



Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhoomik with officials and recipients of Appointment Letters during Rozgar Mela held at Dimapur on 16th May 2023.

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Director, Industries & Commerce, P Temjem Jamir along with awardees at the felicitation programme of the First State Entrepreneur Award 2022 held at the Directorate of I&C on 9th May 2023.



DC Kohima, Shanavas C, Administrator KMC, T. Lanusenla Longkumer with officials, NGOs, and SHGs during the inauguration of RRR Centres at KMC Office, Kohima on 20th May 2023.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

WORKING WEDNESDAYS TO BE TREASURY TRANSACTION DAYS

The Finance Department, Government of Nagaland has issued a notification stating that in the interest of public service, it has declared all working Wednesdays as Treasury transaction days. This is to facilitate the timely transaction of payments and receipts. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

NEW DIRECTORATE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS CREATED

In the interest of public service, a new Directorate of Minority Affairs under the Planning & Transformation Department, Nagaland was created with the following functions and duties as detailed below:

1. Schemes/programmes under the Ministry of Minority Affairs (Government of India) to be dealt by the new Directorate of Minority Affairs:

1.1 (A) Educational Empowerment:

- (i) Scholarship Schemes:
 - a. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
 - b. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
 - c. Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme.
- (ii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme.
- (iii) Nava Savera: Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates/students belonging to Minority Communities.
- (iv) Padho Pardesh: Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans Overseas Studies for the students belonging to Minority Communities.
- (v) Nai Udaan: Support for Minority Students clearing preliminary examination conducted by UPSC, State Public Service Commissions (PSCs) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

1.2 (B) Economic Empowerment:

(i) Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Skilling and Training Component: PM VIKAS is a skilling initiative from MoMA focusing on the skilling entrepreneurship and leadership training requirements of the minority and artisan communities across the country. The scheme is intended to be implemented in convergence with the 'Skill India Mission' of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and through, integration with the Skill India Portal (SIP).

(ii) Nai Manzil: A scheme to provide education and skill training to the youth from Minority Communities.

(iii) Concessional credit through National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

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1.3 (C) Infrastructure Development: The Pradhan Mantri Jan Yikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI with the objective to develop infrastructure projects, which are community assets, in all districts of the country including all the Aspirational Districts.

1.4 (D) Special Needs:

- (i) **Nai Roshni:** The scheme for leadership development of Minority Women.
- (ii) **Hamari Dharohar:** A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.
- (iii) **Jiyo Parsi:** Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India
- (iv) **Waqf Management:**
 - a. Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati: Scheme of computerization of records and strengthening of State Waqf Boards
 - b. Shahari Waqf Sampatti Yikas Yojana (Scheme for Grant-in-Aid to Waqf-Development of Urban Waqf Properties).

1.5 (E) Support to Institutions:

- (i) Corpus Fund to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF).
- (ii) Waqf to National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC).
- (iii) Grant-in-Aid Scheme to State Channelizing Agencies of National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation.

This has the approval of the Cabinet vide No.CAB-1/14/2023 dated 6th April 2023.

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON ILP

Attention of all concerned is hereby drawn to Government of Nagaland, Home Department, Political Branch Notification No. CON-3/PAP/65/10 dated 9th December 2019 with regard to issuance of Inner Line Permit (ILP) for various categories.

As per the provisions of the aforesaid notification, Registration Certificate from the concerned institution situated in Nagaland is required for students to obtain ILP initially and subsequently, the valid Identity Card issued by the concerned institution shall be considered as Deemed Inner Line Permit.

Heads of all Schools (Government and Private) functioning within the State of Nagaland are hereby directed to sensitize students, teachers, non-teaching staff and parents regarding the above provision, and also to ensure that all students studying in their institutions are issued valid Identity Cards.

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P&AR DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON CREATION OF POSTS UNDER MINORITY AFFAIRS

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department has notified that in partial modification to the Department's notification of even number dated 28/04/2023, the following posts have been created under the Directorate of Minority Affairs:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post and Pay Level	No. of Post(s)	Remarks
1.	Director (instead of Additional Director) (Pay Level-18)	1	To be filled by IAS/NCS Officer.
2.	Joint Director (Pay Level-16)	1	To be filled on deputation by an NCS Officer.
3.	Assistant Project Officer (Pay Level-11)	1	To be filled on deputation by an Officer from the Directorate Services.

This has the approval of the Cabinet vide No.CAB-1/14/2023 dated 9th May 2023.

HOME DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON CHANGE OF VILLAGE NAME

Home Department has notified the change of 'New Seithekema' village to 'Seitheke Basa' village under Chumoukedima district with immediate effect. The spelling of the new name in Roman and Devanagari script is:

Existing name	Spelling of new name in Roman script	Spelling of the new name in Devanagari script
New Seithekema	Seitheke Basa	सेइथेके बासा

This is issued with the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF HSLC & HSSLC EXAMINATIONS 2023

In the HSLC Examination 2023, a total of 24361 candidates were enrolled and in the HSSLC Examination 2023, a total of 16085 candidates were enrolled.

A. HSLC Examination 2023:

Out of 24361 candidates, a total of 17130 candidates qualified the examination with a qualified percentage of 70.32%.

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

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
64.69%	69.42%	70.03%	68.29%	66.01%

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9350 girls and 7780 boys qualified the examination. In the Top 20 list, there are 99 candidates out of which, 33 are boys and 66 are girls. 140 schools secured 100% qualified/pass percentage, out of which, 112 are private schools and 28 are government schools. This year, 24 schools have zero/nil result and all are government schools.

Government Schools qualified/pass percentage	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	40.77%	43.32%	47.40%	44.86%	36.62%	49.13%
Private Schools qualified/pass percentage	82.96%	84.76%	86.28%	85.58%	82.08%	91.15%

In terms of district-wise performance for government schools, Kohima district topped the table with a percentage of 73% followed by Mokokchung and Phek districts at 70% and 63% respectively. Shamator district is at the bottom with 6%. In respect of private schools, Noklak district is at the top with a percentage of 97% followed by Kohima at 94%. The number of candidates who secured 80% and above in aggregate is 2716 out of which, 61 candidates are from government schools.

Twenty-six (26) candidates with Special Needs applied for various concessions like extra time, scribe, exemption of examination fees, use of laptop, etc. and appeared the examination. 17 of them qualified the examination while 9 of them got Needs Improvement results.

B. HSSLC Examination 2023:

Fifteen (15) institutions under Arts stream, 5 institutions under Science stream and 4 institutions under Commerce stream secured 100% pass result. The performance of boys and girls stream-wise in terms of pass percentage is:

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	86.27 %	90.34 %	90.39 %
Boys	78.44 %	82.47 %	82.51 %

The overall pass percentage in Arts stream is 82.62%, Commerce stream is 85.83% and Science stream is 86.79%.

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Arts	80.64%	69.37%	71.87%	74.44%	73.42%
Commerce	82.28%	74.39%	75.47%	74.68%	73.75%
Science	88.24%	91.35%	80.99%	81.37%	84.39%

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It is heartening to mention that there are two toppers from Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Merit List at the HSSLC Examination 2023 in Arts stream from Government Higher Secondary School, Tuli in Rank 9 and Rank 10 from Government Higher Secondary School, Jalukie.

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

	Arts	Commerce	Science
Girls	18	8	9
Boys	-	4	9

In Children with Special Needs (CWSN) category, 13 candidates applied for concession and appeared the examination, out of which, 11 of them passed, 4 in 1st Division and 7 in 2nd Division, and 2 candidates failed.

C. HSLC and HSSLC Compartmental Examinations:

In addition to the conduct of HSLC Compartmental Examination, the Board shall be conducting the Compartmental Examination for HSSLC candidates with effect from this year i.e. 2023. Candidates failing in three or less subjects are eligible to sit for the examination. Two chances will be given to clear the compartmental papers to reduce drop-out rates from the system.

D. Improvement examination:

Improvement examination in three or less subjects for both HSLC & HSSLC passed candidates shall be conducted along with Compartmental Examination w.e.f. 2023. This is to help students improve and pursue courses of their choice in line with the vision of National Education Policy 2020.

E. Improvement examination in 1(one) subject:

Provision for candidates who qualified at the HSLC Examination but secured Needs Improvement in one subject will be given the opportunity to reappear in the Needs Improvement subject at the immediate examination will be introduced w.e.f. 2023 so that they can apply for courses, fulfill certain recruitment criteria and employment where they need to pass in all the subject they have opted.

F. Information for HSLC/HSSLC Repeaters:

A repeater candidate shall appear the HSLC/HSSLC Examination as per the existing prescribed syllabus and course of the examination concerned.

Repeaters shall submit the Application Forms and Examination Fee for HSLC Examination 2024 online during 1st-12th August 2023 and for HSSLC Examination from 8th-12th August 2023.

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THIRD NAGALAND STATE FINANCE COMMISSION CONSTITUTED

The Government of Nagaland has constituted the Third Nagaland State Finance Commission with a Chairman and two other Members as follows:

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| 1. Menumkol John, Retd. Principal Secretary,
Government of Nagaland | - Chairman |
| 2. Sarah Ritse, Retd. Commissioner & Secretary,
Government of Nagaland | - Member |
| 3. G. W. Lee, Retd. Director (Treasuries & Accounts),
Government of Nagaland | - Member Secretary |

The tenure of the Commission shall be for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of this notification.

The Commission shall make recommendations relating to the following matters:

- (a) The principles which shall govern:
 - i. The distribution between the State and the Municipalities of the net proceeds of taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, which may be divided between them,
 - ii. The determination of taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by, the municipalities, and
 - iii. The grant-in-aid to the municipalities from the Consolidated Fund of the State.
- (b) The measures needed to improve the financial position of the municipalities.
- (c) The rates of various taxes, tolls and fees that may be raised by the Municipalities and the method of determining the same.
- (d) Any other matter referred to the Commission by the Government in the interest of sound finances of the municipalities.

In making its recommendations, the Commission shall have regard, among other considerations, to:

- (i) The objective of balancing the receipts and expenditure of the State Government and the local bodies and for generating surplus for capital investment.
- (ii) The resources of the State Government and demands thereon particularly in respect of expenditure on civil administration, maintenance and upkeep of capital assets, maintenance expenditure on plan schemes and other committed expenditure or liabilities.
- (iii) The requirement of the municipalities, their potential for raising resources and for reducing expenditure.

The Commission shall make its report available by 29th February 2024, covering the period of three years commencing from 1st April 2023.

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MATHEMATICS REQUIRED TO OPT FOR B. A. ECONOMICS (HONOURS)

In reference to the Nagaland University letter No.NU/ECO/ACA-6/06-411 dated 10th June 2022 and in continuation to Nagaland Board of School Education Office Notification No.64/2022 dated 15th June 2022, the Higher Secondary Schools have been reminded once again that with the changes brought in by the University Grants Commission (UGC) regarding admission to B. A. Economics (Honours) under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), students who are intending to go for B. A. Economics (Honours) needs to have Mathematics as one of the subjects at the Higher Secondary level. This policy will be adopted by Nagaland University as well as other Universities across the country.

Therefore, all Heads of Higher Secondary Schools offering Economics subject as an elective subject have been requested to take note of the changes taking place in the educational eco-system and are encouraged to take necessary actions so that students who are desiring to study B. A. Economics (Honours) in the future are not deprived of the opportunity.

Further, Heads of institutions have been requested to disseminate the information and sensitize the students during the time of admission to help students choose the correct subject combination at an early stage.

ICCW NATIONAL BRAVERY AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY ACTS OF BRAVERY TO CHILDREN

The Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) gives ICCW National Bravery Awards for exemplary acts of bravery to children every year. ICCW receives recommendations from various sources for the awards, which have been given for the past 66 years. However, there could be numerous deserving cases that still go unreported.

The details of the scheme and nomination form for the 2023 Awards are available on their website www.iccw.co.in. The main criteria for the selection of candidates is the performance of a distinct and visible act of bravery in the face of an impending threat of injury or danger to life or an act of courage and daring against a social evil/crime. Anybody may go through the contents of the scheme as well as the instructions on the application form carefully before sending the applications. A copy of the application may be endorsed to the respective State/UT Council for Child Welfare of the State.

The recommendations, complete in all respects, should reach Indian Council for Child Welfare, 4 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi-110002 by 15th October 2023.

PAYMENT OF DEARNESS RELIEF TO NAGALAND GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS

The Finance Department has directed to refer to the Department's O.M. of even number dated 16th November 2022 and to state that the Government of Nagaland has

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enhanced the Dearness Relief to Pensioners and Family Pensioners of the Government of Nagaland from the existing rate of 38% to 42% w.e.f. 01.01.2023.

Payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, is requested to circulate this O.M. to the Accountant General of all States so that Pensioners of the Government of Nagaland drawing pensions under their jurisdiction may be authorized for payment of this relief at the earliest.

NEW ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME HELD

Handholding Programme on New Accreditation Framework for Principals & IQAC Co-ordinators of Non-Accredited Colleges was held on 2nd May 2023 at the Directorate of Higher Education in the presence of Temjen Imna Along, Minister, Higher Education and Tourism.

The Minister urged all the government and private colleges to complement each other to develop the colleges by sharing their best views and ideas. He also urged all the non-accredited colleges to be NAAC accredited and provide quality education so that students not only from the State but mainland India can also come and avail education from the State.

STATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING ON INTEGRATED STI, HIV, TB, HEPATITIS CAMPAIGN

The State Oversight Committee (SOC) on Integrated STI, HIV, TB, Hepatitis (ISHTH) Campaign in Prisons & Other Closed Settings (P&OCS) was held on the 2nd May 2023 at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima.

