various campaign activities in regard to Elimination of TB Programme/100

days TB Campaign and intensive campaign to accelerate TB case detection, reduce mortality and prevent new cases through TB burden in stratified approach undertaken in the district.

In regard to river rafting & kayaking/ canoeing sports to be taken up in Doyang and Youth Advisory Counsel (YAC) to be implemented and launched at Wokha district which was presented by District Youth Resource & Sports Officer (DYRO), the DC requested the DYRO to prepare a draft proposal and modalities and present in the next DPDB meeting for approval.

The DC while presenting the draft vision

document of banana, said a copy of the same is already being circulated, and requested all the members to give suggestion and inputs to be included in the draft documents before finalisation.

PowerPoint presentation was also delivered by the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Department of Power. Reacting on the presentation made by DFO (Fisheries). Mhathung Yanthan asked the DFO to prepare a proposal for restoration of the Ice Plan located at Doyang, as it remains un-operational since its installation way back in 2012.

NH 129A PACKAGE-1 OF PEREN TOWN FACILITATION MEETING HELD

The facilitation meeting for National Highway 129 A Package-1 Peren Town portion was held at Town Hall, Peren on 11th February 2025. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Planning & Transformation and National Highways, Government of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang graced the facilitation meeting as the honoured guest.

Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang stated the importance of good roads, and encouraged the public to co-operate with the District Administration and to settle the damage compensation at the earliest. Zeliang also informed that the Technical Evaluation is under process at NHIDCL Headquarter and four firms have participated in the bidding, and that the period for completion would be 18 months from the appointed date. The successful implementation of this project will change the face of Peren town.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru, NCS said that good roads will promote development and progress in the region. He encouraged the Peren town public leaders to

have regular and timely meetings in order to give their support in the process of work development and to assist the workers.

In the meeting, short speeches were delivered by Machi Reunim, President of Peren Town Youth Organization on behalf of the affected owners, Hairiesong Siang, Liamchu Hega, Chairman of Peren Village Council, Gaigwang Hegeu, Convenor (JAC) Pelingrangle, President of Peren Town Women Welfare Organisation and Mireulung Sephe, Chairperson of Peren Town Council. The landowners and the affected landowners openly declared that they are willing to co-operate and give their land for the welfare of the public.

Deputy General Manager (Projects), NHIDCL, PMU-Dimapur, Anand Kumar, highlighting the project of NH 129A Package-1 of Peren Town Portion, stated that 129A Peren to Dimapur section starts from Dzukou River Steel Bridge (Manipur) border to 7th Mile Chumukedima, a total length of approximately 81 Km, divided into six packages. He stated that the project has

been conceived with the aim to provide good quality highway. He added that the National Highway 129A will serve as an alternate route to Manipur connecting Nagaland. Anand

Kumar highlighted that the Project Cost of 129A Package--1 Peren Town Portion is Rs. 106.32 crore.

NTCP ZUNHEBOTO UNIT LAUNCHES PROHIBITION DRIVE

National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Zunheboto unit initiated a full scale checking of prohibited tobacco products, mainly targeting vicinity of educational institutions on 12th February 2025. The drive was carried under COPTA 2003, which prohibits advertisement and regulation of Trade and Commerce Acts under Section 6(b), which further prohibits sale of tobacco products within 100 meters of educational institutions.

The drive was collaborated with and followed physically by District Administration officials led by EAC, Zunheboto, Tsoinchu Sangtam, Dobashis, Police personnel under SP's Office, Zunheboto, Officials from Zunheboto Range Students' Union (ZRSU), Sumi Youth Organisation (SYO) and No Tobacco Club Zunheboto. The seized products were later disposed off as per the department's proposed disposal system.

SEMINAR ON BBBP HELD AT NIULAND

A seminar on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was conducted at Government High School Nito under Niuland district on 18th February 2025, with Alovika Swu, Assistant Commandant of 12th NAP (IR) Battalion as the resource person.

Alovika Swu spoke on cyber security,

POCSO Act and other laws on women and child. Later, Swu also held a close interaction with the students.

EAC, Niuland, Kelengunuo Solo briefed the students on the implementation of Mission Shakti in the district.

TRAINING FOR ANGANWADI WORKERS/ANGANWADI HELPERS HELD AT SHAMATOR

Shamator District Social Welfare Department, ICDS Project organized Orientation/Refresher Training for Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers on 12th February 2025 at Cultural Hall, Shamator.

The programme began with the introduction of the training by CDPO & DNO, Shamator, M. Lakiumong Yimchunger and CDPO, Chessore, N. L. Tangsoi.

Resource persons were the Supervisor and Senior Supervisor of the Department. Topics discussed were on 'Nutrition Delivery in Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0,' 'Aadhaar enrollment of children,' 'Importance of pre-school and job responsibilities of Anganwadi Helpers.'

All the Anganwadi workers of Shamator district participated in the training/ orientation programme.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN ON BBBP HELD AT SHAMATOR

On account of the 10 years celebration of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme, a signature campaign was held at the Office of the SDO (C), Shamator on 12th February 2025.

Officials from World Bank, Junko Onishi, ProgrammeLead of World Bank for

Northeast Region and Hill States, Deputy Project Director NECTAR, Avelu Ruho and SDO (C), Athrong took part in the signature campaign. The village functionaries under Chessore sub-division, Shamator also participated in the signature campaign.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING HELD AT AGHUNATO

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aghunato, D. Robin convened a co-ordination meeting of all Heads of Offices under Aghunato Sub-division, Civil Societies Organisations (CSOs) and church leaders on 13th February 2025 at the ADC's Office chamber, Aghunato, Zunheboto.

ADC, D. Robin chairing the meeting, focussed on deliberating various matters pertaining to the welfare of Aghunato Sub-division and for the welfare of its citizens. Key agenda like shortage of teachers at

government Schools, sanitation, drug menace and other important issues were discussed. The ADC further called upon all concerned to extend fullest support and co-operation for the welfare and upliftment of the area people.

