



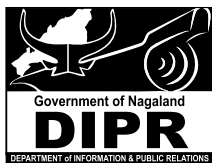
Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu being received by Governor, Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton and other officials on his arrival at Dimapur Airport on 7th October 2021.



Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Kapil Moreshwar Patil along with Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir and other officials during the inauguration of the Farmer's Market at T. Khel Model Village, Kohima on 29th October 2021.



Minister of State for Communications, Government of India, Devusinh Chauhan addressing a meeting with state officials, Department of Telecommunications and Posts at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 9th October 2021.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

NBSE NOTIFIES ON CSSS

Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has notified that the following steps need to be taken for availing the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme (CSSS) as directed by the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, NS. I Section, Government of India:

1. Application for fresh as well as renewal of scholarship is open from 18/08/2021. For submission of application, go to the portal <http://scholarship.gov.in>
2. Aadhaar seeding is mandatory for disbursement of all scholarships.
3. Every beneficiary needs to have a separate bank account and get their Aadhaar number linked with their bank account number.
4. Principal/Head of the Institutions must register their institution first in the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<http://scholarship.gov.in>). They are requested to inform their eligible students for CSSS to apply through the NPS portal within the timeframe.
5. The Head of the Institution must verify the application of the CSSS beneficiary students (new and renewal) before forwarding to the given portal. The beneficiary students must be advised to submit the application within the stipulated time notified in the portal.
6. The beneficiary students/applicants in preceding years are directed to check whether their given bank account is still active and Aadhaar linked.

E&S DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES

In pursuance of the Government Notification NO. E&S/GEN/4-27/2009 dated 29/4/2009 and OM NO. PLN-235/SDGs/2016 dated 10/01/2019 declaring the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (E&S) as the Nodal Agency for developing an efficient statistical system in the State, the following guidelines have been framed for compliance by all the Statistical Personnel attached/ deputed in the line departments:

1. Get involved in the survey conducted by the line departments and suggest measures to improve the methodology, quality, reliability and coverages, assist in tabulation and analysis of the data.
2. Access all the statistical data of the line departments for areas which can be quantified and generated as statistical data.
3. Identify statistical data, prepare survey format and suggest to the Department concerned for collection of data on such parameters.
4. Verify and authenticate the data before sending to the Directorate.
5. All statistical data generated by the line departments through survey/ registration are to be sent to the Directorate of E&S for consolidating, estimations and updating state database.
6. Statistical data should be submitted on weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly basis depending on the nature, duration and availability of data.
7. Coordinate with the Directorate of E&S for all such statistical activities in the line departments and deliberate issues pertaining to methodology, survey designs and standard norms.
8. Examine/ compare the data collected for the current year with that of the preceding year before forwarding to the Directorate of E&S.

All the Statistical Officials have been directed to adhere to the above guidelines, failing which necessary action will be initiated.

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PD TREASURIES & ACCOUNTS INFORMS

Principal Director, Treasuries & Accounts in an order has informed that Vitsulie Motonyu, Joint Director under the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, Nagaland, Kohima has been nominated as Nodal Officer for attending all the Departments Audit matters.

DEPARTMENT OF E&S REITERATES

To effectively implement the Registration of Births & Deaths Act 1969 and subsequent Nagaland Registration of Births & Deaths (Amendment) Rules 1999, the Directorate of Economic & Statistics (E&S) has informed that the following measures have been re-reiterated to be adhered by the Registrar of Births and Deaths in the State:

1. Every Registrar shall, without fee or reward, enter in the register maintained for the purpose of all information given to him under Section 8 or 9 and shall also take steps to inform himself carefully of every birth and of every death which takes place in his jurisdiction and to ascertain and register the particulars required to be registered.
2. Every Registrar shall have an office in the local area for which he/she is appointed.
3. Every Registrar shall attend his office for the purpose of registering births and deaths on such days and at such hours as the Chief Registrar may direct and shall cause to be placed in some conspicuous place on or near the outer door of the office of the Registrar a board bearing, in the local language, his/her name with the addition of Registrar of births and deaths for the local area for which he/ she is appointed, and the days and hours of his attendance.
4. Suo Moto registration of events Section 7(2). This would mean that Registrar should take cognizance of birth and death events that have occurred in the area under her/his jurisdiction but not been reported for registration.
5. To maintain custody of records (Register of births, deaths and still births) and ensure accuracy and correctness of particulars recorded therein (Section 16, 19).
6. To submit monthly reports to the District Registrar of Births and Deaths and District Economics & Statistics Officers, Section 19(1) on or before the 5th of the following month, to maintain a centralized database of civil registration records vide Supreme Court judgment dated November 2016 passed against a civil writ petition (WP) No. 349/2006.
7. Every Registrar shall ensure that all the forms No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 4A, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 & 13 are available in their office in sufficient number to provide an easy accessibility of births and deaths certificates.
8. The Registrar can issue births and deaths certificate without charging any fee if it is reported within 21 days. However, for delayed registration the following penalty will be prescribed:
 - (a) In Section 13 (1), if it is reported after 21 days but within 30 days, the Registrar can issue after clarifying the documents on payment of late fee.
 - (b) In Section 13 (2), if it is reported after 30 days but within one (1) year, shall be registered on production of an affidavit made before a notary public and payment of late fee will be charged.
 - © In Section 13 (3), if it is reported after one (1) year of its occurrence, shall be registered only on an order of a First Class Magistrate and on payment of late fee.

Any Registrar both in urban and rural areas issuing the certificate in contravention of the above rules shall be penalized as per the Act.

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9. Irresponsibility and negligence of duties by the Registrar shall be viewed seriously and their appointment as the Registrar of the registering unit will be terminated anytime by the Chief Registrar or any officer specified by him/her.
10. All Registrars will coordinate with the concerned District Registrar of Births and Deaths and District Economics & Statistics Officers of their respective district in matters relating to this Act.

All Registrars have been directed to fulfil their assigned responsibilities each month so as to ensure smooth and timely registration of births and deaths.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES COMMITTEE

In order to facilitate further examination of various proposals for upgradation and creation of new administrative headquarters, including creation of new districts, a Committee has been constituted to conduct field visits to the districts/sub-divisions concerned to hold discussions with the various stakeholders. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Rovilatuo Mor, IAS, Commissioner, Nagaland, Chairman.
2. W. Honje Konyak, Commissioner & Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Member.
3. Kevekha Kevin Zehol, Secretary, Works & Housing, Member.
4. L. Jamithung Lotha, Additional Secretary, Border Affairs, Member.
5. Hito Sema, Joint Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Member.

The Committee will submit its report and recommendation within one and a half month to the Home Department for consideration, from the date of issue of the notification.

CS NOTIFIES ON CIRCULATION OF CABINET MEMORANDA

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS has stated that Cabinet Memoranda, the agenda for the Cabinet meetings and the minutes of the Cabinet meetings are secret documents and must not be handled by unauthorized persons and non-officials. The agenda and the Cabinet Minutes are circulated by the Cabinet Cell under sealed cover through the Office of the Cabinet Ministers and the concerned Advisors. It is however regretted that the Cabinet Memoranda, Cabinet Agenda and the minutes are sometimes circulated in the social media. He added that it is a serious violation of rules and is an offence under Official Secrets Act.

Therefore, all Cabinet Ministers, Advisors and Heads of Administrative Departments have been requested to issue proper instructions to the responsible officials attached to them that the Cabinet Memoranda, Cabinet Agenda and Cabinet Minutes being handled should not be circulated through any social media like Whatsapp, etc. except through official e-mail in case of urgency, and to any unauthorized persons/non-officials.

GOVERNMENT INFORMS AHOds AND HOds

State Home Department in a memorandum has stated that various representations/demands/ultimatums are being published in the newspapers, as well as in other forms of media, by various organizations, on issues/matters pertaining to different departments of the State Government. All Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments have been requested to make necessary arrangements to take note of such reports and take prompt steps for getting the matter/grievances looked into, and also for suitably replying to the persons/organizations concerned, and wherever necessary, for

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issuing press releases without delay with the approval of the competent authority concerned.

A copy of the action taken report on every such representation/demand/ultimatum coming out in the media, may also be provided to the Office of the Home Department, Political Branch, addressed to Nchumbemo, NCS, Deputy Secretary, Home Department whose email id and contact number are, nchumbemo.ncs@gov.in, and 08974632008 respectively.

YR&S INFORMS ON SETTING UP OF KHELO INDIA CENTRES

In pursuance to the proposal submitted by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports (YR&S), the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has approved the setting up of the following 19 (nineteen) Khelo India Centres in the State under various categories:

1. Private Organization (already functioning)

| Sl.No. | Name of the district | Name of the organization | Sports discipline |
|--------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Dimapur | 1. Greenwood School, Kuda B Village, Nagarjan, Dimapur. 2. Aries Rifle & Pistol Shooting Academy, NSTC Colony, Dimapur. | Football Shooting |
| 2. | Zunheboto | 1. Olympic Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto 2. Table Tennis Club, Step by Step School, Zunheboto | Badminton Table Tennis |

2. Government Organization

| Sl.No. | Name of the district | Name of the organization | Sports discipline |
|--------|----------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Kohima | 1. Indira Gandhi Academy, Ruleizou, Kohima 2. Loyola Higher Secondary School, Jakhama, Kohima | Football (Girls) Hockey (Boys & Girls) |
| 2. | Mokokchung | 1. Indoor Badminton Stadium, Main Town, Mokokchung 2. Ladybird School Shooting Academy, Mokokchung | Badminton (Boys & Girls) Shooting (Boys & Girls) |
| 3. | Tuensang | 1. Indoor Stadium, Main Town, Tuensang | Table Tennis (Boys & Girls) |
| 4. | Phek | 1. Indoor Badminton Stadium, Pfutsero, Phek 2. Thenyizu Wrestling Institute, Phek | Badminton (Boys & Girls) Wrestling (Boys & Girls) |

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| 5. | Peren | 1. Indoor Badminton Stadium, Anthibung, Peren 2. St. Xavier College, Peren | Badminton (Boys & Girls) Archery (Boys & Girls) |
| 6. | Mon | 1. Indoor Badminton Stadium, Mon 2. Local Ground, Mon | Badminton Football |
| 7. | Kiphire | 1. Local Ground, Kiphire 2. Badminton Stadium, Pungro | Football Badminton |
| 8. | Noklak | Government High School, Noklak | Archery (Boys & Girls) |
| 9. | Wokha | Government High School, Longsa, Wokha | Badminton (Boys & Girls) |

In addition, the State has one Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) at IGS Stadium which has 3 (three) priority disciplines of Boxing, Wrestling and Archery.

The setting up of the KISCE & KIC is on the verge of completion and it will be totally functional from November 2021, although 4 (four) KICs (private organization) and KISCE (IGS) are already functioning.

The Department of Youth Resources & Sports further clarified that under the Department, there are 24 (twenty four) Associations and 12 (twelve) District Sports Councils, which are eligible for getting Grant-in-Aid. All Olympic/Asian disciplines as approved by the Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) come within this category. Therefore, any other sports/games which (which go national and international) wish to be recognized/considered for financial assistance/grants under the Government of Nagaland will be considered subject to the condition that the particular sports is a recognized sports by the Indian Olympic Association, and has an exemplary record of sound activities, a recognized association with valid bye-laws and constitutions, registered under the Registrar of Societies of Nagaland under Home Department and approved by the NOA in Nagaland.

CHOPHY TAKES OVER CHARGE OF PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT)

In pursuance to C&AG's Office Order No. 1574-P-91 /GEI/PF-II dated 08.10.2021, Senior Deputy Accountant General (Audit) has informed that A. Pitoho Chophy, IAAS, Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland has taken over additional charge of the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Nagaland w.e.f. 11.10.2021 (A/N) and E. Mhonbemo Patton, IAAS has been relieved from his duties as Principal Accountant General (Audit), Nagaland to enable him to join as Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland on deputation basis.

CEO INFORMS

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shehar, IAS has informed that the Election Commission of India has announced for Special Summary Revision 2021-2022 starting from 1st November 2021 to 30th November 2021 with 1st January 2022 as the qualifying date.

On 1st November 2021, the Electoral Registration Officer of every district will publish the draft Electoral Roll by issuing a public notice of draft publication in Form 5 (Annexure 6) under Rule 10 of Registration of Electoral Rules 1960. The notice will be available for inspection in all the designated Polling Stations located in Nagaland. It will also be available at Chief Electoral Officer's website ceo.nagaland.gov.in. Respective District Election Officer will convene a meeting with recognized Political Parties and copies of Draft Electoral Roll will be handed over to them.

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DoSE ISSUES GUIDELINES

In pursuance to Government Order No. GAB-I/COM/GEN-4/2020, Dated 28th October 2021, the following directives are hereby issued for strict compliance by all concerned:

1. Schools located in rural areas of the State shall resume conduct of normal classes for students of Classes I to IV with effect from 1st November 2021 strictly following the SOP issued by the Government vide Order No. GAB-I/COM/GEN-4/2020, Dated 28th October 2021.
2. Schools located in urban areas of the State shall resume conduct of normal classes for students of Classes I to IV strictly following the SOP issued by the aforesaid Government Order only after obtaining approval from the respective DTFs. All DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs shall expedite collection of applications for resuming of normal classes for students of Classes I to IV in the format prescribed by the respective District Task Forces under their jurisdiction and submit the same to the DTFs for necessary action without delay.
3. The Approval Orders issued by the respective District Task Forces shall be communicated to the concerned schools by the DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs without delay.
4. All School Heads, both in rural and urban areas, shall ensure that Para 3 of Government Order No. GAB-I/COM/GEN-4/2020, Dated 28th October 2021 is strictly complied with. They should regularly update the Weekly Vaccination Status of Staff at the School Monitoring Portal (<https://school.dosenl.in/>) and maintain a file containing Vaccination Certificates/COVID-19 Test Results of all staff serving under their establishments.
5. All DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs shall depute Supervising Officers to conduct surprise checking at schools under their jurisdiction and ensure that schools comply with the directives issued vide the aforesaid reports.dosenl@gmail.com Government Order Dated, 28th October 2021. The Supervising Officers shall submit weekly Inspection Reports in the prescribed format (Format will be issued separately) through email to before 3:00 p.m. of every Friday.

STATE LEVEL WAR ROOM ON COVID-19 TO CONTINUE

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS informed that the State Level War Room on COVID-19 shall function from the premises of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Nagaland Civil Secretariat until further orders. All the works handled by the State Level War Room pertaining to data collection, submission of reports to the various authorities and co-ordination with the various District Task Forces for monitoring of COVID-19 situation in the State shall continue to be looked after by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, he added.

The officials from the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Information Technology & Communications and other departments shall continue to update the COVID-19 War Room website, <https://covid19.nagaland.gov.in> and reports online.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

The International Day of Older Persons 2021, under the theme 'Digital Equity for All Ages' was observed at the Office of the District Welfare Officer, Kohima on 1st October 2021.

On the occasion, the 'Distinguished Senior Citizen Award' were conferred to Vasasüle Metha and B. K. Sachü, both retired private school teachers, in recognition of their contributions to the society as teachers and mentors of students.

The District Welfare Officer, Kohima, Akali Sema delivered the welcome address and keynote speech wherein she said that one of the objectives of observing the day throughout the world is to take steps to honour and accord respect to the senior citizens. She also explained about the relevance of the theme 'Digital Equity for all Ages,' especially in the context of the pandemic, where the accelerated digitization has been a challenge for the offline or elder generations. She said it is important to create access and meaningful participation of all in the current situation.

MON:

Social Welfare Department Mon, on 1st October 2021 observed the International Day of Older Persons with the theme, 'Digital Equity for all Ages,' at DRDA Hall Mon with SDO (C) Mon Headquarter, Illika Zhimomi as the Special Guest.

Illika in her speech stressed on the importance of older persons or senior citizens in the society and encouraged them to think positively and

lead a purposeful healthy life. She stated that they are treasures of history to be passed on to the next generation. With their immense experience and wisdom, she urged them to continue to advice and guide the younger generations and live with pride in the society.

DWO, Mon, Y. Tauhong Ngonyen felicitated two distinguished senior citizen, Lyu-Ao Konyak and T. Phamtong Konyak.

CDPO Mon, Renchano Odyuo, also felicitated two retired senior citizens from the Department, Rtd. Chowkidar, Thongwang and Rtd. Chowkidar, Hongpheang.

CDPO, Phomching, Laitak while delivering the keynote address stated that the aim of observing the day is to spread awareness about the issues affecting the elderly. Digital equity for all affirms the need for access and meaningful participation in the digital world by older persons, he stated. He also stated that empowered older persons enhance their ability to live independently and that technology can promote cost effective access to healthcare for older persons.

PEREN:

On the occasion of the International Day for Older Persons 2021, two senior citizens from Peren District namely, Hellam Kuki from Ahthibung town and Lhingjahat Mangjel from Songlhu village were honoured and felicitated with certificates and cash in recognition of their great contribution to the society, during the observance held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 1st October 2021. The programme was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Peren under the theme, 'Digital Equity for All Ages.'

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier in his short speech exhorted the two senior citizens with special reference to the theme of the programme 'Digital Equity for All Ages.' He also encouraged the gathering to set an exemplary lifestyle of healthy living to live a long life. Further, the DC extended his gratitude and



Social Welfare Department, Mon observed the International Day of Older Persons with the theme, 'Digital Equity for all Ages,' at DRDA Hall Mon on 1st October 2021.



appreciation to the two elders for their contributions to the society.

LONGLENG:

The International Day of Older Persons was observed at Longleng Town Baptist Church, Longleng on 1st October 2021.

CDPO Longleng, T. Longlang Luckpan spoke on the significance of the day and stressed on various schemes provided by the Government for the benefit of the senior citizens in the district. He also explained on procedures and guidelines to avail the facilities, particularly with respect to Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

On the occasion, Advocate, A. Mane Phom, Retainer Lawyer LDLSA sensitised the gathering on old age pensions scheme under Social Welfare Department and Maintenance of Senior Citizen Act, while Panglang Y Phom, PL LDLSA identified the beneficiaries and assisted them to avail the IGNOAPS.

CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla who graced the programme as special invitee gave away the district Level Award to two distinguished senior citizens of the district namely, L. Phumla Phom and N. Metpong Phom in recognition of their valuable service rendered to the society. Altogether 195 senior citizens of the district attended the programme.

DRAFTING OF FILM POLICY OF NAGALAND IN PROCESS



Director, Information & Public Relations, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema addressing the gathering at the Film Acting Workshop at Dimapur on 1st October 2021.

Director, Information & Public Relations, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema discloses that the drafting of Nagaland Film Policy is in process, where the Nagaland State Film Development Society/Board would be created with members from film lovers, makers, Directors, Production Houses, etc., he said this on 1st October 2021, during the concluding day of the two day free Film Acting Workshop organised by Find Studioz and sponsored by Information &

Public Relations (IPR), Government of Nagaland and hospitality sector partnered by Niathu Resort.

Stating that Nagaland is blessed with beautiful landscapes and scenic beauties in addition to the rich traditions and cultures of 16 tribes, he observed that the colours of Nagaland can be tapped and ready to be explored in different art form of cinema. Tokishe was optimistic for better funding from the State Government for promotion of films in



Nagaland. Sema also informed that the Department of IPR would organise the North East Hornbill Festival 2021, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporations under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

Further, Tokishe lauded Rebecca Changkija, proprietor, Find Studio Production for constantly training and encouraging the Naga youth in the art of film making and also for promoting films in Nagaland. He expressed happiness to see so many participants in the workshop, and was hopeful that the talents, skills and creativity of Naga youths in

the field of film making would be channelized in the right direction with proper grooming and guidance. Sema also thanked the professionals who came all the way from Mumbai to guide and groom the youth in the field of cinema.

Bollywood personality, Jaswinder Gardner, award winning Media and PR professional, Jutikaa Mahanta and Writer & Director, Shiraz Henry were the main resource persons during the two-day workshop held at Musik-A, Alobo Naga School of Music, Near Airport gate Diphupar, Dimapur.

STATE'S SINGLE BIGGEST SEIZURE OF SMUGGLED BULLION AT KHUZAMA

A press conference was called for by ADGP (Adm) Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS at the Nagaland Police Headquarters, Kohima on 4th October 2021 to provide details about the seizure and recovery of smuggled gold and illegal contraband of heroin and opium by the personnel of Nagaland Police manning the interstate Narcotic Check Points at Khuzama, Kohima.

Addressing the media personnel, ADGP (Adm) Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS stated that along with the rest of the country, the spirit of controlling narcotic in our State has also been enforced to ensure that the main highways from neighbouring states is made free of all kinds of illegal activities. While providing the details about the seizure and recovery of smuggled gold and illegal contraband of heroin and opium, he said that on 3rd October 2021 the Narcotic Cell PS personnel of Nagaland Police manning the interstate Narcotic Check Point at Khuzama, Kohima, intercepted an XUV-300 B/R No. MN01AS-1325 on the Kohima-Imphal National Highway and thorough search resulted in recovery of smuggled gold hidden inside the cover of gear lever of the vehicle, packed neatly in 29 packets, each packet containing 10 (ten) gold bars weighing approximately 166 grams each and the total weight of the gold bars was 48.14 Kg (approximate) and worth Rs. 22,78,46,620/- (twenty two crores seventy eight lakhs forty six thousand six hundred twenty) (approximate). He informed that this seizure is the

State's single biggest seizure of smuggled bullion. The smuggled gold and the vehicle has been seized and two persons Saurabh Singh (35 years), S/o Jaypal Singh, and Pawan Kumar (45 years), S/o Jitendraveer Singh, both residents of Uttar Pradesh, have been detained for further questioning to initiate appropriate legal action, he added.

Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS also informed that on 2nd October 2021, Narcotic Cell PS personnel of Nagaland Police manning the interstate Narcotic Check Point at Khuzama, Kohima, recovered and seized illegal contraband suspected to be Heroin packed in 46 (forty six) soap cases weighing approximately 552 grams from the possession of one Md. Riyajuddin, S/o Md. Abdul Hasim, R/o - Imphal, Manipur and on 3rd October 2021, also recovered and seized illegal contraband suspected to be opium packed in 12 (twelve) packets wrapped with brown tape weighing approximately 1 (one) Kg each from the possession of 2 (two) persons Tularam Sarki (41 years), S/o Bir Bahadur Sarki and Sagar Ghai (22 years), S/o Dil Bahadur, both residents of Manipur. In these connections, a regular case vide Narcotic Cell PS Case No. 11/2021 U/S21 (c)/60 NDPS Act and Narcotic Cell PS Case No. 12/2021 u/s 18 (b)/60 NDPS Act has been registered for further investigation.

In other incident, the ADGP (Adm) Sandeep M. Tamgadge, IPS reported that based on specific intelligence input about movement of illegal drugs



along NH-29, Highway Patrol Unit of Kohima Police on 4th October 2021 under the supervision of SDPO (North) intercepted one Maruti Baleno B/R No. AS01DF-6555 and detected 532 grams of suspected Heroin neatly packed in 42 soap cases worth approximately 2 (two) crores in the

international market, and arrested 4 persons, Chochong Thomsong (24 years), Lunlalsem Haokip (27 years), Lunminlal Doungel (18 years), and Alein Thomsong (26 years) along with the vehicle. Accordingly, a case has been registered at Sechu (Zubza) Police Station for further investigation.

HOME DEPARTMENT CLARIFIES WITH REGARD TO POSTING OF ADC AT CHUMUKEDIMA

Home Department has issued the following statement in order to provide clarity on the issue with regard to posting of ADC at Chumukedima and related issues.

The Cabinet had decided in its meeting held on 11th March 2021 to shift the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Office, Dimapur to the new Complex, Chumukedima. The Home Department was asked to work out the phasing schedules for the shifting of the DC Office and other offices. However, on account of the reservations expressed from various quarters, the Cabinet had decided in its meeting held on 10th August 2021 to post an ADC, EAC and Sub-Treasury Office at the new Deputy

Commissioner Office Complex, Chumukedima with a view to provide greater convenience to the public and with a view to decongest the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur. Accordingly, an additional officer was posted as ADC to function from the new Deputy Commissioner Office Complex, Chumukedima, and EAC Seithekema was transferred and entrusted with additional responsibility of assisting ADC at Chumukedima.

On account of the concerns expressed by various organisations, the Government has decided to keep on hold the instructions issued by Home Department vide its letter No. GAB-8/DMP/63/2011(Pt) dated 7th September 2021.

VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU VISITS NAGALAND

DIMAPUR:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton received the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu on his arrival at Dimapur Airport on 7th October 2021.

On arrival at Dimapur Airport, the Vice President was accorded the Guard of Honour by 15th NAP, Mahila Battalion under the Guard Command of Assistant Commandant, Medemkala Tzudir.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS, Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo, and other officials were also present to receive the Vice President at the airport.

A cultural programme in honour of the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu was also held at Niathu Resort, Dimapur on 7th October 2021.

During the function, colourful cultural

dances including Ho-Yia-La performed by Lotha community, Nuknarar Tsungsang by Ao community, Sumi Totini Kighilhe by Sumi community, Ajiyouk Khe Kun by Yimkhiung community, Maku He Ngichi by Sangtam community and Monyu Mo Ku Thongpu Asho by Phom community were presented.

ICAR-NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE ON MITHUN:



Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu feeding a mithun during his visit to ICAR National Research Centre on Mithun at Jarnapani, Medziphema, Dimapur on 7th October 2021.

Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu made his maiden visit to ICAR National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema, Dimapur on 7th October 2021.

The Vice President was received by Director ICAR (Mithun), Dr. M. H. Khar; Principal Scientist NRC Mithun, Dr. N. Haque; Joint Director ICAR Nagaland Centre, Dr. Raj Khowa; ADC Medziphema, Imsong Meren; SDO (C), Tokai V. Sumi and scientists of ICAR.

The Vice President was accompanied by Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, Minister, Agriculture G. Kaito Aye and Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS.

Naidu expressed his joy in visiting the North East Region, being one of the richest bio-reserved states in the world. The Vice President encouraged the gathering to protect, preserve and continue to give top priority in research in the North East Region. He also expressed his happiness to hear and know about the Institute and wished success to all the scientists and people working in the institute.

Welcome address was proposed by Director ICAR (Mithun), Dr. M. H. Khar who also highlighted the achievements and developments of ICAR. Joint Director, ICAR (NEH) highlighted on the activities of ICAR. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Nazrul Haque.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION INAUGURATED AT STATE MUSEUM

Additional Secretary, Information & Public Relations (IPR), Asangla Imti inaugurated the photography exhibition-cum-celebration of 75th Independence Day 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at the State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 7th October 2021.

The event was organised by the IPR Department to commemorate India's 75 years of Independence. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The official journey of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commenced on 12th March 2021, which starts a 75 week countdown to the 75th Anniversary of Independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023.

The photography exhibition showcases pictures of eminent personalities who visited Nagaland over the years and important events and developments since Statehood. Photos of all tribes including the recognised tribes clad in traditional attires have been displayed for public viewing in order to promote and propagate our rich and vibrant culture. The exhibition will be on display in the State Museum till the end of Hornbill Festival 2021.

This programme is being organised at the State Museum with an objective for the people to see both the museum as well as the exhibition during their visit. Photos on activities held in the districts related to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is also exhibited, thereby manifesting and observing the landmark of India's 75 years of Independence across the State.

JOINT MEETING OF FOCUS AND IFAD HELD AT UN HOUSE, NEW DELHI

A team of officers of the FOCUS - Nagaland (Fostering Climate Resilient Farming Systems in North East – Nagaland) project led by the Agriculture Production Commissioner and Mission Director, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and Joint Secretary and State Project Director, S. Tainiu, held a joint meeting with the officials of IFAD (International Fund for Agriculture Development), led by the Country Director, Asia and

the Pacific Division, Dr. Han Ulac Demirag at the UN House, New Delhi on 7th October 2021.

During the review of the project activities, it was highlighted that the project was hindered by various issues mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Y. Kikheto Sema also drew attention to the drought like situation in the State and said that the food security cannot be ensured without water



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security. The other main issue discussed during the meeting was the delay in the reimbursement of funds which is adversely affecting the project implementation. The IFAD officials emphasized that procedures has to be followed for timely release and it was agreed that both parties shall coordinate with each other in order to resolve the issues. With regard to the Advance Grant, the IFAD officials advised the

project team to request the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

The IFAD support project FOCUS – Nagaland is being implemented in Nagaland since 2018-19 covering 645 villages in 8 (eight) districts. The FOCUS project team is currently in discussion with the funding agency to include the three remaining hill districts of Noklak, Tuensang and Peren.

CEO HOLDS VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH DEOs



Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar addressing the meeting held through video conference with all the District Election Officers on 8th October 2021.



Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Nagaland held a meeting through video conference with all the District Election Officers (DEO) on 8th October 2021 to discuss issues and review the progress of pre-revision activities in connection with Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t 01/01/2022 as the qualifying date.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Electoral Officer and officers from CEO's office and the District Election Officers in the districts. The Deputy Commissioners are the designated District Election Officers.

CEO, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, appreciated the efforts of the DEO while discharging their official duties. He reminded the officials that the Election Commission is monitoring the progress of

various pre-revision and revision activities and exhorted all to complete assigned works within prescribed timelines.

The status of various pre-revision activities such as the status of Garuda App, forms for new voter registration, correction, deletion and transposition, Demographically Similar Entries (DSEs) and logical errors were reviewed and taken up with each district. The district officials have also shared issues pertaining to their district.

Issues relating to having an accurate Electoral Roll and Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) were also deliberated. It was discussed that further meetings will be held on these issues and on improving the electoral system in general.

MoS HOLDS MEETING AT DIMAPUR

Minister of State for Communications, Government of India, Devusinh Chauhan held a meeting with state officials, Department of Telecommunications and Posts at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 9th October 2021.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Minister said that Ministry of Communications is one of the oldest and also the youngest in terms of usage of new technologies. If connectivity reaches the last mile, democracy has reached the last mile, he stated. Speaking on the importance of telecommunication, he said that there is no sector which has not been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and with paradigm shift, every sector started online means for its operation. Admitting challenges in providing telecommunication services in the north-east states, he said that the Government is exploring new technologies and innovations to solve the issues. However, Nagaland is a shining example in terms of teledensity, which is highest among the north-eastern states, he added. Stating the

purpose of his visit, he said that there is no dearth of funds for improvement of telecom sector and further assured that there will be increased coverage of telecommunication network connectivity as well as increased funds for funds for further improvement.

Advisor, Information Technology & Communication (IT&C), New & Renewable Energy and Science & Technology, Mmhonlumo Kikon while appreciating the visit of the Minister said that witnessing a lot of Union Ministers coming to the State shows that policy making is not just left to the Centre but an active interaction and communication between the Centre and the State which enables the facilitation of opinion, needs, assessment to be done at the personal level. Expressing need for more bandwidth in the State, the Advisor said that telecom activity has become the most critical infrastructure for providing transparency, speed in governance, development, security, and the only means to overcome the geo-climatic obstacles to communication in the State.



FOCUS - NAGALAND HOLDS MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL POTATO CENTRE

Officials of FOCUS - Nagaland (Foster Climate Resilient Farming Systems in the North East – Nagaland) and CIP (International Potato Centre) held a meeting at the Office of the CIP, Pusa, New Delhi on 9th October 2021.

Speaking during the meeting, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Mission Director of FOCUS - Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS stated that the traditional way of farming is not economically viable but also ecologically unsustainable, hence the State Government is focussing on development of sustainable farming as a business enterprise. He also stated that unlike in the mainland, the Northeast, and Nagaland in particular, has a varied agro-climatic condition having the advantage to produce potato in all the three seasons of the year and this will benefit the farming community in increasing the production.

Regional Director of CIP (Asia), Dr. Somarendu Mohanty highlighted that the primary objective of the project is to establish a potato seed

production system in the State to make high quality seeds available to farmers at an affordable price in a timely manner. He revealed that the combination of lower seed costs and higher yields will make potato cultivation more profitable for small and marginal farmers in the State and expand potato acreage and production. This will be achieved through the introduction and scaling up of decentralized low-cost seed production technologies such as rooted apical cuttings. He mentioned that while the project is expected to be funded through the FOCUS project, CIP will serve as a technical partner.

The team of CIP is expected to visit the State for further discussion and site visits. The signing of the MoU with the Government of Nagaland is expected before the end of the year after the approval of IFAD. The meeting was held to discuss about a project proposal to develop a low-cost Potato Seed Production System for improving livelihoods and food security for resource poor farmers of Nagaland as a sub-project within the FOCUS project.

NCSK CHAIRMAN VISITS NAGALAND**DIMAPUR:**

Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), M. Venkatesan held a meeting with Safai Karamcharis at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Dimapur on 11th October 2021.

Addressing the meeting, Venkatesan stated that the NCSK was established in 1994 to look into the grievances of Safai Karamcharis across the country and to improve their socio economic condition and the purpose of his visit to various states after taking over the chairmanship is to listen and understand the issues faced by the sanitation workers as different states have different issues.

On being asked about the necessary equipment to carry out their duties, it was told by the sanitation workers that all necessary equipments were provided and health checkups were also done

every three months. The only issue raised by the sanitation workers was the issue of residential quarters on which the Chairman assured to take up with the State Government, and that setting up of State Commission for Safai Karamcharis will also be discussed.

The sanitation workers were also informed about the loan facility with low interest rates under National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

KOHIMA:

Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), Venkatesan held a meeting with Nagaland State Government officials at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th October 2021.

The Chairman stated that there are various

schemes and programmes in place initiated by the Government of India for the benefit of Safai Karamcharis and their families. The State Government machineries should work towards creating awareness so that the targeted beneficiaries avail the benefits, he added. He called on the Government to take examples of success stories of other states in the country and look after the welfare of the Karamcharis across the State.

The Chairman also acknowledged the service of the medical personnel, Police, State Government officials and the Safai Karamcharis for their active participation and sacrifices made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was observed that most of the sanitation works across that State are not aware of the various schemes provided by the Government of India and it is necessary that the workers are made aware and educated so that they can avail the benefits.

NEZCC ORGANIZES CULTURAL PROGRAMME AT DIMAPUR



Fusion performance of classical and Naga folk dance being performed during a cultural programme held at the Christian Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Dimapur on 11th October 2021.

To honour and celebrate the diverse culture of India, North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with Vivekananda Welfare Foundation (VWF) organised a cultural programme titled, 'Bridging Classical and Folk Dance of Nagaland,' on 11th October 2021 at the Christian Higher Secondary School Auditorium, Dimapur.

Special Judge, POC SO Court, Dimapur, V. Nyekha, DPRO Dimapur, Lolano Patton graced the occasion as Special Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Indigenous Cultural Society Dimapur Nagaland and President, Nagaland NGOs Forum also attended the event.

Special Guest, Nyekha appealed to the VWF Dimapur and NEZCC for expanding such

activities throughout Nagaland in order to bridge classical and folk dances of Nagaland. He reminded about the philosophy of Government of India for reviving the culture of different states of India and urged the organisers for reaching out the message to all the other district headquarters of Nagaland.

Lolano Patton pointed out that the origin of classical and folk dance may be different, yet both reflect the rich heritage and cultural diversity of India. She lauded NEZCC and VWF for coming up with a befitting programme thereby promoting the rich cultural diversity of India, and most importantly reminding people about the concept of showing unity without fragmentation despite being from different regions with different cultures.

APC NAGALAND MEETS SENIOR OFFICERS IN A&FW MINISTRY

Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS met several senior officials of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (A&FW) and discussed various issues pertaining to the development of agriculture sector in the State on 12th October 2021.