The modalities and plan of the upcoming campaign were presented by Dr. Bernice D Thapru, Joint Director (Prevention), NSACS, while an overview of the HIV & AIDS Scenario in the State was given by Medo Kire, Deputy Director (SIMU), NSACS.

The SOC meeting was held to discuss and deliberate on the modalities of the upcoming ISHTH campaign which will be

carried out in all districts across the State among inmates and clients of prison and other closed settings for screening/testing and linkages to treatment of STI, HIV, TB & Hepatitis.

The SOC was attended by Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Vibeitunuo M. Sachu, Mission Director NHM, Dr. Ritu Thurr, Project Director NSACS, Dr. Akuo Sorhie, State TB Officer, Dr. Tiasunep, senior officials of Health & Family Welfare, representatives of Social Welfare Department, Prison Department, Development partners, NGO partners, etc.

The meeting also deliberated on two upcoming campaigns, namely the Integrated Health Camp (IHC) and Elimination of Vertical Transmission of HIV & Syphilis (EVTHS) campaign and for which, the presentations were given by Dr. M. Nukshisangla Jamir, Deputy Director (BSD), NSACS.

ONE-MONTH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL HEADS

A one-month School Leadership Development Programme (SLDP) for heads of Government High Schools (GHS) and Government Higher Secondary Schools (GHSS) started at SIEMAT Hall, SCERT in Kohima on 2nd May 2023.

To enhance the capacity of the School Leadership Academy (SLA), SCERT, the programme is being organized in collaboration with Nagaland Education Project - The Lighthouse (NECTAR). The



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project aims to train three batches of approximately 150 School Heads by June 2023. By the end of the project period in June 2026, the project aims to support SLA in training all the government school heads in the State.

Achetla Ao, Joint Director & Cell Head, State Assessment Cell, SIEMAT & SLA, SCERT Kohima, delivering the welcome note, stated that the nature of the training is to enhance the professional skills of the school heads. The concept was formulated in the National Centre of School Leadership Academy in 2016 and Nagaland SLA was formed on 10th January 2016, she informed. SLA has so far conducted two programmes on 30 Days Certification Course for School Heads, one programme on SLDP for 18 days and one 16-day SLDP for 50 School Heads, and a two-day School Leadership Programme for 25 private school heads. SLA has trained 112 school leaders in the State but there is a need to

train more, she added.

Delivering the keynote address, Thavaseelan K, Principal Director, School Education and Project Director of Nagaland Education Project (NEP) gave a brief overview of the Nagaland Education Project stating that it aims to enhance the governance of schools across the State and improve teaching practices and learning environments. He informed that there is a lot of ongoing work within the project including Lighthouse School Complexes and monitoring the Performance Incentive Grant (PIG) among others.

Mention may be made that SLDP is a training programme designed by the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) for Heads of Schools of Central Government and State/UT Government and government-aided schools across the country, as well as aspiring school heads.

**NEED TO RESTRUCTURE AND
RE-ORGANISE NAGALAND POLICE:
DEPUTY CM Y. PATTON**

Deputy Chief Minister, in-charge of Home and Border Affairs, Y. Patton addressed the media fraternity at a press conference on 4th May 2023 at PHQ Conference Hall, wherein he mentioned that a high-level committee headed by the DGP has been set up to restructure and re-organize the Nagaland Police so as to make it more efficient on functional and operational lines. He said that modern policing is more about establishing the supremacy of the law through investigation and law enforcement rather than brute force and hence, the committee would look into all aspects of policing through the exercise and make recommendations based on the findings.

Patton said that workable and genuine suggestions are welcome from the public to improve the department, law and order in the State and to create an environment for better development. He mentioned that the DGP Nagaland and the Nagaland Police have launched a war on drugs during the last four months which has resulted in the registering of 101 cases and the arrest of 143 criminals from various parts of the North East for drug-related crimes, and also revealed that the State Police has set up an Anti-Narcotics Task Force booth at the state level with statewide jurisdiction.

Patton also highlighted that the Police Department is looking into internal departmental issues such as the unauthorized absence of police personnel from duty, excessive deployment of bodyguards to State VIPs, and timely withdrawal of vehicles attached to retired officers. In conclusion, he made a clarion call to all concerned including the media fraternity to extend support in order to make the State a better place to live in.

The press briefing was later followed by an interactive session with the media personnel present.

**CM ADDRESSES MONSOON
PREPAREDNESS MEETING**

Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Neiphiu Rio called on all departments to be prepared to tackle any disaster that the State may face in the monsoon season. Giving his remarks during a monsoon preparedness meeting which was held at the CM Residential Complex on 4th May 2023, he said that more weather forecasts should be given to the public and awareness should be checked at the local level.

CM said good roads with proper drainage should be maintained by the PWD(R&B) and NHIDCC. The laying of cables on the road should be deep enough and done with prior consultation from the department concerned. He called on the Home Guards & Civil Defence/ State Disaster Response Force to ensure

that their forces are properly trained and ready to be deployed anytime anywhere. Sufficient stock of medicine should be kept by the Health & Family Welfare Department for use in medical emergencies.

Public Health Engineering (PHE)

other rural areas.

Advisor, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe lamented that many of the natural disasters in the State are manmade and can be avoided if people learn to take care of little things like clearing roads and



Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, dignitaries and officials during the monsoon preparedness meeting held at the CM Residential Complex, Kohima on 4th May 2023.

Department was asked to ensure the supply of good and clean drinking water to be made available even during the monsoon season. Food & Civil Supplies Department was asked to keep a check on their godowns and stores with proper roads connectivity, both in the districts and

blockages, and keeping proper drainage systems before they turn into bigger disasters.

NSDMA, PWD(R&B) and NHIDCL, HG&CD/SDRF, Health & Family Welfare delivered PowerPoint presentations.

ADVISOR IMKONG IMCHEN ADDRESSES

MEDIA ON ARTICLE 371(A)

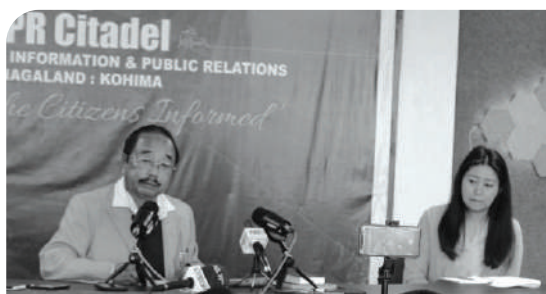
Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, during a press conference held at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima on 5th May 2023, spoke on the 'Subjective critic on Article 371 (A), more particularly Clause (IV) Ownership and Transfer of Land and its Resources.'

Imkong said that that Nagas

vigorously talk and think about safeguarding Article 371(A), which was inserted in Part XXI of the Constitution of India by Constitution (13th Amendment Act 1962), but his individual view is that the very Constitutional Provision of Article 371(A), more particularly Clause IV has become redundant. He highlighted how Article 371(A) was inserted in the Constitution of India by virtue of the 16 Point Agreement of Naga People's Convention (NPC). He stated that, 'Article 371A was by and large propagated by the signatories as the final political emancipation of the

Nagas but nonetheless it is observed that there are self-contradicting flaws and undefined paradoxes in the working and implementation of Article 371A.'

While pointing out that no definition or meaning is given with regard to ownership and transfer of land and its resources which is given in Clause IV, Imkong said that this very inherent flaw creates difficulties and confusion in the realm of interpretation. Further, he observed that there is no specific legislative power accorded to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly to legislate with respect to the special provision of Article 371(A) Clause IV. He added that Article 371(A) does not per-se (by itself) provide blanket protection and safeguards



Advisor, IPR and S&WC, Imkong L. Imchen addressing media persons at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima on 5th May 2023.

to its special provisions.

Imkong stated that after obtaining the opinion of then legal luminaries like H. M. Seervai, F. S. Nariman, R. C. Sarkar and M. Hidayatullah in the 1980s, all of whom concurred that 'Land and its resources' as used in Article 371(A) Clause IV includes mines and minerals, accordingly the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) passed a resolution on July 26, 2010 to

the effect that laws made by the Parliament on petroleum and natural gas would be inapplicable in the State of Nagaland with retrospective effect, and subsequently invited 'Expressions of Interest (EOI)' from companies to explore and exploit the 11 oil and gas fields it identified across 11 districts in the State.

However, this legislative initiative by the Government of Nagaland was extinguished by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs by its Office Memorandum dated 23-05-2023 wherein it was stated that, 'the Union Ministry is of the considered view that Article 371A (a) does not confer legislative power to the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland on regulation and development of mineral oil. The power to make law in respect of subjects covered under List-I of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution including entry 53 of List-I, rests with the Parliament. Therefore, the resolution passed by the Nagaland Assembly in July, 2010 is unconstitutional and invalid.'

Imkong viewed that the entirety of the matter is palpably erroneous, incurably not tenable and manifestly arbitrary. It is nowhere seen on the records that the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act 1957, has been approved by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly as an applicable statutory law in the State from the date of statehood till date. He added, 'It is therefore in the light of the legislative process initiated by the State of Nagaland and the concurrent nullifying executive orders so pronounced by the Union of

India, the so called sacrosanct provisions of Article 371 (A) more particularly Clause 4 which envisaged ownership and transfer of land and its resources, has from the threshold to hitherto, failed and has tormented down to non-est bottomless pit.'

NU ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

A one-day International Seminar on 'Women and Development: Reflections from Thailand & Nagaland (India)' was jointly organized by the Women's Studies Centre & Department of Education, Nagaland University on 4th May 2023 at the Kohima Campus, Meriema.

The seminar was organized in three segments, comprising the inaugural session followed by two technical sessions. Prof. G. T. Thong (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Kohima Campus, NU) delivered the keynote address, commending the organizers for facilitating such a platform for knowledge sharing, advancement of knowledge, and cross-border research, to look beyond one's own borders and drawing inspiration from one another. He encouraged the gathering by joining in the call for a more inclusive and sensitive approach to women for a balanced development.

Sharing reflections from Thailand on the mentioned theme, the two international speakers from Chiangmai University in Thailand, Dr. Ariya Svetamra presented a paper on 'Community-based tourism and empowerment of ethnic women in Upper North Thailand' and Dr. Arratee Ayuttacorn on 'Women's negotiation on land dispossession.' Speakers from

Nagaland University shared reflections from Nagaland through the variety of papers presented. Prof. Jano L Sekhose presented on 'Navigating the world of Naga women down the ages and beyond,' Prof. Lungsang Zeliang on 'Visualizing Naga women's representation in education,' and Dr. Petekhrienuo Sorhie on 'Localizing SDG5 in Nagaland: Issues and Challenges.'

The paper presentations were followed by deliberation and discussion session on various pertinent socio-economic and cultural barriers that impede the development of women in particular and society in general, wherein ideas, perspectives, and opinions were exchanged both from the context of Nagaland and Thailand.

ADVISOR ZHALEO RIO GRACES SBM-U2.0 COORDINATION MEETING

SBM-U2.0 coordination meeting-cum-training on CSAP and CSWAP plan implementation, strategies formulation, and mobilization of SBM Projects for 39 ULBs was held at Urban Development Directorate with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio on 5th May 2023.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Zhaleo requested the Administrators present to take this opportunity to acquaint themselves with the challenges as they are the ones who implement the schemes of the department. He also expressed hope that the administrative officers will give their best in the management and maintenance of the Urban Local Bodies. The Advisor mentioned that earlier there were only 19

ULBs but now, there are 39 ULBs and the funds received from the Ministry are only for the previous 19 ULBs and the Department is allocating the share to all the 39 ULBs.

The Advisor said that the Department is also exploring on whether to go for a labor contract which will be further discussed. Whenever funds are provided, the Administrators should provide action plans like various requirements for solid or liquid waste management and they should further discuss with their respective local MLAs.

The Advisor also said that there are fund constraints as the ULB elections are not held in the State and that the Government is sincere on the issue and will rewrite the Municipal Act with the cooperation of the Naga public, adding that the elections will be held sooner or later but the ULB Administrators should continue to work for the citizens.

The later sessions were held on SWM Methods and Technologies, discussion for Finalization of Technology for DPR preparations, and UWM Methods and Technologies.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON e-LIVESTOCK INTEGRATED SAMPLE SURVEY SOFTWARE HELD

Training on e-Livestock Integrated Sample Survey (eLISS) Software was organized by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) for all the staff of the Integrated Sample Survey in the Directorate. This training is a follow-up of the 'Two Day Training on eLISS for State Nodal Officers and District Nodal

Officers for NER' held at Guwahati on 27th and 28th April 2023. The eLISS software consists of a web portal and an Android-based application that is used for the collection of Major Livestock Production (MLP) data in digitized mode.

Delivering the keynote address, Director, AH&VS, Dr. Nsanthung stressed on the importance of statistics and the various uses of the data which is collected under the Integrated Sample Survey (ISS). 'The data captured in this app will be pivotal in planning, which is again pivotal in the preparation of State and Central budget estimates,' he added.

RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE

ZUNHEBOTO:

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Zunheboto district branch celebrated World Red Cross Day under the theme,



Indian Red Cross Society Zunheboto district branch celebrated World Red Cross Day at DC's Office on 8th May 2023.

'Everything we do comes from the heart' at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 8th May 2023.

DC and Chairman of IRCS Zunheboto district branch, Rahul Bhanudas Mali said one should always help neighbors irrespective of caste or creed, adding that humans have the ability of reasoning and making things right, and encouraged everyone to have a clear conscience. He further added that for making society a better place, the administration and IRCS alone cannot do it and requested everyone to cooperate and help one another.

