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Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan with other dignitaries, Toppers of HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2025 at the Felicitation Programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 12th June 2025.



Toppers with Chief Minister Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and host of Ministers, Advisors and dignitaries during the CMMSF award held at the State Banquet Hall Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 18th June 2025.



Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome with other officials and Toppers, Rank Holders and Achievers of HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2025 at the Felicitation Programme held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 12th June 2025.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT SIGNS MOU WITH SBI TO ENHANCE SALARY BENEFITS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Finance Department, Government of Nagaland, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Bank of India (SBI) on 27th March 2025 for the State Government Salary Package (SGSP) for enhancement of features to provide enhanced salary package benefits to permanent State Government employees operating their salary accounts with SBI.

Key Highlights of the State Government Salary Package include:

1. The Government employees' family is entitled to Accidental Insurance Cover up to ₹ 1 crore in case of accidental death.
2. Air Accidental Insurance Cover up to ₹ 2.1 crore in case of accidental death of the Government employee.
3. Disability cover up to ₹ 1 crore in case of permanent total disability.
4. Disability cover up to ₹ 80 lakh in case of permanent partial disability.
5. Group term life insurance up to ₹ 10 lakh
6. Child Education Benefit: applicable on the admissibility of Personal Accidental Insurance (Death) cover
7. Girl Child's Marriage Benefit: applicable on the admissibility of Personal Accidental Insurance (Death) cover.
8. Other add-on covers for plastic surgery in case of burns, import of medicines, ambulance charges, transportation of mortal remains, etc.
9. SBI RISHTHEY, which includes a Family Savings account for up to 4 family members, with Personal Accidental Insurance cover of ₹ 5 lakh each for all RISHTHEY A/C holders (except minors).

These benefits are to be provided free of cost to the beneficiaries. The MoU covers the employees already having a Salary account with SBI.

All Government employees have been requested to verify their accounts with the banks for coverage under the Account type SGSP and insist on conversion. For those government employees who have already been converted to SGSP, the variant of account/category based on the net salary may be confirmed with the respective home branch.

In case of any accidental death or disability of Government employees, the concerned family have been requested to approach the Finance Department or the P&AR Department through Nodal Contact No: +91 9863582066.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR APPOINTS PIO & APIO

In supersession to the Notification NO. EMP-1/30/2005(VOL-1) Dated Kohima 30th May 2025, the Department of Labour & Employment & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, in pursuance of Section 5(1) and (2) and Section 19(!) of the Right to Information Act 2025, the following officers are designated as Appellate Authority (AA), Public Information Officer (PIO) and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) in respect of Department of Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

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DoH & FW PERMISSION TO USE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES BY PRIVATE NURSING/ ALLIED & HEALTHCARE INSTITUTES FOR CLINICAL TRAINING OF STUDENTS

The department of Health & Family has stated that in pursuance of the administrative approval conveyed vide letter No. IIFW- 1I/B/50/NURSING/2024/238 dated 2nd April 2025, duly recognized Private Nursing/Allied & Healthcare Institutes shall be permitted to use Public Health Facilities for the purpose of Clinical Training of Students w.e.f. from Academic Year 2025-26, subject to the following terms & conditions:

1. Each Private Nursing/ Allied & Healthcare Institute in turn shall allocate 10% of the total annual intake capacity to the department for government quota.
2. Fees such as College or Tuition or management fees etc. to be paid by the students must be subsidised at a rate of 50%.
3. The department shall not be responsible to provide any resources for the Clinical training.
4. The private medical institute shall be responsible for fulfilment & compliance of the regulations of respective Councils- Indian Nursing Council, Indian Pharmacy Council, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession, etc.
5. The department shall not be liable for omission or commission of negligence by the students and the private medical institute shall recover damage caused to any assets of the public health facilities by the students.
6. The private medical institute shall indemnify the public health facilities against any claims or damages arising from the students' actions or omissions.
7. The students shall not interfere with or disrupt the normal functioning of the public health facilities,
8. The students shall respect patient care activities and prioritize patient safety and confidentiality.
9. The students shall adhere to the rules, regulations, and protocols of the public health facilities.
10. The private medical institute shall ensure that students are supervised and guided by qualified faculty members during clinical training.
11. The department shall not be obligated for employment of the students.
12. The private medical institute shall be responsible to inform the department of any enhancement of Scats.
13. The Department or private medical institute reserves the right to cancel/ terminate the UNDERTAKING by issuing a I (one) month Notice.

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Recognized Private Nursing/Allied & healthcare Institutes may submit the Application along with 2 (two) copies or UNDERTAKING in the prescribed format (enclosed herein as Annexure: I) printed in Rs. 100 (Rupees one hundred only) Non-Judicial Stamp Paper and support documents such as Registration Certificate of the Society/ Trust/ Incorporation/ Proprietorship; Approval/ Permission issued by the respective Council; Consent/ NOC for Affiliation issued by the respective University-' Board; Prospectus; Fee Structure etc., to the Principal Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland Kohima for allocation of a suitable Public Health Facilities conforming the requirements of respective Council for the purpose of Clinical Training of Students.

The application must be submitted through the concerned Medical Superintendent (in case of District Hospital) or Chief Medical Officer (in ease of Community Health Centre).

The concerned Private Nursing/Allied & Healthcare Institute shall be responsible to complete the Notarization process of the UNDERTAKING upon approval of the Application.

The permission is issued solely for the purpose of enabling the institute to utilize designated Public Health Facilities for Clinical Training, subject to compliance with the terms stated above and any future directives issued by the department.

DoN & RE CONSTITUTES TECHNICAL VETTING COMMITTEE

In compliance with the Government Notification NO.NRE/GEN-1/110/2025/216, Dated Kohima, dated 9th April 2025, the Department of New & Renewable Energy, Nagaland has been authorized as the State Nodal Agency (SNA) for all Renewable Energy (RE) Projects/ Works in Nagaland.

As such, in the effort to maintain quality control, guarantee legitimacy, and compliance with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy-approved standard and BIS statutory technical norms. Thus, reducing the risk of substandard or counterfeit products in technical and quality aspects, and ensuring a standard regulated rate allowed by the Ministry for all Renewable Energy (RE) Power Projects /Works in Nagaland.

A Technical Vetting committee is hereby set up, comprising of members from the Department of New & Renewable Energy, as detailed below

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| 1. Director, NRE | : Chairman |
| 2. Additional Director, NRE | : Secretary |
| 3. Joint Director, NRE | : Member |
| 4. Deputy Director, NRE | : Member |
| 5. Project Officer, NRE | : Member |

CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF STATE QUALITY CONTROL BOARD APPOINTED

1. The Governor of Nagaland has appointed the following Officers as Chairman and Members of the State Quality Control Board as mentioned below with immediate effect.

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SN	Name	D.O.S	Designation	Date of Appointment
1.	Er. Pukroneizo Kera Rtd. Er-in-Chief, NPWD	07.02.1966	Chairman	06.06.2025
2.	Ar. A. Chenithung Lotha Rtd. Director, Urban Dev.	10.08.1964	Member	06.06.2025
3.	Er. M. Moasashi Jamir Rtd. Chief Engineer, PWD (Mech)	24.03.1963	Member	06.06.2025

- The Chairman and Members shall be paid a fixed honorarium of Rs. 50,000/- & Rs. 40,000/- per month.
- The Chairman and Members shall be allotted vehicle for performance of official duties and an allowance of Rs. 3,450/- will be provided for engagement of fixed pay driver. In addition, they shall be entitled to TA/DA equivalent to Commissioner & Secretary and Secretary respectively.
- The appointment is for a term of three years from date of issue or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- The appointment is subject to acceptance by the concerned officers within one month.
- The terms of reference of the State Quality Control Board and other service conditions shall be governed by the provisions contained in Notification of even number dated 18th March 2011 & 13th July 2011.

DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMS ON TIMELINE FOR OPENING AND CLOSING OF NATIONAL PORTAL SCHOLARSHIP (NPS)

The Department of Higher Education has informed to all the Educational Institutions and Students that the timeline for the Academic Session 2025-26 in respect of the CSS-Post Matric Scholarship (PM ST) for the ST students of Nagaland via the National Scholarship Portal (NPS) ie. <https://scholarship.gov.in> and the State Merit & Research Scholarship via the Common Scholarship Portal (CSP) i.e, <https://scholarship.nagaland.gov.in> is to be followed as:-

The process of registration for the students is from 7th July 2025 till the 30th September, 2025. The process of completion of verification by the institutes is 31st October 2025. The process of correction of defective applications by the students & the institutes is 15th November 2025, and the process of completion of verification by the state is 30th November 2025.

DoAH & VS ISSUES ADVISORY ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

In view of the ongoing outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Nagaland, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences has strongly advised all pig farmers and stakeholders to adopt the following precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the disease:

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What is ASF?

- A highly contagious viral disease affecting domestic and wild pigs.
- 100% mortality once infected.
- No available vaccine or treatment.

Transmission:

- Through direct contact with infected pigs, pork, or contaminated feed, water, clothing, tools, vehicles, and equipment.
- Human movement and illegal transportation of pigs/pork also contribute to spread.

Symptoms to Watch For:

- High fever, loss of appetite
- Weakness and sudden death
- Red or blue blotches on skin (especially ears, abdomen)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, coughing, or difficulty in breathing

Mandatory Biosecurity Measures:

- Do not introduce new pigs into your farm without proper quarantine.
- Avoid contact with other farms or animals.
- Regularly disinfect pig pens, equipment, and clothing.
- Restrict entry of outsiders and vehicles into farm premises.
- Report any sudden death or signs of illness in pigs to the nearest Veterinary Centre immediately.
- Do not slaughter, consume, or sell sick or dead pigs.
- Dispose of carcasses safely as per veterinary advice.

Important:

- Farmers are urged to remain alert and strictly follow all advisories issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.
- Cooperation of every farmer is crucial to contain the spread of ASF in the state.
- For any support or to report suspected cases, contact your nearest Veterinary Officer.

TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER INFORMS ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

In pursuance of the approval conveyed by the Government vide letter dated 20th June, 2025, the Motor Vehicles Department, Government of Nagaland, seeks proposals from intending reputed Firms / Agency/ Company for Selection of a Consultant for Providing PMU and Consultancy Service for developing an Integrated Road Safety Solution in the State of Nagaland.

SN	Name of RFP
1.	Selection of a Consultant for Providing PMU and Consultancy Service for Developing an Integrated Road Safety Solution in the State of Nagaland

The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) documents containing information on eligibility, dates and timelines required formats etc. shall be available on the website <https://mvdnagaland.in/> from 28.06.2025 onwards

THE SUNSHINE ORCHESTRA, NAGALAND CHAPTER PERFORM THEIR DEBUT MUSICAL RECITAL

The Sunshine Orchestra, Nagaland Chapter, a project under the AR Rahman Foundation, presented their debut musical recital at Centre of Excellence for Music & Arts, Kohima on 31st May 2025 with Advisor for Water Resources, Tongpang Ozukum as the Special Guest.

Ozukum, in his address, expressed gratitude for the debut recital by The Sunshine Orchestra, Nagaland Chapter, calling it a celebration of talent and progress since the MoU signed in 2019 with Dr. A.R. Rahman, under the initiative of Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio. He noted this as a milestone for TaFMA, the A.R. Rahman Foundation, and the Orchestra.

He praised TaFMA for revolutionizing Nagaland's music scene and inspiring a generation of musicians who have put Naga music on the national and global map. Highlighting the AR Rahman Foundation's mission to train underprivileged children,

he thanked the Foundation for extending the initiative to Nagaland. Encouraging the children, he urged them to value the opportunity, stay committed to their musical journey, and be grateful to TaFMA and the Foundation.

Chairman, TaFMA, Theja Meru who proposed the welcome address also highlighted that The Sunshine Orchestra, Nagaland Chapter comprised of children from Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home was launched in 2019 by Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and today they have 20 children altogether in the Orchestra.

The evening was entertained with musical recital performed by the nine violin students of The Sunshine Orchestra, Nagaland Chapter led by their Director, Vilhou Kezo and pianist Kecha Pfukri, special number was presented by Zavino Nakhro and a piano recital by Wenwen.

'FOCUS, NAGALAND' PROJECT COMPLETION WORKSHOP HELD

Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the Northeast (FOCUS), NAGALAND project completion workshop was held at De Oriental Grand Hotel, Kohima on 3rd June 2025.

APC & Mission Director, FOCUS, Wezope Kenye, IAS in his remark stated that it is a significant milestone for the successful completion of the Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming Systems in the Northeast (FOCUS) project in the State of Nagaland. He said that this achievement is the result of a shared vision, collaborative spirit, and the determination of all stakeholders who have contributed to the project's success.

Kenye highlighted that FOCUS is Nagaland's first Externally Aided Project (EAP) in agriculture, implemented with IFAD. Recognizing agriculture as vital for economic growth and rural development, the project has brought transformative change, benefiting over 1.18 lakh households across 645 villages in 9 districts. Launched in January 2018 and extended due to COVID-19, FOCUS has improved incomes, built climate resilience, and empowered farming communities. It also developed key infrastructure like market access facilities, seed banks, and refrigerated vans to boost rural livelihoods.

State Project Director FOCUS, Ramnikant Kumar, IAS, announced the successful conclusion of a six-year project aimed at transforming upland farming in Nagaland. He said the project improved sustainable land use and boosted incomes for 1.18 lakh households, reaching 86% (1,02,245) through interventions like jhum

cultivation, value chain development, and market access. It also produced key technical materials, procurement guidelines, resource maps, and sectoral data.

Country Programme Analyst, IFAD CO, Piyush Kanal also presented a slide deck highlighting on the activities of the project.

NSDMA VISITS PHESAMA VILLAGE; EXTENDS SUPPORT

In response to the recent landslide and its ongoing impact, officials from the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), under the Home Department, visited Phesama Village and extended financial relief to address immediate concerns on 3rd June 2025. During the visit, discussions were also held with the Phesama Village Council to assess emergency needs and coordinate ongoing support.

Meanwhile, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kohima, is working on modalities to extend relief

materials to truckers stranded due to the landslide. The initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Jakhama, and the Phesama Youth Organization.

In addition, the DDMA Kohima and the Phesama Youth Organization are jointly identifying individuals whose properties have been affected by the landslide. Relief measures will be extended to these affected families based on the assessments.

Coordinated efforts are underway to ensure timely assistance to both residents and those impacted by the disruption.

RARE HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND BY DIPR

In a significant gesture to preserve and honour the cultural heritage of Nagaland, Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen, along with Director of Information & Public Relations, Kohima, Dzüvinuo Theünuo and Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong, on behalf of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), presented a rare historical photograph to the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, on 4th June 2025 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima.

The photograph, believed to have been taken in the early 1900s, captures a large gathering of people, likely from a central Tenyimia village, in what appears to be a traditional or communal setting. While the exact date, event and identities of those featured remain unknown, the image holds immense historical and ethnographic value. The photographer is unidentified, and the photograph itself was previously unpublished, making it a rare and unique archival piece.

The original negative, discovered in the departmental archives, was carefully restored and reprinted by the Department in April 2025. This effort is part of DIPR's ongoing initiative to document, preserve and share the visual history of Nagaland, and its people for future generations.

The Governor expressed his

appreciation for the thoughtful presentation and lauded the Department for its initiative in safeguarding the visual documentation of the state's past.

This presentation also reaffirms the Department's commitment to archival preservation and the promotion of Nagaland's diverse cultural legacy.

NAGALAND SETS THE PACE IN NATION-WIDE VKSA CAMPAIGN, MOBILIZES OVER 70,000 FARMERS ACROSS 746 VILLAGES IN A WEEK

Nagaland has set a remarkable pace in the ongoing Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA), emerging as a frontrunner in agricultural technology outreach, team visits, village coverage, and farmer mobilization. From 29th May to 5th June 2025, the state successfully engaged 70,169 farmers across 746 villages, demonstrating an exemplary model of community-led participation under the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

This transformative campaign is 'reaching the unreached' in the remotest villages, ensuring that 'no farmer is left behind'. It has seen the active involvement of farmers, farm women, rural youth, self-help groups (SHGs), and farmer producer organizations (FPOs), highlighting the spirit of inclusivity and collective progress in the state. Nagaland's progress is evident, with 35,507 male and 30,867 female farmers participating in awareness activities, technical interaction between farmers, scientists and state government officials, distribution of extension literatures and question-answer sessions.

The farmers participation remained high throughout the week, with over

10,000 farmers joining on 3rd and 4th June, underscoring the success of field-level planning and community mobilization. Additionally, three MLAs, MP, and Deputy Commissioners of every district, ICAR Director and Joint Director and, Dean of CAU and SAS graced the campaign with their presence, enhancing its visibility and support from state policymakers, administrators and technocrats. Nagaland, known for its rich biodiversity and traditional farming system, holds immense potential for integrating improved agricultural technologies with indigenous knowledge systems.

The VKSA campaign leverages this unique strength to promote sustainable agriculture, enhance food and income security, and move toward self-reliance of the state in the agriculture and allied sectors. Community participation is the cornerstone of the campaign's success. The people of Nagaland farmers, youth, women, and rural institutions like Village Councils have shown commendable ownership of this mission, turning the campaign into a grassroots movement.

The VKSA campaign goes beyond mobilization; it is a visionary push for transforming Indian agriculture through innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability, aligned with the SDGs and India's five-trillion-dollar economy goal. Nagaland

stands out as a model of how Viksit Krishi can lead to Viksit Bharat. As the campaign runs until 12th June, more milestones are expected, reflecting a strong, farmer-driven movement to boost the state's agricultural economy.

MP SUPONGMEREN JAMIR VISITS LANDSLIDE AFFECTED AREA AT PHESAMA

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir visited the landslide-affected area under Phesama Village, Kohima on 7th June 2025 accompanied by the Joint Secretary of NHIDCL, SDO (Civil) Jakhama, Additional SP of Kohima, and officials from NHIDCL.

A portion of National Highway-2 (NH-2) was completely washed out due to the landslide, cutting off a vital link for southern Angami region and the neighbouring state of Manipur.

During the visit, Jamir stressed the

urgent need to restore the damaged road and ensure the safety of commuters. He urged NHIDCL to expedite the work and take immediate steps to resume connectivity.

Officials also conducted a survey to explore alternative road options to help ease the transport issues caused by the landslide.

Jamir also met the Phesama Village Council and appreciated their ongoing efforts in responding to the situation. He assured the villagers and local organisations to press higher authorities for faster action and necessary support.

COFFEE CANVAS: CAPTURING THE JOURNEY OF COFFEE FROM FARM TO THE GLOBAL MARKET HELD AT KOHIMA



Advisor, G. Ikuto Zhimomi speaking at the Coffee Canvas programme held at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 9th June 2025.

The Department of Land Resources in collaboration with The Coffee Board of India & AIC-CCRI-CED organised the Coffee Canvas under the theme "A journey from Farm to Global Market" at the Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima on 9th June 2025

MLA and Advisor for Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi, highlighted coffee's global importance as the second most consumed beverage after water, with over 2.25 billion cups consumed daily. He noted Nagaland's growing role in Northeast India's coffee scene, praising the state's unique flavour and sustainable cultivation practices. He said Nagaland has immense potential for coffee

cultivation, revealing that approximately 10.4 lakh hectares which is 62.7% of the state's total geographical area are suitable for coffee. However, only 11,186.78 hectares about 1.08% has been utilised so far.

Zhimomi also spoke on the international accolades earned by Nagaland coffee, which has drawn praise for its distinct taste. At the Aurora International Taste Challenge (AIRC) in South Africa, Nagaland Coffee won a silver in 2021 and a gold in 2023 for its naturally processed coffee from the Nagaland Washing Station. He emphasized that Nagaland coffee is transitioning from a commodity to a specialty product, now officially recognized as the state's Unique Selling Point, reflecting the dedication of local farmers and stakeholders.

Advisor Zhimomi highlighted the economic benefits of coffee cultivation in Nagaland, citing opportunities in plantations, processing, eco-tourism, and coffee-themed cafés. He said the industry could create jobs across the value chain from baristas to tour guides while contributing sustainable development. He described the 'Coffee Canvas' event as a platform for farmers, entrepreneurs, and innovators to explore trends in processing, branding, and marketing. He encouraged entrepreneurs to build globally recognized coffee brands that empower local communities and boost the state's revenue.

Director, Land Resources and CEO, SLNA, Albert Ngullie stated that in 2014, the department, in collaboration with the Coffee Board of India, began efforts to revive existing plantations and expand area coverage under coffee cultivation, considering the highly favourable agro-climatic conditions for the healthy growth of both Arabica and Robusta varieties in the state. The department has set a long-term target of expanding to 50,000

hectares by 2047, in line with India's 100 years of independence, he added.

Ngullie stated coffee is being promoted under three core principles: Ecology, Employment, and Economy. It is grown as an agro-forestry crop with minimal undergrowth clearing and discourages slash-and-burn practices and has become a source of livelihood across the value chain, from plantation to retail for Nagaland's youth. With its high export potential, Nagaland coffee is now developed across the full value chain, including processing, roasting, packaging, and marketing.

Currently, only 8% (around 863 hectares) is in the harvesting stage, yielding about 195.4 metric tonnes. However, production is expected to increase significantly in the next two years as more plantations mature. The department has also set up 16 coffee cafes, 12 washing stations, and 7 roasteries, and conducts regular training and exposure trips.

