



Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya administering the Oath of Office to Justice Uma Nath Singh as the Lokayukta of Nagaland at a programme held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 22nd February 2019. Justice Uma Nath Singh is the first to be appointed as the Lokayukta of Nagaland.



Chief Minister, Council of Ministers and other Members of the NLA with Governor P. B. Acharya and his wife during the 3rd Session of the 13th NLA at the 13th NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 23rd February 2019.



A scene from the 3rd Session of the 13th NLA on 22nd February 2019.



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JUSTICE UMA NATH SINGH APPOINTED AS LOKAYUKTA OF NAGALAND

In exercise of the powers conferred on the State Government under Section 3(1) and (2) of the Nagaland Lokayukta Act 2017 (Act 1 of 2018) read with the Nagaland Lokayukta Act (Amendment) Ordinance 2019 (No. I of 2019), the Governor of Nagaland appointed Justice Uma Nath Singh, former Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court as the Lokayukta of Nagaland.

Justice Uma Nath Singh, the first Lokayukta of Nagaland shall hold office for a term of 5 (five) years or till he attains the age of 70 years, or whichever is earlier.

The other terms of office and conditions of service shall be as stipulated in Section 7 (1) to (4) of the Nagaland Lokayukta Act 2017 (Act 1 of 2018).

Governor P. B. Acharya administered the Oath of Office to Justice Uma Nath Singh as the Lokayukta of Nagaland on 22nd February 2019 at a programme held at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan Kohima.

CREATION OF SDO (SOIL CONSERVATION) OFFICE AT SEYOCHUNG

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation in a notification informed that the Government of Nagaland has issued order for creation of Sub-Divisional Office (Soil Conservation) Office at Seyochung, Kiphire district under the Soil & Water Conservation Department, Nagaland. The new Sub-Divisional Officer (Soil Conservation) Office will be manned by deployment of existing officers/staff and there will be no creation of posts for the new office.

This was issued with the approval of Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department vide their U.O. No. 542 dated 17-09-2018 and concurrence of the Finance Department vide RFC/ESTT.No. 49/03 dated 28-09-2018.

This has the approval of the Cabinet vide OM No.CAB- 2/2013(Pt) dated 27-11-2018.

DDOs DIRECTED TO STRICTLY FOLLOW GUIDELINES

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy IAS, in an office memorandum, has informed that in order to facilitate smooth and correct release of payment, including GST to the contractors and suppliers, all the concerned DDOs have been directed to strictly adhere to the following conditions before releasing any payments for supplies, including works contract:

1. Contractors or suppliers (the word 'supplier' includes works contractors), who are supplying taxable goods and services to:
 - a. A department or establishment of the Central Government or State Government;
 - b. Local authority
 - c. Governmental agencies

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- d. Such persons or category of persons as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council shall submit Tax Invoice with a consecutive serial number not exceeding 16 characters, in one or multiple series, containing alphabets or numbers or special characters - hyphen or dash and slash symbolized as “-” and “/” respectively, unique for a financial year, as prescribed under Rule 46 of Nagaland GST Rules 2017 for preparation of bill and release of payment.
2. Every DDO shall ensure that the GSTIN of the supplier is genuine and active. In order to confirm the activeness of the GSTIN, DDO can verify by logging in to <https://www.gov.in> and go to Search by GSTIN/UIN in the Search Taxpayer Menu.
3. Every DDO shall ensure that the supplier has filed previous period of GST Return. In order to confirm filing of GST Return, DDO must insist upon a printout copy of GSTR-3B, GSTR-1 and challan in form PMT - 06 with watermark impression on the body of those documents as “FINAL,” in the case of consolidated payment challan, comprising of more than one transactions, challan pertaining to the supply made against which the payment is to be released, should be separately created end payment made accordingly.
4. Before initiating any payment, every DDO shall ensure payment of all outstanding liabilities, where the suppliers have signed an undertaking in Annexure “A” of Office Memorandum No.FIN/REV-3/GST/I/03/450 dated 11th September 2017. If any suppliers of goods and services had failed to pay any outstanding liabilities under GST and filed returns, all subsequent payments against those suppliers must be withheld till such tax liabilities are discharged.

DIRECTION ON MAKING ALL PUBLIC PLACES ACCESSIBLE AND BARRIER FREE

Pursuant to the judgement of the Supreme Court dated 15th December 2017 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No.243 of 2005 with Writ Petition (Civil) No.228 of 2008 on making all public places accessible and barrier free, the management of all Government Schools, Government aided Schools and Private Schools in Nagaland have been directed to adhere to the judgement order and make their respective schools barrier free and accessible for children with special needs through construction of ramps/stair lifts/lifts/others. Simultaneously, all school establishments should ensure that children with special needs are not denied admission to schools.

LRD BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR

The Department of Land Resources organised a farewell programme in honor of the outgoing Director, Hoto Yeptho on 31st January 2019 at Directorate of Land Resources, Kohima.

Hoto Yeptho, while delivering his farewell speech, said that the day of retirement is an auspicious day which all government servants look forward to. He expressed that during his service, he faced success and failure but he gave his best in the duties performed and therefore today he is happily retiring with no regrets. He also shared his experiences of work during his service and lauded his officers and staff for their commendable duties that they performed and urged them to continue to give their best.

Commissioner & Secretary, Land Resources, Kikheto Sema, IAS mentioned that the outgoing officer had served 35 years of his life for the welfare and wellbeing of the Department and State. He mentioned that in the record of the Government, he has served sincerely, discharged his duties diligently, and has delivered maximum good work to the needy people of the State.

T. Renben Lotha, incoming Director lauded the outgoing Director for his tremendous contributions to the society and streamlining the department, and described the outgoing Director as a perfect gentlemen, caring and generous, and most notably, 'a God fearing person.'



Outgoing Director, Hoto Yeptho speaking at the farewell programme held in his honour at Directorate of Land Resources, Kohima on 31st January 2019.

CULMINATION OF POP UP ART GALLERY OF MASTER ART WORKSHOP

The Pop up Art gallery of the Master Art Workshop culminated at Old NST bus stand, Kohima on 31st January 2019 with Alemtemshi Jamir IAS (Retd.) as the special guest. The programme was organised by Rattle & Hum Foundation in collaboration with Art & Culture Department, Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and event partner Himalaya Fine Art.

Speaking on the occasion, Alemtemshi expressed that art is a concept of an individual's emotions. This form of idea is inherent in men. Any form of art should drive mankind forward in a positive manner. He also added that in the midst of technological singularity, artists and their works should stand up for human dignity. He further said

that this workshop has amplified the love of art that the Nagas have within themselves.

Director of Admission, SCAD Hongkong, Pelesino Ane Kevichusa announced the names of the participants who were chosen to visit SCAD University, namely Ruokuoselhou Miacheio, H. Akup Buchemhu and Neiphrezo Ezung.

11 participants took part in the workshop which was held from 22nd to 31st January 2019. Viveek Sharma and Ajit Nagarkar were the master trainers for the workshop.

Alemtemshi Jamir IAS (Retd.) addressing the participants during the Pop up Art gallery of the Master Art Workshop at Kohima on 31st January 2019.



NBSE organizes One Day Seminar on Cyber Safety

The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), Kohima organized a one day seminar for the Heads of Institutions on Cyber Safety on 31st January 2019 at Baptist High, Kohima.

Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security Expert Consultant - Internet and Mobile Association of India said that India's youth might be hailed as 'digital citizens' given their addiction to technology but ironically most of them are unaware of the existing cyber laws. He

emphasized on the urgent need of the schools and parents to teach and adopt steps to protect students from any foreseeable harm associated with the use of technology.

Tandon also spoke on the need to limit youngster's recreational screen time for healthy lifestyle. Parental ignorance can be one of the biggest

A one day seminar for the Heads of Institutions on Cyber Safety was organized by the NBSE at Kohima on 31st January 2019.



threats when children use the internet without supervision. It is important for parents to be aware of the dangers of cyber defamation, cyber bullying, data breach, social media scams, morphing of photographs by cyber criminals, hacking, cheating

by impersonation and the negative psychological effects of violent games. He suggested several safety measures of ensuring age appropriate use of internet, for instance, social media age restrictions and strict monitoring of the contents of online games.

STREET FOOD FESTIVAL AND JOB MELA LAUNCHED

Shehri Samridhi Utsav-Street Food festival and Job Mela construed as 'Urban Prosperity Festival' was organised by State Urban Development Agency in collaboration with Food Safety, Nagaland under Health & Family Welfare and Kohima Municipal Council from 1st to 15th February 2019 at Kohima. The fortnightly programme was launched by Minister, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir on 1st February 2019 at the Directorate of Urban Development, Kohima.

Metsubo said that 'urban and rural' are complementary to each other and stated that urban prosperity actually depends on rural prosperity. He said requirements in urban areas are mostly provided by the people domiciled in rural areas for which, he strongly emphasized the importance of having proper markets in towns for the people of rural areas to sell their products.

He also stressed on the importance of forming SHGs in every ward or colony as they represent the people who can assist the government and community when it comes to maintenance and protection of public assets and disposal of waste.

Advisor, Rural Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire stated that the scheme should percolate down even to the extent of wards and colonies so as to get maximum benefit from it especially by poor and downtrodden urban dwellers to earn their livelihood.

Principal Secretary, UDD, Abhishek Singh, IAS while highlighting about the functions and aims of the department said that the prime focus is to provide basic amenities and urban facilities access, extending outreach to poorest of the poor. He also pointed out the issues of the SHGs as well as the problems faced

by the street vendor categories which we often tend to ignore. He briefed about the various schemes, programmes and loans provided at a subsidized rate for self-employment ventures and establishing shelter for the homeless by enhancing sustainable livelihood opportunities offered by the Urban Development Department. Furthermore, he urged the Municipal Council to facilitate the recognized street vendors and provide identity cards to the identified families and give designated places and timings for their venture.

Workshop was also conducted by Food Safety (Health & Family Welfare), AYUSH (Health & Family Welfare) and Urban Development (SUDA) and job mela by IIJT, Kohima, AICSM, Wokha and Zynorics Initiative, Kohima.

Kohima:

The two week long Shehri Samridhi Utsav 2019, a Street Food Festival began with the theme, 'Eat safe, eat healthy and eat fortified' at High School junction Kohima on 4th February 2019.

The event was organised by State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) in collaboration with Food Safety, Nagaland under Health & Family Welfare, Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) and National Livelihood Mission. Altogether 15 Self Help Groups (SHGs) participated in the event displaying and selling varieties of local products like fruits, vegetables, flowers and handicrafts.

Mokokchung:

Street Food Festival and Job Mela, an initiative of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) and Food Safety and

Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), was organized on 12th February 2019 at MMC Shopping Complex, Mokokchung by the District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Mokokchung under State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Nagaland.

Inaugurating the Food Festival, ADC Mokokchung, W. Manphai Phom said the objective of the Mela is to encourage and support the activities of the urban street vendors and to create awareness on food safety for the citizens.

Appreciating all the 24 Self Help Groups (SHGs) representing all 18 wards of Mokokchung for their participation, the ADC further urged the SHGs to come forward and register at FSSAI to ensure safe and wholesome food for all.

Wokha:

District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Wokha under State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) in collaboration with Food Safety, Wokha under Health & Family Welfare organised Shehri Samridhi Utsav (Street Food Festival) at Police Point and NST on 13th February 2019.

The food stalls were simultaneously inaugurated by ADC and Administrator, Wokha Town Council Mhathung Tsanglao and EAC (HQ), Arhomo Yanthan respectively.

Altogether 10 SHGs participated in selling varieties of products like fast food and vegetables. Addressing the inaugural programme, the ADC encouraged the SHGs to conduct such events on routine basis to enhance their economy and sustainability after obtaining proper registration from the Town Council. He also emphasised on maintaining hygiene and other safety measures while selling their food products and appealed to the citizens to keep their area clean.

This event is aimed at providing platform to SHGs and extending outreach to poorest of the poor and most vulnerable to showcase its initiatives and facilitate access of SHG members.

Tuensang:

As part of the Shehri Samridhi Utsav under the theme, 'Eat safe, eat healthy and eat fortified,' the Street Food Festival was held at Clock Tower area in Tuensang town on 14th February 2019 which was organised by the District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Tuensang and Tuensang Town Council (TTC).

Inaugurating the Street Food Festival, Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, L. Jamithung Lotha said the scheme is for income generation and upliftment of Self Help Groups (SHGs). Emphasising on the local products, he urged the people to buy local made instead of buying company products. The Food Festival was presented by different SHGs from nearby villages, 3rd NAP Camp Tuensang and Tuensang town.

Phek:

Shehri Samridhi Utsav (Street Food Festival) under the theme, 'Eat safe, eat healthy, eat fortified,' organised by District Urban Development Agency (DUDA), Phek in collaboration with Health & Family Welfare Development was held on 15th February 2019 at PTC Office compound, Phek with ADC Hq and Chairman, DUDA, Phek Avelu Ruho as the special guest.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Khate-u Kezo, AUDO, Phek who emphasized that the aim of the programme is to give platform to the SHGs and to highlight food safety concept and hygiene.

In his short speech on the topic of food safety concept and hygiene, Samuel Zehol, FSO, Phek stressed that every food product should be labelled in order to provide the information about the product ingredients and expiry date.

In the afternoon workshop session, the resource persons Welhikhro Mero, Entrepreneur Associate, Phek and Dr. Ngopelo Keveichu, Medicine Specialist gave brief speeches on topics such as entrepreneurship and women's health.

Participants were Muho SHG, Forever SHG, Kuzukuve SHG, Khalho SHG, Vesu SHG, Makhrole



SHG, Chephule SHG, Shurhele SHG, Dovekro SHG, Thitu SHG, Health and Welfare Department, PCCI, Phek.

ADC Phek, Avelu Ruho inaugurating the Shehri Samridhi Utsav (Street Food Festival) at PTC Office compound, Phek on 15th February 2019.

PHEK DISTRICT LIFTS DR. T. AO TROPHY

Phek district defeated Kohima district with a margin of 2-1 to win the XXth Inter-District Football Championship 2019. The final programme was held at IG Stadium, Kohima on 2nd February 2019 with N. Bongkhao Konyak, Advisor for DUDA as the special guest.

Bongkhao said sports has the power to change the world, inspire and unite the people. He expressed gratitude to the Department of Youth Resources & Sports for bringing the people together through the

tournament. He urged the players to follow the great legacy of the legendary player, Dr. T. Ao and excel in their profession.

The Champion team received a cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh and the runner-up team received a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh besides individual prizes. The Inter-District Championship, also known as Dr. T. Ao Trophy was organized in commemoration of the 100th Birth Anniversary of Dr. T. Ao.

AONEI INAUGURATION PROGRAMME HELD

The two-day XIV Annual Conference Association of Oncologists of North East India (AONEI) inauguration programme was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 2nd February 2019.

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, I.

Himato Zhimomi who was the special guest at the inaugural function said that our state has the highest record of patients with pharyngeal cancer in the Northeast and the world, according to Indian National Cancer Registry data and he urged the doctors in this

field to fight the disease together. He also stated that the Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) will operate at Naga Hospital Kohima by the end of 2019 and assured that the goal of the government is to upgrade the TCC to a State Cancer Institute in the next two or three years. Himato also said that the State's first Medical College will come up in two years and assured that Oncology will be a department which will be of prime importance. Under Prime Minister's scheme Cancer Care programme, special care will be given to the People Below Poverty (PBL) and PBL cardholders will be given benefits such as reimbursements and free cashless cancer treatment of upto Rs. 5 lakh.

Former Chief Secretary, Banuo Z. Jamir (IAS) who shared a special message said that she was diagnosed with cancer 2nd Stage in the year 2001 and it took her four years to recover. She said in those days, so little was known about this disease in our state and families were reluctant to talk about it. She shared the agony, mental and physical pain she underwent during her illness as there were no proper facilities available in our state. Banuo suggest that counselling should be given to cancer patients and their family since it is an important part of the healing process and doctors should also give time and answer queries from the patients. She encouraged the AONEI to have more conferences in future as discussions and talks

lead to advancement and also spread awareness about cancer care.

