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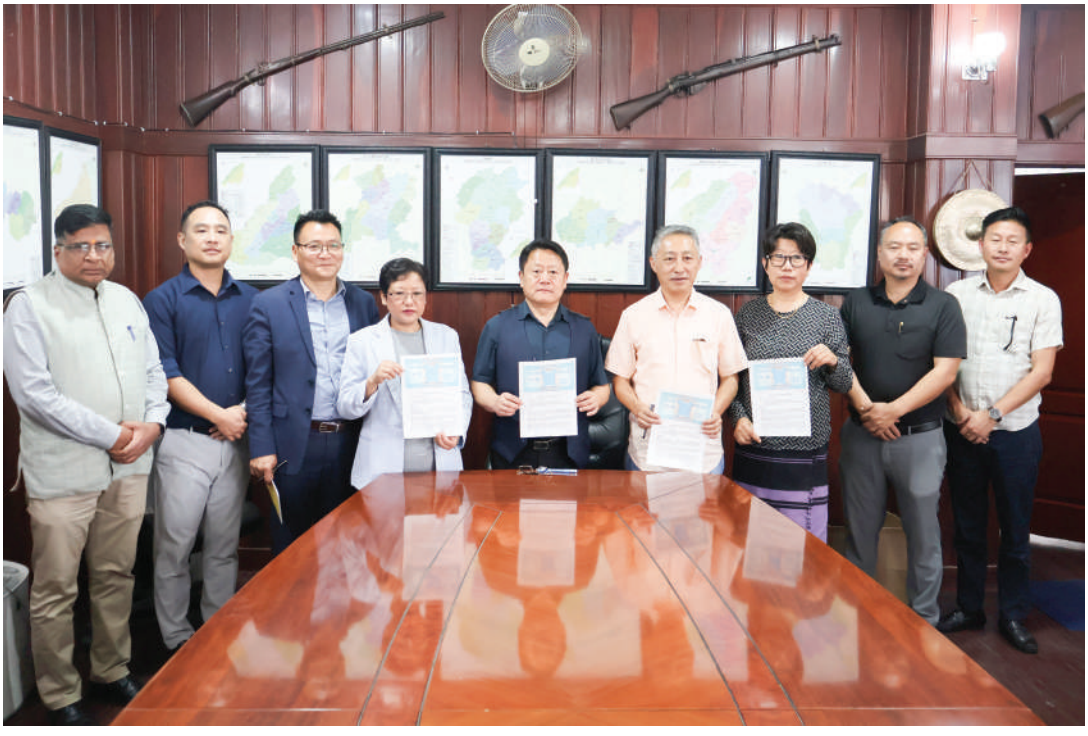
Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with President, South Asian Athletics Federation, Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot and other dignitaries during the AFI Annual General Meeting 2026 held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 14th April 2026.

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav addressing a review and interactive meeting with government departments at DC's conference Hall, Phek on 15th April 2026.



Gregory Thejawelie, IAS, Commissioner of Nagaland, with senior officers and others after signing The Letter of Agreement (LoA) at the Commissioner's Office, Kohima on 24th April 2026.

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SHLC CONSTITUTED FOR CM's TECHNOLOGY HUB

The Department for Information Technology and Communication, Nagaland has informed that in the interest of public service, the Governor or Nagaland has constituted a State High Level Committee (SHLC) for the Chief Minister's Technology Hub (CM Hub) in the State. The CM Hub will serve as a high-level platform under the Chief Minister, Nagaland, to drive adoption and innovation in Information Technology, electronics and new age niche technologies in the State.

The Committee will have the following as members:

1.	Chief Minister	: Chairman
2.	Advisor, IT&C	: Deputy Chairman
3.	Advisor to Chief Minister	: Member
4.	Chief Secretary	: Member
5.	Commissioner & Secretary, IT&C	: Member
6.	Public Relations Officer to the Chief Minister	: Member
7.	Co-opted member of the Chairman	: Member
8.	Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister	: Member

The Department of Information Technology & Communication shall be the Nodal Department and the sole executing and monitoring agency for the Chief Minister's Technology Hub in Nagaland and there shall be no separate salary or honorarium for being Member/ Co-opted Member of the Committee. The provisions laid down in the Nagaland Rules of Executive Business 2020 shall be complied with.

ADVISORY ON UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES IN HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), established under Section 10 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, has issued an advisory to prevent unfair trade practices and safeguard consumer interests regarding the levy of additional charges such as "LPG charges", "gas surcharge", "fuel cost recovery", "gas crisis charge", or similar charges by hotels and restaurants.

According to the CCPA, complaints received through the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), along with media reports, indicate that certain establishments are levying such charges by default in customer bills, over and above the prices displayed in the menu and applicable taxes.

Referring to its guidelines dated 4th July 2022, on service charges, the Authority has clarified that the price of food and beverages already includes the cost of both goods and services. Therefore, any additional charge beyond the displayed price constitutes an unfair trade practice under the Act.

The advisory reiterates that operational costs such as LPG, fuel, electricity, and other inputs are part of the business expenses and must be factored into the menu pricing. Imposing such costs separately on consumers lacks transparency and violates consumer rights. Further, levying these charges under different names is considered an attempt to bypass existing guidelines on service charges.

In this regard, the CCPA has advised that no hotel or restaurant shall levy such charges by default or automatically in the bill. Establishments must ensure that the price displayed in the menu is the final price, excluding only applicable taxes. Consumers must not be misled or compelled to pay any additional charges that are not explicitly part of the menu price or are not voluntary in nature.

In case of violations, consumers may request the establishment to remove such charges from the bill. They may also lodge complaints through the National Consumer Helpline by calling 1915 or via the NCH mobile application. Complaints can also be filed with the Consumer Commission through the e-Jagriti portal for redressal. Additionally, consumers may approach the District Collector/Deputy Commissioner or submit complaints to the CCPA via email.

The Authority has cautioned that non-compliance with the advisory may attract action under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

NHPS CLARIFICATION ON HEMODIALYSIS PACKAGES

The National Health Authority (NHA), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has recently introduced modifications in the hemodialysis packages under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). These include limiting the number of dialysis cycles per pre-authorization to six (6), mandating two bio-authentications (entry and exit) per cycle, and restricting the maximum permissible duration between entry and exit to four hours. These measures aim to ensure uniformity across States and to curb misuse or malpractices.

While fully supporting the objectives of enhancing accountability and transparency, the Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) is also concerned of potential operational challenges for hospitals and inconvenience for patients.

Accordingly, a request has been submitted to the NHA to review the recent modifications to ensure the system changes maintain a balance between ensuring accountability and safeguarding patient convenience. However, the response is awaited.

It is further clarified that the Insurance Company cannot introduce any systemic changes or policy alterations in this matter.

DoPT BIDS FAREWELL TO DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER

The Department of Planning and Transformation organized a formal farewell programme for retiring Development Commissioner, Temsunaro Aier, IAS, on April 1, 2026, at Hotel Japfu, Kohima.

In her farewell address, Temsunaro Aier said that public service, for her, had never been merely a profession but a true calling. Looking back on her career, she said she saw not just files and paperwork, but people, teamwork, challenges overcomed and milestones achieved together. She noted the growth of the Department of Planning and Transformation and expressed pride in contributing despite challenges. She urged continued commitment to the ideals of public service with dedication and clarity.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of the Planning and Transport Department, P. Nungsangwapang Jamir, described the event as a celebration of Aier's illustrious 35 years of service to the State Government and the people of Nagaland. He noted that she was the 29th Development Commissioner and the first and so far only woman to hold the post since statehood. He highlighted her long career, during which she took on numerous responsibilities in various capacities, serving the people with dedication and resilience. He also praised her exemplary work ethic and encouraged others to learn from her dedication and commitment.

Several other speakers from various departments and cells paid tribute to the retiring officer, highlighting her distinguished career in public service. She was credited as a driving force behind initiatives such as the State Sync App and the Nagaland Institute of Transformation. Many described her as a transformative bureaucrat who consistently worked for the welfare of the people.

SCERT BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR KEVIRALE-Ü KERHUO

A formal retirement ceremony was held at SIEMAT Hall, SCERT Kohima, to honour Director SCERT, Kevirale- ü Kerhuo in recognition of her dedicated service and outstanding contributions. She retired on 31st March 2026 after 33 years of exemplary leadership.

During the programme, various speakers highlighted the outgoing Director's vision, commitment and significant achievements that greatly contributed to the growth and success of the institution. The outgoing Director's ability to inspire teamwork and maintain a positive work environment was deeply appreciated by colleagues and staff.

In her farewell speech, Kevirale- ü Kerhuo expressed gratitude to the entire team for their support and cooperation throughout the years. She also encouraged everyone to continue working with dedication and integrity for the betterment of the department.

The program concluded with the presentation of mementos and a token of appreciation as a mark of respect and gratitude for her invaluable service.

DISTRICT STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ON VIKSIT NAGALAND @2047 HELD ACROSS NAGALAND

District-level stakeholder consultation workshops on the "Viksit Nagaland @2047" vision were held across several districts of Nagaland during from 8th -27th April 2026 as part of the Government of Nagaland's initiative to prepare a long-term development roadmap aligned with India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

The objective of the consultation was to capture inclusive multi-sectoral perspectives, diagnose systemic gaps, and define visionary targets for 2030, 2038 and 2047, covering short, medium, and long-term plans. Organized under the aegis of the Department of Planning & Transformation, the workshop aimed to formulate a comprehensive roadmap for the state's development over the next two decades. The consultation seeks to collect ideas, suggestions, and inputs so that state and national plans reflect district-specific priorities.

Workshops were organised in **Chumoukedima, Tseminyu, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Tuensang, Longleng, Niuland, Mon, Peren, Kohima, Dimapur, Wokha,** and **Meluri,** bringing together government departments, civil society organisations, NGOs, community leaders, private sector representatives, and other stakeholders.

DC Chumoukedima, Polan John, NCS chairing the inaugural session of the District Stakeholder Consultative Workshop on 'Viksit Nagaland @2047' held at DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on 9th April, 2026.

Deputy Commissioners and officials across districts highlighted that the consultations aimed to ensure inclusive and participatory planning by incorporating grassroots perspectives into policy formulation. Discussions focused on identifying developmental gaps, sectoral challenges, and future priorities to formulate practical short, medium, and long-term goals for 2030, 2038, and 2047.

The consultations were structured around five thematic pillars: Economic Development, Social Development, Environmental Sustainability, Infrastructure Development, and Governance & Institutional Strengthening. District departments presented sectoral assessments, implementation status of flagship schemes, achievements, and challenges within their respective areas.

Participants engaged in breakout group discussions and open forums, deliberating on issues such as sustainable livelihoods, agriculture, healthcare, education, digital governance, infrastructure gaps, environmental protection, and inclusive growth for remote and marginalized communities. Several districts also emphasized alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), evidence-based policymaking, and strengthening local governance.

Officials noted that the consultations would contribute to the preparation of a comprehensive Vision Document for Viksit Nagaland @2047, ensuring that district-specific aspirations and priorities are reflected in the state's long-term development strategy.

NAGALAND WINS 3 MEDAL AT 1st KHELO INDIA TRIBAL GAMES 2026

Wede T. Mero has clinched the Gold Medal for Team Nagaland in the Men's 10,000 meters at the 1st Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 in Chhattisgarh.

Delivering a powerful and disciplined performance, Wede showcased outstanding endurance, determination and race strategy on the national stage. His victory not only highlights his individual excellence but also brings immense pride to Nagaland. A truly inspiring achievement for upcoming athletes across the state.

Others who won the medal were, Rüduolhounuo Rachel Belho with Silver in the 100m (Women), showcasing impressive speed, and Tsuchoi T. secured Bronze in the 5,000m (Women) with great determination.

A 10-member team represented Nagaland across various Track & Field events, displaying grit, endurance and excellence on the national stage. This achievement stands as a proud moment for the state and serves as a strong inspiration for aspiring athletes to aim higher. The inaugral Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 was held from March 25th -April 3rd 2026

DIPR HOLDS PROGRAMME TO MARK MISSION KARMAYOGI - SADHANA SAPTAH 2026

The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) observed Mission Karmayogi – Sadhana Saptah 2026 with a brief programme held on 7th April 2026 at the DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima.

Outlining the aims and objectives of Mission Karmayogi. MDO Leader, DIPR, highlighted the range of courses available at the iGot portal and encouraged staff across various sections to participate in programmes relevant to their roles for enhanced professional development. Emphasising the importance of continuous learning, the MDO noted that as a vital link between the Government and the public, the department must consistently upgrade its capabilities. Participation in training programmes on the iGOT Karmayogi platform, would help officers and staff improve their knowledge, efficiency and overall service delivery, the MDO stated.

Sadhana Saptah 2026, being observed from 2nd to 8th April 2026 under Mission Karmayogi, is a focused initiative to strengthen capacity building across the Government of India. The programme promotes continuous learning, reflection, and the practical application of knowledge in day-to-day governance. It brings together Ministries, Departments, Organisations, and States/ Union Territories in a collaborative effort to foster a culture of learning and development.

As part of the initiative, government employees are encouraged to dedicate at least four hours to learning through courses, thematic webinars and other educational activities, contributing to the creation of a more efficient, responsive and future-ready civil service.

IGNOU HELD IT's 39th CONVOCATION

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) held its 39th Convocation on April 7, 2026, with ceremonies conducted simultaneously across 49 regional centres,

including the Kohima Regional Centre at State Academy Hall, Kohima. Rupin Sharma, Director General of Police, Nagaland, attended the Kohima event as the Guest of Honour.

At the IGNOU headquarters in New Delhi, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the occasion as Chief Guest. A total of 2,99,092 learners from across the country and abroad were conferred degrees, diplomas, and certificates upon successful completion of their programmes.

DGP in his address stated that IGNOU has attained a significant milestone in the realm of imparting education and has played a vital role for the less privileged which has provided opportunity to everyone.

Sharing his experiences, he mentioned that IGNOU provides quality study materials and courses, which are more than satisfactory. He added that it was a privilege to be part of IGNOU, a community that encourages learning, sharing and passing knowledge to future generations. He added that IGNOU plays an important role in filling this gap by providing opportunities for those who wish to continue their education.

Sharma stressed that degree is not the end of learning rather it is beginning, a channel which sorts to keep oneself focused in a particular direction. He further congratulated all the graduates and wished them success in their careers.

Assistant Regional Director IGNOU, Kohima, Dr. Mayonmi Shimray in his welcome address, informed that the IGNOU Regional Centre, Kohima since its inception on 14th December 2000, has made continuous efforts to reach people across the state and provide education to all, irrespective of caste, greed, religion, age etc. He stressed that, with an aim to spread education with the populace of the state, IGNOU Regional Centre, Kohima has established 16 study centres in all the districts of the state and as of date, the centre offers more than hundred programmes starting from certificates programme to Post Graduate Programme.

A total of 801 eligible candidates received their certificates under the Kohima Regional Centre convocation.

SARA ORGANISES ADOPTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME IN KOHIMA

The Nagaland Adoption Awareness Programme on "Promoting Non-Institutionalized Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs (Divyaang Children)" organized by the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) under Mission Vatsalya, Department of Social Welfare, was held at the Auditorium Hall, SIRD Kohima on April 8, 2026.

The programme witnessed participation from stakeholders across all 17 districts of Nagaland, including representatives from the District Administration, Chief Medical Officers (CMO), District Child Protection Units (DCPU), Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA), Department of Social Welfare, SARA, State Child Protection Society (SCPS) and Child Welfare Committees (CWC).

T. Aoakhum Longchar, Additional Director, Department of Social Welfare, in his address, described the programme as a step towards building a more inclusive and compassionate society. He emphasized that Divyaang children should be recognized

for their abilities and potential, not their limitations. Highlighting adoption as an act of love, compassion and hope, he stated that it not only gives a child a family but also transforms lives. He called on society to replace judgment with understanding, promote responsible adoption and ensure that every child grows up with dignity, care and equal opportunities.

Yongchingkumla, Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, in her keynote address, emphasized that inclusive education and equal opportunities are moral responsibilities, not just policies. Addressing adoption, she highlighted the need to break misconceptions and emphasized that family is built on love not biology. She called for greater awareness, empathy and collective responsibility to create a society where every child is valued, empowered and given a place to belong.

A short film titled "Not Perfect but Precious" was screened during the programme. The film delivered a powerful message on acceptance, love and the importance of giving every child a chance to grow in a family environment.

During the open session, Nikito Zhimomi, DCPO Chumoukedima and N.T. Kikon, Managing Director, Wondang-Ki Charitable Foundation (SAA), presented an overview of the district-level scenario concerning children with special needs. They highlighted ongoing initiatives, shared best practices in promoting non-institutionalized rehabilitation and discussed key challenges.

During the technical session, Ritu Rani Bhankur, Junior Professional, CARA, delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Adoption Regulations 2022, focusing on provisions for children with special needs. She explained the legal framework, safeguards and best practices for transparent and ethical adoption. She also outlined the roles of key stakeholders, including district administration, DCPOs, CMOs, DCPUs, SAAs, SARA, SCPS and CWCs, in ensuring effective coordination, legal oversight and protection of children's rights and well-being.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Renchumi Imti, Programme Manager, SARA.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS SUMMIT 2026 HELD AT NEW DELHI

The National Public Relations Summit – 2026 with the theme 'Communicate, Connect and Convert' commenced at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi on 9th April 2026. It is the 3rd National Public Relations Summit organized by the Government of Maharashtra, Directorate General of Information and Public Relations (DGIPR) with the aim to foster cross-state learning and highlight the diverse excellence in public relations across the country.

Hemanth Nimbalkar, IPS, Commissioner of DIPR, Karnataka addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Summit highlighted the crucial role that Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) plays in governance and stability of the government, and more so now with the emergence of AI. Citing the example of how misinformation or disinformation has led to collapse of empires in the past, Hemanth Nimbalkar termed the DIPR as the 'open eyes' of governance and

government and its importance for stability, which he added, can be seen in the fact that generally 99% of State Information & Public Relations and Intelligence Department are with the ministerial portfolio of the Chief Minister.

Acknowledging the important role that DIPR plays in reporting government news and in advertisements, Hemanth called on the department to further strengthen and enhance its capacity not just in information and public relations but in intelligence as well. Stating that the last decade was concerned with perception management for the government but now, he said is the time for 'truth management.' Communicating the truth first, more effectively and managing the truth in 'the golden hour' by picking up the threads immediately where it is disrupting and stopping it then and there, will be crucial role needed to be performed by the department and for which, he admitted, it is not equipped. For this he stated that the government will require the help of social media giants.

Shweta Singhal, IAS, Special Commissioner, Maharashtra Sadan lauded the Maharashtra Information Centre, New Delhi for organizing the summit and facilitate in building an ecosystem for spreading AI solutions for media management and public relations. She expressed hope that through the summit representatives from all the states will go back more enriched, more technically empowered and connected than before.

During the two-day event which concluded on 10th April 2026, experts will be sharing on topics such as AI in News Room, Digital Transformation of Governance Communication, Digital Transformation with Meta, AI for PR and Media and Changing Contours of Language in Public Relations: Text and Context

Deputy Director & Senior PRO, New Delhi, IPR, Government of Nagaland, Kuolie Mere represented the IPR Department at the event. Representatives from some participating states also shared and showcased the Best PR Practices or innovative communication strategies implemented by their respective State Government.

28 KORIDANG BYE ELECTION CONCLUDES PEACEFULLY

The Bye Election to the 28 Koridang Assembly constituency concluded peacefully on 9th April 2026 with an approximate voter turnout of 82.21% across all 30 polling stations.

After completion of the poll, polling officials from all the polling stations reported back to the DC&DEO office, Mokokchung. The polled Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines were securely stored in designated strong rooms. The storage process was carried out as per storage and security protocols prescribed by the Election Commission of India.

NAGALAND OBSERVES POSHAN PAKHWADA 2026

The 8th POSHAN Pakhwada with the central theme "Maximizing Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life." across the state from 9th to 23rd April 2026, in alignment with the nationwide initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child

Development.

The 2026 campaign emphasizes early childhood care, recognizing that more than 85% of brain development occurs by the age of six years, particularly during the first 1000 days.