The meeting was attended by police personnel, Chairperson of Aghunato Town Council accompanied by its Councillors, Dobashis, Gaoburas, civil societies organisations and church leaders.

SANITATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT ATOIZU

The Atoizu Town Council (ATC) organized an Awareness Programme

on Sanitation at DBs Hall, Atoizu under Zunheboto on 13th February 2025.



ADC & Executive Officer, ATC, Nukutulu S.Venuh with officials during the awareness programme on sanitation held at DB's Hall, Atoizu on 13th February 2025.

Kitoli Naje, Chairperson, ATC, delivering the keynote address, highlighted the council's commitment to cleanliness and environmental responsibility.

Short speeches were presented by Nukutulu S Venuh, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Executive Officer, ATC, Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak P, EAC, Atoizu, and Ivuka Z. Katty, Deputy Chairman, ATC.

The speakers stressed on the need for active community participation in maintaining sanitation standards.

Various stakeholders, including GBs, church leaders, PHC staff, and representatives from STL, SUAT, and ARSU, attended the programme, reaffirming their commitment to a cleaner Atoizu.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Tseminyu district was held on 13th February 2025 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, DPDB Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb.

The meeting commenced with review of the last meeting minutes, where the board discussed on requisition of 2 (two) MTS at District Sericulture Office Tseminyu, 1(one) caretaker (MTS) at Aghonshu Tourism Camp for Department of Tourism and 2 (two) MTS and a driver at DC's Office, Tseminyu.

Power Department presented the

activities of the department. The Chairman urged the department to come out with the proposal for upgrading the activities of the department in the district. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services also presented their activities, to which the Chairman encouraged the department to be proactive in supplying and providing the items according to number of village population.

During the meeting, the Chairman mentioned that Rengma Pani is under Tseminyu district and there is no dispute from any source.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 13th February 2025, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Chairman DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom at DPDB Hall, Longleng.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board discussed and deliberated on the following agenda and forwarded it to the concerned department for approval by the Government - Change of village name of Alayong to Alayung was recommended and forwarded for approval, shortage of

teachers in Government Middle Schools and Government High Schools under Longleng district was discussed at length. Senior SDEO, Longleng submitted the list of teacher shortage in different stream/subject to the board, after which the board agreed to forward the matter to the higher-ups.

The DC informed the board to prepare the list of the departments for PowerPoint presentation during the DPDB meeting from March 2025 till November 2025. The board constituted a committee headed by SDO (C) as Convener, and the DSO (Sports),

Additional SP, EE PWD (R&B) and DLRSO as the members for the Inter-Department Tournament. The DC also urged those departments who are yet to shift their office at the new sites, to shift with immediate effect after consultation with their department

higher-ups. In this regard, the board also decided to write to the concerned department for necessary action.

The District Jail Longleng presented their departmental activities in the meeting.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON FINANCIAL LITERACY HELD AT AGHUNATO

A Financial Literacy Awareness programme for the government employees under Aghunato ADC Sub-division was organised by the State Bank of India (SBI) Aghunato Branch for salary package account holders under Aghunato Sub-division, held at Aghunato Town Hall on 13th February 2025.

The resource persons for the event, Onisumus Paokome, CM (Deposit & VAS) and Tendikongba Ozukum, Deputy

Manager (CSO) appraised the gathering about the varieties of package offered by SBI including the corporate salary package, state government package and defence salary package, unlimited & free ATM transactions, insurance and benefits of salary package accounts offered by the SBI.

ADC, Aghunato D. Robin urged the gathering to avail maximum benefits and opportunities provided by the SBI.

DISTRICT-LEVEL WATERSHED YATRA HELD

MOKOKCHUNG:

The District-Level Watershed Yatra in Mokokchung district, organized by the Land Resources Department was held at Yimchalu Village Community Hall, Mokokchung on 14th February 2025. The event aims to promote awareness and participation in watershed development and land conservation initiatives

In her keynote address, Sentinungla, District Project Officer (DPO), LRD described the yatra as a pilgrimage, aiming to create mass awareness and encourage public participation in land and water conservation. She highlighted the importance of preventing migration due to water scarcity and urged the community to implement trenches, tanks, and water conservation structures to recharge land and maintain soil fertility for

future generations.

Land and Water Conservation Pledge was administered by Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Thsüvisie Phoiji who also delivered a special guest address. The DC pointed out that less than 50% of the rural population is engaged in agricultural work, with most focusing on plantations. He posed the question of whether this shift indicated progression or degradation. He emphasized that Nagaland's favourable climate conditions and Yimchalu's abundant water sources should be harnessed for sustainable development. Acknowledging water scarcity issues in Mokokchung and other major headquarters in the state, he stressed the need for collective action to conserve and protect water resources.

The event featured several activities,

including a short play performed by the Music & Drama Committee of Eden Academy, Mokokchung. A knowledge-sharing session, Watershed Ki Paathshala was conducted by Ruokuosietuo Dzüvichu, DSCO, Mokokchung, and B. Imti Tzudir, District Agriculture Officer, Mokokchung. The yatra also included various competitions and exhibitions such as a painting competition themed “Save Trees, Save Earth,” a quiz competition, and a display and sale of SHG products. Other activities included a van activity (AR) and Shramdaan efforts focused on Coffee Bush Management at a coffee plantation site by the Yimchalu Watershed Committee.

The event concluded with the Lokarpan (Handing Over) Phase, where assets such as the Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) and a Water Reservoir Tank were handed over by the DPO, LRD, Mokokchung.

The District Level Watershed Yatra was also successfully conducted at Wameken village under Mokokchung district on 15th February 2025. Highlight of the event was the Land and Water Conservation Pledge administered by Block Development Officer Tuli, Aienla Jamir, felicitation of the Watershed Committee by the DPO, LRD, knowledge-sharing session on watershed management by SDAO, Tuli, Temjentoshi and BDO Tuli, Aienla jamir, quiz competition, van activity (AR), and display and sale of SHG products. The day ended with Shramdaan activities focused on soil and moisture conservation works near the Watershed Site, led by the Wameken Watershed Committee.