WOKHA:

Wokha district celebrated World Red Cross Day at the DC's Conference Hall, on 8th May 2023, with ADC Wokha, Furhesie Nyuwi as the special guest.

Nyuwi said it is celebrated for the remarkable humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross Movement, with people acknowledging and honoring the tireless work of the Red Cross volunteers and staff who wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to promote humanity across the globe. He said everything they do comes from the heart and it is through the power of compassion, empathy, and selflessness that the movement continues to make a difference in the lives of millions. He urged everybody to pledge support to the mission of alleviating suffering and promoting humanity.

T. Penthungo Lotha, Principal, Bailey Baptist College, Wokha, while speaking on the theme 'Everything we do comes from the heart,' said in this celebration of the goodness of human beings, everyone should remember the values of compassion and goodwill in society, as making a small

effort to assist someone in need may have a significant impact on the community.

During the programme, Secretary of Red Cross Society Wokha Unit, Dr. K. Z. Ovung handed over relief materials to nine beneficiaries.

LONGLENG:

The Indian Red Cross Society, Longleng District Branch observed the World Red Cross Day on 8th May 2023, under the theme 'Everything we do comes from the heart' at DPDB Hall, Longleng with SP, Longleng, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS as the special guest.

The special guest said the Red Cross Society in every state has a different scenario and we must know the significance. Dr. Kaur appealed to the students to always be ready to make themselves available to the needy which is the main objective of the organization. She also said the definition of war has changed, and unlike before, war won't come around holding guns, but it will come in the form of laziness, alcohol, drugs etc. which she said must be eradicated from the society. She urged upon the students to keep on doing the good works.

During the occasion, the special guest also inducted students from five schools as Jr. Red Cross Society Longleng.

FELICITATION PROGRAMME OF THE FIRST STATE ENTREPRENEUR AWARD 2022

The felicitation programme of the First State Entrepreneur Award 2022 was held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce on 9th May 2023.

Director, Industries & Commerce, P Temjem Jamir said that the Award was initiated with the administrative approval of the Government of Nagaland to honor and recognize some of the outstanding Naga Entrepreneurs who have made exceptional contributions to building an ecosystem that has impacted the grassroot economy.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Kekhrievor Kevichusa in his special address

encouraged more interaction and growth of the relationship between the Department and the entrepreneurs. He encouraged the entrepreneurs to demand more from the Government in terms of better assistance, interventions, etc. He said that a conducive environment for creating a local economy can be built with active participation from all stakeholders.

Altogether seven entrepreneurs were felicitated in the programme.

LEGISLATORS BRIEF MEDIA AFTER CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Minister in-charge of Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye and Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen accompanied by Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Abhijit Sinha, IAS, briefed the media personnel on 9th May 2023 at Secretariat Conference Hall, regarding the consultative meeting with Tribal Hohos and CSOs.

The legislators confirmed that the consultative meeting held earlier was organised to deliberate on matters pertaining

to Oil and Gas Exploration and Production, Registration of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) and the Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils Act, 1978. They said that the Government welcome the constructive opinions and suggestions of the people pertaining to the matters stated above. They further explained in detail various issues surrounding the early implementation of RIIN and also informed on the stand of the Government with regard to oil and gas exploration and production in the Disturbed Area Belt (DAB), and further reassured that no Memorandum of Understanding has so far been signed with any agency or State



A consultative meeting with Tribal Hohos and CSOs was held at the State Banquet Hall, CMRC, Kohima on 9th May 2023.

Government regarding this.

Earlier, a consultative meeting was held with various Tribal Hohos and Civil Society Organisations at State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima.

During the meeting, Advocate General of Nagaland, K. N. Balgopal briefed the gathering on Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Principal Secretary, Home, Abhijit Sinha briefed on Registration of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN), the Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils Act, 1978 and Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining, K. Libanthung Lotha briefed on Oil and Gas Exploration and Production. Various representatives from the Tribal Hohos and CSOs also shared their views and opinions pertaining to the agenda.

NTCP CONDUCTS ENFORCEMENT DRIVE IN ALL THE DISTRICTS

In pursuance to State Government notification declaring all Educational Institutions, Government and Private Health establishments as Tobacco Free, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), Nagaland conducted joint enforcement drive in eleven (11) NTCP districts on 9th May 2023.

District Anti-Tobacco Squad penalized shops under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA 2003) - two shops under Section 6(a), 114 shops under 6(b) and two shops under Section 7. Fine amounting to Rs. 14,730 was collected.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY 2023 CELEBRATED AT NHAK

To honor and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions/crucial role played by nurses in the healthcare industry, a programme was held at the Multipurpose Hall, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 12th May 2023, commemorating International Nurses' Day. This year, the day is being celebrated under the theme 'Our Nurses. Our Future.'

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner & Secretary of Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS thanked all the nurses for their dedication and work, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stating that though nursing has been a profession with high standards and a strong sense of public service, he added that the working environments of nurses are tough and stressful.

Kikheto stated that, in Nagaland, out of about 952 Staff Nurses, 845 ANM totaling 1797, there are only 21 Male Staff Nurses, and on this, he stressed the need to appoint more male nurses to tend to male patients, especially in the Intensive Care Units, etc. As per the Indian Public Health System (IPHS), there is a huge shortage of nurses in our State. He pointed out that the State has a huge number of Health Centers, the other issue is in the technical section of the Health & Family Welfare Department, where only 40% are technical posts and 60% comprises non-technical posts. He also announced on the occasion that the Government of India has approved for upgradation of the School of Nursing to

Nursing College, and he expressed hope that the first Government Nursing College will start shortly.

Speaking on the theme, 'Our Nurses. Our Future,' Tiakala Longkumer, Principal, SON, NHAK said it highlights the crucial role that nurses play in shaping the future of healthcare, to address the global health challenges that exist today, and to improve healthcare outcomes for people across the globe. She said that with constant changes in the healthcare delivery system, the nursing profession is faced with many challenges such as a shortage of nurses, working in a stressed environment leading to mental health challenges, low salaries in the private sector and contractual jobs, lack of timely promotions, opportunities of career growth, lack of dignity and recognition, etc.

Tiakala said this year's theme is to strengthen the health system and to invest in nursing to address the growing global health demands; it is a call to support the nurses for ensuring a strong future for the profession, investing in nursing education and training, providing adequate resources and support for nurses in the workplace, address the root cause of nursing shortages and lack of professional development and opportunities. She called upon the nursing community to not only be on the frontline of care but also to be on the frontline of change.

International Nurses Day started in 1974 when the International Council of Nurses proclaimed 12th May as International Nurses' Day, to celebrate the birth anniversary of the founder of modern

nursing, Florence Nightingale, known as the Lady with the Lamp. This Day is also celebrated to honor the contributions of nurses for their selfless dedication to the service of mankind.

AWARD FUNCTION FOR NAGALAND

READING FESTIVAL HELD

The State Level Award Function for Nagaland Reading Festival, organized by School Education Directorate & Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, in collaboration with Shiksha Lokam, Bangalore was held at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 12th May 2023.

Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome said that the literary festival is to encourage reading among the Nagas. Every Naga citizen is multilingual and exposed to rich linguistic opportunities which help in different types of skill development. He encouraged the students on immense reading which will help strengthen cognitive skills making the process of learning much easier. Yhome also acknowledged building leadership and the need to recognize and appreciate teachers. He further said that teachers should also take note on working with disadvantaged groups in society which will help in facilitating positive growth for the development of children and the State as a whole.

The Advisor launched three new initiatives at the programme: Literacy & Numeracy Fest under NIPUN Nagaland, Teachers Resource Package, and NIPUN App.

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education, SCERT & Vice Chairman NEMS, Kevileno Angami mentioned that education is a powerful tool that can bring social justice and equality and only through education, human potential can be optimized. Education for children is a fundamental right and delivery of education is a public service, she added.

Principal Director, School Education, Thavaseelan K, IAS said Nagaland is in the Top Five among the States for using Micro-Improvement Approach in Schools. This approach collectively helps to enhance and showcase innovations in reading and learning and helps bridge the DIKSHA project. He mentioned that two organizations have been instrumental in helping the festival become a success: Mantra 4 Change and Shikha Lokam, and that Reading Festival is to bring opportunities for the children and to motivate them in their future.

Winners of NRF & National Kala Utsav are: Government Primary School, Orchid under EBRC, Wokha, Government Middle School, Longdang under Tuensang district and Government Middle School, Piphema Bazar, Chumoukedima district won the 1st prize, 2nd prize and 3rd prize respectively.

CCTNS TECH REFRESH 2023 LAUNCHED

‘Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) Tech Refresh 2023’ was launched by Renchamo P. Kikon, IPS, ADGP (Adm.), and State Nodal Officer, CCTNS in a short programme

held at PHQ Conference Hall on 12th May 2023.

CCTNS is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for computerization of police processes, and sharing of crime and criminal data through integrated framework. It has been in use in Nagaland since 2012 and at present, all 83 police stations have been implemented with CCTNS. The purpose of the ‘CCTNS Tech Refresh 2023’ is to upgrade the existing hardware and software to the latest platforms for improving the capabilities and efficiency of CCTNS usage primarily at the police stations.

The scope of Tech-Refresh 2023 covers all 83 police stations implemented with CCTNS and applicable higher offices in the State, which is being carried out in district-wise batches.

After the brief inaugural programme on 12th May 2023, a total of 100 workstations and accessories for CCTNS usage were issued to the first batch of offices which includes 11 Police Stations under Kohima, Tseminyu and State Level Police Stations at PHQ, 2 District Crime Records Bureau under Kohima and Tseminyu, and 2 SP Offices under Kohima and Tseminyu districts. A total of 779 workstations/accessories are under process to be delivered in the subsequent batches covering the remaining 72 Police Stations, 12 DCRBs, and 12 SP Offices. In addition, workstations and accessories have also been procured for augmenting the existing CCTNS training infrastructure.

‘CCTNS Tech Refresh 2023’ has been made possible through the CCTNS Fund sanctioned by MHA through the scheme ‘Assistance to States for Modernization of Police.’

**INAUGURATION OF AQUARIUM UNIT ON
FISH GERMLASM OF NAGALAND HELD**

Capacity Building Programme for Farmers of Nagaland on Scientific Aquaculture & Inauguration of Aquarium Unit on Fish Germplasm of Nagaland was held in Dimapur on 13th May 2023 at the Brooder Fish Farm, Dimapur. The programme was organized by ICAR - Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture and Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (F&AR) with Dr. Pramoda K. Sahoo, Director of ICAR-CIFA.

Rongsennungba, Director of F&AR said this is their dream project which has been achieved through the help from CIFA. He said this centre is a resource for children and college students for their studies. Nagaland has a rich infantry of fish species where 42 Aquariums with indigenous fishes have been collected and donated from the 16 districts of Nagaland.

Dr. Pramoda K. Saho, Director, ICAR- CIFA said a huge number of species is being imported into the country with a percentage of 60%. To take benefit of the huge species available, he requested the farmers and the stakeholders to pass them to the Department instead of consuming them so that they can preserve that particular species. The new species will be preserved and researched to collect the information. He asked the farmers and the Department to preserve different varieties of fish species and inspire the young generation to preserve new species of fish.

Brief highlights of the project

was delivered by Dr. Vimezo Kire, Deputy Director F&AR, who asked the staff to look after the new aquarium that has come up so that the species will be well preserved. He said that this preserved aquarium will help and inspire children to study and get information about the different kinds of fish species in the upcoming future.

**MoS PRATIMA BHOUMIK HANDS OVER
APPOINTMENT LETTERS AT DIMAPUR**

Nagaland joined the rest of the country in the 5th Edition of Rozgar Mela, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed over 71 Appointment Letters in 45 locations across the country through video conferencing. Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhoumik handed over Appointment Letters to 371 appointees from the Northeast at Imliyangar Memorial Center (IMC) Hall in Dimapur. 52 people from Nagaland also received their Appointment Letters.

The event was hosted by the Office of the Postmaster General, Northeast Region-II, Dimapur. The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join various positions and posts like Gramin Dak Sevaks, Commercial-cum-Ticket Clerk, Junior Clerk-cum-Typist, Junior Accounts Clerk, Assistant Section Officer, Tax Assistants, Inspectors, and Nursing Officers among others.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, Pratima Bhoumik said it is a memorable day as 321 youths in the region has got the opportunity to go forward in their life towards fulfilling their goals. The Minister said that Rozgar Mela is a step

towards the fulfillment of the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation. Expressing her happiness that there are 67 girls among the 321 appointees today, the MoS said Prime Minister Modi has been making efforts to uplift the status of women in the country by providing different schemes and called on the women to avail these schemes for their benefits.

Emphasizing that more developments bring more job opportunities, the Minister expressed hope that many more Appointment Letters will be handed over to the youths of the region in the future Rozgar Melas. She further informed that the newly inducted appointees will also get an opportunity to train themselves through Karmayogi Prarambh, which is an online orientation course for all new appointees in various government departments, adding the training will familiarize the new appointees with the nature and system of their job for better performance.

In his welcome address, Postmaster General, Northeast Region-II, Northeast Postal Circle, Som Kamei said Rozgar Mela is a part of the fulfillment of the commitment of the government in giving government employment to 10 lakh youths of the country.

ADVISOR HEKANI CALLS ON UNION MINISTERS IN DELHI

Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor, Industries & Commerce Department, on 17th May 2023, called on the Union Minister of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Tatu Rane and Union Minister of

State MSME, Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma. The members discussed various issues of the MSME sector and growth potentials in the State. The Advisor submitted a number of proposals that would help to promote and improve the MSME landscape in the State.