Commissioner & Secretary of the Department of Land Resources, Dr. G. Hukugha Sema, IRS, delivered the welcome address, followed by a brief on *Coffee Canvas* by Partha Pratim Choudary, Joint Director (Extension), Coffee Board, NE Region.

The event also witnessed a technical session on Introduction to AIC-CCRI-CED & SDC by Ashvik K.S., Incubation Manager, AIC-CCRI-CED; Session on Coffee Exports by Dr. Babu Reddy, Deputy Director (Market Research), Coffee Board of India; Presentation on Digital Printing and Packaging by Ramneek Hora and the HP Team Session on Brand Management by Ashish, Founder of We Brand Coffee and Hora Arts, New Delhi (Vendor of HP), and Live Coffee Brewing Demonstration (Manual & Machine Methods) by the Coffee Quality Division, Eté Coffee.

VIKSIT NAGALAND FOR VIKSIT BHARAT @2047

A high-level deliberation on Viksit Nagaland for Viksit Bharat @2047 and related matters was convened on 10th June 2025 at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima. In a landmark first for the State, the meeting brought together the full spectrum of Nagaland's top leadership and administrative machinery. Attendees included all 60 elected Legislators led by the Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, senior police officials headed by the Director General of Police, all Administrative Heads of Departments (AHOs) and Heads of Departments (HoDs), along with the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police from all 17 districts of the State, as well as other key government functionaries.

Describing the event, Chairperson of the programme and Development Commissioner, Tamsunaro Aier, IAS highlighted it as a pivotal gathering of policymakers, unified in their commitment to shaping a dynamic and progressive future for Nagaland.

In his address, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, offered a brief historical perspective on the origins of the Naga movement and the implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system. He also reflected on the financial landscape of the State prior to 1989, noting that the financial year once began with a zero-deficit budget.

Dr. Rio highlighted Nagaland's unique governance structure at the grassroots level, where the Village Councils Act of 1978 serves in place of the Panchayati Raj system adopted by other States. He emphasized the importance of the efficient implementation

of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, urging all departments to work diligently and ensure the timely utilization of allocated funds. Failure to do so, he cautioned, would compel the State to return unspent funds with interest to the Central Government.

Acknowledging the various challenges currently facing the State, both societal and administrative, he called for unity among the Naga people. He encouraged collective effort and a spirit of teamwork to advance the shared goal of achieving *Viksit Nagaland* in alignment with the national vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*.

Dr. Rio also advised administrative officers and Village Councils to exercise vigilance and adhere strictly to existing laws and regulations, particularly regarding the issuance of Indigenous Inhabitant Certificates. He stressed the need for thorough verification to avoid future complications or unintended consequences.

Deputy Chief Minister for Planning & Transformation and National Highways, T.R. Zeliang, in his address to the august gathering, highlighted two of the State's flagship initiatives: the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI). Speaking on the CMHIS, Zeliang described it as a landmark scheme aimed at achieving universal health coverage for all citizens of Nagaland. He noted that the initiative reflects the Government's unwavering commitment to building a resilient and inclusive healthcare system, ensuring the well-being of every citizen.

Dwelling on the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI), Zeliang

emphasized its role in promoting self-employment and economic self-reliance, particularly among the youth. The initiative, he explained, is designed to support farmers and budding entrepreneurs by offering accessible and subsidized credit. He concluded by calling on all stakeholders to actively support and promote these transformative schemes, underscoring their potential to bring about meaningful, long-term development and prosperity for the people of Nagaland.

Deputy Chief Minister, Home & Border Affairs, Y. Patton, in his address, highlighted three critical issues requiring immediate attention: the Protected Area Permit (PAP), Inner Line Permit (ILP), and Free Movement Regime (FMR). He stressed that reforming these systems was essential for the overall welfare and security of the State. While recognizing the recent implementation of the ILP in the districts of Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland, Patton expressed the government's openness to constructive suggestions from the public to enhance and strengthen the ILP system further. In his closing remarks, he emphasized the importance of safeguarding Article 371(A), asserting that it was crucial to ensure the protection of the rights and freedoms of the Naga people from external interference.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Dr. J Alam, IAS shared his experiences in the NITI Aayog meeting held in New Delhi. He gave a presentation on Viksit Nagaland for Viksit Bharat @ 2047, highlighting the Nagaland Index Map on key parameters and its resources to drive growth. He emphasized the State's rich oil and mineral deposits, abundant natural resources, natural and human resources supported by a strong

demographic dividend and creative economy.

The guiding principles to be adopted and addressed for Nagaland to become Viksit Nagaland falls in the following areas; Zero poverty, Population management & HRD, Skilling & Employment, Water scarcity, Farmer Agri- Tech, Creative economy & Product perfection, Improvement in health and education indicator digital transformation & innovation, Swachh Nagaland and inclusive infrastructure development.

He further highlighted the following as key economic growth drivers for Viksit Nagaland: Urbanisation and regional development, Tourism & Creative economy, Agriculture Innovation & Technology, Service Hub, Mines & Minerals based industries sustainability and green economy.

Detailed theme presentations with the latest data were also presented on the following topics: Strengthening Governance System from Grassroots Upwards by Home Commissioner Vyasan R, IAS; Sensitization and Integration of Customary Laws in Governance by Principal Secretary, Law & Justice Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS; Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI) by Principal Secretary Finance Department Taliremba Ao; Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) by Operations Manager, Nagaland Health Protection Society, Alongla; Strengthening Start-up Ecosystem by Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS.

The theme presentations were followed by a thorough deliberative session wherein the administrative machinery and the policy makers discussed in detail important and pertaining issues related to the topics highlighted under the theme presentations.

Concluding the day-long deliberation,

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, in his closing remarks, stated that the State cannot proceed with the exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas until the court delivers a clear and definitive verdict. Citing a Geology & Mining survey, he noted the potential discovery of rare earth minerals during the extraction of oil and gas in the State.

Referring to the Village Councils Act of 1978, he urged village authorities to promptly submit relevant cases to the administrative officers for decisions in accordance with government rules and regulations. He stressed the need for regular consultations at all levels and called on the administrative and police authorities to exercise their powers efficiently.

Rio also proposed organizing awareness campaigns, recommending that all administrative officers, police personnel, and staff from the Directorates participate actively.

On the matter of customary laws, he mentioned that an Apex Court would be established to ensure swift and cost-effective justice.

Regarding the Inner Line Permit (ILP) and the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN), he advocated for a digital and online system, emphasizing the shared responsibility between Village Councils and District Administrations. He called on citizens to act responsibly by reporting any foreign visitors to the nearest police station.

DoH & FW REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO A TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, Nagaland, on 11th June 2025, reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining a Tobacco-Free Office through a formal observance program held at the Directorate's lobby.

In accordance with Notification No. MED-5/11/92/(Pt)/24 dated 25th January 2023, whereby the Government of Nagaland officially declared the Directorate as a Tobacco-Free Zone, a circular was subsequently issued reaffirming this status and directing all staff to comply with the tobacco-free guidelines.

Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW Department Anoop Khinchi, IAS, delivered a strong call for strict compliance. Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Director & HOD (DH&FW), provided a comprehensive overview of the Tobacco-Free Office Guidelines. Dr. Arenla Walling,

Additional Director (Dental) & SNO (NTCP), highlighted key provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. The program concluded with a pledge ceremony.

The program strongly emphasized the harmful effects of tobacco use—linked to cancers, cardiovascular diseases, and respiratory illnesses. With 43% of adults in Nagaland reported as tobacco users (as per GATS-2), the urgency of promoting a tobacco-free, health-oriented workplace was underlined.

In line with the Government Order, an Anti-Tobacco Committee has been constituted, with representation from various sections of the Directorate. This Committee is responsible for enforcement, awareness generation, compliance monitoring, and policy recommendations to further

strengthen the Tobacco-Free initiative. Clear signage indicating “No Smoking” and “Tobacco-Free Zone” has already been installed across the premises for all to see and adhere to.

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima urges all officers, staff, and visitors to extend their full cooperation in upholding the Tobacco-Free Office Policy, thereby setting a model example for other institutions across the state.

NORTHEAST NSS FESTIVAL 2025 KICKS OFF IN NAGALAND

The Northeast National Service Scheme (NSS) Festival 2025 officially commenced on 11th June at Dzüü Resort, Rüsoma Village, Kohima. Organized by the NSS Cell under the Directorate of Youth Resources & Sports, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of NSS, Guwahati, and sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, the festival is being held under the national theme “Viksit Bharat.”

The week-long celebration, took place from 10th to 14th June, brings together 300 NSS volunteers and officials from across the eight northeastern states.

In his address, Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio described the festival as a “celebration of unity in diversity” and a vital platform for youth engagement, cultural exchange, and leadership. He encouraged participants to make lasting friendships and appreciate India’s rich diversity through initiatives like NSS.

Dr. Rio highlighted the role of community service in building empathy and shared responsibility, praising volunteers for their work in health camps, blood donations, disaster relief, and cleanliness drives, calling them acts of nation-building.

Sharing stories from his disciplined,

army-rooted upbringing, he emphasized the importance of values like integrity and service. He urged youth to take pride in their cultural identity, noting that traditional attire, folk songs, and dances represent who they are and must be preserved.

Touching upon the NSS motto “Not Me, But You”, Dr. Rio urged the volunteers to uphold selflessness and community spirit in all their efforts. Through NSS, you are already making a difference not only in your state but across communities. He proposed a rotational hosting model for the NSS festival among northeastern states to strengthen regional collaboration and cultural exchange.

He concluded by stating that serving others is serving God, and expressed hope in the youth, whose unity and spirit are vital to the nation’s strength.

Director of the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose in his welcome address expressed pride in hosting the event, calling it “a celebration of unity, service, and the vibrant spirit of the Northeast.” He highlighted Nagaland’s robust NSS network, with over 180 NSS units and 18,000 active volunteers, many of whom have adopted villages to implement community service initiatives reflecting the NSS motto.

TRAINING FOR DISTRICT LEVEL MASTER TRAINERS ON HOLISTIC PROGRESS CARD IMPLEMENTATION HELD

A three-day training programme for District Level Master Trainers on the implementation of the Holistic Progress Card (HPC) in the Foundational and Preparatory stages was conducted at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kohima, from June 11 to 13, 2025.

The initiative was undertaken under the guidance of Prof. Indrani Bhaduri, Head and CEO of PARAKH, NCERT, aiming to equip key educational personnel from across the state with the knowledge and skills required to roll out the HPC framework in government schools.

Participants include personnel from SCERT, District Institutes of Educational Training (DIETs), Educational Block Resource Centre (EBRC) coordinators, and Trainers of Teachers (ToTs) from the School Education Department. Representatives

from Samagra Shiksha and The Lighthouse Project – NECTAR are also taking part in the training. The sessions are being facilitated by expert resource persons from PARAKH, NCERT.

The trained master trainers lead the training programme to ensure the effective implementation of HPC in Class 1 (Foundational Stage) and Class 3 (Preparatory Stage) across Nagaland in the current academic year. The initiative is part of the state's broader vision, in collaboration with PARAKH, NCERT, to implement HPC across all government schools in a phased manner, extending to the Middle Stage in the subsequent academic year.

The HPC is a key component of the National Education Policy 2020, focusing on competency-based assessment and a more holistic approach to student progress.

WORKSHOP ON “CORS AND GEOID MODEL APPLICATIONS IN LAND SURVEYING HELD

A 2-Day Workshop on “CORS and Geoid Model Applications in Land Surveying” jointly organised by the Urban Development Department & Water Resources Department, Nagaland in collaboration with the Survey of India, Assam & Nagaland and Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram Geospatial Directorate, Guwahati was held at the Conference Hall of the Chief Engineer, Water Resources on 12th June, 2025.

CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Stations) and geoid models play crucial roles in modern land surveying, providing high-precision

positioning and elevation data. CORS networks offer real-time and post-processed GNSS observations for accurate surveying, while geoid models allow conversion between ellipsoidal and orthometric heights, ensuring accurate land surveying and mapping.

Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Er. Thepfusalie Guozi in his address expressed gratitude to the Survey of India for conducting the training, highlighting the value of learning from qualified trainers and the importance of staying updated with the latest scientific developments in GPS technology. He emphasized the need for

better coordination between Water Resources and Urban development to tackle challenges like climate change and other major issues and encouraged inter-department support.

Additional Director, Urban Development, Tarachu Filtu stated that the training would enhance departmental operations and urged the participants to make the most of the opportunity. He stressed that continuous learning and adopting new

technologies are vital for adding value and improving performance.

Online presentation was delivered by Director, A&N and TMMz GD, Uday Shanker Prasad, on “NAKSHA” in perspective of SoI, Officer Surveyor, A&N and TMMz GD, Sankar Nath Dey presented on Survey of India and use of CORS, Officer Surveyor, A&N and TMMz GD Gitartha Talukdar, presented on use of Geoid.

TOPPERS, RANK HOLDERS AND ACHIEVERS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2025 FELICITATED

The Felicitation of Toppers, Rank Holders and Achievers of HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2025 was held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima, on June 12, 2025, under the aegis of the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan. The event celebrated academic excellence and inspired the young achievers to contribute meaningfully to the development of the nation.

The Governor's message was delivered by Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor, School Education & SCERT, on his behalf. In his message, the Governor extended heartfelt congratulations to all toppers and successful candidates of the HSLC and HSSLC 2025 examinations. He lauded their hard work, perseverance, and intellectual achievement, noting that their success marks a significant milestone on the road to even greater accomplishments.

The Governor emphasized that this moment of triumph is not theirs alone, but also a reflection of the unwavering support of parents, families, teachers, and schools. He highlighted the critical role the educators play, not just in imparting knowledge, but in

cultivating discipline, curiosity, and ambition among students.

The Governor encouraged the students to reflect on the privileges they enjoy, peace, stability, and access to quality education, while reminding them of their responsibility as future nation-builders. Calling on them to uphold values such as honesty, hard work, adaptability, and a commitment to lifelong learning, he urged them to contribute to the Viksit Bharat - A Developed India by 2047, a vision he holds dear. “Though I may not live to see this dream realized,” he said, “but you will be its architects, and you will enjoy its fruits.”

In his address, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome congratulated the students and acknowledged that success, while individually earned, is supported by many. He commended the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) for the smooth and successful conduct of the 2025 examinations. He reminded students of their potential as future leaders, and urged them to be bold in their aspirations, affirming that “courage defines both character and success.”

Dr. Yhome emphasized the importance

of giving back to society, stating “The way you give back ultimately reflects your true character.” He concluded by underscoring the transformative power of education: “Only education can truly liberate you as you step into a new chapter of life.”

Award Categories Presented:

As part of the felicitation programme, a widerangeofawardswerepresented,reflecting inclusivity, merit, and encouragement of academic pursuit across various disciplines: Governor’s Awards to HSLC & HSSLC Toppers

Governor’s Awards (HSLC & HSSLC) for:

- Achievers in Modern Indian Language (MIL) & Skill Education Subjects.
- Outstanding Government School Students.
- Students from Eastern Nagaland.
- Governor’s Excellence Award for Science Study (HSSLC)
- NBSE Awards to HSLC & HSSLC Toppers.

FELICITATION PROGRAM FOR MERITORIOUS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL STUDENTS IN HSLC AND HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2025 HELD

The Directorate of School Education (DoSE), Nagaland, organized a Felicitation Program to honour the meritorious government school students who excelled in the HSLC and HSSLC Examinations 2025. The programme was held at the Morung Conference Hall, Directorate of School Education, Kohima, on 13th June, 2025 and was attended by top officials, school representatives, students, and parents.

Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhriehuolie Yhome graced the event as the Special Guest accompanied by Advisor Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger. In his address, Dr. Yhome congratulated all the students, teachers, officials for the remarkable results and Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) for the success conduct of the examinations. He said that the Government provides education to all, irrespective of financial status, tribe or religion and is striving to be at par with the best of schools across the country. He lauded all the Government

schools’ principals and teachers for achieving very high pass percentages in HSLC and HSSLC examinations, noting that the HSSLC overall pass percentages in Arts stream was 80%, 78% in commerce and 72% in science, similar to most private schools achieved this year. He announced that the Department has planned for leadership training for teachers, introduction of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning, particularly in the elementary level of school education and to use all the resources available in improving infrastructure across Government schools in Nagaland. Dr. Yhome stated that the Department has a target of bringing back 1 lakh students into the Government schools by 2030, through active engagement with the community and teachers to achieve this goal. He ended his speech by encouraging the students to continue striving for excellence and to contribute meaningfully to society.

Principal Director of School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, lauded the students for their exceptional performance

and encouraged students studying in Government schools to continue to work hard and bring more laurels to their community and the state. He said that the Department provides financial support for further studies for students through scholarships from primary school to higher secondary and colleges.

Commissioner & Secretary of School Education and SCERT, Kevileno Angami, in her congratulatory message, praised the students for their perseverance and encouraged them to aim higher in their future endeavours. She credited the hard work and dedication of the students and teachers for the achievement despite various challenges and limitations faced by Government students and encouraged the students to bring more accolades in their future endeavours as well.

A key highlight of the event was the presentation of awards and certificates to the top three government school students in the HSLC and HSSLC 2025 examination across the Science, Arts, and Commerce streams. They received a cash award of Rs. 30000, 20000 and 10000 respectively. The HSLC top three students were Igumule Telia from Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Peren; Imtiyala from Govt. High School, Khar, and Kongkor Boro

from Govt. High School, Naharbari.

In the HSSLC Science stream, the top three students were: Limsowa Jamir, Wangshizenla and Rongchensenla Yar from Mayangnokcha Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Mokokchung. In the Arts stream, the top performers were: Vikhono Senotsu from GHSS, Jotsoma; Asieno Kielienu from GHSS, Sechu and Julie Giri from GHSS, Medziphema. In the Commerce stream, the top three students were Kezhazetuo Nagi from Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Jotsoma; Temjenlemla Yim from Mayangnokcha Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Mokokchung, and Mesu U Koza from Rüzühkhrie Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Kohima.

The event also featured experience-sharing sessions by some of the students. The Directorate of School Education also recognized government schools with student enrolment of more than five students that achieved a 100% pass percentage in the HSLC and HSSLC 2025 examinations. A total of 20 Government High Schools and 3 Higher Secondary Schools were recognized for their perfect pass percentages, a remarkable achievement that underscores the improving quality of education in the state.

NECTAR PROJECT CONDUCTS TRAINING FOR PLCS

As part of the Governance and Capacity Building component of the NECTAR project, the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) comprising Government school teachers across Nagaland regularly receive training for capacity building, aiming to transform teaching and learning practices, foster collaboration among educators, create a culture of continuous learning and

professional development among them, and enhance their digital literacy.

Aligned with this initiative, the fifth round of in-person training for Subject-based Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) commenced on 22nd April 2025 and concluded on 13th June 2025 across four training stations in Mokokchung, Tuensang, Dimapur and Kohima for ten

subjects – English, Science/Biology, Hindi, Mathematics, Accountancy, EVS/Social Science/History, Economics, Chemistry, Physics and Sociology. Subject Matter Experts (SME), Subject Presidents and Mentors, participated in the training.

PLCs consist of Subject Presidents from secondary stage, and a Mentor each from the foundational, preparatory and middle stage. These four core PLC members were trained

to become mentors for fellow teachers of their subjects in the district.

The Subject-based PLCs are communities of teachers who come together to share best practices and innovative teaching strategies, discuss pedagogical approaches and engage in professional development activities tailored to their respective disciplines.

NINO IRALU TAKES OATH AS LOKAYUKTA



Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam, IAS administering the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Lokayukta of Nagaland, Nino Iralu, at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 16th June 2025.

Nino Iralu was sworn in as the new Lokayukta of Nagaland at a program held at the conference hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 16th June 2025.

Nino Iralu succeeds, Banuo Z Jamir, former Chief Secretary of Nagaland, who completed her five-year term as Lokayukta, Nagaland.

Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam IAS administered the 'oath of office' and Home Commissioner, Anoop Khinchi, IAS initiated the official proceedings. Among those present during the occasion included senior officials, officers and staffs of Lokayukta, well-wishers and family members.

5-DAY GST TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NAGALAND STATE TAX OFFICERS INAUGURATES IN DIMAPUR

A 5- day "Onsite training on GST for Nagaland State Tax Officers", commenced with its inauguration on 16th June, 2025 at the office of the Commissioner of State Taxes, Dimapur. The program aims to enhance the understanding and implementation of GST laws among the state tax officers, ensuring better service delivery and compliance across the state.

Speaking at the inauguration, Commissioner of Taxes, Abhinav Shivam,

IAS emphasized that strengthening tax administration through regular training is crucial for Nagaland's development. He noted that the dynamic nature of GST demands constant learning and adaptation.

Shivam acknowledged the state's unique challenges, including its geography, infrastructure gaps, and political complexities, which have hindered industrial growth. As Nagaland relies heavily on tax revenues, he said improving tax collection is not just an

administrative goal but a developmental necessity.

Despite constraints, the department has made steady progress over the past eight months, focusing on capacity building, officer training, developing in-house compliance tools, and launching joint enforcement operations with CGST. Efforts are also underway to introduce RFID-based tracking systems and an FAQ guide in Nagamese to help new entrepreneurs. He also announced the launch of a Tax Mitra initiative to train local youth as grassroots tax advisors and turn zonal offices into information hubs. The department has recovered over ₹210 crore in

revenue arrears between February and May 2025.

Shivam stressed the need to change public perception of taxation and revealed plans for a public awareness campaign starting in July. He called for tax compliance to become a people's movement, highlighting its role in funding essential services and infrastructure.