The Watershed Yatra was also held at Anakiyimesen Village, Mokokchung on 17th February 2025. The Land and Water Conservation Pledge was administered by the SDO (Civil) & Border Magistrate, Tuli, Nukshimatong. Activities such as the

display and sale of Self-Help Group (SHG) products, showcasing local craftsmanship and entrepreneurship were carried out. Shramdaan activities were also carried out with the Anakiyimsen Watershed Committee engaging in soil and moisture conservation works near the watershed site.

WOKHA:

The Department of Land Resources organised a three day awareness campaign on Watershed Yatra at Lakhuti village, Akuk village and Sanis town under Wokha district from 10th to 12th February 2025. The objective of conducting the campaign was to generate people's participation and raise awareness about watershed development activities under the Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0 (WDC-PMKSY 2.0).

Painting competition and quiz competition were also conducted during the three day awareness campaign in all the locations. The painting competition was held under the theme “Natural resource Conservation,” “Water Conservation” and “Save Tree, Save Earth.” The campaign also witnessed Shramdaan activities like spring rejuvenation works, bush management and soil conservation work at coffee farm and soil and moisture conservation works & weed management at coffee farm, which was demonstrated by Lakhuti Watershed Committee, Akuk and Sanis Watershed Committee respectively. The closing phase (Lokarpan) handing over assets such as Water Harvesting Structure machineries was carried out by DPO, Land Resources, Wokha, Puthuto Natso.

ZUNHEBOTO:

District Level Watershed Yatra
(Campaign) PMKSY-WDC 2.0 under

Department of Land Resources, initiated under the aegis of Rural Development Ministry, Government of India reached Surumi village, Zunheboto district on 20th February 2025.

Consultant, DoLR, RD, Ministry GoI, Devendra Singh Dhapola, while addressing the campaign held at Surumi Village Community Hall, highlighted on the main purposes and objectives of the Yatra, which are to create awareness and disseminate information about the responsibilities of maintaining our environment for the future. He further added that the programme was earlier inaugurated on 5th February 2025 by Minister for Rural Development & Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, at Delhi for all the states in India for 60 days, and a 20-day Yatra

specifically for Nagaland.

Devendra Singh Dhapola urged the people to learn how to conserve rainwater and stressed that JJM and Watershed are directly or indirectly linked with each other. He also encouraged coffee plantation as a potential livelihood and cash crop and urged the state to open a Nagaland Coffee Cafe in Delhi to promote and boost the economy.

Additional Director, LRD, Hekato N, Speaker from ATMA, Dr. Hutoka Jakha, District Project Officer, Land Resources, Zunheboto, I. Acato Chishi also spoke on the occasion. The event witnessed folk song performances by Surumi GBs and coffee planters, street plays by the Mushroom Group and SHG Surumi Village. The programme concluded with a Van Activity (AR Experience) and Shramdaan activities.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

Shamator DPDB meeting was convened on 14th February 2025 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, Chubatemjen.

During the meeting, the Board approved various agenda such as: proposal for construction of DC Bungalow, restoration of

Circular Road from PHED Ward-St. Xavier Colony to NAP Ward, proposal for New Police Outpost at Yakor village jurisdiction, registration of Labour & Skill Welfare Society and Shojang Welfare Society, and proposal for construction of New BDO Office and Quarter at RD Block Shamator.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 14th February 2025 at Deputy Commissioners' Conference Hall, Mon under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the DC introduced the application received from Aboi Area Students' Union for the up-gradation of Science Stream in GHSS

Aboi, to which, the members unanimously agreed and forwarded to the concerned department for approval.

The board discussed the upgradation of SDO (C) Angjyang to ADC Hq. The board also recommended registration of the Mon District Athletics Association and Angjang Consortium Society after all relevant documents were found to be correct and complete.

NIULAND DPDB MEETING REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND APPROVES NEW INITIATIVES

Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Niuland on 14th February 2025 under the chairmanship of the Minister for PHED and Co-operation and Chairman, DPDB, Jacob Zhimomi.

The meeting reviewed the minutes of the previous session and deliberated on the construction of an office building for the Department of Land Resources. Key decisions included the approval for constructing a Multipurpose Indoor Hall at Kuhuboto town, registration of Innoli Society at S. Vihuto village, Niuland, and the publication of Niuland Pulse, a magazine detailing district-

specific agricultural activities, crops, and fruits.

Minister, Jacob Zhimomi called for a comprehensive assessment of Niuland Local Ground for future expansion, tasking the District Sports Officer with submitting a detailed report at the next meeting. Stressing on the importance of effective implementation of the Inner Line Permit, the Chairman urged all the district officers to cooperate for the district's progress and development.

The Department of Food & Civil Supplies presented an overview of its ongoing activities in the district.

KOHIMA DPDB DISCUSSES CHALLENGES OF KMC

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting at the DPDB Hall, Kohima, on 15th February 2025, in the presence of DPDB Chairman, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, MLA and Kevipodi Sophie, MLA. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, a district felicitation was held. Ketsino Jane Frances and Ketsole Mekro, the female toppers of the NBSE 2024 HSLC and HSSLC Exams were felicitated for their achievements. Also, Hili Kath Metsie-o, a woman police personnel, was recognized for her contributions to solving women-related cases.

Two organizations, Leal Group Society Kohima and Science and Technology Advancement and Research Society

delivered PowerPoint presentations seeking registration approval. After deliberation, the Board decided to approve their proposals for further action.

The Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) gave a PowerPoint presentation on its activities. CEO, KMC, T. Lanusenla Longkumer spoke about the inception, organizational structure, and revenue sources of KMC. She highlighted that sanitation was decentralized in 2013, and currently, KMC manages commercial waste using 9 vehicles, while the wards operate 39 vehicles for waste collection. She added that 65 sweepers are engaged in cleaning the town once a week.

Lanusenla also spoke about the PM SVANidhi scheme and the KMC website. Addressing the challenges faced by KMC, she mentioned salary shortfalls, making KMC dependent on government grants, lack of a proper office space for KMC operations,

ageing sanitation vehicles and the difficulty in removing collection points due to traffic congestion and vehicle sizes, non-functional septage management plant, lack of designated spaces for vendors, non-functional Kohima Super Market, development activities lacking coordination. She also outlined the initiatives undertaken by KMC.