The APC apprised Additional Secretary, Vivek Aggarwal, IAS that there is a huge requirement of post-harvest management infrastructure in the State such as cold storages, pack houses, marketing facilities in District Headquarters and towns, transportation of agricultural produce, etc., which can also extend services to farmers, FPOs, entrepreneurs, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and the community under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). Although Government of India (GoI) has allocated the funds under AIF, whereby credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers upto Rs. 2 crore with interest subvention of 3% per annum upto a limit of 2 crore. However, banks are shying away to come forward to give loan primarily due to issues of mortgage of landed properties. Sema requested the GoI to simplify the procedure under AIF and to direct the banks to come forward to help the farmers and entrepreneurs for which Aggarwal assured that he would personally look into it and advised him to identify genuine potential entrepreneurs, farmers, FPOs for viable projects and who will be willing to repay the loan to the banks. APC also requested Aggarwal for early sanction of Digital Agriculture Mission, which was assured to be considered within this month.

The APC also met Additional Secretary (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana), Prasanta Swain. Sema stated that since food security could be assured only through water security by creation of water bodies, ponds and channels, he requested him to consider enhanced allocation of Action Plan

for both, under Other Interventions and Micro Irrigation.

The APC met Joint Secretary (RKVY), Chhavi Jha and apprised her that RKVY is being implemented by eight departments and four missions, and to kindly consider enhancing allocation of Action Plan in the current year. Sema also appealed to her to consider supporting the new and innovative programme on 'Naga Model of Integrated Settled Farming' (N-iSF), as a major component under RKVY for sustainability and ecological services, where all the Agri and Allied Departments can participate in a single cluster like that of a business enterprise. A model is already being implemented at Boke-Botsa under Kohima District. Sema also stated that this Model can be replicated not only in North-East but all the hilly states of the country.

The APC also met Rajbir Singh, Joint Secretary, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and requested him to increase the cost norms under MIDH especially for Nagaland and hilly regions of the North-East from the rest of India.

The APC also met Joint Secretary (Crops and Oil Seeds), Subba Thakur and Joint Secretary (INM), Priya Ranjan, and thanked the Union Government for providing a well-equipped Soil Testing laboratory (STL) in all the 12 districts and also mini laboratories in all the 74 blocks in the State. Sema further apprised him that since Mission Organic Value Chain Development cannot provide organic certification to all the Block levels, creation of an Organic Certifying Agency in the State will be helpful for the farming community which can be taken up as the State has now been equipped with all the infrastructure under Soil Health Management programmes such as STL, Quality Control Labs, micronutrients & biofertilizer production units and treatment of acidic soil.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD OBSERVED**LONGLENG:**

International Day of Girl Child 2021 was celebrated at Longleng under the theme 'Digital Generation, Our Generation' at Phom Lempong Convention Hall on 11th October 2021 with students and teachers of various schools under Longleng Headquarter.

In his exhortation speech, Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom asserted that the 10th of October is a glorious day as it is a special day to stop discrimination against girl child and to uplift gender equality in the family and community. He appealed to the gathering to realize the importance of observing the day by honouring and respecting every girl child, beginning from the family to the community.

Highlighting the importance of women in the modern society, Phom urged the male counterparts to realize and acknowledge the contribution of women in our society by honoring and supporting them with love and care. Referring to the theme, he said that living in a digital world, everyone has become part of the digital system. He urged upon the students to use it wisely. He also assured to extend all possible help for upliftment of girl child in the District.

EAC HQ, Longleng, Chingmei spoke on the theme: 'Digital Generation, Our Generation' while Superintendent, Observation Home Longleng, Kezevinuo Thepa spoke on 'Rights and Responsibilities of Girl Child.'

The programme was organised by Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), District Administration and Mahila Shakti Kendra - District Level Centre for Women (MSK - DLCW), Longleng.

PEREN:

International Girl Child Day, 2021 celebration programme was held at Ngwalwa Village Council Hall, under Peren District on 11th October 2021 with the theme 'Digital Generation, Our Generation.' The programme was organised by District Administration, MSK-DLCW, BBBP in collaboration with Sakhi - OSC and Childline 1098, Peren.

Speaking on the occasion, Centre Administrator - OSC, Asuni asserted that the world has been digitalized after the impact of COVID-19 and digitalization should not be taken for granted, and one should emphasize more on the brighter side of technology for building a better world and a safer place for women and girl child.



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S. KEOSHU YIMCHUNGER DULY ELECTED UNCONTESTED FROM 58th AC

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS in a press release informed that S. Keoshu Yimchunger of Sangphur village, Tuensang, the official candidate of Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) has been declared duly elected uncontested to fill the vacancy caused in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly by the demise of Late Toshi Wungtung, by the Returning Officer for 58-Shamator-Chessore (ST) Assembly Constituency, B. Henok Buchem, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, after the last hour for

withdrawal of candidature on 13.10.2021. He added that only 1 (one) nomination was received by the Returning Officer till the last date of nomination on 08.10.2021. The nomination papers were taken up for scrutiny on 11.10.2021 and found valid.

The Election Commission announced the schedule for holding bye-election to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 58-Shamator-Chessore (ST) AC vide Press Note No.ECI/PN/83/2021 dated 28th September 2021. The date of poll was fixed on 30.10.2021.

APC MEETS UNION SECRETARY FOR WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS met Union Secretary, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Pankaj Kumar, IAS who is also the former Chief Secretary of Nagaland, at New Delhi on 13th October 2021.

Sema shared about the water scarcity in the State which has been compounded by the drought like situation during the year. He also mentioned that although Nagaland along with the other North-East states receives very high rainfall during the monsoon, but during the lean season, experiences water scarcity even for drinking purpose. He emphasised that food security and doubling the crops of the farmers cannot be achieved without water security. Sema appealed to the Union Secretary to formulate the policy and schemes on water conservation and management for the hilly states.

The APC stressed on the importance of catchment area treatment and shared his

experiences of the springshed development which was introduced and successfully implemented by the Land Resources Department and suggested to the Union Secretary for implementation of similar programmes.

Sema also pointed out that most of the rivers and streams of the region have been exploited and damaged by removal of sands and stones which has adversely affected the agriculture sector, and suggested to introduce programmes for rejuvenation of the springs, rivers and river basin management.

The Union Secretary welcomed the suggestions and stated that the Union Government is also planning to hold consultations and conferences in future to discuss these issues. Kumar acknowledged the importance of spring shed and rejuvenation of springs, rivers and water bodies and conveyed that he will also take up the matter with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

NAGALAND TO HOST SOUTH ASIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

The South Asian Cross Country Championship 2022 will be held at Kohima, Nagaland in January 2022. This was informed by the Associate Vice President of Athletic Federation of India (AFI) and President, Nagaland Athletics Association, Abu Metha during a press conference held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma on 15th October 2021.

With India set to host the South Asian Cross Country Championship (SACCC) 2022, Metha informed that the AFI has allotted Nagaland to host the SACCC 2022, which he said will be the biggest international event hosted in the State till date. The event will bring athletes, officials and delegates from entire South Asian countries to participate at the Championship in Nagaland.

Metha thanked the CM for giving the sports fraternity, Nagaland Athletics Association and Nagaland Athletics Federation the mandate to go ahead with the bid, and also for assuring the State Government's full support. He further appealed to the entire sports fraternity and all sections of people to come forward and support the event.

While stating that the SACCC will help propel Nagaland to international sports map, Metha informed that the South Asian Athletics Federation will have its annual general meeting in Kohima during the Championship, and the 56th National Cross Country Championship will be clubbed with the SACCC 2022.

Metha pointing out that the AFI is aware of



the enormous amount of talent and potential amongst North-East youth to do well not just at national level but at international level, he said that the AFI is keen to promote athletics in North-East

region. Highlighting the importance of athletics in the foundation of many sports discipline, he stated that without development of athletics, track and field, and sports as a whole cannot develop.

STATE NODAL OFFICER FOR METEOROLOGY VISITS IMD

As initiated by Agriculture Production Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, State Nodal Officer for Meteorology and Additional Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department, K. Khekiho Shohe visited the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on 14th October 2021 for the first time after assuming his responsibility at the Mausam Bhavan.

Shohe met various Division Heads and discussed various pertinent issues and technologies for the benefit and safety of the State and its citizens. During the deliberation, they assured the Nodal

Officer to set up 1 Doppler Radar Weather Station at Kohima for the entire State, 1 Automatic Weather Station (AWS) at Kohima Helipad on a pilot project for safety landing and takeoff, and one each Agro - AWS network including soil moisture and soil temperature sensors in the premises of KVKs to be installed this year at Kiphire and Mokokchung. Further, the officials of the IMD pledged to offer more modern technologies and other programmes in the near future, including early setting up of AWSs in all the official helipads of the State.

WORLD STUDENTS' DAY OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE



World Students' Day was observed across the State on 15th October 2021.

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of the National Legal Service Authority observed World Students' Day on 15th October 2021 as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Legal Services Week in the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA), focusing on 'Right to Education Act' in achieving quality and inclusive, accessible education with Legal Literacy

Clubs, Law students, schools, colleges among others.

Phek DLSA organized a programme at Phek Government College. Neiwe Mero, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, PGC spoke on the significance of the day; Thomeweu, Panel Lawyer, Phek DLSA, spoke on 'Right to Education Act, 2019.' 40 students attended the programme.

Vice President, PGCSU, chaired the programme.

Dimapur DLSA held an awareness programme with City Law College (CLC), Dimapur students wherein Panel Lawyer, Moatila Ao spoke on the Right to Education Act, and Principal, CLC, Leonard Aier delivered the welcome note while Sangto Longchar, Dimapur DLSA, Project Assistant chaired the programme. 30 students attended the programme.

Zunheboto DLSA observed World Students' Day with Legal Literacy Club of St. Anthony School at St. Peter Hostel, Amphoto Colony. Tovi Z. Yeptho, Project Assistant emphasised on Right to Education and other basic legal rights and laws with regard to students.

Wokha DLSA conducted an awareness programme and Speech Competition with Government High School, Wozhuro and Green Valley School, Wozhuro. Para Legal Volunteer (PLV), Zujano Kikon gave a talk on Right to Education, Health & Family Welfare Schemes.

Tuensang DLSA organized a programme at

Government Primary School Station 'B' Shamator. PLV, Tsurito spoke on Right to Education. The programme was organised by PLV Thsangtong and Tsurito. Altogether 35 beneficiaries attended the programme.

Kohima DLSA celebrated the World Students' Day at Kohima Law College, Kohima. Vimeno highlighted the objectives and provision of Right to Education Act. Toshi O Longkumer, Advocate, Guwahati High Court, Kohima Bench shared on Professional Ethics & Art of Advocacy. He encouraged the students to uphold the essence of legal profession and to act in dignified manner. Atila Pongen, Panel Lawyer also emphasised on legal services activities.

Mokokchung DLSA held a programme with Mokokchung Law College (MLC), and also held an event for revamping the MLC Legal Services Clinic. Para legal volunteers of the college were assigned for manning the said clinic. A beautification drive around the college campus by planting flowers and trees was also held.

NHRC MEMBER JYOTIKA KALRA VISITS SAKHI-OSC DIMAPUR



Member, National Human Rights Commission, Jyotika Kalra along with officials during the visit to Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Dimapur on 19th October 2021.

Member, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Jyotika Kalra along with Jintu Sakia, Insp. NHRC visited Sakhi - One Stop Centre (OSC), Dimapur on 19th October 2021. They interacted with the officials of the Social Welfare Department, SRCW and OSC team and reviewed the functioning of the OSC in Dimapur and the State

as a whole.

Kalra advised the team to enhance the awareness activities focusing on legal rights. She further encouraged the OSC team to continue working with commitment for the cause, which is to provide integrated services to women affected by violence.



SEMINAR ON LEGAL PROFESSION FOR LAWYERS ORGANISED AT KOHIMA



Kohima Bench Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Songkhupchung Serto addressing the seminar on Legal Profession for Lawyers at the High Court premises, Kohima on 20th October 2021.

Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench Judge, Justice Songkhupchung Serto called the lawyer's profession challenging during the foundational years especially pertaining to making an income out of it. He was speaking during a three-day seminar on Legal Profession for Lawyers, organized by the High Court Legal Services Committee in collaboration with the High Court Bar Association, Kohima Bench at the High Court premises on 20th October 2021.

Speaking of his experiences which he himself endeared during the initial years of practicing under a senior, Serto opined that the amount of hard work put into catching up with the profession and the payment received in return was meagre. However, the passion to learn and struggle was key to producing refined lawyers. The judge was also of the view that charging fees in tribal communities is another challenge as the lot of populace here are ignorant of many subjects and procedure of law or courts.

The newly appointed Additional Judge of the Gauhati High Court, Kakheto Sema while delivering a short speech urged the bar fraternity to continue to assist the court for the dispensation of justice and promote the practice of rule of law so that the end of justice is promoted.

During the sessions held, resource persons, Laximidhar Pangari, Senior Advocate, Odisha and Kolkata High Court delivered talks on difference between Article 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India and service jurisprudence, and CT Jamir, Senior Advocate, Guahati High Court, Kohima Bench dwelled on professional ethics.

Article 226, gives High Courts the power to issue any person or authority, including the government in some cases, directions, orders or writs and Article 227 gives every High Court power to have superintendence over all courts and tribunals throughout the territories regarding which High Court exercises its jurisdiction (except a court formed under a law related to Armed Forces).

14 COVID-19 POLICE PERSONNEL MARTYRS HONOURED ON POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

KOHIMA:

'We salute their valour and dedication

and words can never describe their bravery, services, the spirit of sacrifices as they continue

to inspire us all,' quoted the Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland, Y. Patton while paying homage for the supreme sacrifices made by the Police personnel at the Police Commemoration Day Parade at New Police Reserve, Phesama, Kohima on 21st October 2021.

Patton acknowledged all the brave and courageous Police personnel who had sacrificed their lives in the line of duties, putting service above themselves and stressed that Police plays the most important role in safeguarding the basic rights of the citizen, the right to protection of life and personal liberty, which forms the basis of a welfare State. He added that it is the strongest executive arm on which a democratic government relies in delivering services to its people.

Patton stated that ever since the global COVID-19 pandemic exploded, the Nagaland Police personnel along with medical health workers have been at the forefront of the Government's effort to control the spread of COVID-19. Nagaland Police stepped beyond conventional 'Law and Order' approach and took on a new role as public health messengers and service providers despite immense stress and strain.

Patton expressed that the Government has always been acknowledging the services provided by the force and has always stood by it and it has been the prerogative of this Government to ensure that the privileges and welfare of the police men and women of the State are taken care of, therefore the Government has declared ex-gratia of Rs. 10 (ten) lakh each for every policeman and policewoman who lost their lives due to COVID-19 while on active duty during the pandemic.

Director General of Police, T. John Longkumer, IPS in his address briefed on significance of Police Commemoration Day and the historical event dating back to 1959, when ten policemen were martyred by the Chinese troops in

Ladakh, hence in remembering and honouring the brave policemen for their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, 21st October is marked and observed every year.

Longkumer also read out the roll of honour and honoured the fourteen COVID-19 Martyrs of Nagaland, meanwhile Deputy Chief Minister, Patton handed over the ex-gratia to the next of kin of the COVID-19 Martyrs.

DIMAPUR:

Dimapur Police observed Police Commemoration Day at Commissioner of Police's Office, Dimapur on 21st October 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Rothihu Tetseo informed that during the last one year, 377 police personnel in the country lost their lives while performing their duties. In addition, altogether, 14 police personnel lost their lives due to COVID-19 out of which four were from Dimapur district.

The day was also marked by general salute, presentation of 'Roll of Honour' to CP Dimapur, reading out of Roll of Honour, laying of Roll of Honour on the Cenotaph, Shok Kar 'Last post' followed by 'Reveille,' Samarak Ko Salami and laying of wreaths by the CP followed by other officers and personnel.



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IPR ORGANIZES CRASH COURSE TRAINING ON LIVE SOUND MANAGEMENT

The Information & Public Relations (IPR) Department held a two-day intensive crash course on Live Sound Management with Managing Director, Pheto Music & Film Academy Dimapur, Kashito Kiba as the resource person from 21st to 22nd October 2021 at Conference Hall, DIPR.

Director, IPR, Er. Z. Tokishe Sema addressing the culmination programme exhorted the trainees to give their best in their service, stating that State employees salary alone accounts for nearly 80% of total budget of the State Government, and now with stricter measures to streamline the workforce, he reminded them that they are amongst

the fortunate few to get employment in the government sector. He encouraged the trainees to make good use of the training provided, and improve the service provided by the Department at all levels in the State.

The trainees were imparted training on system configuration of live sound, learning external analogue processor, systems corrections and configuration, and technical handling and management of stage gears. The Director, IPR handed over certificates to all the trainees after the successful completion of the training.

1st INTER - DEPARTMENTAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT HELD AT KOHIMA



Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu kickstarting the 1st Inter-Departmental Badminton Tournament at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Multipurpose Hall, Kohima on 22nd October 2021.

Minister, Planning & Coordination, Land Revenue and Parliamentary Affairs, Neiba Kronu inaugurated the 1st Inter-Departmental Badminton Tournament organised by the Inter-Department Badminton Club (IDBC), Kohima at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Multi-purpose Hall, Kohima on 22nd October 2021.

Neiba Kronu speaking at the event said that badminton is an interesting sport and such event is a good beginning to encourage all to take the sport forward. As a badminton player himself, he encouraged youngsters to take up the sport not only as a hobby, but to become professional and bring laurels for the State. Kronu said that for quite some time, the State could not perform well in sports

sector due to lack of infrastructure in the State, adding that much is needed to be done by the State Government to bring improvement in sports sector in the State. He also expressed happiness that many women including paramilitary players are taking part in the tournament.

Convener, IDBC, Shanavas C delivering his welcome speech, thanked all the departments for participating and said that winning is not everything but having a participatory spirit should be the main purpose. He is hopeful that such event will bring progress and development in the State and encouraged all the players to display great sportsmanship among themselves and make the tournament a success.