Resource persons for the 5-day training included Addl. Commissioner, NACIN, Shillong, Issac R Kharkongor; Addl. Com, CGST, Dimapur, Sashi Wapang; CA, Raginee Goyal; CA, Sushil Kumar Goyal; CA, Ayush Saraf; Asst. Com, CGST, Dimapur, S Krishnan.

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA NAGALAND CONDUCTED IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION RESOURCE PERSONS & COORDINATORS CUM EXHIBITION OF TLMS

As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen inclusive education practices across the state, the Inclusive Education (IE) component under Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, organized a comprehensive In-Service Training Programme for IE Resource Persons (RPs) and Coordinators, along with focused sessions on the development of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) and Exhibition showcasing innovative educational tools. The event was held at Morung Hall, Directorate of School Education, Kohima.

The training focused on capacitating the IE RPs and Coordinators in inclusive pedagogical approaches, to equip participants with knowledge and skills for developing Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), to provide exposure to various therapeutic interventions that support children with special needs, to promote the use and creation of contextually relevant and

child-friendly TLMS and to foster innovation through a competitive exhibition of self-developed TLMS.

Kopele Tepa, founder and proprietor of Bumblebee Inclusive School, led enriching sessions on the development and implementation of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and strategies for creating and managing an inclusive classroom environment that addresses the diverse needs of all learners. Rukuse Sakhrie conducted a session on Music Therapy, emphasizing its role in enhancing cognitive, emotional, and social development among children with special needs.

Practical Demonstrations and Hands-on Training were conducted on Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Support strategies for children with Visual Impairment. These sessions were facilitated by trained specialists among the IE RPs and Coordinators, allowing participants to

gain practical insights and engage in cross disability learning.

At the TLM Exhibition, IE RPs and Coordinators displayed innovative, inclusive, and affordable educational aids developed during their training to support children with disabilities. Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha and Principal Director, Department of School Education also visited the TLM exhibition, appreciated

their efforts, and encouraged them to continue working to ensure no child is left behind.

Winners of the exhibition were recognized for their innovation and practical approach: 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions were bagged by Ngaugongbe of EBRC Athingbong, Nungshisenla Ozukum of EBRC Zunheboto and ZumongiKikon of EBRC Peren district respectively.

UNION MINISTER JITENDRA SINGH HOLDS REVIEW MEETING WITH NORTHEAST LEADING SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN WOKHA

As part of his two-day official tour of Wokha district, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, convened a high-level review meeting with prominent scientific institutions from across the Northeast at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 17th June 2025. Advisor to CM Nagaland, Dr. Chumben Murry was also present during the review meeting.

The meeting was organized to

strengthen technological integration in key developmental sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, educational research, and the implementation of central schemes, particularly in Wokha district and the broader state of Nagaland.

Six leading institutions participated in the deliberations: Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati; North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), Shillong; Institute of Bio resources and Sustainable



Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh and Advisor to CM Nagaland, Dr. Chumben Murry with officials of Northeast Leading Scientific Institutions after the review meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 17th June 2025.

Development (IBSD), Imphal; CSIR–North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat; the office of the Additional Surveyor General, Eastern Zone, Survey of India, Kolkata; and the Directorate of Geo-Spatial Data, Assam and Nagaland, Guwahati.

Each institute delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining their current outreach initiatives, technological research, and collaborative programs. The presentations focused on advancing scientific applications in rural development, refining farming practices to boost household economies, and promoting the district's traditional food and beverage culture through innovation and value addition.

Special emphasis was placed on bioresource utilization and the emerging bioeconomy, with particular attention to

banana fibre extraction in Wokha district. As banana has been recognized as the official “One District One Product” (ODOP) of Wokha, the discussion centered on strategies to scale production, promote agribusiness, and integrate sustainable value chains.

Dr. Singh encouraged the scientists to establish active collaboration with line departments in Wokha to translate research into real-world outcomes. He underscored the importance of harnessing science and technology for the holistic development of remote and resource-rich districts like Wokha.

The review meeting marks a significant step in fostering research-to-ground linkages and reaffirming the central government's commitment to bridging regional development gaps through science-led governance and inclusive innovation.

NAGALAND SUPER LEAGUE U-20 SCHOLARSHIP TEAM FLAGGED OFF AT SOVIMA

A send-off programme was held on 17th, June, 2025 at Nagaland Olympic Association Office, Sovima, for the NSL U-20 Scholarship

Team, marking the beginning of a landmark journey under the NSL Scholarship for U-20 initiative. This ambitious program is



Officials with participants during the send-off programme for the NSL U-20 Scholarship Team held at the Nagaland Olympic Association on 17th June 2025.

a collaborative effort between the Nagaland Super League (NSL), Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA), and the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), JSW, aimed at nurturing the next generation of football talent from Nagaland.

The programme commenced with a tribute to Late. Atuo Mezhür, for his contributions to sports and youth development. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries: Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister & Chairman, IDAN; Vice President, Athletics Federation of India; Secretary General, Nagaland Olympic Association; Benei M. Lamthiu, Chairman, NSL; General Secretary, Nagaland Football Association (NFA); and MLA, Government of Nagaland; Mughato Aye, Vice President, Nagaland Football Association; Kuputo Shohe, Joint Secretary, Nagaland Olympic Association; Neivikuolie Nicholas Khatsu, Assistant Secretary General, Nagaland Olympic Association. In their addresses, the dignitaries applauded the NSL Scholarship as a visionary initiative conceptualized by the Chief Minister of

Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, and highlighted its significance in placing Nagaland's footballing talent on the national map.

The NSL U-20 Scholarship Team, consisting of 16 footballers and 3 support staff, is undergoing a fully-sponsored, one-month high-performance training from 8th June to 7th July 2025. Phase 1 (8th–18th June, Chümoukedima) included a pre-departure camp in Chümoukedima with a friendly match, while Phase 2 (18th June–7th July) features elites training at Inspire Institute of Sport, Bellary, and exposure with Bengaluru FC's academy. The Chief Minister of Nagaland is also scheduled to visit the team during training, underscoring the State's commitment to sports development.

This initiative marks a bold new step in Nagaland's footballing journey, empowering athletes through world-class training, professional mentorship, and unwavering institutional support. The NSL Scholarship for U-20 is not just a sports program, it's a symbol of aspiration, transformation, and the future of football in Nagaland.

CMMSF TO THE TOP FIFTY STUDENTS IN THE HSLC EXAMINATION 2025 HELD

Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship (CMMSF) to the top 50 students in the HSLC Examination 2025, conducted by the Nagaland Board of School education was held at the State Banquet Hall Chief Minister's Residential Complex Kohima on 18th June 2025.

Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio congratulated the top 50 students of the HSLC Examination 2025, calling it a moment of pride for the State. Applauding their hard

work and dedication, he described them as the torchbearers of tomorrow and urged them to continue striving for excellence.

Rio noted the steady improvement in pass percentages but stressed the need to further enhance the quality of education. He advised students to remain disciplined, uphold moral values, and be prepared to face future challenges with perseverance and determination.

Highlighting the issue of rising

unemployment despite increasing numbers of educated youth, he pointed out that the government sector cannot accommodate all. He emphasized the importance of mindset change, promoting entrepreneurship, and skill development.

The CM encouraged students to explore opportunities beyond academics, mentioning that the Department of School Education has introduced multiple vocational subjects at the secondary and higher secondary levels. He stressed the need to reorient education to focus not just on academic excellence but also on life skills, adaptability, and creativity to prepare students for a global future.

In his address, Rangumbing Nsarangbe expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Minister for instituting the CMMSF, recognizing the top 50 HSLC students. He noted that the initiative has been well received, especially by the student community, and has become a prestigious

award encouraging academic excellence.

He shared that the CMMSF was launched in 2019, with the first felicitation held on 31st January 2020, awarding ₹50,000 each to 55 top students of HSLC 2019. The fellowship is awarded annually to the top 50 rank holders in the HSLC exam conducted by NBSE, based on merit and restricted to Indigenous Scheduled Tribe students of Nagaland. In case of tied ranks, all students with the same marks are included, which may lead to more than 50 awardees. Beneficiaries receive a citation certificate along with the cash award in the first year.

The CMMSF grant will be awarded for five years, with recipients required to maintain a minimum of 80% marks each year to continue receiving the fellowship. Failure to meet this criterion will result in discontinuation. Later, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio presented awards and certificates to the toppers.

AWARENESS & BENEFIT SATURATION CAMP LAUNCHED TO EMPOWER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS NAGALAND



Advisor H. Tovihoto Ayemi, senior officers, and other officials from line departments at the State Level "Awareness & Benefit Saturation Camp" held at the DC Office Complex, Kohima on 18th June 2025.

The State-level “Awareness & Benefit Saturation Camp” under the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched at the DC Office Complex, Kohima, with Advisor for Tribal Affairs & Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, as the special guest on 18th June 2025.

Ayemi stated that the camp will run from 15th to 30th June 2025, covering 608 villages in Nagaland to uplift tribal communities. Describing the Abhiyan as a “very interesting” programme, the Advisor urged all district officials to judiciously utilize the available funds for the benefit of the villages.

He said that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in collaboration with the State Government under Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio, is committed to the development of tribal communities in line with the national goal of Viksit Bharat, to become a fully developed nation by 2047. He emphasized that the Mission was conceived in line with this vision and called on all line department officials to work collectively to ensure that the villages in Nagaland are able to catch up and also serve as a model for other states.

Joint Secretary of Tribal Affairs, T.L.

Kiusumong, highlighted the department’s goal of empowering tribal communities through coordinated efforts. State Nodal Officer Imsumeren presented the mission’s roadmap, stating the DA-JGUA will operate over five years (2024–2029), involving 17 departments across 17 districts and 74 blocks, focusing on development in infrastructure, healthcare, education, livelihood, and basic services.

District-level Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camps were also organised across Kohima, Mokokchung, Nuland, Chümoukedima, Tuensang, Phek, Zunheboto, Peren, Tseminyu, Dimapur, Mon, Shamator, Kiphire, and Longleng districts.

Organized at village and cluster levels, the camps aimed to deliver government entitlements and spread awareness about DA-JGUA. Key services included Aadhaar enrolment, ration cards, Ayushman Bharat health cards, immunization, Kisan Credit Card, PM-KISAN, social security schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY), pensions, MGNREGA benefits, and women and child welfare support among others.

NAGALAND TEAM JOINS ICC INDIAN BUSINESS DELEGATION TO CAMBODIA

A five-member team from Nagaland was part of the ICC Indian Business Delegation to Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 15th to 18th June 2025. The state team was headed by the Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, joined by the Additional Director, Er Y. Lipongse Thongtsar, Deputy Director, Yawelie Noudi, and two representatives from the Business

Association of Nagas (BAN) namely, T. Mongkhum Jamir, President and Benthungo Kithan.

The Indian Business Delegation led by the Director General of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Dr. Rajeev Singh Tyagi, comprises of officials from the ICC, UP Government and businesses from different sectors such as Agriculture, Fertilisers & Bio



The Nagaland Business Delegation at the India-Cambodia B2B Interaction 2025 held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 15th–18th June 2025, as part of the ICC India initiative.

resource, Food Processing, Dairy, Health, IT & ITeS etc. The Business Meet was organised by the ICC with the support of the Indian Embassy in Cambodia.

The B2B inaugural session was graced by His Excellency Dr. Sok Siphana, Senior Minister in the Royal Government of Cambodia. The Business Meet was attended by the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce, Cambodia Women Entrepreneurs' Association (CWEA) Cambodia Oknha Association (COA), CEO Master Club, Cambodia Cashew Federation, and many other private companies apart from representatives from the Indian Business Chamber in Cambodia (IBCC) and INCHAM.

The initiative was to deepen economic ties and open new avenues for collaboration, create valuable networking platforms and long-term partnerships between the two countries for mutual growth and foster a win-win outcome for both nations.

In addition to B2B meetings, the delegation met with officials from various ministries in the kingdom of Cambodia including the Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Under Secretary of State in the Ministry of Commerce, Deputy Secretary General of Cambodian Investment Board and the Indian Ambassador to Cambodia, Vanlalvawna Bawitlung and other Embassy officials.

TAFMA EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2025

TaFMA Excellence Awards 2025 was held on June 19, 2025 at the Regional Centre of Excellence for Music & Performing Arts (RCEMPA), Jotsoma, Kohima. Organized by the Task Force for Music and Arts

(TaFMA), the awards ceremony recognized and honoured the outstanding contributions by Naga musicians, artists, actors and creative professionals who gained national and international platforms.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering during the TaFMA Excellence Awards 2025 held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, Kohima on 19th June 2025.

The event featured the unveiling of a grand piano gifted to the state by world-renowned music composer Dr. A.R. Rahman and the release of the 25th Hornbill Music Festival Coffee Table Book.

The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, attended the event as the Special Guest, joined by Cabinet Ministers, Advisors and other dignitaries. In his address, Dr. Rio commended Naga artists for their remarkable achievements on national and international platforms, bringing pride to both the state and the country.

He highlighted on the establishment of TaFMA, formerly known as Music Task Force in 2003, stating that its primary goal was to promote Nagaland's rich culture and traditions through music, arts, and sports while also creating employment opportunities for the youth.

He applauded TaFMA's initiative to host music festival across Nagaland and encouraged young talents to continue striving for excellence on global stages. He also expressed heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rahman for his gift and for his ongoing love and affection for the people of Nagaland. He emphasized that such partnerships continue to strengthen the state's cultural and economic foundation of the state. He concluded his speech by congratulating all the award winners and reaffirmed the government's support for the creative sector.

Advisor to the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha emphasized the role of music and arts, spotlighting Naga musicians who are making waves and putting India on the global stage. Metha, stressed the importance of preserving Naga identity through the arts and highlighted the growing impact of Naga talent on global platforms. He called for collective efforts to build a thriving creative economy and empower the youth.

The event also featured a diverse musical lineup, including Special Performances by Inato Assumi, Palak Chauhan, Temsuinla Longchar, Trance Effect and the Nagaland Madrigal Singers. Ten individuals were awarded the TaFMA Excellence Awards 2025. Hito Kiho was declared the Ultimate Achiever Award winner. List of awardees: Fifth Note Band, Ruopfuzhano Whiso, Arenla Subong, Lenen Jamir, Tiameren Aier, Nagaland Madrigal Singers, Trance Effect, Bendang Walling, Alobo Naga and Hito Kiho.

TWO-DAY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR OFFICERS OF COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

A two-day leadership workshop was conducted on the 19th and 20th of June 2025 at the Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Kohima. The workshop was

organized for officers of the Department of Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, from the rank of SRCS and above, including ministerial staff from the Head Office on the first day.

Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Orenthung Lotha speaking as the special guest, emphasized the need for strong leadership, ethical governance, and forward-thinking strategies to strengthen the cooperative movement in Nagaland. He encouraged the department officials the need to envision and chalk out goals and targets for the coming days.

The workshop featured four technical sessions on the first day, covering key areas such as Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Rules by Lithrila Under Secretary, P & AR, Responsibilities of government servants by Asalie Lese, Dy. Secretary, ATI, Soft Skills for officers by Meripeni Zares, Under Secretary Home, and office procedures by Rhonthungo Dy. Secretary, Economics & Statistics.

The second day was marked by a Panel Discussion on the theme “Visioning for the Next Decade”, aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat. Some of the Key Discussions revolved around: Strengthening audit mechanisms and de-registering non-functional cooperatives, Organizing and registering new viable cooperatives, promoting convergence with other departments and organizations, and building vibrant and self-sustaining cooperative societies.

The session concluded with a consensus on actionable steps including eliminating fictitious audits, verifying member authenticity, and linking cooperatives with startups and entrepreneurs to enhance market access.

The workshop concluded on a high note, with participants expressing commitment to implement the learnings and strategies discussed, and to drive meaningful transformation in the cooperative sector.

11th INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY OBSERVED ACROSS NAGALAND

The 11th International Yoga Day was celebrated with AHoDs and HoDs led by Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam, IAS held at the Central Lobby of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 21st June 2025.

The event was jointly organised by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, National Ayush Mission Nagaland and Youth Resources and Sports Nagaland with the theme of 2025 ‘Yoga for One Earth, One Health’.

Aligning with the year’s theme, the concept of the event is to promote environmental sustainability alongside the

principles of Yoga. In addition to the Yoga Session observation, it incorporated eco-friendly activities such as Tree plantation and a clean-up campaign, encouraging community-driven environmental efforts.

Trained Yoga instructors from National Ayush Mission, Nagaland, Kelhouzasie Lawrence and Razouvolie Mezhi led the yoga session while the Directorate of Information and Public Relations live-streamed the event.

AHoDs and HoDs with officials and staff of various departments from the Secretariat and the Directorate participated in the event.

The 11th International Day of Yoga, with

the global theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health,' was also observed in the districts of Kohima, Zunheboto, Dimapur, Wokha, Meluri, Phek, Noklak, Shamator, Kiphire, Tseminyu, jointly organized by the district administration and stakeholders. The events were participated by heads of offices, staff from various government departments,

students and public. The observance reinforced the global relevance of yoga as a unifying practice that nurtures both personal well-being and collective harmony. Participants were engaged in various asanas during the yoga sessions led by the instructors.

STUDENTS ARRIVES NAGALAND AFTER ATTENDING SAKURA HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM 2025

The two Student- Shethilu Medeo from Ruzhukhire Govt. Higher Secondary School and Iris Zomawii Lushai from Chumoukedima Government Higher Secondary School, and Inspire Manak Award student- Faragdul Islam from JNV and Zatan from Holy Cross High School, arrives Nagaland on 22nd June, 2025 after attending the 7- day program of Sakura Science High School program (SSHP) in Japan under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha Nagaland. The students were selected based on the criteria set by the Ministry of Education (MoE) GoI and based on the criteria set by Samagra Shiksha / NBSE Nagaland shortlisted meritorious students.

On their arrival the students had an interaction with the media and expressed gratitude to the Department of School Education and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan for the Sakura Science Exchange program opportunity. The 7-day program included 5 days of active participation and 2 days of exploring Japan. Students shared that they learned about Japanese culture, science and technology usage, cleanliness and politeness. They observed a difference between Japan and India in terms of technology use and cleanliness, describing Japan as "a future world". They visited various places, explored

the culture and gain diverse knowledge.

They had an opportunity to interact with students of Omika High School students and learned about Japanese education system at the grassroots level. One student, who had been self-learning Japanese since childhood, shared that her interest in the language helped her communicate and adapt easily during the visit.

Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Chumoukedima, Karen Yephthomi, thanked the Department of School Education, especially the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. She shared that this is the second batch of students traveling to Japan, an opportunity made possible through the initiative of dedicated officers and advisors. She expressed hope that more such opportunities would be extended to students of government schools in Nagaland.

Nodal officer, SCERT, for INSPIRE MANAK Awards, Daniel Thong, highlighted the significance of government school students participating in the Sakura Exchange Program. Two boys, Faragdul Islam (JNV) and Zatan (Holy Cross High School), were selected based on merit, having performed well in national-level project competitions. The two girls from government schools also represented Nagaland with excellence. He

said the experience would remain with them and possibly open paths for future study or work in Japan. Thong encouraged students, especially from rural and government

schools, to explore such opportunities through the Inspire MANAK Awards and to keep innovating and applying.

GOVERNOR REVIEWS PROGRESS OF PM TB MukT BHARAT ABHIYAN IN NAGALAND

Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, convened a review meeting on the Pradhan Mantri TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan with senior officials of the Department of Health and Family Welfare at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, on 23rd June 2025.

The meeting was held to assess the progress and implementation of the TB elimination programme in the state. The Governor, while appreciating the department's initiatives, underscored the importance of leveraging the influence of religious leaders to spread awareness and reduce the stigma associated with TB. He called upon individuals, organisations, and institutions to come forward and register as Nikshay Mitras (donors) under the national initiative to provide additional nutritional and social support to TB patients, thereby enhancing treatment outcomes and quality of life.

During the meeting, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak, apprised the Governor of the department's strategies, achievements, and challenges in the fight against tuberculosis. He outlined various initiatives undertaken to strengthen surveillance, improve access to treatment, and enhance public awareness, particularly in remote and vulnerable communities. He expressed hope that with the active support and guidance of the Governor, the state will be able to achieve the set targets and goals under the TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan.

Commissioner & Secretary, Health

and Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, also highlighted the department's ongoing initiatives aimed at TB prevention, early detection, and patient support. He spoke about the importance of inter-sectoral coordination and community-based engagement, and reiterated the department's commitment to aligning its efforts with the national framework for TB elimination.

Principal Secretary, Law & Justice and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Y. Kikheto Sema, who attended the meeting on behalf of the Chief Secretary, emphasised the need for intensified awareness efforts and greater community involvement. He highlighted the vital role of churches and faith-based organisations in disseminating information and encouraging behavioural change at the grassroots level. He further added that special health camps should be held in all the districts of Nagaland as a targeted initiative to accelerate detection and ensure timely treatment in the drive towards TB elimination by 2025.

Officials from the department presented detailed data on TB prevalence in the state and shared updates on outreach activities, diagnostic services, treatment adherence, and the role of community health workers under the National TB Elimination Programme.

The meeting concluded with a strong reaffirmation of commitment from all stakeholders to intensify efforts and work collectively toward making Nagaland TB-free by 2025.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE HELD AT MAHARASHTRA



Advisor for Soil & Water Conservation and IPR & Chairman of the Committee on Estimates, Imkong L. Imchen, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger and MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema representing the Nagaland Legislative Assembly at the National Conference of the Estimates Committee of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies at Vidhan Bhawan, Maharashtra on 23rd-24th June 2025.