Dr. Rhutso suggested that shopowners should take responsibility for maintaining

cleanliness in their designated areas. MLA Kevipodi Sophie emphasized the need for designated spaces for farmers to sell their produce, particularly in the morning hours.

After the meeting, a dedicated vehicle was launched for One Stop Centre for rescue and support of women affected by violence, in private and public spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace.

CRICKET COACHING CAMP HELD AT WOKHA

To commemorate 10 years completion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), Wokha District Administration in collaboration with department of Social Welfare and District Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti in convergence with District Sports Office Wokha organised a five-day cricket coaching camp for girl child from 11th to 15th February 2025 at Local Ground,

Wokha.

Around 60 young girls, cricket enthusiast attended the coaching camp which was conducted in collaboration with Nagaland Cricket Association (NCA).

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Vineet Kumar (IAS) and ADC, Wokha, Renbomo Ezung graced the inaugural and closing ceremony as the special guest respectively.

DPDB TUENSANG MEETING HELD

District Planning and Development Board Tuensang held its monthly meeting on 15th February 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of Shelley Katiry, ADC, Tuensang.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board discussed on the agenda for 'Registration of Better Livelihood Konya

Village Society and Shalom Welfare Society.' PowerPoint presentations on departmental activities was presented by the Land Resources Department, Tuensang.

During discussion, Dr. Imlitemsu Ozukum, CMO, Tuensang appealed to the Board members to contribute for the TB patients of Tuensang to purchase nutrition under Nikshay Mitra.

PENSION DIWAS 2025 HELD AT SHAMATOR

Programme for the Pension Diwas 2025 was convened in Shamator district on 17th February 2025 at Cultural Hall, Shamator.

Welcome address was delivered by T. Longlang Luckpan, District Welfare Officer, Tuensang and various schemes under the

Department for Pensions were highlighted by Thsapongcham Sangtam, Welfare Inspector, Tuensang.

Representatives from NGOs, Village Council Chairmen, GBs and all the President of Town Wards attended the programme.

KOHIMA DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY AWARDS THREE ORGANIZATIONS

The Kohima District Road Safety Committee, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS during its meeting held on 17th January 2025, constituted the annual 'Kohima District Road Safety Award' - a district-level award with citations and a cash award of ₹10,000 each. This award is given to three individuals, groups, organizations, or departments contributing to road safety.

A Selection Committee was formed with Rhosietho Nguori, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima as the Convener, and Additional SP (Traffic & Protocol), the Regional Transport Officer, and the President of Angami Youth Organisation as Members.

Accordingly, the following organizations have been awarded the Kohima District Road Safety Award for 2024-2025 in recognition of their contributions:

1. Kohima Village Youth Organisation

(KVYO): Recognized for overall road safety measures and initiatives undertaken in and around Kohima. KVYO has also supported the District Administration and Police in improving the traffic situation in Kohima and managing parking facilities in the interest of public safety.

2. Kigwema Youth Organisation (KYO): Recognized for selfless services in saving lives during vehicular accidents in Kigwema village. KYO has also facilitated the installation of road safety signage, metal and concrete crash barriers at critical locations, and the timely maintenance of the National Highway in close coordination with implementing agencies.

3. D-Block Youth Organisation: Recognized for conducting road safety awareness activities for two-wheeler riders along the highway.



MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso presenting the Kohima District Road Safety Award for 2024-2025 to Kohima Village Youth Organization at DPDB Hall, Kohima on 15th February 2025.

The awards were presented during the Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting on 15th February 2025, by Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, MLA &

Chairman, DPDB, Kohima, Kevipodi Sophie, MLA, and Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Kohima District Road Safety Committee.

ASSESSMENT CAMP ON ADIP & RVY HELD AT NIULAND

Niuland District Administration in coordination with the Health & Family Welfare Department, Social Welfare Department and Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) organised an Assessment Camp under Niuland Sardar area at CHC, Niuland on 18th February 2025.

The camp was held under Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (ADIP) schemes

and Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana (RVY). The objective of the Assessment Camp is to help needy senior citizens (Age 60 years and above) and ADIP. Equipments such as tricycle, wheelchair, crutch, walking stick and hearing aid will be provided free of cost to the needy and deserving citizens. Altogether, assessment of 36 beneficiaries was carried out during the camp.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TOURNAMENT HELD AT MON

Under the aegis of Officers' Club Mon, the 11th Inter-Departmental Tournament was organised from 17th to 19th February 2025 at the Officers' Club Mon (OCM), with Deputy Commissioner, Mon Ajit, IAS as special guest and Superintendent of Police, Mon, Kanchan Kumar Kandpal, IPS as guest of honour in the opening function on 17th February 2025 at OCM.

Kumar Verma appreciated the officers and the teams for making this tournament a successful one. He cited that the Officers' Club is a common platform for many officers to learn, interact and understand one another outside of office work and appealed to all the members to avail such platform. Declaring the tournament open, he requested all to

maintain honesty and team spirit.

Kanchan Kumar appreciated the officers for sacrificing their personal time in organising such an event, and requested all to coordinate and continue to maintain the same spirit to lead Mon District in all round development.

Tournament Oath taking was led by Er. Tingten, EE (Power).

The closing ceremony was held on 19th February 2025 with President, Konyak Union, Tingtok Konyak gracing the function. Badminton exhibition match between DC Team and SP Team was held during the tournament. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Mon emerged as the Team Champion of the tournament.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning and Development Board meeting of Kiphire was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Kiphire on 19th February

2025 under the chairmanship of DC, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer.

Discussing the agenda of the day, the board recommended the proposal for

construction of soiling and metalling of road from Kipungya at Ward-9 NH-202 to SP's Residence. Deliberating on Shiksha Mitra Samarthan Abhiyan which aims at promoting students learning, the DC urged all the Heads of Offices to carry out their visitation to primary schools, have interaction with teachers, students and to get their feedbacks. Shiksha Mitra Samarthan Abhiyan is a school adoption programme initiated for the

welfare of students.