The Advisor also called on the Development Commissioner (Handloom & Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, and solicited support for the promotion of the sector in the State.

The Advisor held a meeting with Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Pashupati Kumar Paras during which, she shared that Food Processing is one of the potential and thrust areas in the State where development can be brought about, urging the Union Minister to consider and support the various upcoming project proposals of the State which will be placed before the Ministry. The Union Minister, in confirmation, encouraged the State to submit proposals on projects available under the Ministry and assured approvals. In addition, the Union Minister disclosed that the Ministry will soon be launching new schemes for Mini-Food Park for which the State may look forward to availing such assistance.

The Advisor also met with the Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), G Kishan Reddy regarding the prospects and opportunities in the North Eastern Region and Nagaland in particular. They discussed the Economic Roadmap of the Department and the State.

Advisor Jakhalu also paid an official visit to the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Textiles,

Food Processing Industries, Invest India Team, Start-Up India Team, Department for Promotion of Industries & Internal Trade (DPIIT), DoNER, and interacted with Secretaries of the respective Ministries to discuss on the ongoing projects and various developmental works to be carried out in the near future.

The Advisor was accompanied by Kekhrievor Kevichusa, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, A Temjen Jamir, Director, and a team of officials from the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland.

MINISTER PAIWANG KONYAK ATTENDS NATIONAL AYUSH MISSION CONCLAVE

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak speaking at the National Ayush Mission Conclave at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 18th May 2023, stated that Nagaland is still fighting against communicable diseases, at the same time, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases has also increased over the years. In this alarming rate of increase in lifestyle related health disorder, the State can be reversed to great extent with the intervention of Ayush system of healthcare, he said.

The public response to Ayush medicines has been very encouraging and the intake of Ayush medicine is steadily increasing over the years, the Minister said. He stated that with the support of the Government of India, the State has established a 10-Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital at Dimapur which has been functioning since October 2016, 30-Bedded

Integrated Ayush Hospital at Noklak which has been functioning since December 2018 and a 50-Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital at Razha, Chedema which has been functioning since 2022. He informed that the ongoing projects are 50-Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital at Sapangya, Mokokchung, and 30-Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital at Yachem, Longleng which is under construction.

However, Konyak stated that for the last few years, the State has failed to avail approved outlay which has hampered the ongoing projects. He further stated that during the year 2022-23, the State could avail only 25% of the total outlay and most of the programmes which were approved during the last year had to be carried over to the current financial year. He indicated that during the current year, the State is proposing for 15 new Ayush dispensaries, including 11 dispensaries that were approved last year but fund could not be sanctioned/released. Similarly, three 30-Bedded new Integrated Ayush Hospitals including the one which was approved last year and three 10-Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital which were approved last year but could not be sanctioned. Konyak urged the Ministry to consider for early release of the fund to enable the State Government to propose for supplementary proposal at the later part of the year.

The two-day National Ayush Mission from 18th to 19th May 2023 was jointly addressed by the Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Ayush, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. It

was attended by State Health Ministers and Secretaries. Minister, P. Paiwang Konyak was accompanied by Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS and other senior officials of the Department.

MINISTER PAIWANG MEETS COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF WORLD BANK AND DIRECTOR GENERAL, NACO

P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department, and Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, and a team of Nagaland Health Project (NHP) met the Country Director, World Bank, Auguste Tano Kouame on 19th May 2023 at World Bank Office, New Delhi.

Minister Paiwang thanked the World Bank for the support to Nagaland especially in the health sector where the Nagaland Health Project (NHP) is successfully implemented and has been extended till 31st December 2023. Paiwang stated the issues and challenges in the health sector and appreciated the Bank for the successful implementation of the NHP as the improvements made under the project are visible. He also highlighted that the funds received under various schemes from the GoI are mainly for specific programmes, and the NHP's funding could cater to the gaps not covered by other programmes. He appealed to the World Bank to provide continuous support.

Kikheto Sema highlighted that Nagaland could not avail enough EAPs as compared to the other states. He stated the proposed new project of the Nagaland

Health System Strengthening Project (NHSSP) is mainly to fill the gaps in the infrastructures of the Health Centers, Quarters for health workers, etc. The desire of the State Government to provide affordable, accessible healthcare to its citizen cannot be fulfilled without good infrastructure facilities. Sema requested the World Bank to support the new project and stated that the partnership between the



Minister P. Paiwang Konyak met V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary and Director General, NACO MoH&FW in Delhi on 24th May 2023.

Government of Nagaland and the World Bank should continue.

Auguste Tano Kouame appreciated and congratulated the team on the successful implementation of the Nagaland Health Project (NHP). With the successful implementation of the NHP, he stated that the Bank would be interested to support the new project of NHSSP and assured that the Bank would recommend the same

to the GoI. Auguste suggested that the proposed project could assist the State to generate fiscal revenue, mobilize private sector through PPP mode, and generate employment through pre-service training, etc. He further suggested conducting virtual meetings with other states and countries which are being funded under World Bank to showcase the good practices of the Nagaland Health Project.

On 24th May 2023, Minister Paiwang Konyak along with Commissioner & Secretary Y. Kikheto Sema IAS met V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary and Director General, NACO, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in Delhi, and deliberated on various issues about Medical College, HIV & AIDS, Nursing College, and Tobacco Control.

Minister Paiwang thanked the Ministry and NMC for granting LOP for the NIMSR Kohima and sought continuous support as the State plans to start the first academic session from the current year 2023-24. Regarding the Mon Medical College, Konyak requested the Ministry to consider it as Regional Institute under Centre Government as there is no Institute of national or regional importance in the State of Nagaland.

Paiwang also thanked the Ministry for approving the upgradation of three Nursing schools to Nursing Colleges in the District Hospital of Dimapur, Kohima, and Mokokchung and requested to further provide more nursing colleges in the State in PPP mode.

Hekali Zhimomi appreciated the State initiatives taken in recent days regarding the awareness of AIDS and HIV and suggested increasing the surveillance,

treatment, and preventive measures which will be supported by the Ministry. She also appreciated the initiative taken on awareness of Tobacco and declaring the Tobacco Free Zone in Health institutions and schools. She suggested collaborating with NGOs who are in the field to achieve its desired goal. Zhimomi opined that there are a lot of avenues in the Nursing Sector and encouraged the State to start the three Nursing Colleges at the earliest.

DEPARTMENT OF ESDE TO SKILL INDIVIDUALS WITH INVISIBLE DISABILITIES

The Department of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (ESDE), Government of Nagaland has



Kovi Meyase, Additional Secretary & Ex-Officio Director ESDE signing MoU with Changeiink Foundation on 18th May 2023.

joined forces with Changeiink Foundation, a non-profit organization that is devoted to mainstreaming persons with learning disabilities to skilled individuals who often go unnoticed because of their invisible disabilities. This partnership aims to tap into the natural entrepreneurial spirit of these individuals and leverage their skills to drive innovation and growth for the State.

The Department recognizes that

individuals with invisible disabilities, especially those with Specific Learning Disabilities, are often the driving force behind groundbreaking innovations that have changed the world. With this in mind, the partnership with Changeinkk Foundation will focus on empowering these individuals by providing them with the necessary skills to become successful entrepreneurs and innovators.

Changeinkk Foundation is committed to building equitable ecosystems that promote the inclusion of individuals with learning disabilities from cradle to career. Instead of creating alternative systems of inclusion, the partnership will build the capacities of all stakeholders, enabling them to create a sustainable culture of inclusion. The Nagaland Government and Changeinkk Foundation are committed to this partnership and believe that it will drive innovation, productivity, and growth for India.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ESDE

Moatoshi Longkumer, Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (ESDE) and Excise conducted a consultative meeting in the presence of Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & ESDE with the Principals of the Industrial Training Institutes and District Employment Officers of the Employment Exchanges in the State along with officials of the Department of

ESDE on 18th & 19th of May 2023.

During the meeting, Moatoshi reviewed the activities and achievements of the Department and emphasized the need for innovation in reducing the rate of unemployment in the State. He also highlighted the importance of conducting regular job fairs across the State to align unemployed youths with employers. The Advisor encouraged the Department to work out an action plan to conduct one training programme in each District Headquarter on two different trades each for men and women with the Mobile Skill Morung. This initiative will help improve accessibility to skill development and create more job opportunities for the youth.

Kovi Meyase, Additional Secretary & Director ESDE, in his keynote address, appreciated Advisor Moatoshi's concern towards the Department and acknowledged his initiative towards taking the Department forward.

ADVISOR IMKONGMAR VISITS SERICULTURE FARMS ACROSS THE STATE

Advisor, Minority Affairs and Sericulture, Imkongmar along with the Director, T. Sanny Pongener, and officials from the Directorate visited Government Sericulture Farms located at Tsiesema village, Kohima, Wokha village, Wokha, VK, Zunheboto, Ungma village, Mokokchung, Dhansiripar village, Chumoukedima, Samaguri village, Dimapur and District Sericulture Offices at Mokokchung and

Dimapur from 19th to 22nd May 2023.

Meetings were held in all the places of visit with the respective officers and staff of the districts in some of the Farms/Offices, which saw the participation of Sericulture farmers, SHGs, and Yi Authorities where the Farms in-charge presented the profile, and activities of the farms and the challenges faced. During the meeting, the Director appraised from farm-related viewpoints on technical aspects and administrative issues.

Speaking during the meeting, the Advisor appealed to the farm officials to work hard with dedication and to emphasize more on farm production to generate more revenue. He suggested organizing Awareness Programmes for the farmers from time to time and also selecting the farmers based on their performances.

YRS DEPARTMENT TO SET UP YOUTH RECREATIONAL AND IMPACT CENTRES

The Youth Resources & Sports (YRS) Department will set up 'Youth Recreational and Impact Centres' under State Innovative Programme. These centers are being set up in Longleng, Mon, Tuensang, and Kiphire which are approved by the Government. The project was launched on 22nd May 2023.

The project aims to target the youth who are facing difficult circumstances due to limited opportunities which can lead to growing incidences of drug and alcohol abuse, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancies, and many other problems. By

setting up these centres, the Department aims to provide a wholesome, safe, and adequately equipped space for the youth and also create positive experiences leading to lower crime rates by raising more educated, happy, and responsible citizens.

With a well-run community center, it can serve as a thriving hub of activities



Director, Youth Resources & Sports with officials during the launch of 'Youth Recreational and Impact Centre' under the State Innovative Programme at Kohima on 22nd May 2023.

for youth. Unfortunately, in Nagaland, such recreational centers are very few and mostly confined to metro cities. These facilities are not meeting the needs of the people around them because they are mostly privately owned businesses and may sometimes cost too much for young adolescents to access them. However, for most parts of Nagaland, no such centres (privately owned or government-run) currently exist.

An acute shortage of 'free' community recreational centers compels most youths to either spend their free time at home or in the streets leading to numerous juvenile-related problems like depression, juvenile crimes, substance abuse, teen pregnancies, etc. The Department stated that the role of such centres is crucial

for communities like ours that lack the necessary facilities to keep our children in safe environments after school hours during their free time. They will provide the youth to have a healthy outlet for their creativity as well as energy, leading to a step forward toward long-term community improvement.

IDAN SETS UP CELL TO FACILITATE CMMFI

The Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) has set up a dedicated cell to facilitate the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI) of the State Government. The Cell shall be assisted by CMMFI Cell. The CMMFI Cell shall monitor, assist and provide hand-holding support to all the interested beneficiaries viz. Farmers, Entrepreneurs, Startups, business communities, etc. to avail the banking-related benefits provided by the Government. The Deputy Commissioners and all Nodal Departments can also avail the services pertaining to CMMFI through the CMMFI Cell at IDAN. The applications received directly in CMMFI Cell shall be routed to the respective Bank/Nodal Agency after addressing necessary support for hand-holding and DPR preparation.

Following are some of the free-of-cost services to be provided through CMMFI Cell:

1. CMMFI Loan Assistance for Farmers & Entrepreneurs.
2. DPR Preparation and Vetting.
3. Banking and Financial Literacy.
4. Awareness on Government Sponsors.

5. Bank Account Opening and related issues.
6. Banking Facilities.
7. Other additional support.

For more information and queries, one may contact the Helpline No. +91-9436030303 during office hours (10:00 Am to 5:00 Pm) on all working days or by mail to idan.creditlinkage@gmail.com.

MEETING TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF CRIMINAL CASES REGISTERED DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO THE NLA 2023 HELD

A meeting to review the status of all criminal cases registered during the last General Election 2023 to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly was held in the office chamber of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland on 22nd May 2023. The meeting was attended by State Police Nodal Officer and IG Range Limasunep Jamir and officers of the CEO's Office Nagaland - R. Khezhe, Additional CEO, Awa Lorin, Joint CEO, Sharon Longchari, Joint CEO, Alila Chang, Deputy CEO, and Toshimeren, Assistant CEO.

The main purpose of the meeting was not only to review the status of election related criminal cases but to also ensure that active follow-up action continues on such cases even after the completion of the election process. It was discussed that the Election Commission of India also keeps a close tab on any such cases registered to ensure that follow-up action is taken up to act as a deterrent for any future election and poll-related criminal activities.

The State Police Nodal Officer highlighted that the total election related

criminal cases registered in the State during the last General Assembly Election 2023 in Nagaland was 70. The total number of persons arrested was 81, the total persons chargesheeted was 7, and the cases in which investigations are going on is 61.

All the districts would be regularly sending monthly reports on the status of action taken report of criminal cases registered during the last General Election 2023, to be reviewed by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer and Election Commission of India.