ABHIJIT SINHA INAUGURATES PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT STATE MUSEUM



Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha, IAS inaugurating the photography exhibition organized by the Department of Information & Public Relations at the State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 25th October 2021.

A photography exhibition, organized by the Department of Information & Public Relations (IPR) was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha at the State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Kohima on 25th October 2021.

Chairing the programme, Additional Secretary, IPR, Asangla Imti stressed on the importance of the programme. She said that the exhibition was organized to observe the National Unity Day on 31st October 2021 and is in convergence with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for celebrating 75 years of India's Independence.

Special Guest, Abhijit Sinha highlighted on the observation of National Unity Day, stating that it is celebrated on 31st October to promote nationalism and a feeling of unity among Indian citizens. The day was first celebrated in 2014 and is observed on the

birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who was born on 31st October 1875. Sinha gave a brief life history of Patel who was a freedom fighter and became the first Deputy Prime Minister and the Home Minister of India, and the pivotal role played by him in integrating the 565 princely states into the Indian Union. He added that Patel is called 'the Iron Man of India' due to his steely will.

Sinha stated that the day serves two significant purposes, firstly, as a befitting tribute to the Iron Man of India and secondly, it reminds everyone of integration and unity.

The programme was attended by officials from the Department of IPR and Art & Culture. The photo exhibition is organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to observe the National Unity Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, and is a weeklong celebration, 24th - 31st October 2021.

REVIEW MEETING ON JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN

A meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS with Additional Secretary & Mission Director, National Water Mission, G Ashok Kumar, IAS to review the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in the State was held on 25th October 2021 at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Ashok Kumar stated that the Prime Minister of India launched the JSA under the theme Catch the Rain campaign on 22nd March 2021 (World Water Day) to nudge stakeholders to create appropriate rainwater

harvesting system, suitable to climate and soil conditions with people's active participation. He added that the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign covers all rural blocks and urban areas of all districts across the country. The main objectives and activities of the campaign is to harvest maximum rainwater and saving it, enumerate, geo tagging, making inventory and preparing a scientific plan for water conservation and water harvesting structures, setting up Jal Shakti Kendras in all districts and to



generate awareness and ensure people's participation to make JalAndolan a JanAndolan.

The Mission Director also requested all concerned departments and local administration to ensure roof top rain water harvesting structures in all government buildings, take up construction of appropriate water harvesting structures, rejuvenation of rivers and streams, small rivulets, revival of wetlands and take steps for removal of encroachments in floodplain areas, water bodies and their channels. He also called for mass awareness campaign across the State to disseminate the importance of rain water harvesting and conserve water bodies.

The Department of Water Resources, Nagaland while making a presentation at the meeting stated that under NABARD, the Department has taken initiatives for implementing

water conservation projects through creation of water bodies and water harvesting structures. The Department also stated that a total number of 1,368 water bodies has been identified across Nagaland. A virtual Jal Shakti Kendra has been set up at Wokha District to act as knowledge centre to disseminate various information pertaining to water resources, its judicious use and conservation. The Department also informed that the virtual Jal Shakti Kendra in other districts of the State would be set up soon.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam in his closing remarks hoped that the National Water Mission will come up with schemes and programmes more suitable for a hilly region like Nagaland. He also assured that the State Departments will address the various issues at the earliest and work towards achieving the Mission objectives.

STATE DELEGATION VISITS MIZORAM

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland and Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha visited Mizoram on the invitation of the Government of Mizoram's Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC), leading a four member official delegation which included Advisor, Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA), Government of Nagaland, Theja Meru; President, Rattle & Hum Foundation (RHF), Neingulie Nakhro and Musician & Creative Producer, TaFMA, Imcha Imchen. The delegation arrived in Mizoram on 23rd October 2021 and departed on 25th October 2021.

The visit began with the delegation visiting the Laldenga Memorial where they paid homage and laid floral tributes at the memorial of Mizoram's first Chief Minister and the leader of the Mizo movement.

The team called on the Chief Minister of Mizoram, Zoramthanga at his residence. Metha highlighted some of the programmes and initiatives of the Nagaland Government, especially in the areas of youth affairs. He invited Mizoram participants to the forthcoming international events which are going to be hosted in Nagaland like the Asia Music Summit, the South Asian Cross Country

Championship and the Grand Finale of the Indian National Rally Championship.

Zoramthanga also highlighted the need to work together under a spirit of collaboration between the North Eastern states especially Mizoram and Nagaland with special focus in the agriculture and allied sector.

Metha attended Mizoram's biggest music event as a special guest and addressed the Grand Finale of the Perhkhuang 2021 which had begun with more than 2,000 participants. In his address, Metha assured strengthening of partnerships and collaborations between Mizoram and Nagaland. He announced that the top five winners of the competition would be given the opportunity to perform at India's most well-known music event, the Hornbill International Music Festival. He assured that all efforts would be made to train the talents of young Mizos and Nagas in joint initiatives in order to propel them towards the highest international levels in order to bring pride and glory to the great nation.

The Nagaland delegation participated in a Round Table Meet with the Mizoram Youth Commission wherein deliberations on the subjects of collaborations and knowledge sharing were



undertaken. The collaborations would be firmed up along with a visit to Nagaland by the Mizoram Youth Commission. Artists and musicians of Mizoram will undertake capacity building exercises and undergo professional training through the TaFMA, Government of Nagaland, through TaFMA's knowledge partners and the team of national and international resource persons affiliated to TaFMA.

Advisor, TaFMA, Theja Meru assured support and solidarity to the MYC through partnerships and collaborations between the two governments. He gave a detailed explanation of TaFMA's vision and how it is positively impacting not just the musicians and artists but having long term economic and employment generating results.

Metha, who is the Associate Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), had a meeting with the Mizoram Athletic Association and representatives of the Mizoram Olympic

Association. Metha informed that the AFI is keen to promote athletics in the North East and its vision will begin by hosting the South Asian Cross Country Championships in Nagaland under the aegis of the South Asian Athletics Federation. The AFI will also conduct special training and capacity building for Technical Officials and Coaches for Mizoram and other North Eastern states.

Abu Metha who is the Chairman of the Federation of Adventure & Motor Sports Associations of North East had a meeting with the Mizoram Motor Sports Association (MIMSA) and discussed strategies to promote motor and adventure sports in the North East alongside tourism and the service industry. He highlighted the need to formulate a game plan to begin a North East motorsports circuit in view of the fact that there are enormous potentials across the region. He invited MIMSA to the Grand Finale of the Indian National Rally Championships which will be held in Nagaland in 2022.

NAGALAND JOINS THE NATION IN LAUNCHING OF PMASBY



Minister, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom and Principal Secretary, H&FW, Amardeep Singh Bhatia joined the virtual launch of Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on 25th October 2021.

Nagaland joined the nation in the virtual launching of Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY) by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on 25th October 2021 from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

The objective of PMASBY is to fill critical gaps in public health infrastructure, especially in critical care facilities and primary care in both urban

and rural areas. It will provide support for 17,788 rural health and wellness centres in 10 high focus states. Further, 11,024 urban health and wellness centres will be established in all the states.

Critical care services will be available in all the districts of the nation with a population of more than 5 lakh, through exclusive critical care hospital blocks, while the remaining districts will be covered



through referral services.

People will have access to a full range of diagnostic services in the public healthcare system through a network of laboratories across the nation. Integrated public health labs will be set up in all the districts.

The aim of the PMASBY is to build an IT enabled Disease Surveillance System by developing a network of surveillance laboratories at block, district, regional and national levels, in metropolitan areas. Integrated Health Information Portal will be expanded to all States and Union Territories to connect all public health labs.

PMASBY also aims at the operationalisation of 17 new public health units and the strengthening of 33 existing public health units at points of entry, for effectively detecting, investigating, preventing, and combating public health emergencies and disease outbreaks. It will also work towards building up a trained frontline health workforce to respond to any public health emergency.

PMASBY will be one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country. It will be in addition to the National Health Mission.

J. ALAM GRACES FONSESA BIENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021



Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS along with other officials during the Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA), Biennial General Conference 2021 held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 27th October 2021.

The Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA), Biennial General Conference 2021 was held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 27th October 2021 with Chief Secretary, Nagaland, J. Alam, IAS as the Guest Speaker.

Addressing the gathering, Alam said that engineering and medicine discipline are the most attractive profession. Calling upon the 500 members of the FONSESA, he said engineers have the brightest mind as they lead to a path of progress and development and that they are the engine that can take us forward to bring change in our life.

Alam also added that the engineers in Nagaland have achieved a lot in their fields as the State have many roads, buildings, bridges which are built by engineers, and called upon them to have a collective knowledge by working as a team, sharing

ideas, and finding solutions. He called upon them to be united amongst themselves and follow the rules laid by the Government and also advised them to keep oneself updated about the latest technology as the world now is moving fast with advancement in technology. He also suggested the FONSESA members to give recognition to engineers for their efforts and works.

President (APEN), FONSESA, Er. Moa Aier in his presidential address said that since its inception in 1985, FONSESA has progressed a lot and has come a long way. It has been the platform under which the engineering fraternity of the State has always rallied around and it has been the beacon which has given hope and direction. He said that the Association is grateful to the FONSESA pioneers who felt the need and established the institution for the engineers of the State. He stated

that FONSESA is affiliated to the Indian Engineers Federation (INDEF), and in which FONSESA is an active participant.

Er. Aier said the proposed amendment of the Nagaland Engineering Service Rule 2012 (NESR 2012) too had been another area in which the Association had taken much time to deliberate and discuss.

During the programme, Vision Documents were released by Chief Secretary, J. Alam. The programme was chaired by Vice President, FONSESA, Er. K. Hutoi Sema.

Resolution of the FONSESA Biennial Conference 2021:

The Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA), during its Biennial General Conference which was held at Hotel Japfu Kohima on 27th October 2021 made the following resolutions:

1. Considering that Engineering departments play a crucial role in all development aspects, the members and constituent associations of FONSESA resolved to once again rededicate ourselves for the development and progress of the State.
2. To continue pursuing the Amendment of Nagaland Engineering Service Rules (NESR) 2012 which is at the final stage with the State Government for a speedy conclusion.
3. To observe 'World Engineering Day (WED)' on the 4th of March every year.
4. All constituent Associations of FONSESA to complete their Vision Documents at the earliest and preferably release it during the next World Engineering Day (WED) on the 4th of March 2022.
5. Degrees and titles are conferred by the Universities. Towards this, FONSESA resolved to submit a representation to the Chief Secretary and the Administrative Heads concerned for usage of 'Er' title only by the Engineering Degree holders from entry level onwards.
6. To revive the demand for manning of Engineering Department Secretariats by Engineers.
7. To continue and strengthen the bond of Engineering fraternity and promote its unity and interests.

NSSA BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING OFFICERS



The Nagaland Secretariat Service Association organised a farewell programme for eight of its retiring officers at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 27th October 2021.



The Nagaland Secretariat Service Association (NSSA) organised a farewell programme for eight of its retiring officers on 27th October 2021 at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Speaking on behalf of the outgoing officers, Secretary, Social Welfare, Amenla Sashi stated that 35 years back, 22 young freshly recruits joined office as LDAs in Old Secretariat building near the present DC Kohima office. Stating it a bitter-sweet moment, Amenla said that leaving a workplace that has been a home away from home and its colleagues, one's second family, will be a difficult transition.

Sashi encouraged the younger batch of members to continue to be committed, respectful and disciplined and to demand more training besides the foundation course. Our members will excel and be the backbone of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat if we allow ourselves to be trained and exposed, she added.

Additional Secretary, Mhathung Tungoe in a short speech, congratulated the retiring officers for finishing their career successfully and expressed

gratitude for being a guiding force and torchbearers to the NSSA family. He also added that the selfless contribution throughout their service period will leave a mark which will be emulated by their predecessors and will try their best to fill the legacy left behind. Stating the NSS are the backbone of the Secretariat Administration, he called on the junior colleagues to be sincere and to be well versed in all subject matters to guide the superiors.

Delivering the welcome note, President NSSA, Chubasangla Longkumer stated that NSSA holds retirement programmes annually in honour of retiring offices and their contribution towards the welfare of the people of the State.

The retiring officers include Secretary, Geology & Mining, Neiseu Tsikhanuo; Secretary, Social Welfare, Amenla Sashi; Secretary, Finance, Ayangla Longchari; Joint Secretary, Finance, Imtinokchala Amer; Joint Secretary, Home, H Chiten Sangtam; Joint Secretary, Home, M Lisechem Sangtam; Joint Secretary, Finance, K K Lihose Sangtam and Under Secretary, Rongsenkala.

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ VISITS NAGALAND

DIMAPUR:

Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Kapil Moreshwar Patil, acknowledged that community contribution was more than the schemes given by the Central Government. He said this during the inauguration of Thahekhu Village Council Hall-cum- multipurpose building at Dimapur on 28th October 2021, during his two day visit to Nagaland.

Patil stated that he would speak on the greatness of Nagas and community contribution in all places he visits. The Union Minister further asserted that it was the dream of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to make villages better than cities, fulfilling the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi.

While referring to the Oppositionless Government in Nagaland under the umbrella of United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Patil lauded the legislators for coming together to work for the

betterment and development of the State. He also acknowledged the slogan, 'Peace for Development and Development for Peace.'

Besides others, Minister, Rural Development, Nagaland, Metsubo Jamir and legislators Tovihoto and Azheto were also present during the inauguration programme. Later, the Minister met and interacted with the village functionaries at Thahekhu village. Patil also called on the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio at his residence at Sovima.

KOHIMA:

Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil held a press briefing at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 29th October 2021.

Patil briefing the media said that the Centre is laying special emphasis to develop North-eastern states adding that a number of Central Ministers are



appointed from different North-east states to oversee and also to expedite the development process. He stated that Nagaland is endowed with scenic beauty and can be capitalised for promoting tourism, which will then develop the economy of the State. In this regard, the Central Government is ready to extend all possible help to the State, he remarked.



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Patil also lauded the Self Help Groups and the Village Development Boards for their extraordinary effort to bring development in their respective villages.

Highlighting the Svamvita scheme introduced by the Centre, Patil said, an MoU with the State Government is yet to be signed. Maintaining that

there was positive response on this scheme, he said, people will benefit from this as they will be able to make property card and people can avail loan out of the documents for house construction and business.

He also urged the media fraternity to help in spreading awareness on various schemes and programmes of the Government to the public and facilitate in bringing development in the State.

KIGWEMA VILLAGE:

Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil, visited Kigwema village under Kohima district on 29th October 2021.

The Minister of State said that the State Government and the Central Government are working hand in hand so as to ensure the development of the State of Nagaland. He assured that the Government of India and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj would consistently support for the development of Nagaland. He was confident that the Prime Minister will successfully carry out the development of Nagaland as he has focus on the development of the eight North-eastern states.

Later in the day, Patil unveiled the Foundation Stone of Sanstriti Kendra-cum-Development of Playground in the presence of Minister, Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir.

KAPIL MORESHWAR INTERACTS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil asked the officials present to give in written the various problem faced by them in their respective departments during an interaction session held at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima on 29th October 2021.

Every department has different guidelines and assured that he will take up the matter with senior Cabinet Ministers and highlight the difficulties and bring out solutions for the interest of the departments. The Minister assured his support for

the development of the State. He also mentioned the commitment of the Prime Minister of India to place the North-eastern states at par with the other states of the country.

The departments of Rural Development, Urban Development, Social Welfare, Land Resources, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Coffee Board and Rubber Board presented PowerPoint presentation of the various activities undertaken by their respective department.

AHoDs AND HoDs MEETING HELD

Administrative Heads of Departments (AHoDs) and Heads of Departments (HoDs) meeting convened by the Chief Secretary was held

at Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 29th October 2021.

Chief Secretary, J. Alam, IAS chaired the



meeting wherein he started the proceedings by acknowledging all the different departments who had worked tirelessly and contributed immensely in bringing the COVID-19 pandemic under control in the State. He further added that with the situation finally improving, it is time to begin normalizing the functioning of offices at full capacity and with it, also address the issue of attendance and punctuality in all the government departments. He further urged all the departments to come up with a proper working system to check the attendance of all government employees and ensure that proper work timings are maintained in all offices.

Department of Personnel & Administrative

Reforms made a brief presentation on the working of PIMS and the recently introduced e-Paybill system.

One important agenda discussed during the meeting was the need to have weekly meetings wherein pre-selected departments will present reports of activities undertaken by the respective departments and also discuss important department related matters.

Several other agenda pertaining to the upcoming International Tourism Mart and the Hornbill Festival were discussed during the meeting. Several issues related to delayed pension of retired government servants and the need to bring reforms in the system were also discussed during the meeting.

OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL POTATO CENTER VISITS NAGALAND

After 19 days of the discussion held by the State officials led by Agriculture Production Commissioner and Mission Director, FOCUS - Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS with the International Potato Center (CIP) at Pusa, New Delhi on 9th October 2021 regarding the proposal for low-cost Potato Seed Production System for improved livelihoods for farmers of Nagaland, the Asia Regional Director of CIP, Dr. Samarendu Mohanty based in Manila, Philippines, Dr. Sampri Baruah, Project Coordinator for India, Philippines and Vietnam and Dr. Mohinder Singh, Senior Consultant arrived in Nagaland on 28th October 2021. On arrival, they visited the tissue culture laboratories and infrastructure facilities of Agriculture and Horticulture Department at Agri Expo, Dimapur.

On 29th October 2021, the CIP team had a joint meeting with the APC & MD, FOCUS-Nagaland and senior officers of the departments of Agriculture and Horticulture. Kikheto Sema revealed that there is a huge demand for potato seeds in the State both during kharif and rabi seasons. He further stated that most farmers of the State cannot afford quality potato seeds from the mainland India and thus buy

the unsold potatoes from the grocery shops which give poor yield. Kikheto conveyed that both the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio and Minister for Agriculture, G. Kaito Aye are eager to create better avenues for the farming community and more importantly bring new and innovative farming technologies to attract the educated youths towards agriculture. This, he said that, has prompted FOCUS-Nagaland to propose to IFAD (International Fund for Agriculture Development of the United Nations) to fund the project for potato seed production which will not only increase the farmers' income but also generate employment among the educated youths of the State.