The members also deliberated on improper vehicle parking enroute towards Zisaji Presidency College, where the board decided to relocate the parking area to facilitate convenience for transportation. The Heads of Offices were also informed to collect their respective Government Office site permit from the DC's Office.

WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN COMMERCIALIZATION OF COMMON CARP BREEDING HELD

The Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Peren organized a one-day workshop on "Entrepreneurship Development in Commercialization of Common Carp (*Cyprinus Carpio*) Breeding" under Extension & Training 2023-2024 (State Plan) at Ramdi Thou Farm, Mhainamtsi, Jalukie on 19th February 2025.

District Fishery Officer (DFO), Peren, C.

Dory Yanthan giving a brief overview of the entrepreneurship development workshop, said it was organized with the objective to sensitize the fish farmers by providing them knowledge and skills on how to successfully breed Common Carp.

The special guest of the programme, ADC, Jalukie, T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir lauded the department for organizing the training



Officials with participants during the one day workshop on 'Entrepreneurship Development in Commercialization of Common Carp Breeding' at Ramdi Thou Farm, Mhainamtsi, Jalukie on 19th February 2025.

for the most potential and energetic fish farmers in the valley. He expressed hope that such training will immensely benefit as well as create great impact for the fish farmers. He also encouraged the farmers to open up their minds, clear their doubts and take back something out of the training session.

Common Carp is a highly sought-after fish species, prized for its adaptability, fast growth rate, and high demand. Recognizing its potential, the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources aims to empower entrepreneurs to take up Common Carp breeding, unlocking the full potential of this industry.

The Department is committed to supporting entrepreneurs, aiming to create jobs, increase income, improve food security, and promote sustainable aquaculture

practices. Ultimately, this initiative will create a brighter future for the communities.

In the technical session, resource person, District Fishery Officer (DFO), Dimapur, Imtisunep gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on breeding methods of Common Carp. Assistant Fishery Inspector (AFI), Neimelu Noswe sensitized the farmers on NFDP-National Fisheries Digital Platform, PMMKSSY-Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana which is the sub-scheme of PMMSY-Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana & KCC-Kissan Credit Card Scheme.

During the training, the trainees were also given demonstration on preparation of fish feeds by ATMA, Jalukie Block. Altogether, 13 fish farmers from Jalukie Block actively attended the workshop programme.

DDSC REVIEWS PROGRESS AND EXPANDS TRAINING PROGRAMMES HELD AT DIMAPUR

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur held the final quarterly meeting of the District Skill Committee (DSC) on 19th February 2025. The meeting was chaired by, ADC, Dimapur, Zakabo V Rotokha, NCS.

In the review meeting, Gideon Sumi, District Employment Officer, Dimapur said that the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has launched multiple skill development programmes for 2024-25, where the State-Funded PACES Programme for training in electrician (160 candidates) and baking (160 candidates), and another initiative for 25 candidates yet to be finalized are the Centrally Funded SANKALP Project, Training in Assistant Electrician & Carpentry (50 candidates) and Food Processing (50 candidates).

These initiatives aim to enhance

employability and self-sufficiency for the youths of the district. Eligible candidates are encouraged to enroll. For further details, one can contact the Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dimapur. He also said that the review highlighted achievements such as increased enrollment in technical courses, successful placements in various sectors, and collaborations with local businesses. Challenges, including infrastructure gaps and funding constraints, were also addressed, with plans for further improvement.

The district is positioning itself as a hub for skill development, with ongoing efforts to expand vocational training programmes. Authorities are working on introducing new policies to support employees in upgrading their skills, thereby boosting employment opportunities and economic growth.

AWARENESS CAMP ON PM VISHWAKARMA HELD

Under the Ministry of MSME Government of India, the MSME Development & Facilitation Office Dimapur in association with the Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland and District Administration organised a one-day Awareness-cum-GP Onboarding Camp on PM Vishwakarma on 6th February 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Wokha. The awareness programme was attended by Village Council Chairmen (VCC) from three blocks under Wokha, Chukitong and Wozhuro.

In his address, DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar (IAS) said that this scheme was introduced by the Government of India to enable the recognition of artisans, craftsmen and craftspeople on various trades, and to provide skill upgradation to hone their skills and make relevant and suitable training opportunities available to them through various training programmes. Stating that verification of applicants is very important, the DC urged the VCCs to select and recommend genuine applicants and beneficiaries so that not only the applicants but the community gets maximum benefit out of this scheme.

Consultant, Ernest & Young Company, PM Vishwakarma (PMU), L.L. Victoria highlighted to the trainees about guidelines to be followed in the implementation of the scheme. She also informed the beneficiaries and applicants to do onboarding in coordination with the District Implementing Committee by providing a verified Aadhar seeded names and mobile numbers to be uploaded in the eGramswaraj portal.

Later in the day, five (5) beneficiaries who had undergone training under carpentry received toolkits from the DC.

A one-day awareness camp on PM

Vishwakarma was also held at Chessore village under Shamator district on 13th February 2025, Longkhim under Tuensang district on 11th February 2025, Tuensang village under Tuensang district on 12th February 2025, Shamator town on 14th February 2025, Noklak on 17th February 2025 and Longleng on 19th February 2025, wherein artisans applied for corrective measures in their Aadhaar such as seeding of their mobile number, change in residential address etc. Under the PMV scheme, it is mandatory for an artisan to have the following details corrected on their Aadhaar. The objective of this camp is to create ground awareness of schemes, onboard the village on the scheme portal and facilitate enrolment of the artisans. The events saw enthusiastic engagement from participants, reflecting a positive response toward the initiative.

The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched by the Government of India on 17th September 2023 to support traditional artisans and crafts people, collectively known as Vishwakarmas. This scheme aims to upskill artisans in their chosen trade through access to high quality training, upgraded tools and access to collateral free credit.