INFLUX OF SUB-STANDARD FOOD ITEMS NEEDS TO BE TACKLED: KIKHETO SEMA

Attending the 40th National Meeting of Central Advisory Committee FSSAI at FDA Bhawan, New Delhi on 25th May 2023, State Food Safety Commissioner Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS highlighted that there is only one State Public Health Laboratory established in 1983 at Kohima which is the only food testing laboratory in the State notified by FSSAI under Sub- Section 43 of the FSS Act, 2006 for food certification and accredited by NABL in chemical testing as per global standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

Sema further stated that topographical challenges along with poor road connectivity in the far-flung areas cause big hurdles while sending and receiving samples, resulting in delays in appropriate legal action. Further, the State shares an extensive international boundary with Myanmar because of which, large adulterated, misbranded, and sub-standard food items are being brought into Nagaland which requires to be tackled urgently. While acknowledging the constant support

and guidance of the FSSAI, Ministry of H&FW, Sema urged to consider setting up 5 (five) Basic Food Laboratory to cater to the need of the whole State for effective implementation of Food Safety. He also requested to provide 5 (five) Modified Food Safety on Wheels (MFSW) i.e. (Food Testing Mobile Van) as the existing 3 (three) MFSWs are not effectively catering to the needs of the State.

The State Food Safety Commissioner was accompanied by the State Programme Officer, Food Safety, Dr. John Kemp.

ADVISOR MOATOSHI EMBARKS ON DISTRICT TOUR

Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (ESDE), and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer embarked on a district tour to assess the Industrial Training Institutes and Employment Exchanges in the State.



Advisor Moatoshi Longkumer, accompanied by Additional Secretary and Ex-Officio Director of ESDE, Kovi Meyase, and other department officials conducted the second leg of the district tour to Longleng, Mokokchung, and Wokha on 26th and 27th May 2023.

The tour is part of the Government's efforts to promote skill development and employment opportunities in the State, and the insights gained from these visits will be used to develop concrete plans and strategies for improving the skilling ecosystem and livelihood opportunities in the State.

On 22nd May 2023, Moatoshi, accompanied by Additional Secretary and Ex-Officio Director of ESDE, Kovi Meyase and other officials of the Department, carried out the first leg of the tour, visiting Peren, Chümoukedima, and Dimapur districts. During the visit, Moatoshi inspected the ITIs in these districts and interacted with several key personnel such as officers from the District Employment Exchange and Rural Employment Bureau, as well as the Principal and Instructors of the ITIs.

The Advisor pointed out certain areas where improvements are needed, particularly in the areas of infrastructure and training quality. Moatoshi also discussed various measures that could be taken to enhance the employability of the students trained at these institutes.

NLEP REVIEW MEETING HELD

The National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), North Eastern States Regional Review Meeting-cum-Training Programme started with a short inaugural programme with Principal Advisor (NCDC), MoHFW GoI, Dr. Anil Kumar as the guest of honour and Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Government of Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS as the chief guest at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima on 29th May 2023.

CMO (NFSG), Central Leprosy Division, Dr. Lily Gangmei highlighted the aims and objectives of the review meeting and mentioned that the training would cover subjects such as National Strategic Plan (NSP), Roadmap for Leprosy 2023-27 and Nikusth 2.0.

Kikheto Sema said that leprosy is one of the oldest diseases known to man and despite advances in all spheres of medical sciences, it continues to be a public health challenge with over two lakh new cases reported every year in more than 120 countries. He further mentioned that as of date, Nagaland has 31 active cases of leprosy, out of which, 90 percent are from Dimapur and 80 percent of which are non-Naga migrant workers. He also said that India is making progress and new leprosy cases are declining every year and the country has promised to be Leprosy Free by 2027, three years ahead of SDG. Stating that the Government alone cannot achieve the said targets, he sought the support and coordination of all the stakeholders.

Dr. Anil Kumar appreciated the hard work of all the workers under the NLEP and presented the current updated data of leprosy cases around the world, expressing concern that 80 percent of the world leprosy cases prevail in India but was confident that with new initiatives being undertaken, the numbers would drop in the coming years.

ILEP India Co-ordinator (GLRA India), Dr. Srilekha Penna, National Professional Officer (Leprosy), WHO India, Dr. Rashmi Shukla and Deputy Director General (Leprosy), Central Leprosy Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. Sudarsan Mandal also spoke on the occasion.

MINISTER BASHANGMONGBA VISITS DDA

Minister of Housing & Mechanical, P. Basangmonba Chang visited Delhi Development Authority (DDA) along with Executive Engineer, PWD (Housing) and Junior Engineer, PWD (Housing) on 29th May 2023. A meeting was held with the Vice Chairman of DDA regarding road connectivity of the Staff Quarters at Dwarka, and the allotment of land for Nagaland State. The meeting was fruitful and assurance was given to consider the requests.

BAN TULI CHAPTER LAUNCHED

The Business Association of Nagas (BAN) Tuli Chapter was launched on 30th May 2023 by BAN Members led by its President, L. Mongkum Jamir in the presence of Peter Lokho, AGM, SBI, RBO Mokokchung, Tendimongba, Branch Manager, SBI Tuli, Ranjit Dutta, Branch Manager, SBI Tzudikong, officials from All Ward Union Tuli, Tzudikong Adhoc Town Council and a host of entrepreneurs from Tuli area.

Peter Lokho, in his brief speech, said there are many opportunities the bank has to offer to the upcoming Naga entrepreneurs by granting various kinds of business loans with subsidies, provided the youth are determined to do their business with commitment. He also assured to lend full support to BAN Tuli Chapter in every possible way in the days to come.

Details of the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI), Mudra loan, Stand Up India, MSME, and many other government schemes that can be availed by genuine entrepreneurs were highlighted

by L. Mongkum Jamir, President of BAN, Nagaland. He stressed that subsidy should not be a means to do business, and asserted that local entrepreneurs are to be held responsible for creating the ecosystem and should not depend on others to do it for them. He also said that the organization's objective is to uplift and pave ways for the economic growth of the Naga society with a focus on young entrepreneurs.

The Executive Council Members of BAN, Nagaland, Tiatemsu Longchar and Akum Jamir also highlighted various kinds of upcoming schemes to be implemented with the help of BAN, Nagaland which will be initiated through the BAN Tuli Chapter in Tuli sub-division.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY CELEBRATED**ACROSS THE STATE****KOHIMA:**

State Tobacco Control Cell, National Tobacco Control Programme Nagaland celebrated World No Tobacco Day under the theme 'We need food, not tobacco' at G. Rio School Kohima on 31st May 2023 with special guest, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare.

Kikheto Sema said that consumption of Tobacco is on the rise as approximately two lakh hectares of land is utilized for farming tobacco which is affecting our lives and the lives of farmers. He urged people to stay away from using all tobacco products which not only affects one's health but also affects the economy of family and society as a whole.

Sema mentioned that in the State, more than 700 patients are registered in

hospitals detected with cancer, mostly tobacco-related issues, and today, Nagaland is the second highest user of tobacco in India next to Mizoram. He suggested churches, NGOs, and political willpower to come forward to curb the situation. As he launched the 60 days 'No Tobacco Campaign,' he urged all the students, and children to initiate 'No Tobacco Home.' He also congratulated and gave away certificates to 15 students from G. Rio School for pledging 'No Tobacco Home' along with their parents, which is a great response to pave the way for huge changes as Nagaland is the fourth state in the country to start 'No Tobacco Home.'

Linoka K. Awomi, DTCC Consultant, NTCP spoke on the 'Economic impact of tobacco-use.'

WOKHA:

District Tobacco Control Cell, National Tobacco Control Programme, Wokha organized the World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2023 at the Lotha Hoho building with Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan IAS and Joint Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Merebeni Odyuo as the special guest and guest of honor respectively.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that sensitizing the people and spreading awareness about the harmful effects and use of tobacco products is very important as it the only way make them understand the ill effect that it has on individual health. He urged all to come together and run a campaign across the district to make Wokha district free from tobacco, and also to take a pledge to take action against all forms of ill-effects associated with tobacco. He also

stated that the cooperation from the School Education Department in the district would ensure that all schools in Wokha district are 100% Free Tobacco Zone.

Dr. Merebeni Odyuo, while giving a brief highlight about the launching of the Tobacco Free Home Campaign, said the objective aims to take anti-tobacco campaign from schools to homes, creating awareness about the danger of tobacco use including smoking, smokeless tobacco products, and indiscriminate spitting. She urged all to come together and work towards creating tobacco-free homes and to educate our families and communities, and extend support to tobacco users who wants to quit and create a healthier and safer environment for everyone.

During the occasion, the DC felicitated Yikhum village with the Best Performing Tobacco Free Village, while Dr. Odyuo handed over Tobacco Free Home Campaign certificates to parents of Fernbrook School Wokha.

Dr. Krunichuno Rino, SMO, ENT spoke on the theme 'We need food, not tobacco.'

MON:

District Tobacco Control Cell, Mon organized World No Tobacco Day, with the theme 'We need food, not tobacco' on 31st May 2023 at District Hospital Mon with Deputy Commissioner Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS as special guest and Dr. Imlienla, Mo (F.I.A.R.T.C) Mon as the theme speaker.

Deputy Commissioner Mon said that it is the responsibility of all to create a tobacco-free society, and requested all responsible citizens to cooperate to have

a tobacco-free society. He also launched Tobacco Free Youth Campaign.

The theme speaker highlighted that the 2023 global campaign aims to raise awareness about alternative crop production and marketing opportunities for tobacco farmers. She said the State does not cultivate tobacco, but directly or indirectly, people are encouraging tobacco cultivation by spending money on buying tobacco products as well as its related diseases, rather than spending money on buying healthy food products.

E. Nyeamyang Konyak, District Consultant, DTCC, Mon said that earlier, there were 18 Tobacco Free Schools in Mon town and this time, five new schools were declared Tobacco Free Schools, and certificates were handed over to the school representatives.

TUENSANG:

District Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Tobacco Control Cell and Assam Rifles observed World No Tobacco Day at Town Hall, Tuensang on 31st May 2023 on the theme 'We need food, not tobacco.'

K. Yapang Longchar, Deputy Superintendent, Tuensang, sharing his personal experience, said one must have the willpower to quit tobacco, and encouraged the students to do away with chewing tobacco which is harmful to health as well as the economy in general.

'Legal Aspects of COTPA Act 2003' was delivered by B. Yemlong Chaba, Panel Lawyer TDLA, 'Effects of tobacco and its consequences' by Dr. Aoyanger, Junior Dental Surgeon, DH Tuensang and 'How



Bike Rally and Anti Tobacco March was held on World No Tobacco Day at Tuensang on 31st May 2023.

to quit tobacco,' by Dr. Firdous Ahmed, 7 Dental Unit AR.

DIMAPUR:

World No Tobacco Day-cum-Launching Programme of 'Tobacco Free Schools to Tobacco Free Homes' initiative was observed under the theme 'We need food, not tobacco' on 31st May 2023 at Greenwood Higher Secondary School, Dimapur.

Speaking on the theme, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo, District Nodal Officer, NTCP Dimapur said that all educational institutions in Nagaland have been declared as Tobacco Free from 1st May 2023 to strengthen Tobacco Control Laws, to reduce easy accessibility of tobacco products to children, to protect the future generation from the full impact of tobacco epidemic. She added that to strengthen the enforcement, the State Government has authorized police personnel and teachers of all educational institutions to act as Enforcement Officers to implement Section 6 (b) of COTPA 2003 within their jurisdiction, COTPA 2003, Section 6 (b) ban on sale of tobacco and tobacco-related

products within 100 yards of educational institutions.

Tobacco-Free Schools to Tobacco-Free Homes is an initiative of the State Tobacco Control Cell Nagaland so that educational institution becomes tobacco-free which would impact every student to be aware of the dangers of tobacco, the health

and environmental hazards it causes, basic provisions of the COTPA 2003, students to have the required knowledge to create anti-tobacco awareness in their homes and also an initiative to reach out to the unreached with an anti-tobacco campaign.

Altogether 20 students were awarded Tobacco Free Home Certificates.

MOATSU FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

Moatsu, the premier festival of the Ao Nagas was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 1st May 2023, organized by the Ao Senden.

Gracing the occasion as the guest of honour, MLA, Nuklutoshi while sharing Moatsu greetings called upon the people to introspect in aspect of the community in order to prepare themselves to carry forward the dreams and aspirations which their predecessors worked and aspired for the people. He also called upon the people to unite and fight against all the negativities in the society in order to move forward as a progressive society. Lamenting about the loss of local values, he gave a clarion call to the community to preserve the customs and values of our tradition.

Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Sashank Pratap Singh, IAS addressing the gathering said that their hard work is accepted and rewarded in the form of bountiful harvest. He also mentioned that it is a time to rejuvenate, recreate and accept God's blessings after a hard labour and a time of community bonding.

Gracing the Moatsu Festival at Mokokchung, on 2nd May 2023, Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said celebration of festival is a time to showcase the distinctive culture and also a time to strengthen and build community bonding.

Rio maintained that impact of modernization can be felt in every walk of life and there is a need to preserve the unique identity through the traditional



A cultural troupe presenting a folk dance during the Moatsu celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 2nd May 2023.

customs and practices. Emphasising on the various issues prevalent in the society, he said these issues need to be addressed through collective effort.

On the occasion, the guest of honour, Minister, Rural Development and State Institute of Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir called upon the gathering to introspect on all the blessings bestowed upon them through all the natural resources.

Moatsu greetings were shared by President, Chakhesang Public Organization, Vezuhu Keyho, President, Chang Khulie Setshang, Nungsanglemba and President, Sumi Hoho, Nikheto Zhimomi.