In the keynote address, Dr. A. K. Kalita, President of AONEI said that the AONEI was founded to share a platform where oncologists from all parts of Northeast India come to meet and discuss about the different profiles of cancer in their respective states and what advancement can be done for its treatment and also share ideas and knowledge. He also said that for setting up Cancer Institutes, government assistance is needed.

Dr. Vikas Jagtap, Secretary AONEI, in his speech said that during such annual conferences, oncologists exchange knowledge, community problems faced in North East, patients' profiles in each state, spread awareness programmes etc.

Dr. Thorhusie Katiry, Organising Chairman, AONEI 2019 said that Nagaland has recorded the highest number of nasopharyngeal cancer patients in the country with 15.3% male and 10.8% female and holding AONEI conference in our state will serve as a catalyst for strengthening the transfer of scientific knowledge and improve the standard of oncology practice in the north east, he added.

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, I. Himato Zhimomi also released the AONIE 2019 Souvenir during the function.

NSSH STATE CONCLAVE HELD

A day long National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) State conclave in association with Forum of SC and ST Legislators Parliamentarians was held on 5th February 2018 at Agri Expo Hall, 4th Mile, Dimapur.

Addressing the conclave as special guest, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Imnatiba while acknowledging the importance of the conclave, felt that the organisers ought to understand the Nagaland context, so that the programme could be executed as designed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said what is applicable in other North Eastern states may not be applicable in Nagaland and urged upon

the officials to take special care while implementing the programme. Further, while maintaining that entrepreneurs play an important role in building the State's economy, Imnatiba encouraged the young entrepreneurs to extent full support to accomplish their desired goals. The special guest along with other dignitaries released the Directory of MSMEs on Nagaland state on the occasion.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Lithrongla Chishi exhorted the entrepreneurs to be committed and to have patience while reminding them that success cannot happen

overnight. Stating that Nagas do not lack creativity, she said when we have the inborn talent in us, we should try to make use of it. She also advised them to work towards quality and also to have customer friendly attitude.

National Working President, Forum of SC and ST Legislators Parliamentarians and Director General, Dr.

Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce, Inder Iqbal Singh Atwal, the frontman for initiating the programme, said that the programme aims for understanding how NSSH could collaborate with State Government for working together at the ground level, in order to augment the capabilities of existing SC/ST entrepreneurs.

IPR OFFICIALS VISITS DPRO OFFICE ZUNHEBOTO

Director and Additional Director, Information & Public Relations visited District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) Office Zunheboto on 6th February 2019 and held a meeting with the officer and staff.

While addressing the staff of DPRO, IPR Director, Limawati Ao stated that the purpose of the visit is to check the condition of the office and to see to the needs and requirement of the office. Highlighting the importance of IPR Department, he encouraged DPRO staff to let the people know about the governmental

activities irrespective of small or big occasions in the district. The Director assured that the Department will look into the basic needs of the office at the earliest. On 7th February 2018, the officials also visited Information Centre, Suruhuto and interacted with the land owners and staff of IA office Suruhuto. Land owners, elders of Suruhuto, Adhoc Town Council Suruhuto members and GBs of Suruhuto attended the meeting.



Director, IPR, Limawati Ao and Additional Director, IPR, Z. Tokishe Sema with the staff of DPRO Office Zunheboto on 6th February 2019.

1st PHASE OF NDD 2019 LAUNCHED

With the initiative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, a state level programme of National Deworming Day (NDD) was launched at Mezbur Higher Secondary School, Kohima under the aegis of Health & Family Welfare Department, Nagaland on 8th February 2019.

Programme Officer (RMNCH+A), Dr. Atoshe Sema in his keynote address said that NDD is a fixed day approach where all children between 1-19 years of age should receive treatment for parasitic intestinal worms, STH (Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis) through the platform of schools and anganwadi centres.

Dr. Atoshe said the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends deworming of all school age and pre-school age children, with the global target aiming to eliminate morbidity due to worms (soil-transmitted helminths) in children by 2020. The Government of India aims to cover at least 90% of all children through the NDD programme. WHO further says that 65% of children in India between 1-14 years are at

risk of worm infestation. Worm infection in children leads to anaemia, weakness, nutritional impairment, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, weight loss etc. A simple intervention in the form of one tablet of albendazole (safe and proven) avoids all these and indirectly helps children in improving concentration and learning capacity.

Dr. Atoshe further said that this programme will be carried out in coordination amongst three departments in convergence namely, Health & Family Welfare, School Education, and Women & Child Development (ICDS). With the target of 6,36,161 in August 2018, the state could deworm 5,97,739 children across the 11 districts with an achievement rate of 93.96%. In February 2019 state target is the same as August 2018 i.e. 6,36,161 children.

Mission Director, NHM, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru launched the 1st Phase of NDD.

ZOOMMAX 2019 FEST HELD

With the theme, "Reinvent your thinking," the School of Management Studies, Nagaland University in association with Ramietech Solutions celebrated its 10th Annual Management Fest, ZOOMMAX 2019 held at the State Academy Hall, Kohima on 13th February which culminated on 14th February 2019.

Special guest, Assistant Commissioner, Kohima, Vineet Kumar, IAS in his speech encouraged the students to never let opportunities pass by, and in order to become successful, students need to have a purpose in life because directionless life would lead to nowhere; they should always try to fulfil their dreams and have faith and trust in what one believes; they should know the price that they are going to pay for their dreams because it is not easy, and lastly, he told the students to stand out and not copy someone



Assistant Commissioner, Kohima, Vineet Kumar, IAS addressing the students on the occasion of the 10th Annual Management Fest, ZOOMMAX 2019 held at Kohima on 13th February 2019.

else's success. Therefore, he urged the students to keep the theme in mind because it would help them along in the future.

Convenor, ZOOMMAX 2019, Akangjungshi Jamir said that ZOOMMAX is an annual management fest organized and hosted by the School of Management Studies, Nagaland University. It is non-profit festival with the objective to offer a platform for the students to explore and express their talents and skills in various activities. The event also provided platform to

the students to put classroom learning into practice, to nurture management skills through real time situations.

The First ZOOMMAX Fest was held in the year 2009, and this year's theme 'Reinvent your thinking' is based on the concept of providing an opportunity for those who are yet to tap their skills and talents with stimulating and vibrant competitive events such as business plan, debate, extempore, music etc.

One Day Media Workshop 'Vartalap' held in Kohima

One day media workshop 'VARTALAP' a flagship programme of the Central Government was held at East Gate Hotel, Kohima on 14th February, 2019. The workshop was organised by Government of India, Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Advisor, Information & Public Relations, SCERT, VG, Toshi Wungtung, in his speech said, 'VARTALAP' is a focus on media to mediate about network and networking which has to be conclusive and result oriented. Advisor also said that the hallmark and

role of the media should be both observant and participant. Responsible journalism should be to tell the difference between what the truth is and what is fake. Journalism should have a holistic approach and not be half baked.

The Advisor asserted that the knowledge and attitude is vital to create complete awareness which will ultimately lead to the practice of this awareness. He also added that freedom of speech should not be corrupted and there should be a balanced view based on facts to achieve a balanced society.

Advisor, IPR, SCERT and VG, Toshi Wungtung addressing the one day media workshop 'VARTALAP' held at Kohima on 14th February 2019.



Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS speaking at the workshop, said that India though being the biggest democratic country, the participation of people is not there and added that if there is no participation, there will be loopholes and the country will not be a vibrant democracy and, hence, media plays a very important role in ensuring that the participation comes directly as well as indirectly. He added that free and fair media is an essential tool for a vibrant democracy and being the fourth pillar of democracy, it has to be strong, independent and vibrant so that the vision of democracy can go on continuously without creating havoc.

Secretary Kohima Press Club, Alice Yhoshu said that though there are many centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in Nagaland and often,

only the implementing departments are aware of the details. She added that in some instances even the state's administrators do not have any knowledge about a particular scheme, leaving aside the media fraternity and the public.

In the technical session, topics on 'Smart City' was presented by Administrator, KMC, Kovi Meyase; 'Poshan Abhiyaan' was presented by Additional Director, Tulula Pongen; 'Ayushman Bharat' was presented by Deputy Director, H&FM, Kikameren Longkumer. Topic on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' was presented by SDO, Water & Sanitation Support Organisation, PHED, Er.Wonjanbeni Odyuo and 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and farmers welfare related scheme was presented by a representative from the Directorate of Agriculture.

THEYIESINUO KEDITSU RELEASE SECOND POETRY BOOK TITLED 'WAKE'

Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along released a book "Wake" authored by Theyiesinuo Kreditsu at Kohima College on 15th February 2019.

Publisher, Penthrill Publication House, Vishii Rita Krocha mentioned that Kreditsu is a poet, writer and educator. She is also the co-founder of Centre for

Indigenous Knowledge and Alternative Learning and advocates the revival of indigenous Naga textiles and women's alternatives through her popular Instagram avatar@mekhalamama. The publisher mentioned that the book "Wake" is her second book of poems which teach us about life and living.

Training of Nodal Officers for EEM held at Kohima

A training of Nodal Officers for Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell (EEM)/Media Certification and Monitoring Cell (MCMC)/ Media matters/Law & Order/District Security Plan relating to conduct of General Election to Lok Sabha, 2019 was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 16th February 2019.

Chief Electoral Officer, Abhijit Sinha, IAS addressing the Nodal Officers highlighted on various roles and responsibilities of various cells under EEM to be performed during the election process. He asked

the Nodal Officers to go through the 'Compendium of instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring' and get oriented with the guidelines laid down by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

During the training sessions, Deputy Secretary, Finance and SLMT, Hiazu Meru highlighted on the important issues of 'Accounting and Media Certification & Monitoring Cell (MCMC)' while Joint Secretary, Water Resources and SLMT, Wati Aier spoke on 'Flying Squad, Video Surveillance, Video Viewing, Static Surveillance.' OSD to CEO and NLMT, Vikhweno

Chale spoke on 'Vulnerability mapping and preventive measures' and Under Secretary, Border Affairs and SLMT, Zuring Madeliang spoke on the topic 'District Security Plan and Law and Order' followed by test and

doubt clearing and discussion.

Nodal Officers of various cells under the EEM from various districts attended the training.

Ceremonial Attestation Parade of the 65th Batch Recruit Constables and 15th Mahila Battalion

The Ceremonial Attestation Parade of the 65th batch Recruit Constables of DEF/PHQ/INT/NPTO and 15th Mahila Battalion was held at NPTS Parade Ground, Chumukedima on 16th February 2019.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while addressing the gathering said that completion of training is just the beginning as years of service lie ahead of them. He expressed confidence that the passing out personnel will perform their duties with care and devotion and remember their motto – 'Security, Service and Sacrifices' while maintaining law and order and provide safety and security to the citizens of the state.

On learning about the good number of educated personnel joining the police force, Rio said in today's world, it is essential to have skill and expertise to face the challenges and their knowledge will definitely be an advantage to get better opportunity and brighter future.

He also said the personnel posted outside are regarded highly for being disciplined and well trained and proved to be second to none.

On the occasion, Rio announced that the government will sanction 15% extra allowances of their basic pay. Urging all officers and jawans to improve on all aspects of training, he assured that the government will always be supportive and work for their welfare.

Principal, NPTS, in his brief report of the training stated that a total number of 402 RC were reported to the Nagaland Police Training School, however, 12 personnel were released and sent back to their parent unit on various grounds. He said that the duration of the basic course was 9 months starting from 9th March 2018 to 16th February 2019. According to his

report, the 390 personnel who have successfully completed their training and taken oath to serve the state and the nation comprises of 4 Post Graduates, 33 Graduates, 50 Class-XII, 114 Matriculates and 189 under matric.

Vice Principal, NPTS, I. Karen Chenth and CDI, NPTS, ABI, Pitongse Sangtam were the Parade Commander and Parade 2 i/c respectively. Oath of allegiance was administered by Principal NPTS.

CS flags off Startup India Nagaland Yatra 2019

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS flagged off the Startup India Nagaland Yatra 2019 at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 18th February 2019. The programme was organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce in collaboration with Invest India, Ministry of Industries & Commerce. On the occasion, Commissioner & Secretary, I&C, Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS delivered the welcome address, while Joint Secretary, I&C, Sentiwapang Aier chaired the programme. Junior Accounts Officer, I&C Temsu invoked God's blessings.

After the flagging off ceremony of Startup India Nagaland Yatra 2019, Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS while briefing the media at his chamber said that the main objective is to create awareness among young students on how to develop entrepreneurship with the assistance and guidance provided by the central government; where the selected students will be incubated, nurtured and encouraged to start their own enterprises.

Toy also stated that Naga youths are highly intelligent and qualified to set up their own enterprises.



Commissioner & Secretary, I&C, Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS with the winners of the Startup India Nagaland Yatra held at Kohima on 25th February 2019.

However, the state being a salaried economy with no alternative source of income to rely on, our youth solely depend on government jobs. He expressed hope and optimism that the Yatra will give massive boost to our young and upcoming generation to set up their own enterprises. He also assured to contribute a small amount from the state's government side in spite of financial constraint.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Lithrongla G. Chishi, IAS while addressing

the media said that the Yatra started in 2016 in other parts of the country, as such, she asked the media fraternity to be sensitive and create awareness about the importance of this programme in order to cope up with the rest of the country. She said the intention of this programme is to pick up students at the grassroots level and further added that the selected students will be incubated by the institutes in order to bring them at par with the rest of the country.

1ST NE MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGN AT KOHIMA

The 1st North East Multimedia campaign organized by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) under the theme, 'North East United Against HIV/AIDS' was held on 18th February 2019 at Khuochiezie, Local Ground, Kohima.

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom mentioned that this event is significant to the North East and is one of the medium to reach out to the youth and general population with the message of HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment.

Pangnyu said it is very unfortunate that three states of the North East are amongst the three highest HIV prevalent states in the country but the dynamic leadership and commitment provided at the national level to achieve the 90-90-90 targets to eliminate HIV and AIDS epidemic by 2030 are much appreciated and well received at the state level. The State AIDS Control Societies in partnership with NGOs, FBOs, private partners, law enforcement agencies and other development partners are taking up the critical role of

delivering the services towards achieving our national goal at the state level, he further added.

The legislators have been contributing a sum of Rs. 1 lakh each to the Legislators' Forum on AIDS (LFA) for the last 10 years and extended support till March 2019. In pursuit to achieve the 90-90-90 by 2020 and to eradicate the HIV and AIDS epidemic by 2030, innovative strategies and policies have been launched at the national level like, 'Test and Treat Policy' and the passage of the HIV and AIDS Bill 2017 was a landmark achievement. The State requires technical and financial support of NACO to implement the HIV and AIDS Bill 2017 in its true sense and spirit. Rio said that innovative strategy and approaches for service delivery to key population through the Targeted Intervention and Opioid Substitution Therapy has shown positive outcomes and result.

Minister, H&FW, S. Pangnyu Phom addressing the 1st North East Multi Media campaign at Kohima on 18th February 2019.

Deputy Director General, NACO, Dr. Naresh Goel and Major General Pradeep Nair, YSM Inspector General, HQ IGAR (N) graced the occasion as special guests.

Alobo Naga presented the anthem of the 1st NE Multimedia campaign. The parade and inaugural programme was followed by music competition from eight North East states along with an award ceremony at the end of the session where the first was bagged by 'The Wishes' from Manipur with a cash prize of Rs. One lakh, the 2nd and 3rd were awarded to 'Luli Yeptho and the Band' from Nagaland and 'Roll Heads' from Sikkim with a cash prize of Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively. Consolation prize of Rs. 30,000 each was handed to 'The Megh' from Arunachal Pradesh, 'Vanghmun 100 Years' band from Tripura, 'Wreckless Shadow' from Meghalaya, Jerry Lalrinawma from Mizoram and 'Tyrrhenion' from Assam sponsored by the AIDS Health Care Foundation of India.



Union Minister of State, Ramdas Briefs Media Persons

Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale paid his maiden visit to Nagaland and held a press conference at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 18th February 2019.