The National Conference of the Estimates Committee of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies was held on 23rd and 24th June, 2025, at Vidhan Bhawan Maharashtra, Mumbai. It was the Conference of the Chairpersons of the Committee on Estimates and State Legislatures to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Committee on Estimates.

Distinguished Members of the Committee on Estimates, Nagaland Legislative Assembly were Advisor for Soil & Water Conservation and IPR & Chairman, Committee on Estimates, Imkong L. Imchen; Advisor for Youth Resources & Sport, S. Keoshu Yimchunger (Member) and MLA, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, Member, along with the Secretary-in-Charge and accompanying officers representing the Nagaland Legislative Assembly actively participated in the event.

During the Conference, discussions were held on various crucial matters regarding the Committee on Estimates which serves as the Watchdog over the functioning of the Government Departments, ensuring accountability and transparency in governance.

NAGALAND ATTENDS 7th HELICOPTER & SMALL AIRCRAFT SUMMIT 2025



OSD Transport Nagaland, Ababe Myingthungo Ezung speaking during the 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit 2025 held at Pune, Maharashtra on 24th June 2025.

The 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit 2025, organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in collaboration with the State Government of Maharashtra, Pawan Hans, and FICCI, was held in Pune, Maharashtra on 24th June 2025. OSD, Transport Department, Ababe Myingthungo Ezung, representing Nagaland attended the 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit.

The summit was led by Minister of Civil Aviation, Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu as the Chief Guest and Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Murlidhar Mohol as the Guest of Honour.

SAMVIDHAN HATYA DIWAS OBSERVED ACROSS NAGALAND

State commemoration of 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' was held at the conference hall of Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 25 June 2025. This marks the 50 years since the imposition of emergency in India in 1975. The event served as a reminder of the importance of safeguarding democratic values and constitutional rights.

Advisor for Art & Culture and Treasuries & Accounts, K. Konngam Konyak, highlighted the Emergency as a period when democratic processes were disrupted, fundamental rights suspended, and press censored. He emphasized the resilience of Indian democracy and the significance of constitutional governance, especially in regions like Nagaland where stability and liberty must go hand in hand.

Konyak reminded that the Constitution is a living document and has weathered many challenges and emerged stronger each time which is the true testament to the vision of its framers and the vigilance of its citizens, and urged everyone to continue to uphold, protect and cherish our constitutional democracy.

Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Kohima College, Dr. Konei Nakhro in her keynote address on the "The Emergency of 1975: A Constitutional Turning Point" questioned its relevance after 50 years, stating that the answer lies not in nostalgia, but in democratic responsibility.

Highlighting the Northeast's history of constitutional interventions, she emphasized the fragility of democratic governance in politically sensitive regions. Referring to the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur, she noted the severe impact on lives and governance, and the concern it drew in Parliament. Dr.



Advisor, K. Konngam Konyak, inaugurating the exhibition stall set up by DIPR to commemorate Samvidhan Hatya Diwas at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 25th June 2025.

Nakhro stressed that avoiding another Emergency requires collective responsibility from administrators to civil society to uphold the Constitution, protect rights, and preserve democracy. She urged that the memory of 1975 should unite us in defending our freedoms.

Advisor Art & Culture and Treasuries and Accounts, K. Konngam Konyak inaugurated the exhibition stall set up by the Information and Public Relations Department to commemorate the Samvidhan Hatya Diwas. The exhibition stall displayed photos and letters marking the occasion.

AHODs and HODs along with various department officials and staff and school students participate in the program. Government High School PWD colony Kohima presented patriotic song at the event.

District-level commemoration of Samvidhan Hatya Diwas (Day of Constitutional Assassination) was also

observed in Kohima, Mokokchung, Tuensang, Meluri, Zunheboto, Dimapur, Niuland and Tseminyu districts, reflecting the events and implications of the Emergency imposed in 1975.

The programme featured patriotic song

performances by various Artists, which resonated with the spirit of the day followed by National Anthem at the end. Screening of short video clip on “The Emergency of 1975” were also carried out in some districts.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP ORGANIZED FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF IN KOHIMA

The Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in collaboration with Medanta - The Medicity conducted a free medical camp for Government officers and staff, on 25th June 2025, at the IDAN Office, Capital Convention Centre, Kohima. Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Longkumer thanked the Medanta team and IDAN officials for their efforts and highlighted the benefits of the Chief Minister’s Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) in providing affordable and quality

healthcare to citizens. He shared his personal experience with CMHIS and acknowledged the contributions of government staff in its successful implementation. He also emphasized the need for improved healthcare infrastructure in Nagaland, particularly specialized care, and stressed the importance of cancer prevention and awareness. Referring to the Chairman and Managing Director of Vedanta Hospital, Dr. Naresh Trehan, he reiterated the hospital’s mission to deliver world class healthcare in the North- East region. Longkumer ended his speech by urging all government officials



Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer, inaugurating the free medical camp organized by Medanta in partnership with the IDAN Office at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25th June 2025.

to avail all the services provided in the medical camp.

Welcome speech was delivered by Under Secretary, IDAN, I. Changsang followed by context setting by Vice President of Medanta Group, Tarun Majumdar highlighting the camp’s objectives. He stated that this partnership between Medanta Hospital and IDAN aimed in making healthcare facilities more accessible to Nagaland and in reinforcing a commitment to improving public health in the North East region. He also noted that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is in

place with the Government of Nagaland and Medanta for providing the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme.

A team of specialists and doctors from Medanta Group of Hospitals, Gurugram, was available for private consultations, featuring an oncologist, cardiologist, and general

practitioners. The camp also offered various health screenings, including blood pressure monitoring, random blood sugar testing, ECG (based on doctor's recommendation), Bone Mineral Density test, and Pulmonary Function Test.

REVIEW MEETING CUM ORIENTATION TRAINING ON RMNCHA+N 25th HELD

A two-day State Level review meeting cum orientation on RMNCHA+N (Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health + Nutrition) was organised from the 25th June 2025 at the IDSP Hall, DoHFW under the chairmanship of Dr. Avile Zao, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland.

Addressing the DPOs - RCH/UIP (District Program Officers Reproductive Child Health Officers/Immunisation), DPMs (District Program Manager) and Block Program Managers present, Dr. Avile stated that, being the DPOs (District Program Officers) and DPMs there is a huge challenge in carrying forward the goals of NHM in the District and requested them to put more efforts in improving those health indicators which are lacking behind despite all their efforts. She mentioned that, this review meeting is a good opportunity to reflect on our performance of the previous years and

plan for the coming months/ years.

Dr. Avile also commented that, due to their efforts, our State's IMR (infant mortality rate) remains one of the lowest in the country which stand at 7 as per SRS 2022 and hope that, we improve on the remaining key indicators in the coming years.

Welcoming the district representatives, Dr. Khelito Zhimomi, State Program Officer, RMNCHA+N appealed to take this opportunity for cross learning between the districts especially on the best practices.

Presentations were made on the district's achievements and status. Discussions were held on the challenges, opportunities and way forward. They will also be oriented on the different key component of RMNCHA+N like that of management of high-risk pregnancy, anaemia, SUMAN, Laqshya, Musqan, Maternal Perinatal Child Death Surveillance and Response (MPCDSR), Family Planning, key component under Child Health etc.

"CELEBRATING INNOVATION: NAGALAND MARKS WORLD MSME DAY 2025 WITH NEW INITIATIVES"

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017, World MSME Day is celebrated annually on June 27 to highlight the significant contributions of

MSMEs towards employment generation, innovation, and inclusive economic growth. MSMEs account for over 90% of businesses worldwide, more than 50% of the global



Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan, along with officials, releasing the iGOT User Manual for Nagaland during the World MSME Day observance at the Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 27th June 2025.

employment and contribute up to 40% of the national income (GDP) in emerging economies.

Nagaland celebrated World MSME Day on 27th June 2025, at the Secretariat Conference Hall, New Secretariat Complex, Kohima organised by Department of Industries and Commerce, Kohima with Advisor for Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Mhathung Yanthan as the special guest.

Yanthan, in his address, emphasized the vast entrepreneurial potential of MSMEs in agriculture and horticulture sector. He noted improvements in product quality and packaging but stressed the need to scale up. He urged conducting local workshops, translating schemes into local languages, and setting up MSME facilitation centres at KVKs and DICs. Key priorities included mapping district strengths, building clusters, easing finance access, and promoting digital marketing. He also called for integrating with other schemes, partnering with FPOs/FPCs, and empowering women and youth. He affirmed Nagaland's potential to lead in youth-driven entrepreneurship for a Viksit Bharat.

Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, Secretary for Industries & Commerce, spoke about the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) programme, a World Bank-supported initiative by the Government of India aimed at strengthening the MSME sector. He elaborated on the key focus areas of the RAMP programme in Nagaland, which include capacity building of MSMEs, improving market access by promoting indigenous products under the "Make in Nagaland" initiative, supporting competitiveness and green finance initiatives, enhancing access to finance and markets through expert interactions, and driving institutional development through Management Development Programs (MDPs) and targeted training sessions.

The event highlighted several pivotal developments, including the launch of the RAMP Nagaland Portal and the revamped department website, designed to provide MSMEs with enhanced resources and support. Additionally, the iGOT User Manual for Nagaland was unveiled, offering a comprehensive guide for government employees to effectively utilize the Integrated

Government Online Training platform. It is to be noted that the Department of Industries & Commerce is the first government department from Nagaland to onboard 220 officers from the state into the iGOT portal for online training and capacity building.

Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Nagaland and the Quality Council of India (QCI) represented by Manish Vashistha, Deputy Director, QCI, aimed at elevating quality standards and fostering excellence across various sectors, including industry and commerce, within the state. With this MoU, the ZED and LEAN Certification for manufacturing MSMEs from Nagaland is expected to be boosted significantly under the RAMP programme.

The Chairman of the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation

(NIDC), Kvulo Lorin, in his keynote address underscored the pivotal role of MSMEs in driving global economic growth, creating jobs, and promoting innovation.

Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema in his concluding remarks, emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in strengthening the MSME sector and expressed optimism about the positive impact of the RAMP programme and associated initiatives on Nagaland's economic development.

The event, underscoring the state's commitment to empowering MSMEs and positioning them as one of the key players in fostering economic growth, was attended by department officials, Administrative Heads of Departments and MSME representatives from Nagaland.

FOCUS – NAGALAND SIGNS MoA WITH LINE DEPARTMENTS

The handing over of assets under Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Framing System in the Northeast (FOCUS) Nagaland and signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary & Chairman PSC, FOCUS- Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, at the CS's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat on 30th June 2025.

APC&MD FOCUS-Nagaland, Wezope Kenye, IAS, in his message, stated that it is a significant day marking the official closing of the project's six years journey and emphasized that handing over assets to the line departments is a step forward in ensuring sustainability of its intervention.

Kenye remarked that foundation has been laid and taking forward, the projects will

now depend on the concerned departments. He also appealed to the line departments to continue fostering to the needs of the farming community in Nagaland.

Chief Secretary, Dr J Alam, delivering his concluding remarks said through the independent third-party assessment and comments from the senior officials FOCUS projects brings an encouraging picture compared to many other projects implemented in Nagaland. Alam also urged the departments to make the best use of the resources available and mobilize, maintain, upscale and expand the projects for the benefit of the people.

Dr. Alam outlined that the resource persons and knowledge partners are the biggest take away from the project and that

departments must identify and utilize these resources for similar projects in future for better implementation. He also highlighted about the concerns over the maintenance of created assets which the line department may face while continuing the projects.

Earlier, handing over of assets under FOCUS-Nagaland and signing of MoA was done with Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Department of Cooperation and Department of Agriculture.

It may be mentioned that with the signing of the MoA, the line departments accept full responsibility for the assets, including up scaling, maintenance and future utilization of the projects. The said agreements will become effective as on 30 June 2025 upon execution by authorized representatives of both parties.

Manager, Gender & C.I, Hraveine David presented a power point presentation on the expected roles of department post exit of FOCUS- Nagaland project.

MINISTER JACOB ZHIMOMI ATTENDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI

Minister for Public Health Engineering and Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, N. Jacob Zhimomi, attended the one-day National Conference held under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 30th June 2025. The conference was attended by the Cooperation Ministers of all States/UTs.

During the national conference, Zhimomi lauded the Cooperation Ministry's key initiatives like the National

Cooperative Database in streamlining the database and categorizing cooperative societies across various parameters. This, he said, has resulted in aiding the State Government's attempt to cancel and weed-out the non-functioning cooperatives.

The Minister mentioned that unlike other parts of the country the cooperatives in Northeast are managerially and financially weak and rely on Government support, especially on NCDC funding for taking up various business activities. He called for the Government of India to continue funding National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) sponsored projects like Integrated Cooperative Development Project, which



Minister, Jacob Zhimomi attending the National Conference of Cooperation Ministers of all States/UTs held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 30th June 2025.

he mentioned is very popular among farming community in the Northeast.

Pointing out that one key challenge in computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) is the inability of PACS officials and secretaries to effectively understand and adopt the digitization process, Minister Zhimomi suggested for deploying Data Entry Operators at each PACS for a minimum period of three years, which will provide sufficient time for the PACS to build internal capacity and eventually employ operators at their own cost. The Minister further raised some of the issues being faced by PACS in expansion of activities under initiatives such as Jan Aushadhi Kendra, Common Service Centres and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra.

Later during the day, Minister Zhimomi also planted some saplings at Nagaland Guest House, R. K. Puram New Delhi as part of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. The Minister was accompanied by Cooperation Secretary, Orenthung Lotha, Joint Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House New Delhi, Sharon Longchari, along with officials and staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi.

FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF COMMISSIONER K.S. ANDEN KONYAK

A farewell programme was held at the Office of the Commissioner, Kohima, on 30th June 2025 to honour K.S. Anden Konyak, IAS, Commissioner, Nagaland, on his retirement from government service. The event was attended by Deputy Commissioners, senior officers, colleagues from various departments, representatives of

the Gaonburas, Dobashis, Village Guards, and staff of the Commissioner's Office.

In his farewell address, K.S. Anden Konyak expressed deep gratitude to the officers and staff for organising the meaningful event. He thanked the senior officers, Deputy Commissioners, and all those present for their kind words, thoughtful gifts, describing them as lasting reminders of the friendships and journey shared over the years.

Reflecting on his 35-year-long career, he shared how the experiences had shaped him both professionally and personally. "This is not just a farewell to a career but to a journey of learning, growth, and service," he said. He thanked his family for being a constant source of strength and support, and encouraged younger officers to serve with integrity, humility, and purpose. Quoting Matthew 5:9, he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." He concluded by seeking forgiveness for any hurt caused during his service and expressed heartfelt gratitude to all.

Joint Commissioner, Nokchasashi, NCS, spoke on behalf of the officers and staff, highlighting the retiree's achievements and the developments made under his leadership. He expressed appreciation for his guidance and wished him the very best.

Commissioner & Secretary, LR Department, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS, described Anden Konyak as a man of humility and determination. "God gave you the opportunity, and you fulfilled it well. We are grateful for all that you've done," he said.

Various speakers representing the Nagaland GBs Federation, Nagaland Dobashis Association, Village Guards, and Deputy Commissioners paid tribute to his leadership. They described him as a guiding

force who offered unwavering support and direction over the years, led with strength and integrity, and was known for his warm personality and steadfast leadership. They

remarked, “Your leadership, guidance, and personal investment in all of us have made a lasting difference.”

TRAINING ON INTRODUCTION TO LINE ARRAY DEPLOYMENT AND DIGITAL CONSOLE APPLICATION HELD AT DIPR

Two-day Training on Introduction to Line Array Deployment and Digital Console application is underway at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, on 30th June 2025.

In the introductory session, Director of IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo emphasized that learning is an ongoing process. She highlighted that the department is upgrading its equipment, which will be managed by the trainees themselves. She urged all the participants to keep an open mind and embrace the opportunity to learn something new.

Theünuo mentioned that well-trained and well-equipped employees are vital to the success of any department and further highlighted the program’s objectives and expected outcomes. She also advised them to learn as much as possible from the

experts in the training session which will benefit the trainees and the department. She acknowledged the efforts of resource persons and trainers, and encouraged active participation.

Resource person Atsunglir Jamir, Audio Engineer and Proprietor of Audio Garage, expressed gratitude to the department and trainees for their cooperation in organizing the training. He highlighted the rapid advancements in audio technology and emphasized the importance of learning key aspects of audiography. Jamir encouraged participants to engage actively and share ideas. He explained that the training focuses on Line-Array systems, vertically arranged speakers for better sound distribution and Digital Console Applications used in studios and sound production settings.



FARM SCHOOL CUM KISAN GOSTHI INAUGURATED AT TSEMINYU

ATMA Tseminyu, Chunlikha Block conducted a series of demonstrations and inaugurated a Farm School on organic avocado cultivation at Yikhanu village on 26th May 2025. The event, which included a Kisan Gosthi, featured Imtinuksang, SMS (Soil Conservation), KVK Kohima as the resource person, who highlighted soil fertility management, avocado cultivation techniques, and use of bio-fertilizers.

A demonstration on agroforestry was also held, where ATM Chenobu Seb discussed

the benefits of integrating crops with tree and fruit crops.

From 26th to 31st May, capacity building and demonstrations on horticultural and summer crops, as well as agroforestry, were conducted across villages including Tsonsa, Tesophenyu, Ziphenyu, Chunlikha, Nsunyu, and Kandinu. ATMs Chenobu Seb and Sinlo Khing led hands-on training for SHGs and FSGs, promoting scientific farming practices. Seeds and saplings were distributed to the farmers during the program.

PADMA SHRI AWARDEE L HANGTHING FELICITATED

A felicitation programme to honour L Hangthing, the recipient of Padma Shri Award 2025 in the field of Agriculture, known as Nagaland's 'Fruit Man' was held on 2nd June 2025 at White Hall, Noklak village.

In his address, Padma Shri awardee, L. Hangthing expressed heartfelt gratitude to the organisers and the community. Recalling his humble beginnings, he dedicated the award to the farmers of Nagaland and the Khamniungan tribe, stating that even a small appreciation can inspire greater efforts. He acknowledged agriculture as a traditional practice, strengthened today with government support.

SDO (Civil), Noklak, Vikhoto Richa, praised L. Hangthing for his resilience and dedication, calling him an inspiration. Other speakers included President of Khamniungan Tribal Council (KTC), Ngon;

President of Khamniungan Students' Union (KSU), Shangchiu; President of Khamniungan Menyu Hoikam (KMH), Chongkoi; Noklak Village Council Chairman.

The event also felicitated, Dr. Heme Lamthaiu, the first PhD holder from Noklak village, for his research on the "Socio-Economic formation of the Khamniungan Nagas". Students Niamkoi P and Phaam B were honoured for securing 7th and 15th ranks in HSLC examination 2025 under NBSE.

Dr. Heme Lamthaiu thanked his teachers and friends who supported him throughout his academic journey, and urged elders to pass on the tribe's history to younger generations.

The programme was jointly organised jointly by Noklak Village Council, Thang Public Organization and Thang Students' Union.

INAUGURATION OF WEEKLY BAZAAR IN WOKHA

The Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), District Mission Management Unit (DMMU) Wokha, in partnership with five Self Help Group (SHG) federations, organized the inauguration of the Weekly Bazaar at Public Ground, Wokha on June 3, 2025.

Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan speaking as the special guest, acknowledged the significance of the initiative and commended its role in supporting local farmers and entrepreneurs. He emphasized the importance of market chain accessibility, local product promotion, and strengthening the rural economy through collective responsibility. He also highlighted the role of Self-Help Groups in transforming market accessibility by connecting producers to broader markets through a sustainable approach. These measures aim to improve

income generation and support the local farming community across Wokha District.

An official from the State Mission Management Unit of NSRLM delivered a speech focusing on the objectives of the Weekly Bazaar. The speech outlined the initiative's purpose in improving market accessibility, regulating prices, stabilizing local trade, and supporting the growth of the local economy. The discussion also touched on the promotion of organic farming, advocating for sustainable agricultural practices that enhance overall productivity.

The Weekly Bazaar will be held twice a week, starting at 6:00 AM, serving as a vital platform for local farmers and entrepreneurs to showcase their products, improve market accessibility, and contribute to the sustainable economic development of the district.

THREE-DAY MONSOON TOUR CONDUCTED AT SHAMATOR

In a major effort to bring essential services closer to remote communities, the District Administration Shamator, led by EAC, Mekato J. Aye, conducted a three-day monsoon tour from 2nd - 4th June 2025 to the remote villages of Kuthur, Longtoker, and Sotokur under the banner "Bringing Governance to Your Doorstep."

The tour mobilized a composite team from multiple departments like Medical, Education, Social Welfare, Rural Development, and district-level schemes to deliver essential services and raise awareness at the grassroots.

Residents were provided with on-the-spot Aadhaar enrolment and correction, CMHIS registration, and help with PRC

and IIC form filling, reducing dependency on travel to the district headquarters. The tour also featured focused campaigns on substance abuse prevention (Nasha Mukht Bharat), road safety, tobacco control, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and women's health and empowerment.

The EAC led meetings with Village Councils and VDBs, addressing local concerns and reviewing implementation of flagship schemes. Along with BDO Koshei Konyak, rural development projects under PMAY and MGNREGA were inspected. CDPO N.L. Tangsoi joined visits to Anganwadi centres, where awareness on menstrual hygiene and distribution of sanitary pads took place.