UNION MoS V. K. SINGH VISITS MON

General (DR) V. K. Singh (Retd.) Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, Government of India visited Mon district and held a review meeting of NH projects in Mon district with the District Administration and Heads of Offices of Mon district at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 1st May 2023.

The Minister said that for

development and quality works in the district, local contractors are better as they have more knowledge about the district. He encouraged them to introduce entrepreneur workshops and train people who want to get into such businesses so that they can take all types of contracts. He also added that after 2014, the Central Government gave greater attention to North East and now connectivity is better, and things are moving ahead. Therefore, he urged them to reach the lower level where development is poor. There was also an interaction with all the Heads of Offices and the Minister also visited the District Hospital Mon after the meeting.

S. Phangnon Konyak, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) welcomed the Union Minister of State, Heads of Offices of Mon district, and expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for his visit to Mon.

ENTREPRENEUR'S CLUB LAUNCHED AT PEREN

District Administration Peren organized a launching programme of the Entrepreneur's Club at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 1st May 2023.

Deputy Commissioner Peren, Vineet Kumar while sharing the concept note of the Entrepreneur's Club, asserted that the youth today faces several challenges and the most critical is the lack of job opportunities and the issue of unemployment. He also stated that jobs in the government sector are saturated while in the private sector, the jobs are limited and require specific skill sets.

The DC said there seems to be a low desire to take up entrepreneurship among the youth and this may be due to several factors such as low risk-taking traits, and a lack of right mindset for running an enterprise, among others. This may be attributed to a lack of exposure during formative years, a lack of practical experience, and the absence of a culture of entrepreneurship. Entrepreneur's Club is therefore envisaged to overcome some of the challenges being faced by the entrepreneurs in the district. He also added that the vision of the club is to create a culture of entrepreneurship in the district and to strengthen and grow the existing entrepreneurs so that others can also get inspiration from them.

The officers present also highlighted the different services available under government flagship programmes that provide a platform to promote entrepreneurs. The Club will also have successful entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs, and officers from various departments as members.



DC Peren, Vineet Kumar, and others during the launching of the Entrepreneur's Club at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 1st May 2023.

DIMAPUR DPDB MEETING DELIBERATES ON INSTALLATION OF CCTVs

After the culmination of 14th NLA elections, the first Dimapur District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was conducted on 5th May 2023, under the chairmanship of Advisor, Moatoshi Longkumer.

The meeting which was attended by Advisors Tovihoto Ayemi and Hekani Jakhalu deliberated on several agenda raised by the Dimapur DPDB Chairman, which included compulsory installation of CCTVs in all the shops and streets under Dimapur district. The Chairman also suggested that all the departments need to mandatorily install CCTV in their respective offices within a specific time frame. For the street lights, the Board agreed for sending proposal to the Government through the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur for sanction.

Another agenda discussed was regarding removal of obsolete cable wires and telephone posts which destroys the outlook of the city. Towards this, DC Dimapur Sachin Jaiswal, IAS informed the Board that the District Administration has met the cable TV providers and field visit has also been conducted by SDO (C) and plan of action has been charted out.

Other agenda discussed was the need for greening of Dimapur, where the Forest and Horticulture Departments could chip in for taking the major responsibility. The Board also agreed to the suggestion of the Chairman, Dimapur DPDB, wherein all the departments were asked for submission of progress report every month to the DC

Dimapur, with a vision of working with transparency and commitment. Towards this, Advisor Hekani commented that public needs to know the schemes implemented by different departments, since it exist for the public.

Advisor Tovihoto appealed to the officers to take the privilege of serving the people of Dimapur and to make themselves available, reminding them of being fortunate to be posted at Dimapur in various capacities. He asked them to be punctual and regular in attending the DPDB meeting as it is being conducted only once in a month.

Upgradation of schools, Grant-in-Aid, opening of Para Medical and Allied under Nagaland University, CMHIS registration were also discussed.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman Longleng DPDB, Dharam Raj, IAS at DPDB Hall, Longleng on 6th May 2023.

The Board deliberated on demolishing the abandoned building of Government High School, Nyengching, Longleng, next to the ongoing construction of the new District Hospital Longleng, as it is hampering the work in progress.

Y. Angong Buchem, AHO and Talimeren, DHO, Horticulture Department presented the departmental activities to the Board.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Kiphire District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman DPDB, C. Kipili Sangtam, at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 5th May 2023.

Briefing the members, the Chairman reminded the Heads of Offices of strict attendance. He informed that the agenda/proposals should be submitted through the concerned Department HoDs with proper reports.

The members discussed on the proposal for setting up of De-Addiction Rehabilitation Centre at Kiphire, representation for Land Owner Right at

PHC Longya which has been differed to the next meeting due to absence of the applicant. New agenda approved during the meeting included - maintenance of road (metaling and black topping) at various location in Kiphire town area, establishment of police outposts in Kiusam and Mimi Circle, creation of SDPO post for Pungro Sub-Division, addition of personnel of Police Department Kiphire, construction of Community Hall under Ministry of Tribal Affairs at New Risethsi, and creation of Sub-District Industries Centre at Seyochung. In regard to creation of Forest Ranger's Office at Seyochung and Pungro, the concerned department has been directed to put up the proposal.



MLA & Chairman DPDB Kiphire, C. Kipili Sangtam speaking during the DPDB meeting at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire on 5th May 2023.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister and Chairman, Peren DPDB, T. R. Zeliang at DC's Conference Hall, Peren on 6th May 2023.

The Board held a brief review of the decision taken in the previous meeting, after which it deliberated on monsoon preparedness in the district, wherein EE, Urban Development, EE PWD (R&B), EE, Power, Deputy CMO and ADS (F&CS) briefed the Board about some of the major challenges faced in certain areas by the

respective departments during the period of monsoon and also the projects undertaken by them. Regarding this agenda, various feedback and positive inputs were placed and discussed among the members. The Chairman also requested the concerned departments to take note of the issues highlighted and further advised them to make extensive preparations in advance.

The proposal for recognition of Poilwa Namzidang village was explained to the members of the Board by EAC Ngwalwa, Imtinungla Longkumer. The Board agreed to approve and forward the proposal to the Government.

In the meeting, a brief presentation on the topic 'Nikshay Mitra' was given by DPO UIP/RCH, Dr. Kiholi Assumi, while departmental activity was also presented by the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Another agenda discussed in the meeting was the adoption of schools by departments and road dividers in Jalukie town.

DC TUENSANG GRACES DIET SILVER JUBILEE

Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Nokchasashi graced the silver jubilee of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Tuensang on 8th May 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that achieving a Jubilee is not an easy task, and that it is a day of celebration of achievement and also a time of devotion and commitment to the work done and to reevaluate and draw a roadmap for the action plan for the future. The DC also said that the State has a shortage of trained and



DC Tuensang, Nokchasashi gracing the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Tuensang Silver Jubilee at DIET Auditorium Tuensang on 8th May 2023.

qualified teachers which hampers the quality of the education system. He encouraged the students to adjust to the changing qualities of the world and envision the skill and knowledge which will benefit the society as a whole. He also highlighted the New Education Policy 2020 of the Government.

TRIBAL ARTISAN MELA HELD ACROSS DISTRICTS

WOKHA:

Two-day Tribal Artisans Mela, sponsored by the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India began on 9th May 2023 at Town Hall, Wokha. 50 (fifty) Artisans from various parts of the district took part on the first day of the mela, varieties of products were brought for exhibition and sale during the event by the artisans.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS while addressing



DC Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan visiting the stalls during the Tribal Artisans Mela at Town Hall, Wokha on 9th May 2023.

the inaugural programme, expressed gratitude to the representatives of TRIFED, India NEHDC, and NBHM for providing opportunities to the tribal artisans of Wokha district through increased efficiency in procurement, logistics, and marketing of tribal products. He also urged the artisans to take feedback from TRIFED and improve the quality of their products and emphasized that TRIFED would not only help in sourcing tribal art and craft in its original form but also in spreading awareness about all of its activities.

Sh. Pamthing Keishing, DM TRIFED Regional Office, Gauhati highlighted the empanelment process for the tribal artisans and their products. He explained the importance of empanelment and its benefits in marketing tribal products. He also encouraged the artisans to showcase their unique and diverse products at the event.

The Mela provided a platform for tribal communities to exhibit their talents and skills and showcase their products to a wider audience. It was organized under the Marketing and Logistics Development for the promotion of tribal products.

TUENSANG:

Nokchasashi, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang inaugurated the two-day Tribal Artisans Mela on 15th May 2023 at Town Hall Tuensang. The Mela was organized by Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development of India Ltd. (TRIFED) in collaboration with District Administration, Tuensang.

DC Tuensang stated that handicrafts and handlooms are mainly based at the village level in Nagaland, and such Melas brings opportunities to the local artisans not only to showcase their work but also to open a window of opportunity to sell their products worldwide. He further added that Tuensang district being known as the 'Land of Culture', the Tribal Artisans Mela will help the artisans to preserve their cultural identity and also promote their products through marketing linkages.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th May 2023 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The meeting was conducted by the Vice Chairman and DC Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan.

To develop and promote sports activities under Khelo India Centre in the district, the Board discussed and recommended to

the State Government for approval for setting up of Khelo India Centre for Archery at Mt. Tiyi College, Wokha. The Board also discussed the installation of a separate Power Transformer for Wokha District Hospital, and entrusted the concerned department (Health & Family Welfare) to pursue the matter in earnest for early installation, for the benefit of the district in the health care system.

Various departments submitted an action plan for the four selected aspirational villages, one each from the four Assembly Constituencies.

Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan maintained that the implementation of various schemes and projects should not only be on paper presentation but should be implemented in letter and spirit for the benefit of the district.

GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN VISITS SHAMATOR

Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan visited Shamator district and held meeting with government officials and Civil Society Organizations at District DB's Customary Court, Shamator on 10th May 2023.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor said inspite of many challenges like financial implications, Shamator district was created for the people of Yimkhiung and Tikhir tribes to bring governance and administration closer to the people of Shamator for peace and development. He urged the two communities of Yimkhiung and Tikhir tribes to forget and forgive past issues and conflicts because peace is required for growth and progress of the society, and said that there should be equitable share in all the development



Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan addressing Government Officials and Civil Society Organizations at a meeting held at District DB's Customary Court during his visit to Shamator district on 10th May 2023.

activities irrespective of village, area, clan and tribe.

The Governor said elementary education is a constitutional right and no child should be left behind, stating that the literacy rate of Shamator district is 66.25 % which is the lowest in the State, and urged the gathering to put extra efforts to provide better education. Ganesan also urged the government officials to put efforts in providing basic necessities like education, drinking water, health, good roads and banking facilities, for the benefit of the people.

The Governor also held an interaction with the Civil Society Organizations and Heads of Offices.

CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

Under the chairmanship of Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, Chumoukedima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 10th May 2023 at DC's Conference Hall.

Addressing the meeting, the DPDB Chairman mentioned that since

Chumoukedima has been adopted as 'Land of Opportunity,' every department should develop work culture with the opportunities that the departments have in their programmes and activities, and as the Chairman, he sought support and cooperation from all the departments in serving the people.

During the meeting, the Board reviewed the previous meeting agenda of recognition of Shikato village under Dhansiripar sub-division which was approved by the Board after authentication and verification. Other agenda deliberated at the meeting were approval for recognition of Jehovah Jereh School, Vidima. The meeting decided that Grant-in-Aid for Highland Hall Higher Secondary School, Naga United Village will be taken up after the DEO submit the report and will be deliberated in the next meeting. Registration of society for Serendip Guardians, 7th Mile Model Village will also be taken up in the next DPDB meeting. Nodal Officer for Disaster Management, Chumoukedima gave a short presentation on monsoon forecast, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Health & Family Welfare and Public Health Engineering also delivered short reviews on monsoon preparedness.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

Zunheboto district held its monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting at DC's Conference Hall on 10th May 2023 with Zunheboto Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, Zunheboto DPDB, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS chairing the meeting.

Priyanka from Skill Development

Ministry read out her report on various awareness programmes to educate the public about various loans and schemes that can be availed by the public, especially cultivators, and she also gave a report on various possible ways where employment and revenues can be generated.

The Deputy Commissioner said that various proposals have been sent to the Ministry and Departments, and suggested that it will be good if a Call Centre can be set up at Zunheboto, so as to help the unemployed educated youths.

The Board Members also discussed on the issue of putting a ban on hunting and fishing as it destroys and disturbs the ecosystem. After deliberation, the members agreed to ban fishing of all kinds for two months i.e. June and July 2023, and for ban on hunting, the Board decided to take up the matter in the next meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner informed the Board that State Bank of India (SBI) has given assurance for setting up of SBI at Pughoboto and Atoizu.

PHEK DPDB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Phek District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 10th May 2023 at DPDB Hall, Phek.

Meeting agenda were, inclusion of the seven villages in Tizu area under DUDA schemes, proposed by Advisor, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe. The Board deliberated and agreed to recommend to the Government for approval.

Chairman Phek DPDB and Minister,



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G Kenye, Advisors and MLA during the monthly meeting at DPDB Hall, Phek on 10th May 2023.

Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye, Advisor for Civil Administrative Works Department and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, Advisor, New & Renewal Energy, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority and MLA Dr. Niesatuo Mero attended the meeting, and interacted with department officers of PHED, Urban Development, and Environment, Forest & Climate Change encouraging them to continue their sincere services for public benefit in the district.

Regarding the upgradation of Chizami SDO (C) Headquarter to ADC Headquarter and the upgradation of EAC Headquarter to SDO (C) Headquarter, the Board agreed to recommend both proposed agenda for approval to the Government.