The 18 identified trades under the scheme are Carpenter, Goldsmith, Potter, Barber, Cobbler, Sculptor, Tailor, Washerman, Boat Maker, Mason, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Stone Breaker, Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Doll & Toy Maker, Garland Maker, Fishing Net Maker. Currently, the trades Carpentry, Masonry and Tailoring are on halt at the centre. The entire process of the scheme is digital and interested artisans can enroll at the nearest CSC.

RTA DIMAPUR HOLDS BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

The Regional Transport Authority (RTA), Dimapur held its board meeting on 20th February 2025, in the Office Chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, DC, Dimapur, who also serves as the Chairman of the RTA, and was attended by all board members and representatives.

During the meeting, key transport-related issues were discussed, including the restriction of heavy vehicle parking around Unity Gate and Patkai Bridge. The board also deliberated on relocating taxi and ticket counters to the Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) and formed a committee to study its implementation. Discussions were held regarding restrictions and alternate routes for manual rickshaws and thela-walas, with the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) and the Officer in Charge (Traffic) assigned to study the matter.

The board also addressed concerns about parking fees at Dimapur Railway Station, where both railway authorities and

the DMC currently collect charges from taxis. It was decided that the DMC would engage in discussions with railway authorities to resolve the issue.

The RTA board also reviewed speed limits for different types of roads and decided to write to the State Government for official implementation. Additionally, the possibility of establishing separate RTA Boards for Chumoukedima and Niuland was discussed, with a decision to submit a proposal to the State Government.

A key topic of discussion was the issuance of two-wheeler taxi permits for Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland. The board finalized conditions for granting permits, issuing forms, and related procedures. Plans to establish a prepaid taxi booth at Dimapur Airport were also deliberated.

Furthermore, the meeting discussed a sub-committee report on auto-rickshaw fares and parking under the RTA jurisdictions of Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland.

ORAL AND DENTAL HEALTH CAMP HELD AT NPTS

A seminar on the importance of oral health and ill effects of tobacco-cum-dental health camp was held at Nagaland Police Training School (NPTS), Chumoukedima organised by National Oral Health Programme (NK Dimapur).

The Oral and Dental Health Camp was conducted with the Rank and Files of NPTS Chumoukedima on 22nd February 2025 by the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) and National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Dimapur

In her welcome speech, Principal of NPTS extended her gratitude to the

Programme Officer and team for conducting such an important seminar camp, and requested all the personnels and family members to not miss the golden opportunity and avail the services provided.

Dr. N. Moa Jamir, District Nodal Officer NOHP & NTCP presented on the topic "The importance of oral health and ill effects of tobacco consumption," followed by an interactive session.

Oral cancer screening, consultation and tooth extraction was carried out during the camp. Free medicines were also provided to the patients.

Dr. Japheth Yepthomi, Dr.Imtiyala, Dimapur and Medongunuo, Social Worker, Dr. Kanovi Yephomi from District Hospital NTCP participated during the camp.

SEPAKTAKRAW COACHING CAMP HELD AT WOKHA

The Wokha District Administration, Department of Social Welfare and District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) under Mission Shakti in convergence with District Sports Office and Youth Resources & Sports organised a five-day Sepaktakraw Coaching Camp for girl child from 18th to 22nd February 2025 at Local Ground, Wokha. The coaching camp was organised to commemorate 10 years of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP).

The coaching camp is supported by Department of Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S) in collaboration with Wokha District Sepaktakraw Association (WDSA), with State Sepaktakraw Coach, YR&S Puleuo as the main coach and assisted by one senior international player and two national players from SAI Dimapur.

Altogether, 83 trainees underwent coaching camp - 39 girls and 44 boys.



DC, Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS with officials and trainees during the inaugural of the five-day Sepaktakraw held at Wokha on 18th February 2025.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON NOVEL PROCESSING AND VALUE ADDITION IN TAPIOCA HELD AT WOKHA

ICAR-Centre Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (NEH Programme of ICAR-CTCRI & AICRP on Tuber Crops), and District Administration, Wokha and ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra,

Wokha Nagaland jointly organised a one-day training programme on novel processing and value addition in Tapioca and Ethnic Tuber crops Festival on 24th February 2025 at Tiyi Hall, Wokha, with Advisor for Agriculture,

Mhathung Yanthan as the special guest.

Addressing the programme, Mhathung Yanthan lauded the efforts of the District Administration led by the Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Vineet Kumar IAS and ICAR for initiating such beneficial training programmes for the farmers and SHGs, and expressed hope that the farmers will be benefited to a great extent. He also appreciated the efforts of the ICAR officials and scientists for reaffirming knowledge about the importance tuber crop to the farmers.

Observing that tapioca crop is abundantly available in Wokha region, Yanthan encouraged the farmers to grow and cultivate more stating that it has the potential to boost economy. As tapioca has the potential of producing varieties of products, he urged the farmers to think in terms of producing in large scale and focus in

creating processing units as this will help in generating employment as well. He further appealed to the allied departments to give collaborative efforts in educating the farmers to improve innovative and modern way of processing the crop.

During the programme, short speeches were delivered by Dr. G. Byju, Director, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. R. Muthuraj, Principal scientist, Dr. H. Kalita, Head Regional Centre ICAR RC for NEH, Dr. Suman, Additional Director, Agriculture, Nagaland, and Director, Horticulture, Nagaland.

In the technical session, topics including improved varieties and quality planting material production in tapioca, economics and marketing of tapioca, novel processing techniques and value addition in tapioca were highlighted.

DISTRICT LEVEL MOCK EXERCISE CONDUCTED AT LONGLENG

In a crucial step toward improving disaster preparedness, 12th Bn. NDRF, in coordination with the District

Administration, Longleng, District Police and Medical Staff conducted a district-level mock exercise on earthquake scenario in



DC, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom with officials and 12th Bn. NDRF personnel during the mock exercise held at DC's Office complex, Longleng on 25th February 2025.

Longleng, on 25th February 2025 held at Deputy Commissioner's Office complex.