A range of community-driven and awareness activities was undertaken across the State, including: Nutrition & Health Awareness, Community Mobilisation, Service Delivery Initiatives, Early Childhood Development, Behaviour Change Campaigns, Skill & Awareness Activities and Strengthening Anganwadis through Community support initiatives, CSR convergence, and organisation of Poshan Melas

The campaign mobilized Anganwadi Workers, frontline functionaries, parents, caregivers, and communities across Nagaland to promote optimal nutrition and holistic child development. The initiative reinforces convergence, behavioural change, and community ownership as key drivers for achieving the goals of POSHAN Abhiyaan.

CHIEF MINISTER, DR. NEIPHIU RIO'S DELEGATION VISITS LOWER TIZU AREA

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio accompanied by his wife and a team of delegation comprising of Deputy Chief Minister, Home and Border affairs, Y Patton; Minister for Rural Development and SIRD, Metsubo Jamir; Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture Salhoutuonuo Kruse; Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kelhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor Geology and Mining, DUDA, W Chingang Konyak; Advisor New and Renewable Energy, NSDMA, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe; Advisor, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, Relief & Rehabilitation, S Kiusumew Yimchunger; MLA, Y M Humtsoe; MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso; MLA Benei M Lamthiu; Commissioner and Secretary, Geology & Mining John Kevi Angami; and OSD Geology & Mining, Kekhriezavi Lea visited Lower Tizu area under Pongro sub-division, Kipkire and inspected the progress

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with his lady wife and dignitaries during the four-day visit at Lower Tizu, Pungro, Kiphire from 10th to 13th April 2026.

of various development projects undertaken by Government of Nagaland from 10th to 13th April 2026. The district administration, Kiphire along with Police forces played an important role in making this visit a huge success.

The four-day visit included touring the construction of Tourist Amenities Centre at Lower Tizu, construction of various roads including Lower Tizu road via Moya and Setsu-Lalori-Phor road. The delegation also visited Ranyak Khun Cave, Mimi and interacted with the members of Mimi Circle Joint Council, where scope for future developmental projects was also discussed.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE 2026 HELD IN KOHIMA

The Deputy Commissioners Conference 2026 commenced on 10th April 2026 at the Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima, bringing together district administrators and senior officials for two-day long deliberation on key governance and development issues in Nagaland.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio in his keynote address said the conference was timely to reflect on both the traditional and emerging responsibilities of DCs in an increasingly dynamic governance landscape. He noted that core functions such as maintaining law and order, revenue administration, conduct of elections, census operations and supervision of local governance systems continue to remain fundamental and non-negotiable.

However, he stated that the role of DCs has significantly expanded over time to include effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, disaster management, grievance redressal and coordination among multiple departments. He pointed out that the position has evolved from being primarily regulatory to becoming facilitative and development oriented, with a strong focus on ensuring last mile delivery of welfare programmes.

Emphasizing the changing nature of governance, Rio said it is now more citizen centric, technology driven and outcome oriented, placing DCs at the forefront of service delivery. He stressed the need for maintaining a balance between ensuring law and order and promoting development administration, stating that both are equally important for effective governance.

On RIIN, the Chief Minister informed that the State Government has issued fresh notifications in September 2024 laying down clear criteria for the issuance of Indigenous Inhabitant Certificates (IIC). Highlighting the role of traditional institutions in the RIIN process, Rio noted that Village Councils have been entrusted with the responsibility of verifying indigeneity through Village Verification Committees. These committees are tasked with validating applicants' ancestry and linkage to recognized villages in Nagaland he added.

Rio reiterated that traditional governance systems remain central to administration in the State and called on Deputy Commissioners to work closely with Village and Tribal Councils to ensure effective implementation of policies in the interest of the people.

Chief Minister outlined the detailed process under the RIIN framework, he

informed that applications, after verification and attestation by the Village Verification Committee, are submitted to the area Administrative Officer for further scrutiny. Following this, the applications are forwarded to the DC with recommendations within a stipulated timeframe.

Rio stressed that DC's must mandatorily examine all applications at their level and issue IICs only after thorough verification and clear satisfaction. Urging accountability, Rio called upon all DC's and district administrations to work closely with Village Councils to safeguard the interests of indigenous inhabitants, ensuring that only genuine beneficiaries are granted Indigenous Inhabitant Certificates.

Highlighting on the upcoming Census-2027, Rio express concern over past inconsistencies, he pointed to abnormal population trends recorded in earlier censuses, which have affected planning and resource allocation. Urging accountability, he called on all DC's, as Principal Census Officers, to ensure a transparent, accurate and credible Census exercise for inclusive development and effective governance.

Rio also touched upon several important governance issues including matters relating to non-Naga tribes, the Inner Line Permit (ILP), the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) and the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA).

Rio in conclusion urged DC's to view their roles not merely as administrators, but as drivers of transformation. He called for a shift towards a governance model rooted in outcomes, accountability, and tangible impact on people's lives.

Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS in his opening address, emphasized that the conference aims to sensitise DC's on key governance issues while also providing a platform to incorporate field-level insights into policy decisions. He added that the latter half of the second day will be dedicated to Census-related discussions.

The Chief Secretary expressed confidence that the conference would strengthen coordination between district administrations and departments, improve service delivery, and ensure the successful conduct of the upcoming Census operations.

Commissioner Nagaland Gregory Thejawelie, IAS pronounced the vote of thank during the inaugural program. Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton, AHoDs, DCs, ADCs, officials attend the conference.

The conference featured a series of briefings and discussions on important subjects. These included the National Green Tribunal case (OA 606/2018), Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission, and amendments to Chapter IVA on Customary Courts under the Rules for Administration of Justice and Police in Nagaland (Fifth Amendment) Act, 2025.

The afternoon sessions covered key developmental and administrative topics such as skilling initiatives, the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI), and issues related to land acquisition under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (RFCTLARR) along with the National Highways Act, 1956.

On the second day of the conference, discussions were held on the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) and Inner Line Permit (ILP), along with deliberations on border affairs. The programme also included a session on "Viksit Nagaland for Viksit Bharat 2047," focusing

on long-term development goals.

Deputy Commissioners further deliberated on their role in the effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), emphasizing improved coordination and delivery at the district level. The day concluded with a State-Level Conference on Census of India 2027, highlighting preparations and responsibilities for the upcoming national exercise.

SAMARTH HACKATHON CONCLUDES WITH STRESS ON CLARITY AND COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

The closing ceremony of the SAMARTH Northeast Innovation Hackathon 2026 organized by NIELIT Kohima was held on April 11, 2026, at the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima, Nagaland.

The Special Guest, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, Principal Director, School Education, in his address, described the hackathon as an acknowledgement and recognition of the dedicated efforts of NIELIT Kohima. He expressed his appreciation for the practical ideas presented by young minds and added that if young minds come together and collaborate on such ideas, their innovations will be highly relevant to society. He also stressed that ideas should address local issues. Concluding his speech, he said that India's Vision for Vikshit Bharat @ 2047 can be achieved through innovation and collaboration.

Director, NIELIT Assam & Nagaland, L. Lanuwabang, emphasized in his address that every achievement begins with a single step. He noted that even the smallest efforts can evolve into meaningful market-ready products, as all innovations originate from simple ideas. Lanuwabang further stated that a key goal of SAMARTH is to assess and map each student's potential by understanding their abilities, behavior, strengths and analytical skills. He concluded by affirming that with unity and dedication, any goal can be achieved.

A major highlight of the event was the announcement of the Hackathon 2026 results, which featured participation from 13 teams and showcased impressive talent from young innovators. PM Shri School Mizoram secured first place, followed by PM Shri School Thahekhu Dimapur in second and Jalukbari Higher Secondary School finished third.

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING STUDY CONCLUDES IN THE STATE

The National Assessment Centre (PARAKH), a constituent of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), conducted the nationwide Foundational Learning Study (FLS) 2026 in the state from 13th to 14th April 2026, to assess foundational competencies among students of Grade-3 across the country. A total of 70 sampled schools from across 10 with districts with 798 students will participate in the assessment.

To ensure smooth implementation, a dedicated workforce has been deployed, comprising 2 State Level Coordinators,

20 District Level Coordinators, and 70 Field Investigators. Additionally, 11 Field Investigators have been kept on standby as reserves. The study covered a sample of 798 students, from both private and government schools, representing diverse backgrounds across the state. The Foundational Learning Study aims to generate reliable data on students' learning levels, which will support evidence-based policy decisions and strengthen foundational education in line with national priorities.

SCHOOL EDUCATION LAUNCHES GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM PORTAL FOR LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL COMPLEXES

The Nagaland Education Project-The Lighthouse (NECTAR) under the Department of School Education launched a Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) Portal for Lighthouse School Complexes (LSC) during the one-day orientation for School Related Gender Based Violence (SRGBV) Committees on 14th April, 2026 at Hotel De Oriental, Kohima.

It was launched by Alun Hangsing (NCS Retired), Chairman, Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR). The portal will ensure mandatory reporting of all SRGBV cases in Government Schools with quick and effective redressal of the cases.

Delivering the welcome note, Shashank Pratap Singh (IAS), Principal Director of DoSE and Project Director of NECTAR, stated that the creation of a GRM is mandated by court directives as well as the United Nations and the World Bank. Singh underlined the crucial responsibility of the Committee members and stated that since schools are an extension of the home and family, School Heads and Teacher Counsellors must ensure a safe and friendly atmosphere for the students. Singh also urged the Committee members to handle juvenile cases of gender-based violence sensitively with counselling support.

In the Keynote Address, Alun Hangsing (NCS Retired) Chairman of NSCPCR, highlighted how nations that have taken child rights seriously in the past have prospered and achieved a high Human Development Index. He stated that, given the significance of child rights, the Indian Parliament has instituted the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), and subsequently, the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) was also established. Stating that the LSC SRGBV Committee members have an immense responsibility. Hangsing exhorted them to effectively implement the policies, as the collective aim is for a better future and be on par with other nations.

The one-day orientation was attended by SRGBV Committees of all 17 Districts. Altogether 97 members participated which included officials from Social Welfare Department, Police, Childline, DHEW, Sakhi One Stop Centre, Students' Union Representatives, School Heads and Teacher Counsellors.

NAGALAND HOST AFI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Addressing at the inaugural session of the Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Federation of India held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on April 14, 2026, Nagaland Chief

Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, expressed hope that meaningful deliberations would be held for the advancement of sports alongside cultural exchange and national integration. On sports development, the Chief Minister stated that Nagaland is making steady progress despite infrastructural challenges. He noted that the State was affiliated with the Indian Olympic Association after many years and is now focusing on nurturing young talent. Dr. Rio emphasized the need for improved infrastructure, professional coaching, and greater exposure for athletes. He also called for support through cooperation and initiatives to boost sports facilities in the State and expressed confidence that the deliberations of the Federation would contribute positively to the growth of sports in the country.

President, Nagaland Athletics & Vice President, AFI, Abu Metha described the occasion as historic, noting that for the first time in over six decades of statehood, Nagaland is hosting the AGM of a national sports federation. He stated that the event is not only symbolic but also significant in promoting national unity, integration, and inclusiveness through sports.

Highlighting the objectives of the Federation, Metha said that hosting such meetings across different parts of the country helps generate greater interest in athletics and integrates remote regions into the national sports mainstream. He emphasized that sports play a crucial role in nation-building by harnessing the talent and potential of youth.

President of the South Asian Athletics Federation, Lalit K. Bhanot, expressed appreciation to the Government of Nagaland for hosting the Federation's Annual General Body Meeting and lauded the State's efforts in promoting athletics. Highlighting the objective of holding such meetings in different States, Dr. Bhanot said it is aimed at generating greater interest and participation in athletics at the grassroots level. He expressed optimism that Nagaland has strong potential to produce talented athletes in the future. He also informed that India is currently running one of the largest grassroots athletics programmes through district-level competitions, covering over 650 districts across the country. Talented athletes are identified through these competitions and provided further training and support.

Assuring full cooperation, he said that the Federation is ready to extend technical support and assistance to Nagaland for developing athletics infrastructure and training programmes. He encouraged the State Government to establish athletics academies, adding that athletes from Nagaland have strong potential, particularly in endurance-based events such as middle and long-distance running and race walking. He expressed confidence that under the leadership of the State Government, athletics in Nagaland would grow steadily and produce promising sportspersons in the coming years.

During the AFI Annual General Meeting 2026 in Kohima, AFI leaders met with district athletics associations from across Nagaland to discuss strengthening grassroots athletics and improving institutional coordination. Discussions focused on restructuring district associations, organising regular grassroots competitions, and expanding education and certification programmes for coaches and technical officials to support talent identification and development.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Lalit Kumar Bhanot, Bahadur Singh, Adille

Sumariwala and Abu Metha, who highlighted the importance of inclusivity, youth development and grassroots engagement through athletics.

As part of the AFI Community Outreach Programme, delegates also visited the Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home, coinciding with its 53rd Foundation Day. Led by renowned sportsperson and Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee Anju Bobby George, the delegation interacted with children, distributed gifts and encouraged them through sport.

NAGALAND LAUNCHES STATEWIDE IT EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

Across multiple districts in Nagaland, the Department of Economics & Statistics (DoE&S) carried out the first Phase of IT equipment distribution programmes in April 2026 to strengthen digital registration of births and deaths, marking a major push toward efficient, Aadhaar-linked civil registration systems. Similar initiatives followed across districts.

TUENSANG

The distribution program for Tuensang district was held at District Economics & Statistics Office (DESO), Tuensang on 14th April 2026, where IT equipment was distributed to registrars across 15 villages.

Secretary, Economics & Statistics and Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths Nagaland, Akunu S. Meyase in her Speech emphasized that birth and death registration is essential both as legal proof of identity and as vital population data for government planning and development schemes.

DC Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, and Director & Additional Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths Nagaland, Neidilhou Keditsu also proposed short speeches.

ZUNHEBOTO

Distribution programme for specialized IT equipment was held on 16th April, at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Zunheboto.

Secretary, Economics & Statistics, Akunu S. Meyase, with Director of Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Keditsu and DC Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS during the Distribution of IT Equipment (Phase-1) under Birth Registration-Based Aadhar Enrolment Initiative at the District Economics & Statistics Office, Mokokchung on 13th April 2026.

The Secretary and Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Akunu S. Meyase, urged local registrars-many of whom are educators-to be proactive in their duties, particularly regarding the state's low death registration rates, suggesting suo motu action to ensure comprehensive documentation.

Additional Director of Economics and Statistics, Neisatuo Puro provided a technical overview of the system, highlighting that of the 300 IT units allocated statewide, Zunheboto has received 25 units.

DC Zunheboto, Dharam Raj also spoke at the programme.

KIPHIRE

Programme for distribution of IT

equipment was organised on 15th April 2026 at DPDB hall, Kiphire.

In her address, Secretary Akunu said, birth and death records are the only legal proof of a person's existence. She urged the registrar to work sincerely and the public to co-operate for the success of the exercise.

Director and Additional Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Neidilhou Keditsu Nagaland Kohima advised the public to co-operate well and provide real time data. He also informed to have Suo Moto registration on birth and death records.

DC Kiphire & District Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Temsuwati Longkumer in his short speech said, registration of birth is crucial and birth certificate forms the basis of our identity in all the works. He encouraged the registrar and people to pay attention to registration.

PEREN

The DESO, Peren organised a programme for distribution of IT tools and equipment under Birth & Death Registration, based on Aadhar enrollment initiative on 20th April 2026 at their office premises.

Secretary, Economics & Statistics and Chief Registrar of Birth & Death, Akunu S. Meyase, IAS, present brief information on the Digitization process in the state. Meanwhile the Deputy Commissioner Peren, Hiazu Meru encouraged the gathering to adopt technology to bring the best improved upgraded networking facilities in the district.

Director, Economics and Statistics Cum Additional Chief Registrar of Birth & Death, Neidilhou Keditsu informed that India has started ORGI digitalization since 2014, while our state has implemented only in the year 2024. She also informed that only 300 villagers from Nagaland were selected in the first phase programme.

During the programme, IT Equipment such as computer sets was distributed and handed over to 21 villagers in the district.

MON

The office of DESO, Mon Distributed IT Equipments on 24th April 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon.

Additional Director of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland, Charles Kikon said that distribution of IT equipment is to strengthen the grassroots digital registration system for vital statistics. He said Mon district was given 33 IT sets and urged all the concerned officials and staff to make the best use of these resources.

ADC Mon, Pakon Phom noted low Aadhaar registration in the district and urged officials to raise awareness, highlighting its importance for accessing government schemes. He later launched Aadhaar enrolment for children aged 0–5 years.

Wangmoi Konyak, IOS, incharge of Births & Deaths, DESO office, Mon, briefed the status of Digitization in the District.

DIMAPUR

The Office of DESO Dimapur, organized a programme for the distribution of IT equipment under the Registration of Births & Deaths and the launch of Aadhaar enrolment for children aged 0–5 years on April 28, 2026, at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur.

An overview of the online Registration of Births & Deaths was presented by Neisatuo Puro, Additional Director, Economics & Statistics and Joint Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Nagaland. He elaborated on the benefits of digital registration and its role in improving service delivery.

Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS, DC Dimapur & District Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, emphasized that vital statistics often remain inaccurate due to the non-

registration of events, and stressed the need to create greater public awareness on the importance of registration. Chang also expressed concern over cases where individuals possess multiple birth certificates and urged the Registrars to be diligent and strict while issuing such documents.

Jevika Kiba, District Education Officer, Dimapur, in her speech said that the distribution of IT equipment marked a significant step towards empowering institutions with digital tools. She urged teachers to educate communities on the importance of registration and to act as a bridge between government initiatives and public participation. She also described the launch of Aadhaar enrolment for children aged 0–5 years as an important step towards ensuring inclusive identity for all children.

The programme culminated with the distribution of IT equipment (computers, colour printers and internet dongles) to registrars and the formal launch of Aadhaar enrolment for children in the 0–5 years age group.

LONGLENG

The DESO Longleng launched the IT equipment distribution programme under the Aadhaar-linked birth registration initiative for children (0–5 years) on 28th April, 2026 at DESO, Office Longleng.

Deputy Commissioner & District Chief Registrar of Birth & Death Longleng, W. Manpai Phom NCS, launched Aadhaar enrolment for children (0–5 years) and distributed IT equipment. He highlighted about the importance of timely registration and digitization of old records, noting the shift to a fully digital, streamlined system.

ESO, DES Kohima, Nzanbemo Kithan, shared the overview on Civil Registration System and to use the IT Equipment solely for the Registration of online Birth & Death certificates at block level.

PHEK

The Distribution of IT equipments Under Birth Registration - Based Aadhaar Enrolment Initiative was held at DESO Office, Phek on 27th April 2026.

During the program, DC Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS, formally Launched the Aadhaar Registration for Children from 0-5 years in the presence of Additional Director, Department of Economic & Statistics, Neisatuo Puro.

The distribution program was chaired by Muyalu Kath, DESO Phek.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REIMAGINING DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN NORTH-EAST INDIA HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

The inaugural session of a two-day National conference of Reimagining Development and Governance in North-East India (ReD&GoNE 2026) under the theme "Pathways for inclusive and Sustainable Futures", jointly organized by the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology, Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung and sponsored by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAL) Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung was held on 15th April 2026 at Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung.

Prof. Lanu Aier, Retd. Professor, Department of Sociology, NEHU presented keynote address on the conference theme, while the welcome address was delivered by Dr. I. Wati Imchen, principal, FAC & patron ReDGoNE 2026.

The resource speaker for the technical session were Amba Jamir, Senior Policy Analyst & Development Strategist Guwahati spoke on "From Frontier to Pivot: Reimagining development and Governance in Peripheral Landscapes"; Prof. T.T Haokip, Professor, Department of political Science, North-Eastern Hill University spoke on "Federalism and the Crisis of Governance in Northeast India, the Case of Manipur and Meghalaya" and Dr. Limakumba Walling Assistant Professor, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad spoke on 'Overcoming the Permanent Transition Trap: Reimagining development in Nagaland".

Parallel paper presentation sessions, featuring scholarly contribution with focus on diverse topics were conducted.

GOVERNOR, NAND KISHORE YADAV VISITS PHEK

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav visited Phek district on 15th April 2026 and conducted interactive session with Civil Society Organisations of Phek and reviewed meeting with different government departments at DC's Conference Hall, Phek.