A health outreach headed by Dr. Ezra,

MO Shamator, offered free dental check-ups, oral cancer screening, and distributed medicines and hygiene kits. The tour also covered all nine schools in Sotokur circle, where the EAC and EBRC team assessed the NECTAR program implementation. As part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, pens were also distributed to school children

with a special emphasis on encouraging girl child education.

This outreach showcased the administration's unified effort to make governance accessible, responsive, and inclusive reaching even the most isolated communities of Shamator district.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON ONLINE ILP HELD IN TUENSANG

A sensitization and training programme on the Online Inner Line Permit (ILP) system was conducted at the DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang, on 4th June 2025.

The session was led by Er. Vinho Swu, EAC (Probation), and Shekhozho Vero, EAC (Probation), who provided an overview and hands-on guidance on the implementation of the Online ILP issuance system in Tuensang District.

The programme saw active participation from key stakeholders, including representatives from the Tuensang Town All Wards Union, Tuensang Chamber of Commerce, Gorkha Union, Muslim and Hindu communities, All Nagaland Private School Association, and the Government School Association Tuensang.



Sensitization Program on Online ILP held at Tuensang on 4th June 2025.

The event was chaired by Dr. Zujanbeni N. Ngulli and moderated by Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVED ACROSS NAGALAND ON JUNE 5, 2025

PEREN

In Peren, the day was observed under the theme "End Plastic Pollution Globally" at Beikingpuichak, District Head-quarter, organised by Peren Forest Division & District Administration in collaboration with all Heads of Departments under Peren District.

Speaking at the event as the special guest, Deputy Chief Minister for Planning & Transformation and National Highways, T.R. Zeliang, thanked the Peren Forest Division, District Administration, and all Heads of Departments for organizing the event. He emphasized the urgency of addressing

plastic pollution, aligning with this year's global theme.

Zeliang noted that although Nagaland is rich in forests and biodiversity, it is not immune to the growing threat of plastic waste. He pointed out that pollution is visible from urban centers to remote villages, often due to a casual attitude and lack of collective action. "Awareness, action, and accountability are key," he said, urging government officials, community leaders, and citizens alike to actively reduce plastic use.

Highlighting the plantation drive, he said it represents more than symbolism—it's a firm commitment to a greener, healthier Nagaland. Trees, he said, are nature's protectors, helping fight pollution, purify the air, and restore ecosystems. Such initiatives, he added, should educate people on the importance of conservation and afforestation.

Zeliang stressed that the fight against pollution must begin at home and in workplaces, and urged everyone to join forces in combating all forms of pollution that threaten the planet and human well-being.

Exhorting the gathering, DC Peren,

Hiazu Meru said, World Environment Day, 2025 calls for collective efforts to tackle plastic pollution and urged all officers posted in the District Head-quarter to carry out their duties sincerely to better serve the people. He also called for united efforts to ensure the success of the mass social work.

The event featured a Green Pledge led by Divisional Forest Officer, Peren, Chisayi, IFS and flagging off of a new JCB, donated by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority.

To mark the occasion, a tree plantation drive cum mass social work was also carried out effectively at District Head-quarter. All Heads of Offices along with their staff, actively participated by clearing overgrown vegetation, foliage and clogged drainages at designated locations.

World Environment Day was also observed in the districts of Mokokchung, Tuensang, Dimapur, Tseminyu, Phek, Kohima, Chumoukedima, Wokha, Shamator and Mon. The officers and staff of Nagaland House (NH), New Delhi also observed the day with planting of fruit saplings and flowers in the premises of Nagaland House at 29-Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi.

CULMINATION PROGRAMME OF VAC 10-NORTHERN ANGAMI-I A/C OBSERVES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS AT RÜZHÜKHRIE GHSS, KOHIMA

In a meaningful culmination of the Village Adoption Committee (VAC) 10-Northern Angami-I Assembly Constituency, the District Planning and Development Board under the Department of Planning and Transformation organized a multi-faceted programme at Rüzühkhrie Government Higher Secondary School. The

event also marked the observance of World Environment Day 2025 and included a session on road safety awareness.

The programme brought together members of the government, community leaders, educational institutions, students, and civil society groups in a collective effort to promote sustainability, safety, and inclusive

development.

Speaking on World Environment Day 2025, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education and SCERT, urged individuals and communities to take collective action for environmental protection, beginning at home, schools, and localities. He highlighted the day as a reminder of our shared responsibility to safeguard the planet through local initiatives and called for reduced plastic use and lower carbon footprints, especially among students, emphasizing the power of small, daily actions.

Reflecting on the achievements of the VAC, the Advisor described it as meaningful collaboration between communities and over ten government departments, bridging governance with grassroots needs and ensuring better access to government schemes.

To promote sustainable practices, the event saw the distribution of solar street lights and 1,000 avocado saplings to schools and communities. He noted the saplings' role in slope stability, groundwater recharge, and sustainable agriculture.

The programme also featured an awareness session on road safety and vehicular emissions by the RTO and Kohima Traffic Police. Officials highlighted the rise in road accidents in India from 4.37 lakh in 2018 to 5.55 lakh in 2022 and stressed the need for urgent reforms. Key causes such as

human error, poor road design, and delayed emergency response were discussed.

Participants were briefed on the Motor Vehicles Act, including penalties for underage and drunk driving. Students were advised to avoid mobile phones or headphones while walking and use footpaths and zebra crossings. The Good Samaritan law was also promoted to encourage helping accident victims without legal fear.

Chisho K. Swu, AEO (Election), Kohima, presented the initiatives taken by VAC.

In the field of education, he handed over interactive learning kits and a smart TV to Rüzhühkrie Government Higher Secondary School, which serves the highest number of underprivileged students, underscoring the constituency's goal to bridge gaps in digital learning.

Councillor of Ward No. 1, emphasizing that although plastic is not inherently evil, our overdependence on it demands urgent redressal. She highlighted projects led by the Village Council Development team, including the installation of solar traffic signals and training in traditional crafts. Expressing gratitude to the Advisor and community leaders, she called for continued collaboration in creating a cleaner, safer, and more resilient community.

The Chairman of High School Colony shared that the VAC initiative was launched on December 12, 2024, and pledged continued support for its efforts.

OUTUNG NAGAR VAN INAUGURATED AT TAMLU

Commemorating the World Environment Day, the Outung Nagar Van at Tamlu Headquarter, under Longleng Forest Division was inaugurated by C. L. John, Minister, Forest, Environment & Climate

Change, Village Guards, Nagaland on 5th June 2025.

During the inaugural programme, C. L. John congratulated the team of Longleng Forest Division and Sitap Range in particular

for their efforts in connecting with the people and accomplishing various projects of the department. He urged the village council members, church leaders, students and general public to preserve, and make use of such Urban Centres as their own property by maintaining it well. Minister highlighted that Community has to work together in maintaining the green cover, ban hunting, minimize the plastic pollution and need to show love and compassion for nature and wildlife. He further stated that the Government of Nagaland under the dynamic leadership of Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland was trying its best to uplift every

nook and corner of our society through various progressive works.

Short speech was delivered by Chairman, Tamlu Village Council. The activities of Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), JICA Project were enlightened by Dharmendra Prakash (IFS), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), and Head of Forest Force (HoFF), Environment & Forests and Climate Change (EF & CC), Nagaland.

Minister and other delegates planted tree saplings on account of World Environment Day. The gathering later witnessed traditional folk dance performed by Tamlu Town Cultural Troup.

MOATOSHI LONGKUMER URGES YOUTH TO BUILD A SKILLED AND UNITED NAGALAND AT CNSA EVENT

The Central Naga Students' Association (CNSA) began its Day 1 programme on 5th June 2025 at IMC Hall, Dimapur, chaired

by Lanutoshi Aier, President of AKM. MLA and Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer, graced the event as Special Guest.



Advisor, Moatoshi Longkumer speaking at the CNSA Event held at IMC Hall, Dimapur on 5th June 2025.

In his keynote address, Longkumer commended CNSA's role in uniting students and highlighted four key challenges facing the youth: limited opportunities, identity crisis, addiction and mental health, and corruption. He encouraged youth to create local opportunities, stay rooted in culture, lead with integrity, and build a compassionate society.

The programme featured a history of CNSA by Limaakum Jamir, greetings by Er. Mhondamo Oyung and a report presentation by Anoka H. Zhimo.

NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

Minister for PHED & Cooperation and Chairman of the district DPDB Jacob

Zhimomi, released the handbook titled Niuland Pulse: A Guide Towards Sustainable

Farming during the DPDB meeting at DC's conference hall, Niuland on 5th June 2025. Niuland Pulse is the joint initiative of the agricultural and allied department sponsored under the LADP programme of Niuland District.

Jacob, stated that the objective of the handbook is to ensure long time growth in the agriculture sector while ensuring access to the scientific farming methods, modern knowledge, innovative techniques and access to available resources. The minister encouraged the farmers especially the youths to explore opportunities in the agriculture sector and look beyond traditional farming such as agribusiness, technology and entrepreneurship with the right vision and approach.

Referring to the PowerPoint presentation given by the Power department, Er. Albert, the minister said Power consumption in the state is rising so the revenue should also increase if not the government have to sell power outside the state even if we don't have the surplus. Therefore, the minister directed the Power department officials to collaborate with the dobashis and convince the villagers

to install Smart metering pre-paid system in all the villages.

Jacob also stated that Niuland district is one of the most promising districts in the state and urged all the HoDs to be sincere and dedicated in attending DPDB meeting without fail.

The board approved the renewal of Globe Nagaland Society and proposal for construction of Flat Type Quarter for Officers and staffs.



Minister Jacob Zhimomi with DC Niuland Sara S Jamir releasing the handbook titled Niuland Pulse: A Guide Towards Sustainable Farming during the DPDB Meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 5th June 2025.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Mokokchung was held on 5th June 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the Chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Mokokchung, Nuklutoshi. The meeting was also attended by T.N Mannen, (IAS Retd.) Advisor, Law & Justice and Land Revenue.

Speaking on the agenda, the chairman urged upon the District Administration to have a Road Map to collect Plastic Waste and to make Plastic Free Mokokchung.

Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS acknowledged the idea and concept of the chairman and emphasised that it can be achieved if all the stakeholders and Head of Departments under Mokokchung work together and co-operate. He also informed the board that the chairman will be donating 6 water dispensers to be installed at different locations at Mokokchung Town.

The board approved for provisional recognition of Little Friends Montessori Pre-



Mokokchung DPDB Meeting held under the Chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Mokokchung, Nuklutoshi at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 5th June 2025.

School, Tzusapang Sector and forwarded to the Government for final approval.

As part of observing the World Environment Day, Advisor, T.N Mannen called upon all to preserve and protect the Bio-diversity and Flora and Fauna in the

District. He further urged upon the District Administration to strictly prohibit and implement the Ban on Hunting and Fishing in the river by using chemical and explosive to ensure the protection and conservation of Wildlife in the District.

PEREN HOLDS DPDB MEETING

The Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the month of June was held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 6th June, 2025, under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister and Chairman, DPDB Peren, T.R. Zeliang.

T.R. Zeliang appreciated the strong participation of officers and staff in plantation drive, for which he extended his appreciation for their active participation and stressed that proper maintenance is key to plant survival and growth. He recommended limiting plantations to manageable numbers and suggested identifying the ideal planting season.

Further, Zeliang asked departments/agencies implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes to coordinate closely with the District Planning Officer for effective district development.

Meanwhile, DC Peren, Hiazu Meru informed that a mass social work at the DC Office Complex will be held on the 4th Friday of every month, encouraging all departments to take part actively.

Principial, St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Dr. Fr. Francis highlighted the concept behind the proposed Pilot Project for a Private Public Partnership at GHS Nsong and appealed the house to support the project, which the house decided to approve and to forward it to the government.

The proposal to register the Rural Upliftment Society, Tening Town was deferred due to the absence of a verifying officer and society members.

Meanwhile a Labour Department official gave a detailed and satisfactory presentation on department's initiatives.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT MITIGATION HELD IN WOKHA

Consultative meeting on mitigating human-elephant conflict was convened in Wokha on 6th June 2025, bringing together government officials, environmental experts, and community representatives to discuss effective strategies for addressing the escalating conflict between humans and elephants in the region.

Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, C. L. John speaking as the special guest, highlighted the broader impact of climate change on wildlife behavior and habitat displacement. He noted that the increasing frequency of human-elephant encounters has led to significant losses, including damage to farmlands, destruction of property, and even human casualties. The minister underscored the urgent need to strengthen forest guard training, pointing out that over half of the sanctioned posts remain vacant, leaving critical areas vulnerable. He assured the deployment of additional forest personnel in Bhandari, emphasizing that

while elephant relocation is impractical due to logistical constraints, alternative solutions such as population control measures would be explored.

The meeting was attended by key state leaders, including MLA & Advisor for the Department of Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, MLA Y. M. Humtsoe, MLA & Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon, and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry.

Addressing the gathering, MLA, Mhathung Yanthan acknowledged the persistent efforts by relevant departments in mitigating human-elephant conflicts. He emphasized the need for swift compensation to affected individuals, reinforcement of community-led conservation initiatives, and the implementation of awareness campaigns, early warning systems, and outreach programs to reduce incidents of elephant-related damage.

MLA Y. M. Humtsoe advocated



Minister, C. L. John addressing the gathering during Consultative Meeting on Human Elephant Conflict Mitigation in Wokha on 6th June 2025

for a coexistence-based approach, urging communities to foster a deeper understanding of elephant behavior to minimize confrontations.

Advisor, Dr. Chumben Murry spoke on the expanding human and elephant populations, noting that the increasing proximity of these species has intensified conflicts. He recommended the integration of technology, including artificial intelligence, for better conflict prediction and resolution.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon stressed the importance of environmental management and habitat preservation, urging authorities to adopt long-term solutions that safeguard both human settlements and elephant populations. He called for immediate, practical interventions that would offer lasting relief to affected communities.

Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Vineet Kumar, reiterated the government's commitment to addressing the crisis, reviewing incident reports, compensation mechanisms, and advocating for technological innovations to tackle elephant-related disasters more efficiently.

A special presentation by Dr. Rudraditya, a wildlife expert, offered scientific insights into elephant instincts and behaviors, including their natural sensory mechanisms and patterns of movement that contribute to conflict situations. He outlined practical mitigation solutions to minimize damages while ensuring safe intervention strategies.

Zuthunglo Patton, IFS, CF (STC) Nagaland, discussed the Forest and

Biodiversity Management (KfW) Project, which includes 135 villages across five districts—Kohima, Peren, Wokha, Tuensang, and Mokokchung under a Unified Mitigation Framework Initiative to manage wildlife interactions. Research Associate WII, Rishi Basumatary, provided an overview of conflict-reduction techniques through a detailed presentation.

Representatives from affected villages and communities shared first-hand experiences, describing the real challenges posed by elephant intrusions and urging the government to implement effective long-term solutions.

During the introductory session, Vedpal Singh, IFS, PCCF, and Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland, presented data revealing that since 2018, 15 elephants and 5 human lives have been lost due to conflicts. He noted that Nagaland has approximately 440 elephants, with almost half residing in Wokha district. Singh highlighted concerns over the drastic decline in elephant numbers over the past century, while human populations have multiplied sixfold, exacerbating territorial competition. He detailed various mitigation strategies, alongside the challenges faced by conservation departments in effectively implementing them.

The meeting concluded with calls for urgent action, advocating multi-sectoral collaboration, technological interventions, and community-led conservation strategies to ensure a balanced coexistence between human settlements and wildlife.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB CHARTS GREEN & GROWTH AGENDA IN JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Sub-Divisional Planning and Development

Board (SDPDB), Pughoboto was held on 6th June 2025 at the New Administrative

Complex, marking a pivotal moment for both sustainable development and infrastructural advancement in the region. The session was chaired by Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, MLA and Chairman of SDPDB Pughoboto, with Tiameren Chang, ADC and Vice Chairman, co-chairing the proceedings.

A key highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Anito Swu, Administrator of New Foundation School and Founder of the “Go Green Club,” on the Carbon Credit Program (CCP) under the REDD+ initiative. Implemented by the Mirin Climate Centre in partnership with Infinite Solution, the program aims to help tribal communities in Nagaland conserve forests, reduce deforestation, and earn carbon credits through sustainable practices. The Board praised the initiative as a model for eco-conscious development in the region.

The SDPDB took up several key development agendas and recommended the same including the proposal for establishing of an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Pughoboto, Construction of village internal

cemented roads at Mishilimi village and Restoration of the Mukalimi-Chishilimi Road, damaged by a landslide near Tsuyi River. LADP Iconic Projects, including a drainage wall, approach roads, and agriculture-based initiatives for both individuals and the community were welcomed by the Board and duly recommended. Construction of New EAC Office and residential quarters at Ghathashi, construction of SDPO Office and quarters along with construction of a Sub-Divisional Customary Court at the New Administrative Complex were also discussed and recommended by the Board.

The proposal for recognition of Kuhozuqa village has been put on hold, in compliance with a standing state government directive to freeze recognition of new villages and subdivision upgrades.

Concluding the session, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema reaffirmed the Board’s commitment to sustainable development, infrastructure, and social progress, urging members and the community to remain united in building a resilient and forward-looking Pughoboto.

MANGKOLEMBA SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly SDPDB meeting of Mangkolemba was held on 9th June 2025 at the customary court, chaired by Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, along with Vice Chairman Moakumzuk Tzudir, ADC Mangkolemba.

The Chairman expressed optimism about road projects like Longnak, Tsurangkong & Jangpetkong, and the Foothill Road Initiative, stressing their role in regional development. Acknowledging the subdivision’s challenges despite its historic status, he urged officials to be more



Minister, Temjen Imna Along addressing the SDPDB meeting at Mangkolemba, Mokokchung on 9th June 2025.

responsible, accessible, and committed to public service.

Key agenda items discussed included the empanelment of CHC Mangkolemba under CMHIS, MGNREGA account transfers, establishment of an urban sub-station for Alongkima and Longnak towns, school relocation from Puneboto to Mithite village,

a market complex and town council office for Mangkolemba, poor roads in Longchem, and a border guest house at Akumen village.

The house agreed to forward these proposals to the government. Departments of Social Welfare, Rural Development, and Education also presented their achievements through a PowerPoint.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Tuensang was held on 10th June 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang. The meeting was chaired by Shelley Katiry, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang.

While reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman informed the members that a warehouse for e-waste collection is nearing completion and that collection will soon commence from government offices and institutions.

Key discussions during the meeting included the recommendation for the

registration of Sozo Mission Society and extension of Tuensang Town at Tuensang Village areas where land survey for the expansion is expected to begin shortly.

Dr. Imlitemsu Ozukum, Chief Medical Officer, Tuensang, highlighted the Nikshay Mitra initiative, which provides nutritional support to TB patients. He appealed to members to contribute financially towards supporting TB patients in the district.

As assigned, the District Fishery Officer, Tuensang, also presented an overview of departmental activities to the Board.

MELURI DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Meluri was held on 11th June 2025 at DB's Court, Meluri. Advisor N&RE and NSDMA, and Chairman DPDB Meluri, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe welcomed members to the 2nd meeting of the new district.

The deliberation commenced with the review of the last DPDB meeting, pertaining to opening of New private School at Shilloi Lake Lütsam which was approved.

Key agendas discussed included: Upgradation SDO (PWD) to E,E office; Setting up of Co-operative bank at the district

headquarter; The house proposed for the necessity of a sub-treasury for the new district; Correction of AVANGKHU village nomenclature to that of AVAKHUNG village; The house proposed MILLET as One District One Product (ODOP) for Meluri District; Shifting of 5th NAP camp to the new complex which was meant for DIET Institution; Upgradation of forest ranger to DFO and to establish SBI Branch at Weziho.

Dr. A. Limanukshi, Senior Medical Officer, presented a PowerPoint on health issues. Earlier, Advisor Z. Nyuthe handed over a new excavator (JCB) to DDMA Meluri.

PHEK DPDB MONTHLY MEETING HELD

Phek DPDB conducted monthly meeting at DC's conference Hall, Phek, on 12th June 2025, under the Chairmanship of the newly appointed Chairman DPDB, Phek, Kudecho Khamo, Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Government of Nagaland.

The Chairman, DPDB in his address, highlighted the role of DPDB for effective governance and urged the officers to implement developmental schemes efficiently for the district's progress. He appreciated the launch of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) in the district and called for full cooperation from all line departments.

The Chairman, DPDB also proposed monthly mass social work in Phek town, which was unanimously agreed upon by the members.

MLAs Kuzholuzo Nienu and Dr. Neisatuo Mero also attended the meeting and commended the active participation. They urged departments to cooperate



Advisor, Kudecho Khamo speaking at DPDB meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 12th June 2025.

with Phek Town Councillors and maintain cleanliness in the town.

The agenda for registration of the Runguzu Students' Union was approved for recommendation to the government. A presentation was given by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, highlighting ongoing and upcoming activities.

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR OBSERVED

World Day Against Child Labour was organised by the Labour department in collaboration with District Task Force Kohima at the Central Plaza, Kohima on 12th June 2025. Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, graced the event.

In his address, DC stated that the district administration, police, and all enforcement agencies are fully prepared to take action, and urged everyone to remain vigilant. He expressed concern over the rising incidents

of atrocities and abuse against women and children, noting that such acts were previously unheard of and not part of Naga society's values. Emphasizing on the moral dimension of child abuse and child labour, he stated, "This is not just a legal issue but one of existence, ethics, and humanity," and called for collective efforts to protect children.