Detailed PowerPoint presentations on department activities were given by Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) and (National Highways) at the meeting.

NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was

held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 11th May 2023. Public Health Engineering Department Minister and Chairman Niuland DPDB, Jacob Zhimomi while addressing the meeting, urged concerned departments to get prepared as the upcoming monsoon could be very harsh for the district.

Zhimomi also stressed on empowering the youths and urged all the stakeholders to provide a platform to the youth in the district. Departments that are yet to establish an office in the new district have been directed to put up the proposal through District Administration for necessary action, said Zhimomi.

The following agenda were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting: Upgradation of Greenland School, Lotovi village under Kuhuboto, and Holywood School, Nihoto village under Kuhuboto. PowerPoint presentation on National Helpline for senior citizens was delivered. Science and Commerce stream to be established in the Government Higher Secondary School Niuland was also discussed.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Noklak District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 12th May 2023 at DCs' Conference Hall, Noklak under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, Noklak DPDB, P. Longon. MLA Benei M Lamthiu also attended the meeting.

While welcoming the members, P. Longon requested all the members to work

in unity and proper coordination among the members for the progress of the district.

During the meeting, the Board approved the post-creation of an Information Centre headed by an Information Assistant under the Department of Information & Public Relations at Panso Headquarter which was recommended to the concerned Department. The Board approved and recommended for creation of CDPO's Office Panso town under Noklak district.

The proposal for the creation of a Government Primary School at Nokhu Noking village was approved and apprised to the concerned department for the construction of a road at Noklak District Headquarter under Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Urban Development and construction of PHC building at ITC Dan and Choklangan, which was approved and recommended to the concerned Department.

The Board also discussed and approved for formation of a Land Acquisition Committee for Noklak, the construction of a Traffic Island, and the construction of footpath and drainage at Noklak town.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 12th May 2023 at EAC Headquarter, Tsogin under the chairmanship of Ar. Jwenga Seb, MLA. The chairman requested the members to extend cooperation and urged the members to be sincere, dedicated, and diligent in their assigned duties and responsibilities.

After a review of the previous meeting minutes, DC and Vice Chairman, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS expressed gratitude to Tsogin Range Public Organisation (TRPO) for hosting the meeting. He spoke on the need for inhabitation that will come up with faster development and asked the villagers to take the initiative in the development of the range. The members resolved to forward the upgradation of the Tseminyu Sub Health Centre to Primary Health Centre, setting up a Mini Technology Centre in Tseminyu district, construction of Tourist Lodge at Tseminyu town.

TRPO requested for upgradation of roads from EAC Headquarter Tsogin to Logwesunyu village, setting of Veterinary Dispensary & Quarantine Checkpost at Tsogin, upgradation of Heath Sub-Centre at Sendenyu to Primary Health Centre (PHC).

LONGLENG DMC MEETING ON CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME FOR FORMATION AND PROMOTING OF 10000 FPOs

Longleng District Monitoring Committee (DMC) meeting on Central Sector Scheme for formation and promotion of 10000 FPOs was held on 12th May 2023 at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Longleng.

Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, Dharam Raj, IAS briefed the house on the objective of the meeting. Project Head, Bhaskar Parnt informed the house that M/s Doric Multimedia Pvt. Ltd. has been assigned one FPO each in Longleng Block, Tamlu Block, and Sakshi Block. Doric Multimedia Pvt. Ltd. will provide technical support to these FPOs.

Considering the hilly nature of the areas, it was emphasized that a minimum of 100 farmers should be enrolled per FPO to ensure viability and effectiveness. He also informed the house that each FPO shall have a Board of Directors consisting of ten members, including a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and an Accountant. The FPOs shall be registered under the Producer Company Act. The Committee acknowledged the importance of competent leadership and financial management for the success of FPO.

The Committee discussed the primary and secondary crops to be emphasized by each FPO. It was agreed upon that Longleng Block will focus on ginger cultivation, Tamlu Block on coffee production, and Sakshi Block on maize/mustard cultivation. Additionally, the Committee recognized the potential of other secondary crops which could complement the primary crops: Longleng Block (Crops): Pineapple, Litchi, Orange, Coffee, Rubber, Tamlu Block (Crops): Betel Vine, Areca Nut, Lime, Large Cardamom, Sakshi Block (Crops): Ginger, Colocassia, Leafy vegetables.

Furthermore, the Committee acknowledged the commendable ginger cultivation being carried out by a group of approximately 40 households in Hukphang and Lingtak. It was recommended that this group be converted into an FPO, recognizing their expertise and potential for further development.

The Committee deliberated on the challenges faced in the district, including the lack of processing units, cold storage facilities, and logistical issues. However, there was optimism that Doric Multimedia Pvt. Ltd. would play a vital role in addressing these challenges and bridging the existing gaps

through their technical support.

The Committee agreed that the District Agriculture Office should collaborate with Doric Multimedia Pvt. Ltd. to identify the primary and secondary crops for each FPO. These crops will be finalized in the upcoming meeting.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The Mon District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th May 2023 under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS at DC's Conference Hall, Mon.

During the meeting, a major repair of the bridge between the new site and the Main Bazaar, Mon town was discussed and forwarded to DUDA and DPDB Chairman. The Board discussed the construction of a 132 KV Transmission line from Longleng to Mon with a 2x25 MVA Substation at Mon town as an alternative power line. The Yei Students' Union registration was forwarded to the concerned department for the same.

During the meeting, opening of Laifa School at Chingkao, Aboi, Goodwill School Mon and renewal of provisional recognition up to Class V and Class VIII recognition of Eastwood School, Mon was approved.

SDO (C) Mon, Rongsenmenla gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan District Level Awareness Campaign at Mon district.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at DPDB Conference Hall,

Kohima on 18th May 2023.

In the meeting, Advisor, Prisons, Printing & Stationery and Chairman, Kohima DPDB, Er. Kropol Vitsu said that the reality of the matter should be highlighted to the public regarding any project or schemes that comes up for better understanding, cooperation and better results. Kropol also requested the MLAs of Kohima district to come up with the desirable mechanism and work plans to be done on priority to move forward in all round developmental activities and also urged the members of the DPDB to be dedicated, active and cooperative in any given opportunity for the developmental activities.

During the meeting, application received for Society Registration from Japfü Christian College Alumni Association, Don Bosco College Kohima Alumni Association, Kohima Ao Baptist Church and Kohima Village Students' Union were deliberated and the same was approved and recommended for further necessary action.

In the meeting, the Best Performance of the Village Adoption Committee 2022-2023 prize were awarded, where 10 Northern Angami I was adjudged as the winner and the first runner-up and second runner-up were awarded to 8-Western Angami and 14-Southern Angami-I respectively.

Rise of sale of Korean beverages which contains high percentage of alcohol in the market in and around Kohima city was highlighted to the Board by Additional Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Relo Aye, and for which the District Administration,

Kohima Municipal Council and Police have decided to take up the issue immediately for its early redressal.

Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, T. Lanusenla Longkumer gave a presentation on 'Meri LiFE Mera Swachh Shehar Campaign,' a cleanliness drive, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. She said that under the campaign, 1 RRR centre will be set up in every ward in the city to collect plastic items, old books, used clothes and footwear and any other items which will be further refurbished, reused or processed. The Administrator requested the members to co-operate in spreading the message to all concerned and contribute the said items to the volunteers like NGOs, SHGs, Swachh TULIP intern, RWA members and citizen volunteers.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting on 18th May 2023 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, Tuensang DPDB, Imtichuba Chang.

Reviewing the previous month's meeting minutes, the Board recommended for the upgradation of GMS 3rd NAP Sakshi GHS after bringing forward the enrolment of students from NAP Sector and three nearby villages. The Board also discussed on the T. Ao Trophy to be held at Tuensang in October 2023 and Heads of Offices' contribution towards Tuensang District Football Association (TDFA).

The Board recommended for registration of Sangle Yangmai Society and Soteria Welfare Society Tuensang, and also recommended for change of school nomenclature from GPS MKG-Noksen Road to GPS Eshou. PowerPoint presentation on departmental activities was delivered by Transport Department, wherein it highlighted the Department activities like issuing of Driving Licence, Learners' Licence, Vehicle Registration, enforcement and road safety in the district.

MoS NARAYANASWAMY REVIEWS CSS UNDER WOKHA DISTRICT

Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, A. Narayanaswamy visited Wokha on 19th May 2023. The purpose of his visit was to review the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) under Wokha district.

During his visit, the Minister visited Longsa village and held interaction with the public leaders, village council, and Self Help Groups and enquired whether all the CSS are reaching their doorsteps.

Longsa Village Council submitted a memorandum to the MoS for widening and blacktopping of Longsa village road, covering about 3 Km and one RCC bridge.

Later after his visit to Longsa village, the Minister also held an interaction with all the Heads of Offices under Wokha district which are implementing CSS. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Rural Development,

Public Health Engineering Department, Water Resources, Social Welfare, Public Health Engineering, and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), highlighted to the visiting Minister the various CSS which are taken up and ongoing projects under their respective departments.

A. Narayanaswamy urged all the departments to strictly follow the guidelines and ensure that schemes are effectively implemented so that the public is benefitted. He also directed all officers to be sincere and dedicated in discharging their assigned responsibilities in order to achieve the goals and desires of the Government.

The Minister also launched the Wokha SAATHI Chatbot Single Point Hub for citizen's service at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha. SAATHI Chatbot is an innovative initiative aimed at enhancing citizen-government interaction and service delivery through the implementation of a conversational AI based chatbot operating on WhatsApp (WhatsApp No. 7005577231).

KHONOMA VILLAGE CELEBRATES THEKRANYI FESTIVAL 2023

The denizens of Khonoma village celebrated Thekranyi Festival 2023 under the theme 'Excelling in the 21st Century' at the Community Hall, Terhotsiese Khonoma on 20th May 2023.

Greeting the people of Khonoma, Minister, Horticulture, Women Resource and host of the Festival, Salhoutuonuo Kruse highlighted the significance of the Festival and

stated that Thekranyi is a festival of the youth, the young and the aged group enjoy and feast, using their earnings from agricultural labour. She said that this Festival marks the beginning for the farmers to start their agriculture and farming. She also elaborated that this Festival is a time when youths go to their foster parents' homes to feast.

Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, Keoshu Yimchunger said that he has observed and learned so much in his visit, Khonoma is not only a clean village but a highly potential village and expressed his happiness on seeing so many old aged groups joining and sharing their love with the young ones, adding that this kind of blessing comes only with love, cooperation, and inheriting the good message and practice of old-age traditions.

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland & Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha acknowledged the people of Khonoma for their contribution to the journey of making 'Nagaland.' He said that Khonoma village has given its best sons and daughters to the Naga people in all walks of life, and acknowledged the legendary personalities and leaders of the village who have given their ultimate sacrifice for the sake of Nagas.

Metha also mentioned that the youths should get acquainted with quality education and technology as the world is moving at a very fast pace with technological advancement every day. He assured that the 'Thekranyi Festival' will become an official part of the Nagaland calendar and even suggested setting up a Khonoma Green Fund

to improve the economy so that various aspects of the environment and biodiversity can be managed.

RRR CENTRES INAUGURATED

KOHIMA:

Celebrating Amrit Utsav (100 cities - 100 events) and propagating the 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar' campaign, a Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0 Initiative, the Kohima Municipal Council in collaboration with the Kohima Smart City Development Limited inaugurated Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) Centres for the Ward no. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 under Kohima Municipal Council at its office, Super Market Complex, Kohima on 20th May 2023.

In the programme, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Shanavas C, IAS said not being farsighted and not thinking about sustainable development is a problem. He lamented that the waste created is more than the population of Kohima City which poses hazardous impacts on its citizens. He, therefore, urged all the stakeholders to come forward and create awareness in all the localities under Kohima municipality and asked the citizens to have civic sense and a sense of belonging and do away with the habit of saying 'My Wish' and be responsible for greener and livable environment.

Administrator, Kohima Municipal Council, T. Lanusenla Longkumer gave a brief keynote address about the aims and objectives and the initiatives undertaken.

She said that the campaign aims to create a cleaner and better healthy environment for a positive impact on the lives of its citizens. She also informed that the best three RRR Centres will be awarded.

ABOI:

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (RRR) Centre was inaugurated at Aboi on 20th May 2023. ADC and Administrator, Aboi Town



The Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (RRR) Centre was inaugurated at Aboi on 20th May 2023.

Council, Phuleshe K Yepthomi inaugurated the RRR Centre under the 'Meri LiFE Mera Swachh Shehar' campaign on 20th May 2023 at Council Hall, Aboi.

Phuleshe emphasized the importance of waste items that can be recycled and reused to not only suit the environment but also help in minimizing waste products as a whole. This approach is economical on an individual level as well as on a community level. He further urged the gathering to make use of the RRR centres that has been established in all the

wards of Aboi and also to practice the concept of reduce, reuse, and recycle not only for now but also in the days to come.

LONGLENG:

Longleng Town Council organized a launching event of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Longleng Town Council organized a launching event of RRR, (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre at the Longleng Town Council Office premises on 20th May 2023.

(RRR) Centre on 20th May 2023 at Longleng Town Council office premises. The event was attended by a host of NGOs which included Longleng Town Ward Union, Phomla Hoichem, Phom Students Conference, Chamber of Commerce and Industries along with Dobashis and Gaonburas.

During the event, SDO (C), Trongdiba Tongpi Sangtam stated that similar centres shall be set up in all existing Wards and Points with the support of ward leaders and the public. A brief presentation was given by Isaac, MIS, Swachh Bharat Mission, Longleng.