In his addressed at the civic reception program held at DC's conference hall, Phek, Governor expressed his sincere gratitude to the district administration, community leaders, civil society organizations, and people of Phek for the warmed reception and gracious hospitality extended to him.

The Governor in his addressed spoke about reflection of the rich culture, traditions, and heartfelt spirit of the people of Phek. He also stated that he would firmly commit to working together with all section of society-public representatives, tribal bodies, civil society organizations, and the administration to build a peaceful, developed, and inclusive society in the state. He also said that his visit was not only to understand the developmental needs and aspirations of the district, but also to strengthen the spirit of cooperation and collective responsibility.

Later the Governor also conducted a review meeting with different departments of the district. The Department of Health & Family welfare, School Education, and Rural Development highlighted their ongoing activities, schemes, and achievements of their respective department in the district through PowerPoint presentations at the review meeting.

During interactive session, Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav, commented on the schemes, activities presented by the respective departments, and encouraged the departments to hard work with sincerity for the welfare of the people.

President of Chakeshang Public Organisation (CPO), Vezuhu Keyho delivered speech on behalf of Chakeshang public at the program, While Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS, delivered the welcome address.

DISTRICT-LEVEL CENSUS 2027 TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED ACROSS NAGALAND

The first phase of district-level training programmes for Census 2027 was conducted across various districts of Nagaland during April 2026 to prepare officials with the necessary knowledge and skills for the upcoming nationwide census exercise.

Census 2027 will be one of the country's largest administrative exercises. In Nagaland

it will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1, House Listing and Housing Census (HLO), will be held from 16th June to 30th June, 2026, as a self-enumeration period, followed by house-to-house fieldwork from 1st July to 30th July, 2026.

LONGLENG

A three-day District Level Training programme for the first phase of the Census of India 2027 was successfully conducted from 16th to 18th April, 2026 at Longleng.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by W. Manpai Phom, DC Longleng, who emphasized the importance of accurate data collection and coordinated efforts for the smooth conduct of the Census.

The sessions covered key aspects including census procedures, legal provisions, and roles of functionaries, along with extensive training on the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS).

Participants also underwent hands-on training in HLB carving, layout map preparation, mobile app usag and data verification processes. Emphasis was laid on data ethics, privacy, security, and addressing field-level challenges to ensure data quality and reliability.

The training was attended by the Principal Census Officer, District Census Officer, and all Charge Officers along with accompanying staff.

CHUMOUKEDIMA

A two-day District and Charge Officer training programme on Census 2027 concluded successfully at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Chumoukedima, on 18th of April, 2026.

DC Chumoukedima, Polon John, NCS, in his address underscored the need for mutual support and coordination among all officials to ensure the successful execution of the exercise.

The training covered sessions on self-enumeration process, preparation of village, town and charge registers, census procedures, Household Listing Operations (HLO) questionnaire items, register preparation, and hands-on training on the District Census Handbook (DCHB) process through the web portal and mobile application.

Director of Census, Nagaland, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS, and Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Nuiland with other officials during the two-day District-level Training on Census 2027 held at DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on 16th of April 2026.

KIPHIRE

The first phase of District Level Training for Census of India 2027 for Kiphire was conducted on 20th April 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

The programme commenced with a welcome address proposed by the DC Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS. He also emphasized on the importance of accurate data collection and coordinated efforts among all officials for the successful execution of the census 2027.

WOKHA

A two-day district-level training programme for district and charge officers on Census 2027 commenced at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha, on 20th April, 2026.

The training covered the role of census functionaries, legal provisions, fund management, publicity activities, and the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS). Officials were also trained on CMMS-HLO (House Listing and Housing Census Operation) management, HLBC (House Listing Block Creator), generation of appointment letters and ID cards, and layout map preparation.

During the concluding sessions, officials stressed the importance of the training in ensuring accurate, efficient, and smooth implementation of Census 2027.

The sessions were led by Assistant Director, Census Operations Nagaland, Mhathung Rangthang, along with Statistical Investigators Vaibhav Sharma and Faujdar Singh Yadav.

PEREN

Training on Census for District Level Charge Officers and introduction of Census 2027 methods process and rule of key stakeholders training was conducted at DC's Conference Hall, New Peren Headquarter on 21st April 2026.

Deputy Director, Census Department Government of India, Vikishe Chishi highlighted the role of Census functionaries, legal provisions, fund management and publicity activities related to training of Census 2027. He also explained the role of enumerators, self-enumeration features and provisions for honorarium and awards Enumerators and Supervisors who are engaged in the census work as per provision given by the Government of India.

The training was conducted by Deputy Director Census Office, Vikishe Chishi along with Statistical Investigators Imtimendang and K. Mahesh.

PHEK

A three-day District Level Training for Census-2027 for Phek and Meluri Districts is under way at DC's Conference Hall, Phek, which commenced on 23rd April 2026.

The training was attended by DC and Principal Census Officer Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, along with district and sub-divisional census officers including ADC Phek Thejakhrienuo Nisa, ADC Meluri Shelley Katiry, ADC Pfutsero Mhalo Humtsoe and ADC Chozuba Zapuno Khatso, charge officers and staff from administrative offices of both districts.

Resource persons from the Directorate of Census and Statistics, Nagaland, including Chuyalo Kath (ADCO), Vizoyol Chaya (ADCO), Dinesh Chaya Maurya (SI-II) and Lokesh Yadav (SI-II) conducted the training sessions.

KOHIMA SCIENCE COLLEGE QUALIFIES FOR DBT- STAR COLLEGE SCHEME

Kohima Science College has once again established itself as one of the premier institutions of higher education in India by becoming the first government college from Nagaland to be selected under the Department of Biotechnology's "STAR College Scheme." The announcement was made on 16th April 2026.

Under this scheme, eight departments of the college—Botany, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and Zoology—will receive grants from the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. These funds will primarily be utilized to strengthen laboratory infrastructure, procure advanced scientific equipment and enhance capacity-building initiatives through workshops, seminars and training programmes for undergraduate students, faculty members and the wider community.

The scheme will also enable the college to expand its academic reach by promoting interdisciplinary learning, enhancing practical skills and encouraging research-oriented education at the undergraduate level.

STATE-LEVEL SEMINAR ON WOMEN IN CONTEMPORARY NAGA SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS EXPANDING ROLE OF WOMEN

A State-Level Seminar on "Women in Contemporary Naga Society" was held on 17th April, 2026 at the SIRD Auditorium, Kohima, organised by the Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) with support from the National Commission for Women (NCW), with the objective of fostering dialogue, raising awareness, and addressing the socio-cultural challenges faced by women in Naga society while promoting empowerment and inclusive development.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon in his address

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon, along with Chairperson, NSCW, W. Nginyeih Konyak, Secretary, Social Welfare, Limawabang Jamir, officials and participants during State-Level Seminar on "Women in Contemporary Naga Society held at the SIRD Auditorium, Kohima on 17th April 2026.

highlighted that while women were once viewed negatively in history, they are now seen as a source of strength, reflecting societal progress. He noted that although Naga society has traditionally been patriarchal, women have gradually begun asserting their rights and contributing more to decision-making. He pointed to the success of 102 women candidates in the 2024 Urban Local Body elections as a major milestone, showing a shift toward more inclusive governance. He also praised Nagaland's female literacy rate of 76.11% as a sign of development. He emphasized that both men and women share the responsibility of supporting each other, and encouraged women to uplift one another and step forward as leaders.

Speaking on the theme "Women in Contemporary Naga Society," Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Limawabang Jamir, IAS noted that although Naga society has traditionally been patriarchal, women have always contributed significantly in areas such as agriculture, household management and preservation of cultural practices. He said this dynamic is steadily changing, with women becoming more visible in education, business, governance and social activism, emphasizing education as a key driver of empowerment. He highlighted milestones such as S. Phangnon Konyak becoming Nagaland's first woman in the Rajya Sabha, and Salhoutuonuo Kruse and Hekani Jakhalu Kense as pioneers in the State Assembly, along with women securing over 37% of seats in municipal bodies.

Chairperson, NSCW, W. Nginyeih Konyak in her keynote address said that the seminar was both timely and significant as Naga society stands at a crucial phase of transformation. She emphasized women's empowerment essential for inclusive and progressive development, adding that when women are empowered, society as a whole prospers. Reaffirming the Commission's commitment to advocating women's rights, she expressed hope that the seminar would lead to meaningful discussions, practical recommendations, and collective action towards a more equitable society.

The programme was chaired by Secretary, NSCW and Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Yongchingkumla.

The technical session featured talks by Dr. Theyiesinuo Keditsu on empowering women through awareness and cultural sensitivity, Rev. Dr. Ellen Konyak Jamir on socio-cultural challenges faced by women in Nagaland and A. Wati Walling on balancing tradition with transformation in Naga society.

UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (UIDIC) MEETING HELD IN KOHIMA

The State-Level Unique Identification Implementation Committee (UIDIC) meeting for 2026 was held on 17th April 2026 at Kohima, Nagaland. The meeting was chaired by Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Nagaland and attended by Ngachan Zimik, DDG, Col. Abhishek Koushik, Director, UIDAI Regional Office Guwahati along with senior officials from the State Government.

Senior State Govt. officials from Commissioner, Nagaland office (Nodal Dept.), Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Dept. The Department of Social Welfare,

Dept. of Food & Civil Supplies, India Post, CSC and officials from Lead Bank, Nagaland also attended the meeting. DDG, UIDAI RO Guwahati delivered the presentation along with Col. Abhishek Koushik, Director (RO Guwahati).

The following points were discussed in detail during the course of the presentation: Aadhaar, its key features and benefits; Features of new Aadhaar App and OVSE (Offline Verification Seeking Entity) registration process; Accelerating Aadhaar enrolment for children (0–5 years) through Birth Registration Based Aadhaar Enrolment (BRBAE) at District Hospitals & health facilities using Birth Registration No.(BRN); Improving Aadhaar enrolment in low-saturation districts; Identify the cause and bridge the gap between the numbers of overall Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) pendency vs the number of students enrolled in UDISE+ Portal; Conducting Mission Mode Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) camps in schools; Digitisation of Birth Registration, conversion of non-digitised POI (Proof of Identity/POA (Proof of Address) documents issued by State Govt.; Adoption of Aadhaar Seeding and Authentication for delivering state-sponsored schemes enabling DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) through Aadhaar; Sharing of deceased data with UIDAI .

Zimik, DDG, UIDAI RO Guwahati also informed that a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra is being established in Dimapur and is likely to be operational shortly.

Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland complimented the UIDAI team for assistance being rendered to the state. He also asked to state officials present to expedite the Aadhaar enrolment process and conduct of MBU camps so as to cover all the left-out residents and children.

1st EDITION OF "UTTAR-POORV JANJATIYA BASANT UTSAV" HELD AT GUWAHATI

Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, addressing the 1st edition of the "Uttar-Poorv Janjatiya Basant Utsav" held at NEZCC Shilpgram, Guwahati on 19th April 2026.

Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, who is also the Chairman of the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), attended the 1st edition of the "Uttar-Poorv Janjatiya Basant Utsav" – North East Tribal Spring Festival, held at NEZCC Shilpgram, Guwahati on 19th April 2026.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor expressed his delight at being part of the inaugural edition of the festival, which celebrates the vibrant spirit, rich traditions, and cultural diversity of the North Eastern region

Highlighting the significance of the festival, the Governor stated that the event symbolizes not only the arrival of spring but

also the blossoming of unity in diversity. He noted that the North East, often described as the cultural mosaic of India, is home to numerous tribes with unique traditions, languages, attire, music and dance forms. He said that such festivals provide an important platform to showcase and celebrate this rich heritage.

Speaking on the essence of Basant Utsav, the Governor remarked that it represents renewal, hope and harmony and reflects the deep connection between nature and culture upheld by tribal communities. He observed that their sustainable lifestyles, respect for nature and strong community values offer valuable lessons for contemporary society.

The Governor commended the efforts of the organizers led by Dr. Prashanna Gogoi, Director, NEZCC, for conceptualizing the festival, which promotes cultural exchange and strengthens national integration. He stated that bringing together artists and communities from across the region fosters mutual respect and understanding.

Emphasizing the need to preserve indigenous knowledge and cultural identity in a rapidly changing world, the Governor urged the youth to take pride in their roots while embracing progress and innovation.

Expressing confidence in the future of the festival, the Governor said that the North East, with its vibrant tribal traditions, stands as a shining example of how culture can serve as a powerful force for unity and development. He conveyed his hope that the festival will grow in scale and significance in the years to come.

In conclusion, the Governor congratulated the organizers and extended his best wishes for the grand success of the festival, expressing hope that it will continue to flourish as a symbol of cultural pride, harmony and shared heritage.

OMCS, STATE GOVT ENSURE STEADY FUEL AVAILABILITY IN THE STATE

Press conference on the supply of LPG and petroleum products in Nagaland was held on 21st April, 2026 at the DIPR Conference Hall, New Capital Complex, Kohima. The conference was jointly organized by Oil Marketing Companies in coordination with the Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Nagaland, to brief on the current supply situation in the state.

The press conference was addressed by Himakshi Saikia, State Level Coordinator, IOCL Nagaland; Zubenthung Ovung, Depot Manager, Dimapur; Munin Bokotial, LPG Plant Manager; and Keyevi I Swu, Deputy Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Nagaland.

Addressing the media, officials stated that Nagaland currently has 250 fuel retail outlets and two supply depots, with daily supplies of around 280 KL of petrol and 640 KL of diesel. The present stock is sufficient for about six days of petrol and sixteen days of diesel, while all retail outlets continue to function normally without restrictions. Citizens were advised not to engage in panic buying as fuel consumption remains stable.

Regarding LPG supply, officials informed that around 4.204 lakh consumers are being served through 84 distributors and one bottling plant. On average, 6,258 LPG refills are delivered daily, and the existing backlog is gradually being cleared, with no

dry-out situations reported. Commercial LPG allocation remains at 70% in line with Government of India guidelines, with priority given to essential sectors such as hospitals, educational institutions, defence, railways, and hospitality establishments.

Authorities also highlighted that regular coordination meetings and daily monitoring are being carried out by the State Government, Civil Supplies Department, and OMCs to ensure smooth supply. To prevent hoarding and illegal diversion, 79 inspections have been conducted since last month, and seven LPG distributors have been issued show-cause notices for violating standard operating procedures.

Officials reiterated that the supply chain is functioning smoothly and urged the public to ignore rumours, avoid panic buying, and refrain from spreading misinformation.

NATIONAL YOUTH REEL & SHORT FILM COMPETITION HELD AT KOHIMA

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) distributed prizes for the winners of the National Youth Reel & Short Film Competition titled "Frames of Justice" organized at the State Level by the NSLSA under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority on the occasion of National Women's Day 2026 / Birth Anniversary of Sarojini Naidu on 21st April 2026 at the office premise.

Member Secretary, NSLSA, Neiko Akami, NJS addressed the law students and underscored the importance of continuous learning in the legal profession. He emphasized that law is a dynamic field, constantly evolving with new developments and asked students to cultivate the habit of regularly updating their knowledge and sharpening their skills especially in the digital age. Urging them to act as ambassadors of legal services, he called upon them to actively spread awareness about legal rights and entitlements, particularly among marginalized and underprivileged sections of society.

The short film titled 'The Unheard Silence' under the theme NALSA (ASHA-Awareness, Support, Help and Action) Standard Operating Procedure towards Eliminating Child Marriage, 2025 compiled by Atsali Sangtam, Medosanuo Sokrano, Tiarenba Longkumer, Jinenle Wanth, Lanukaba Jamir, Medono Kipu, Nzanbeni E Kikon and Shelly P Achumi won the first prize.

The runner up was Amendra Kumar, 4th Semester, Kohima Law College on the video titled 'Legal Services to Senior Citizens' under the theme NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.

The winners and participants were given certificates and cash prizes.

OVERVIEW OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS RESULTS 2026

The HSLC Examination 2026 commenced from 13th February 2026 and concluded on 26th February 2026 and the HSSLC Examination 2026 commenced from 12th February 2026 and concluded on 9th March 2026. In HSLC, a total of 22765 candidates were enrolled and in the HSSLC a total of 15468 were enrolled for the examination.

A. HSLC Examination 2026:

Out of 22765 candidates, a total of 16406 candidates qualified the examination with a qualified percentage of **72.07 %**

The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
75.16	71.87%	70.32%	64.69%	69.42%

The girls have done better with 8888 (72.72%) girls qualifying and 7518 (71.30%) boys qualifying the examination. In the Top 20 list, there are 80 candidates out of which 23 are boys and the rest 57 are girls. A candidate from GHS, Yachem secured the 19th Rank in the Top 20 list.

Government Schools qualified / pass percentage	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	44.86%	36.62%	49.13%	48.55%	48.41%	43.26%
Private Schools qualified / pass percentage	85.58%	82.08%	91.15%	86.77%	87.64%	86.13%

In terms of district wise performance for government schools, Kohima district topped the table with a percentage of 63% followed by Mokokchung at 55%, Phek and Tseminyu districts at 52%. Shamator district is at the bottom with 11%.

In respect of private schools, Mokokchung and Phek districts are at the top with a percentage of 92% followed by Kohima and Tseminyu districts at 90%.

B. HSSLC Examination 2026:

The performance of boys and girls streamwise in terms of pass percentage is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	89.56 %	83.36 %	87.57 %
Boys	80.84 %	80.53 %	83.13 %

The overall pass percentage in Arts stream is **85.78%**, Commerce stream is **81.69%** and Science stream is **85.67 %**

The overall pass percentage for the last 5(five) years are as follows:

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Arts	84.05%	83.16%	82.62%	80.64%	69.37%
Commerce	81.40%	87.67%	85.83%	82.28%	74.39%
Science	76.54%	80.88%	86.79%	88.24%	91.35%

There are 2 toppers from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Merit list at the HSSLC Examination 2026 in Arts & Science streams from PM Shri GHSS, Chumoukedima and PM Shri Mayangnokcha GHSS, Mokokchung in **Rank 7st** of Arts stream and **10th Rank** in Science Stream.

The number of boys and girls in the top 10 list stream-wise is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	14	4	14
Boys	nil	9	3

CONVERGENCE AGREEMENT SIGNED TO STRENGTHEN MATERNAL AND CHILD SERVICES IN EASTERN NAGALAND DISTRICTS

In a step towards improving grassroots service delivery, a Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed to strengthen maternal and child health, nutrition, and early childhood development across selected districts in Nagaland.

The signing of the LoA took place at the Commissioner's Office, Nagaland, in Kohima on April 24, 2026, in the presence of Gregory Thejawelie, IAS, Commissioner of Nagaland; Kevileno Angami, Commissioner & Secretary for School Education and SCERT; L. Jamithung Lotha, IAS, State Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha; S. Tainiu, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare; Rev. Dr. S. Chingmak Chang, Founder of Eleutheros Christian Society; along with other officers and NGO leaders.

The agreement brings together the Department of School Education, Department of Health & Family Welfare, the Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS), and the District Administration under a unified convergence framework.

According to the preamble of the agreement, the initiative aims to ensure that every mother and child in the identified districts has access to integrated and quality services related to education, nutrition, and health. The pilot phase will cover 60 villages across six eastern districts- Mon, Longleng, Tuensang, Shamator, Kiphire, and Noklak- identified due to high malnutrition burdens. The initiative is expected to serve as a demonstration model for scaling across the state.

Under the agreement, the Department of School Education will support early learning, facilitate school-based health activities, and strengthen infrastructure and teacher accountability. The Department of Health & Family Welfare will ensure the delivery of essential maternal and child health services, including immunization, antenatal and postnatal care, and the availability of medicines and diagnostics.

The Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) will play a key role in community mobilization, organizing awareness campaigns, supporting supplementary feeding initiatives, and facilitating training for frontline workers. It will also assist in organizing Aadhaar registration drives to ensure the inclusion of all beneficiaries in welfare schemes.

The District Administration will oversee

implementation, conduct regular reviews at the block level, ensure staff attendance, and support the strengthening of Village Councils for effective local governance.

To ensure accountability and progress tracking, a District Convergence Committee will be constituted under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner. Quarterly block-level review meetings will also be conducted with the participation of all stakeholders.

AH&VS COMMEMORATES WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2026

Commemorating the World Veterinary day 2026, Nagaland Veterinarians' Association organised a workshop on the theme 'Veterinarians: Guardian of Food and Health' sponsored by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Nagaland at de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 25th April 2026.