DC, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom acknowledged the 12th NDRF team for conducting the mock exercise in the district. As part of the activities calendar, the mock exercise was successfully conducted and the rescue system was demonstrated by the team. The DC requested for the support of the Government in making the working personnel in the district better equipped and trained. He also said that the District Administration will in the future, tie-up with the NDRF team, so that the district personnel

are given such kind of trainings.

NDRF Rescuers led by Dr. Rajiv Kamal Nath and Inspector W. Limathung Odyuo demonstrated search and rescue techniques on how to approach trapped victims in collapsed buildings, how to evacuate using emergency and non-emergency moves and provide first aid. Emergency medical units were also set up to treat those injured in the simulated disaster. They also demonstrated rope rescue techniques. Around 100 people including police forces witnessed the mock exercise.

ATMA PEREN HOLDS BOARD MEETING

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Peren held a governing board meeting on 25th February 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Peren. The meeting discussed about making extension system farmers by disseminating technology on a participatory mode.

In the board meeting with NGOs and the farmers, Tonikali Achumi, Deputy Project Director, Peren district presented the activities of ATMA, Peren. Peren District ATMA Award was presented to Hatkholam

Changsan, New Chalkot in the sector of pineapple and Padingamang Beisumpuikam in the sector of papaya during 2024.

DC, Peren, Hiazu Meru encouraged the NGOs and farmers to cultivate seasonal crops and bear an exceptional performance through ATMA. The DC also apprised about the importance of accounting process in the marketing sector and encouraged them to upgrade their marketing strategies by resorting to online marketing, home delivery system etc.

ROLL OUT PROGRAMME FOR ROAD SIGNAGE HELD AT PHEK

Phek District Road Safety Committee conducted a Roll Out Programme for Road Signage at District Transport Office, Phek on 25th February 2025.

Deputy Commissioner and Ex-Officio Chairman of District Road Safety, Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam inaugurated the Road Safety CCTV System for enhancing road safety in the district during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Dr. Pritpal

Kaur Batra, highlighted the critical role of road signage in guiding the drivers and ensuring their safety. She reiterated that, installation of CCTV marks a significant step towards enhancing road safety, and further informed that road signage, which is mandatory and acts as cautionary signs, serves as an essential tool to alert drivers to potential dangers and encourages caution on the roads.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HELD AT TSEMINYU

Three-day entrepreneurship development programme was organized by Swavalamban Connect Kendra, Tseminyu on 26th February 2025 at Town Hall, Tseminyu.

EAC, Tseminyu, Mhathung Ngullie introduced on EDP, and said that the primary objective of the programme is to equip entrepreneurs with financial literacy access to government schemes, business development insights and credit linkage opportunities.

Roles of DIC & its support for mechanism and application process was presented

by Functional Manager, DIC, Tseminyu, Sihangle Wanth, while Soshalo, SCK Centre Manager highlighted the objective of the programme.

During the programme, Field Officer, SBI, Tseminyu, Imti delivered on the insights of bank loans/schemes and its procedure and eligibility criteria, while the CFL Social Security schemes was presented by Nyenhile Crisil, Field Coordinator, and its roles in promoting entrepreneurs was delivered by Molosangla Ozukum, EAC, Tseminyu.

DC, SHAMATOR INDUCTED AS PRESIDENT OF BS&G SHAMATOR

The Nagaland State Bharat Scouts & Guides convened a consultative meeting with the District Bharat Scouts and Guides

Association Shamator on 26th February 2025, at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall, Shamator.



State Headquarter officials of the Nagaland Bharat Scouts and Guides during the consultative meeting held at the DC's Office, Zunheboto on 25th February 2025.

State Commissioner (Guides), Nagaland State Bharat & Guides, Nino Iralu chaired the meeting, wherein DC, Shamator was inducted as the President of the District Bharat Scouts and Guides, Shamator.

During the deliberation, John

Tochimong, State Organizing Commissioner (S) proposed to have Bharat Scouts and Guides in every school under Shamator district. The technical session was attended by the NGOs and civil societies, school representatives and church leaders.

KOHIMA HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (GRAMEEN) AND JAL JEEVAN MISSION

A review meeting of the District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kohima on 27th February 2025, to assess the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Kohima district.

During the meeting, the concerned department delivered a presentation highlighting the ongoing initiatives under JJM and SBM (G). It was reported that out of the 62 villages under JJM in Kohima district, 32 have successfully completed their projects. In terms of SBM (G), 40 out of the 63 habitations have been declared Model Villages. The department clarified that for a village to be recognized as a Model Village, every household must have a

compost pit, a task to be undertaken by the Rural Development department. Currently, eight villages in Kohima district have been officially certified as Model Villages.

DC, Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant urged all participating departments to extend their full cooperation in implementing JJM effectively. He emphasized the importance of waste management at the village level, encouraging the practice of waste segregation and the need to spread awareness about proper waste disposal. He also stressed on the need for collective efforts to intervene at all levels and work towards transforming more villages into Model Villages, reinforcing the district's commitment to providing clean water and sanitation for all.



LIMA ONEN INAGURATES KONGKHUM RANGE ROAD AND SASCI SPONSORED ROAD CONNECTING YALI-NOKSEN VILLAGES

MLA, Lima Onen inaugurated the Kongkhum Range Road Zero Point connecting Mokokchung and Tuensang on 1st February 2025 at Warakok (Bhumji River).

Speaking on the occasion, Lima Onen appreciated the Alisopur Village Council for allowing the road to pass through their land, and fulfilling the dream of the people which also benefits Alisopur villagers in connecting to other districts in terms of economy. He also encouraged the gathering not to bring differences in terms of villages, tribes, and dialects but rather believe in unity and oneness to move on and to go forward with inclusive development. It is important to uphold brotherhood and co-existence for a brighter future, he added.

N. H Chingmak, GB of Yonyu village,

Hongmong, Head GB of Alisopur village and Thungpang Chongshen, Executive Engineer (R&B), Tuensang also delivered short speeches at the programme.

On 3rd February 2025, Lima Onen also inaugurated the Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI) sponsored road connecting Yali Noksen village. In his remark, Chang said that linking villages through road will not only meet the needs of the basic amenities but will also forge stronger connections with neighbouring villages, and encouraged the gathering to unite and look forward to prosperity.