Ramdas said there are more than two crore people with disabilities in the country and claimed that the Central Government is fully supporting the disabled people. He said the Government has announced a hike of old age pension from Rs. 300 to Rs. 3000 in the 2019-2020 Union Budget.

The Minister was scheduled to visit Mon for distribution of appliances for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) under the RVY scheme, however, bad weather prevented his chopper from landing



Governor, P. B. Acharya with Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale (right) at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 18th February 2019.

causing his return to Kohima. He, however, added that wheel chairs were distributed to PwDs in Mon in his absence.

Governor Addresses 3rd Session of the 13th NLA

The Third Session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly began on 21st February 2019 at NLA Secretariat, Kohima.

While delivering his address, Governor, P. B. Acharya mentioned that early resolution of the Naga political issue was top priority. He also said that a Joint Legislators Forum (JLF) was unanimously reconstituted to facilitate in bringing about a solution that is honourable, inclusive, sustainable and acceptable to the people. On Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2019, he appreciated the Gol for listening to the voice of the people with regard to the proposed Bill, which was opposed and rejected by Government of Nagaland civil societies, tribal Hohos, NGOs and political parties.

To tackle corruption and ensure fair play and justice, Governor said that Lokayukta has been appointed for the State. The CM dashboard which gives real time information about key works of various departments was awarded by the Indian Express Group as one of the best use of technological applications. He stated that the government plans on extending this and will ensure that all Village Councils and VDBs will have their own websites in the next one year.

Acharya also mentioned that at present, all districts in Nagaland have Women Police Stations and this has ensured that Nagaland remains one of the safest states for women in the country.

The Governor ensured timely release of scholarships to students even when there is delay in release of instalments from Government of India. He cited that the Government has introduced Ex-Gratia scheme for students who are studying outside the State. Under the Ex-Gratia scheme, an amount of Rs. 5 lakh is given as financial assistance to the family of the deceased student. For the welfare of SSA and RMSA teachers, pay scale has been approved even though funding for the same has been restricted to fixed amounts by the Government of India. SCERT and Department of School Education have introduced Nagaland Heritage Studies (NHS) text book for classes 1 to 5. SCERT has also introduced a 9-month Diploma Course on School Counselling.

Governor said that the Health Department will carry out vigorous checks on quality of food products, adulteration and use of harmful chemicals for preservation by vendors. The Municipal Affairs department also organised Street Food Festivals in Kohima and other urban areas as part of Shehri Samridhhi Utsav.

Acharya added that for better health care, the State Government has signed a MoU for establishment of a National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Branch at Dimapur. The Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign achieved 97.80% of the target due to coordinated efforts of the Health & Family Welfare Department personnel and positive support of the public and institutions. The upgraded new hospital at Kiphire was inaugurated on 9th November 2018 and two integrated AYUSH Hospitals - 30 bedded at Noklak and 10 bedded at Dimapur were made fully functional in 2018. Another two AYUSH Hospitals at Razha Chedema in Kohima and Sabangya under Mokokchung are under construction. The work order for construction of Medical College at Kohima has already been issued and all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that the aspirations of people for a medical college will be a reality.

Acharya stated that the key focus has been to ensure doubling of farmers' income with special

thrust on organic farming, horticulture, animal husbandry, coffee production and sericulture. On 19th January 2019, FOCUS – Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Agriculture System Project in association with International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) was launched with the objective of improving farming in the State.

Governor said that the National Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) launched on 5th February 2019 by the Department of Industries & Commerce provides professional support to SC/ ST entrepreneurs under the Central Government Procurement Policy Order, 2012.

Governor mentioned that Software Technology Park of India (STPI) is at an advanced stage of completion and once it is completed, it will encourage local entrepreneurs and also help promote and boost Software Exports. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with e-Governance Academy of Estonia for setting up of eGovernance Academy of Nagaland (eGAN).

Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has approved Rs. 127 lakh person days for the State of Nagaland amounting to Rs. 315 crore. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission has been taken up in 639 villages under 43 Blocks in 9 Districts. 4545 Self Help Groups are actively engaged in income generating activities covering 42,200 households. Under Phase-III RURBAN Mission, Kohima Sadar cluster, comprising of Kohima village, Chedema and Chedema Model has been taken up during 2018-19. Administrative fund for Rs. 35 lakh has been released for preparation of Integrated Cluster Action Plan (ICAP).

Governor said that a Cabinet Meeting was convened on 9th November 2018 in the Aspirational District of Kiphire wherein it decided to extend the model of better monitoring and supervision of government and schemes to all districts by identifying one Aspirational Block in each of the remaining 10

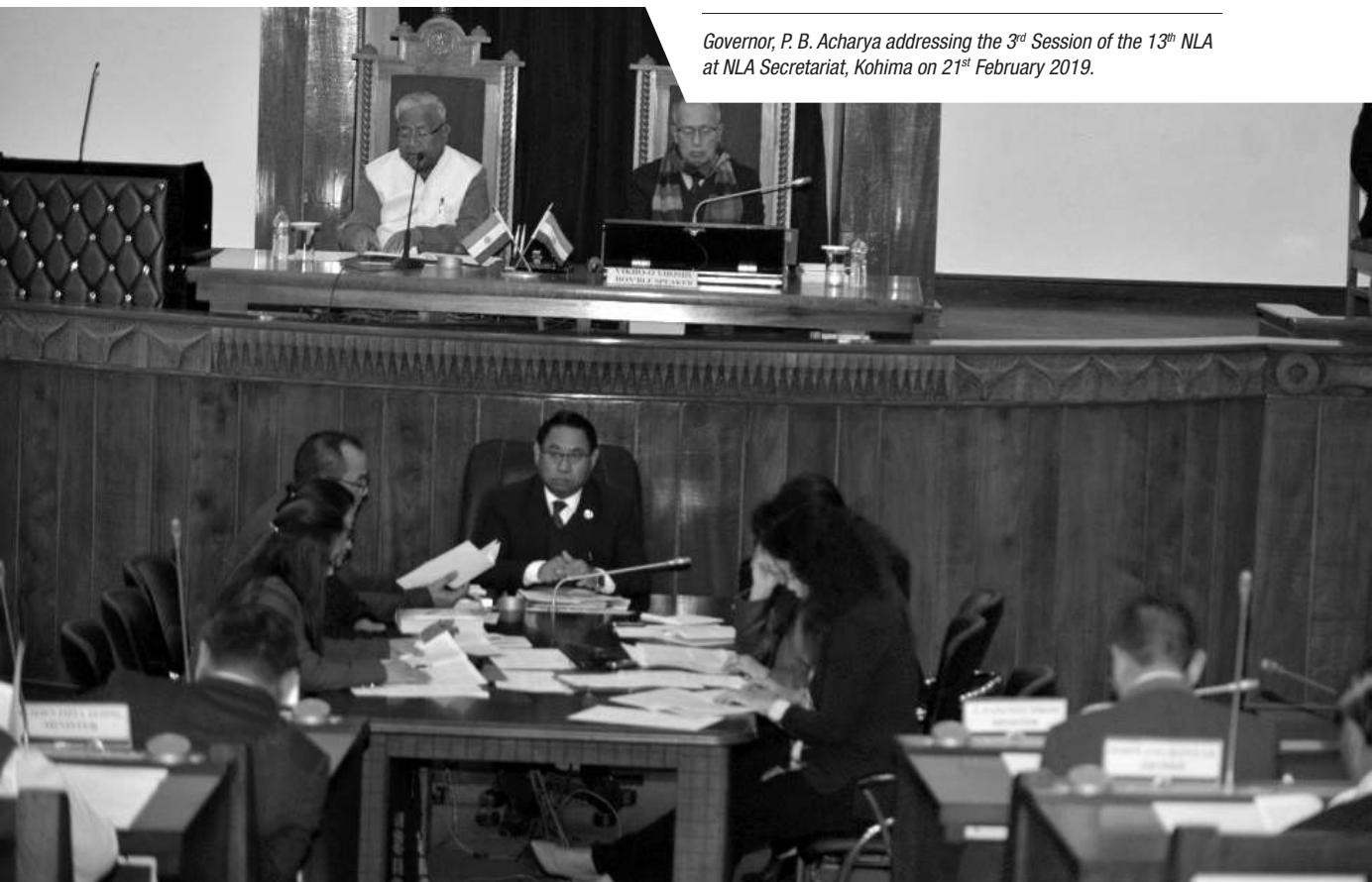
districts. For Kiphire district, a corpus of Rs. 1 crore has been set up for taking up projects to meet developmental gaps.

Acharya said that road communication is essential for boosting socio-economic development of the State. He added that projects are being taken up through Special Road programmes, like NABARD-RIDF, PMGSY and Gol funding under Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. Also stressing on the importance of Air and Rail connectivity, he said that the State Government is pursuing with Gol for approval of the Greenfield Airport at Ciethu, Kohima. Also in order to augment air services for the State, three new routes were taken up under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) and very soon Dimapur will be connected with Guwahati, Imphal and Dibrugarh. He added that approvals for two helicopters in all district headquarters are better connected now which is beneficial for the citizens. Also for rail connectivity, in the Union Budget 2019-20, a sum of Rs. 500 crore has been allocated for connecting Dimapur with Kohima.

In the Power sector, augmentation of power supply to bridge the critical gaps between demand and supply of power has been taken up by upgradation of existing 100 MVA to 200 MVA at Dimapur, Acharya said. 100% household electrification in rural and urban areas under Saubhagya Scheme was completed in December 2018 and augmentation of Water Supply to Wokha town and New Peren District HQ has been commissioned. The Zaru Project for augmenting the Water Supply to Kohima is ready for commissioning.

Governor mentioned that to commemorate the birth centenary celebrations of Dr. T Ao, installation of Astro Turf at I.G Stadium, Kohima, was completed and inaugurated on 28th January 2019. The stadium will soon be equipped with floodlights and will host the prestigious Dr. T. Ao North East Football Tournament this year. Sports infrastructure facilities have been augmented by construction of outdoor stadiums at Pughoboto and Mon. Nagaland Sports Policy is also being finalised that will create a culture of sports from grassroot level.

Governor, P. B. Acharya addressing the 3rd Session of the 13th NLA at NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 21st February 2019.



In tourism sector, Governor said that the government has taken up several innovative concepts and ideas with the aim of promoting the state's tourism in a sustainable manner. He further added that Mini Hornbill Festivals coinciding with respective tribal festivals has been a huge success. Other festivals such as Dzukou Valley Festival, Amur Falcon Conservation Week and Festival at Doyang, the

People's Festival at Khezhakeno have the potential of making Nagaland a top tourist destination in the country.

He called upon the elected members of the House to come together in a constructive manner and leave behind narrow political interests and work hand in hand for the welfare of the State.

OBITUARY REFERENCES MADE DURING THE 3rd SESSION OF THE 13th NLA

Deputy Speaker, Zhaleo Rio made obituary references to former Deputy Speaker, Intikumzuk Longkumer who passed away on 22nd September 2018. He was 51 and is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters. Zhaleo said Intikumzuk entered electoral politics in 2008 and in 2013, he became a MLA for the first time. Since then, he had served as Deputy Speaker of the NLA and as a Parliamentary Secretary for Information & Public Relations in the 12th NLA. He contested the state assembly elections 2018 on the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party ticket and was re-elected and appointed as Advisor for Excise and Sericulture till he breathed his last. Intikumzuk joined politics as General Secretary of the ACYC in 1993, and he was PS to Chief Minister, S. C. Jamir during 1998-2003.

Making obituary reference to former Minister and four-time MLA, K. Yamakam who passed away in Dimapur after a brief illness at the age of 89 and survived by his wife, four sons, four daughters and 19 grandchildren, Zhaleo said Yamakam was consecutively elected four times from 1989-2003 from 58 Shamator-Chessore assembly constituency. Hailing from Sangphur village under Tuensang district, he had served as Minister for Soil & Water Conservation, Sericulture (1993) and Minister for Horticulture, Sericulture, Relief and Rehabilitation (1998). Late Yamakam founded the Sangphur Students Union in the 1950s. He also served as an executive member in the Yimchunger Tribal Council (YTC) and

later as Advisor, YTC. He served as a Dobashi and later went on to become Head Dobashi in the 1970s.

The members present observed a two minute silence for the two departed souls.

Starred Questions raised on the second day of the 3rd Session of 13th NLA

On the second day of the Third session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly i.e, on 22nd February 2019, during the starred question hour, MLA Yitachu asked the Minister in-charge of CAWD to furnish the names and places of all the administrative office and GA Rest House in the state under construction and give details of the amount earmarked against each work during 2018-2019. Replying to the starred question, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Minister in-charge of CAWD said that GA Rest House were constructed in Mokokchung, Akuluto, Sakshi, Khuza, Satoi, Aboi, Changtonya, Dhansiripar, Nuiland, Pfutsero, Zuketsa, V. K. town, Tuli, Chessore, Wakching, Khonsa, Meluri and Sanis. He further commented that other works will be taken up as per the provision availability.

Chotisuh Sazo, MLA questioned the Minister in-charge of Tourism on the total expenditure for Hornbill Festival 2018 and Mini Hornbill Festivals to which the Minister replied that the total expenditure was Rs. 800.2 lakh, and with regard to the district wise

expenditure, the total allocation was Rs. 250 lakh out of which Rs. 150 lakh has been utilised and remaining balance is Rs. 100 lakh.

Dr. Imtiwapang Aier, MLA questioned the Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change on the total revenue generated by the Department and its utilization for the year 2018-19 and also the details of activities initiated to protect the environment from global warming. C.M. Chang, Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change said the total revenue of the department is Rs. 6,42,64,926 and the revenue collected is remitted to the government treasury under the following heads - revenue, house tax and professional tax and that the revenue is not utilized by the department. On the activities to protect the environment from global warming, he said that the department has designated a nodal department on climate change. The Nagaland State Action Plan was approved by the Government of India in 2014. He also said that the department has carried out plantation activities and has also initiated community conservation areas across the state to encourage preservation of compact forest areas.

Replying to Kuzholuzo Nienu, MLA on whether the amount of Rs. 96 crore allocated by HPC to meet backlog of VDBs GIA 2014-15, 15-16 and 2017- 18 has been released to all the 11 districts, the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development said that it has been allocated.

Responding to MLA C.L. John on the total number of MBBS and BDS seats allocated to the state in the last three years, Minister for Health & Family Welfare stated that a total of 159 MBBS and 36 BDS seats were allocated to the state. On increase in the number of seats, the Minister said that three additional seats were allocated during 2018-19.

Minister in-charge of Home, Y. Patton replying to MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry on the proposal to create a police outpost in Wozhuro under Wokha district said that the proposal was sent to the Government on 30th May 2016. However, the Government conveyed that post creation is not possible and were asked to

re-submit the proposal as to how the police outpost can be manned without post creation. Replying to supplementary question raised on creation of Police outpost in Wozhuro, the Minister replied that it will be created only after Wokha district is upgraded to SP strength.

Replying to MLA Yitachu on the number of Government High Schools in the state, the Minister-in-charge of School Education, Temjen Imna Along stated that there are 246 GHSs in the state. On GHS without HM and both HM and AHM, the Minister said that there are 38 GHSs without HM and 32 GHSs without both AM and AHM. He also stated that rationalization of HM and AHM is under process.

Replying to MLA Er. Picto Shohe on the status of upgradation of Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu, the Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along stated that AICTE guidelines and regulation, accreditation from National Board of Accreditation (NBA) New Delhi is mandatory for upgradation of existing diploma programme to degree course. In this regard, the Directorate of Technical Education and the Institute (KPA) are jointly working for getting accreditation from NBA. Self-Assessment Report (SAR) is under preparation by the institute and will be submitted to NBA within the year 2019. The process of upgradation from diploma to degree course will be initiated only after getting accreditation from NBA, New Delhi.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, while replying to a starred question on MGNREGA, said that a total amount of Rs. 1,38,86,48,000/- was received in two installments during 2018-19, Rs. 56,64,48,000/- as the first installment and another sum of Rs. 82,22,00,000/- as the second installment from the Government of India. He also added that 127.01 lakh man-days were allotted (approved labour budget) under MGNREGA during 2018-19.