Sema further informed that IFAD is willing to sponsor the project and once approved, the existing tissue culture laboratory at State Horticulture Nursery under the Department of Horticulture will be upgraded which will accommodate the requirements of the warmer foothill areas. The main tissue culture laboratory is proposed to be installed within the existing infrastructure at the State Agricultural Research Station (SARS), Yisemyong under Mokokchung district for meeting the requirements for the rest of the State with temperate



Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, Venkatesan being felicitated by Principal Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Ramakrishnan during a meeting with Nagaland State Government officials at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th October 2021.



Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected Member, S. Keoshu Yimchunger from 58-Shamator-Chessore (ST) Assembly Constituency at the Speaker's Office Chamber, NLA Secretariat, Kohima on 21st October 2021.



A state level delegation led by Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Abu Metha with Chief Minister, Mizoram, Zoramthanga during their visit to Mizoram at the CM's residence at Aizawl, Mizoram.



International Potato Center (CIP) team held a meeting with Agriculture Production Commissioner and Mission Director, FOCUS - Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and senior officials of the departments of Agriculture and Horticulture on 29th October 2021.



Participants and officials during the training held on Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) for Field Testing Kit users at Indoor Stadium, Longleng town on 2nd October 2021.



Organizers and winners of the District Level Catch Them Young Tournament, 2021 held at Jalukie B Public Ground, Peren on 22nd October 2021.



Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu during the virtual inauguration of the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication building, Kohima, Government High School buildings at Chumukedima, Diphupar, Zuheshe and Mopungchuket and Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima, at Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 7th October 2021.



Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire inaugurated the PSA Oxygen Plant at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima on 7th October 2021.



MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry inaugurated the 250 LMP PSA Oxygen Plant at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 7th October 2021.

and cold climate of mid and hilly areas.

Dr. Mohanty appreciated the initiatives taken by the State Government and enlightened that through the project, CIP will introduce its novel low cost technology (Apical Rooted Cutting) with the objective to develop the potato seed value chain in the State to improve productivity and to supply high quality potato seeds to the farmers at an affordable price which can also be exported to the neighbouring states. It will also work towards the

introduction of new short duration, early bulking, climate resilient and disease resistant potato varieties responding to consumer and market demands for table and processing purposes. He further mentioned that Nagaland has a favourable agro-climatic condition to have at least two growing seasons per year which presents an untapped opportunity to transform Nagaland into a seed production hub for the supply of quality potato seed to other States.

CS HOLDS MEETING WITH SLCC ON 7th ECONOMIC CENSUS

Chief Secretary & Chairman, State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC) on 7th Economic Census, J. Alam, IAS convened a meeting to examine the provisional report of the 7th Economic Census at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Secretariat, Kohima on 30th October 2021.

Additional Director & HoD, Department of Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Angami during the meeting highlighted on the 7th Economic Census, which he stated has been conducted to enumerate all the establishments and entrepreneur units located in a geographical area, and which are involved in any economic activities, including household enterprises, engaged in production or distribution of goods and services in non-farm agriculture sectors, with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (SPI) as the nodal department at the ministry level.

Neidilhou briefed on the process and

manpower involved in conducting the Economic Census. He stated that in Nagaland, the 7th Economic Census was launched in August 2019 and completed in April 2021. The Community Service Centres (CSC), e-Governance Service India Ltd., a platform of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, has been selected as the implementing agency by the Ministry of SPI for developing the ICT platform system and also to conduct field work for the Economic Census.

For enumerators and supervisors, the CSC recruited enumerators for data collection for the whole district, and at the supervisor level there were two levels. The 1st supervisor level was employed by the CSC and at the 2nd supervisor level, it consisted of officials from the Economics & Statistics Department and also officials from the National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of SPI, to verify 10% of the data that was enumerated.

REVIEW OF MISSIONS OF MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS HELD

Reviewing of all the missions undertaken by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs was held with the Joint Secretary (C & NE), Pankaj Kumar and Director (NER & MC), G. Ravinder at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 30th October 2021.

Principal Secretary, Urban Affairs and

Municipal Affairs, Himato Zhimomi stated that the effort of the Department came to a standstill due to the COVID-19 pandemic but momentum is slowly picking up now. Zhimomi stated that the visit by the officials is a very important way forward and added that an interactive session with different officials will





be the main feature.

PowerPoint presentations by the state officials on the progress of the missions undertaken and the reports of the new and

ongoing projects/areas schemes were highlighted for the integrated development of the North Eastern Region, followed by the field visit of the ongoing projects.



CLEAN INDIA LAUNCHED AT KOHIMA



Officials and volunteers during the launch of 'Clean India' programme at Kohima Local ground on 1st October 2021.

Commemorating 75 years of India's Independence, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) organised a month long 'Clean India' programme on 1st October 2021. Launching the programme at Kohima Local Ground, Secretary, Youth Resources & Sports, Wezope Kenye, IAS mentioned that the Clean India programme has been planned under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration with a view to mobilize public to participate voluntarily in the nationwide drive of waste collection and their disposal.

Kenye informed that the objective of Clean India is to organize activities to clean waste, mainly single use plastic throughout the country which will be organized in all 12 districts of Nagaland, involving all segment of society, government organizations including PRIs, and NGOs and to make the programme a people's movement through 'Jan Bhagidari' and propagate the mantra of 'Clean India,

Safe India.' He added that the programme will cover six (6) lakh villages of 744 districts across the country during the month of October, i.e from 1st October 2021 to 31st October 2021.

Kenye also briefed that the main focus area of the programme will be in collection and disposal of waste through collection drives and door to door campaign, village beautification -maintenance and beautification drives for historical monuments and heritage sites, community centres, youth club/ mahila mandal buildings, school buildings, panchayat buildings, etc. and traditional water sources - cleanliness and maintenance through voluntary work and cleaning of water bodies.

Meanwhile, a pledge for Clean India was administered by Director-in-Charge NYKS, John Makhabo and around 50 volunteers from NYKS, NSS and Red Cross Kohima participated in cleaning the vicinity of Local Ground Kohima.

NATIONWIDE GRAM SABHA AND SAMVAD WITH WATSAN COMMITTEES HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

MEDZIPHEMA:

Nation-wide Gram Sabha and Samvad with Watsan committees on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), organised by District Water and Sanitation Mission, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Dimapur in collaboration with ISA (Act of Kindness), was held at Medziphema Village Council Hall on 2nd

October 2021 in commemoration of Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary.

Special guest, PHE, Secretary, Kesonyü Yhome reminded the villagers of being privileged in getting the benefits of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. He said that Medziphema village being one of the biggest villages in Dimapur district gets to enjoy the



Public Health Engineering, Secretary, Kesonyü Yhome, IAS addressing the nationwide Gram Sabha and Samvad held at Medziphema Village Council Hall, Dimapur on 2nd October 2021.

JJM and should show good example to the neighbouring villages by focusing and fully utilising the benefits provided by the Government.

Yhome also explained the goals and objectives of JJM and spoke on the importance of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin and its functions. He also enlightened the villagers on JJM's vision to provide safe adequate drinking water to every individual household with tap connection.

Chief Engineer, Sanitation and WSSO, PHE, Er. Tsathrichem Sangtam exhorted the villages to take a resolution to keep maintaining the village clean and said that Medziphema village is one of the most privileged among the 1400 villages in Nagaland to have nation-wide Gram Sabha and Samvad Jal Jeevan Mission, he added.

Medziphema Village Chairman, Metsilhoukho in his short speech highlighted the water problem faced by the villagers. District Coordinator, DWSM, PHE (R), Dimapur, Imojungla Longkumer highlighted the agenda of Gram Sabha.

PHEK:

A nation-wide Gram Sabha Samvad on Jal Jeevan Mission and Gandhi Jayanti was held at Phek on 2nd October 2021. The Sabha was attended by Village Council Chairmen, WATSAN and Swachhagrahis. Altogether, 25 villages under Phek Block attended. The Sabha was organized by Public

Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Phek Division.

At Pfutsero, the Sabha was organized by Implementation Support Agency (ISA), Kalos Society, Pfutsero, where a total of 33 villages under Pfutsero Block was covered. Altogether, 58 villages under Phek district participated.

SDO PHE, Phek, Er. Imkong Jamir spoke on the objectives of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and said that it was based on community approach towards individual household pipe water connection. He also encouraged the community to contribute 5% towards the mission as per JJM guidelines. He further stressed on the objectives of ODF Plus and elaborated on methods and steps involved in tackling solid and liquid waste management.

District Coordinator, DWSM Phek, Kutulu Vero spoke on plastic waste management, its impact on the environment and human health. She urged the community leaders to put effort to work out ways and means to tackle plastic menace to reduce plastic pollution.

The Sabha also witnessed training on Field Testing Kit (FTK) and user mobile application for WATSAN and Swachhagrahis by Chemist, DWSM, Kethonu Theyo. The Sabha ended with pledge and signature of the resolution on ban of Single Use Plastic (SUP) by all the village chairmen.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ACROSS DISTRICTS

PEREN:

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Administrator of Peren Town Council (PTC), K. Mhathung Tsanglao graced Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

(AKAM) culmination-cum-felicitation programme as the Special Guest at Peren Town Hall on 2nd October 2021. The sanitary workers, ragpickers and waste entrepreneurs were given certificate of appreciation

and cash awards during the event.

The ADC emphasised on cleanliness of the town and waste segregation. Tsanglao explained the importance of 2nd October in the calendar year as it is the birthday of the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

TSEMINYU:

As part of the observance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav week organised by Tseminyu Town Council and District Administration, led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Manpai Phom, 'Kachra Alag Karo Amrit Diwas' (Waste Segregation Day) was held at Tseminyu from 29th September 2021 to 2nd October 2021.

The highlights of the activities included ward level review of the solid waste management plan with special focus on waste segregation, proper implementation of individual household composting for segregation of wet/biodegradable

waste at the household level, ward level cleanliness drive with focus on collection of plastic waste.

The Tseminyu Town Council, District Administration and other officials visited all the nine (9) wards and interacted with the Ward Sanitation Committee and GBs.

PFUTSERO:

Felicitation programme for sanitation workers was held at Pfutserso on 2nd October 2021. The programme was held as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of Independence, and was organised by Pfutserso Town Council.

The main activities included in the weeklong programme were felicitation of sanitation workers and mass cleanliness drive across Pfutserso town. Awards and certificates were presented during the programme.

TRAINING ON WATER QUALITY MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE HELD AT LONGLENG

A one-day training on Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) for Field Testing Kit (FTK) users was held at Indoor Stadium, Longleng town on 2nd October 2021. It was organized by the District Water and Sanitation Mission, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Longleng and sponsored by Sanitation & WSSO, PHE, Nagaland.

The training programme is envisaged on Jal Jeevan Mission's (JJM) prime objective to create a community based Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance system at the grassroot level to test water quality parameters using FTKs for all water sources by the community itself to enhance

awareness of safe drinking water.

Resource person, Chemist, PHE, Longleng S. Walling speaking on the topic 'Safe Drinking Water to Every Household,' emphasized on the need of water sources to be tested and monitored periodically so as to check the quality of drinking water.

The trainees were also taught on the basic precautionary measures to be followed while collecting water samples from the sources and the steps and procedures to test water quality by using FTKs. Later FTKs and bacteriological vials were distributed to the participants.

The training was attended by about 50 women from 17 villages under Longleng district.

KOHIMA DPDB RECOMMENDS UPGRADATION OF TSEMINYU SUB-DIVISION TO DISTRICT

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) recommended the upgradation of Tseminyu Sub-Division to that of Tseminyu district to the Government for consideration. This was decided in the monthly DPDB meeting held at the DPDB's Conference

Hall, Kohima on 4th October 2021 under the chairmanship of Kohima DPDB Chairman and Advisor, Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha.

The Board had a marathon deliberation on the agenda where the concerned MLA, Advisor,



Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Women Resource Development, R. Khing and ADC Tseminyu, W. Manpai Phom highlighted the aspirations of the Rengma tribe on the demand for upgradation of Tseminyu Sub-Division to that of Tseminyu District, and the key data records of the Sub-Division to the Board. Other legislators present in the meeting, Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire and MLA, Keneizhakho Nakhro and also the Vice President of Angami Public Organisation (APO), Neivor Rutsa expressed their support for recommendation of the proposal to the

Government during the deliberation.

On the agenda for upgradation of Public Health Centre (PHC), Sechü-Zubza to Community Health Centre (CHC), MLA, Nakhro pressed upon the requirement for upgradation of the existing PHC to CHC as it is located along the National Highway where more fatalities occurs, so that medical services with better facilities can be provided in times of emergencies as well as to the area people. The Board deliberated on the matter along with the report submitted by Chief Medical Officer, Kohima and further decided to recommend the matter to the Government for consideration.

TSOKUM FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT NOKLAK

Tsokum Festival of the Khamniungans was celebrated at Noklak town on 5th October 2021 at KTC Treasurer's Residence with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru as Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Hiazu Meru said that, the Naga history is based on oral tradition and through festivals, we learn our culture, tradition, custom, dress and food habits. Through festival, people unite and bring unity among the people, he added.

Meru stated that during the ancient times, the economy was self-sufficient and every village lived as a village republic. The DC challenged the gathering to practice the good qualities of their ancestors and to pass it down to the next generation. While appreciating Khamniungan Tribal Council for organizing Tsokum Festival, Meru expressed hope that, through the Tsokum Festival, the people of Khamniungans will be blessed.

Head GB of Noklak town, Heme stated that

Tsokum is a festival of dedication to commence the harvest in jhum fields which is a week-long celebration that lasts for eight (8) days by performing different forms of rites and rituals. During Tsokum Festival, each and every family offers prayer and make sacrifices by killing domesticated animals to the God (kou-o) for fertility of crops, bountiful harvest, to bless their livestock and grant health to human beings as well, and the essence of the Festival is for unity, peace and harmony for the people of Khamniungan, he stated.

Cultural folk song called Hoi-e Tsui was presented by Khamniungan Cultural Club, Noklak town. Khamniungan Tribal Council, President, M. Thangou delivered the welcome address. The programme was chaired by Executive Chairman, KTC, Pakhiu. The programme was organized by Khamniungan Tribal Council and was attended by District Administration, Commandant 45 Assam Rifles, HoDs of different departments, civil societies, church leaders and elders.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 6th October 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Conference Hall, Peren under the chairmanship of DC Peren and Peren DPDB Vice-chairman, Sentiwapang Aier.

In the meeting, the following agenda were deliberated: Constitution of Sustainable Development Goals Cell; Five Year Action Plan for Tening Aspirational Block; Public Parks Committee; Naming of Road in honour of Captain Kenguruse; and Construction of Multi-purpose

building at Government Higher Secondary School, Jalukie.

The Board also approved the registration of Lungziu Development Organisation during the meeting and also decided to forward the proposal to the Government for further course of action.

Meanwhile, State Director in-charge NYKS, John Makhoba while highlighting on action plan of Clean India Programme starting from 1st to 31st October 2021 said, the programme has been planned under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration as part of 75 years of India's

Independence and with a view to mobilize the public to participate voluntarily in the nationwide drive of waste collection and their disposal. He also added the key activities of the programme are collection of plastic waste, single plastic use, village beautification drives and maintenance of traditional water resources, and through this initiative, ambitious target of collection and disposal of 75 lakh Kg of plastic waste has been planned.

An overview PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities was also presented by DPO, Land Resources Department, Alemla Aier.

LONGLENG DPDB DELIBERATES ON SETTING UP OF OXYGEN PLANT

Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M. Shayung Phom on 6th October 2021 at DPDB Hall, Longleng.

The DC informed the members regarding the inauguration of oxygen plant at Yachem Community Health Centre and clarified that the oxygen plant which was supposed to be set up at District Hospital, could not be done accordingly due to lack of adequate space at the District Hospital. He further clarified that inauguration of the oxygen plant was a time bound arrangement by the Government and therefore, shifting was done at the nearest hospital as suggested by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

Chief Medical Officer, Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla informed that oxygen plant could not be assembled as expected before inauguration due to transportation problem.

ADC, Longleng and President, Officers' Club Longleng (OCL), D. Robin highlighted the status of the OCL and apprised the members that the Club failed to organize programmes as expected, due to lockdown. He however announced that the forthcoming underage inter-state badminton tournament will be hosted by Longleng. Meanwhile, SDPO Longleng and Treasurer, OCL, Impung Chang highlighted the activities carried out by the Club despite the lockdown.

The Board recommended for change of nomenclature of Government Primary School (C) Orangkong to Government Primary School Hamlikong after briefing on the matter by the SDEO, Longleng citing that No Objection Certificate and clearance was produced by the VEC Orangkong village.

Assistant Programme Coordinator, Longleng, Tongpang presented the activities of the Rural Development Department, Longleng through a PowerPoint presentation.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 8th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Peter Lichamo.

During the meeting, the DC reiterated the submission of departmental activity report to every department before the next Board sitting.

The Board approved and forwarded a proposal received for registration of Sumi Baptist Church Zunheboto. The members discussed and recommended the change of nomenclature of Apukito Government High School to Khehoto Memorial Government High School, under Atoizu, Zunheboto district and upgradation of Health Sub-Centre at Lumami to Primary Health Centre.



MOTOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FLAGGED OFF AT MOKOKCHUNG

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Mokokchung, Dr. Sentitula, IFS flagged off a Motor Awareness Campaign from Imlong Place Police Point, Mokokchung town on 8th October 2021.

Highlights of the campaign included

meeting with village councils/JFMCs/BMCs in all forest ranges, public announcement on arrival of Amur Falcon, importance of wildlife conservation, awareness on Sections in Wildlife Protection Act (1972) relating to prohibition of hunting, penalties,



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convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals, and distribution of pamphlets on forest and wildlife.