Joint Labour Commissioner Chubayanger emphasized the strict enforcement of the Child and Adolescent



DC Kohima B. Henok Buchem, SP Kohima Teisovise Metha along with others taking the oath during the observance of World Day Against Child Labour at Central Plaza, Kohima on 12th June 2025.

Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, which protects the rights of children and adolescents across India. The Act bans employment of children under 14 in all occupations, except non-hazardous family work outside school hours. Adolescents (14–18 years) are allowed only in non-hazardous jobs, with hazardous work like stone quarries, brick kilns, and certain industries strictly prohibited.

He cautioned that violations attract stringent penalties, including imprisonment from six months to two years and a fine ranging from ₹20,000 to ₹50,000, or both. Similar penalties apply to those employing adolescents in hazardous occupations. Other violations of the Act can lead to imprisonment up to one month, a fine up to ₹10,000, or both.

Superintendent of Police, Teisovise Metha, NPS, district task force officers, colony

chairmen, and others participated in the event. Assistant Labour Commissioner Nimenuo said the welcome address, DCPO Kohima, Sekho Dawhuo highlighted the Child Protection Service.

The Labour Department has urged all establishments, families, and the general public to comply strictly with the provisions of the Act and report any violations to the appropriate authorities.

World Day Against Child Labour was also observed in Dimapur, Tuensang and Wokha districts on June 12, organised by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in collaboration with the Labour Department and District Legal Services Authority, aiming to create awareness on the legal safeguards and responsibilities related to child rights and protection, as initiated by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2002.

VIKSIT KRISHI SANKALP ABHIYAN 2025 CONCLUDES AT LONGLENG

CAR-KVK Longleng has successfully concluded the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)-2025, a transformative grassroots campaign held from 29th May to 12th June

2025. Launched under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and guided by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj

Singh Chouhan, the campaign aimed to empower farmers through scientific knowledge, sustainable practices, and inclusive agricultural strategies.

In Longleng district, the campaign was inaugurated in Longleng block with Deputy Commissioner of Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, and concluded in Tamlu block under the leadership of Lankonsen Tsanglao, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Tamlu. This marked a full-circle outreach, encompassing diverse agro-ecological pockets and ensuring the inclusion of both central and remote tribal communities.

Over a 14-day period, VKSA-2025 reached 16,847 farmers across Longleng district through a well-coordinated field plan. Three ICAR-KVK Longleng teams led by Shubhendu Kumar Behera (Plant Protection), Dr. Lily Ngullie (Animal Science), and Dr. Kalu Ram (Fruit Science) conducted 109 field visits, covering nine villages daily.

The campaign addressed key agricultural and livestock issues, including soil health, fertilizer use, and pest management. Farmers were also informed about schemes like NMEO and PM-KISAN, and guided on crop challenges like fall armyworm in maize, unfruitfulness in pomegranate, and litchi fruit cracking.

Training under VKSA-2025 in Longleng focused on post-harvest handling and value addition of fruits like litchi and orange to boost farmers' income. Sessions also covered nutrition, hygiene, and baby food to align agriculture with health goals.

In livestock, farmers were trained on piggery management, swine flu, artificial insemination, pregnancy detection, mineral

nutrition, insurance, and zoonotic diseases. They also learned about schemes under the National Livestock Mission and Rainbow Rooster poultry.

The campaign also promoted climate-resilient practices like drip irrigation, mulching, and rainwater harvesting were promoted, with live demos on strawberry and pomegranate cultivation drawing strong interest.

Alongside the training sessions, the teams recorded farmers' issues, traditional practices, and suggestions were documented to guide future research and outreach.

Dr. Hari Charan Kalita, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR-KVK Longleng, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and highlighted the campaign's importance in addressing real-time farming challenges across Longleng's diverse microclimatic zones. He noted that many issues were previously undocumented and that the campaign effectively bridged critical information gaps, especially regarding government schemes and scientific interventions.

Dr. Homeswar Kalita, Head of ICAR-Nagaland Centre, commended the campaign for inspiring researchers to develop locally relevant, practical solutions through stronger farmer-researcher collaboration.

The campaign received strategic support from Dr. S. Hazarika (Director, ICAR-NEH), Dr. A. K. Mohanty (Director, ICAR-ATARI Zone VII), and Dr. A. Mishra (VC, CAU Imphal), ensuring institutional continuity. District leaders W. Manpai Phom and T. Mhabemo Tungoe praised KVK Longleng's outreach and urged farmers to stay engaged with ICAR-KVK future programs

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of June was held on 13th June 2025 at DC's conference hall, Zunheboto under the chairmanship of Deputy Speaker, NLA and DPDB Chairman, S. Toiho Yeptho.

Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Dharam Raj (IAS) informed that the hall had received a long-awaited facelift, equipped with modern facilities and thanks the Chairman's initiative and the efforts of DPO (Planning) David Sema.

Zunheboto Govt College gave a presentation through Vice Principal Jekugha Sema, outlining the college's history and current challenges. He highlighted the risk of closure of the IGNOU Study Centre due to low enrollment and requested infrastructural support including two smart boards, 10 computer sets, fire extinguishers and a dedicated transformer. With over 200 students currently enrolled and numbers expected to rise, the college also seeks the introduction of B. Ed and science stream courses under the FYUGP curriculum.

In response, the DPDB urged the college to submit proposals to the Power Department for a dedicated transformer and to the Department of Higher Education for introducing a B.Ed. program.

GHSS, Zunheboto Senior Principal, Kughazhe Swu raised concerned over low students in the lone institutions offering Science Stream in the district leading students to migrate elsewhere.

DPDB Chairman, Toiho S. Yeptho echoed the concern, stressing to promote science education locally and proposed involving private school principals in future meetings to address the issue. He emphasized the need for collective efforts to improve local education infrastructure and student confidence, noting the disparity like Mokokchung in terms of higher education institutions.

Both the Chairman and the DC also underscored the importance of attendance in future DPDB meetings, warning that unexplained absences by Heads of Departments (HODs) would not be accepted.

Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, MLA, emphasized



Deputy Speaker, NLA & DPDB Chairman, S. Toiho Yeptho addressing the DPDB meeting at DC's Confernce Hall, Zunheboto on 13th June 2025.

collective responsibility and shared that his constituency's educational trust offers free admission for classes 8 to 10, boosting enrollment. He urged Zunheboto Government College to explore solar power solutions and submit a proposal for a dedicated transformer.

He also addressed the shortage of substitute teachers, especially during maternity leave, suggesting the trust could help provide temporary teaching support. Dr. Sukhato stressed that quality education, healthcare and economic development are key to the district's progress.

DC Dharam Raj added that science education includes vital subjects like mathematics and English, underlining its broader importance.

The DPDB meeting also highlighted the REDD+ Project, a 50-year UN-backed carbon credit initiative promoting forest conservation, clean energy, and economic growth, requiring

no personal investment and offering flexible participation. Nagaland now hosts 75 such projects.

Dr. Sukhato emphasized that all 60 constituencies should actively promote forest conservation in their own constituency, suggesting Aghunato as a potential expansion site.

He also proposed that Zunheboto District Hospital to submit a proposal to establish a College of Nursing, ahead of a Union Minister's visit to the district.

In conclusion, the board discussed the 'Viksit Nagaland' agenda following the recent cabinet meeting on 'Viksit Bharat', agreeing that a developed India requires a developed Nagaland. The district administration proposed introducing 'Viksit Zunheboto' in the next DPDB meeting in July, which will include a PowerPoint presentation on the vision

MON DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN 'NASHA MukT PRATIGYA' CAMPAIGN IN CHARAIDEO, ASSAM

In a joint initiative to combat substance abuse, Mon District actively participated in the 'Nasha MukT Pratigya' programme organized by the District Administration of Charaideo, Assam in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice and Environment, Assam held at Namtola Playground on 13th June 2025.

ADC Tizit, Mon, Relise Sangtam speaking on behalf of the Mon District Administration emphasized the urgency of creating a drug-free society, noting that both Charaideo and Mon are sensitive regions where drug use is a growing concern. He said that the main purpose of the day's gathering was to raise awareness and make a positive impact. He further urged the community not to ignore drug addicts but to support

their rehabilitation and reintegration into mainstream society.

On behalf of the Mon District Administration, he extended gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner of Charaideo for hosting the event and promoting inter-district collaboration for a noble cause.

The event brought together officials, community members, and youth from both Charaideo and Mon districts

The day-long program featured a series of engaging activities, including a craft mela, health camp, traditional sports, cultural performances, and a friendly football match between the Charaideo and Mon district teams, fostering community bonding and youth involvement.

CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT PHEK

Consumer's Awareness program was held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek, on 14th June 2025 with District & Session Judge cum Chairperson, Phek DLSA Mezivolu T. Therieh as the guest speaker.

Mezivolu reiterated and informed the audience that the law on Consumer's Protection Act 2019 is a comprehensive legislation in India to safeguard consumers' interests and to address their grievances. It repeals and replaces the Consumers Protection Act 1986, she informed.

Emphasising the 2019 Act Consumer Protection Act, Mezivolu highlighted key provisions including dispute settlement, digital commerce, and strict penalties on misleading advertisement. She also spoke on mediation and role of the Central Consumer

Protection Authority in curbing unfair trade practices. She informed that consumers can file complaints from their place of residence, even for online purchases.

Sheikhozo Rhakho, Assistant Controller, LM & CP, Phek spoke on the purpose of the programme, consumers rights and ways to tackle unfair trade practices.

ADC and Executive Officer, Phek Town Council, Thenakhrienuo Nisa, stressed the importance of providing quality products and services and urged the business community to promote a consumer-friendly environment.

The programme was organised by the department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection and District Legal Service Authority, Phek in collaboration with Phek town Chakeshang Students Union.

BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly SDPDB meeting of Bhandari sub division was held at the conference hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House, Bhandari, Wokha on 17th June 2025.

During discussions, H. Lawrence, Deputy Director of the State Seed Farm, Merapani, Wokha, shared that awareness campaigns were recently conducted to encourage farm tenants and community leaders to resolve issues through proper channels. He reaffirmed the department's commitment to producing quality seeds despite challenges and appealed for peace in the area. He also highlighted the lack of electricity at the farm since 1969 and urged authorities to ensure reliable power supply to improve operations.

For maintaining law and order situation

within the Nagaland State Seed Farm, Merapani, the house emphasised that trouble makers should be identified and reported to the nearest Police Stations of Bhandari and Merapani.

ADC and SDPDB Vice Chairman, Bhandari, lauded the Electrical department for delivering its commendable service despite notable constraints and the sub division vast area. He appealed to higher authority for a pool vehicle to improve mobility for effective tasks execution.

SDO (Civil) Ralan, Tsenthungo E. Ngullie while highlighting on the current status of the construction of the office of SDO (Civil) Ralan, stated that construction work is presently going on expected timeline.

DPDB MEETING-CUM-LAUNCH OF DA-JGUA CAMPAIGN HELD IN KIPHIRE

The monthly meeting of the Kiphire District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) cum launching of the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) Campaign was held on 18th June 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire. The programme was chaired by Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of DPDB Kiphire.

The meeting proceeded with a review of the previous meeting's minutes, followed by discussions on key agendas. Proposals for the construction of a GBs Customary Court in Kiphire, a Tribal Hall at Sangphure

Village, and the registration of the Lihpihna Foundation were deliberated and forwarded to the Government for necessary action and approval.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered by Takatemjen Pongen, EAC Kiphire, on behalf of the District Administration, and Er. Konathang N. Kyong, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B). The Office of the Superintendent of Police and the Fisheries Department are scheduled to present their departmental reports in the next DPDB meeting.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board for the month of June 2025 was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 18th June 2025, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS in the presence of DPDB Chairman MLA, Mankhao Konyak; Advisor, Treasuries & Accounts and Art & Culture, Konngam Konyak and MLA & SDPB Chairman Tobu, Neiba Konyak.

The house discussed on the agenda of up-gradation of Good Samaritan School, Phomching and forwarded it to higher authority. LADP 2025-26, including Iconic Project, were approved. Police out post at Mopong, construction of road from Forest colony to police reserve were deliberately discussed and forwarded to the higher-ups for approval. The members discussed the

proposal for review and issue of site permit for GPS Shamnyu Ward, Mon Town for which the district administration was asked to verify the site and also to discuss with the land donor.

A PowerPoint presentation on District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDs, DISHA was presented by the CMO's office. SDO (C) Mon, Ajit Kumar, IAS, gave a brief overview of the Mon Smart Hub. He requested all the departments to participate in Smart Hub Portal for the benefit of all. President Konyak Students' Union, Temwang Konyak highlighted some problems like, shortage of fire stations, police stations and electricity in the district.

During the meeting, meritorious students of the HSLC & HSSLC from Mon district, were felicitated with certificate and cash award.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at DPDB Hall, D.C Office Longleng on 18th June 2025, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom.

The meeting began with a review of the last meeting minutes. After lengthy discussion the board recommended and approved the following agendas: Grant in-Aid to Lempong Higher Secondary School Longleng and Chingtok Public School, Chingtok, upgradation of GMS Block Shamkang Ward Longleng to GHS, and registration of Bauting Foundation Society at Alok ward, Tamlu.

The department of Labour presented the departmental activities under Longleng district.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Tseminyu DPDB meeting was held on 18th June 2025 at DC's conference hall, Tseminyu, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Jwenga Seb.

Reviewing the last meeting minutes, the following agenda were deliberated - In regards to the dentification of land for Helipad in Tseminyu, the board entrusted SDO (civil), Tsidi Hairi to identify the landowner and to submit a report. The house also discussed regarding District Award for distinguished public service to government employees under Tseminyu District. Change of nomenclature of Zisunyu village to T. Zisunyu village and recognition of

Rengmariver village were recommended and forwarded to the higher authority for final approval. Establishment of Employment exchange office in the district was approved and forwarded to the concerned authorities.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR'S DAY CELEBRATED AT NIMSR

Voluntary Blood Donors Association Nagaland in collaboration with Nagaland Institute of Medical Science & Research celebrated World Blood Donors Day at NIMSR Kohima on 18th June 2025.

Speaking as the special guest at the function, Director of Tourism Veyielo Doulo emphasized the critical importance of blood donation in saving lives and supporting medical treatments. He noted that blood, which cannot be artificially produced, is vital for patients undergoing surgeries, fighting serious illnesses, or recovering from injuries. Regular donations are essential to maintaining a steady blood supply, enabling hospitals and medical facilities to meet the ongoing demand for transfusions.

Doulo thanked all the voluntary blood donors for their life-saving contributions, calling voluntary blood donation a noble act of charity. He stressed the need for greater awareness to encourage more people to donate, reiterating that the demand for blood is constant and every single donation plays a vital role in helping patients survive and recover.

Director NSBTC Dr. Avile Zao shared a brief note on the significance of the day while Medical Officer Blood center NHAK Dr, Avila Sangtam highlighted on the importance of Voluntary Blood donation. Altogether 51 persons donated their blood on the occasion.

AWARENESS AND RIVER RANCHING PROGRAMME HELD AT CHICHUNG RIVER MOKOKCHUNG

Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) Scheme 2024-2025, the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Nagaland, organised an Awareness and River Ranching programme on 19th June 2025 at Chichung River, Mokokchung, where 1 lakh fingerlings were released.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, Fisheries & AR, Rongsennungba, said that the department is doing its best to promote and develop the fishery sector in the state with limited resources. He asked the host village (Longsa) and the neighbouring villages (Milong, Chubayimkum and Moalenden) to safeguard the aquatic ecosystem by protecting it from unethical foraging. He

asked the village councils to implement strict rules for the total prohibition of fishing during the breeding season. He suggested that the council should allow the traditional practice of fishing only, adding that what we preserve today is for posterity.

The Director thanked all the village councils, officers from different departments and his colleagues for their support in making the programme a success.

Short speeches were also delivered by Bendang Tatar on behalf of Longsa Village Council, Joint Director, SARS, Lipokonen Jamir, Joint Director, Fisheries & AR, Ketusieli Angami, Kazupokba BDO and representatives from Milong, Chubayimkum and Moalenden village councils.

ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN HELD AT SHAMATOR

In preparation for the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the District Administration Shamator in collaboration with NCORD and YoungFit Wellness launched a ward-wise Anti-

Drug Campaign across Shamator town on 20th June 2025.

As part of the initiative, Master Volunteers were introduced in each ward to raise awareness and promote community



Officials and participants during Anti-Drug Campaign held at Shamator on 20th June 2025.

involvement in the fight against drug abuse.

The campaign aims to highlight various anti-drug efforts undertaken by the Administration while YoungFit Wellness focuses on prevention through fitness, mental

well-being and healthy lifestyle practices.

This initiative sets the groundwork for broader community participation leading up to 26th June 2025 encouraging a united stand for a Healthier Drug-free future.

TOOLKIT HANDING OVER CEREMONY HELD FOR PM VISHWAKARMA ARTISANS IN KOHIMA

A Toolkit Handing Over Ceremony under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was held at the DC Office, Kohima, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B Henok Buchem, NCS on 20th June 2025. The event marked an important step in empowering traditional artisans and craftspeople in the district.

Speaking at the event, the DC stated that it was a significant day as the government had addressed the needs of local artisans. He urged them to make the most of the support provided and aim for sustainable, long-term success. He encouraged them to be professional, dedicated, and sacrificial in their efforts, expressing hope that the district would be proud to hear their success stories in years ahead.

Functional Manager of District Industries

Centre, Kohima, Jessy Jurry, presented a brief report on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme's progress in the district. She informed that 261 artisans have been trained out of 2102 applicants, distributed 91 toolkits in Kohima, provided training in trades like barber, carpenter, tailor, basket maker, doll and toy making, and mason.

One of the beneficiaries, Baby Vizo, shared her journey starting from registration at a Common Services Centre to training at SCTE/ITI and eventually receiving government support. She expressed her gratitude to the government and revealed that a group would be formed among the artisans to work together and expand their businesses.

POSHAN KITS LAUNCHED IN MON

Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak launched Poshan Kit in Mon District on 20th June 2025 at Konyak Union Office, Hall, Mon Town. He highlighted that Poshan Kit has been initiated to improve the nutrition levels of children, adolescent girls and pregnant women and lactating mothers and thanked all supporters, and the department for the initiative and urged the beneficiaries to use the kits for better health.

Bodeno S. Colo, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, expressed her gratitude to the UNISED and Union Minister, MP Rajya

Sabha, Phangnon Konyak for their supports and urged all stakeholders to continue working towards a healthy society and community.

Wennyei Konyak, NCS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon thanked the department and UNISED for launching Poshan Kits in one of Nagaland's most malnourished districts. He urged beneficiaries to use the Kits properly and encouraged Anganwadi workers to remain dedicated and follow government guidelines.

Vikas Mar, Program Manager and Abishek, Program Manager from unit of Science & Educational Development, Kanpur,

Uttar Pradesh informed that 21650 Poshan Kits is provided to Mon District.

Director, Social Welfare Tosheli Zhimomi informed that there are 403 Anganwadi centre in Mon District, with 97 in Aboi, 73 in Mon,

55 in Phomching, 57 in Wakching, 49 in Tizit and 72 in Tobu. 270 beneficiaries took part in the programme, 15 each from 18 Anganwadi centres at Mon Town.

FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD IN HONOUR OF JUSTICE KAKHETO SEMA

A farewell programme was held at the Kohima Bench of the Gauhati High Court on June 20, 2025, in honour of Justice Kakheto Sema, who is set to retire from judicial service on July 5, 2025. The event was jointly organised by the Registry of the Gauhati High Court (Kohima Bench) and the High Court Bar Association, Kohima.

In his farewell address, Justice Kakheto Sema reflected on his 36-year-long legal journey, recalling his early years of practice, his service as Additional Advocate General and later Principal Advocate General, and his eventual elevation to the Bench.

He acknowledged the professionalism of the Bar in Nagaland, calling them “second to none,” and expressed admiration for their contribution to the justice system. He thanked the Registry for their unwavering support and paid tribute to his wife, who gave up her legal career to support their family. He acknowledged his children and encouraged young lawyers to pursue their profession with sincerity and dedication.

In conclusion, Justice Sema said he would cherish the memories with deep gratitude and immense respect for everyone, and expressed confidence that both the Bar and the Bench would continue to uphold the integrity of the institution and serve the cause of justice, especially for the poor and the marginalized.

Other speakers, including Joint Registrar



Justice Kakheto Sema delivers his address during his farewell programme at the Bar Room-cum-Multipurpose Hall, Kohima Bench, Gauhati High Court, Kohima on 20th June 2025.

(Judicial) Boduve Peter Resu, HCBA President C.T. Jamir, NSLSA Member Secretary Neiko Akami, Registrar Ajongba Imchen, and Advocate General K.N. Balagopal, praised Justice Sema for his integrity, humility, and commitment to justice. They highlighted his contributions to legal aid, judicial reforms, and improving service conditions, describing him as a wise mentor and a brilliant legal mind whose brief tenure left a lasting impact.

Principal Secretary, Department of Law and Justice, Y. Kikheto Sema, reflected on their shared roots and praised the judge's integrity and public service, wishing him a peaceful retirement with a biblical blessing.