Replying to a started question on construction of Nagaland Medical College, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom said out of the total of Rs. 27.50 crore received and Rs. 25.00 crore in CD,

Rs. 1,21,74,000 has been incurred till date against the Nagaland Medical College, Kohima. The Gol has released Rs. 153 crore of the total project cost of Rs. 189.00 crore to the state treasury so far. He clarified that the project includes all the basic criteria of construction of college including hostels for boys and girls.

Replying to a starred question raised by MLA Yitachu on pension payment, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said that the Account General, Nagaland has made records available only upto December 2018, and as per records furnished, the total amount spent on account of pensions and other Retirement Benefits from 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 is Rs. 1112.72 crore. He further added that the anticipated expenditure for pensions and other retirement benefits for the months of January, February and March 2019 is estimated to be Rs. 612.14 crore.

Minister for Roads & Bridges, Tongpang Ozukum, while replying to a question raised by MLA Dr. Chumben Murry, informed the House that Task Force has already been set up in the division and maintenance is part of the classification of road maintenance operation in the road maintenance policy. He maintained that he has already directed all the Executive Engineers of the department to ensure

clearing of roadside jungles and that he has also directed the Additional Chief Engineer in-charge of Task Force in order to ensure that periodical checking is conducted. The Minister also stated that during 2018-19, vital road connectivity from NH-29 at Burma Camp to Lahorijan river with a major bridge of 30 meter span has been completed and 6 additional road of 795 km stretch have been approved 'in principle' to be brought under National Highways and another two laning of NH-02, Botsa-Wokha, Yisemyong to Unger and various improvement works at Kohima and Dimapur city portion road are taken up on war footing.

In an unstarred question on the details of revenue earned by CEO Dimapur Municipal Affairs, Minister for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir replied that the total revenue earned by CEO Dimapur Municipal Council for the year 2017-2018 was Rs.13,99,98,429/- and for 2018 -2019 was Rs. 10,29,06,773. To the other query regarding the expenditure incurred by Dimapur Municipal Council for undertaking various development activities in Dimapur, the Minister replied that the expenditure incurred for the year 2017-2018 stands Rs.12,35,45,293 and for the year 2018-2019, the expenditure incurred was Rs.12,14,39,789.

DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT TO GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION ON CAB 2019

On the third day of the Third session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly, i.e. on 23rd February 2019, the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) 2019 was discussed at length in the August House and after which, the House adopted the resolution as follows:

Whereas the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 (CAB) is being pursued by the Central Government for enactment, despite opposition and rejection by Governments, political parties, tribal organizations, civil societies and others in the North East India including the State of Nagaland, who are deeply

concerned with the protection and preservation of indigenous tribes from being demographically overwhelmed by conferment of citizenship on illegal immigrants as envisaged by the said Bill:

1. To sternly oppose and outrightly reject the CAB which shall not be implemented in Nagaland as it will impact the unique history and status of the Nagas under the Constitution of India;
2. To express solidarity with the states and communities of the North East India in their struggle against the implementation of the CAB since it has the potential of changing the

- demographic profile which will be against the interest of indigenous tribes in the NE states and can divest them of their constitutionally guaranteed political, cultural and economic rights;
3. To re-affirm the constitutional guarantee given by Article 371A which is part and parcel of the historic 16 Point Agreement that led to formation of Nagaland State and protects, defends and safeguards the customary way of life of Nagas, our right to land and its resources etc. without interference by parliamentary enactments like the CAB, though it is yet to become a law;
 4. To reiterate the constitutional position as aforesaid that, except the indigenous population in Nagaland, nobody is entitled to own land and resources in our state, that has been guaranteed not only by Article 371A(l)(a) of the Constitution of India but also by the Inner Line Permit Notification issued under the Bengal and Eastern Frontier Regulations, 1873, which was included and reiterated as Point No. 16 of the 16 Point Agreement; and
 5. To authorize the Speaker to communicate the aforesaid resolutions to the Union Parliament.

CM PRESENTS 2019-20 BUDGET FOR THE STATE

Chief Minister and Minister in-charge of Finance Neiphiu Rio presented the budget for the year 2019-2020 on the 4th day of the Third session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly at the NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 25th February 2019.

Delivering the budget speech, Chief Minister, Rio said that the current financial year 2018-19 will close with an estimated deficit of Rs. 1,661.68 crore. The current year's transaction is estimated to result in a positive balance of Rs. 49.70 crore, however, he said that because of the negative opening balance of Rs. 1,661.68 crore, the year 2019-20 is estimated to close with a negative balance of Rs. 1,611.98 crore. He also said that it has been a difficult year confronted with many outstanding liabilities and court cases in connection with many ongoing projects, which had been left unattended for several years.

Rio added that the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of the Government carried out a consultative meeting with civil society organizations, tribal hohos, and NGOs on 11th May 2018 and a resolution was adopted to reconstitute the Joint Legislators' Forum (JLF) on the Naga political issue. He further said that the JLF cuts across party affiliations and political ideologies as all of us come unitedly under one banner to resolve the decades old issue in the greater interest of our people.

Rio said that his Government decided to place first priority on improvement of town roads after seeing and experiencing the acute state of neglect, and the hardship the public are facing on a daily basis. He added that the duty of any Government of the day is to ensure that people have a reasonable standard of road infrastructure and will continue to work to provide good roads in all parts of the State.

Rio said that the adverse financial position is mainly due to the huge number of Government employees, whose salary requirements consume much of the funds that could otherwise have been used for developmental activities. He called upon the Government servants to perform their duties conscientiously and enhance their productivity for the benefit of the people.

Rio expressed hope that from April 2020 onwards, the financial position of our State will see a marked improvement once the award period of the Fifteenth Finance Commission begins and this will enable the state government to invest more funds in developmental activities.

As announced in 2018 regarding the introduction of Holy Land and Pilgrimage Tours, Rio said that tours within the state to places and sites of historical and religious significance like Molungyimsen, Molungkimong, Impur etc will be added.

On the policy of promoting music as an industry, Rio said the revamped Music Policy of the State will engage the real stakeholders of the industry and undertake new initiatives of promoting all aspects of the music industry including capacity building, mentoring, promotion of bands and musicians, training music teachers and taking music and musicians from Nagaland to national and international platforms. The Hornbill International Rock Contest was a resounding success with record participation from within the State as well as from different parts of the country and abroad.

The tourism sector is a crucial cog in the economic wheel of Nagaland and added that it has the potential to significantly contribute towards the economy and generate employment across the State.

Commenting on the Commonwealth War Memorial which lies in the heart of Kohima as a standout landmark of the State Capital, Rio said to commemorate its 75th Anniversary, it has set up a State Level Committee and Working Committee. A year-long commemorative calendar of activities has been planned and we will be holding events, functions, services, seminars and festivals in partnership and collaboration with Governments and NGOs of Great Britain, Japan, Myanmar, the United States, the Defence and Home Ministries etc, he said. The events will also engage war veterans, students, families of those buried here and local communities. The aim is to convert this milestone year as an opportunity to tap the potentials of war and heritage tourism in a manner that will give a thrust to the tourism economy of the State.

Rio reaffirmed to take administration and governance to the doorsteps of the people and that the development plans will be inclusive. He added that as a first of its kind, a State Cabinet Meeting was held in the Aspirational District of Kiphire with Union Minister of State, Kiren Rijiju as special invitee. The Cabinet Ministers and Advisors and State machinery led by the Chief Secretary and Heads of Departments camped in Kiphire, interacted with all sections including civil

society, visited Government establishments and took a first-hand review of the ground situation in Kiphire district for the development of the district and the State as a whole.

The Chief Minister said that with saturation of employment in the Government sector, we need our youth to focus on other areas for gainful employment. He said that the Government has already approved the Nagaland Start-up Policy with the vision to establish Nagaland as a model start-up leader in the region, by creating a culture of entrepreneurship that nurtures creative and innovative youth, allowing them to build successful start-up companies, become job creators and contribute towards building a healthy and sustainable economy. The objective of the policy is to facilitate the growth of at least 500 start-ups in the next five years, with a focus on establishing innovative “Made in Nagaland” products and services, he added.

Rio stated that new policies to be introduced are Nagaland Innovation Fund, Nagaland Investor Network, create Entrepreneurship Incubators and set up Entrepreneurship Development Centres in schools. In addition, several exercises in the field of skill development in both the rural and urban sector are to be undertaken. Capacity building exercises form an important part of the activities of all the major government departments, and skill development initiatives under customized P3 programmes are creating significant employment opportunities, especially in the construction sector, he added.

In the field of sports and youth affairs, Rio said that the new astro-turf football pitch at the Indira Gandhi Stadium (IGS), Kohima and the addition of telecast quality floodlights and a synthetic track for athletics will make the IGS a top level sports facility. He added that in April 2019, Nagaland will be hosting the Dr. T. Ao North East Football Championships at Kohima to celebrate the energy and vibrancy of the region's youth in a festive atmosphere where there will be convergence of music, culture, food and art through the platform of football under the aegis of the All

India Football Federation. The development of football from the grassroot level upwards will be kick started in collaboration with the Bhaichung Bhutia Football Academy, the country's premier football institution. The Nagaland Marathon will be held in partnership with the All India Athletic Federation. Nagaland has become an international motor and adventure sports destination and the World War II Peace Rally will take the shape of an International Jeep Jamboree this year. The biennial Nagaland Olympics under the aegis of the Olympic Movement will be held later this year, it was disclosed.

On the commitment made by the government, the Chief Minister stated that it has established the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) with a policy of single window clearance so that we can create a congenial environment to make Nagaland an investment destination.

Rio also commented that our State is rich in rubber, bamboo, tea and coffee, for which there is a lot of demand from all over the world. He also said that with the emergence of innovative entrepreneurs who are collaborating with and procuring directly from local farmers to create innovative products from chocolates to spice blends to sauces and jams. The Department of Women Resource Development empowers our local women farmers and artisans, selling innovative products under the brand Myki.

Rio also announced that the Government is introducing special schemes and programmes directly aimed at benefiting the youth, especially students from schools and colleges to empower them for gainful careers in future new programmes directly aimed at the students and the youth namely, the Chief Minister's Good Governance Fellows (CMGGF), the Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship (CMMSF), the Chief Minister's Awards for Civil Service Aspirants (CMACSA) and the Chief Minister's Young Leadership Programme (CMYLP).

Rio also said that students clearing UPSC preliminary examinations would directly receive cash incentives for training, mentoring and coaching in order to clear the mains. Also the Chief Minister's Young Leadership Programme will be a unique programme that will bring young students under a state level leadership exchange programme that would mould leaders in various sectors. Modelled on the International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) scheme will be a life changing experience for every participant and IVLP alumni of the United States will mentor the project.

Welfare of students has been amongst the top priorities of the Government and Rio further ensured timely release of scholarships to students even when funds are not released by Government of India.

Rio also stressed that schools in Eastern Nagaland lack sufficient number of trained candidates who can be appointed as teachers, and to bridge this gap, the Government has decided to introduce 4 year B.A. B.Ed, Programme in all government colleges across the state under the Integrated Teacher Education Programme which has also been approved by National Council for Teacher Education.

The Fourth Estate in Nagaland, i.e media has grown from strength to strength in the past years, becoming more vibrant and have made positive contributions towards the strengthening of democratic foundation, Rio said. He disclosed that operational subsidy to accredited journalists has been enhanced, and ex-gratia relief for journalists has been doubled.

Rio also stated that due to implementation of 7th RoP for the State Government employees, the resources available for development could not improve much. As a result, only Rs. 609 crore was provided for developmental activities during 2019-20.

Chief Minister Rio called upon all to find solutions that will not only win awards but also transform our economy and impact the lives of our people in a positive way.

REPLIES TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS DURING THE 3RD SESSION OF 13TH NLA

On the fourth day of the Third session of the Thirteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly i.e, on 25th February 2019, replying to the starred question raised by MLA Vikheho Swu on details of the RD Blocks and criteria requirement for creation of a new RD Block, Minister for Urban development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir informed that under Kohima-7 RD blocks, Dimapur-6, Kiphire-5, Longleng-3, Mokokchung-9, Mon-8, Peren-4, Phek-8, Tuensang-9, Wokha-7, Zunheboto-8 for which the grand total is 74 RD Blocks. He informed that the number of household for Kohima district is 25108, Mokokchung-24947, Mon-28711, Tuensang-23483, Zunheboto-19214, Wokha-16712, Phek-21671, Dimapur-34489, Kiphire-14834, Longleng-14314, Peren-14471 and the grand total number of household block is 2,37,954. He further stated that the total number of Job Card holders in Dimapur is 73,798, Kiphire-23684, Kohima-54040, Longleng-21439, Mokokchung-35653, Mon-39911, Peren-27099, Phek-34152, Tuensang-48455, Wokha-36163, Zunheboto-37785 and the grand total stands at 4,32,179.

Replying to the query by MLA Yollow Konyak, the Minister in-charge of Soil & Water Conservation and

Geology & Mining, V. Kashiho Sangtam informed that Nagaland has its own Coal Policy of 2006 which was amended in 2014.

On the question put forward by MLA Vikheho Swu on the total number of doctors, their posting place, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom stated that there are 422 sanctioned post of doctors of various grades comprising of 389 Allopathic/Modern Medicine and 33 dental surgeons, and 6 sanctioned post of AYUSH doctors. The details of total number of doctors under the H&FW department with names of the doctors, their present posting place and duration of stay was laid in hard copy for the members of the August House.

Replying to questions by MLA Moatoshi Longkumer on fund sanction for Nagaland including 10% Lumpsum provision for development of NE states 2018-19, Minister for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir replied that the fund sanctioned for Nagaland during 2018-19 were ADB - Rs. 921.68 lakh, SBM (U) - Rs. 1339.69 lakh, AMRUT -Rs. 814.00 lakh, DAY-NULM - Rs. 343.42 lakh, 10% Lumpsum on UDD - Rs. 1203.7 lakh (6 projects), MAD - Rs.1838.28 lakh (6 projects), TPT - Rs.576.61 lakh and PMAY-HFA - Rs. 6384.71 lakhs.

MORE STARRED QUESTIONS RAISED DURING THE NLA SESSIONS

Replying to the starred question on the total number of doctors in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) under the Department of Health & Family Welfare raised by MLA Yitachu, the Minister in-charge of Health & Family Welfare, S. Pangnyu Phom informed the August House that there are 115 doctors posted in the PHCs. He stated that there is no sanctioned post of doctors in 23 PHCs. He said the Department has created numerous posts to make 100% posting

of doctors in rural areas. Pangnyu said that the Department has formed the roster posting policy in order to ensure posting of doctors in all the remote areas, and in order to fill the posting gaps, NHM (National Health Mission) has provided 9 specialists, 77 GDMOs, 37 AYUSH MOs and 18 Dental Surgeons.

Replying to a starred question raised by MLA, C. L. John on the status of sanctioned strength of all the health units, the Minister in-charge informed

that there are 25 Community Health Centres (CHC), 138 Primary Health Centres (PHC), 1 Subsidiary Health Centre (SHC), 2 Big Dispensaries (BD) and 559 Sub Centres (SC) in the rural areas. He pointed out the Indian health standard specified the norms of requirement of health units based as per the requirement and added that there is 1 SC unit for every 3000 population, 1 PHC for every 20,000 population. He said that villages in remote and underserved areas are still not adequately covered as there is still overall shortage of 101 SCs in the state. In order to improve the health facilities in remote and underserved areas, the Minister highlighted that the Department under National Health Mission has expanded the network of health units and pointed out that since 2012 till date, the number of CHCs has increased from 21 to 25, PHCs from 126 to 138 and SCs from 396 to 559.