The campaign was organized by Mokokchung Forest Division to observe Wildlife Week 2021.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 11th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha. Vice Chairman DPDB & Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by the Chairman, Wokha DPDB & Advisor, Information Technology & Communication, Science & Technology, New & Renewable Energy, Mmhonlumo Kikon and MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry.

During the meeting, the Board discussed on

the registration of Care Educational and Welfare Society and proposal for upgradation of Health & Welfare Care, Merapani to Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC). Both the agenda were recommended and forwarded to the higher authority for consideration.

Rural Development, Agriculture and Forest Departments presented their departmental activities in the district.

The Board also read out a pledge on celebration of the birth of girl child to promote equality between boys and girls.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of October was held on 12th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman, Noklak DPDB and Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru.

During the meeting, the Board discussed on the adoption of villages by Noklak DPDB, and it resolved to adopt Wansoi village under Noklak Assembly Constituency and Thonoknyu village under Thonoknyu Assembly Constituency as DPDB villages. The DC urged upon the respective

departments to work out and contribute in whatever possible ways they can.

The Board resolved to conduct Handicraft Festival at Noklak Headquarter in order to promote handicrafts in the district. Since the district has various artisans, the Board felt the need to organise the festival to give a platform and opportunity to the artisans.

For the Aspirational Block of Thonoknyu, the Board approved for construction of Rest House at Thonoknyu Headquarter, soiling & metalling (carpeting) within Thonoknyu town area, construction of road from Pang to Chiphur village

and construction of irrigation facilities at Pangking which has been recommended to all concerned departments.

The Board approved for establishment of science stream at Government Higher Secondary School, Noklak, and construction of boys and girls hostels at Government High School, Panso has been recommended to the concerned department.

Notification/ declaration of new National Highway from NH-202, Chendang/Saddle to NH-702 (B), Tobu via Noklak and Pansha were deliberated, and the Board approved and recommended it to the concerned department.

WORKSHOP ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT HELD AT WOKHA

Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Wokha Division organized a one-day basic training on skill development for villagers on 12th October 2021 at PHE, EE Office Complex, under Jal Jeevan Mission support activity.

EE, PHE, Wokha, Er. Imnazulu Ao in his keynote address said that the skill development workshop was organized to equip the stakeholders on various related trades so as to ensure the sustainability of water supply infrastructures. He urged the stakeholders to take proper responsibility

of operation and maintenance of the water supply infrastructures once the schemes are completed and handed over to them by the Department.

During the workshop, a thorough theoretical and practical session on the use of equipment and tools on four trades, namely plumbing, masonry, welding and electrician were imparted by skilled master trainers.

The same programme was also conducted at Bhandari Sub-Division headed by SDO Bhandari, Er. K. Hukato Shohe.

WINNERS OF ONLINE COMPETITION ON AWARENESS OF HIV, TB & BLOOD DONATION AWARDED

KOHIMA:

The award ceremony of the online competition of New India@75 awareness on HIV, TB and Blood Donation for selected schools and colleges under Kohima district was held on 12th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima.



Officials and winners of the online competition of New India@75 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th October 2021.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie congratulating the winners of the online competition lauded the efforts and contributions made by the students in this competition. He said that the ideas and thoughts on various themes brought out by the students would go a long way in the fight against the health issues. The DC encouraged them to continue with the spirit of participation and competition in their future academic career.

The DC also expressed his gratitude to the participating schools and colleges for taking the importance of the New India@75 programme and its activities. He said that under this programme, various activities have been initiated with an aim to educate and improve the health sector, where concerted efforts from all section is required.

All the winners were awarded cash prize

along with certificate, handed over by the DC Kohima. Chief Medical Officer, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo and District TB Officer, Kohima, Dr. Akaba Jamir along with other committee members and parents of the winning students were present during the award ceremony.

NOKLAK:

Felicitation programme for Phase 1 winners of Noklak district of the New India @75 Awareness Campaign competition on the theme HIV/AIDS, TB and Blood Donation was held on 12th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy

Commissioner, Noklak, Hiazu Meru advised the students to learn the importance of one's health. Being young and vulnerable, he urged them to say no to intoxicants and avoid bad things for the betterment of their future.



Officials and winners of the competition on awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS, TB and Blood Donation at a felicitation programme held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Noklak on 12th October 2021.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION LITERACY CAMP HELD AT KIPHIRE



Financial Inclusion Literacy programme was held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire, on 12th October 2021.

Financial Inclusion Literacy programme was held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire, on 12th October 2021, funded by North Eastern Council Aspirational District Programme.

Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, T. Wati Aier in his welcome note highlighted about its importance and how to avail the schemes to the public leaders. He mentioned that any business or individual can access appropriate, affordable and timely financial products and services. He mentioned that various activities are carried out in the villages by the departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Land Resources, etc. for the benefit of the villagers. Aier said the VDBs should play a vital role in developing the entire village and urged them to be alert in order to avail the schemes because many programmes

are there in different departments but the public are not aware of it.

Branch Manager, SBI Kiphire highlighted on some of the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY). PMSBY is a scheme offering accident insurance cover for death and disability (both partial and total) on account of an accident. The insurance scheme is for one year cover subject to annual renewal. The insurance cover is for Rs. 2 lakh (maximum) under the scheme. All operative account holders including saving bank accounts, current accounts with sanctioned/approved OD limits, KCC in the age group of 18 to 70 years will be entitled to join the scheme.

The Branch Manager also highlighted about APY

scheme and said that it is open to all bank account holders. The Central Government will contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs.1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to each eligible subscriber for a period of five (5) years. The minimum age of joining APY is 18 years and maximum age is 40 years.

ADC Kiphire, Rahul Mali, IAS stressed on the

importance of Aadhar card and Ujjwala scheme. He urged the Village Chairmen and the VDBs to disseminate the message to every women in the villages in order for them to avail the Ujjwala scheme.

The programme was attended by Village Chairmen, VDB Secretaries, GBs, Gaonburas and village leaders.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SHC & SHM HELD AT TUENSANG



Officials and participants during a training conducted on Soil Health Card and Soil Health Management schemes at Tuensang on 13th October 2021.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Tuensang conducted a one-day training programme in Soil Health Card (SHC) and Soil Health Management (SHM) schemes under National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) 2020-2021.

JSCO, Beso Chang in his keynote address highlighted the innovative programme of Government of India on SHC and SHM schemes. With the ever growing population and the adverse impact on soil through various anthropogenic factors, the need to manage soil fertility and its health in any agriculture activities has become very

important, he said.

Chang informed the farmers that 2,280 soil samples, covering model villages has already been tested and is in the process for obtaining SHC, through which individual farmers would be able to know the fertility status of his/her farm. He encouraged the farmers to come forward for any technical assistance required in relation to SHC.

Farmers from 13 villages, namely, Yimpang, Taknyu, Chendang, Hakchang, Noksen, Longra, Yangpi, Old Chungliyimti, Thronger, Phiri Ahir, Chare, Chungtor and Lirise attended the training programme.

MEETING FOR MOBILIZING UNORGANIZED WORKERS HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

MOKOKCHUNG:

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawabang Jamir who is also the Chairman of

District Level Implementation Committee convened a meeting for mobilizing the unorganized workers and undertaking registration drives in the district for



enrolment, as directed by the Central Government. The meeting was held at ADC's Planning Hall, Mokochung on 12th October 2021.

The meeting discussed on e-Shram Portal developed by the Central Government for the entire country for creating a national database of unorganized workers in the country. The meeting also discussed on the strategy for enrolment of unorganized workers in the district, mobilization of target sub-group of unorganized workers through respective line department, plan registration camp at the town block and village level and sites where potential unorganized workers are concentrated.

A PowerPoint presentation was also presented by Project Officer, Office of the Labour Commissioner, Kohima, T. Chubayanger.

KOHIMA:

Meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee for mobilizing the unorganized workers and undertaking registration drives for enrolment of such workers on e-Shram Portal was held on 21st October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima

Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Gregory Thejawelie stated that the Ministry of Labour & Employment, which is one of the oldest ministries of the Government of India, is continuously working on improving life and dignity of labour force of the country by protecting and safeguarding the interest of workers, promotion of welfare and providing social security to the labour force both in organized and unorganized sectors. Adding that Ministry of Labour has developed e-Shram Portal (www.eShram.gov.in) for creating a national database of unrecognized workers, which would be seeded with Aadhaar, consists of name, occupation, addresses, education, skill types, family details, etc. for optimum realization of their employability and extent the benefit of the social security schemes to them which is the first ever national database of unrecognized workers.

Additional Secretary, Labour & Employment, Anthony Ngully informed that any worker who has been working in unrecognized

sector and aged between 16 to 59 years, would be eligible to register on the e-Shram Portal including, migrant workers, gig workers, platform workers, agricultural workers, MGNREGA workers, fishermen, milkmen, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, street vendors, domestic workers, rickshaw pullers and other workers engaged in other similar occupations in the unrecognized sector, self-employed worker or a wage worker in the unorganised sector, and also the worker in the organized sector who is not a member of ESIC, EPFO or not a government employee.

Highlighting on the benefits of registration on e-Shram Portal, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Vikeluto Naki said that e-Shram Portal will be a centralized database of unrecognized workers seeded with Aadhaar. After registering, he or she will get an accidental insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh under PMSBY. Stating that in future, all the social security benefits of the unrecognized workers will be delivered through the portal, even in emergency and national pandemic situation like the COVID-19, the database would be utilized for assistance.

Vikeluto informed that the following documents are required for registration in e-Shram portal: Aadhaar number, mobile number (Aadhaar linked preferred), Bank Account with IFSC by self-registration with Aadhaar linked mobile number or by visiting nearest CSC and State Seva Kendras (SSKs) with biometrics.

The implementing committee members discussed on various issues on registration, enrolment and mobilization programmes and also decided to organise sensitization programmes in all the sub-divisions with village functionaries under Kohima district.

PFUTSERO:

A special camp for registration of unregistered workers under e-Shram national database of unorganised workers was organised by the Department of Labour, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Pfutsero Administration on 26th October 2021 at Main Town, Pfutsero.

Chairing the camp, EAC Dr. Riku



highlighted on the ongoing registration of unorganised workers all over India. Assistant Labour Commissioner, Phek, Neimenuo Kuotsu stressed on the importance of the ongoing project and insisted all the unorganised workers to come forward and avail the opportunity.

NOKLAK:

Awareness programme on e-Shram Portal (National Database of Unorganised Workers) for various categories of workers under the aegis of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, was held on 28th October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Noklak, Hiazu Meru encouraged the eligible workers to get enrolled under the scheme. The DC emphasized on documents like Aadhaar card, bank account and mobile number which are required for direct benefit schemes and other documentation. The DC said that the District Administration is ready to assist with all the requirements for the successful

implementation of scheme in the district.

Assistant Labour Commissioner, Tuensang with additional charge of Noklak, Lilongla Sangtam highlighted on the importance of getting registered in the portal for availing all kinds of benefits from the Government.



Awareness programme on e-Shram Portal for various categories of unorganized workers was held at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak on 28th October 2021.

The programme was attended by District Administration, Village Council Chairmen, VDB Secretaries, Ward Chairmen of Noklak town and workers.

SEMINAR UNDER PMKSY IN TUENSANG

A seminar for stakeholders on the theme 'Per Drop, More Crops' under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), was organised by District Horticulture Office, Tuensang from 18th to 20th October 2021 at CKS Hall, Tuensang.

The resource person deliberated on the importance of drip irrigation and how it works. He pointed out that it is the most efficient water and nutrient delivery system for growing crops and that installing drip irrigation system will not only save water but save time and money. He further encouraged the farmers to work hard and make better use of the

available resources provided by the Department as the system will help the farmers to produce higher yields while saving on water as well as fertilizers, energy and even crop protection products.

The programme was led by Horticulture Inspector, Chemlila Sangtam while Horticulture Inspector, C. Yongkonglimba highlighted on the importance of the programme. Topong Chang, Technical Consultant, M/s Solar Nation Dimapur was the resource person during the technical sessions. The programme was attended by beneficiaries from various villages under PMKSY.

FINAL REPORT ON LANDSLIDE RISK EVALUATION OF NOKLAK TOWN PRESENTED

The Department of Geology, Nagaland University presented the final report on landslide risk evaluation of Noklak town on 21st October 2021 at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak.

Prof. G. T. Thong in his PowerPoint

presentation of the final report of the project, stated that, nearly one-fourth of Noklak township are affected by Kiam landslide where the people and their assets are in danger. The landslide has plagued Noklak town and its citizens for more than



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two decades.

Prof. Thong explained in detail the causes of landslide like tectonic activity, earthquake, high precipitation, poor drainage and anthropogenic activities. The town rests on disang rocks (mostly shale) and slope material (soil & rock debris) and the depth of soil cover is 3-5m. Most of the rainfall in the northern part of town flows into Kiamong river passing through slide zone, Prof. Thong added.

The main objectives of the project were determination of mechanical properties of soils and rocks of Noklak landslide zones, preparation of landslide susceptible and risk maps of Noklak town and to suggest remedial/ mitigation measures. The overview of study area as found are highly unstable due to weak rocks, steep slopes and sparse vegetation where the situation is aggravated by running water, Prof. Thong stated.

The remedial suggestions for Noklak town in the report says: preparation/ modification and implementation of building code essential, plan for expansion of township towards east, conduct

awareness programmes, good drainage network. The report also suggested not to construct heavy structures on weak slopes, not to initiate developmental activities in the slide zone and ensure proper disposal of waste particularly non-biodegradable.

The mitigation measures reported are: prospect for permanent measures bleak, and the viable options are proper line drains along Kiamong river course and check dams to reduce velocity and minimise erosion.

The project was taken by Dr. Temsulemba Walling as Principal Investigator, Prof. G. T. Thong as Co-Principal Investigator, Mademshila Jamir as Research Fellow and Nokendangba Chang as Project Assistant under the Department of Geology, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema. The project started on 1st June 2018 and concluded on 30th March 2021.

Officers from Geology Survey of India who are also working on the Kiamong landslide highlighted on how they are working on the landslide.

CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO



Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo addressing the gathering at a career guidance seminar for the unemployed youth at Town Hall, Zunheboto on 22nd October 2021.

District Administration, Zunheboto held an employment linked career guidance seminar for the unemployed youth, organised by Emporium Training & Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., on 22nd October 2021 at Town Hall, Zunheboto.

Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo exhorted the trainees that one should have a clear vision and proper focus to be successful, which is the aim for organizing the seminar at the district. He stated that

Emporium Skills Training Institute has built a reputation of successfully employing unemployed youths of the State. He also lauded the efforts put by the Institute in holding the seminar at the district.

The resource persons for the seminar were Operating Manager (India & International), Emporium Skills Training Institute, Dimapur, Anirban Mukherjee and Placement Executive/ Aviation Trainer ETCPL, Allin Awomi.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG



Officials and participants at an awareness programme on organic food production held at Sangtemla Ward Community Hall, Mokokchung on 22nd October 2021.

Organized by the Department of Agriculture and ATMA Mokokchung, a district level awareness programme on organic food production under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCD NER) – III (2020-2021) was held on 22nd October 2021 at Sangtemla Ward Community Hall, Mokokchung.

During the technical session, topics on sustainable organic practices, organic practices on rice production and organic products and usage were discussed. Resource persons were DPO, Land Resources Department, Dr. Sashiyangba, DDAO, Dr. Lanunochetla and ATM, ATMA, Shilunokdang Jamir.

MON DPDB HOLDS MEETING

Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its meeting on 22nd October 2021 at the Conference Hall of the Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon. The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The Board passed a proposal for the establishment of Government Primary School at Sheanghah Lokyo village. Deliberations were also held on organising an inter-departmental sports

tournament and inauguration of the Officers' Lounge at the Officers' Club, Mon.

PowerPoint presentations highlighting their particular department's activities in the district were presented by DSCO Mon, Chumei Yanlem for Soil & Water Conservation; ARO Mon, W. Kaiwang Konyak for Art & Culture and ASO Mon, Keneizetuo Khro for Sericulture Department.

CAB MON HOLDS MEETING

Childline Advisory Board (CAB), Mon held a meeting on 22nd October 2021 at the Conference Hall of the Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon. The meeting was chaired by DC, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

Presentation on Childline 1098 was given by Nodal Director & Governing Board Member, Childline India Foundation, Subonenba Longkumer. Longkumer highlighted the services, activities, cases and structure of Childline 1098. He stated that the service has been operational in

the country for the past 25 years across 602 districts, with 6 districts in Nagaland. He highlighted that Childline 1098 also provides counseling services besides the rescue missions. He urged upon the members to continue to give their support to Childline Mon so that the service can be availed by all.

The meeting also witnessed the launch of NCSR 2020-21 by Deputy Commissioner, Mon and a presentation on the scenario of children in Mon by Childline Mon.

NSCW ORGANIZES LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ACROSS DISTRICTS**JALUKIE:**

The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW), supported by the National Commission for Women (NCW), organised a one-day legal awareness programme at Jalukie town under Peren district on 22nd October 2021 in collaboration with the Jalukie Town Women Welfare Organization.

Nagaland State Commission for Women, Chairperson, Khrienuo Tachü in her keynote address asserted that the Commission is committed to the empowerment of women and girls. She also stated that Nagaland is a patriarchal society where men as protectors can play an important role against various discrimination faced by the Naga women and girl child in the society. She said that we need to nurture the girl child and give quality education because, once they are well educated they will be able to survive wherever they are, stay strong and know their rights.

Further, Tachü encouraged the participants to develop entrepreneurial skills, to protect themselves from cybercrime and most importantly be educated to become self-productive and self-reliant, upholding the value of dignity of labour. She also appealed to the participants to create a safe haven for women. An appeal was made to the gathering to render equal treatment to both the boy and girl child, which she said, should start from every home.

Panel Lawyer, Peren District Legal Services Authority, Italang Ramlia highlighted the various legal rights for women guaranteed by the Indian Constitution such as the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, Law of Maintenance of Women in India, and rights available to arrested person/women in India, etc.