Special Guest, Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Tribal Affairs, Angelina Tajen, IAS said the theme of the programme was highly relevant for Nagaland and emphasized that veterinarians play a vital role in protecting both food safety and public health. She said that Veterinarian guard our livelihood and as for a farmer, an animal is not just livestock but it is also a bank account, a child's education, a daughter's wedding therefore one outbreak can push a household into debt, hence a veterinarian intervention can ensure that the livestock are protected, the food chain is not contaminated. The deworming cans, artificial insemination services, and farmer training are direct poverty alleviation programs for a farmer, she added.

She also cautioned that the next decade will be a test, as Climate change will shift disease patterns, where consumers will demand safer, traceable food. The government will expect one health delivery, not just animal treatment. Therefore, the need to upgrade the skills, knowledge and tools is a must and urged them to be guardians who constantly evolve, learn new skills, adopt new technologies, keeping the old compassion way.

She also stressed the need to create awareness about zoonotic diseases and vaccination drives in schools and border areas. Further, she suggested filling vacant posts, setting up mobile veterinary units in every district, strengthening vaccine cold chain systems, upgrading veterinary infrastructure and introducing digital disease reporting tools.

She suggested instituting awards of excellence to recognise dedicated veterinarians for their service, adding that their efforts ensure safe food, protect family incomes and help prevent disease outbreaks before they become major epidemics.

Later in the workshop, Assistant Professor, Dr. Raghubir Singh spoke on the topic Veterinarians: Guardian of Food and Health and Reaffirmation of the Veterinarian's Oath led by the President, Nagaland Veterinarians' Association, Dr. K.N Zubemo Humtsoe.

NHM LAUNCHES ASHA CONNECT

The National Health Mission (NHM), under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, launched the 'ASHA Connect' App at the IDSP Conference Hall, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, on 24th April 2026.

ASHA Connect is a web-based application to enhance the efficiency, transparency and accountability of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) incentive disbursement and performance monitoring across the State.

The implementation of ASHA Connect is expected to significantly reduce delays in incentive payments, improve transparency in financial transactions, enhance monitoring of ASHA activities and to ensure availability of accurate real time data, thereby strengthening accountability across all levels.

The ASHA Connect App was officially launched by Anoop Khinchi, the Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department. The program was Chaired by Dr. Keveduyi Theyo, Mission Director, NHM and a brief overview of the app was given by Dr. Thomas Keppen, Deputy Director, NHM.

DR. SAJJAN SINGH YADAV REVIEWS SASCI PROJECTS DURING TWO-DAY NAGALAND VISIT

Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, IAS, Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, visited Nagaland on a two-day official tour (27th –28th April 2026) to review infrastructure projects under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme.

On 27th April, in Chumoukedima, he inspected several ongoing projects constructed under various phases of the SASCI scheme, including facilities at the Police Complex such as the Officers' Mess, Football Stadium, and residential quarters, as well as the Unity Mall project and infrastructure at the Chumoukedima Police Station. During the inspection, Dr. Yadav was accompanied by the Finance Commissioner and Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Kesonyu Yhome, IAS along with other senior officials. He interacted with the officials at the project sites and reviewed the status of the ongoing works.

On 28th April, the Special Secretary continued his review in Kohima, inspecting SASCI-funded and supported projects at key locations including the High Court area in Meriema, the Working Women's Hostel at Kigwema and the Main Arena at Kisama Heritage Village. He also visited the Kohima War Cemetery to pay respects.

During his visit, he was accompanied by senior state officials, including Finance Commissioner and Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister Kesonyü Yhome, IAS, along with officers from the Finance Department and implementing agencies.

Earlier, on 27th April evening, Dr. Yadav attended an interaction and cultural programme at Hotel Vivor, where he expressed appreciation for Nagaland's hospitality and cultural heritage, noting that it was his second visit to the state after nearly three decades.

STATE-WIDE MANUSCRIPT SURVEY LAUNCHED

The Department of Art & Culture has initiated a state-wide manuscript survey under the Gyan Bharatam Mission, a national initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

The Gyan Bharatam Mission aims

to identify, document and create a comprehensive national database of manuscripts and historically significant records across the country, with a view to preserving India's documentary heritage and traditional knowledge systems for future generations.

The Mission recognizes that many valuable manuscripts and records are currently scattered across institutions, religious centres, community repositories and private collections, and that a large number of these remain undocumented.

In Nagaland, the nature of documentary heritage is distinct, as much of the State's historical knowledge has traditionally been preserved outside formal archival institutions. Such materials are commonly found in church archives, missionary records, village institutions, early translations, customary records and private family collections.

The ongoing survey seeks to systematically identify such materials and document their details through a national digital platform.

The Department has appealed to all institutions, organizations and individuals to extend their cooperation by sharing information regarding any manuscripts or old records in their possession.

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SAROJINI DAMODARAN FOUNDATION

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for the implementation of a scholarship initiative under the Vidyadhan Scholarship Program at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Conference Hall, Kohima on 28th April 2026.

State officials, including Advisor for School Education & SCERT Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome and Commissioner & Secretary Kevileno Angami, highlighted that the programme is timely and significant for expanding educational access, especially for students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. They emphasized that it complements existing government scholarship schemes and can help raise long-

Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome and Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS with officials from the School Education Department and the Sarojini Damodaran Foundation, during the MoU signing at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 28th April 2026.

term educational and career aspirations in the state.

Representatives from the Sarojini Damodaran Foundation explained that the Vidyadhan Scholarship, started in 1999 in Kerala, is now active in multiple states and has supported tens of thousands of students. The programme offers not only financial aid but also mentoring, career counselling, soft skills training, internships, and residential training sessions throughout a student's academic journey.

Speaking on the operational aspects of the programme, Manager, Operations, Sarojini Damodaran Foundation, Jacob Sukumar informed that the scholarship initiative is fully funded through contributions from sponsors, with the entire amount directly transferred to the students without any deductions.

Sukumar further informed that the foundation also organises additional training programmes at different stages of the students' academic journey. While students in Classes XI and XII are guided on academic choices and career pathways, those pursuing higher education are provided with employability training, including mock interviews and skill-building sessions.

NEPEx 2026: NAGALAND CONDUCTS STATEWIDE MEGA EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DRILL ACROSS DISTRICTS

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), under the Home Department, successfully conducted the 8thedition of the Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEx) 2026 across the state to strengthen disaster preparedness, emergency coordination and response mechanisms. The exercise, supported by the National Emergency Preparedness Exercise programme, began with a Table Top Exercise (TTEx) on April 29th at the State Emergency Operations Centre in Kohima, involving district emergency operation centres across Nagaland. Table Top Exercise led by Maj. Gen. Sudhir Bahl, focusing on response to simulated disaster scenarios and departmental preparedness. T

The main state level mock exercise was conducted on April 30th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon across Nagaland, simulating a 7.7 magnitude earthquake scenario with the epicentre at Piphema, involving activation of response teams and demonstration of coordinated emergency actions such as search and rescue, evacuation, and medical response.

In addition, a new component this year, "Operation Night Guard," a Civil Defence air raid and blackout exercise, was conducted on the evening of April 30th from 6:30 PM onwards in 10 districts of Nagaland.

KOHIMA

As part of NEPEx 2026, Kohima conducted large-scale disaster preparedness exercises at multiple locations including Sanuorü Bridge, NH-2 Kohima–Wokha Road, KL Market and Mewi Higher Secondary School. The staging area and Incident Command Post were set up at Indira Gandhi Stadium, while Ruzhükhrie Ground served as the designated safety zone. The district also carried out "Operation Night Guard," a Civil Defence air raid and blackout drill during which residents observed a 15-minute blackout following warning sirens. Deputy Commissioner and DDMA Chairman B. Henok Buchem appreciated the participation

of responders and agencies but noted communication gaps and called for improved wireless systems.

PHEK

An earthquake mock drill was conducted in Phek at five locations, including Christian Mission Higher Secondary School, ADC Quarter, District Hospital, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection office and Phek Town Council Office.

Deputy Commissioner Rhosietho Nguori led the district-level Incident Response System and supervised the exercise from the Table Top Exercise held on April 29 through the full-scale mock drill.

DIMAPUR

Mock earthquake and fire incidents were simulated at several locations including Government Higher Secondary School, Hollotoli School, Westside Store, Indian Oil (IOCL) Kevijau and PHC Purana Bazar, involving structural collapse, injuries and casualties.

The exercise also included "Operation Night Guard," simulating air raid and blackout emergency scenarios at the DC Office and EDTC. Emergency response plans, evacuation procedures, restoration of essential services, relief camps and temporary medical aid facilities were activated, while SDRF and Fire & Emergency Services teams carried out rescue operations.

Observers including Aotula T. Imchen and Meren Chenth appreciated the successful conduct of the drill. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tinojongshi Chang stated that the exercise aimed to improve public awareness and disaster response preparedness, especially as Nagaland falls under Seismic Zone V.

TUENSANG

Tuensang conducted a large-scale earthquake and landslide mock drill simulating severe disaster conditions, including damage to over 11,000 houses, 114 deaths, 342 serious injuries and 88 missing persons. Incident sites were set up at the Old DC Office, Daily Market and GHSS, while the staging area was established at Parade Ground Tuensang.

Emergency response teams from SDRF, Fire & Emergency Services, medical teams, 29 Assam Rifles, NCC and district administration were deployed for rescue and relief operations. During the debriefing, Deputy Commissioner and Responsible Officer Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa said the exercise highlighted the importance of preparedness and timely response during disasters.

KIPHIRE:

At Kiphire, four locations were staged as incident sites. i.e. bazaar area, DC office complex, Kiphire gas filling station and Agape Higher Secondary School. The strike team, search and rescue carried out the task achieving all the objectives of the mock exercise as per safety operating procedure.

Delivering the closing remark, Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer stated that the mock exercise is planned and staged programme, however a real-life disaster situation will be similar from the mock exercise. He appreciated the officers, leaders of various section, team and volunteers for carrying out the mock exercise successfully.

NOKLAK

Noklak conducted a disaster mock drill at five locations including Local Bazaar, Guest House, District Hospital, Kiamong Landslide area and Christian High School. Deputy Commissioner and Responsible Officer P. Mono Khiamniungan activated the Incident Response Team and coordinated rescue operations.

The exercise simulated structural collapse, fire incidents, landslides and school emergencies. Rescue teams safely evacuated trapped victims from the bazaar, guest house and school, assisted injured persons at the district hospital and carried out search operations for a missing person in the landslide area.

MELURI

A mock drill conducted on 30th April 2026 at the Local Ground, Meluri. The exercise demonstrated practical emergency response measures including evacuation, rescue operations, first aid management, and coordination among line departments, security personnel, health teams, and volunteers.

Officials stated that the objective of the exercise was to assess preparedness levels, identify response gaps and enhance inter-departmental coordination for effective disaster management.

ADC Meluri, Shelly Katiry expressed appreciation to all participating departments, agencies, and stakeholders for their active cooperation and contribution towards the successful conduct of NEPEX 2026.

NIULAND

In Niuland, a NEPEx 2026 earthquake mock scenario simulated massive destruction, including the collapse of around 600 houses, widespread power outages, damaged water supply systems and disrupted communication networks. The exercise assumed about 1,200 people affected, with 5 deaths, 18 injuries and 40 missing persons across key sites such as Shepherd School, CHC Niuland and the DC Office.

Following the alert siren, the Incident Response System was activated under the Deputy Commissioner and Responsible Officer, with teams deployed for rescue, evacuation, restoration of essential services and establishment of relief camps and temporary medical facilities. SDRF, Fire & Emergency Services and other departments coordinated operations from the staging area.

PEREN

In Peren, a NEPEx 2026 earthquake mock drill began at 8:00 AM with emergency sirens and activation of the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC). The Deputy Commissioner, as Responsible Officer, activated the Incident Response System, while the Additional Deputy Commissioner led operations and the Superintendent of Police managed safety and traffic control across affected sites.

The exercise simulated multiple incidents across key locations, including the local market, ADC Office, District Hospital, SP Office area, and schools, resulting in 40 simulated casualties with 17 deaths, 11 critically injured and 12 minor injuries. Rescue teams carried out search and evacuation operations, supported by medical teams, ambulances and coordinated staging areas for relief efforts. The District Public Relations Office managed information dissemination and public awareness during the exercise.

MON

In Mon, mock drill simulated a 7.7 magnitude earthquake at 8:00 AM, triggering landslides, fires, structural collapse and severe infrastructure damage, worsened by heavy rainfall and stormy conditions. Key affected sites included the PWD (R&B) Office, District Hospital and Papong Colony near GREF Camp, with the Local Ground serving as the main command and staging area.

The SDRF and response teams carried out rescue operations, recovering casualties and treating injured persons across all sites, including major losses at Papong Colony.

Emergency command structures, including Incident, Operations, Planning and Logistics sections, were activated at the staging area, with live monitoring of incidents such as the burning PWD office.

LONGLENG

In Longleng, the NEPEx 2026 mock drill simulated a 7.7 magnitude earthquake at 8:00 AM, with four key locations identified: Phom Lempong Higher Secondary School, District Hospital, DC Office and the market area. The public ground served as the main staging area where police personnel, Home Guards and all line departments assembled after the emergency siren to coordinate response operations.

During the debriefing, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of DDMA Longleng W. Manpai Phom appreciated the efforts of all departments, stakeholders and volunteers, acknowledging their role in the successful conduct of the mock exercise.

ZUNHEBOTO

In Zunheboto, the NEPEx 2026 mock drill simulated a severe earthquake-related humanitarian crisis affecting over 1,000 families, with around 450 houses damaged. The scenario reported 16 deaths, 50 injuries (including critically injured cases) and about 100 people missing under debris.

The exercise also assumed major infrastructure collapse, including damage to the district hospital and disruption of key road connectivity such as NH-702A, isolating the district for an extended period. In response, authorities activated the Incident Response System (IRS), carrying out search and rescue operations, restoring essential services and establishing relief camps and a field hospital. Coordination centres were set up at public grounds, schools and the DC office to manage emergency response and evaluate inter-departmental preparedness.

CHUMOUKEDIMA

In Chumoukedima, the NEPEx 2026 mock drill was conducted at four locations to evaluate disaster preparedness and response efficiency. The exercise involved SDRF, Home Guards & Civil Defence, health teams and other line departments, focusing on communication systems, coordination and search-and-rescue operations.

Officials reported that the Incident Response System functioned smoothly from field teams to the Emergency Operations Centre. A secondary fire scenario at the Chumoukedima Town Council office was also successfully simulated, along with observations at key sites such as St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Zudio Mall and an LPG bottling plant.

WOKHA

In Wokha, the NEPEx 2026 earthquake mock drill began at 8:00 AM with activation of the District Emergency Operations Centre and Incident Response System under the Deputy Commissioner. Multiple scenarios were simulated across key locations, including fires, structural collapses and landslides at sites such as Police Point, schools, clinics, Saron Colony and Doyang Dam. SDRF, Fire & Emergency Services, medical teams and Aapda Mitra volunteers carried out search and rescue, evacuation and medical response operations.

A well-equipped staging area was established at Local Ground with support from multiple agencies, while coordination between field teams and the DEOC was maintained through wireless systems. The exercise was scheduled to continue with "Operation Night Guard," simulating a night-time blackout and air raid scenario.

MOKOKCHUNG

With an earthquake simulation and immediate activation of the Incident Response System by Deputy Commissioner and RO Ajit Kumar Verma. Command staff were mobilised at the District Emergency Operation Centre, and an Incident Action Plan was prepared under district leadership.

Search and rescue operations were carried out at Government High School Dilong, IMDH Hospital and the DC Office, while a landslide clearance exercise was simulated at Mokokchung Village. The Imkongmeren Sports Complex served as the main staging area, with coordinated deployment of SDRF and other response teams. A live stream of operations was shared by NSDMA for real-time monitoring.

The exercise concluded after successful completion of all scenarios, followed by a debriefing with NDMA officials.

SHAMATOR

As part of the drill, four strategic locations were identified to simulate emergency scenarios, including a school, a fuel station, a market area and the Community Health Centre (CHC). Each site focused on specific response mechanisms such as evacuation procedures, fire safety, crowd management, medical emergency handling and coordinated rescue operations.

The exercise witnessed active involvement from various departments, emergency responders, and community members, reflecting a strong commitment towards building a resilient and prepared district. The programme concluded with a debriefing session, where observations were shared and areas for improvement were identified to further strengthen disaster preparedness mechanisms in the district.

WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING PLAN DEVELOPMENT USING AI TOOLS HELD AT ATI KOHIMA

The first ever workshop on Capacity Building Plan Development using AI tools is being held at Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Nagaland Kohima. The two-day workshop on iGOT (Integrated Online Government Training) Karmayogi is organized by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department in collaboration with ATI, with resource persons from Capacity Building Commission (CBC) Ranu Mukherjee, Advisor, CBC GOI and Maibam Warish State Coordinator CBC (Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland).

The inaugural program of the first ever such workshop in the State was held at ATI with a total of 65 participants from 35 Departments.

Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) & Director General, ATI, Shashank Shekhar, IAS, gave the inaugural speech. The Director General, ATI In his speech stated that when the Government functions in an efficient and responsive manner it has a direct impact on society. The main and fundamental role of Government is to work for the common people. The officials from the CBC also gave a short presentation.

The inaugural workshop was chaired by Limakumla, Under Secretary P&AR and the vote of thanks was given by Livitoli Sukhalu, Dy Secretary, P&AR. The program was attended by Additional Director, Bendanglila with other officers and staff of the ATI.

Capacity Building Plan is a mechanism for developing the training module for the Govt. employees using Artificial Intelligence tools. The CBP will be used as a blueprint for

the training requirements of the department with the aim of building future ready, citizen centric civil servants. The CBP will incorporate the national push towards capacity building at an institutional level while also taking into account state specific roles and responsibilities in the various departments.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON CSR COMPLIANCE & THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION (REGULATION) ACT HELD AT KOHIMA

The inaugural programme of the two-day Capacity Building Training on CSR Compliance & The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act was held at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 30th April, 2026. The training programme is organised by Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and HCL Foundation.

In his opening remarks, Vineet Kumar, IAS, Additional Secretary of the Finance Department and IDAN, stated that the training programme has been designed to strengthen and enhance the institutional capacity of government departments and civil society organizations to meet the current standards. He emphasized that such training is essential, as CSR and FCRA have become significant components within the state, making it important to understand all their associated nuances. He also expressed optimism that the programme would create new opportunities for all related institutions.

Speaking on behalf of HCL Foundation, Rahul Kumar Manager HCL Foundation, expressed his appreciation to IDAN and the Ministry of Home Affairs for recognizing the relevance of FCRA and its compliance, and organizing the workshop. He also shared that he has been associated with Nagaland since 2010 and has visited even the most remote areas of the state, giving him a strong understanding of grassroots realities. He expressed hope that the workshop would help NGOs and related institutions to address compliance-related challenges and enable them to access funding to support development in the state.

Highlighting that there are more NGOs in the country (about 3.3 million as per 2015–2016 data) than schools, O.P. Singh, Deputy Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, stated that this reflects how NGOs have become a crucial means of delivering services to remote areas. He further informed that the government has a dedicated team under the Ministry of Home Affairs that organizes outreach programmes for NGOs, especially in regions where they play a key role in implementing development initiatives.

In his address, special guest Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, noted that CSR activities are now of vital importance to bring about development and progress, and expressed optimism that the workshop would help participants adopt best practices and maintain high standards in CSR compliance. He also suggested that departments such as Health, Education, and Social Welfare should establish dedicated cells to engage with corporates and private sector, to bring more developmental and social impact programs in the state.

On FCRA, he highlighted that there are significant opportunities to access foreign funding for social impact initiatives. He added that the government is working to improve monitoring, ensure compliance and increase efficiency so that NGOs and government

departments can work together effectively to meet people's aspirations and support the state's overall development.

The programme was chaired by Dr. Nchumbeni Ovung while vote of thanks was proposed by I. Changsang, NCS, Under Secretary IDAN.

The inauguaral programme was followed by a series of technical sessions on topics including Introduction to CSR in India, CSR Compliance & Legal requirements, CSR Implementation Models, Monitoring, Evaluation & Impact Assesment.