Delivering the farewell reference, Justice Y. Longkumer recounted Justice Sema's academic and professional milestones, from

his Bombay law degree to his judgeship in 2021, highlighting landmark rulings that demonstrated his commitment to justice.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The DPDB meeting for Wokha district was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 21 June 2025 under the chairmanship of DPDB Chairman and Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton. The meeting was attended by Advisor for Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Mhathung Yanthan, MLA Mhonbemo Humtsoe, Vice Chairman and Deputy Commissioner, Vineet Kumar IAS and Heads of various Departments.

The House reviewed the proposal to upgrade Cherry Hill Kindergarten School in Wokha and recommended further necessary action as the school met all required criteria.

A presentation by the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), led by the District Programme Officer, outlined that it covered district and block-level data on drug users and HIV/AIDS, using maps to show distribution across the district.

DAPCU proposed an Integrated Health Campaign (IHC) across selected colonies and villages to identify individuals with HIV/AIDS, syphilis, tuberculosis, and hepatitis B and C for confirmatory testing and treatment. The campaign will also integrate the CMHIS enrollment, TB & NCD screenings, and community outreach through Anganwadi and ASHA workers. The presentation also highlighted various operational challenges faced by DAPCU in implementing the interventions.

Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar, IAS, delivered a comprehensive presentation on Viksit Nagaland for Viksit Bharat@2047, outlining the state's vision and priorities

under national development schemes such as JAM Trinity, Digital India, Make in India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, GST, Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Skill India, Startup India, and Stand-Up India.

The DC highlighted Nagaland's strengths, including its natural resources, skilled youth, and strategic location, while also addressing challenges like high government expenditure, limited revenue sources, poor connectivity, and unique land ownership systems.

He noted a positive economic shift toward the tertiary sector and identified key growth drivers: urbanisation, tourism, agriculture, creative industries, technology, mineral-based sectors, and the green economy. He called on all line departments to submit their targets, visions, and achievement plans toward building a shared roadmap for Viksit@Wokha.

Advisor Mhathung Yanthan also urged departments to align their programmes and vision plans to support this development trajectory.

A brief presentation was also delivered by the Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR, highlighting the successful completion of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan across the Wokha district.

In closing, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged all departments and local associations to extend their support to the Wokha football team for the upcoming T. Ao Trophy, scheduled to be held in Kohima in August 2025.

Y. PATTON INAUGURATE DE-ADDICTION CENTRE AT CHUKITONG TOWN, WOKHA

In a significant step towards addressing substance abuse in Wokha district, Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton inaugurated the District De-Addiction Centre (DDAC) at Chukitong Town, Wokha, on 21st June 2025. The centre, established through the collaborative efforts of Bethesda Youth Welfare Centre, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Government of India), the Department of Social Welfare (Government of Nagaland), and the Wokha District Administration, aims to provide structured rehabilitation and recovery services to those battling addiction.

Speaking as the special guest, Deputy Chief Minister urged the people of Wokha to collectively combat the growing menace of drug abuse. Patton commended the vision of local leaders and stakeholders for initiating the DDAC, hoping it becomes a key recovery center rather than just another institution. He also stressed that church leaders play a vital role in guiding and healing the community, especially the youth.

He acknowledged Chukitong Town's legacy as an educational hub and urged it to continue its positive societal role. He also raised concerns over the decline in farming and called for renewed focus on agriculture, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance to boost human capital in Wokha.

Advisor Mhathung Yanthan urged the community to make full use of the centre and called for collective support to help transform lives and rebuild families affected by substance abuse.

MLA Mhonbemo Humtsoe praised Chukitong's role in shaping the district's educated population and urged collective



Deputy CM, Y. Potton inaugurating the De-Addiction Centre at Chukitong Town, Wokha on 21st June 2025.

action to protect youth from addiction and secure the future.

Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar thanked all contributors to the centre and emphasized the need for united community efforts in rehabilitation and addressing addiction challenges

Short remarks were also shared by District Welfare Officer, C. James Ezung; CRPO Advisor Adv. Oren Humtsoe; representatives from Lotha Hoho, and the Chairman of Chukitong Range Pastor Fellowship. Lotha Hoho pledged to extend all possible support for the centre's functioning and outreach.

Delivering the keynote address, Chenithung Humtsoe, one of the key advocates of the project, shared the vision and process behind establishing the DDAC.

The inauguration of the District De-Addiction Centre marks a committed and coordinated response to a pressing social issue, aimed at restoring lives and reinforcing

the district's resilience against substance abuse. Presently, 10 persons are undergoing rehabilitation in the De-addiction center.

INTER-SCHOOL PRE-SUBROTO CUP CLUSTER- 1 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT COMMENCES

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports organised a Pre Subroto Cup Cluster-1, in collaboration with Nagaland Football Association, which will be held from 23rd to 26th June 2025, commenced on 23rd June, 2025 at Chumoukedima Football Stadium.

District Sports Officer, Chumoukedima, Wutsutho encouraged aspiring football to take the tournament seriously as it could open doors to state and national club selections. The District Sports Officer added that the state level winners will represent Nagaland at the national tournament in new Delhi in August 2025, with all expenses for kits covered by the State Government. He also thanked school authorities for their support and encouraged future participation.

The inaugural first match was played between Bethel Baptist School, Niuland and Christian School, Molvom (U-15 Boys).

DLC MEETING FOR WATER & SANITATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF JJM HELD AT PHEK

District Level Committee, for Water and Sanitation for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission for Phek held its meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 23rd June 2025 under the chairmanship of DC & Chairman of the Committee, Rhosietho Nguori.

JJM Projects are being implemented across 112 villages in the district under the PHED and Rural Development departments as per the report highlighted in the meeting.

Executive Engineer PHED, Er. Narisen Jami informed that JJM Projects are implemented under the initiatives of the respective villages WATSAN committees. She updated that, 91 villages are under the supervision of PHED in which 60% of works have been completed and certified by the department.

Project Director DRDA, Phek, Zhoi Lohe informed that JJM Projects in 25 villages falls under RD department, which have been completed successfully.

The Chairman in his closing remarks, urged the line departments to ensure intensive supervision for successful project completion.

FINANCIAL AWARENESS CAMP FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

With the aim of promoting financial literacy and economic empowerment among women and girls, Sankalp- District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Mission Shakti, under the aegis of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" in collaboration with the District Administration, Mokokchung, organised a Financial Awareness Camp on 24th June 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall Mokokchung.

Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS encouraged the participants to take proactive steps in managing their finances and utilize various government schemes and benefits tailored for their welfare.

The camp held insight session by officer from various Financial Institutions and Government Departments on the following topics, basics of banking saving and budgeting, digital financial literacy, safe online transactions, financial schemes for women, access to credit, loan and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Chairing the programme, Nukshinaro, Gender Specialist DHEW stressed the importance of financial literacy in empowering women to become self-reliance and long-term economic stability, highlighting the need for inclusive and accessible financial education.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENTS DISTRIBUTED BY NAGALAND BEEKEEPING & HONEY MISSION UNDER PMVDY AT MELURI

A Distribution of Tools and Equipments Programme was organised by the Nagaland Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) under the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) at Meluri Village Council Hall on 24th June 2025.

Advisor for N&RE and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, as a special guest, encouraged the beneficiaries to be more dedicated in their endeavour as beekeeping is an important avenue for sustainable livelihood. He urged the Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) cluster members to live up

to its name “RAPHALUO” by catching up with the times for progress and prosperity.

Chairman NBHM, Obed Quinker, as the guest of honour advised the gathering to harness the value of forest produce for a sustainable livelihood.

The programme was attended by DC Meluri, K Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS, village council, officials from NBHM and VDVK members. Tools and equipments were distributed to around ten SHGs of RAPHALUO, VDVK Cluster during the programme.



Advisor Nyusietho Nyuthe and Chairman NBHM Obed Quinker distributing tools and equipments to VDVK members at the Village Council Hall, Meluri on 24th June 2025.

TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE FARMING TECHNIQUES IN PIGGERY AND POULTRY FOR LOCAL WOMEN FARMERS HELD AT WOKHA

A training program on 'Sustainable Farming Techniques in Piggery and Poultry' was held at Niropen community hall, Wokha on 24th June 2025, organized by Wokha district Administration, Department of Social Welfare and District Hub for Empowerment of Women under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission and Tepzen Agro Food & Farm Tech, Tseminyu aiming to build capacity and promote self-reliant livestock farming among women.

Dr. Gwazenlo Tep, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and Consultant at Tepzen Agro Food

& Farm Tech, served as the resource person. He highlighted Nagaland's potential in livestock farming, stressing the need to boost local pork production using scientific and traditional methods. He emphasized breed selection, farm economics, vaccination, and strict biosecurity, particularly against African Swine Fever (ASF).

Over 120 women farmers from Niropen and nearby Longsa village participated. Free Tepzen chicken feed and chicks were distributed to encourage and support the farmers

DC MOKOKCHUNG INAUGURATES DDW TRAINING

Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS inaugurated the Design Development Workshop (DDW) - Banana Fibre Craft on 24th June 2025 at District Industries Centre, Mokokchung. DDW (Banana Fibre-Craft) is a 25 days training program aimed at enhancing the skills and designs of artisans in the handicraft sector. The event is organised by the DC Handicraft, Ministry of Textiles in collaboration with DIC Mokokchung.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of combining traditional handicraft knowledge with modern skills, noting that such integration gives communities a competitive edge in the market. He highlighted that handicraft training is particularly vital for Nagaland.

The DC pointed out that Banana Fibre Craft holds great potential in the State due to the abundant availability of raw materials.

He also noted the growing global shift from plastic to eco-friendly alternatives, with banana fibre emerging as a high-demand, biodegradable product. Encouraging the participants, he urged them to actively engage in the training and apply their skills to generate economic opportunities. He further called on them to leverage the growing market demand by creating modern, market-ready products that can be promoted with the support of various implementing agencies.

General Manager, DIC Mokokchung, B. Asangla stated that the programme marked a first of its kind initiative in the district, aimed at promoting rural livelihoods. She emphasized that the objective is to raise awareness, inspire creativity, encourage sustainability and promote rural entrepreneurship.

HPO, DC Handicraft Kohima, Rajib

Chandra Roy, underscored the importance of Banana Fibre craft, citing its huge demands in the markets. He assured participants of continued support from his office in future.

KVK LONGLENG SHINES WITH THREE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AT ICAR-ATARI, ZONE-VII OF IXTH FOUNDATION DAY

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Longleng, Nagaland made a proud mark at the IXth Foundation Day of ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, held on 24th June 2025 at Umiam, Meghalaya. The KVK, Longleng was honoured with three major awards: Best KVK for Nagaland of the Year 2024-25, Best VKSA Performer Award for Nagaland and the Krishi Gaurav Award-2025 for Best Innovative Farmer, which was awarded to M. Daoje Phom of Kangching village, Tamlu block under Longleng District. These awards reflect the hard work, teamwork, and dedication of the entire ICAR-KVK Longleng team in serving tribal farmers of the district through scientific farming, training, and community empowerment.

The Best KVK Award is a proud recognition of the leadership of Dr. Hari Charan Kalita, Senior Scientist & Head of ICAR-KVK Longleng, and his dedicated team. Their efforts in enhancing farming systems, promoting organic practices, and

training farmers in challenging hilly terrains earned them this honour. The award was presented in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. M Ampareen Lyngdoh, Meghalaya's Agriculture Minister; Dr. B.C. Deka, Vice-Chancellor Assam Agricultural University Jorhat; Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII; J R Blah Madam, Dean CPGS, Meghalaya; Dr S Gathak, Director of Agriculture, Meghalaya; Dr. S Hazarika, Director, ICAR NEH Region; Dr H Kalita, HoRC Nagaland and other HoRCs NEH States and other distinguished dignitaries, whose appreciation inspired the team to continue their impactful work.

A major reason for ICAR-KVK Longleng receiving the Best KVK Award was its outstanding performance in the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) 2025, held from 29 May to 12 June. The KVK conducted 117 programs across 91 villages, reaching 16,847 farmers (including 9,729 women). Topics covered included soil



M. Daoje Phom receiving the Krishi Gaurav Award 2025 at the IXth Foundation Day of ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII held at Umiam, Meghalaya on 24th June 2025.

health, organic inputs, pest management, rainwater harvesting, and crop-livestock-fish integration. Demonstrations tackled issues like fall armyworm, powdery mildew, and viral diseases in key crops. The campaign was led by Shubhendu Kumar Behera (SMS, Plant Protection), Dr. Lily Ngullie (SMS, Animal Science), and Dr. Kalu Ram (SMS, Fruit Science), supported by ICAR scientists, university faculty, and district officials. Despite challenging terrain, they provided training, demos, and organized Nutri Dish competitions, skill training in local products, and awareness on schemes like PM-KISAN and e-NAM. Their dedication earned KVK Longleng the title of Best VKSA Performer in Nagaland out of 11 KVKs.

M. Daoje Phom from Kanching village, Longleng District, received the Krishi Gaurav Award 2025 for her exemplary work in agriculture and rural empowerment. She manages a 5-hectare organic Integrated

Farming System and serves as secretary of 102 SHGs, training women in food processing, natural farming, and millet-based baby foods. Her efforts have empowered many women and youth, making her a symbol of change in the Tamlu region.

These three awards are a big moment of pride for KVK Longleng and show how dedicated work, proper planning, and community participation can bring great results. The guidance and support of ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region and ICAR Nagaland Centre played an important role. As said by Dr. Homeswar Kalita, Head of ICAR Nagaland Centre, this achievement is not only of ICAR-KVK Longleng but also of the farmers and women who trusted science and worked hard to change their lives. With this motivation, ICAR-KVK Longleng will continue to work with more energy for the betterment of farmers in the future.

2-DAY TECHNOLOGY CLINIC ON MEAT PROCESSING HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

The Department of Industries & Commerce and Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., in collaboration with ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun (NRCM), conducted a two-day technology clinic on “Enhancing Meat Processing Efficiency through Technology” under the RAMP Scheme on 24th & 25th June 2025 at ICAR-NRCM, Medziphema.

Deputy Director of the Department of Industries & Commerce, Keneirienuo T. Zatsu highlighted on the RAMP project’s role in empowering MSMEs (Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises). Dr. Girish Patil S, Director of ICAR-NRCM, Medziphema delivered keynote address.

The Clinic covered key areas like Clinic 1 (Dr. Girish Patil S, Director of ICAR-NRCM, Medziphema): Introduction to meat processing, hygiene and value addition benefits; Clinic 2-4 (Dr. Sapunii S. Hanah and assisted by trainer Vivi Kweho): Hands-on training in meat product formulation (patties, sausages, nuggets), equipment use, preservation techniques and maintaining quality and shelf life.

In addition to the four clinics, the RAMP team from the Directorate of Industries and Commerce conducted an awareness and on-spot registration drive for FSSAI and UDYAM. The event saw participation from 27 MSMEs in each session, representing districts

like Kohima, Dimapur, Chumoukedima, Mokokchung, Mon and Wokha.

The clinic concluded with a valedictory program graced by Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay, Former V.C, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, West Bengal and

as the Chief Guest and Dr. K.K. Baruah, Member General Body, ICAR, New Delhi as the Guest of Honour, who handed out the certificates and encouraged participants to apply their skills to improve local meat processing standards.

AKASHVANI KOHIMA AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SIGN MOU TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS THROUGH RADIO

In an effort towards improving public communication, Akashvani Kohima and the District Administration Kohima signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 25th June 2025. The collaboration will focus on radio programs and awareness campaigns covering governance, public welfare, health, education, real-time traffic updates, disaster management, and more.

Under the agreement, Akashvani will produce and air programs with input from the District Administration, which will provide officials and experts for participation. The MoU highlights radio's key role in emergency communication, with Akashvani set to broadcast official advisories as per Section 30 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Also, special programs and jingles will also be developed for national/state events and elections. FM Tragopan will provide live traffic updates every 30 minutes from 10 AM–12 PM and 3 PM–5 PM to ease congestion

in Kohima city. The initiative is expected to boost the visibility of government schemes and policies, making them more accessible to citizens across Kohima district.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, shared that the idea of real-time traffic updates via radio was inspired by his college days in Delhi and had been on his mind since taking office. Developed in collaboration with Akashvani Kohima, the initiative went through detailed planning. He emphasized radio's continued impact, especially in rural areas, recalling how he learned of his NPSC result through it. He urged all stakeholders, especially the traffic police, to institutionalize the effort and ensure its success.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Deputy Commissioner Kohima; Additional SP Kohima (Traffic), Z Tshurhosie Kajiri; and Abino Lasuh, Assistant Director (P) and Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima.

P. PAIWANG KONYAK VISITS HEZUKHU MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL ZUNHEBOTO & DISTRICT HOSPITAL, PHEK

Nagaland Health & Family Welfare Minister, P. Paiwang Konyak, visited Hezukhu Memorial District Hospital, Zunheboto, on 25th June 2025 and held a

review meeting with the state health officials and representatives of civil society.

Chairing the meeting, the Minister stated that the purpose of the tour was to



Minister, P. Paiwang Konyak, interacting with stakeholders during the inspection of the ongoing construction work at District Hospital Zunheboto on 24th June 2025.

serve public interest and aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of *Viksit Bharat* by 2047. The visit aimed to assess manpower and ensure proper utilization of funds in the district's health sector.

He highlighted various state government schemes initiated under the Chief Minister's leadership, citing the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) as a key example. Konyak urged the public and civil societies to stay informed about these schemes and take full advantage of their benefits.

He also reviewed ongoing health projects in the district, including staff quarters, the IPHL Lab, and announced future plans such as the construction of an urban PHC, a CMO Office, a 30-bedded AYUSH hospital, a CHC at Pughoboto, PHC at Satoi, Hoshephu MO quarters, and a nursing school. The Minister called for the collective support of the public and civil society groups to ensure the successful completion of these initiatives.

Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies, K.T. Sukhalu (IAS Rtd.), assured assistance for the expansion of the hospital's equipment room expansion under the Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme.

On 26th June 2015, the Minister visited District Hospital, Phek, where he inspected the medical warehouse, discussed transportation and stock issues with Medical Superintendent and Subordinate Doctors.

The Minister also interacted civil societies, church leaders, town councilors and public leaders at the Conference Hall, District Hospital Phek. As part of the "Viksik Nagaland for Viksit Bharat" initiative, he encouraged improved healthcare services and suggested OPD timings be maintained from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori; SP Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS and district officers of various departments during the inspection of the DH Phek.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE & ELICIT TRAFFICKING HELD ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA

The Kohima District Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan Committee observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking with the theme “Breaking the Chain: Prevention, Treatment, Recovery for All” on June 26, 2025 at the NHAK Auditorium, Kohima organized by the District Administration Kohima in collaboration with Project REST, NHAK Kohima.

Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem, NCS, called for a balanced approach to drug abuse, combining strict law enforcement with rehabilitation. Highlighting that over 90% of users are youth, he referenced global models for both rehab and punitive measures. He urged stakeholders, law enforcement, healthcare, NGOs, educators, and families, to work together in a culturally relevant, compassionate response. Encouraging youth, he affirmed, “It’s never too late to rebuild your life.”

Additional SP (Protocol & Traffic), Z. Tshurhosie Kajiri, in his talk on “Police and Community Partnership in Drug Prevention and Harm Reduction Services,” emphasized that law enforcement’s role is to protect lives, not just make arrests. From 2022 to June 2025, 81 drug-related cases were registered in Kohima district, with 116 arrests (98 males and 18 females), mostly under Sections 21(c) and 22(c) of the NDPS Act. He noted that these figures likely underrepresent the actual extent of drug abuse. Kajiri stressed the importance of police-community collaboration, urging efforts to build trust, improve treatment access, reduce stigma,

and treat addiction as a disease, not a crime.

During a legal awareness session, Kezhosano Kikhi, Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kohima, gave an overview of the NDPS and NLTP Acts. She stressed the legal distinction between users and suppliers, noting that Section 64A of the NDPS Act provides immunity for users seeking rehabilitation. She also called for clearer guidelines and consistent enforcement of the NLTP Act, especially regarding local brew.

Ark Foundation President Ketholelie Angami warned of a “second wave” of addiction in Nagaland, driven by cheaper, more accessible drugs like Sunflower, affecting even children as young as 12. He noted the rise in female users and urged for more de-addiction centres, including facilities for women, early prevention in schools, and stigma-reducing community outreach.

Dr. Sungtimen Jamir, Nodal Officer of Project REST, NHAK, introduced the outpatient-based psychosocial intervention program launched in August 2023. It supports individuals recovering from substance dependence through free services like therapy, counselling, life skills training, and family support, led by a multidisciplinary team. He emphasized the program’s focus on reducing stigma and building a supportive recovery community. The launch of an Alcoholics Anonymous group in February 2025 has created a space for shared healing, with plans for a Narcotics Anonymous group underway. He expressed hope for continued growth with support from government, civil society, and health professionals.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was also observed in the districts of Mokokchung, Tuensang, Mon, Niuland, Tseminyu, Shamator and Meluri. The observance brought together District

Administration, stakeholders from medical institutions, law enforcement, NGOs, legal bodies, and the wider community, reflecting a shared commitment to address addiction through prevention, treatment, and recovery.

WANGPANG KONYAK DISTRIBUTES SMARTPHONES TO ANGANWADI WORKERS OF PEREN DISTRICT

Advisor for Social Welfare, Government of Nagaland, Wangpang Konyak has formally handed over Smartphone to 20 (twenty) Anganwadi Workers of the Jalukie ICDS Project under the Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 Scheme during a programme held at St. Xavier's Parish, Jubilee Hall, Jalukie Town on 27th June, 2025.