Centre Administrator, Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) Peren, Asuni facilitated the session on 'Forms of Gender Based Violence & Services of One Stop Centre' where she gave a brief introduction on the functioning of the OSC, the various services available and how to avail them. The main objective of OSC is to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence both in public and private spaces under one roof and also to facilitate immediate, emergency and non-emergency access services including medical, legal, psychological and counselling, etc., Asuni added. She also highlighted on the Women Helpline 181, their importance and assistance provided to aggrieved women.

President Chairmen Union, Jalukie, Hauneu Haika, spoke on the session 'The Way Forward' where he said that in this changing world, women are leading the nation. He encouraged the participants that women should be given equal platform in every sphere.

The NSCW also paid a visit to the Women Police Station at Jalukie and interacted with the officials. The Commission made an inspection of the ongoing construction of the Sakhi-One Stop Centre (OSC) located in the new DC Complex, Peren alongwith the Centre Administrator of OSC and the District Administration, where the various challenges of the OSC were discussed.

TSEMINYU:

The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) organized a one-day legal awareness programme at Tseminyu on 28th October 2021 in collaboration with the Rengma Mothers' Association, Tseminyu and supported by the National Commission for Women (NCW).

Chairperson NSCW, Khrienuo Tachü presented the keynote address introducing the NSCW which was constituted through the Nagaland Women Commission Act, 2006 to uplift and safeguard the girl child and to empower and protect the interests of women in Nagaland. She emphasized on the importance of education in order to move forward as individuals and as a society.

Tachü specifically addressed the issues and problems of gender inequality and women rights at the grassroots, she said that concrete results can be achieved by building bridges and mutual dialogue

between men and women, despite the challenges posed by customs and traditions.

Sr. Specialist, District Hospital, Wokha, Dr. Asünü Thong spoke on 'Health Education,' emphasizing on social responsibility regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and the importance of breastfeeding. She briefed on various diseases like tuberculosis, HIV AIDS, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, etc., and highlighted on medical aids provided by the Government, eg. Ayushman Bharat (health insurance scheme). Dr. Thong also encouraged people to create awareness, seek professional help and avoid self-medication. She stated that most diseases are attributed to one's lifestyle, so they must take care of their physical, mental, social and spiritual health.

Advocate Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Xavior Kent took the session on 'Legal Literacy.' He shared about the Fundamental Rights entitled to every citizen and stressed upon the legal rights of women such as the right to equal pay for equal work, right against workplace harassment and domestic violence, right to get free legal aid, etc. He also highlighted the Right to Education and the objectives of the District Legal Service Authority (Kohima) to provide equal justice and free legal aid.

ATMA KOHIMA CONDUCTS SKILL TRAINING OF RURAL YOUTH



ATMA Kohima District in association with SAMETI and MANAGE Hyderabad conducted Skill Training of Rural Youth on bee keeping from 18th - 23rd October 2021 at Kezoma village, Kohima.

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) on 'Piggery Rearing & Management' was organized by ATMA Kohima, in association with State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI) Nagaland and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) from 4th - 9th October 2021 at DAO's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Resource persons for the training programme were Deputy Director, CVO, Kohima, Dr. Ketholenuo Metha, BTM Tseminyu Block, Dr. Vibeilie Keretsu and Deputy PD, ATMA Kohima, Dr. Keviu Shuya. Some of the topics covered were introduction on piggery, types of pig breeds, piggery rearing management, piggery feeds management, records and economics of pig rearing and improved technology. Review and interactions were done for the participants and certificates were distributed at the end of the training. Altogether 18 youths benefited from the training.

ATMA Kohima District in association with

SAMETI and MANAGE Hyderabad also conducted a STRY on bee keeping from 18th - 23rd October 2021 at Kezoma village, Kohima.

The main objectives of the training programme is to impart skill based training to rural youth on agri based vocational areas in agriculture and allied areas to promote employment of rural areas and for creation of skilled manpower to perform farm and non-farm operations.

Deputy PD, ATMA Kohima, Dr. Keviu Shuya and Deputy PD, ATMA Kohima, Rokoshuno Angela were the resource persons for the technical session. Honey bee farm school teacher, Mima, Suse Khamo shared his experience in his journey of bee keeping which he started in the year 2009 and gave hands-on demonstration on construction of bee hive, and further encouraged the participants to take up bee keeping as it can sustain one's livelihood and also since Nagaland honey has a good demand in the market for being organic. Altogether, 21 participants benefitted from the programme.

DISTRICT LEVEL U-14 CATCH THEM YOUNG TOURNAMENT 2021 HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

PEREN:

Peren District Level Under-14, 'Catch Them Young Tournament 2021' organized by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Peren District Athletics Association (PDAA) was held on 22nd October 2021 at Jalukie B Local Ground.

Speaking on the occasion as the Special Guest, Head GB, Jalukie B, Tatei stressed on how modern sports and games can uplift the future generations in our society. Exhorting the participants, Tatei encouraged the youngsters to move forward and set target to play/represent the State even at the national and international level.

District Sports Officer Peren, Asekho Talie graced the closing ceremony and gave away certificate and cash prize to the winners.

ZUNHEBOTO:

District Level Under-14, 'Catch Them Young' tournament kick started at Local Ground, Zunheboto on 30th October 2021 with Deputy

Commissioner (DC), Zunheboto, Peter Lichamo gracing the event as the Special Guest.

DSO/YRO Zunheboto, Atoli Yeptho delivering the introductory speech informed that altogether there are around 250 participants from 6 different schools vying in the tournament, in three fields of games, Athletics/100 & 800 metre race, Shotput, High Jump and Long Jump, Badminton and Table Tennis.

The DC while stressing on the importance of the event said that competing, winning and getting selected itself should not be the only prime focus but participation with discipline is the most significant aspect of a true sportsperson's life. Not everyone can come out triumphant but everyone will be regarded as winners if they participate with a true sportsperson's spirit, he added.

The event was organised by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports in collaboration with Zunheboto District Badminton Association, Zunheboto District Table Tennis Association and Zunheboto District Athletics Association.



AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT PUGHOBOTO SDPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Pughoboto Sub-Division Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) was held under the chairmanship of SDPDB Vice Chairman & MLA, Y. Vikheho Swu at the DB's Court Hall, Pughoboto on 25th October 2021.

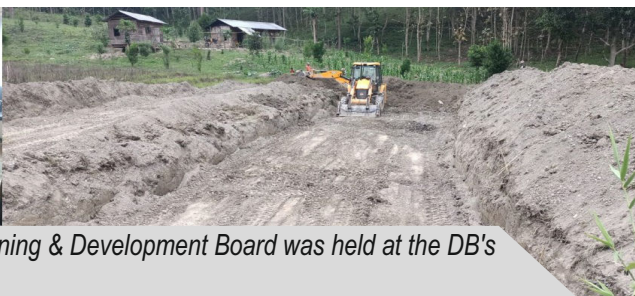
The Vice Chairman lauded the Agriculture Department for the activities undertaken under Pughoboto Sub-Division and called upon the

Department to come forward and take measures not only to increase the production but also focus on the marketing and suggested to sort out some subsidy for marketing shed and facilities.

SDAO, Myanthung Patton highlighted the Department's activities on integrated farming system, water harvesting structures, irrigation channels and construction of TRC under Pradhan



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Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2020-21.

The MLA also informed the departments to make a proposal for all development works and send it to the Government for the five years plan which is now taken up under 15th Finance

Commission.

The Board approved to resend the letter to the Government for land compensation for the Pughoboto Mini Secretariat, wherein some offices were constructed, including a huge solar plant was installed.

MISSION CORONA VIJAY LAUNCHED AT MON



Country Director, American India Foundation with Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS and others during the launch of 'Mission Corona Vijay' at Mon on 25th October 2021.

In a programme held on 25th October 2021 at the Conference Hall of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, the 'Mission Corona Vijay' was launched by Country Director, American India Foundation (AIF), Mathew Joseph in the presence of Director Programme, Public Health - AIF, Dr. Mahesh Srinivas, Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, Additional Superintendent of Police, officials and staff of District Hospital Mon and office of the Chief Medical Officer, Mon and Civil Society Organizations (CSO).

Mission Corona Vijay or The First Million is a

campaign of the AIF to ensure vaccination for a million most vulnerable and marginalized sections of the society by reaching out to them. Persons with disability, migrant labourers, street vendors, tribal population and women working in the unorganised sector are identified as the vulnerable groups. The campaign is implemented in collaboration with the District Administration with local support from the CSO, NGOs working in related fields. For Mon district, the campaign will be implemented in collaboration with the District Administration, Mon and Prodigals Home, Dimapur. Mon district is the

first district in the whole of North East, which has been selected for the campaign.

The programme was chaired by Joseph Hapwang, District Coordinator, Prodigals Home, Mon. Realizing the importance of maximum vaccination coverage to contain the spread of COVID-19 and addressing the issue of loss of daily income of marginalized sections of the society due

to time spent on getting COVID-19 vaccination, Joseph Mathew informed the board that the campaign was initiated to address the same.

The DC, Mon in his speech conveyed gratitude and appreciation to American India Foundation for their kind gesture and requested for their continued support beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

CREDIT OUTREACH PROGRAMME HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

KOHIMA:

The Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has launched pan India Credit Outreach camp from 16th October to 30th October 2021 with a view to boost credit which has become so essential for all-round economic growth post COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the banks operating in Kohima have launched the campaign and could mobilize 460 beneficiaries for a total amount to Rs. 31.10 crore (approximate).

On 28th October 2021, a credit outreach initiative Programme was organized by Lead Bank Office, Kohima at LCS Building, Kohima, for handing over of sanctioned letters to the beneficiaries. The function was graced by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, N Bhavani Sri, IAS as Chief Guest. Almost all the banks operating in Kohima were represented by their senior officials.

N. Bhavani Sri, in her address lauded the bankers for the impressive credit growth in the district in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also informed that vaccination in Kohima district is showing a good progress which would enable free movement of people and thereby bring more business activities. She also encouraged the

member banks to help in the growth of agricultural economy.

WOKHA:

The Lead Bank Office, Wokha organised a credit outreach programme on 28th October 2021 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha.

The programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Department of Financial Services, Government of India (GoI) to increase the sanction and disbursement of Government initiated credit schemes, viz. PMEGP, Stand Up India (SUI), PMMY, AIF, PM-SVANidhi, SHG, AHF, etc.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha distributed sanction letters of various government initiated schemes to the beneficiaries from different banks under Wokha district. Awareness lectures were also delivered on the various schemes of the Government by the resource persons for the benefit of the participants/beneficiaries.

The function was attended by General Manager DIC, N. Patton, Chief Manager, SBI Wokha, Makuni Thaima, Executive Officer KVIB, Wokha, S. Shikaho and youths from various organisations/activities.



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha distributing sanction letter in the presence of Lead Bank officials during a credit outreach programme held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 28th October 2021.

DAO KOHIMA DISTRIBUTES RABI SEEDS

District Agriculture Office, Kohima held a rabi seeds distribution programme under National Food Security Mission at the office premises with Chairman, Nagaland Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Government of Nagaland, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome as the Special Guest on 27th October 2021.

Dr. Kekhrie Yhome in his keynote address stressed on the importance of achieving food security and preservation of traditional varieties. He encouraged the farmers to adopt new innovations coupled with indigenous traditional knowledge and grow more food for attaining economic stability. He

also stressed on going back to the soil and encouraged the youngsters and educated youths to take up farming as a way of life.

DAO, Neikhotuonuo in her introductory address dwelled on the National Food Security Mission initiated by the Government of India and encouraged farmers to work hand in hand with the Department for achieving economic stability and food security.

The farmers thanked the Department for the technical guidance, assistance received in terms of seeds, tools as well as financial support, and for encouraging womenfolk through Self Help Groups.

COMMISSIONER NAGALAND GRACES GENERAL SESSION OF EASTERN NAGALAND DOBASHI UNION AT MON

Commissioner Nagaland, Rovilatuo Mor, IAS on 26th October 2021 attended the Eastern Nagaland Dobashi Union's (ENDBU) 2nd General Session at Town Council Hall, Mon as the Special Guest. The motto of the event was, 'Identity, Order and Progress.'

Mor in his speech urged the Dobashis to know the laws and rules of the customary laws. He stressed on the importance of Dobashi Courts in settling of cases and reminded the DBs to keep

proper documentation of the evidences after settlement of cases for future reference. He urged the DBs to work hard for peace and unity.

Exhortation were given by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS, President ENPO, AR Tsapikyu Sangtam and President KU, S. Howing Konyak while the keynote address was delivered by President ENDBU, R. Muthsodang. The event witnessed a special number by DBs Tuensang district.

SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN ON RPwD ACT 2016 HELD AT MON

Mission Mode Team (Accessible India Campaign) in collaboration with Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) organised a sensitization and awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 at Walo Guest House, Mon on 30th October 2021 which was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

Commissioner & Secretary and Team Leader Mission Mode Team (AIC), K. Libanthung Lotha highlighted that MMT on Accessible Indian Campaign was constituted by Social Welfare Department on 5th February 2019 to monitor and

supervise all technical aspects and to make recommendation of barrier free environment in government buildings and other facilities with four (4) members. He stated that the main objective and intention is to sensitize, educate and spread awareness, to create barrier free environment for PwDs, treat them on equal basis and create a better world for them.

Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Apila Sangtam highlighted the court directives and legal implications of non-compliance, while State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro presented an



overview, status of implementation and way forward for RPwDs Act 2016.

The campaign was attended by District

Head of Offices, leaders of NGOs and church leaders. The campaign concluded after an interactive session with the participants.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT LONGLENG



Longleng District Legal Services Authority conducted a legal awareness programme at PBCA's Conference Hall, Longleng on 30th October 2021.

Longleng District Legal Services Authority under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) and in celebration of 75 years of India's Independence, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' conducted a legal awareness programme on Lok Adalat, Right To Information, Right To Education, Food Security Act, 2013 and pension schemes under Social Welfare Department on 30th October 2021 at PBCA's Conference Hall, Longleng with Executive Chairman, NSLSA and Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice S. Serto as Special Guest.

Justice S. Serto, in his address said that the attempt of the Legal Services Authority is to spread awareness in every district and village on Right To Education, food security, medical facilities, etc. He

stated that if the people are aware of these three facilities in life, 70% of the problems will be solved. Serto said that in all government schools, primary education for children till class eight are looked after by the Government, so he urged the gathering to avail the opportunity.

Justice Serto said that in the district, Legal Services Authority Office and court in villages are to assist and guide the people. He also said that the programme was a humble effort towards empowering the people about their entitlement. He lamented that most government schools, teachers in rural areas neglect their duties and deprive the children of proper education. He urged the teachers to take responsibility for the community by educating the children.

CHAGA GADI FESTIVAL OF THE ZELIANGS CELEBRATED

Chaga Gadi, the most popular and premier festival of the Zeliang people, especially the Liangmai community from Peren district, Assam and Manipur was celebrated on 30th October 2021. The Liangmai community celebrates this festival usually in the last part of the Chagahiu i.e. 30th and 31st October every year.

The genesis of the festival marks the people's belief that on this day, the Almighty showers His blessings and brings good harvest and good health. The festival creates an importance in rekindling of the relationship between parents and their married daughters,

between brothers and sisters. On this day, the families of parents, brothers and maternal uncles prepare their best food and send it to the family of their daughters, sisters, niece which is called Chakuangpun ncham and in return, the woman's family send their best food, rice beer and pickle called 'Tetam' of their preparation to the house of her parents, brothers and uncles. After the high priest declares the completion of all the arrangement and lifts all prohibitions imposed, the folks of the village irrespective of men and women are free from all bindings and they start feasting till the end of the festival.

JOINT SECRETARY, MoHUA AND DIRECTOR, MoHUA VISITS WOKHA

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Pankaj Kumar Singh and team along with other officials during their visit to Wokha on 31st October 2021.

Central officials led by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Pankaj Kumar Singh and Director, MoHUA, G. Ravinder visited Wokha district on 31st October 2021 to take firsthand information and oversee the infrastructure development works undertaken by the Public Works Department (Housing) and Municipal Affairs Department.

The visiting officials were accompanied by Chief Engineer, Urban Engineering Wing, Er. Yanbemo Humtsoe, Joint Secretary, Municipal Affairs to the Government of Nagaland, T. Nchumbemo Odyuo and other State officials. The officials on reaching Wokha visited several sites of developmental projects and schemes and took

stock of the ground reality of the on-going infrastructural works undertaken by the Ministry.

The officials had a short interaction with Deputy Commissioner (DC), Wokha, Orenthung Lotha along with ULBs officials at the DC's residence. The DC also expressed his optimism that the work, projects and schemes undertaken by the Department will benefit the people of the District immensely.

Officials from the district also apprised the central team about some of the important requirements to be implemented in the district for the benefit of the community people. Later the team visited Yikhum village with the village authorities, and Doyang Hydro Electric Project, Wokha.

HOLLOW BRICK MANUFACTURING UNIT INAUGURATED AT KIPHIRE

Hollow brick manufacturing unit at Kiphire was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Chairman, District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC), T. Wati Aier on 5th October 2021.

The DC in his speech stated that Kiphire district is fortunate that the State Government is assisting the public in various fields like agriculture, horticulture, land resources development and cooperative department at every level, including villages. He advised the Lanya Society to take it as a privilege and work sincerely to bring laurels to the society. He asked them to focus on their project and advised them not to take it as a one-time project but take it as an eye opener for their society so that more opportunities can be availed even in the days to come.

SRCS & CPO (ICDP), K. Lirichum Anar in his address stated that the Department of Cooperation

is implementing central sector integrated scheme on agricultural cooperation of integrated cooperative development project in Kiphire district through the National Cooperative Development Corporation. The Department has assisted with Rs. 4 lakh for the hollow brick manufacturing unit and Rs. 9.50 lakh for pickup vehicle for transportation purpose to Lanya Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Ltd. Kiphire. He mentioned that the features of hollow block are compact design/ trouble free functionality/ negligible and easy maintenance/ heavy pressure/ easy working method and operation manual and highly durable.