Replying to a starred question put forward by MLA Amenba Yaden on the amount sanctioned under the scheme of Article 275 (I) of the Constitution of India during 2018-19, Minister-in charge of Planning & Coordination Department, Neiba Kronu said that the amount is Rs. 8377.84 lakh. Further in response to the supplementary question asked by opposition members on question of additional fund received and which exceeds the earmarked amount of the target of Rs. 28 crore, he stated that most of the states could not make use of this fund and taking the advantage, the additional fund was issued to state of Nagaland.

Replying to a starred question put up by MLA, Yitachu on total number of voters in the State and the steps taken to curb proxy entry, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio stated that the total number of voters in the State is 12,096,13 and preparation of the electoral rolls for all elections to the parliament and legislature of every State is done under the superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission of India by powers vested under Article 324(I) of the Constitution of India.

On the direction of the Election Commission of India, the steps taken to curb proxy and ineligible entries in the electoral rolls:

1. BLO conducts house to house visit and collects information eligible for inclusion, multiple entries, dead electors, permanently shifted electors
2. During summary revision of electoral rolls, any ineligible entry in the role can be objected to and appropriate actions are taken following due procedure of law for their removal.
3. Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by the political parties are allowed to file applications for deletions of ineligible entries in the roll.
4. During continuous updation, applications received for deletion and correction up to the announcement of elections are processed for appropriate necessary actions.
5. Software generated Demographically Similar Entries (DSEs) and reported multiple entries in the electoral rolls are processed for appropriate action.
6. Registered death entries are collected from the concerned authority and processed for appropriate actions.

Responding to the starred question raised by MLA Kezhiyenli Khalo on the details of the number of Graduate and Primary Teachers who are pending regularisation in the state, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio replied that 496 Graduate Teachers and 1464 Primary Teachers are yet to get regularized.

Starred question was raised by MLA, Muthingnyuba Sangtam, on the total number of teachers appointed during 2018-2019 and whether they were appointed through open interview, also on the total number of vacancies left unfilled in backward linguistic area and the reason for filling up these vacancies, to which the Minister in-charge responded that there is no notified backward linguistic area in Nagaland and there are 162 vacancies left unfilled in Backward Tribe area. He also said that the vacancies could not be filled up due to non-availability of trained/qualified candidates. He further furnished that 32 Primary Teachers (PT) were appointed in Adhoc and need basis, 85 Graduate Teachers (GT) (Maths) and 52 GT (Science) were appointed through open interview,

3 GT and 37 PT were appointed on compassionate scheme.

Responding to Starred question raised by MLA Yitachu on the total amount spent in salary from 31st March 2018 to 31st January 2019 and the amount anticipated for salary for the month of January,

February and March 2019, the Minister in-charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio replied that expenditure on salary during the period is Rs. 4176.62 crore and the anticipated salary for January and February 2019 is Rs. 1216.22 crore and March 2019 to be drawn in April 2019 is Rs. 476.72 crore.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS RAISED DURING THE 3RD SESSION OF THE 13TH NLA

MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer, raised a question on fund released during the year 2018-2019 under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (CSS), to which the Minister in-charge of Horticulture, Mhathung Yanthan furnished the total allocation of fund is Rs. 3555.56 lakh under MIDH for the year 2018-2019, out of which Rs. 1111.11 lakh was received as 1st installment.

MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu raised a question on the details of the total number of CDPO under Social Welfare Department district wise with names of all the children, old age persons and handicapped per block, to which Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio responded by furnishing the details stating that there are 60

CDPOs and at present, there are 47 due to retirement and promotion. Number of children (0-6) is 3,64,867, old age pension is 57,400, widow pension is 4464, scholarship to handicapped people is 201, totally blind persons is 1625 and infirmed invalids person is 3276.

MLA, Yitachu, raised a question on the number of new highways taken up through open e-tendering and roads projected under Bharat Mala, to which the Minister in-charge, National Highways, Y. Patton replied by furnishing the details that five consultancy services for preparation of feasibility study and DPR were taken up.

CM BRIEFS MEDIA AFTER PRESENTATION OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while holding a press conference with media after presentation of budget stated the budget for 2019-20 is a people friendly budget as the budget did not impose any new taxes or placed any additional burden on the common people in order to generate revenue.

On Tourism sector, Rio mentioned that the impact of the Hornbill Festival 2018 indicated that the 10 day festival had generated revenue of about Rs. 62.88 crore and created 8715 jobs. Keeping this in mind, the Chief Minister said that the festival has been extended in all the districts through the Mini Hornbill Festivals so that the economic benefits from

tourism will percolate down to every nook and corner of the state.

On Nagaland Start-up policy, Rio said the policy will create a culture of entrepreneurship, promote creativity and innovation among the youth with a target of at least 500 start-ups in the next five years. Under this, eligible start-ups will get concession such as GST reimbursement for three years up to Rs. 5 lakh per year, 50% reimbursement of broadband costs, power subsidy up to Rs. 10 lakh a year, reimbursement of patent filing costs up to Rs. 2 lakh for domestic patents and Rs. 5 lakh for international patents and assistance of Rs. 5 lakh for marketing

and promotion for each start-up. Incubators will be supported with financial assistance of Rs. 25 lakh as capital grants.

On Youth Resources and Sports, Rio mentioned that a comprehensive sports policy has been framed where development of football at the grassroot level in collaboration with the Bhaichung Bhutia Football Academy will be engaged in imparting training to our young boys. He also mentioned the four new programmes directly aimed at the students and the youth:

- i. The Chief Minister's Good Governance Fellowship (CMGGF)
- ii. The Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship (CMMSF)
- iii. The Chief Minister's Awards for Civil Service Aspirants (CMACSA)
- iv. The Chief Minister's Young Leadership Programme (CMYLP)

The government is also introducing 4-year B.Ed. course in all the government colleges of Nagaland with the approval of the National College of Teacher Education, Rio stated. He also stated that the government is taking up measures to improve revenue collection through various measures such as increasing the registration of dealers under GST,

implementing the system of online payment of power bills, including introduction of pre-paid power meters and better monitoring of revenue collection in the transport sector.

On Employment sector, the Chief Minister reiterated that job opportunity in our state has already reached the saturation point. However, new appointments still continues in spite of 'no post creation' and to check this, the government has introduced PIMS to record every employee in the state and detect bogus appointments.

The budget for 2019-20 has provided an allocation of Rs. 112.74 crore to the social sector which comes to 18.51% of the total developmental outlay under State Resources (untied), Rio stated. Prior to introduction of GST in July 2017, the State's tax revenue stood at Rs. 510.76 crore which is 19.60% over the previous year. After introduction of GST, tax revenue increase was Rs. 638.29 crore during 2017-18, a growth of 25% over the previous year. The estimated target for 2018-19 (RE) is Rs. 711.05 crore, a growth of 11.4% over the previous year.

For the year 2019-20, the government is estimating a growth of 9.72% over 2018-19.

CS HOLDS MEETING ON PLASTIC FREE STATE

Chief Secretary, Temjen Toy, IAS convened a meeting with AHOs, HoDs and other departments pertaining to Plastic Free State at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima on 21st February 2019.

While addressing the member participants, the Chief Secretary clearly said that the main objective of the meeting was to carry forward Plastic Free State and how to give a further push on it. He said the present rate of policy implementation on Plastic Free in the state is not satisfactory due to poor implementation and non compliance of government policies besides lack of proper mechanism to control the use of plastics. An 'Empowered Committee' comprising of different

departments has been entrusted to workout a roadmap on action plan.

Development Commissioner, Sentiyanger, IAS said that order was issued but no follow up action has been taken. Therefore, he reiterated that the Home Department should issue an order and give directives to all Deputy Commissioners for strict compliance.

Retd. Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Thangi Mannen while sharing her concerns on the issue, stated the importance and necessity to have coordination between Government and NGOs in order to tackle the issue of Plastic Free in the state. She said the

policy for restricting the use of plastics in Nagaland has already been in force but the use of both plastics and other non-perishable products continues in spite of restriction. For that reason, she opined the government should come out with a firm decision on how to go about banning of plastics since clear indication is not given by the government. She also emphasised on imparting trainings on how to make non plastic bags in order to replace the use of plastic bags.

Manen urged all the municipalities to issue orders so as to control the use of plastics in their own respective municipalities. She also mentioned the importance of timeframe to dispose all plastics and other non perishable products as plastics not only pollute the environment but also affect the human health. NGOs and church organisations should be engaged to work hand in hand with the government, she added.

Commissioner & Secretary, Urban Development, Abhishek Singh, IAS stressed on the importance of mechanism for controlling the use of plastics, wherein, local authorities should be vested with the powers and responsibilities though violation will continue to happen in spite of strict regulations. He urged the Kohima and Dimapur municipalities to take the lead in controlling the use of plastics.

Commissioner & Secretary, PHE, Maongwati Aier suggested that the state needs to have an act on the usage of plastics.

The Chief Secretary formed an 'Empowered Committee,' headed by Principal Secretary, UD, Abhishek Singh, IAS, to be assisted by officers from departments such as Home, Kohima Municipal Council, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Public Health Engineering, Rural Development and Information & Public Relations.

EX-PARLIAMENTARIAN ASSOCIATION OF NAGALAND ELECTS A NEW TEAM

The General Secretary, Ex-Parliamentarian Association of Nagaland, S. Supongmeren Jamir informed that the Association during the general meeting held on 23rd January 2019 at Kohima has nominated new teams-H. Sulanthung as President, Deo Nukhu as Treasurer and K.G. Kenye (MP) and Nillo Rengma (Ex-Minister) as Advisors.

For Executives and District In-charge - Asu Keyho (Kohima district), Merentoshi R. Jamir (Mokokchung district), S. Heno (Tuensang district), Khusatho (Phek district), Mhao Lotha (Wokha district), Hakavi (Zunheboto district), Atovi Sema (Dimapur district), Naiba Konyak (Mon district), Kipili Sangtam (Kiphire district), Nyamli Phom (Longleng district) and Tarie Zeliang (Peren district).

LAUNCHING OF PM-KISAN

Kohima:

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) was launched by Gregory Thejawelie, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima at the DC's Conference Hall on 25th February 2019. PMKSN is an initiative scheme by the Government of India in which 120 million small and marginal farmers will get minimum income support.

Pughoboto:

Launch programme of PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) under Pughoboto sub-division was conducted by SDAO Office on 25th February 2019 with SDO (C) Pughoboto, Tiayanger as the special guest.

Tiayanger encouraged the farmers to take advantage of the scheme to improve their farming

practices, thereby uplifting their income. He said that through this programme, the farmers of Pughoboto will increase their production and productivity in agri and allied activities, and encouraged the farmers to produce in quantity for marketable surplus.

Keynote address was delivered by Myanthung Patton, SDAO who briefed the farmers that this scheme was launched by the central government for the small and marginal farmers who will be getting Rs. 6000 a year in three installments mainly for purchase of seeds and other inputs.

Dimapur:

PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) was launched for Dimapur district by Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol on 25th February 2019 at ATMA Training Hall with the District Agriculture Officer, Atoi Sema delivering the keynote address and Olem Jamir, Deputy District Agriculture Officer proposing the vote of thanks.



DC Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol speaking at the launching programme of PM-KISAN for Dimapur district at DAO's Office, Dimapur on 25th February 2019.

Startup India Acceleration provides a platform for innovative ideas in the state

The finale of the acceleration programme of Startup India Nagaland Yatra was held at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 25th February, 2019. Peihauding Team won the 'Hero of the State' award in Agriculture category and received a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh. The award was presented to the Best Startup in the state which has the potential to help in the economic growth and infrastructure of the state.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Lithrongla G. Chishi while presenting the awards, encouraged the young entrepreneurs to remain curious, innovate and make a difference in the society.

Ketuneikho Yavio & Team won the Best Innovative Idea in Technology Startup, Limayapang Longkumer & Team won the award in Social Startup. Zenwang Konyak & Team won the Best Innovative Idea in Agriculture Startup and Wondanglo Shitiri

& Team (Agriculture) was awarded the Top Women Entrepreneur.

In order to promote entrepreneurship in the State, a Startup Cell has been set up with the Directorate of Industries & Commerce as the nodal department. An Intellectual Patent Rights cell was also been set up in collaboration with the Department of Science & Technology in 2018 to cater to the needs of startups with patent rights.

Principal NTTC, Er. Petehtuo Miasalhou, Deputy Director, Information Technology & Communication, Er. Daniel Krocha, Consultant and entrepreneur, Yanpvuo Kikon and YouthNet Director, Hekani Jakhalu were the judges for the finale consisting a total of 30 startups selected from various colleges.

Startup India Nagaland Yatra was organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce in collaboration with Invest India, Department of

Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Government of India. The incubation partners for the Startups include NTTCT, SASRD, NIT Nagaland and NIELIT.

Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill Festival at Kohima

The Angami Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill 2019 organised by the Angami Public Organisation (APO) and Government of Nagaland under the theme "Purifying confluence" was held at Khuochiezie on 25th February 2019 at Tuophema village.

Chubawati Ao, President Ao Senden in his speech said that it was an honour and a privilege for him and his fellow Aos to be part of the Sekrenyi Festival. He said that the Angamis and the Aos have been sharing a cordial relationship since our ancestral days and in the true spirit of Sekrenyi, he called upon all to renew their friendship and take it to greater heights, and to bury the differences among the different tribes and

bring unity among the Naga people and work together for inclusive growth and development in our lands.

The President of Angami Public Organisation, Dr. Kepelhousie Terhüja in his greetings said that Sekrenyi festival is a menfolk festival, a festival of 'purification and sanctification' of the body, mind and soul. He said that during this festival, forefathers practiced rituals to cleanse off the past wrong doings and sins to renew and purify the body and soul of oneself, kinsmen, village and the community as a whole, ushering in greater aspiration and purpose in life. Dr. Terhüja also thanked the womenfolk on behalf of the APO for supporting the menfolk in their prayers and further urged them to continue keeping them in their prayers.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie said that many hilly states like Nagaland have developed Tourism industry through the promotion of tribal festivals where festivals are held

Angami women in traditional attires cooking in their traditional set up kitchen during the Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill Festival at Khuochiezie, Kohima on 26th February 2019.



in the districts and sub-divisions to bring about the flow of tourists, both domestic and foreign to explore all corners of the state. He added that the festivals will help create better tourism infrastructure and also create tourism related jobs in the state.

Rev. Fr. Dr. George, Keduolhou Dzeyie, Vice Principal of St. Joseph College, Jakhama invoked God's blessings, while Chatuo Paphino blessed the festival. Other highlights of the programme included Sekhrenyi song by Vizho Thakro, cultural item by Ao Cultural Troupe, special song by Coloured Keys. Cultural items were also presented by Northern, Southern, Western and Chakhro Cultural Troupes.

The second day of the Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill Festival 2019 was marked with inauguration of stalls and indigenous games competition at Khuochiezie on

26th February 2019. Indigenous games competition like wrestling, tug of war, fix jump, war cry and folk songs were carried out among the four ranges of Angami tribe.

The third and final day of Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill festival celebration was held at Tuophema village, Kohima with Advisor for Rural Development, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire as the special guest on 27th February 2019. Interlocutor, R.N. Ravi also paid a brief visit. Advisor H. Haying, Advisor Toshi Wungtung, DC Kohima, Thejagwelie and government officials attended the programme apart from a large public turn out.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio was the chief host of the Angami Sekrenyi Mini Hornbill Festival celebrations 2019.

INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS HELD AT RAJ BHAVAN

On the initiative of the Governor of Nagaland, P.B. Acharya, an interactive meeting with service providers, including cobblers, barbers, dhobis, vegetable vendors, tailors, street vendors, domestic helpers, newspaper hawkers, etc. was organised at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th February 2019.

Governor Acharya stated that service providers reach out to consumers at convenient locations and without their services, we would have to travel large distances to procure our necessary goods. He encouraged the gathering to avail the various Central and State Government schemes to further strengthen their establishments and business. He explained the various welfare schemes and programmes of the Government to the service providers, and reminded them that there are various schemes aimed to help them stand on their feet and strengthen the society.

Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, Dinesh Kumar, IAS stated that it is a first in the history of Raj Bhavan Kohima that the Governor and his wife have

initiated such a programme for the service providers. He said that the main intention of the programme is to recognise their service to the society and to give them equal respect. He further stated that Governor Acharya was very keen on the welfare of the service providers and wanted to make them aware of the various facilities, benefits, legal protection and government welfare schemes and programmes and to help them in every possible way.

The programme was also attended by representatives from the banking sector who gave brief presentations on various schemes and loans available at their respective banks for the benefit of the service providers. Short speeches were also delivered by Deputy Director, RSB, Rajeev Dong and Sanuo Vamuzo.

The formal programme was followed by cultural presentation by troupes from Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. All the service providers were also given a Certificate of Appreciation for their services towards the society signed by the Governor.

ONE-DAY STATE LEVEL AWARENESS WORKSHOP WITH MEDIA

A one-day State Level Awareness Workshop on EVM/VVPAT, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee/Media Matters with Media Officials in view of General Election to Lok Sabha, 2019 organized by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, was held at Hotel Japfu Kohima on 28th February 2019 with the media personnel.

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS in his address said that media has an important role to play in election management and in the conduct of elections. He also briefed about the menace of paid news and cautioned them to be aware of such news.

Joint Secretary, Power and National Level Master Trainer, Sara S. Jamir, in her power-point presentation on 'paid news' said that money used through media in elections has assumed alarming proportion and major junk of media malfunction in recent times as a serious electoral malpractice. She said paid news is still not made an electoral offence by law but has been causing concern to the Election Commission in conducting free and fair election. Paid news misleads the public and hampers their ability to

form correct opinions and cause undue influence on voters and also affect their Right to Information.

The Commission has issued the Media Certification & Monitoring Committee at district and state level whose major three functions are pre-certification of political advertisements on electronic media including social media; monitoring and action on paid news cases and monitoring the media violation cases during election process, Sara S Jamir added. The media has been among the most powerful ally of the Election Commission of India, the most eager supporter of the Commission's constitutional function and the Commission's strength and an ally in election management and essential in the conduct of the elections. She added that media is considered extremely essential to a democracy as a healthy democracy cannot exist without a free and responsible media.

Assistant Chief Electoral Officer and National Level Master Trainer, R. Mhathung also demonstrated and briefed the media on EVM/VVPAT administrative procedures.



CEO, Abhijit Sinha, IAS addressing the media personnel during the State Level Awareness Workshop on EVM/VVPAT, MCMC/Media Matters held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 28th February 2019.

Work with a missionary commitment: DC Dimapur

Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol stated that Dimapur district has to be a model district in taking the Intensive Pulse Polio Immunisation (IPPI) programme with a missionary commitment saying that it concerns the health of our people. He said this during the Dimapur District Task Force Committee meeting held on 1st February 2019, in view of the upcoming IPPI and National Deworming day scheduled to be launched in the State. He also emphasised on the need for proper training of the

health workers who would be administering the polio drops so that the purpose of the programme is served. Project Officer, UNDP highlighted on the maintenance, storage, regulation of required temperature of the vaccines stating that such issues are taken care of so that quality of the vaccines is not compromised.

The meeting held at the DC's Conference Hall Dimapur was attended by all the stakeholders including the Rotary Club, the official partner of IPPI programme.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Dimapur District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) was held at DC Office's Conference Hall on 5th February 2019 with Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Kevekha Kevin Zehol as chairman.

On the agenda for registration of societies, the Board after deliberation recommended Life of Hope Ministry, North Block, Burma Camp, Dimapur and Dimapur Bongs, Kalibari Road, near DMC Office. The Board also approved to forward the upgradation of GMS Sematila to GHS and GMS Indisen to GHS based

on the verification report.

On selection of aspiration block for the district, the Board approved the Aghunaqa block which was identified by the Rural Development Department.

The DC stressing on the importance of attendance in monthly DPDB meetings, requested all its members to be present in person. Terming Dimapur as an advantaged place of posting, he also appealed to all the district heads to be sincere in their assigned works for the welfare of the district.

KOHIMA DLCC QUARTERLY MEETING HELD

The District Level Co-ordination Committee quarterly meeting of District Tobacco Control Cell Kohima was held on 7th February 2019 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the Committee decided that Anti-Tobacco Squad will have to go for enforcement drive at least once in a month to the shops selling tobacco products.

Joint Director, DHFW SNO, NTCP, Dr. Hotokhu Chishi requested the Department of Police and

Transport to comply with the provisions of law by installing prohibition signage and warning messages in all the public places under their jurisdiction. Representative of Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts and President of Angamiapfü Mechü Krotho also requested the members to organize awareness programme in the centres and villages.

Kohima Bible College and Orphanage and Destitute Home, Kohima were declared 'Tobacco Free' by the DLCC.

1st Bhandari Sub-Divisional Departmental Sports Meet

The 1st Bhandari Sub-division Departmental Sports meet in support of “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” campaign, started on 7th February 2019 at the Public Ground, Bhandari town.

Addressing the opening ceremony programme, ADC Bhandari, Tiameren Chang stated that it is a good opportunity for the government servants to come together to encourage and strengthen one another to do better in serving the society. He also called upon everyone to support, save and educate the girl child in letter and spirit and not only through sloganeering.

The oath taking was conducted by Match Official, James Yanthan. Opening remark and welcome address was delivered by SDPO and Convener, Organising Committee, Yambemo Humtsoe. APRO Bhandari, Lily Ngullie presented a special number. The programme was chaired by Renbomo Yanthan, GT GHS Bhandari. In the first football match played between the offices of CDPO, Health & Family Welfare, SIB and SBI as “Team A” and District Administration,

Police and Assam Rifles as “Team B,” the latter won by 4 goals to nil.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon, IAS was the special guest in the closing ceremony on 9th February 2019. Calling upon the nodal departments to raise heightened awareness in the villages and also to give special attention to children so that no child will remain malnourished, he stated that healthy children make healthy community. He also stated that it is a matter of pride and encouragement that Wokha district is selected as one among 25 Best BBBP programme implementing districts in the country.

7th NAP Bhandari emerged as the winner of both Men’s Football and Women’s Volleyball matches while Social Welfare Department was the winner of the Women’s Tug of War. The winning trophies were given away by the Deputy Commissioner, Wokha. Altogether 21 departments participated in the three day event.

Tuensang DPDB Meeting recommends various proposals

The monthly Tuensang District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Advisor, Information & Public Relations, SCERT and Village Guards and Chairman DPDB Tuensang, Toshi Wungtung at the Deputy Commissioner Office’s Conference Hall, Tuensang on 7th February 2019. Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Parliamentary Affairs, C.M. Chang, MLA Kejong Chang, MLA Toyang Changkong Chang and MLA Muthingnyuba also attended the meeting.

The Board after lengthy deliberations recommended the following agenda for approval by the government - Upgradation of Alisapur Health Sub-Centre to Primary Health Centre under Chare Circle; setting up of college at Longkhim; creation of SDO (C) Office under ADC Administrative HQ Shamator town;

upgradation of SDO (Electrical) from Junior Engineer (Power) at Shamator; creation of Sub-divisional Water Resources Department at Shamator and posting of EAC at the newly created Mangko EAC Office under Shamator sub-division.

The Board recommended the proposal for new helipad instead of the Army helipad and also for a new Convention Hall which should be centrally located with smart modern amenities which was proposed and presented by the Minister.

The Board also approved the proposal presented by the Advisor on Waste Management dumping site. He proposed a new site for dumping as the present one is an eye sore and poses health hazards to people living in the district. The Advisor urged the concerned departments to complete the road clearance work in

two month-time before the monsoon season arrives, stating there should be no excuses for not finishing the works because ample time is being given. The Advisor also talked about the stone quarrying done randomly along the roadside and expressed his concern as it causes manmade disasters.

After the DPDB meeting, the Minister and his team visited the District Hospital Tuensang where they deliberated on shortage of doctors in the 100 bedded hospital and the absence of doctors in some PHCs and CHCs. Discussions were also held for steps to be taken for improving District Hospitals and Sub-Centres.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN KIPHIRE

On 8th February 2019, the District Executive Force (DEF) Kiphire observed the 30th National Road Safety Week at Public Ground, Kiphire where hundreds of students from different schools, Taxi Drivers Union and NGOs attended the programme.

Addressing the gathering, SDPO Kiphire, Khuzah Jury spoke on the 'Rules and Regulations' and said that it is the responsibility of the citizens to follow them for their own safety from road accidents. Khuzah said that the common causes of road accidents are due to drunken driving, wrong overtaking, over speeding etc. as a result of which

more than 1.3 million people die every year and around 20 to 50 million people are left injured and disabled. India accounts for above 10 percent of road accidents and added that the cost of road accidents in India costs around 2.4 percent GDP.

Also participating in the event, Sievituo Solo, Team Leader of the Project 72 hours expressed his appreciation to the people of Kiphire for banning the use of plastic in Kiphire and called for proper maintenance of the dustbins in Kiphire town to properly manage the waste.

30th National Road Safety Week was observed at Public Ground, Kiphire on 8th February 2019.



PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

Sub-divisional Planning Development Board (SDPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and SDPDB Chairman, Y. Vikheko Swu at the Customary Court Hall, Pughoboto on 8th February 2019.

The MLA while highlighting on the Khushe Foundation said that he has a plan for massive tree plantation in their area. The Board also agreed to apprise the villages to earmark the hillock area for more plantation this year and also asked the village to report to the Board regarding the saplings or species for plantation. The Board discussed the Naga United

Club Aphuyemi Football Cup. The MLA also directed for regular SDPDB meetings to be conducted for the upliftment of areas.

BDO Ghatashi, Obed highlighted about the problems faced under MGNREGA scheme for DBT and the Board agreed to write a letter to the nationalized banks to open bank accounts for the Job Card holders.

Mughatovi, Supervisor under CDPO Ghathashi delivered a powerpoint presentation on programmes and activities of Social Welfare Department and status of Ghathashi ICDS Project, which also have 53 Anganwadi centres in Pughoboto sub-division.

FREE EYE CHECK UP CONDUCTED AT KOHIMA

The Regional Transport Office, Kohima along with Health & Family Welfare Department conducted Free Eye Check-up Camp on 8th February 2019 at Kohima Local Ground. The Road Safety Enforcement Officer, Neingusalie Medom informed that the eye check-up camp was organised under the banner of the 30th National Road Safety Week.

During the camp, both Government as well as private drivers availed various tests provided by the organisers. The District Administration, Kohima led by ADC Kohima, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa along with SDO (C) Shaying Sheu also visited the camp.

Observance of National Deworming Day at Wokha

The National Deworming Day was observed in all the schools and Anganwadi centres under Wokha district on 8th February 2019. St. Peter's School, Longsa also observed the NDD, wherein Dr. Khokholie MO RBSK spoke on the importance of deworming the children, a mission initiated by the Government of India MoHFW which aims to reduce the cases of worm infections among children from 1-19 years.

The major goal of this campaign is to deworm all the children to improve the overall health for a better cognitive development among children. Infection through parasitic worms (STH-Soil Transmitted

Helminthes) is one of the most common infections in children. According to WHO, around 220 million children in India are at risk of STH infection. It has emerged as one among the world's largest public health campaigns preventing children from intestinal parasitic worms, as worm infection can make children anaemic, malnourished, weak, sick, and tired with poor concentration. ICDS supervisors visited all the AWCs in the urban areas to supervise the activity.

The mass deworming programme aims to reach all children at schools and AWCs with the deworming treatment.

Sensitization on Women Health issues at Wokha

Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), a camp for fathers on “Sensitization on women health issues” was held on 9th February 2019 at Wokha Town Baptist Church with Medical Officer, Dr. R. Zechano Ezung and UBSI Longkumonen Pongen as the resources persons.

Dr. R. Zechano Ezung (AYUSH) District Hospital Wokha dwelling on the topic of women health issues, stated some health issues affect women differently and pointed some of the common problems and diseases concerning women health like breast cancer, pregnancy issues, cervical cancer etc. She also stated women suffer higher heart attack deaths compared to

men, and depression and anxiety exhibits more often in women.

UBSI Wokha Police Station, Longkumonen Pongen, speaking on ‘Dangers of social media on teenagers,’ said it is very important for parents to talk with their kids about how to use social media wisely and about the danger and consequences of social media. He also added social media can be sometimes dangerous, but if used in a good way, it can be an opportunity for learning new ideas and improvement of communication skill and technology skills. He also emphasized on ‘Prevention of children from sexual offences.’

Election Expenditure Monitoring meeting held at Kohima

Election Expenditure and Monitoring meeting was held in connection with the conduct of forthcoming Lok Sabha General Election on 12th February 2019 at DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima.

Assistant Commissioner and Nodal Officer, EEM, Vineet Kumar, IAS briefed the team members on major legal provisions related to election expenditure

monitoring; risks of money power in democracy; purpose of election expenditure monitoring etc. He sought the cooperation from various teams for the successful conduct of election and requested the members to be prepared with their entrusted duties for efficient conduct of the elections.

DISTRICT TASK FORCE MEETING AT PEREN

A District Task Force meeting for the upcoming National Immunization Day 2019 was held on 12th February 2019 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Peren District Task Force, S. Tainiu at DC's Conference Hall, New Complex Peren.

DPO (RCH&UIP) Peren, Dr. Nukshisangla Jamir delivered powerpoint presentation on the Global and National Polio update, Wild Polio Virus Eradication and Endgame strategies, Polio Endemic countries,

Wild Polio Virus containment and certification. She also highlighted key action plans for Wild Polio Virus Eradication in India such as Mass Polio Vaccination, participation of high political involvement, focus on high risk areas, invocation and equity issues, Intensive IEC activities, strong feedback mechanism etc. Follow up of action plan laid down for the welfare of the people will ensure free Polio areas or free Polio Virus, she added.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th February 2019 at ADC's Planning Hall, Mokokchung. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Chairman DPDB, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS.

The chairman requested all the members to be prepared to perform election duties and also informed

that there will be no exemption on poll duty once enlisted in the poll duty chart.

Renovation of Indoor Sports building at Imkongmeren Sports Complex was also discussed on which the DC replied that it will be looked into on priority basis. The Board also discussed on town traffic problem, and agreed to approach the department concerned to ease and solve the problem.



DC Mokokchung, Rajesh Soundararajan addressing the DPDB meeting at ADC (Planning) Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 12th February 2019.

PEREN DPDB MEETING

Peren District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th February 2019 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, New DC Complex under the chairmanship of DC and Vice Chairman DPDB, S. Tainiu.

Tening Block identified by Rural Development Department for special attention for development was recommended by the Board for onward action plan from the State Government. Cooperation Department

delivered their departmental presentation with further explanation of district office and its function till date. Assistant Election Officer, Peren explained about VVPAT machines and EVMs and its uses to the members with hands on trial for more clarity about the operation system. The DC also informed all Heads of Offices to take note of clearing office premises so as to avoid the danger of fire breakouts in office areas in particular and the district in general.

TSEMINYU SDPDB MEETING

Sub-divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) Tseminyu held its monthly meeting at DB's Customary Court, ADC office Tseminyu on 12th February 2019 with Vice Chairman SDPDB and ADC

Tseminyu, Nokchasashi Kichu chairing the meeting.

The meeting discussed proposed agenda for organizing Departmental Sports Week to be held within a month at Tseminyu.

AR ORGANIZES MEDICAL CAMP AT LUKIKHE VILLAGE

32 Assam Rifles organized a medical camp at Lukikhe village, Aghunato sub-division on the 12th February 2019. The programme was organized under the Military Civic Action (MCA) Operation, Sadbhavna.

The medical team was led by Dr. Ngukato Kiho, Deputy Commandant (SMO) 32 AR and Captain

Abhishek Sharma RMO 32 AR, Zunheboto. While undertaking the programme, patients at Lukikhe, Shevishe and surrounding villages under Aghunato were given free medical treatment and medicines were distributed free of cost.

MOCK DRILL HELD AT JNV CHUKITONG

Training and Mock Drill was conducted at JNV Chukitong under Wokha district on 12th February 2019, initiated by District Commandant, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Wokha.