DELEGATION FROM NAGALAND PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL DELIBERATIVE SUMMIT ON HARMONIZING ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR GOVERNANCE IN BHUBANESWAR

A delegation from Nagaland, led by Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Economics & Statistics Department, Akunu S. Meyase, participated in the National Deliberative Summit on "Harmonizing Administrative Data for Governance," organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from April 29th –30th , 2026.

The summit brought together policymakers, domain experts, and state representatives to deliberate on linking administrative data systems for improved governance, evidence-based policymaking, and enhanced service delivery. Participation in the summit reflects Nagaland's commitment to modernising its statistical systems in line with national initiatives. Key learnings from the summit are expected to strengthen the State's data ecosystem, improve inter-departmental data sharing, and support efficient governance and policy planning.

During the deliberations, experts emphasised the need for harmonisation of administrative datasets across departments through the adoption of common metadata standards, unique identifiers, and standardised classifications. States were encouraged to develop comprehensive data catalogues to maintain an inventory of datasets, including legacy data, and to ensure interoperability across government systems.

The discussions also highlighted the importance of automated data generation and sharing mechanisms, the establishment of state-level data exchange platforms, and the use of national data platforms for seamless integration and dissemination. Additionally, capacity-building initiatives and competency-based training for officials were underscored as essential for improving data management practices. Emphasis was also placed on quality assessment frameworks, advance data release calendars, and strengthening institutional mechanisms to sustain improvements in administrative data governance.

The team comprised of representatives Director, Neidilhou Keditsu; Additional Director, Charles Kikon and Economics & Statistics Officer, Vetalu Chiero from Economics & Statistics Department; Sr. Program Officer, Akumla Aier from Information Technology & Communication Department and from Planning and Abilo Y. Humtsoe, SDG Officer, SDGCC from Transformation Department.

AOLEANG MONYU CUM MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT MON

Wa-yen Union Mon (Male), performing cultural dance during the Konyak Aoleang Monyu cum Mini Hornbill Festival celebration at Konyak Hertitage Complex, Mon on 2nd April 2026.

MLA, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Thangwang Wangham graced the Konyak Aoleang Monyu cum Mini Hornbill Festival 2026 as the Special Guest on 2nd April 2026 at Konyak Heritage Complex, Mon. President Eastern Sumi Hoho, K. Tokishe Sema was the Honour Guest, while MLA, Y. Mankhao Konyak was the Chief Host.

Extending festive greetings, the Special Guest said that the district is not just hosting the festival, it is witnessing a large gathering, a grand coming together of the people from neighbouring states and from across the region with the spirit of oneness and unity. A moment like this reminds us that we were never separated but divided by the political boundary on paper, Thangwang asserted. Congratulating the ENPO for signing the historic FNTA, he urged the people to work hard with true spirit of development for the people. He appealed the younger generation to be educated, skillful and creative in every aspect of their life.

In his short speech, the Guest of Honour, Tokishe Sema said that the celebration is a proud reflection of the rich Konyak heritage, tradition and unity with identity and strengthening of community bonds.

The Chief Host, MLA, Y Mankhao gave a brief note on the significance of the Aoleang Monyu.

EAC Mon, Shekhozo Vero, in his speech said that the Konyak Union has always played a vital role in guiding the Konyak community with wisdom, unity and strength. Their leadership continues to inspire progress while preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Konyak people. The successful conduct of the Aoleang festival cum Mini Hornbill festival stands as a clear reflection of their vision, dedication and commitment to uplifting the society.

The celebration witnessed cultural performance by - Wancho Modern Dance from Arunachal; Wa-yen Union Mon (Male); Tobu Area Union, Mon (female); Wakching Area Union, Mon (Female); Chi Union (male); Konyak Gazetted Officer s' Union and Tangnyu & Yuching Union (Male). A Special Number, Tantet Eng-Vung by Canticles Band

and Kahwang Konyak Aoleang Moiman Pha by Angao Ngunglim enthralled the gathering with their presentation.

The programme began with a traditional Welcome Ceremony, Ceremonial Opening of Konyak Aoleang Monyu by Tonyei Phawang, Pongvun wang of Longwa and beating of Log Drum by Mon Union, Mon Town.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB), Peren, was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 6th April 2026, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru.

The Deputy Commissioner warmly welcomed the esteemed members of the board as well as the special invitees from Beisumpuikam Village Council and Oasis Federation, who were invited to attend the meeting.

The house reviewed the agendas of the previous DPDB meeting, which included review of the adoption of institutions, pilot projects on adoption of villages and adoption of hospitals. The status of implementation and progress on these initiatives were discussed in brief.

On the agenda of Beisumpuikam Model Village, the DC placed a proposal before the house. He informed that district officials had visited the village and observed that it is a progressive and comparatively large village. The village has two government schools with around 300 students each, and several positive developmental indicators were noted. Considering these factors, the house decided to adopt Beisumpuikam as a Model Village. It was further resolved that departments will extend necessary interventions wherever feasible. A committee was also constituted at both district and sub-divisional levels to ensure targeted interventions and effective implementation.

Regarding the Piggery Production Programme, DC stated that piggery production in Peren district is on the rise, particularly in the Jalukie Valley extending up to Punglwa village. Keeping in mind the need for a proper plan to streamline the sector and support farmers in the district, the house deliberated on the agenda and approved it for adoption. A committee was also constituted to oversee and ensure effective implementation of the programme.

On the Cleanest Office Award, DC stated that monthly social work activities are being conducted in respective offices. He observed that the Home Guards, under the District Commandant Office, have maintained the cleanest surroundings and lauded them on behalf of the DPDB for setting an example. The house also decided to constitute a committee to oversee and evaluate cleanliness initiatives across offices.

The meeting also witnessed PowerPoint presentations by ADPM, DDMU (NSRLM), Ruuvilie Kuotsu and President of Oasis Federation, Jalukie Block, Joysi Rongmei, highlighting their activities and achievements in the district.

TREE PLANTATION COMPETITION HELD AT NIULAND

The District Administration Niuland, in collaboration with the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), declared the winners of the Tree Plantation Competition held under the aegis of BBBP at Niuland on 6th April 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland.

The event was chaired by Kelengunuo Solo, EAC Niuland, who highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and community involvement in such initiatives.

Sara S Jamir, Deputy Commissioner Niuland, delivered a short speech and declared the winners, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and the role of youth in promoting sustainability. The winners of the competition were awarded and encouraged to continue their efforts in promoting sustainability and environmental awareness in their communities.

Parents of Girl Child actively participated showcasing their commitment to a greener future.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PROPOSALS

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of April was held at the Conference Hall, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Zunheboto, on 6th April, 2025. The meeting was chaired by DPDB Vice Chairperson and Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS.

Addressing the board members, the DC stated that this would be his last meeting as DC and Vice Chairperson of Zunheboto, as he has been transferred to Tuensang district. He also reviewed previous agendas, including the registration of societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

The proposal for Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Kuqhakulu (SBAK) Aizuto was approved and forwarded. Another proposal regarding the establishment of a new Sub-District Industries and Commerce Center (SIDC) at Suruhuto was also discussed. Er N. Toky Chishi, GM, DIC Zunheboto, emphasized the importance of proper consultation with the concerned department before placing such proposals before the board, highlighting the need for careful site selection, feasibility assessment and manpower planning.

During the meeting, discussions highlighted the need to further strengthen the role of the DPDB as a planning and coordination body, with emphasis on improving participation and ensuring comprehensive deliberation on development-related matters.

The DC appreciated the initiatives of the District Forest Office, particularly the "1st Satoi Connect: Connecting Forest, Community & Conservation" eco-tourism initiative organized by the Zunheboto Forest Division from March 26 to 28, 2026.

Obed Bohovi Swu, SFS, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), highlighted the positive developments in the district. He elaborated that the initiative began

during Wildlife Week on October 7, 2025, with the aim of promoting livelihoods through biodiversity conservation. He also highlighted the launch of Community Social Responsibility (ComSR), describing it as a model encouraging collective responsibility among community members for social welfare, environmental conservation and infrastructure development.

Reflecting on his tenure, the DC noted that during his 11 months in Zunheboto, he initiated key programmes such as the adoption of a Model Village and an internship programme for college students.

Dr. R Bendangtemjen, Principal of Zunheboto Government College, acknowledged the DPDB and stated that participation has improved, with the number of departments involved in the Internship Programme increasing from 4–5 in 2025 to more than 12 departments at present.

The meeting also reviewed education-related matters. The DC emphasized the need for improving awareness and outreach regarding student facilities, including residential hostels, and directed that proper advertisement be carried out through print media for wider dissemination of information. He further underscored the importance of improving basic infrastructure and strengthening the overall functioning of institutions in the district.

Earlier, the District Education Office presented a PowerPoint during the meeting, highlighting ongoing programmes and areas for improvement.

PRE-MOONSOON LIVESTOCK HEALTH CAMP CONDUCTED AT KEZOMA VILLAGE

A pre-monsoon preparedness camp on prevention and control of livestock and poultry diseases was successfully conducted at Kezoma Village Council Hall, Khuzama-Jakhama Block, Kohima on 6th April, 2026.

The programme was organised by the Rapid Response Team (RRT) of the block, comprising 17 members, with the objective of creating awareness among farmers and strengthening disease prevention measures ahead of the monsoon season.

Dr. T. Moalong Longchar, VAS, MVU Kohima, chaired the programme. Resource persons highlighted key livestock diseases and preventive strategies. Dr. K. Elizabeth Yhome, JDOV DLO Kohima, spoke on "ASF in Pigs," emphasizing its impact on backyard pig farming, while Dr. Keyolenu Yore, VAS, discussed Classical Swine Fever (CSF) and stressed the importance of regular vaccination to prevent losses and improve productivity.

Dr. Menguzenuo Chielie, Dy DOV, Veterinary Dispensary Jakhama, elaborated on biosecurity measures, sanitation, hygiene in livestock farms, and disaster preparedness in the livestock sector.

During the interactive session, farmers shared their experiences and sought clarifications from the experts. Four teams were formed to carry out intensive CSF vaccination across all four Khel areas of Kezoma Village.

Free veterinary health consultations, distribution of medicines, supplements and informational leaflets were also provided. A total of 11 bovine (cattle), 51 swine, 15 canine, one feline, and 308 poultry were treated during the camp. Additionally, 59 pigs were vaccinated against CSF, and 17 blood samples were collected for routine Sero surveillance.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

District Planning and Development Board Tuensang held its Monthly meeting on 7th April 2026 at DC's Conference Hall Tuensang under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the last month meeting minutes, the board discussed and recommended for the Connection of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)Water connection at DEF office and Staff Quarters, in the meeting Dr. Akash Sinha IPS, SDPO DEF Tuensang highlights few points on NCORD and stated that the district being closer to Myanmar Golden Traingle, DEF Tuensang has tackled Drug movements and infiltrated the supply routes. He added that many drug users are students and emphasized that stakeholders such as the Education Department, Administration, Social Welfare, Medical dept. and the Church have an important role to play. He further stated that youths involved in drug use should be treated as victims rather than accused individuals.

T. Longlang Luckpan, DWO Tuensang gave a detailed Power Point presentation on National Social Assistant Program (NSAP) including IGNOAPS, IGNWPS, IGNDPS and State Scheme for Blind and Scholarships for disability which is being implemented it the district at present. He also highlighted some challenges face by the Department in implementing schemes like difficulties in opening Aadhar Card and Bank Account and informed on Assignment camp held for senior citizens and differently abled in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner also requested all the departments to conduct regular Cleanliness drive in their respective Office Premises and surroundings and to participate in the Pre- Monsoon Social work.

COMMUNITY TASAR SILKWORM REARING LAUNCHED AT KIJÜMETOUMA VILLAGE, KOHIMA

To promote rural livelihoods, Tasar silkworm rearing has been introduced at the village level for the first time in Kijümetouma under Kohima district on 7th April 2026. The initiative currently involves ten beneficiaries from the village.

On the occasion, District Sericulture Officer Kohima, Vilhousienuo Khro, along with technical staff, supervised and assisted in the shifting of silkworms for outdoor rearing. It marked an important milestone in expanding sericulture activities and creating sustainable income opportunities for local farmers.

NIULAND DPDB CHARTS DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP AND STRESSES CENSUS PREPAREDNESS

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) of Niuland district convened its meeting on April 7, 2026, at the DC's Conference Hall, Niuland under the chairmanship of Jacob Zhimomi, Minister for PHED and Cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman Jacob Zhimomi extended his heartfelt

appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Sara S. Jamir for her dedicated service and significant contributions to the district. The Minister highlighted the upcoming census as vital for district development planning and called for awareness meetings with Gaon Buras and Village Councils to ensure public participation. He stressed the importance of Aadhaar enrolment, accurate data collection and proper documentation for securing developmental benefits. He also emphasized improving administrative infrastructure by establishing offices for key departments, addressing staff shortages, creating new posts, and strengthening inter-state coordination in border areas to support smooth development activities and security arrangements. In his concluding remarks, the Minister called for continued coordination among departments and urged officials to maintain transparency and efficiency in implementing development projects.

Vice-Chairman DPDB and Deputy Commissioner Niuland, Sara S. Jamir, departments and officials for their support during her tenure as DC of Niuland. In her address, She highlighted key achievements made since the district's formation. She appreciated the efforts of the district administration and departments for their continued dedication despite challenges such as shortage of staff, limited infrastructure and officers handling multiple responsibilities. She also emphasized the need for collective responsibility in ensuring that development initiatives reach the grassroots level effectively.

As per the agenda, the board deliberated on the repair of the ceiling of the Multipurpose hall-cum-Auditorium at Government High School (GHS) Agunaqa. The submission of developmental issues and urgent requirements of the Aghunaqa area was also taken up.

Limaangtet Jamir, DFO/Forest Ranger, gave a PowerPoint presentation on their departmental activities, highlighting conservation efforts and sustainable forest management.

The Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry was selected to highlight its district-level activities on the next DPDB meeting.

The board also discussed potential initiatives such as organizing a fish festival to promote local economic opportunities and enhance livelihood prospects in the district.

PACES INITIATIVE EXPANDS SKILL DEVELOPMEN EFFORTS

The Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (DES&D), in partnership with Zynorique Initiative Society (ZIS), conducted PACES (Providing Access to Core Employability Skills) training programmes in Wokha and Dimapur during April 2026 to promote youth employability and self-reliance.

At the valedictory programme of a seven-day basic steel fabrication training held at Wokha Village on 7th April, the special guest, MLA Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe encouraged trainees to pursue skill-based livelihoods, stressing that dependence on government jobs is no longer sustainable. The training involved 25 participants from Humtso, Elumyo, and Wokha Village.

CEO of ZIS, Richard Belho, highlighted

opportunities in the construction sector, while Additional Director DES&D, Zubemo Lotha Tsanglao, noted that Nagaland received 100 training slots across four districts under the initiative. The programme concluded with the distribution of tools and certificates.

In Dimapur, DES&D concluded another phase of the PACES initiative at Orchid Square, Indisen on 24th April. Employment Officer Kahoto K. Zhimomi informed that around 400 youths have already been trained in the first phase across 16 locations, with the department aiming to train 1,000 youths in the next phase. Highlighting unemployment concerns, he noted that over 70,000 unemployed youths are registered with employment exchanges in Nagaland, including more than 21,000 in Dimapur. He encouraged trainees to utilize their skills productively and work towards self-reliance.

Representative of ZIS praised the trainees for their sincerity and discipline, urging them to remain patient, humble, and committed to refining their skills. Both programmes concluded with the distribution of certificates and toolkits to trainees.

SDPDB PUGHOBOTO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CONVERGENCE DRIVE AND FUTURE FARMING ROADMAP

The Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting for April was held at ADC Office, Pughoboto, on 7th April 2026 under the chairmanship of MLA and SDPDB Chairman Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, with Vice Chairman and ADC Meyazungba Jamir, NCS, co-chairing the session.

A key highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Convergence Programme conducted from March 30 to April 2, 2026, under the aegis of SDPDB Pughoboto. SDO (C), Yithachu Thur reported that multiple departments including Agriculture, Rural Development, Horticulture, Health & Family Welfare, Soil & Water Conservation, and Social Welfare—collaborated to ensure last-mile delivery of government services, enhance inter-departmental coordination and improve public access to essential schemes.

The programme recorded key achievements, including delivery of multi-departmental services on a single platform, increased public participation, improved awareness of government schemes and strengthened coordination among departments. However, challenges such as incomplete beneficiary documentation, poor internet connectivity, power disruptions, logistical constraints and lack of dedicated funding were also noted. The board proposed expanding future initiatives to include departments like Food & Civil Supplies, PHED, Power, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Industry & Commerce, Forestry and banking services.

SDAO, Michael Kitoho Swu presented a report on an exposure visit undertaken on March 20, 2026, to the Central Institute of Horticulture (CIH), School of Agricultural Sciences (Nagaland University) and ICAR, Medziphema. The visit emphasized the need to address seasonal limitations in agricultural activities in Pughoboto, which currently remain confined only from April–October. Plans for an Integrated Farming System (IFS) Model Demonstration Farm were discussed to promote year-round land utilization, increase cropping intensity, and enhance

farmer income. Collaboration proposals include training, research extension, and establishment of a substation in Pughoboto, which received positive support from the board.

Er Yekiho Sumi, SDO PHED also presented updates on the Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal). Concerns highlighted included timely fund release, sustainability of water sources, inadequate user fees for maintenance and the need for social audits. He also reiterated the department's role in implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) to achieve ODF Plus status through sanitation and waste management initiatives.

Earlier, the invocation was delivered by Pughoboto Adhoc Town Chairman, Hokiqhe Sheqi, he also highlighted the subdivision's victory in the 1st Intra-District U-23 Football Tournament. He further urged the board to continue promoting sports and youth engagement in the region.

The meeting concluded with discussions on strengthening development initiatives and ensuring inclusive growth across the subdivision.

WATER TESTING TRAINING CONDUCTED AT SCHOOLS IN TENING, PEREN

A water testing training programme was conducted by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) at Government High School and Government Higher Secondary School, Tening on 8th April 2026, under the DPDB Peren adoption initiative.

The programme aimed at creating awareness among students and staff on the importance of safe drinking water and imparting practical knowledge on basic water testing methods. Officials from PHED demonstrated simple water testing techniques and highlighted the significance of maintaining water quality for health and hygiene.

The training forms part of the ongoing activities under DPDB adoption, focusing on capacity building and promoting community awareness on essential public health practices.

NSCPCR CONDUCTS CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR), in collaboration with district authorities and child protection agencies, organised awareness programmes on Child Rights and Child Protection in Zunheboto and Mon to strengthen awareness and community participation in safeguarding children.

ZUNHEBOTO

On 8th April, 2026 one-day awareness programme on Child Rights and Child Protection was held at VDB Hall, Zunheboto.

Delivering the keynote address, NSCPCR Chairman, Alun Hangsing highlighted the importance and evolution of child rights, describing children as the backbone of the

nation and stressing the need for stronger protection mechanisms. He cautioned about the growing exposure of children to harmful influences in the digital era and urged stakeholders to remain vigilant and proactive in ensuring child safety and welfare.

Technical sessions included an overview of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act by Legal Consultant NSCPCR, Lichani Murry and a session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act by Member NSCPCR, Akumla Longchari.

District Child Protection Officer, Ruzonuo Rita Aye presented a brief status report on child protection and juvenile justice activities in Zunheboto district for the period March 2025–2026 highlights key developments in case handling and institutional support systems.

MON

Meanwhile, another one-day awareness programme on Child Rights was organised by NSCPCR at Town Council Hall, Mon on 29th April, 2026.

MLA & Advisor, Department of Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak attended the programme as special guest of honour and emphasized the need to empower children, educate communities, and strengthen protection mechanisms against exploitation and abuse. He urged parents to enrol children in Anganwadi centres and highlighted the importance of Aadhaar registration for availing government schemes.

NSCPCR Chairman, Alun Hangsing delivering the keynote address during the one-day Awareness Programme on Child Rights & Protection held at VDB Hall, Zunheboto on 8th April 2026.

DC Mon, Wennyei Konyak assured the district administration's commitment to strengthening child protection mechanisms and ensuring access to education, safety, and dignity for every child.