Shokomong, Chairman, Yali Village Council and Sandong Chang, President Yali Mutlie Thangjam, Tuensang also delivered short speeches.



MLA, Lima Onen Chang with others during the inauguration of Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI) Sponsored Road connecting Yali-Noksen village, Tuensang on 3rd February 2025.

VVIP QUARTERS INAUGURATED AT THIZAMA KOHIMA

Minister for PWD & Housing and Mechanical Engineering, Bashangmongba Chang inaugurated three VVIP Quarters for Legislators at Thizama, Kohima on 11th February 2025.

In his inaugural speech, Minister Bashangmongba said the occasion marks yet another milestone in the commitment of the Government of Nagaland in improving the State's Housing infrastructure, and extended his appreciation to the visionary leadership of Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio for the unwavering commitment for infrastructure development and his proactive initiatives which is a testament to his vision for a well-planned and modern Nagaland. He also extended his sincere gratitude to the concerned contractors and the entire work

force team, who worked tirelessly to ensure the timely completion of the project while maintaining the highest standard of quality and efficiency.

It may be mentioned that the administrative approval for the construction of three residential quarters for VVIPs at Thizama under special assistance to state for capital investment was obtained on 12th July 2023 with the project cost of Rs. 18 crore and subsequently, work order was issued on 20th September 2023 to three firms namely M/s Yangdip Sangtam, M/s Guolhoulie Rio and M/s JK Construction respectively.

The components of each quarter consist of the main building and various supporting facilities such as guest dormitory-cum-garage security barrack and ancillary works.

SBI INAUGURATES FIRST BRANCH IN PUGHOBOTO, USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION

In a landmark move for financial accessibility, the State Bank of India (SBI) inaugurated its first-ever branch in Pughoboto, Zunheboto district on



MLA, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema speaking at the inauguration of SBI Pughoboto Branch held at Pughoboto Town Hall on 21st February 2025.

21st February 2025. The event marks a transformative step for the entire Pughoboto sub-division which previously relied on distant banks in other districts such as Tseminyu and Kohima for formal banking services.

Residents and small businesses often faced arduous journeys for basic services like loans, savings accounts, or government subsidy disbursements. Despite its growing population and economic potential, the absence of a major banking institution hindered financial access for many. The new branch is set to improve access to essential banking services and open up a new set

of varied opportunities for the people of Pughoboto.

MLA representing the 13th A/C Pughoboto, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema unveiled the inauguration plaque in the presence of Lokho Peter, Regional Manager, SBI, Regional Business Office Mokokchung and ADC, Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang. The event was graced with speeches from the MLA, ADC, Pughoboto and Regional Manager, SBI.

The inaugural programme was held at Pughoboto Town Hall which was attended by government officials, community leaders, SBI officials and the general public.

FOCUS-IFAD NAGALAND FLAGS OFF REEFER VANS FOR FARMERS

Flag-off ceremony of reefer trucks sponsored by FOCUS-IFAD Nagaland with the theme 'Bridging farms to markets' was held at Civil Secretariat Ground, Kohima on 29th February 2025.

Advisor to the Department of Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan said that the 23 refrigerated vehicles will be rolled out to 16 districts, covering different production areas. He remarked that the vegetables and fruits produced locally across the state and different districts will now be linked to the market through the reefer trucks.

Also cautioning the FPO beneficiaries, Yanthan said that with such facility comes

greater responsibility, and reminded all that the vans are not to be utilized for individual benefit but should be used for the benefit of the whole farming community. He also urged the FPOs to run the vans efficiently, effectively and judiciously, and to be effective service providers to the farmers, and to be the main linkage between the farmers and the market.

Commissioner & Secretary and State Project Director, FOCUS Nagaland, Shanavas C, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner & Mission Director, FOCUS-Nagaland, Wezope Kenye, IAS, FPO and beneficiaries attended the programme.





Governor, Nagaland, La Ganesan flagging off the National Integration Tour Ceremony at Garrison Assam Rifles, Kohima on 18th February 2025.



Joint Secretary of Horticulture, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Priya Ranjan with a five-member Indian delegation, including two representatives from Nagaland, Director of Horticulture, Meyasashi and Joint Director, Horticulture, S. Senka, during their visit to New Zealand to strengthen cooperation in Kiwifruit development from 12th to 15th February 2025.



Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland and Chairman, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha with OSD, Transport Department, Ababe Ezang, Director, Information & Public Relations, Dzuvino Theinuo and senior officials of IPR during the inaugural of Nagaland CineFest 2025 held at Heritage, Kohima on 28th February 2025.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Commissioner & Secretary, Information Technology & Communication, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS with officials and participants during the State-Level Awareness Workshop on 'Safer Internet Day' observed at the Directorate of IT&C, Kohima on 11th February 2025.



Officials and participants during the Residential Technology Clinic for Bamboo Sector under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performances (RAMP) scheme held at NBRC, Sovima, Chumoukedima from 24th to 27th February 2025.

STATE ROUND-UP



Officials with participants during the three-day awareness campaign on Watershed Yatra held at Wokha district from 10th to 12th February 2025.



The 12th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) after the successful conduct of Familiarisation Exercise (FAMEX) for Nagaland State at Zunheboto on 28th February 2025.

DISTRICTS ROUND-UP



Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji with officials and participants at the culmination programme of the three-day Assam-Nagaland Student Exchange Programme at Governemnt High School, Tzurangkong on 1st February 2025.



EAC, Niuland, Kelengunuo Solo and with Assistant Commandant, 12th (NAP) IR Battalion, Alovika Swu with officials and participants during a seminar on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao held at Niuland on 18th February 2025.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan flagging off 23 reefer trucks sponsored by FOCUS-IFAD Nagaland at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 28th February 2025.



Minister, Housing and Mechanical Engineering, Bashangmongba Chang with other officials during the inauguration of VVIP Quarters at Thizama, Kohima on 11th February 2025.