HG&CD personnel, Wokha with JNV staff and students during the training and mock drill conducted at JNV Chukitong, Wokha on 12th February 2019.

During the mock drill, students were trained on 'Emergency method of Rescue and First.' The Principal and staff of JNV Chukitong expressed appreciation to District Commandant HG&CD for conducting training and creating awareness to the students.



LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD AT TAMLU

The Longleng District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting-cum-Picnic was held at Dikhu river in between Tamlu and Wanching village on 12th February 2019 under the chairmanship of S. Pangnyu Phom, Chairman DPDB and Minister for Health & Family Welfare.

Addressing the DPDB members and the villagers, Pangnyu said the main purpose of the meeting-cum-picnic held under Tamlu sub-division is to know the grievances and problems faced by the people of Tamlu and bringing it to the notice of the Board to redress the issues. Briefing on the Dikhu

Hydro Project, he informed if the survey report is found to be feasible, the Government will take the initiative and approach the stakeholders and the landowners for discussion to negotiate for land compensation for final approval of the project. Therefore, he appealed to the villagers to understand the norms and allow the survey team to complete their assignment to avoid time constraint for speedy completion of the hydro project. Pangnyu also urged the Buranamsang village to take a strong resolution to ban illegal coal mining which is hazardous to health and environment.

B. S. Nganlang, MLA said that the villagers have taken time and expenditure for the last 30 years for the hydro project and appealed to the department concerned, administration, NGOs and the stakeholders to understand their issues and resolve it judiciously without any communication gap between the Government and the landowners. He pointed out that it will benefit the people but, if the case is not handled properly it will have negative impact and may invite disaster instead of development.

After a brief deliberation and discussion, the Board forwarded the following agenda to the respective departments for approval - Extension, black topping and retaining wall from Tri-junction to SP Office, DUDA Guest Board and Administrative Quarter, Longleng; Approach and Circular Road from Agri to Shamkang Ward under Longleng; construction of road from Namsang to Setap; major Irrigation Project at Yonglok; change of nomenclature of Shetap village; construction of Community Hall; inauguration of Rest Board; extension of GPS class room; construction of Local Ground; posting of Magistrate at Yonglok; resuming of NST service to Tamlu and Buranamsang; opening of GPS at Shetap and Apoigi village; registration of BNSU under Society Act; Water Drilling at various villages of Tamlu; posting and creation of various office at Sakshi and Tamlu sub-division.

Junior Engineer, Power highlighted the status report of the land survey for the Hydro Project.

Awareness on Sustainable Forest Management (NFMP) held at Tuophema

An awareness programme on sustainable forest management was organized by Kohima Forest Division in collaboration with the local functionaries of eight villages under Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), JICA at Tuophema on 13th February 2019.

During the programme, DFO Kohima, Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS highlighted on the importance of the role of local communities in the successful implementation of NFMP project. She said

DFO Kohima, Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS with the local functionaries of eight villages under NFMP, JICA during an awareness programme on sustainable forest management at Tuophema village on 13th February 2019.



that a landscape approach to the project is important for the sustainability of various components and also for the benefit of the community with regard to livelihood security. Discussions were held on focus group discussion, Microplan, JFMC formation and accounting procedure etc.

Village Councils of Tuophema and Zhadima spoke on behalf of the local functionaries and assured full cooperation to the department.

Ranger Chiephobozou, Sanchu spoke on the issues relating to microplan preparation and Boardhold survey; Saratho Katiry, EAC Botsa also spoke about the relationship between conservation and livelihood. The programme was attended by Village Councils, JFMCs, Youth group, Women Society, SHGs and church workers of all the eight villages under NFMP project of Chiephobozou Range.

TOBU SDPDB MEETING

The Tobu SDPDB meeting was held on 14th February 2019 at Additional Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of ADC Tobu, Mudongoi Chuzho.

The agenda discussed at the meeting included posting of Assistant Teacher at GPS Perao Changlu village; maintenance of road from Bazaar junction to CHC Tobu headquarters; registration of project at Tobu headquarter and registration of De-ong Club Tobu village.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING

The monthly Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DPDB's Conference Hall, Kohima on 15th February 2019. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie.

The Board deliberated on the agenda for identification of Aspirational Block wherein the DC informed on the decision of Cabinet to identify one block as Aspirational Block from each district. The Board also deliberated on the proposal submitted

by the Rural Development Department selecting Tseminyu block as Aspirational Block for Kohima district, and decided to recommend it to the Government for further necessary action.

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) highlighted the ongoing activities in regard to Mega Legal Service Camp which started with Longleng district and has covered 10 other districts with the culmination of the camp to be held at Kohima. Project Coordinator, NLSA Limasenla Longkumer informed the Board that the main idea of the camp is service delivery model providing services in real time and informed that the Legal Service Authority booths will offer legal assistance in filling forms, drafting affidavits etc.

During the meeting, review of Village Adoption Committee activities was also taken up, ADC Kohima and Core Committee Convenor, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa requested the committees to expedite their action plan and wind up their activities within the time frame.

Presenting the departmental activities, Executive Engineer South Division, PWD (R&B) Kohima, Er. Vizotuo Seletsu highlighted on various type of projects looked after by the division, various works under SRDP 2017-2018, PMGSY, annual maintenance 2018-2019 under State Plan, Centrally Sponsored Scheme and improvement of city road at Kohima.

PHEK DPDB MEETING

The monthly Phek District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15th February 2019 at DPDB hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Orenthung Lotha.

The Chairman introduced the newly posted officers, namely Vekuto Vero SDO (C), Theodore Yanthan ADC Chozuba and Zhoi Lohe SDO (C) Chozuba.

The Board discussed and approved registration of Green Basket Spices Producer Society; Aspirational Blocks at Weziho; approval for registration of Alumni

Association of the Phek Government College to Home Department; construction of ADC office building at Meluri. ADC Meluri delivered powerpoint presentation on Meluri sub-division.

Mon DPDB Meeting Recommends Various Proposals

Monthly Mon District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 15th February 2019 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall Mon under the Vice Chairman DPDB and DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

During the meeting, the Board recommended the following agenda - change of school name from Paramount High School to Nyeiwang Konyak Memorial High School, Aboi; application form for Grant-in-Aid in respect of Public School, Aboi; application seeking inclusion of construction of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection staff quarter complex at Mon town; approval for creation of post of SDPO, Tobu; approval for construction of Food & Civil Supplies Godown at Tobu; approval for setting up of Eklavya

Model Residential School (EMRS), Tobu; proposal for change of Tobu village and Tobu town Village Guards to Mon, instead of Tuensang and constitution of SPCA for Mon.

Powerpoint presentation was delivered by DIET Mon and ITI Mon. The Board also took pledge on "Save the girl child" which was led by the DC. The meeting was followed by demonstration on EVMs and VVPAT machines.

Health Education-cum-Check Up at Bhandari

Health Education-cum-Health Check up and awareness on PNDT Act for adolescents and child bearing age group under BBBP was conducted at Bhandari Town Hall on 15th February 2019 organized by Health & Family Welfare Department in collaboration with District Administration Wokha.

The programme was attended by EAC Bhandari, Programme Officers and staff of CMO, Eloie Hoho members, Adolescent Club members, ASHAs, AWWs and students from different schools. Altogether more than 300 Participants attended the programme.

DC Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS leading the pledge on 'Save the girl child' during the DPDB meeting held at DC's Office, Mon on 15th February 2019.



Dr. Nounenuo Terhase, Junior Specialist (Obs & Gynae) DMMDH Wokha, gave a speech on ill effects of teenage pregnancy and its side effects, illegal abortions and its effect on health, STDs and Cervical Cancer.

Shanchobeni, Panel Lawyer, WDLA Wokha, talked on PNDT Act on legal perspective, penalties and punishments, misuse on sex-determination leading to female foeticide. She also said women

faces untold sufferings such as repeated abortions which adversely affect mental and physical health.

Dr. Zuben Kikon, Deputy CMO urged the participants to learn and disseminate the right information to the community. The programme was followed by counseling, health check-up and distribution of free medicines wherein 23 adolescents came to avail the facility.

College grievances highlighted at Zunheboto DPDB Meeting

The monthly Zunheboto District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 18th February 2019 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. DC and Vice Chairman DPDB Zunheboto, Shanavas C, IAS presided over the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting included identification of Aspirational Block as was discussed in the cabinet meeting on 9th November 2018, where one particular block in different districts was to be identified and submitted through Planning & Coordination Department. The Rural Development Department had selected Satoi block under Zunheboto district as it falls under IPPE (Intensive Planning and Preparatory Exercise) group or block. Proposal for registration of Aloes Montessori school at Satakha was put up.

Principal, Zunheboto Government College highlighted the various problems faced by the students as well as faculty members. He emphasized the need for maintaining at least one smart classroom which should be equipped with projector, computer and internet connection and a well maintained library with at least 5000 books under the norms of the UGC or else the college may face de-recognition from the UGC. The Principal put forth a proposal to the DPDB members to help the college financially as there are repair and maintenance works to be done upon which the Deputy Commissioner requested the members to assist the college financially and the Department

decided to contribute Rs. 5000 each to the college.

Powerpoint presentation was delivered by PWD (R & B) and Sericulture Department. Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB and Advisor, Tourism, Art and Culture, Khehovi donated Rs. 2 lakh for the renovation of the conference hall.

Pohwang distributes Aids and Assistive Devices at Mon

A programme for distribution camp of aids and appliances under RVY and ADIP Scheme was held on 18th February 2019 at Town Council, Mon.

Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale and Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio were unable to attend the programme due to inclement weather conditions. Ramdas Athawale addressed the gathering through phone voice call on the occasion.

Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio whose speech was read out by OSD to CM, Mankhao said that Mon is one of the most strategically located districts of Nagaland, sharing boundaries with Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Myanmar.

CM congratulated Mon for being the first district to complete the assessment and distribution in the entire state.

He also mentioned that State Government notified the Rights of Person with Disabilities Act 2016

in 2018 and all departments have been directed to ensure implementation of the Act in letter and spirit.

Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, SIRD, Relief & Rehabilitation, Pohwang Konyak distributed

the aids and assistive devices to the beneficiaries under RVY and ADIP schemes on behalf of the government.

Distribution Programme of Aid and Assistive Devices under RVY and ADIP at Kiphire

Disability and assistive devices distribution camp was held at Kiphire district on 19th February 2019 at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall under RVY and ADIP scheme, Government of India.

Special Guest, R.K Mathur, DGM, ALIMCO while addressing the gathering said that the scheme is free of cost for disabled persons. He also mentioned that the journey started in the month of July 2018 and

requested the new beneficiaries to get registered so that they can also get their aids.

Short speech was also delivered by Reny Wilfred, IAS, ADC Kiphire, special presentation was delivered by V. Leochum Thonger. Altogether 1116 beneficiaries received aids like wheel chairs, spectacles, walking sticks and hearing aids.



Disability and Assistive Devices distribution camp was held at Kiphire on 19th February 2019.

Kiphire DPDB Meeting deliberates Implementation of Aspirational District Activities

The monthly Kiphire District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 20th February 2019 with the District Tribal Hohos at Deputy Commissioner's Office Conference Hall Kiphire.

The Board discussed on opening of New Primary

School at Threntsuvong and approved to write to the concerned department for consideration. Discussion was also held on improvement of road condition under Kiphire district and improvement of health sector including writing to the concerned department

to provide new ambulance for Kiphire Health Sector.

The Board unanimously agreed to write to the concerned department to construct BDO Office at Khongsa under Kiphire. The Board also agreed to forward the agenda submitted by Minister, Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining for developmental

work including blacktopping the USLBA Retreat Centre Road of two kilometers.

The Board also deliberated on the Aspirational District status report and urged the departments to be serious in the Aspirational District development works.

Awareness and Sensitization on Women and Girl Child Rights at Longleng

Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) in collaboration with District Task Force (DTF) BBBP Longleng conducted a felicitation and an awareness programme on Women and Girl Child Rights on 19th and 20th February 2019 at Yaongyimchen and Yachem village, Longleng with a vision to create an environment in which women realizes their full potential and to encourage the spirit of voluntary community service and gender equality among the people.

District Coordinator, Tutinungla Phom gave a brief note on issues and schemes related to women and girl child. She encouraged the womenfolk,

especially the pregnant women and lactating mothers to avail the benefits meant for them. Importance on the health of a mother and girl child education was discussed.

Tutinungla gave information on various women schemes and offices such as One Stop Centre, Women Helpline 181 (Police, Hospital, Ambulance Services, Legal Aid, Protection Officer, Video Conferencing); Antenatal check-up for pregnant women (ANC); Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY); Janani Surakshaj Yojana (JSY); Sukhanya Samridhhi Account - encouraged parents to build a fund for the

MSK in collaboration with DTF, BBBP Longleng conducted a felicitation-cum-awareness programme on Women and Girl Child Rights at Yaongyimchen and Yachem villages, Longleng on 19th and 20th February 2019



future education and marriage expenses for their female child and Mahila Shakti Kendra - District Level Centre for women.

Phungla Phom, WWO, MSK Longleng felicitated a girl child who has an outstanding achievement in academic as well as in co-curricular activities, and a single mother who raised her children who are all educated and well settled. They were given gift hampers along with certificates.

The programme was attended by around 350 people including Village Council members, church leaders, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers, women and girl child.

Mini Legal Services Camp held at Tseminyu

Mini Legal Services Camp organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) for Kohima district, in collaboration with various government departments was held at Tseminyu Town Hall on 21st February 2019.

Phuleto Yeptho NJS, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, Kohima District Legal Services Authority (KDLSA) said such camps provide legal aid for downtrodden people.

Limasenla Longkumer, Project Coordinator, NSLSA said that the purpose is to let people know their rights for support as well as benefits to avail from public welfare departments.

Free Affidavit registration and Birth Certificates were issued by public notary on the day long programme. Various department officials, public of Tseminyu town and its adjoining villages attended the programme.

Mega Legal Services Camp in Kohima

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) and the Kohima District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Administration, various government departments, stakeholders and

NGOs held a Mega Legal Services Camp on 23rd February 2019 at Kohima Local Ground.

NSLSA in partnership with its district counterparts have been organizing legal camps throughout the State and with the latest camp in Kohima, it has covered all the 11 districts in the State. NSLSA, ever since its inception in 1999, has been working tirelessly to promote legal awareness as well as providing legal help to all the underprivileged sections of society in the State who have very limited access to the legal system.

The inaugural programme for the one day mega legal services camp was held at Kohima local ground with Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge of Gauhati High Court and Executive Chairman NSLSA as the special guest. Addressing the gathering, he said that Legal Services Awareness Camp was organized with the collective endeavour to help the poorest section of the society and less privileged people to have access to various beneficial schemes provided by the government and to create platform to make citizens aware of their rights. He also informed that awareness campaign will be organized in sub-divisions and villages soon.

The inaugural programme was followed by the inauguration of the stalls by the special guest, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh.

Workshop on HIV/AIDS held at Battalion (HQ) Alichen

A sensitization workshop on 'HIV/AIDS and harm reduction with Law Enforcement Agency' was held at Battalion Headquarter, Alichen on 26th February 2019. The resource persons in the programme were from Kripa Foundation, Kohima led by Project Director, Abou Meri and Makshi, DPO, DAPLU, Mokokchung.

The programme was jointly organised by Kripa Foundation, NSACSA, FH1 360 and 2nd NAP Battalion. Altogether, 130 personnel and officers of the unit attended the workshop.

PM DIGITALLY INAUGURATES BUILDINGS AT WAKCHING NEW MODEL COLLEGE

Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi inaugurated the new administrative and academic blocks of Wakching New Model College, Mon via remote digitally from Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar on 3rd February 2019.

The digital launching programme was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon in the presence of Minister, Higher Education & Technical Education, Temjen Imna Along and MLA, Y. M. Yollow Konyak.



Prime Minister, Narendra Modi digitally inaugurating the new administrative and academic blocks of Wakching New Model College, Mon from Srinagar on 3rd February 2019.