In his keynote address, NSCPCR Chairman Alun Hangsing reiterated the significance of child rights awareness and stressed that societies which respect and protect children build stronger futures.

The technical session featured presentations on the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, Right to Education, and the status of child issues in the district.

The programme concluded with an open house discussion.

NO FORCED PREPAID, FREE INSTALLATION: SMART METER CLARIFICATIONS EASE CONCERNS IN PUGHOBOTO

A Sensitisation/Awareness Program on Smart Metering under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) held at the ADC's Conference Hall, Pughoboto on April 9, 2026 provided Key clarifications regarding the implementation of smart metering in the subdivision.

Chairing the meeting, SDO (Civil) Yithachu Thur said the move is essential to address Nagaland's ongoing power challenges,

including energy deficit, weak infrastructure and poor revenue collection. The Chair also briefly outlined the importance of Smart Metering as one of the components of RDSS for power sector reform in the country

The SDO Power (III), Kohima Division, responded to objections from GBs of Pughoboto Adhoc Town, who had sought a halt to prepaid smart meter implementation due to the town's non-notified status. He emphasized that RDSS consists of two components—smart metering and infrastructure upgradation—and urged stakeholders to support the initiative. It was clarified that Pughoboto being an administrative headquarters, it is mandated to install Smart Meter to all Consumers Including Govt Offices and Quarters under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), despite concerns raised by local representatives.

Executive Engineer, Er. Sheludi Longkumer presented details of the scheme, addressing misconceptions and assuring stakeholders of the system's reliability, transparency and accuracy.

It was highlighted that installation of smart meters will be free of cost until 2028. Consumers will retain the option to choose between prepaid and postpaid billing, with prepaid systems offering lower tariffs and a ₹300 credit facility even after balance exhaustion, preventing immediate disconnection.

The meeting also resolved to post a Billing Assistant at the Pughoboto office to assist consumers facing difficulties with online payments.

Concluding the meeting, the chair urged the public to cooperate in adopting smart metering to enable faster infrastructure improvements such as transformers and street lighting.

ZHALEO RIO EMPHASIZES COORDINATION AND SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC INTERESTS AT CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEET

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Chumoukedima was held on 10th April 2026 at the DC's conference Hall, Chumoukedima. Under the chairmanship of Zhaleo Rio, Advisor Urban Development & Municipal Affairs & Chairman DPDB.

Addressing the meeting, Zhaleo Rio urged all departments to maintain close coordination and work collectively for the overall development of the district. He emphasized that while pursuing infrastructure and developmental projects, the rights and interests of the people must be safeguarded at all times. Calling upon officers to take up challenges with commitment, he stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination to accelerate progress, adding that all efforts must ultimately serve the people. He also underscored the need for regular attendance in DPDB meetings to ensure continuity, effective planning and for successful achievement of developmental goals in the district.

A major highlight of the meeting was the discussion on the adoption of the National Highways Act, 1956. Chumbenthung Murry, SDO (Civil) Chumoukedima stated that the State Government has been receiving

repeated communications from the Central Government, emphasizing that land acquisition for national highway projects must be carried out under the provisions of the Act rather than through state mechanisms. He noted that Nagaland's unique constitutional safeguards under Article 371A protect land ownership and resources, and any move towards adopting the Act must carefully consider these protections. He further informed that consultations have been held with civil society organisations (CSOs), and their views are being incorporated in the decision-making process.

The board also discussed the Right of Way (RoW) for the Foothill Road project for New Chumoukedima Village & Razüphema Village and several key agenda items, including society registration and school registration.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Economics and Statistics Department.

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 at Bhandari on 10th April 2026.

Setting the tone for the meeting, EAC and Secretary SDPDB Bhandari, Kilangtemsu NCS, reviewed last meeting's minutes.

Addressing the members, MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari. Achumbemo Kikon, emphasised on the proactive role of the government pertaining to the Nagaland Foothill Road Construction, its progress and expected timeline for completion.

Kikon also highlighted on some road specifics and projected amount that may be required for the remaining Construction work of the Foothill Road along the proposed stretch covering about 105 Kms under Bhandari sub-division. He also called on the land owners, public leaders and tribal leaders to contribute their part in constructing good infrastructure roads that will be fit to declare a National Highway and achieve an unhindered work process which will be beneficial for all.

Er. Vungthungo. L. Murry SDO Electrical, Sanis representing the Power Department, Wokha briefed members on the phased installation of smart prepaid meters under the RDSS scheme, highlighting benefits such as easier billing, lower tariffs, energy awareness, convenient recharges, and reduced power theft, while urging the village chairmen and Gaonburas from Baghty, Merapani and Bhandari areas as well as councillors from the town local leaders to spread awareness among consumers.

Executive members of the Lotha Officers Association, Wokha unit led by its president Er. S. Benrio Kithan also attended the SDPDB meeting and handed over wheel chairs to the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari as part of the Association's 'Reach out' initiative to extend Community Assistance Service to old and needy citizens. The team also had interactive sessions with Bhandari based officers for better coordination and functioning of the Association.

MINI LEGAL SERVICES CAMP HELD AT MELURI

A Mini Legal Services Camp was held at Multi-Purpose Hall, Meluri Town on April 11th 2026, under the aegis of the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) in collaboration with the Phek District Legal Services Authority and the District Administration Meluri.

MLA and Advisor to New & Renewable Energy, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, graced the occasion as the special guest. In his address, the Advisor extended his appreciation to the Member Secretary, NSLSA and Phek District for their concern and services to the people of Meluri District and the Pochury people as a whole. He urged the citizens to make the best use of legal services provided at the camp and encouraged the people to be law abiding citizens.

Neiko Akami, NJS, Member Secretary NSLSA, in his Keynote address elaborated on the objectives of legal services camps, including free legal aid, implementation of schemes, dispute resolution and spreading awareness about citizens' rights and entitlements.

He lauded the initiative and encouraged citizens to actively utilize the services provided under the Legal Services Authorities framework. He stressed the need for greater awareness to ensure that justice is accessible to all sections of society.

Welcome address was delivered by Duvelu Vero, NJS, District & Sessions Judge cum Chairperson Phek DLSA. Vote of thanks was proposed by Holika Sukhau, NJS, Judicial Magistrate First Class-cum-Secretary, PDLSA, while Thukutalu Chizo, Panel Lawyer PDLSA chaired the programme.

The event culminated with the formal inauguration of the Mini Legal Services Camp by the special guest, marking a step forward in promoting legal awareness and outreach in the district.

MSME, NITI AYOG OFFICIALS REVIEWS ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT WORKS, ASSERTS FUNDING

Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises along with Prarthana Pawale, Central Prabhari Officer for the Aspirational District and Block Programme, NITI Aayog are on a 3-day visit to Kiphire district from 13th-15th April 2026.

The consultative meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer on 14th April 2026 at DPDB hall, Kiphire. During the review meeting, discussion was held with line departments in regards to innovation projects of National Institute for transformation of India, NITI Ayog and culmination of Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0.

While interacting with the officers, Joint Secretary inquired about the activities of each department and encouraged the HoDs in Kiphire Aspirational District to be more innovative in implementing Government projects and their roles and responsibility. Interacting with the SHGs workers, she informed the members to organise exhibition outside the district showcasing the best agriculture produce and various other products

from Kiphire Aspirational District and further advised them to apply for schemes on which she asserted for funding. She further assigned the heads of offices in the district to prepare an annual plan for development to improve the performance of the district. She directed the officers to submit the same to DC Kiphire for further necessary action.

The Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Mercy Epao, and Prathana Pawale, Central Prabhari Officer was warmly received by the district administration and heads of district offices at Helipad, Kiphire on 13th April 2026.

The purpose of the visit were inspection and monitoring of diverse programme undertaken under Kiphire Aspirational District programme. The team also visited key villages such as Amahator, Thethuyo and Phelunger.

LIVESTOCK INSURANCE TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED UNDER NLM

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services conducted a series of district-level training programmes on the Livestock Insurance Scheme under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) 2025-26 across various districts. The programmes aimed to create awareness among para-veterinarians and livestock farmers about the benefits, procedures and financial security provided under the scheme.

Training programmes were held in Noklak, Tseminyu, Mon, Longleng, Phek and Wokha, with active participation from farmers, para-veterinarians, veterinary officers, and departmental officials.

PHEK

At Phek, the Department conducted training on 13th April 2026 at the Office of the CVO,Phek. CVO Phek, Dr. E. Mhonlumi Lotha spoke on the growing risks faced by livestock due to various diseases, while VAS Phek, Dr. Metshepe Lasuh provided detailed information on claim procedures, animal coverage, and premium rates under the

CVO Phek Dr. E. Mhonlumi Lotha with officials during the training programme on Livestock Insurance Scheme for the Para-veterinarians and farmers at Chief Veterinary Office, Phek on 13th April 2026.

insurance scheme.

NOKLAK

In Noklak, the programme held at Khaokhan Hall on 15th April 2026. Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Noklak, Dr. H. Pamingchuba highlighted that the scheme, implemented in collaboration with National Insurance Company Limited, aims to provide financial protection to livestock owners against death, loss, or damage to animals.

Technical sessions on regulations, claim procedures, benefits and risk factors were conducted by VAS & District Nodal Office, Dr. H. Puchaiu.

TSEMINYU

A similar one-day training programme was organised at the CVO Office in Tseminyu on 16th April 2026. CVO Tseminyu Dr. Kenalo Kath emphasized the importance of livestock insurance in strengthening rural livelihoods, while Dr. Hishalo Tsela, VAS & Nodal officer explained enrolment procedures, claims processing, and benefits under the scheme.

MON

In Mon, the Department organised a training programme at DRDA Hall on 17th April 2026. Addressing participants, EAC Mon HQ, Kedoseno Rino stressed the need for farmers to safeguard their livestock through insurance coverage against unexpected losses and calamities. Resource persons Farm Manager, Dr. Manjan Konyak and VAS, Dr. Yato Konyak C elaborated on livestock insurance procedures, common livestock diseases prevalent in Nagaland, and vaccination options available in the state.

LONGLENG

An orientation training programme for para-veterinarians and farmers was also conducted at the VDB Conference Hall in Longleng on 17th April 2026. Dy. CVO, Dr. Thepfudilhoulie Shuya emphasized the importance of livestock insurance, while technical sessions were led by VAS, Dr. L. Bongtok Phom and VAD, Dr. Y. Bauan Buchem. A total of 45 participants attended the programme.

WOKHA

Meanwhile, the district-level training programme held at the Office of the Chief Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Officer in Wokha on 23rd April 2026 focused on raising awareness about livestock insurance and promoting self-reliance in livestock rearing.

Chief Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. K. N. Zubemo Humtsoe informed participants that 85 percent of the insurance premium is subsidised by the government, while farmers contribute only 15 percent. He also highlighted standard operating procedures including ear-tagging, post-mortem examinations, and claim settlement processes. Technical sessions were conducted by VAS & District Nodal officer for livestock insurance, Dr. Gwazenlo Tep.

KOHIMA

A one-day training programme for para-veterinarians on the Livestock Insurance Scheme under NLM 2025–26 was held in Kohima on 27 April 2026 to improve awareness and implementation of livestock insurance among farmers.

The programme highlighted that livestock insurance is important for protecting farmers from sudden financial losses and promoting sustainable livestock development. Officials also explained key aspects of the scheme, including coverage, premiums, and claim procedures, while emphasizing the role of para-veterinarians in spreading awareness at the grassroots level.

DPIIT CONDUCTS TEJAS WORKSHOPS IN KIPHIRE AND SHAMATOR TO EMPOWER GRASSROOTS ENTREPRENEURS

As part of its continued efforts to promote inclusive entrepreneurship and strengthen grassroots innovation, Startup India under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in collaboration with the Department of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland and respective district administrations, successfully conducted workshops under the TEJAS (Transforming Entrepreneurial Journeys Across State & Districts) initiative in Kiphire and Shamator on 14th & 16th April 2026 respectively.

Officials and participants during the workshop on Transforming Entrepreneurial Journeys Across State & Districts Initiative held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 14th April 2026.

The TEJAS initiative marks the beginning of a nationwide effort to identify, nurture, and support aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, and students from non-metro regions by enabling access to resources, mentorship, and institutional support to build scalable ventures. The initiative is being implemented across 132 districts in India with a strong focus on capacity building, ecosystem development, and expanding access to entrepreneurial opportunities.

At Kiphire, the workshop was held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 14th April 2026 in the presence of Kato T. Aomi, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Kiphire, Y. Intsangu Sangtam, General Manager, DIC Kiphire and Nongsheba Lamliu, Functional Manager, DIC Kiphire. (PHOTO 4)

While the second workshop was conducted at Government Higher Secondary School, Shamatore on 16th April 2026 in the presence of EAC Shamator, Sangtsui Shiu; General Manager, DIC Tuensang, P Nyeipa Phom; Deputy Director, Industries & Commerce, Amrit Giri; and Inspector, DIC Tuensang, Thungdi C Chang, along with officials from Assam Rifles, Major Ajay Pillai and Dr. Dorjee Lobsang, Assistant Commandant.

Both workshops featured sessions by Ikheshe Kahoto, Assistant Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Ravi Verhwani and Ritwik Malhotra from Startup India, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce

and Industry along with a dedicated session on the ODOP (One District One Product) initiative by Ishdeep Singh, DPIIT.

The workshops witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, startups, NGOs and aspiring entrepreneurs, creating a vibrant platform for innovation and collaboration. Sessions focused on various aspects of the entrepreneurial journey, including ideation, access to government schemes, funding opportunities, market linkages and sector-specific innovation pathways.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, NCS at DPDB hall, Longleng on 14th April 2026.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Deputy Commissioner followed by introduction of new members, and reviewing the previous meeting minutes, where the proposal for establishment of Government Primary School (GPS) Anaki (c) was discussed and forwarded to the concerned department for approval.

While deliberating on adoption of National Highway Act 1956 for land acquisition in respect of National Highway projects, the DC informed the house that the Civil Society Organization and the Government is holding discussions on this issue and a decision is expected shortly.

Discussing census operation, the chairman informed that the first phase will begin from 1st July, and the district level training will be held soon. He therefore urged all HoDs to be in the station and said the officers have a versatile role to play during the census operation.

The house also deliberated on district stakeholders consultation for Viksit Nagaland @2047, where Nodel Officer & EAC Longleng, Er. Vinoh Swu briefly highlighted Viksit Nagaland in the meeting. He informed all the lines department to give a brief presentation on the five SWG pillars such as- Economic, Social, Environment, Infrastructure and Governance during the Viksit Nagaland @2047 scheduled to be held on 17th April 2026. In this regard, the chairman informed that ahead of a state-level consultative meeting in the district, officials have been directed to complete data analysis and examine the functioning of various schemes. All department heads in the district have been asked to attend the meeting to give their inputs, suggestions, to find facts and figures, and departmental plans will be presented to guide future planning.

The department of EE PWD R&B presented a detailed report about their departmental activities through a PowerPoint presentation. The chairman entrusted the Department of Soil and Water Conservation to present their activities in the next DPDB meeting.

The DC reminded the district-level coordination committees constituted under various schemes and programmes to take initiative to ensure that all schemes are properly implemented in the district. He appealed to all HODs and officers to remain at their place of posting and work diligently noting that absentees will be viewed seriously. Officials and staff must fulfil responsibilities and tasks assigned by the higher authorities. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the chairman.

PHEK DPDB DISCUSSES THE IMPORTANCE OF URBAN BODIES/TOWN COUNCILS

Speaking at the DPDB Phek meeting held at DC's Conference Hall Phek on 14th April 2026, Advisor, CAWD & Taxes and Chairman DPDB Phek, Kudecho Khamo encouraged the Town Councils Administrations under Phek district namely Phek, Pfutsero and Chozuba for judicious utilization of funds for the development of Towns in the district.

The activities and achievements of these three respective Town Councils/ Urban bodies were highlighted through PowerPoint presentation by the concerned Chairpersons and Administrative officer during the meeting.

During discussion, DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS stated the duties and responsibility of Urban Bodies/Town Councils for the development of Towns. He also urged all stakeholders to maintain transparency and accountability while executing Government schemes/ projects for the betterment of the citizens.

The meeting also witnessed the presentation of awards for the cleanest town and village in Phek district, with Chozuba Town Council and Pfutseromi Village Council being adjudged as the cleanest town and village respectively.

The house further deliberated on the recently launched Livestock Insurance Scheme, during which VAS Phek, Dr. Velilu Epao presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the scheme.

Expressing concern over office attendance by officials in the district, the Deputy Commissioner informed the members that group-wise inspections of government offices would begin from the first week of May 2026.

ONE-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SCHOOL HEADS & TEACHERS HELD AT BHANDARI

Nagaland Education Project-The lighthouse (NECTAR) Kohima conducted a one-day capacity building for School heads & teachers on Education Management & Information System (EMIS) at Town Hall, Bhandari on 15th April 2026.

The resource person of the program, Senior Support Executive (NECTAR Lighthouse), Tinuyanger Aier highlighted the features and functionalities of EMIS including, the collection & Management of student's data, Teacher's Information, School Infrastructure, Attendance Records and Academic Performance.

During the session, the Co-ordinator, EBRC Bhandari, Y, Thungdemo Humtsoe urged the teachers to collect Lotha text books, and remained them to submit the required details on time. He also emphasized the proper use of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) in teaching and its effective displaying in the class room. He further informed that a medical camp will be held at Wokha on 25th April 2026.

The one-day training was attended by 66 Government Schools and 8 private schools along with 140 teachers from Educational Block Resource Centre (EBRC), Bhandari.

MELURI DPDB MEETING-CUM-FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD

District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-farewell programme for the outgoing Deputy Commissioner of Meluri was held on April 16, 2026, at Riepetho's Farm.

Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, MLA and Advisor for New & Renewable Energy (N&RE) and NSDMA and Chairman DPDB, spoke on matters concerning the minutes of the previous meeting and highlighted the Government of India's Vibrant Villages initiative under the Ministry of Home Affairs. He informed that at least eight villages along with one EAC headquarters have been identified in the district under the programme.

He urged government employees to discharge their duties sincerely and diligently in for overall development of the district. Nyuthe also extended his best wishes to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, acknowledging his dedicated service and contributions to the district during his tenure, and expressed hope that he would continue serving with the same commitment in future assignments.

Outgoing D.C Meluri, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS, in his farewell speech, reflecting on his tenure and experiences in the district. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the officers and staff for the support extended to him during his tenure.

Tsanglao called upon the people of Pochury to remain united and continue working together for the progress of the district. Emphasizing the role of the younger generation, he encouraged the youth to pursue education as a vital tool for growth, while also exploring diverse avenues beyond government employment. He urged them to make effective use of skill development schemes to create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Earlier, several speakers addressed the gathering during the programme. Chubarenla Longchar, District Youth Resource Officer, spoke on behalf of DPDB members, while Zuchibemo Ezung, EAC represented the administrative officers.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The Kiphire District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 16th April 2026 at the DPDB hall, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman, Temsuwati Longkumer.

While reviewing the minutes of the previous DPDB meeting along with the Action Taken Report, the DC emphasized the need to intensify awareness-cum-sensitization programmes of the Department of Minority Affairs, the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDM) and the facilitation of opening of bank accounts at Longmatra NRB Branch.

Power Department Kiphire, informed that installation of smart metering systems in all Government offices is underway as part of the state-wide rollout. It was informed that replacement is carried out free of cost for consumers under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) and SASCI schemes.

The House deliberated on the issue of land acquisition along National Highway-202 (NH-202), particularly in connection with the proposed upgradation of the existing single-lane road. After brief deliberation, the House

resolved to defer the matter for detailed discussion and consideration in the next DPDB meeting.

Post meeting, the District Administration Kiphire, conferred the Certificates of Participation in the district level consultative workshop on "Viksit Nagaland @2047 Vision Document," held on 15th April 2026.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair, who also urged continued coordination and development works. The next PowerPoint presentation has been assigned to General Manager, DIC and Social Welfare Department.

MINI MARATHON LEADS VIBRANT 3-DAY PRE-MONSOON OUTREACH AT THSOTOKU

A three-day Pre-Monsoon Outreach Tour was conducted in Thsotoku Circle under the "Governance to Your Doorstep" begins on 16th April 2026. The initiative was led by EAC Shamator, Mekato J Aye, who also holds additional charge of Thsotoku Circle. The programme was carried out in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare headed by Thsanthong, District Coordinator, along with Aadhaar operators, officials from DHEW, and the Community Health Centre.