The unit was assisted by the Cooperation Department under Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) Kiphire to Lanya Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Ltd.

OXYGEN PLANTS INAUGURATED ACROSS THE STATE

KOHIMA:

Joining the rest of the nation, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) held a dedication programme of the Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plant on 7th October 2021 under PM CARES, 1000 LPM PSA Oxygen Plants.

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Dr. Neikiesalie Nicky Kire dedicating the PSA Oxygen Plant expressed his gratitude to the Government of India and the Department for successfully installing the State's biggest PSA Oxygen Plant at NHAK. Adding that the Oxygen Plant is not only for the people of Kohima but for the people of all the districts as a whole, he urged every individual to take responsibility and follow all precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Sentimeren Aonok also acknowledged the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister for the installation of the PSA within a short span of time. He also informed that the PSA has four cylinders of which the two big cylinders are used as reservoirs which were based on the well-known PSA technology, two pressurized vessels with zeolite to ensure continuous production for separation of oxygen from other gases.

MON:



MLA, N. Thongwang Konyak inaugurating the 500 LPM Generation Plant at District Hospital Mon on 7th October 2021.

MLA, 46th AC Mon, N. Thongwang Konyak on behalf of the State Government, inaugurated the 500 LPM Generation Plant at District Hospital Mon on 7th October 2021.

Thonwang stated that Mon is fortunate to be among the 35 beneficiaries and urged the medical team to use the equipment judiciously for the benefit of all. He added that with such a facility, the district is more confident to face a third wave if it strikes.

Nodal Officer for PSA Oxygen Plant, District Hospital Mon, Dr. Pangkhat Konyak highlighted the gathering with a detailed briefing of the plant. A dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Pastor Mission Centre, Rev. T. Honlong.

In another programme, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mon, Thavaseelan K, IAS inaugurated a CSR funded 400 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at District Hospital Mon. The plant is funded by ACT Grants under the initiative of Mon District Task Force. The DC dedicated the plant to all the health workers in the district with the hope that Mon would continue to be one of the safest districts in the country during the pandemic. A dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Chaplain, District Hospital Mon, Y. P. David.

PEREN:

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Sentiwapang Aier inaugurated the Oxygen Plant at District Hospital Peren on 7th October 2021.

Aier speaking on the occasion urged the public and the government departments to have coordination and cooperation for smooth functioning of the Hospital. Aier recalled on how various development activities took place due to the COVID-19 pandemic like the oxygen plant.

Medical Officer, Dr. Dietho Koza said that the oxygen is for use in emergency situation in hospitals.

JALUKIE:

The 250 LPM PSA Oxygen Plant was inaugurated on 7th October 2021 at Community Health Centre, Jalukie. The inauguration programme was graced by ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, medical officials, public leaders and other officials.

Speaking during the inauguration programme, ADC Jalukie, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang stated that the challenging times of COVID-19 have given us the opportunity to redevelop our health and medical infrastructure, and also the Government has taken all possible steps to fight against the pandemic and is committed to ensure better health and safety of the people.

The ADC stating that the people of Peren district are fortunate to have two Oxygen Plants in the district - one at Community Health Centre Jalukie and the other at District Hospital Peren, he reminded the medical staff and the citizens to take utmost care of the facility and also consider it as their own assets.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Minister, Higher Education and Tribal Affairs, Temjen Imna Along inaugurated a 200 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant, under PM CARES at IMDH Mokokchung on 7th October 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the day was momentous for the people of Mokokchung as they will finally have the PSA Oxygen Plant in the district which would save precious lives not only in Mokokchung but neighbouring districts as well.

Executive Secretary, ABAM, Rev. Dr. Mar Pongen said the dedicatory prayer, short speeches were also shared by Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Limawapang Jamir and President, Ao Senden, Chubawati Longchar.

WOKHA:

MLA, Dr. Chumben Murry inaugurated the 250 LPM PSA Oxygen Plant at Dr. Motsuo Memorial

District Hospital (DMMDH), Wokha on 7th October 2021.

Speaking during the inaugural function, Dr. Murry expressed hope that through this people in need will be benefited to a great extent. He also expressed hope that not only patients but the private clinics in and around Wokha will also be benefited. Stating that the District Hospital is now equipped with many new facilities capable to take care of critical patients, he urged all the doctors to be dedicated and serve the needy people.

Medical Superintendent, DMMDH Wokha, Dr. Tumchobeni while briefly highlighting the gathering about the PSA Oxygen Generation Plant stated that the basic aim behind establishing PSA Oxygen Generation Plants in Government hospitals in the district headquarters is to further strengthen the public health system and ensure that each of these hospitals has oxygen generation facility.

Dr. Tumchobeni, however lamented the non-availability of separate transformer to support the functioning of the plant. She appealed to the Power Department, elected representatives and Hohos to help in hastening the installation of a separate transformer at District Hospital for which the proposal is already forwarded to the concerned department.

TUENSANG:



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS along with officials during the inauguration of Oxygen Plant at District Hospital Tuensang on 7th October 2021.

PM CARES sponsored, 500 LPM PSA Oxygen Plant was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Tuensang, Kumar Ramnikant,

IAS at District Hospital Tuensang on 7th October 2021.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, the DC said 500 LPM is the latest edition in the fight against the pandemic under PM CARES which targets the entire districts of the country, and he also appreciated the team work of the district in facing the humanitarian challenges. Ramnikant appreciated the tireless work of the medical workers of the district in containing the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, including the churches, NGOs and every stakeholders involved.

YACHEM, LONGLENG:

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Longleng, M. Shayung Phom inaugurated the 250 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at Community Health Centre, Yachem on 7th October 2021.



Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, M. Shayung Phom inaugurated the 250 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at Community Health Centre, Yachem on 7th October 2021.

In the inaugural speech, the DC asserted that thousands have lost their lives due to lack of oxygen in the past and he expressed his optimism that nation-wide inauguration of Oxygen Plant would meet the scarcity and save the lives of people. Maintaining that safety and security is an essence of any project to function smoothly, Shayung called upon various authorities of Yachem village to take full responsibility and ownership of the Oxygen Plant to cater the best medical services to the people of the district, and

also urged to extend their full cooperation and support to all the medical staff.

CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla in her keynote address, clarified that shifting of Oxygen Plant to CHC Yachem was taken after analysing all the pros and cons with consultation from higher ups and DTF because the present District Hospital lacks space and would be shifted again to the new hospital site. She urged the gathering not to create misunderstanding but to have farsighted vision for all round development of the district.

Sr. Superintendent of Police Longleng, H. Kuhovi Sema, Medical Superintendent Longleng, Dr. Kibangkumba, representatives from Phom People Council, Phaushi and Chairman, Village Council Yachem, Isakumba also spoke and thanked the Government for the noble action.

PBCA Longleng, Rev. K. Simon Phom offered the dedicatory prayer.

LONGLENG:

Minister, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), S. Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the PSA Oxygen Plant on 29th October 2021, at District Hospital Longleng.

Phom expressed his happiness at the successful completion of the plant and added that it is a step not just for the present but also for the future. He added that it is not only for the people of Longleng but for the people of Nagaland as well. The Minister stated that every patient should be given proper treatment and service no matter the disease or sickness.

Phom stated that the follow up works of the Oxygen Plant would be done by engineers and technicians. He added that the Disaster Management team have provided generators to all 6-Unit in case of power shortage.

The dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Executive Secretary PBCA Longleng, Tialemba Phom.

NAIDU INAUGURATES VARIOUS PROJECTS

Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu during his visit to Nagaland virtually inaugurated the Directorate of Information Technology & Communication (IT&C) building, Government High School buildings at Chumukedima, Diphupar, Zuheshe and Mopungchuket and Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima, from Rhododendron Hall, Chumukedima, Dimapur on 7th October 2021.

Addressing the inaugural programme, Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu said that peace is an essential pre-requisite for progress and prosperity stating that with tension, one cannot pay attention to peace. Calling upon all people who have taken to violence to come forward to normal life, he said that they cannot achieve anything by violence.

Naidu also said that the Union Government is committed to the safety, security and sovereignty of India where the State of Nagaland and all northeastern states are part of the country. Issues of border, local identity and all other issues can be discussed and resolved, he said. Complementing the Chief Minister and his colleagues for their initiative to resolve the Naga Political Issue, he expressed satisfaction at the progress of the peace process and was hopeful for a positive outcome. People want not only development, welfare, wealth but also peace and happiness. He said that Team India led by Prime Minister, and Chief Minister in the State and local bodies led by village councils must all work together in unison, then only the development can be accelerated.

Mentioning Nagaland, which is known for its

richness in handicrafts with hard-working people, Naidu said that there is huge potential yet to be tapped in different sectors and further added that if infrastructure development can be fast tracked on priority basis, the State will be benefited in the coming years.

Governor of Assam and Nagaland, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, who also addressed the gathering said that Nagaland has a young population with 30% its population in the 15-30 age group and 25% under 14 years of age, has immense human resources and in order to compete with others quality education is fundamental. He said that the Government of India's flagship programmes in the School Education Department such as Samagra Shiksha scheme, Mid Day Meal scheme and Right to Education Act require upscaling for bringing a positive transformation. The Governor was hopeful that with the new school buildings the teachers will ensure commitment to empower positive oriented education to the students in their respective areas.

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio who also addressed the gathering thanked the Vice President for the visit. He said that with the inauguration of IT&C Directorate building which houses the Software Technology Park of India, he hoped it will make a powerhouse to technology innovation and make a preferred destination for the Information Technology not only for the North-East states but also the South East Asian countries.

SAKHI-OSC BUILDING INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Sarah R. Ritse inaugurated the new Sakhi - One Stop Centre (OSC) building on 26th October 2021 at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District

Hospital premises, Wokha.

While addressing the inaugural function, Ritse stated that this age is an era of convergence and an era of coordination, and called for



departments to coordinate and work together in order to see the good result whereby people get the benefit.

Ritse lauded Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Orenthung Lotha for all the support and effort he has been giving to the team and making Wokha OSC one of the best in the State. She also appealed to all the civil societies, especially the churches and Elae Hoho team, to support and

encourage the OSC team to enable them to function well and cater to the needs of the people who are in need of help at times of distress.

The building was constructed at a cost of Rs. 48.69 lakh with a total plinth area of 1421 sq. ft. Centre Administrator, Sakhi - OSC, Wokha, Renthunglo presented the interventions and works the Centre had undertaken during the past two years.

PHC INAUGURATED AT DAN ITC

Mission Director, National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Talitemsula inaugurated Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Dan ITC under Noklak district on 26th October 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Talitemsula stated that the Primary Health Centre, Dan ITC will serve and benefit the bordering villages of India and Myanmar. She said that for proper development and



improvement of the PHC, people's participation is very important and urged upon the gathering to use the PHC judiciously, and sought co-operation from the community towards the healthcare workers and the Department.

Additional Director, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Dr. Temjentsungla urged upon the people to use the PHC in a proper way and hoped it will serve its purpose. She advised upon the Health Management Committee to include more women in the Committee.

EAC, Noklak, Pukha Lam in his speech advised the gathering to take ownership of the PHC and expressed his appreciation to the H&FW Department for the successful completion of the PHC. This PHC will serve beyond boundaries, he added.

Mission Director along with the team also visited District Hospital Noklak and had interactions with the District Administration, NGOs and medical staff, and also visited the proposed hospital construction site.

PANGNYU PHOM INAUGURATES HERBAL GARDEN AT LONGLENG



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Pangnyu Phom said that herbal medicines is not a new topic but is something that has been in practice for a long period of time, and in India it has been researched and estimated that over 5,000 medical plants are found till date. He added that it is the vision of the Prime Minister that we emphasize more on the use of herbal medicines and that we do more research work and focus on exploring and even export it to different parts of the world.

The Minister further stressed on the need to reach out to every nook and corner and explore more herbal medicines which lay hidden in our forests.

MO, AYUSH, Community Health Centre Yachem, Dr. Visino Nakhro in her speech said medicinal plants have played an integral part in our country and particularly Northeast India is a treasure house to tea and herbs. The biodiversity of this

region is remarkably the richest in the country.

Dr. Visino stated that the State Medicinal Plant Board has been setting up herbal gardens to promote and conserve medicinal plants. It is an initiative taken to bring awareness and show the importance of herbal medicines, which are very much part of our everyday life. She further said, the State Medicinal Plant Board intends to establish herbal plant to popularize its importance and to conserve and use them for educational and research purposes.

Dr. Visino added, under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to set up different types of herbal gardens to promote cultivating and create awareness among the local people. This will also help marginal farmers to cultivate and raise their income, she added.

President, Yachem Students' Union, Hamlen Phom highlighted the report on the project, CMO Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla chaired the programme. The dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Pastor Longleng Town Baptist Church, Rev. H. Beau.

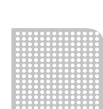


KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL INAUGURATES FARMERS' MARKET AT KOHIMA

Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Kapil Moreshwar Patil inaugurated the Farmers' Market at T. Khel Model Village, Kohima on 29th October 2021 in the presence of Minister for Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir and other officials.

The Farmers' Market is a wayside amenity that sells both organic produces and handicrafts

and also has a restaurant to cater for tourists. The market is meant to meet the requirements of the villagers for market linkages issues by gathering the organic products of the farmers of Nagaland for the Self Help Groups, the BLOs of Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission and farmers of T. Khel village, as a way to create a platform to generate revenue.



COVID-19 PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT IN CHILDREN (FOR PARENTS/ CAREGIVER)

The ongoing wave of COVID-19 is slowly infecting children below 18 years although not severe. However, with new variants of the virus, one cannot estimate the severity of the infection in the coming days. Till a vaccine is developed for children below 18 years of age parents should take all the COVID-19 precautionary measures for their children. Here are some steps for parents/ caregiver to prevent and manage COVID-19 in children:

* **What should parents/ caregiver do?**

- Teach children, more than 2 years, to wash hand with soap and water for 20 seconds, maintain distance of 6 feet from others and limit in-person playtime.
- Continue breastfeeding of children under 2 years by following COVID-19 appropriate behavior.
- If child is more than 5 years, teach them to always wear mask while going out.
- Clean commonly touched places, toys at least once a day with 1% sodium hypochlorite.
- Engage child in indoor physical and learning activities as much as possible.

* **When to suspect COVID-19 in children?**

Symptoms are similar in adults and children - fever or chills, cough, nasal congestion or running nose, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing, diarrhea and poor appetite.

* **Take extra care if your child has any of the following:**

Malnutrition, disability, conditions such as HIV, underlying cardiac, liver, kidney problem.

* **Who can be treated at home isolation?**

Asymptomatic or children with mild symptoms like sore throat, cough can be managed at home.

* **Care of children under home isolation**

- Don't panic, majority of cases can be easily managed at home if detected early.
- Inform ASHA/other functionaries in your areas.

- Keep the child in a well ventilated room.
- Children less than 5 years should be accompanied by mother or caretaker during isolation.
- If home isolation is not possible, take the child to the nearest COVID Care Centre.

* **Monitor the child by:**

- Counting respiratory rate 2-3 times a day.
- Looking for chest in drawing.
- Looking for bluish discoloration of skin.
- Checking body parts to ascertain if it is extremely cold.
- Checking oxygen saturation and body temperature 4th hourly.
- Fluid intake in 24 hours. Feeding intake and maintaining feeding chart.
- Activity level.

* **Symptomatic management of home isolated children**

- **For Fever:** Paracetamol 10-15mg/kg/dose can be given in 4-6 hours interval.
- **For Cough:** In older children, gargle with salt water can be performed.
- **Fluid & Feeds:** Ensure oral fluid to maintain hydration.
- **Antibiotics:** Not indicated.

* **What should be done if there is a sick adult at home?**

- Self-isolate in a room with adequate ventilation.
- Stay as far as possible from children.
- Always wear triple ply mask or N95.
- Use separate dish, towels, etc. and clean separately.
- Self-monitor for danger signs, socialize with friends and family through phone or video calls.
- Take plenty of fluids.

* **Consult doctor immediately if any of the following is present**

- Respiratory rate more than -
≥60/min in children 0-2 months of age.
≥50/min in children 2-12 months of age.



≥ 40/min in children 1-5 years of age.

≥ 30/min in children > 5 years of age.

- Urine output less than 0.5 to 1.5 cc/ kg/hour.
- Oxygen saturation below 94%
- Temperature more than 100.4 F
- Inadequate feeding/ fluid intake.
- Physically inactive.
- Chest in drawing, cold extremities, bluish discoloration of body.
- Skin rashes, redness and swelling of lips, tongue, hand and feet.

In case of moderate or severe symptoms

Children with rapid breathing/ difficulty breathing/ SPO2<94 should, be referred immediately to the nearest dedicated COVID Health Centre or secondary hospital after

consulting with the nearest hospital.

- * **Always consult a medical practitioner before any medicine is administered.**
- * **For more information call toll free- 1800-345-0019/ National- 1705.**
- * **If there are symptoms of COVID-19, get tested. After negative self-test, if symptoms still persist, get confirmatory test done through RT-PCR or TruNat.**
- * **Always follow the precautionary measures of Wear a Mask, Washing Hands Frequently, Maintaining Social Distance and do not go out of the house un-necessarily.**

*(Source: Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Government of Nagaland)*





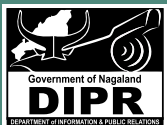
Mission Mode Team (Accessible India Campaign) in collaboration with Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) organised a sensitization and awareness campaign on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 for State Government officials at Zunheboto, Longleng and Mon districts.



Deputy Commissioner (DC), Peren, Sentiwapang Aier along with two elderly persons who were felicitated on International Day of Older Persons during a programme organized by the Social Welfare Department at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 1st October 2021.



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister, Home, Y. Patton paying homage to the Police personnel who had sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, during the Police Commemoration Day Parade at New Police Reserve, Phesama, Kohima on 21st October 2021.



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