NStCB LTD. NEW OFFICE AND ATM BOOTH INAUGURATED AT TSEMINYU

ADC Tseminyu, Nokchasashi Kichu as special invitee inaugurated the new office and new ATM booth of NStCB Ltd. at Tseminyu town on 8th February 2019.

Delivering the inaugural speech, the ADC requested the NStCB Ltd. authorities to create public awareness of all the schemes that are planned for the benefits of the customers. He also mentioned that Tseminyu town being one of the best locations in the

State, the customers should avail the opportunities that are provided to them.

Board of Director, NStCB Ltd. Kohima, Abao Kire and Rengma Hoho President Kenyuseng delivered short speeches at the programme.

Invocation prayer was pronounced by Athonlo Khing, Pastor Tseminyu Town Baptist Church. Government officials and Village Council authorities of Tseminyu Sub-Division attended the programme.



ADC Tseminyu, Nokchasashi Kichu, Abao Kire, Board of Directors, NSCB Ltd. and others during the inaugural programme of the new office and ATM booth of NSCB Ltd. at Tseminyu town on 8th February 2019.

TENING GETS NEW SDEO OFFICE



Advisor for School Education, K. Tokugha Sukhalu inaugurated the Sub-Divisional Education Officer (SDEO) Office of Tening at EBRC Building, Tening town on 8th February 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, K. Tokugha Sukhalu called upon the teachers to be sincere in their profession. The supporting staff for the newly inaugurated SDEO office will be posted soon, the Advisor added.

Advisor for Water Resources Department, Namri Nchang asked the public to take care of the

Advisor, School Education, K. Tokugha Sukhalu and other officials during the inauguration of the SDEO Office, Tening on 8th February 2019.

property with cooperation and expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister, Advisor and Director of School Education for their initiatives.

Director of School Education, Wonthungo Tsoepoe along with department officials, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tening, Chubatemjen and

retired Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner, H. K. Khulu joined the inaugural programme.

Earnest Zeliang, SDEO, Tening chaired the programme and a special number was presented by Baptist High School.

DLST CONSTRUCTS CLOCK TOWER WITH FREE DRINKING WATER BOOTH

The Dimapur Langpangkong Senso Telongjem (DLST), in commemoration of its Golden Jubilee, constructed a Clock Tower with free Drinking Water Booth at New Market junction, Dimapur which was inaugurated by Minister for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Metsubo Jamir in the presence of Advisor, Power Department, Tovihoto Ayemi and MLA, Moatoshi Longkumer on 9th February 2019.

In his inaugural speech, Metsubo Jamir, while acknowledging the contribution made by the DLST towards the development of Dimapur, urged all sections of people to emulate the good gesture shown by the Union. Stating Dimapur as a mini city represented by different tribes and communities, the Minister said that despite differences in nature and opinion, the people of Dimapur have been coexisting

in harmony.

Advisor, Tovihoto Ayemi, in his short speech, expressed his appreciation to DLST for their contribution in transforming one of the filthiest spots in Dimapur into something beautiful with basic amenity attached. He observed that such good example shown by the DLST towards the society will help create a sense of moral responsibility among the people in making a better Dimapur.

The programme was chaired by Convenor, Golden Jubilee Organising Committee, K Temjen Jamir, while welcome address was delivered by President DLST, Er. S.N. Meren Jamir. Pastor, Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo, Rev. I. Wati offered the dedicatory prayer.

MINI LIBRARY INAUGURATED AT KIDIMA

A mini library was inaugurated in a small informal gathering at Government Middle School (GMS), Kidima village, Kohima, on the 18th February 2019. The library has been established under the patronage of EAC, Kezocha, Seyiekhrietuo Solo, NCS.

EAC, Kezocha, Seyiekhrietuo Solo along with teachers at the inauguration of mini library at GMS, Kidima village, Kohima on 18th February 2019.



In his address, Solo mentioned that education has always been a priority for him and it is sad to see the condition of students in government schools. Therefore, he took the initiative to kickstart a mini library in one of the schools under his jurisdiction. With the help of some of his friends and teachers, they bought about a hundred books, handpicked for the students, which would enrich the imagination and

intellect of a child.

Solo further said that he wanted the people across the state, especially in the villages to take 'quality education' seriously, more importantly in government schools. When asked about the future of such mini libraries, he said that this was an experiment and if it works out well, he would like to start it in other schools of other villages too.

DGP INAUGURATES YONGLOK POLICE STATION

Asserting that the primary duty of the Police is to maintain law and order and provide peace and security to the people, Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS appealed to the Police force to realize that serving the Police department should be considered as a 'blessed duty' and urged them to serve with joy and enthusiasm to deliver justice to the citizens. The DGP was addressing the inaugural function of the Yonglok Police Station on 18th February 2019. He also asserted that the strength of the Police force lies with the people and the citizens must come forward and extend full cooperation and support to maintain peace and tranquility in the area.

To keep the reputation of the Nagaland Armed Police Force alive, the DGP informed that a Special Task Force of NAP equipped with advanced weapons and equipments will be commissioned within two months. He asserted that our NAP forces are professional force and their reputation and excellent service are still appreciated and acknowledged by others. In order to look into the affair of border areas, he informed that SDPO Border will also be deputed at border areas shortly and the strength of the Police force of Longleng would be upgraded to SP level.

Deputy Commissioner Longleng, John Tsulise Sangtam appealed to the public to extend all cooperation and support to the Police to discharge their duties and responsibilities efficiently. He was also optimistic that the people will utilize and avail the services to maintain peaceful law and order in the area.

Speaking on behalf of the NGOs, President PPC, President Namsang Area Citizens and Chairman of Yonglok Village Council shared their grievances living in the border areas and thanked the DGP and the Police Department for inauguration of Yonglok Police Station. Technical report was proposed by Er. Hutoshe, Project Engineer PEP, Alichen Division. Plantation drive was carried out by the DGP and the officers around the Police Station.

The programme was attended by Imlisunep IGP; Aotemsu DIGP; Rhovisie Nguwi Commandant 12th IR; Raguramarajan SP Mokokchung; Lakha Koza Commandant 13th IR and Kuhovi Sumi Commandant 2nd NAP besides other Police ranks and files, ADC and EAC Tamlu, government officers, NGOs and the people of Namsang area.

Earlier, on 5th February 2019, DGP T. John Longkumer had visited Yonglok Police Station, 2nd NAP Camp Yonglok and Police Station Anaki – C under DEF Mokokchung.

Forest Nursery inaugurated under Kohima Forest Division

A forest nursery was inaugurated in Kohima Forest Colony by PCCF & HoFF, I. Panger Jamir IFS in the presence of APCCF, M. M. Ngullie IFS, DFO Kohima, Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS and Pezaneinu RO Kohima Range on 20th February 2019.

The DFO Kohima said the nursery was constructed in January 2019 to raise saplings through

root trainers and that for this year, the saplings will be distributed in bare rooted form in carton boxes to minimize the use of plastics within and outside the nursery.

The PCCF & HoFF highlighted on the importance of using biodegradable containers for raising saplings in the nurseries and appreciated that such initiatives will have a durable impact in future in order to decrease the use of polybags.

APCCF also said that though costly and labor intensive, an alternative to polybags should be encouraged to fulfill the objectives of the department.

The Kohima Central Nursery has a capacity of around 60,000 saplings and with the addition of the new nursery, it aims to lessen the pressure of seedling demand.

HWC LAUNCHED AT MERIEMA SUB-CENTRE

The launching programme of Sub-Centre Health & Wellness Centre under Ayushman Bharat was launched by Principal Secretary for Health & Family Welfare, I. Himato Zhimomi at Meriema Sub-Centre, Kohima on 22nd February 2019.

Launching the programme, Himato said that under Ayushman Bharat, there are two pillars i.e. National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) and Health & Wellness Centre (HWC), and Nagaland State has launched the HWC with 56 Centres across the State. He stated that the main objective of Ayushman Bharat is not only to stay healthy but also to maintain healthy mind and spirit. Under the NHPS, a person who has been registered with the schemes will get Rs. 5 lakh cashless benefit in the event of ailments, he said.

Mission Director, National Health Mission, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhru chairing the programme said that the MoHFW envisages upgradation of all 1.5 lakh SCs to HWCs in the country for provision of comprehensive primary healthcare by December 2022. Keeping in line with this, Dr. Medikhru said that the Department of Health & Family Welfare has upgraded three Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) and two Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and the upgradation of 56 Sub Centres (SCs) in Nagaland, which will be upgraded in a phase manner. The Centre will be equipped with comprehensive laboratory, (19 test HWC-PHC and 7 test in HWC-SC) Pharmacy, robust IT system, essential drugs and supplies and proper infrastructure with provision for wellness activities.



Principal Secretary, H & FW, I. Himato Zhimomi speaking at the launching programme of HWC at Meriema Sub-Centre, Kohima on 22nd February 2019.

The Mission Director also said that Community Health Officers (B.Sc. Nursing/GNM with field experiences) who have undergone six months intensive training will be posted in the Centre to deliver the package of services. He also requested the community to extend their full cooperation with the department in general and the staff posted in the village in particular to implement the Comprehensive Primary Health Care through HWCs successfully.

HWC includes 12 package of services such as care in pregnancy and child birth, neonatal and infant health care service, childhood and adolescent health care services, family planning, contraceptive services and other reproductive health care services,

management of communicable diseases, national health programmes, general out-patient care for acute simple illnesses and minor ailments, screening, prevention, control and management of non-communicable diseases, care of common ophthalmic and ENT problems, basic oral health care services, elderly and palliative health care services, emergency medical services including burns and trauma and screening and basic management of mental health ailments.

State Programme Officer NHM, Dr. Thanghoi Lam delivered the vote of thanks, which was followed by a volleyball match between the Medical Staff and Meriema Youth to promote wellness in the community.

SANITARY NAPKIN INCINERATOR INSTALLED AT MON DH

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS inaugurated Sanitary Napkin Incinerator at District Hospital Mon on 22nd February 2019 in the premises of RDC building.

ADC and Administrator of Mon Town Council, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS had donated the Sanitary

Napkin Incinerator as part of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign.

The programme was chaired by SMO, Dr. Supongmeren and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Wungyong (MS I/C).

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS inaugurating the Sanitary Napkin Incinerator at District Hospital Mon on 22nd February 2019.



UNION MINISTER LAUNCHES PROJECTS UNDER NERTPS AT SABANGYA, CHUNGZIA

Union Minister of Textile, Government of India, Smriti Zubin Irani in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, State Minister of Home Affairs, Government of India inaugurated Post Cocoon Technology Project and also launched other projects under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) at Sabangya, Chungtia, Mokokchung on 22nd February 2019.

Addressing the gathering, Smriti Irani said the government is trying to promote silk production in large scale throughout the NE States, looking at the rich potential of Muga Silk production, adding that NE states contribute bulk of the Muga Silk production in the country. She also expressed optimism that implementation of such projects will not only uplift the economic condition of the people but help women empowerment through employment opportunities.

Kiren Rijiju said textile is not a new thing for the Nagas as they are closely associated with it through their rich ethnic designs and patterns. He went on to say that NERTPS will not only benefit the community in economic terms but will promote women empowerment by expanding their potentials.

Earlier in the programme, the Union Ministers inaugurated Muga P3 Basic Seed Production Centre, Kubolong by unveiling an inaugural stone and releasing of brochure, launching of Sericulture Development Project of Kiphire by releasing a brochure of the project and unveiling an inaugural stone, launching of Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project through women empowerment for the whole district by releasing a brochure of the project.

NATIONAL MISSION ON GOVERNMENT E MARKETPLACE (GeM)

(A DIPR Feature by Temjenkaba, IA)

National Mission on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) was launched on 5th September 2018 to accelerate the adoption and use of GeM by major Central Ministries, State Governments and their agencies. The aim of this National Mission is to promote inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in public procurement and to achieve cashless, contactless and paperless transaction which will increase overall efficiency and lead to cost saving on government expenditure in procurement.

During the six weeks' special drive beginning from 6th September up to 15th October 2018, the mission was launched at all the state headquarters by the Chief Ministers and will cover important sectors and flagship programmes, launch of IEC campaign along with training on usage of GeM for both buyers and sellers, buyer registration drive on board with government agencies and vendor registration drive will have a special focus on MSMEs.

The GeM after its launch has crossed Rs. 10,800 crore in value terms and 6.96 lakh in volume of transactions through the platform and more. More than 1.35 lakh sellers had offered 4.43 lakh products on the GeM platform which has 26,500 organizations as buyers. While all States and Union Territories are buying through GeM, 25 States and UTs have already signed a MoU to make procurement through GeM mandatory. It has led to an overall average savings in cost of procurement to the tune of about 25%.

The GeM platform provides online, end to end solution for procurement of commonly used goods and services for all Central Government Departments, Public Sector Units and affiliated bodies. This National

Mission on GeM is going to cover important sectors and flagship programmes. Government will launch IEC campaign and is going to provide training on 'How to use GeM portal' for buyers and sellers. People can make sign up, login and understand payment procedure at gem.gov.in

Some of the special benefits of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) are:

1. Direct purchase on GeM can be done in a matter of minutes and the entire process is online, end to end integrated and with online tools for assessing price reasonability.
2. For procurements of higher value, the bidding/RA facility on GeM is among the most transparent and efficient, in comparison to e-procurement systems in vogue within the government sector.
3. For creating a bid/RA, the buyer does not need to create his/her own technical specifications as they have been standardized on GeM. These would make GeM an extremely powerful tool in the hands of government organizations to plan and procure.

GeM is a completely secure platform and all the documents on GeM are e-Signed at various stages by the buyers and sellers. The antecedents of the suppliers are verified online and automatically through MCA21, Aadhaar and PAN database. For high value bids/RA on GeM, an e-Bank Guarantee is also being introduced. GeM is by far a better system which relies more on financial instruments (EMD in case of tenders for large procurements only) to guarantee good conduct by the suppliers. In the existing system, there is zero check on the antecedents of the suppliers and for small value procurements, it is up to Rs. 1 lakh).

(Source: Planning & Coordination Department)



Mission Director, National Health Mission, Dr. Kevichusa Medikhu addressing the students during the launching programme of the 1st Phase of National Deworming Day at Mezbur Higher Secondary School, Kohima on 8th February 2019.



Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS with DC, Administrative officers and Police officers after inauguration of the Yonglok Police Station, Longleng on 18th February 2019.



Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani in the presence of Kiren Rijju, Minister of State for Home Affairs inaugurating the Post Cocoon Technology Project under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) at Sabangya, Chungtia, Mokokchung on 22nd February 2019.



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CM, Neiphiu Rio taking salute during the Ceremonial Attestation Parade of the 65th batch Recruit Constables of DEF/PHQ/INT/NPTO and 15th Mahila Battalion held at NPTS Parade Ground, Chumukedima on 16th February 2019.



Governor Acharya and other officials with service providers such as cobblers, barbers, dhobis, vegetable vendors, tailors, street vendors, domestic helpers, newspaper hawkers, etc. during an interactive meeting organised at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 27th February 2019.



Principal Secretary, H & FW, I. Himato Zhimomi, former Chief Secretary, Banuo Z. Jamir IAS (Retd.) and other officials during the XIV AONEI inauguration programme held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 2nd February 2019.



Advisor, I&C, Imnatiba releasing the Directory of MSMEs on Nagaland state, along with other dignitaries during the NSSH State conclave at Agri Expo Hall, Dimapur on 5th February 2018.



CS, Temjen Toy, IAS flagging off the Startup India Nagaland Yatra 2019 at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 18th February 2019.



ADC Mokokchung, W. Manphai Phom speaking at the launching programme of the Street Food Festival and Job Mela at MMC Shopping Complex, Mokokchung on 12th February 2019.



Advisor, F&ES, SIRD, R&R, Pohwang Konyak assisting one of the beneficiaries during the distribution camp of aids and appliances programme held at Town Council, Mon on 18th February 2019.



Dr. Ngukato Kiho, Deputy Commandant (SMO) 32 AR attending to one of the patients during the free medical camp organized by Assam Rifles at Lukikhe village, Agahunato sub-division on 12th February 2019.