A major highlight of the tour was the Mini Marathon held at Thsotoku for school students from four schools, which saw participation of over 150 students. The event featured four categories each for boys and girls.

Addressing the gathering, the EAC highlighted that the objective of the event was to encourage student enrolment in schools, motivate them to work hard and find purpose, develop an appreciation for their surroundings, and build the spirit of sportsmanship in the race of life.

The outreach also included awareness programmes and enrolment drives for PMMVY and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for women, conducted at church premises in collaboration with officials from DHEW. Aadhaar enrolment and other essential documentation services were provided in camp mode to facilitate ease of access for the public.

During the tour, the team also visited other villages under the circle and interacted with students and community members. All programmes witnessed a significant turnout, reflecting active community participation.

The initiative aimed at strengthening last-mile service delivery while promoting awareness, inclusion, and community engagement across the region.

GOVERNOR NAND KISHORE YADAV VISITS ST. XAVIER COLLEGE, JALUKIE

The Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, attended the Xavierite Academic Closing Day for the academic session 2025–2026 at the College Auditorium, St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Peren on 17th April 2026.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor describe the occasion as a time for reflection and celebration, he highlighted that

the academic session reflected the hard work, perseverance, and achievements of students, with every challenge and milestone contributing to their growth.

Emphasizing the true purpose of education, the Governor said it goes beyond marks and degrees and includes character building, compassion, leadership, and meaningful contribution to society. He urged students to strive for excellence with humility and integrity, and to ensure that knowledge is guided by wisdom and service to humanity. He added that true education empowers individuals to become better human beings.

He wished the students success in their future endeavours and expressed hope that St. Xavier College would continue its mission of imparting quality education and shaping future leaders.

Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang in his address acknowledged the presence of Governor Nand Kishore Yadav and appreciated his visit to the institution and the district. He highlighted the significant role played by St. Xavier College as the only private higher education institution in the district.

Zeliang commended the college for maintaining affordable education, promoting academic excellence and producing university toppers. He also appreciated initiatives such as the Earn and Learn programme and Payback Award for encouraging self-reliance among students.

He noted the importance of vocational courses and skill training in enhancing employability and lauded the institution's sports infrastructure, which includes facilities for multiple disciplines and has enabled students to represent the state and national levels.

Highlighting the college's achievements, he mentioned its NAAC Grade A accreditation with a CGPA of 3.12 and recognition through awards such as the NSS National Award and Governor's Commendation Certificate. He also acknowledged student participation in National-Level events including the National Youth Parliament, Republic Day Parade, National Games, and Archery Championships.

Concluding his speech, Zeliang encouraged students to pursue education with integrity and a sense of responsibility. He congratulated the college community for its achievements and expressed hope that the institution would continue to contribute to the development of youth in the region.

The event began with the National Song and National Anthem, followed by a presentation titled "Tamasyoma Gyotir Gamaya" by Nginlak Jonah and Lhingpilhai. A welcome address was delivered by Ikaile, while the Principal extended greetings.

The programme also featured a variety of cultural performances, including a tribal tune by Japuvino and Paisuingaulule, and a fusion dance by the Cultural Club. The commissioning of Sadbhavana Projects was also part of the event.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Pauziulung, followed by the National Song and National Anthem. A photo session, drone show, and the "Know Your Army" campaign conducted by Assam Rifles were also held.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON URBANIZATION STRATEGY HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

A consultative meeting on the Study of Nagaland State Urbanization Strategy 2025–2050 was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on 17th April, 2026.

The meeting was organized by the District Urban Development Office under the Department of Urban Development and was attended by officials from the District Administration of Chumoukedima, Dimapur, Niuland and from various line departments.

Additional Director, Urban Development, Petevilie Khatsu, informed that the Urban Development Department is in the process of formulating an Urbanization Strategy for the State of Nagaland, with the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) as the nodal agency and funding support under the Techno Economic Development Fund (TEDF). He stated that the study aims to formulate a comprehensive Urbanization Strategy for Nagaland covering the period 2025-2050, focusing on planned urban growth, infrastructure development, economic expansion, and sustainable urban management. He further added that 12 towns have been identified as potential urban centres for the study, namely Kohima, Dimapur, Chumoukedima, Zunheboto, Niuland, Tuensang, Mon, Meluri, Mokokchung, Tuli, Jalukie and Bhandari. He emphasized the importance of planned and sustainable urban development and called for active participation and inputs from all stakeholders.

During the meeting, Professor, Utpal Sharma of MaRS Planning and Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the background study of urbanisation in Nagaland. He highlighted that rapid urban growth has led to challenges such as poor land use planning, inadequate infrastructure, traffic congestion, unregulated settlements and environmental concerns.

Highlighting the need for a comprehensive urbanization strategy, Sharma emphasized the importance of addressing infrastructure gaps, improving regional connectivity and promoting sustainable and community-driven urban development.

He also presented specific challenges in the Greater Dimapur Planning Area, including congestion in core urban areas, haphazard commercial development along major roads, lack of hierarchy in road networks, absence of adequate amenities and open spaces, and unregulated peri-urban expansion.

During the deliberations, the need for a proper master plan and planned urbanization was emphasized as being of utmost importance to address the growing challenges in urban areas of the State. Officials from various departments shared their inputs and suggestions for effective planning and implementation.

Additional Director, Urban Development, Petevilie Khatsu, in his concluding remarks, stated that more consultative meetings would be held in the future to further deliberate on the urbanization strategy and ensure inclusive and sustainable urban development in the State.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly DPDB meeting of Tseminyu was held on 17th April 2026 at DC's conference hall, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb. The meeting begins with review of the last meeting minutes. The board deliberated on the agenda for registration of Phenshunyu Lojvu Cultural troupe and forwarded to the concerned department for approval. The board also deliberated on CMHIS and Nagaland salary package. A brief status report on CMHIS and government salary package was also presented informing all HoDs and DDOs for necessary action.

Deliberating on the agenda for construction of RD Office at Chunlikha, the Chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb stated that the proposal has been in place for the last decade and apprised the members to recommend to the Government. Accordingly, the proposal was forwarded to the government.

The board also deliberated on Documentation of government land in the district. In this regard, the chairman stated that the primary objective of this initiative is to avoid confusion between the land owners and the government authorities. The initiative is also to create awareness about the extent of land owned by the government.

Additionally, issues concerning posting of dedicated Head of Office in the District, Review of Tseminyu District Green initiative and Augmentation of Power Supply in the district were also deliberated upon.

FIRE SERVICE WEEK 2026 OBSERVED AT KIPHIRE

Fire service week was observed at Fire Station, Kiphire from 14th to 20th April 2026, under the theme: "Save School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Awareness Society - Together for Fire Prevention" organised by the Nagaland Fire & Emergency Services, Fire Station Kiphire.

The week-long program featured fire

Officials with participants and winners of the essay competition organised during the Fire Service Week observance at Agape Higher Secondary School, Kiphire, on 20th April 2026.

safety drills and demonstrations, along with an essay competition aimed at boosting fire safety awareness in schools, healthcare institutions, and community gathering areas. Sports events were also organised across all units, aligning with the Fit India Movement.

The week-long program concluded with the announcement of essay competition winners. Suli T Sangtam took the first prize, followed by Ivy C. Sure in the second and Suzila L Sangtam in the third place. A total of 19 students from class 10 and 12 of Agape Higher Secondary School, Kiphire participated in the competition.

DCPU TSEMINYU AND SJPU TAKE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Officials from DCPU, Special Juvenile Police Unit and others during the implementation of Rule 86(11) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 at SP's Office, Tseminyu on 22nd April 2026.

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in coordination with the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), carried out an initiative to strengthen child protection services in the district on 22nd April, 2026.

Under the aegis of DCPU Tseminyu and in close coordination with SJPU, Child Helpline, JJB and CWC, Tseminyu and under the supervision of Lanu Aier, Addl. SP-cum-Nodal Officer of SJPU, contact details boards of SJPU members were installed at both the SP Office and Tseminyu Police Station in accordance with Rule 86(11) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016. This ensures the prominent display of SJPU contact information so that every child has unhindered access to assistance.

Rule 86(11) Of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 mandates that "The names and contact details of the Special Juvenile Police Unit or Child Welfare Police Officer shall be placed at a conspicuous part at the police stations, Child Care Institutions, Committees, Boards and the Children's Courts."

CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC ABOI

Officials and participants during a Consumer Awareness Programme held at Government Polytechnic, Aboi, Mon on 24th April 2026.

The Department of Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection organised a Consumer Awareness Program under the theme "Accurate Measurement, Safe Products-Confident Consumer", at Government Polytechnic Aboi on 24th April 2026.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Nganyei Konyak, Sr. Inspector LMCP Mon pointed out that this is the first time such a program had been held at Aboi. He urged the students to be aware of the Consumer Rights as laid down in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. He also highlighted the Consumer responsibilities, to make it a habit of reading instructions of products, collecting memos as per Packaged Commodities Rules and encouraged the students to keep vigilant always. He also informed that as per the rules of the District Consumer Redressal Commission, it has the capacity to receive up to 1(one) crore complaints.

Earlier, the Program began with an invocation from Shamao, EU Ex-President GPA followed by a welcome address delivered by Vekuno Cukhamu, Demonstrator. The program culminated with a vote of thanks from Laokei.

AWARENESS PRORGAMME ON MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND POLICY HELD AT SHAMATOR

The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) organised an Awareness Progamme on Mainstreaming Gender into Development Plans and Policy in collaboration with Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM), Shamator Block at DC's Conference Hall, Shamator on 24th April 2026, along with various missions under Department of Social Welfare viz Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya and ICDS Project.

The visiting team was led by W. Ngyinyeih Konyak, Chairperson of NSCW. The NSCW team also visited Police Station Women Cell, Community Health Centre and SAKHI-One Stop Centre, Shamator and interacted with the staff and officials to understand the challenges of the district and provided valuable insights for safety, security and empowerment of women in the district. The awareness program was

attended by District Administration officers led by the Deputy Commissioner Shamator, Chubatemjen, staff of DPO, NSRLM Block, the SHGs, Frontal Organisations of Shamator district including YWO, Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) and Civil Society Organisations from the district.

LONGLENG OBSERVED WORLD MALARIA DAY CUM DISTRICT TASK FORCE FOR MALARIA ELEMINATION MEETING

The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the establishment of Chief Medical Officer Office, Longleng commemorated the World Malaria Day cum DTF for malaria elimination meeting at the CMO's conference hall, Longleng on 25th April 2026.

Delivering a keynote address, SDO (C) Longleng, P. Pukha Lam welcomed and appreciated the DVBO and the staff for their tireless efforts and exceptional performance in malaria surveillance, prevention and in the progress for malaria elimination within the district. He emphasized the vital role of community participation and called upon the line departments, NGOs and Civil Societies to actively engaged in awareness drives, cleanliness campaign and in proper usage of mosquito nets. He called upon the gathering to educate and create awareness among the public to eradicate malaria.

DVBO (NVBDCP) Longleng, Dr. K. Manan Phom his PowerPoint presentation, highlighted the significance of the occasion and reviewed the malaria programme in the district. He shared the current status of malaria cases, source reduction measures and the role of the District Task Force. He also informed that the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) Longleng has been conducting awareness and fever screening activities in health units, schools, villages, and among migrant workers across the district.

Member of the Malaria Expert Committee, MD (Medicine DH), Dr. Joshua, shared a detailed description on Malaria Treatment, Testing and Elimination.

SDO (C) Longleng, P. Pukha Lam, with other officials during the commemoration of World Malaria Day-cum-District Task Force meeting held at CMO's conference hall, Longleng on 25th April 2026.

World Malaria Day was also observed in all the Block Level from 20th to 24th April 2026 under the theme "Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must" giving awareness on malaria prevention, early diagnosis, use of LLINs, maintaining clean surroundings, and the importance of seeking timely treatment. Fever screening was also carried out to detect suspected cases at an early stage by visiting house to house to check LLIN usage.

ONE DAY PLC TRAINING CONDUCTED AT YANPHA VILLAGE UNDER EBRC BHANDARI BLOCK

A one-day Professional Learning Community (PLC) training for subject committee members (SCMs) under NECTAR, the lighthouse was successful conducted at Yampha village community hall, Bhandari on 28th April 2026.

Y, Thungdemo Humtsoe, coordinator EBRC Bhandari was the resource person during the programme, He highlighted the purpose and vision of PLC, online learning and the new lesson plan format in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

He also stressed that digital competencies are essential for teachers and students as they involve the ability to find evaluate, create and communicate Information effectively using digital tools.

More than 20 SCMs from the various schools attended the Training.

ONE DAY DISTRICT LEVEL TRAINING ON RIMP AND RI HELD IN LONGLENG

A one-day district level training on Routine Immunization Micro Plan (RIMP) and Routine Immunization (RI) Strengthening was conducted at the CMO'S Conference Hall, Longleng on 28th April 2026.

District Immunization Officer, Dr. Imtijungshi Aier, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the objectives of the training. He reviewed the current status of the Routine Immunization in Longleng with HMIS and RI micro plan issues and MR elimination health unit wise within the district.

More than 40 participants comprising of Medical Officers, District Programme Manager, Vaccine Cold Chain Manager, Block Programme Manager, District Community Mobilizer, Block Asha Coordinator, RBSK, Community Health Officers, Nurses, DEO from all health units under Longleng attended and participated in the day long training.

The day long training covered various topics on Routine Immunization Micro Plan formats, improved and inclusive micro planning, roles and responsibilities of Health workers and Community Health Officers, conducting quality head count survey, supportive supervision and monitoring, MR elimination and High Risk Areas, NIS, eVIN and UWIN, Cold Chain and logistics management, Safe injection practices and waste disposal, Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) and management of Anaphylaxis, conducting RI session, Communication plan for RI, Vaccine Preventable Diseases(VPD) surveillance,

Records, Reports and using data for action.

The Facilitator for the training were DPO (UIP/RCH,) Dr. Imtijungshi Aier DPO; Medical Officer Yongnyah PHC, Dr. Banglay; Medical Officer Tamlu CHC, Dr. Moingan, and Vaccine Cold Chain Manager (VCCM), Christina.

ADC CHIEPHOBOZOU SEEKS COOPERATION FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENT

ADC Chiephobozou, Vekusheyi Rhakho, NCS urged upon the Head of the Offices under its Sub-division to give importance and active cooperation in carrying out various government policy and developmental activities to ensure all the Schemes and Programs are implemented within the timeline with full accountability. The ADC stated this during a monthly Sub-divisional Coordination Meeting held on 28th April 2026 at ADC's Office Chamber, Chiephobozou.

The meeting also discussed about the upcoming Census enumeration and House listing, where the ADC stated that it requires the effort of every individual to carry out thorough exercise for a clean Census. He has requested the Head of Offices to submit their ongoing departmental activities and programs on or before 14th May 2026.

After the Meeting an Awareness Programme on Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (BVMB) Campaign under the initiative of Ministry of Women & Child Development was held with Various NGOs and Departments and took a pledge against Child Marriage, where the EAC Chiephobozou, Viketoulie Metha Chaired the programme and highlighted the Child Marriage Act, 2006.

DPDB KOHIMA HIGHLIGHTS DIGITAL NAMING ISSUE, PLANS BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DPDB Hall, Kohima, with Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairman DPDB Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS chairing the programme in the presence of Chairman DPDB and MLA, Kevipodi Sophie on 29th April 2026.

A significant concern regarding the non-recognition of traditional Naga naming conventions in national digital systems was highlighted during the meeting.

Presenting the issue, District Agriculture Officer, Kohima, Kekhrieletuo Yhome, drew attention to the challenges faced by Naga communities due to the rejection of certain characters particularly the commonly used 'ü' and '-o' components in names on national portals such as the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) system. He explained that names among Naga communities are not merely identifiers but carry deep cultural, emotional and spiritual significance.

Yhome pointed out that when such characters are not accepted by digital systems, individuals are compelled to modify their names to comply with technical requirements. While temporary manual corrections are currently possible, he cautioned that increasing automation in the future may eliminate such flexibility, potentially excluding many individuals from

accessing services.

Key concerns raised included emotional distress due to loss of identity, administrative complications arising from mismatched documents and legal challenges in areas such as banking, property ownership and travel. He stressed that the problem could have long-term consequence and urged authorities to accommodate indigenous naming systems in national databases.

Meanwhile, President of the Voluntary Blood Donors Association of Nagaland (VBDAN), Burakum, outlined ongoing efforts to promote voluntary blood donation in the state. He noted that Nagaland requires around 20,000 units of blood annually, with Kohima district alone needing over 3,600 units. He emphasized the need for stronger district administrative support, inter-departmental coordination and financial assistance to expand donation drives.

Following deliberations, the DPDB decided to organize a blood donation camp on May 13, 2026. All DPDB members, along with at least five additional participants each, have been requested to come forward and donate.

EAC Dr. Riku announced Census of India 2027 will be fully digital, with self-enumeration in June and house-to-house surveys in July 2027. He urged public cooperation, emphasizing that the census is crucial for effective planning and development.

DCSO Kohima, Metsisieto Zhasa representing the Food & Civil Supplies Department also presented an overview of its functioning and the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Zhasa also highlighted the ongoing e-KYC drive to verify beneficiaries and ensure that only eligible households receive benefits.

FOUNDATION PLAQUE FOR NEW DC OFFICE COMPLEX UNVEILED IN DIMAPUR

The foundation stone laying programme for the new Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex in Dimapur was held on 2nd April 2026 at DC office Complex, Dimapur, with senior government officials, advisors, civil society representatives and members of the public in attendance.

Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, in his address highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening governance and public service delivery, he said that several administrative buildings, including DC complexes, additional DC offices and staff quarters, are being constructed across the state. Emphasizing collective responsibility, he stated that while the government creates infrastructure, it is equally the duty of the public to protect and maintain these assets. He called upon civil society organisations and citizens to actively participate in the development process and work together for the welfare of the state.

Referring to Dimapur as the commercial hub and a "mini-India," he noted that people from diverse communities coexist in the town. Calling for harmony and peaceful coexistence, he appealed to the people to uphold the values of honesty, hospitality and simplicity while preserving their identity, culture and faith.

Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, in her address stated that the project holds special significance for the Chief Minister as it aligns with his vision of strengthening district administration across Nagaland. Highlighting the importance of the date, she noted that April 2nd marks the 50th anniversary of the upgradation of

Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, addressing the foundation stone laying programme for new DC office complex, Dimapur on 2nd April 2026.

the NDC headquarters in 1976, making the occasion historically significant.

Jakhalu further stressed that the new building belongs to the people and called for collective responsibility to ensure its timely completion. She urged departments, contractors, and citizens to work together in making the project a model for other districts in the state.

Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer, in his address stated that the people of Dimapur are grateful for the long-awaited development opportunity after 52 years and thanked the State Government for sanctioning the project. He also appealed to the contractors and engineers to complete the project on time while maintaining quality standards, warning that delays and cost escalation would inconvenience the public, especially with the office expected to shift temporarily to Purana Bazar.

Commissioner of Nagaland, Gregory Thejawalie, IAS, in his welcome address said

the new complex would become the nerve centre of governance in Dimapur, reflecting the district's rapid growth and modernization. Describing the new complex as more than just a building, he said it would provide modern, efficient, transparent, and accessible services to citizens, while symbolising the district's collective aspirations and progress.

Synopsis of New DC's office complex Dimapur was presented by Asst. Chief Engineer (CAWD), Office of the Commissioner, Kohima, Er. Sungtiba Amer. He also informed that the work has been awarded to M/s C.K Enterprise at a total cost of Rs 14,96,68,000. The complex has been designed and estimated by the Chief Architect, PWD (Planning & Design), while the Assistant Chief Engineer, CAWD, will serve as the executing agency. The work order period has been fixed at 24 months with effect from November 7, 2025.

The programme also included a speech on behalf of civil society organisations by the President, Naga Council Dimapur, GK Rengma, and vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur.

PM SHRI GHS NEW MARKET KOHIMA INAUGURATES MULTIPLE ACADEMIC FACILITIES

The inauguration programme of new academic facilities at PM SHRI Government High School (GHS), New Market, Kohima, was held on 6th April, 2026 with the participation of community members and stakeholders.