In his speech, Wangpang Konyak stated that beyond distributing smartphones, his main purpose was to assess the challenges faced by the Social Welfare Department, especially Anganwadi Workers. He reminded staff to stay at their postings and serve sincerely, emphasizing their crucial role in bringing positive change. He urged close coordination with the district administration for smooth implementation of welfare schemes and encouraged raising awareness at the village level to ensure benefits reach the grassroots.

Addressing the issue of bogus entries in old age pension schemes, he directed officials and Anganwadi Workers to verify and

remove wrongful beneficiaries and submit monthly reports to the department.

Speaking on the significance of Smartphone distribution, Wangpang noted that the initiative aims to ease and enhance the efficiency of Anganwadi Workers through real-time monitoring and timely reporting. He emphasized that with this support, there should be no excuses in carrying out their duties and encouraged them to use the opportunity well, working with passion and dedication.

Short speeches were also delivered by the Secretary of Social Welfare, Yongchingkumla and Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Hiazu Meru. The Advisor was accompanied by the Secretary of Social Welfare, Joint Secretary and other officials from the Directorate.

The Advisor also held an interactive session with officials and staff of the Social Welfare Department, Peren, noting their concerns and assuring them that the issues raised would be duly addressed.

HEAD OF OFFICES' COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT TENING

Acoodination meeting with the Heads of Offices under Tening sub-division, Peren was conducted in the office chamber of ADC Tening on 27th June 2025, with Chairperson, EAC, Ihoilung Chuilo.

The RFO highlighted water supply issues faced by government officials, to which the SDO PHED responded that projects under the AMRUT scheme would begin soon, urging coordination for priority

supply. The SDHO also raised the need for land to construct departmental office, where the chairman acknowledged the issue and assured that the matter would be examined.

The Principal, GHSS Tening raised concerns about shortage of teachers across all sections and limited elective course options. He was asked to submit a detailed

letter on the issues for forwarding it to the District Planning Board.

Logistical difficulties related to transporting question papers and public services at the Tening NBSE exam centre were discussed. It was decided to refer the matter to the District Planning and Development Board for necessary action.

CHC MANGKOLEMBA BOOSTS HEALTHCARE SECTOR WITH NEW SURGICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

In a significant move to boost local healthcare services, a state-of-the-art surgical laparoscopic set with trolley and an advanced ultrasound machine was inaugurated at the Community Health Centre (CHC), Mangkolemba, Mokokchung on 27th June 2025. The equipment was donated by the Luyong Tribal Welfare Society.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Advisor for Transport and Technical Education, Temjenmenba, alongside local dignitaries, healthcare professionals, and community members, including the ADC of Mangkolemba, Moakumzuk Tzudir.

The Advisor emphasized on the

importance of collaborative initiatives between government authorities and community-based organizations in improving public health infrastructure.

With the installation of this equipment, CHC Mangkolemba is expected to see significant improvements in its diagnostic and surgical capabilities, contributing to better patient care and outcomes.

The initiative can be seen as a meaningful step forward for the healthcare sector in the sub-division, and also showcased the shared commitment to enhancing medical services in the area.

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MUSA-PHE HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

First annual general meeting of MUSA-PHE Cluster-level Federation was organized by NSRLM Zunheboto at Multi-Purpose Hall, Zunheboto on 28th June 2025 with the Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology, K.T Sukhalu, IAS (Rtd) as the Chief Guest.

Advisor Sukhalu emphasized that Self-Help Groups (SHGs) should focus on becoming producers to drive growth,

empower women, and ensure financial stability. He expressed joy that over 2,800 potential SHG members from Zunheboto are contributing to the national goal of creating 3 crore Lakhpati Didis. Quoting Michelle Obama, he highlighted women's limitless potential and cited SHG successes across Nagaland to inspire local groups.

He commended the NSRLM team for organizing the first annual general meeting

of the MUSA-PHE Cluster-level Federation, uniting 1,300 households under SHGs in Zunheboto Block to reduce poverty and boost socio-economic development. Sukhalu urged the Federation to amplify women's voices, encourage more participation, and collaborate with government and private sectors for effective service delivery. He ended with the proverb, "Don't eat the seed, but eat the fruit."

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS, encouraged the SHGs in

the district to focus more on packaging and promotion of their products, adequate use of online platform and to explore market outside the district. He urged the federation to become an employer thereby meeting the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

A General Outlook on NSRLM was presented by BMMU staff Zunheboto and a short play on the evolution of SHGs was enacted by Nighuna, VLO Asukhomi village, and experience sharing by Ester P Yeptho, CSP.

SDO (C) KIPHIRE ROSY SANGTAM ALONG WITH OFFICIALS VISIT EMRS CONSTRUCTION SITE AT KIPHIRE

SDO (C) Kiphire, Rosy Sangtam, along with EAC, Nitile Tep and SDO (C) PWD, Muwala Sangtam and Officials, inspected the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Construction Site on 30th June 2025.

The team, accompanied by concerned officials, visited the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) site to review the ongoing construction and assess the development of key infrastructure, including

academic blocks, hostels, staff quarters, and other support facilities. Emphasis was laid on maintaining construction quality and adhering to the stipulated timelines.

During interactions with the project engineer and contractors, the officials stressed the importance of upholding safety standards and urged timely completion of the project. They also reminded the team of the upcoming inspection.



CHIEF MINISTER NEIPHIU RIO VIRTUALLY LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NINE (9) LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL COMPLEXES (LSCS)

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtually laid the foundation stones and launched 9 (Nine) Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) at an official launch programme on 4th June 2025 at CMRC, Kohima.

Speaking at the launch programme Dr. Rio expressed his happiness to witness the progress of the Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) under the Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR) and added that the education sector was undergoing significant reforms in the State. He highlighted the importance of education and the vital role it plays in shaping the future of the youth in the state. He commended the Department of School Education and the Lighthouse (NECTAR) project for their innovative work, which aims to transform classrooms and teaching methods and overall, reform the entire ecosystem of schools in the State. He thanked the Ministry of Education, Government of India and the funding partners for their continued support and partnership. In conclusion, Dr. Rio emphasised on the importance of Primary Schools which laid the foundation of education for students and how with the new initiatives the students from the state can perform and compete with others from within and outside the State.

Principal Director, Directorate of School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS gave a brief on the various activities and projects undertaken under the Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR) including the SMILE App and the training and professional strengthening of employees under the department.

The foundation stones of the following Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) were virtually laid by Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio: GHSS Medziphema Town, Chumoukedima district; GHSS Phek Town, Phek district; GHS Sitimi Town, Kiphire district; GHSS Satakha, Zunheboto district; GHS Chessore, Shamator district; GHS Noklak Village, Noklak district; Bautung GHSS Longleng, Longleng district; N.I. Jamir GHSS, Mokokchung district; GHSS Dimapur, Dimapur district

It may be noted that Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio had earlier laid the foundation stones of the following seven LSCs on 1st December 2024: Government High School Angiangyang, Mon; Government Higher Secondary School, Kigwema, Kohima; Government Higher Secondary School, Niuland; Government Higher Secondary School, Peren; Government Higher Secondary School, Tseminyu; Government Higher Secondary School, Tuensang; Government Higher Secondary School, Wokha.

Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) are envisioned as model schools with all necessary facilities required to function as hubs of academic excellence that support neighbouring spoke schools. Under the NECTAR project, one (1) Lighthouse School Complex (LSC) each will be developed in sixteen (16) districts of Nagaland. LSCs will be spaces of holistic learning fostering inclusivity, strong community engagement and constant innovation thriving on local knowledge of the communities. Lighthouse School Complexes will be economically and

ecologically sustainable and also promote an evidence-based education system. They will lay emphasis on reaching out to the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) and provide learning spaces with adequate resources for Children with Special Needs (CWSN). Further, LSCs will work towards integrating the National Education Policy's (NEP) recommendations on school management and teaching-learning practices.

Currently, the foundational works for all sixteen Lighthouse School Complexes are being laid and the NECTAR Engineering Team is closely monitoring the progress. The construction works are by being carried out with strict adherence to the World Bank's Environmental and Social Standards to avoid potential adverse project impacts while promoting sustainable development. The total cost for the construction of the 16 LSCs has been estimated at 198.57 crores.

MLA ACHUMBEMO KIKON INAUGURATES POWER TRANSFORMER AT MERAPANI VILLAGE

MLA & Chairmen SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon inaugurated a 1.6(33/11KV) sub-station at Merapani village, Wokha on 4th June 2025. Speaking at the inaugural function, Kikon said that with the inauguration of transformer, the Department will be able to provide sufficient (24x7) uninterrupted power supply and it will help the young people to open a business in various ways. He also appealed to the

people to check power theft, timely payment of electricity bills and initiate awareness programme to conserve electricity for common cause.

The MLA thanked the Power Ministry, Commissioner Secretary, department officials, power grid and field workers who were involved in the timely completion of the works. He also acknowledged the land donors and general public for extending



MLA & SDPDB Chairman, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon, department officials and others during inauguration of 1.6 MVA (33/Kv) at Sub-Station Merapani Village, Wokha on 4th June 2025.

support and co-operation.

EAC Bhandari, Kilangtemsu (NCS), highlighted the importance of energy usage and timely bill payments, urging citizens to be energy-conscious and responsible. He congratulated the department for its efforts, and also thanked the MLA for the initiative in addressing the community's power needs.

Short speeches were delivered by VCC Merapani Village, Nyamo Odyuo, and Bhandari Town Council Chairman, Khonthungya Odyuo.

Executive Engineer, Wokha Electrical Division, Er. Chenosing Kemp, presented a technical report highlighting the successful installation of the 33 kV line from Bhandari Town (2.5 MVA S/S) to Merapani, made possible through collective efforts of MLA Kikon, department officials, local councils, the administration, and landowners.

The installed 1.6 MVA (33/KV) Power Transformer Sub-station at Merapani village will benefit 21 villages. The total project cost is estimated at ₹1,33,80,200.

DIALYSIS UNIT FELICITATED INAUGURATED AT HEZUKHU MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, ZUNHEBOTO

A new Dialysis Unit was inaugurated at Hezukhu Memorial District Hospital, Zunheboto, on 4th June 2025 by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS.

Emphasizing that "Health is Wealth," the DC said the facility, equipped with three dialysis machines, would significantly ease the financial and physical burden on kidney patients in the district. He reaffirmed the administration's support for improving healthcare services.

Senior Medical Officer, Shikato Sema, highlighted the unit's role in improving patients care, noting water availability as key challenge with modern technologies, trained technicians, and medical staff.

Medical Superintendent, S. Kuotsutho called the facility "a place of hope," vital for those dependent on dialysis. "With this facility, we aim to provide better and more compassionate healthcare", he added.



DC Zunheboto, Dharam Raj with officials during the inauguration of new Dialysis Unit at Hezukhu Memorial District Hospital, Zunheboto on 4th June 2025.

SMO K. Akaho Sema thanked Indian Oil Corporation for sponsoring the unit and recalled how patients earlier had to travel to other areas for treatment. "With this facility now available in our own district, we can reach more people and ease their financial burdens," he said, appealing for continued public support and cooperation.

The event was attended by representatives of Sumi Hoho, Sumi Totimi Hoho, Sumi Kukami Kuqhakulu, Zunheboto Town Council, Zunheboto Area Public Organisation, Zunheboto GBs Association, NDPP 35 A/C, Sumi Youth Organisation, and medical staff from the district hospital.

MINISTER POWER K.G KENYE VIRTUALLY INAUGURATES THE 1 MW PONGLEFO SHP

Minister for Power & Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye virtually inaugurated the 1 MW Ponglefo Small Hydro Electric Project (SHP) at Salomi village under Kiphire, District in the presence of MLA & Advisor Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence Kiusumew Yimchunger at NIC conference hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 5th June 2025.

In his speech, KG Kenye emphasized the vital role of power in daily life, adding that it sustains us and drives development. He emphasized that from charging mobile phones to lighting bulbs and enabling space missions, energy is essential in the modern world.

Highlighting the State's rich natural resources, Kenye emphasized the need to explore and utilize them. He stated that all forms of clean energy including small hydro, solar and bio will be pursued for energy generation, and the power sector will be open to international investment.

The 1 MW Ponglefo Small Hydro Electric Project (SHP), located at Salomi Village in Kiphire District, Nagaland, is a run-of-the-river project developed by the Department of Power, Nagaland. Harnessing the Likimo River, a tributary of the Tizu River, the plant

is designed to generate around 3.9 million units of electricity annually. Funded by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the North Eastern Council (NEC), and the State Government, the project features two 500 KW horizontal Francis turbines. Connected to the state grid, it enhances power supply in the region and supports Nagaland's goal of promoting clean energy and sustainable rural development

Minister Power & Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye virtually unveiled the plaque and switched on the power machine of the 1 MW Ponglefo Small Hydro Electric Project.

Chief Engineer of the Power Department, Er Kasho Chishi also presented a technical report of the project during the program.

The physically inauguration of the 1 MW Ponglefo Small Hydro Project at Salomi village under Kiphire district was done by Advisor Fire and Emergency Services Home Guard Civil Defence Relief and Rehabilitation, S Kiusumew Yimchunger on 5th June 2025. He stated that Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and Power Minister, GK Kenya has played a pivotal role in making the dream come true and acknowledged them for their unwavering commitment in creating revenue generating projects across the state



Advisor, Kiusumeu Yimchunger with department officials and Salomi Village Council during inauguration of 1 MW Ponglefo SHP, Pungro Kiphire on 5th June 2025.

from different projects and schemes.

He also acknowledged Salomi Village Council and villagers for their cooperation towards the government for the successful completion of this project, and said the Department assured cooperation in bringing employment and proper road infrastructure.

Speaking on behalf of the Power Department, Er. N. Myingthungo, EE (Generation), Kohima, highlighted the successful commissioning of the 1 MW grid-connected Small Hydro Project (SHP) as a symbol of progress, sustainability, and collective effort. He said the run-of-the-river project aims to enhance clean energy

generation and strengthen Nagaland's power infrastructure. He thanked the elders, leaders, and villagers of Salomi for their vital support and urged continued collaboration to ensure the project brings improved livelihoods, services, and infrastructure.

Salomi Village Council Chairman acknowledged the combined efforts of the government, department, company, stakeholders, and villagers in making the project a reality, urging the authorities to maintain its success and address any future issues. He also appealed for better road infrastructure to support ongoing operations.

INAUGURATION OF MEKOKLA-CHANGKI LINK ROAD

MLA Achumbemo Kikon inaugurated the Mekokla-Changki Link Road under Wokha and Mokokchung districts, and also celebrated World Environment Day 2025 under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally" at Dümakvü, between Mekokla village and Changki village on 5th June 2025.

Speaking at the inaugural programme,

MLA Kikon recalled how the age-old traditional Mekokla-Changki Link-road used to be an important trade route for the Lothas and the Aos of the area, when the forefathers traded amongst themselves goods for daily needs, partly through cash and partly through the barter system. He added that the connectivity road helped them

maintain economic well-being and a sense of brotherhood. He also mentioned that the restoration and re-activation of the same road which has been left unused for more than forty years will help strengthen ties and foster better relation among the villagers for a common progress.

MLA Kikon further expressed gratitude to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio,

Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan, and Advisor, Temjenmenba for their instrumental support in reviving and making the historic link road operational again.

The programme was attended by a host officers, public leaders from both Wokha and Mokokchung districts and villagers from the nearby villages.

NAGALAND CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES NEW STATE EMPORIUM COMPLEX IN KOHIMA: NAGA UNITY SHAWL LAUNCHED

A seven-storey facility to serve as a hub for Naga handloom, handicrafts, and cultural promotion of the Nagaland State Emporium Complex, a landmark initiative to promote and preserve the rich handloom and handicrafts tradition of the state, was formally inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, in Kohima on 6th June 2025. The inaugural ceremony was held in the presence of Prasielie Pienyu, Chairman of the Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (NHHDC), and other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio praised everyone involved in the project, highlighting its cultural and economic value, calling it a “beacon of identity and opportunity.” He emphasized the need to preserve and promote the rich heritage of Nagaland’s diverse tribes with authenticity and pride. He stressed the need for proper documentation and quality control, urging the preservation of traditional songs, artefacts, textiles, and cuisines. “Authenticity must be preserved, with tribal authorities’ approval for designs before production to protect our cultural integrity,” he said.

Dr. Rio also advocated collaboration between professional designers and local artisans, promotion of Naga cuisine, and structured systems for value addition. “Let us not merely export raw materials, but create finished products that showcase the richness of our traditions,” he said while calling on private and government partners to invest in skills, institutions, and marketing efforts that elevate Nagaland’s craftsmanship to global standards.

Speaking at the inauguration, Prasielie Pienyü said the new complex marks the fulfillment of a long-cherished vision and symbolizes Nagaland’s cultural pride, artisan resilience, and the economic potential of its handloom and handicrafts sector. He shared that the seven-storey facility houses a state emporium, shopping areas, a restaurant, library, conference hall, and guest accommodations for visiting artisans and officials. Pienyü also noted that emporiums earlier set up in Delhi, Kolkata, and five districts of Nagaland have played a key role in promoting local crafts and sustaining traditional livelihoods.

One of the key highlights of the day was

the formal launch of the Naga Unity Shawl, an initiative aimed at visually representing the collective identity of the Naga people across tribal lines. While every tribe in Nagaland has its distinct traditional shawl, the idea of a common shawl representing Naga unity had long been envisioned. The Unity Shawl has now been conceptualized and woven at the Weaving Production Centre of NHHDC Ltd., Dimapur.

Men's Shawl: Designed in three panels, the top and bottom panels feature the commonly used Naga colors—black, red, and white. The center panel is white, bordered with black and adorned with painted or

embroidered motifs that symbolize elements common to all Naga tribes.

Women's Shawl: A single-panel design divided into three sections. The top and bottom feature multicoloured stripes reflecting the color palette seen across Naga women's attire. The central white section includes motifs inspired by traditional ornaments and crafts, signifying the artistry and strength of Naga women.

The shawls were unveiled as a step towards building a shared visual symbol of unity among the diverse tribal communities of the state.

COMMISSIONING & HANDING OVER FUNCTION OF SHIYONG M.I PROJECT HELD AT ALIBA

The Department of Water Resources Government of Nagaland organised a programme for Commissioning & Handing over function of Shiyong M.I project at Aliba Village, Mokokchung under "PMKSY- Har Khet Ko Pani" on 26th June 2025 with Advisor for Water Resources Department, Government

of Nagaland, Tongpang Ozukum as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Ozukum urged upon all the Agri. & allied department to provide all the logistics support and necessary infrastructure that is required at the project. He further said, with the commission of the project



Advisor Tongpang Ozukum along with other officials during the commission of Shiyong M. I Project at Aliba village, Mokokchung on 26th June 2025.

there is potential of tourism and recreation, fisheries and aquaculture which will benefit the villagers economically. The Advisor also thanked the department for the project and supervising timely completion of the project.

He highlighted the objective of PMKSY is to provide "Har Khet Ko Pani" to improve irrigation infrastructure, provide irrigation infrastructure, provide efficient water use and ensure water security for agriculture. Ozukum also handed over the project to the Water User Association (WUA) of Shiyong M.I Project.

The Project's Memorandum of understanding was signed by Er. Karipomg

Walling, Executive Engineer, WRD Mokokchung. Presenting the technical report, Er. Sobu Angami, Addl. Chief Engineer, WRD stated that the Shiyong M. I. project was funded under PMKSY (HKKP), CSS of MoJS, GOI with an estimated cost of Rs 141.92 lakhs. Work started in March 2021 and was completed in April 2024. The project covers 69 Ha, with 3.00 Ha water spread area, and was executed by Executive Engineer Mokokchung Division, Water Resources Department.

Short speech was delivered by Tatongkaba Pongen, Chairman Aliba Village Council.





Minister K. G. Kenye and other officials during the virtual inauguration of 1 MW Ponglefo SHP Salomi Village, Kiphire at NIC Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 5th June 2025.



Director IPR Dzūvinuo Theūnuo and resource person Atsunglir Jamir along with officials and trainees during the two-day training programme held at the Directorate of IPR, Kohima on 30th June 2025.



Advisor for Social Welfare, W. Wapang Konyak, with officials and beneficiaries at the launching programme of "Poshan Pakhwada" held at the Konyak Union Office Hall, Mon on 20th June 2025.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Governor La Ganesan with dignitaries and senior officials of the DoH&FW during a review meeting of the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 23rd June 2025.



As part of DIPR's ongoing initiative to document and preserve the visual history of Nagaland, Governor, La Ganesan was presented with a rare historical photograph by Advisor for IPR and S&WC, Imkong L. Imchen, along with Director IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo and Jt. Dir. Asangla Imsong at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 4th June 2025.

STATE ROUND-UP



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio addressing the high-level deliberation meeting on Viksit Nagaland for Viksit Bharat@2047 held at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 10th June 2025.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with dignitaries, officials, and NSS volunteers from the Northeast States during the North East NSS Festival 2025 at Dzüü River, Rüsoma Village, Kohima on 11th June 2025.

DISTRICTS ROUND-UP



Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang planting a tree sapling on the occasion of World Environment Day at Beikingpuichak, Peren on 5th June 2025.



Students of St. Paul high School participating in the sensitization programme on Child Labour on World Day Against Child Labour at Noklak on 12th June 2025.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtually laid the foundation stones and launched 9 Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) at an official launch programme at CMRC, Kohima on 4th June 2025.



Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio with other dignitaries during the inauguration ceremony of Nagaland State Emporium Complex, Kohima on 6th June 2025.