The programme marked the inauguration of the Atal Tinkering Lab, Science Lab, ICT/Computer Lab, Library Room and Vocational Lab by the Chief Guest, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor, School Education and SCERT, aimed at strengthening the school's learning infrastructure and enhancing students' academic development.

In his address, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome appreciating the leadership of the headmaster and the dedication of the teaching staff, he noted that the school has maintained its academic activities since its upgradation to a high school in 2016. He also pointed to an increase in enrolment, including students transferring from private institutions, indicating improved confidence in government schools.

The Advisor emphasised the need to strengthen the education system and informed that efforts are underway to redesign the school ecosystem in the state. He stated that the proposed Nagaland School Standards Authority would help regulate and ensure quality across both government and private schools.

Guest of Honour, MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso, in his address stated that with the improvement of facilities in government schools, efforts are being made to make public education the preferred choice for parents. He noted that teachers in government schools are selected through established processes and are well-qualified to guide students.

He encouraged students to make full use of the newly inaugurated facilities to develop skills, think creatively, and adapt to modern learning practices. He further stated that exposure to technology and practical learning would help students become more

confident and employable, and urged them to remain committed to their studies and make meaningful contributions to society.

Speaking on the occasion, Kevileno Angami, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, acknowledged the role of the community and SMDC in supporting the school. She stated that institutions benefit from active community involvement and commended the initiative taken in procuring land for the school.

She emphasised the importance of collective responsibility among teachers, parents and the community in supporting the holistic development of students. She also highlighted that government initiatives provide various educational facilities and stressed the need for effective utilisation of these resources.

Encouraging students and teachers, she called for maintaining discipline, cleanliness and a positive learning environment, and urged all stakeholders to work together for the overall development of the school.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Kenny Peseyie, SMDC Member.

NEW DTO COMPLEX INAUGURATED IN DIMAPUR

The newly constructed District Transport Office (DTO) Complex at Model Colony, Purana Bazaar, near the ISTT Complex, Dimapur, was formally inaugurated on April 7, 2026, marking a significant milestone in the development of transport-related public infrastructure in the District.

The formal ribbon-cutting ceremony was carried out by Advisor for Transport & Technical Education, Temjenmenba, who described the completion of the New Office Complex as an important step toward enhancing transport administration and public service delivery.

Emphasizing that the Transport Department is the second-highest revenue-generating department in Nagaland, he urged officials to take pride in their contribution and remain motivated to further strengthen departmental performance. Referring to the financial challenges faced by the state following the discontinuation of the revenue deficit grant by the 16th Finance Commission, he said the department's role in bridging the financial gap has become even more important. He also called for stronger coordination among sister departments and urged all officials to work collectively to strengthen the department and provide better services to the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner & Secretary, Transport, Robert Longchari, described the inauguration as a moment of great pride and gratitude, marking not merely the opening of a building but the beginning of a renewed commitment to serve the people with greater efficiency, transparency, and responsibility.

He emphasized that infrastructure alone does not define success and called upon all officials to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and service.

The programme featured the presentation of a technical report by the Executive Engineer, NST, Er. Renben Kikon.

Earlier, the Additional Transport Commissioner, Nagaland, Keneingunuo Clara, delivered the welcome address, while the Transport Commissioner, Elias T. Lotha, presented a brief report explaining the project's objectives and expected benefits.

S. KEOSHU YIMCHUNGER INAUGURATES TOWN ROAD AND TOSHI WUNGTUNG MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER AT SHAMATOR

The Shamator Town Road improvement project and the Toshi Wungtung Memorial Clock Tower was inaugurated by Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports and Chairman DPDB, S. Keoshu Yimchunger, on 7th April 2026 at Shamator.

Speaking at the event, MLA and Advisor YRS and Chairman DPDB Shamator stated that the blacktopping of the road was undertaken to benefit the citizens, he also thanked the Shamator Town Public Forum, District administration, general public and well-wishers for their contribution towards the project.

He noted that the Clock Tower Project, initiated by Toshi Wungtong, a visionary and extraordinary leader, has been named after him as a tribute to his legacy to inspire future leaders. He also outlined plans to continue work on remaining roads, including stretches from the Toshi Wungtung Memorial Clock Tower to Public Ground, Shotang Traffic Point to Veterinary Office, and Shotang Traffic Point to St. Xavier Road via PHED ward road.

Yansomong, VP, YTC, expressed satisfaction with the town's development progress since the district's formation. Neoji, Secretary, Shamator Town Public Forum, acknowledged S. Keoshu's efforts, urging the installation of a clock in the tower to complete the project.

Podi Kapo, SDO Civil, also praised the rapid development in Shamator, attributing it to the people's choice of a visionary leader.

KONNGAM KONYAK INAUGURATES PEREN TREASURY OFFICE

The Peren Treasury Office, constructed under the State Development Fund, was officially inaugurated by Advisor for Treasuries & Accounts and Art & Culture, K. Konngam Konyak on 16th April 2026, in the presence of Director, Treasuries & Accounts, ADC Peren and other district officials.

In his inaugural address, Konngam Konyak emphasized the need to safeguard and properly utilize government properties, expressing concern over public negligence towards such assets.

Highlighting the progress in Peren District, particularly in road infrastructure, he expressed satisfaction over the significant developmental changes witnessed over the years.

Konyak also underscored the vast agricultural potential of the district, stating that its fertile land, if effectively developed, can ensure economic self-sufficiency and contribute to the food security of the state. He urged the people to focus on productive land use rather than relying on government services and contract works.

He also expressed concern over low enrollment in ITI centres in Peren and stressed the importance of vocational training for skill development and self-reliance. Calling for a shift from short-term thinking, Konyak appealed to the public not to leave land resources idle and to adopt innovative approaches for sustainable development.

Speaking on behalf of the District Administration, ADC Peren, D. Robin, stated that the shifting of the Peren Treasury

Office from Old Peren Town to the new District Headquarters marks a significant and well-planned milestone. He noted that the relocation will enhance administrative efficiency and facilitate smoother financial transactions, benefiting officials and staff in discharge of their duties. He emphasized that the Treasury Office plays a vital role in ensuring proper functioning of all departments, particularly in maintaining accounts and carrying out official financial activities. He appreciated the officers and staff for their dedication in making the office operational.

The programme was chaired by Director, Amenla Jamir, who also delivered the opening remarks followed by a brief history of the Treasury Office presented by Additional Director, Vechiso Chakhesang. The programme began with a prayer by Pastor Nlumbui of District Headquarter Fellowship and concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Treasury Officer, Itingaule Mpon.

DOYANG WILDLIFE DIVISION INAUGURATED TO ADDRESS HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICTS

The Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change inaugurated the Doyang Wildlife Division and a dedicated Control Room for Human-Elephant Conflicts (HEC) at the Doyang Wildlife Division Office, Forest Colony, Wokha, on April 16, 2026. The programme was graced by Minister for Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Village Guards, Government of Nagaland, C. L. John, as the special guest.

In his address, the Minister reflected on his long association with environmental and forest issues, stressing the importance of putting knowledge into action by following guidelines and best practices. He acknowledged the limited support from people in safeguarding forests and wildlife, noting that while Nagas have traditionally respected nature, awareness has only recently begun to grow. He expressed confidence that a significant shift in mentality would be witnessed within five to six years from now. Emphasizing the need to balance nature, forests, and wildlife for a sustainable future, he said such efforts would help mitigate climate change and contribute to long life and growth. He appealed for cooperation from the people of Wokha to ensure the successful execution of the Wildlife Division and thanked the Lotha Hoho for assuring full support and coordination. The Minister also spoke on the challenges of human-elephant conflicts, stressing the need for mutual coexistence and urging communities to support swift redressal of problems caused by wild animals.

The programme began with opening remarks by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Vedpal Singh, IFS, He explained that the creation of the Doyang Wildlife Division was aimed at addressing the growing human-elephant conflicts in Wokha, which have become a serious concern in recent years. He termed the inauguration of the Control Room and Division office as a milestone for immediate interventions and support to citizens.

Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Y. Kikheto Sema, also delivered a speech highlighting elephant populations and their habitats across Nagaland and the impact on

human settlements. He further informed that efforts are underway to secure an externally aided project to provide long-term solutions.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Renbomo Ezung, NCS, in his short speech, spoke about reserving habitats for wildlife in the Doyang area, stressing protection, prevention, and awareness creation.

The programme was chaired by CF (STC) Hukato Chishi, IFS, who also delivered the welcome address, while the vote of thanks was proposed by DFO Wokha, Suman Shivashankar Sivachar.

The newly inaugurated Doyang Wildlife Division, reorganized from the former Doyang Plantation Division, will serve as an immediate redressal system for wildlife-related issues. With its office in Wokha, the Division's jurisdiction will cover Wokha, Mokokchung, and Zunheboto Forest Divisions, marking a significant step towards strengthening conservation efforts and addressing human-elephant conflicts in the region.

VEGETABLE COLLECTION CENTRE & SEED BANK INAUGURATED AT NSONG

The Vegetable Collection Centre and Seed Bank at Nsong under Tening Block, Peren was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru, on April 16, 2026 at the Vegetable Collection Centre near Pro Rural Office, Nsong Town.

In his address, DC Peren, Hiazu Meru, lauded the efforts of Pro Rural and the local community, stating that such initiatives would enhance market access for farmers and promote self-reliance in the agriculture sector.

Prof. Dr. Akali Sema, who attended the program as Guest of Honour stressed the importance of preserving indigenous seeds and promoting agricultural sustainability.

In his keynote address, Director, Pro Rural, Paul Lokho emphasized the importance of farmer collectives and sustainable agricultural practices. The CEO, FPO Nsong Village, Joshila Newme presented the activities of FPO.

Delivering the welcome address, Kanzeirang of Nsong Town Council

DC Peren, Hiazu Meru along with other officials during the inauguration of Vegetables Collection Centre and Seed Bank held at Nsong Town, under Tening Sub-division, Peren on 16th April 2026.

welcomed the gathering and underscored the significance of the initiative in strengthening the livelihood of local farmers.

Short speeches were delivered by EAC, Ihoilung Chuilo, Lesehu Meru and Vikhuli Achumi, who appreciated the initiative and its positive impact on rural livelihoods.

The programme featured a folk dance performance by Nsong Village Youth. The inaugural program was chaired by Tolivi N. Sumi, Environment Coordinator, Pro Rural. Invocation was proposed by the Associate Pastor of Nsong Town Baptist Church and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Kiusang S. Tikhir, Agri Expert (APPI), Pro Rural.

Later, the Seed Bank was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Akali Sema. The event includes interaction, exhibition, and sale of traditional seeds and vegetables, and culminated with a community lunch at Town Hall, Nsong.

PHC LONGNAK AND HWC CHANGKI INAUGURATED

During the ongoing Departmental District Tour, Dr. Mereninla Senlem inaugurated the new building for Health & Wellness Centre at Changki, while Advisor, Transport and Technical Education, Nagaland, Temjenmenba inaugurated Primary Health Centre at Longnak on 16th April 2026.

While addressing the participants during the inauguration, Dr Merenienla Senlem, PD, H&FW stated that it is an honour to inaugurate the new building for HWC, Changki. She said it is a gift from the government of India for all the people- bringing health care to the doorstep. She urged the community to maintain a healthy lifestyle to prevent the rise of NCDs and mental health issues in the current age. In conclusion, she lauded the participation of the community and urged continual contributions to support the growth and upkeep of the Health Centre- making way for a better health system.

Inaugurating the PHC Longnak, Advisor, Temjenmenba, lauded the efforts made by the village councils under Longnak, the contributions made by landowners and the participation of the community in reaching this milestone. He urged the Health workers to put continuous efforts in the service of humanity.

The team from the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima along with officials from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Mokokchung made a visit to PHC Sabangya and also inspected the ongoing construction sites of PHC Khensa and Ayush Hospital at Chungtia.

The directorate team will inspect the construction sites at IMDH and will hold a District Review meeting on the 17th of April 2026.

SP OFFICE BUILDING INAUGURATED AT TSEMINYU

The new office building of the Superintendent of Police, Tseminyu was formally inaugurated by MLA & Chairman DPDB, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb on 17th April 2026.

In his inaugural speech, MLA Ar. Jwenga Seb, who attended the program as the special guest, expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Niephiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Y. Patton for

construction of the office and completing it on time. He also appreciated them for conducting the recent police constable recruitment fairly. He stressed that all recruitment in the state should be transparent and based on merit.

Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS, in his speech stressed about the limitation of customary laws and encouraged the citizens to take good advantage of problem solving by the State Police force. Sharma appealed to the gathering to trust the Police force and come forward with a responsibility by registering crimes in the state.

Earlier, the program started with a dedicatory prayer by Pastor Yhunthonglo Khing, Tseminyu Town Baptist Church followed by inauguration of the office building by MLA, Ar. Jwenga Seb.

Welcome address was delivered by SP Tseminyu, Talisunep Imchen, NPS, while the technical report was presented by Executive Engineer, (PEP) Kohima Division, Jenithung Kikon.

C L JOHN INAUGURATES MON WILDLIFE DIVISION

Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Village Guard, Government of Nagaland, C L John inaugurated the Mon Wildlife Division in the presence of Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Vedpal Singh, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland on 22nd April 2026 at Forest Colony, Mon Town.

The Minister in his inaugural speech said that community participation is very important for the preservation of wildlife species and the conservation of forest. He encouraged the civil societies – Konyak Union, Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong, Konyak Students' Union and even the Church Leaders to save nature and environment. He also expressed his gratitude to the Government of Nagaland and the Forest Department for setting up the Mon Wildlife Division. He also requests the concerned Officials to run the office with sincerity and responsibility.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force , Vedpal Singh, IFS, in his Opening Address shared his past experiences working at Mon and said that at present people are realizing the effect of climate change and are coming up with new mentality - from hunting to preservation. He informed that today many villages and organisations like the KU and KSU are coming out to protect wildlife.

Principal Secretary , Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, in his short speech said that Climate change is no more barking at us but biting us. He informed the gathering that Article 371 of the Indian constitution will not save us from climate change, and urged the people to protect, preserve wildlife and the environment by planting more trees.

Konyak Union President, Yamao Konyak lauded the Government of Nagaland and the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for opening Forest Beat Office at Chen town and Wildlife Division at Mon town.

The Programme was chaired by Supongnukshi, IFS. Addl. PCCF (Territorial). Invocation was delivered by Rev. Yeangphong Konyak, District Chaplain, and a special number was presented by Samuel Konyak. Vote of thanks was delivered by Chupitho, SFS, Wildlife warden, Mon Wildlife Division.

C L JOHN INAUGURATES FOREST BEAT OFFICE AT CHEN

Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Village Guards, C L John inaugurated the new Forest Beat Office, at Chen Town, under Mon Forest Division in the presence of Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and other department officials on 21stApril, 2026.

In his inaugural speech, C. L John shared his gratitude to the Government of Nagaland and the department of Environment, Forests & Climate change for fulfilling a long-cherished dream of the people. He said that the new establishment of Forest Beat Office, will function as a quick responder and usher in a new era of building a sustainable environment that will prevent, protect and control the illegal activities in the area, he added.

The Minister requested the Anghs, village councils and elders of the area to inform the people in their respective jurisdiction about the conservation of forest and wildlife species as it can be achieved only through community participation.

Meanwhile, Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Y Kikheto Sema, IAS, in his speech, highlighted that the new Forest Beat office will serve as a centre of protection and control for environmental protection and wildlife species for Chen area, which has 14 villages and extensive forest cover,.

Acknowledging the cultural bond sharing beyond international borders, Sema said, Chen area should set examples of protecting and conservation of biodiversity as it also shared large forest areas with the brothers living beyond international borders.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Vedpal Singh, IFS, in his opening remarks lauded the government and the concerned Minister for having keen interest in preserving and conserving forest, and said the new Forest Beat Office will act as a local forest administrative unit in the area.

Earlier, the inauguration programme was chaired by Tokugha Chophy, SFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Mon, while vote of thanks was pronounced by Forest Range Officer, Tongkem Konyak.

The official delegation later visited Stone Park below Chen Town, built with a mixture of Konyak traditional art and modern architecture

JUSTICE KALYAN RAI SURANA FLAGS OFF MULTI-UTILITY VEHICLES FOR NSLSA AT KOHIMA

Justice Kalyan Rai Surana, Judge of the Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), flagged off Multi-Utility Vehicles (MUVs) for the NSLSA and various District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) at the Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench on 28th April 2026.

Addressing the gathering at the flag-off ceremony, Justice Surana remarked that as long as there are individuals in need of legal assistance and others striving to exercise their rights, the work of legal services is far from complete and underscored that the

mission of legal services remains ongoing.

He emphasized that the vehicles must be used strictly for their intended purpose and urged the legal services authorities to ensure their proper and responsible utilization.

Highlighting the broader role of legal services beyond the courtroom, Justice Surana reminded officers and lawyers that their responsibilities extend far beyond the judicial and legal profession. He noted that through various outreach initiatives, legal services authorities play a crucial role in reaching marginalized and underserved communities, particularly those who lack access to legal aid.

Justice Surana also commended the NSLSA for its commendable efforts in raising legal awareness across the state. He remarked that the scale and impact of awareness initiatives undertaken in Nagaland are remarkable and, in many respects, surpass those seen in several other states.

NSLSA Member Secretary Neiko Akami, in a welcome address, stated that the multi-utility vehicles were procured during the financial year 2025–2026 with the objective of strengthening the delivery of legal services across the state of Nagaland. He explained that the primary purpose of the vehicles is to support lawyers and legal service functionaries who frequently travel to both nearby and far-flung locations to carry out legal aid activities. He asserted that with the availability of these vehicles, our activities will further expand, enabling us to reach every nook and corner of Nagaland, including its most remote regions.

Referring to the constitutional mandate, he highlighted that Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides for free and effective legal aid, particularly for the poor and vulnerable sections of society. He noted that legal services authorities have been entrusted with the responsibility of fulfilling this mandate through sustained and committed efforts.

C.T Jamir, Senior Advocate and President High Court Bar Association also extend appreciation for the various activities undertaken by the LSAs in the State.

Asenla Walling, Panel Lawyer, Kohima DLSA chaired the programme. The programme was also attended by High Court Judge, Justice Pranjal Das, High Court Bar, Kohima bar members, panel lawyers and high court staff.

Service personnel casting Postal Ballot for the 28th Koridang A/C Bye-Election at District Customary Court, DC Office, Mokokchung on 4th April 2026.

Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, IAS, along with other officials during site inspection at Unity Mall, Chumoukedima on 27th April, 2026.

Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen with Commissioner Nagaland, Gregory Thejawelie, IAS and Principal Secretary Home Department, Abhijit Sinha, IAS, along with Deputy Commissioners after the conclusion of the two-day Deputy Commissioners Conference 2026 at the Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima, on 11th April, 2026.

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Principal Director, School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS interacting with participants during a project demonstration at the SAMARTH Northeast Innovation Hackathon 2026 held at NIELIT, Kohima on 11th April 2026.

Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 athletic medalists from the Nagaland contingent — Wede T. Mero, Rüduolhounuo Rachel Belho and Tsuchoi T. pose with their medals during the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 held at Chhattisgarh from March 25th April 3rd 2026.

SDRF, QRT and volunteers from Civil Defence rescuing landslide victims at Kohima to Wokha road near Tsiesema Basa village.

An earthquake mock drill exercise at Christian Mission Hr Secondary School, Phek.

Fire personnel taking part in the fire simulation incident at Dimapur.

Technical support team at Control Room, Capital Convention Centre, Kohima.

Rescue and Medical team carrying out evacuation and treatment of injured person during the mock Air Raid Scenario conducted at DC Office, Dimapur.

SDO PHED, Volie Rentta demonstrating Water Testing Techniques during the training programme held at GHS & GHSS, Tening, Peren on 8th April 2026.

Er. Sheludi Longkumer, EE Power, Kohima Division, speaking during the Sensitisation Program on Smart Metering held at ADC Conference Hall, Pughoboto on 9th April 2026.

Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Village Guard, C L John, with Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Principal Secretary, and other Officials during the inauguration of Mon Wildlife Division at Mon on 22nd April 2026.

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