YUVA UTSAV ORGANISED ACROSS DISTRICTS**TSEMINYU:**

The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Tseminyu under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in collaboration with District Administration Tseminyu and GHS Tseminyu organized a one-day mega event Yuva Utsav at Town Hall, Tseminyu on 22nd May 2023 with MLA Jwenga Seb as special guest.



Yuva Utsav was organized with MLA Jwenga Seb as special guest at Town Hall Tseminyu on 22nd May 2023.

The MLA said Yuva Utsav is celebration of the energy, enthusiasm and potential of the youth. NYKS is an autonomous organization, established in 1972 with the aim of developing the personality and leadership qualities of young people in rural and urban areas. He said it provides a platform for young people to participate in various community development programmes and contribute to the development of communities and for young people to showcase their talents and skills. He said that the Prime Minister has laid

out resolutions for the nation's progress - the goal of a developed India, removing any trace of colonial mindset, taking pride in our roots and promoting unity and to promote a sense of duty among citizens.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Zunheboto under the Ministry of Youths Affairs and Sports, Government of India celebrated Yuva Utsav with the theme, 'Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal' on 25th May 2023 at Cornerstone Higher Secondary School with Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, IAS as special guest.

Deputy Commissioner exhorted the students by saying that the youth today are doing very well in every field citing the example of the recently declared Class X and Class XII results where the students have done very well, four Naga youths getting through UPSC exams, etc. He encouraged the students to do well not only in studies but also learn employable skills so that in the coming days, they would not be dependent on others.

Additional Superintendent of Police Zunheboto, Vekhrolo Kosa encouraged the students and also the teachers to focus on co-curricular activities also. He added that in order to compete, we need to upgrade our skills and that, those who have unique skills are recognised all over the world.

Students competed in different activities like cultural competitions, declamation, painting, poetry, and mobile photography contest.

DISHA REVIEW MEETING HELD**WOKHA:**

Wokha district held its District Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) review meeting with Member of Parliament (MP) Lok Sabha, and Chairman DISHA, Tokheho Yepthomi on 22nd May 2023 at the DC's Conference Hall, to oversee and monitor the progress of different works under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Advisor to Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Chumben Murry also attended the review meeting.

Lok Sabha, MP, Tokheho Yepthomi stated that the purpose of conducting the meeting is to remind the implementing departments to ensure that CSS and projects are effectively implemented on time and to ensure that schemes reach the targeted people, and urged all the officials to do their assignment with sincerity and give more efforts in serving people. He also informed the members that, from this year onwards, the State Government has to release the State Share of 10% first, after which the Central Government will release the remaining 90% Central share within 30 days.

During the meeting, the following departments - Food & Civil Supplies, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Agriculture, Public Health Engineering Department, Rural Development, Power, Social Welfare, and Health & Family Welfare presented activities of the CSS implemented under their respective departments. The departments' officials also presented some of

the issues, challenges, and ways forward for effective implementation.

ZUNHEBOTO:

Zunheboto district held its quarterly District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting with Member of Parliament (MP) Lok Sabha and Chairman DISHA, Tokheho Yepthomi, and MLA Dr. Sukhato A Sema at DC's Office on 24th May 2023.

MP Tokheho Yepthomi informed the members that all the ongoing projects and schemes have to be completed by the end of the year, only then the Central Government will give the next project or scheme, and also added that the State Government is not allowed to keep any Central Sponsored Schemes or project money in savings, rather the State Government is to report it to the Central Government if a particular project is not completed in a stipulated time or year. The MP requested the departments implementing Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and projects to make sure that every project is completed on time and to make sure that it reaches the beneficiaries.

Upon presentation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Food & Civil Supplies, Power, Rural Development, and Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), the MP asked the Agriculture Department to encourage the farmers by giving them all the facilities available including financial and also to identify various fruits and vegetables which

can be grown in that particular land so that the villagers can not only feed themselves but can also export it to other places thereby earning more revenue. He also requested the Department to reach out to the farmers especially for filling up of forms for PM Kisan as it is unlimited, and also, as it is found that many farmers' forms are being rejected due to the farmers being illiterate or ignorant.

The MP requested the Power Department to try to make a power generating plant so that they will not only be consumers but also producers and asked the Department to send various proposals for setting up of power generating plants at various places. The MP asked the H&FW Department to make various awareness programmes regarding how TB and HIV/AIDS is been spread and how people can avoid them and be safe.

ONE-DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

UNDER MON DISTRICT

District Education Mission Office, Samagra Shiksha Mon organized a one-day orientation programme for Head Teachers of Government Schools under Mon district on 25th May 2023 at Council Hall, Mon.

A total of 176 head teachers attended the programme. I. Moala Aier, SDEO Tizit, DEO in charge of Mon, while delivering the keynote address, requested them to utilize the school library book issued by the School Education Department, to encourage the children to read books and inculcate reading habits in their later age so that they will develop reading

skills.

Wanme, Associate Professor, DIET Mon, gave a brief description of the roles and functions of School Heads in light of National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020. He said, as responsible head teachers, each should be thorough with the Document Policy of Education.

Watlong Yanlem, ToT EBRC Mon, explained the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is an approach to curriculum that minimizes barriers and maximizes learning for all students. The curriculum should provide genuine learning opportunities for each and every student.

Shaala Siddhi was explained by T. Yitwang Konyak, ToT EBRC Tizit, Inclusive Education by Shasenle Y. Kent and Shalo Kent, IE Resource Person, FLN by Bangshing S Konyak, ToT EBRC Wakching, Vidya Pravesh by Manli, ToT EBRC Aboi, Record maintenance, Accounts & PFMS by James Ngushu Konyak, Assistant District Coordinator.

WORK PROGRESS OF JAL JEEVAN SHAKTI INSPECTION AT ZUNHEBOTO

Rahul Jain, IAS, Joint Secretary Department of Finances and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Ministry of Finances, Government of India visited Zunheboto from 24th-26th May 2023. He was accompanied by Anenuo Pienyu, Scientist-C, CGWB Ministry of Jal Shakti. Their main purpose of the visit was to give inputs for the effective implementation of Jal Jeevan Shakti.

On 24th May 2023, the Joint Secretary held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner

and all the departments associated with Jal Jeevan Shakti at DC's Conference Hall. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by the Nodal Officer and Executive Engineer, Water Resource Department about the percentage of work done, how much remains to be done, how much water is received from the spring water source and what are the plans for collecting water from the new sources in the next stage. He applauded the way Jal Jeevan Shakti is being implemented by the Water Resource Department staff and requested them to complete the work i.e. water connection to every household as soon as possible or as targeted i.e. December 2023. He also advised the concerned department to try and strengthen the spring water source and make it in such a way that there is no shortage of water even in dry periods and also added that any expenses borne out of strengthening the source will be covered by the Jal Jeevan Mission.

On 25th May 2023, the Joint Secretary, Rahul Jain along with various department officials visited the spring water sources

and also interacted with the villagers, Village Councils, and village GBs. They visited Khetoi, VK, and Nitokhe block, Aghunato town, Kelto village, Kitami village, Satami and Surumi under Suruhoto, Askhomi village under Zunheboto and also visited Jal Shakti Kendra at Zunheboto. During this visit, they were able to see the various spring water source, minor irrigation work done by the Water Resource Department under the NABARD scheme, Amrit Sarovar at Surumi, and the recently completed Amrit Sarovar at Asukhomi village, and the renovation of village pool at Asukhomi village under MGNREGA.

On 26th May 2023, Rahul Jain held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and all the departments' office heads associated with Jal Jeevan Mission at Conference Hall.

To the Public Health Engineering Department, Joint Secretary Rahul Jain asked them to identify the water sources of water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission or 15th Finance Commission, and a proposal to strengthen water sources wherever required to be taken up for approval in the



Joint Secretary, DIPAM, Ministry of Finances, Rahul Jain visited Zunheboto to give inputs for the effective implementation of Jal Jeevan Shakti from 24th to 26th May 2023.

Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. He also directed the department to monitor water quality at the source and also at households at regular intervals with proper record keeping.

To Rural Development Department, Joint Secretary Rahul Jain informed that the government has relaxed the one-acre norms for all North East States and so encouraged them to identify more and more water bodies as Amrit Sarovar, as the government has targeted that by 15th August, there should be at least 75 Amrit Sarovar in every district. He also instructed that Amrit Sarovars should be built properly and should be very sound with clear inlets and wastewater.

To the Forest Department, the Joint Secretary advised them to encourage the people to make rooftop rainwater harvesting structures and if possible, in making so, by even supplying them with materials.

TUENSANG DISTRICT LAUNCHES FIRST 1000 DAYS

The launching programme of the First 1000 Days under Health Mission was held at CMO's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 26th May 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Zerotso Kesiezie, EAC stated that it was a very significant issue that should be addressed immediately for the well-being of pregnant women and children of two years of age. He added that the successful implementation of this programme requires all-round support

from the medical and allied departments, churches, civil societies, and NGOs.

Dr. Imtijungshi Aier, DPO RCH Tuensang gave an introduction to the First 1000 Days, the importance of antenatal care and hospital delivery, and the convergence of Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Day.

Dr. Nusangtemjen, OBG District Hospital Tuensang spoke on the care of pregnant mothers, the importance of vaccination among children, and breastfeeding and early childhood development.

Tonen Chang, Co-ordinator of PMVVY, Social Welfare Department gave a detailed presentation on the PMVVY schemes and nutritional support during the first 1000 days, and Beti Chang from NSRLM, Rural Development gave a presentation on SBCC through SHG institutions.



EAC Tuensang, Zerotso Kesiezie along with the Department officials and participants at the launching programme of First 1000 Days at CMO's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 26th May 2023.

DISTRICT WATER QUALITY LAB INAUGURATED AT PHEK

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS who is also the Chairman of the District Water & Sanitation Mission, inaugurated the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited Water Quality Laboratory at Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) office, Phek on 2nd May 2023.

Ramnikant emphasized the advantages and benefits of having such a laboratory in the district, adding that people should know the quality of water before consumption, and urged the citizens of Phek district to get their water tested.

Quality Manager and District Chemist, PHED Division, Kethonu Theyo highlighted about NABL.

MICTC VEHICLES PROVIDED FOR DISTRICTS

Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema flagged off six (6) Mobile Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (MICTC) vehicles for Kiphire, Phek, Peren, Dimapur, Mokokchung and Zunheboto districts at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 6th May 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Sema stated that on 16th February 2023, four districts, namely Mon, Longleng, Tuensang, and Noklak, received new MICTC vehicles. Wokha and Kohima districts would be

receiving within a short period.

Kikheto thanked the National AIDS Control Organization for recognizing the challenges and the need of Nagaland state health service, specially pertaining to difficult terrains and hard to reach areas by taking a herculean step in replacing ten (10) old MICTC vehicles with new ones and also with two additional vehicles within a short span of time.



Commissioner and Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Y. Kikheto Sema with officials during the flagging off of six Mobile Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre Vehicles at the Directorate of H&FW, Kohima on 6th May 2023.

Nagaland's Adult HIV positivity stands at 1.61% which is the second highest in the country as against the national average of 0.22%. Kikheto urged the officers of the Department to work together with NGOs in synergy and scale

up all efforts to test, treat and educate the masses about this disease as well as other diseases which are envisaged to be eliminated by 2030 along the line of SDG Goals.

KHELO INDIA CENTRE INAUGURATED AT WOKHA

Khelo India Centre was inaugurated at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Wokha on 8th May 2023 by MLA, Y. M. Humtsoe.

Speaking as the special guest, Y. M. Humtsoe thanked the Government of India and State Government for giving the opportunity to the people of Wokha district to promote games and sports under the aegis of Khelo India and encourage

them to represent the district and the state even at national and international level. He said that the district has immense talent at the grass root level but due to lack of opportunities and facilities, it could produce only negligible number of sportspersons.

Humtsoe also reminded all the stakeholders of the district, that the district has a responsibility to encourage youngsters to take up sports as a profession, to produce more sportspersons to represent the State and the country in the international arena.

Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, IAS speaking on the occasion said the day is momentous for the district as it is the first Khelo India Centre (Badminton) in the district. The DC said that the Centre will provide necessary equipments, coaching facilities and other kind of support to sportspersons, particularly to the young and upcoming sportspersons, and added that with the training facilities, the Centre will nurture the young talents of the district.



MLA, Y. M. Humtsoe with officials during the inauguration of Khelo India Centre at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Wokha on 8th May 2023.

youngsters of the district to participate in the field of sports, which he said will enable

ADVISOR K. KONNGAM KONYAK INAUGURATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HERITAGE GALLERY

Advisor, Art & Culture and Treasuries & Accounts, K. Konngam Konyak inaugurated the Archaeological & Heritage Gallery at the State Museum, Directorate of Art & Culture, Bayavu Hill, Kohima on 10th May 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Konngam

spoke on the importance of Archaeological & Heritage Gallery, adding that the Gallery will be a valuable educational resource for all. He encouraged the Department to study and discover more to preserve the rich culture of Nagaland.

Overview of the Archaeological Gallery was presented by Prof. Tiatoshi Jamir, Department of History & Archaeology, Nagaland University, Kohima.

NAGALAND STATE COOPERATIVE BANK INAUGURATED AT NOKLAK

MLA, P. Longon inaugurated the Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Noklak. In his speech, Longon said the opening of the 22nd Branch which is located at Kiamngan Ward, Noklak town is a milestone for the people of Noklak. He said the economy of the district is based on agri-related activities and the opening of Nagaland State Cooperative Bank will help boost the

economy and uplift the rural and urban people of the district. He advised the people to get loans from the banks and repay it on time. He requested the staff of the Bank to give guidance for the upliftment of the people and urged the people of the district to start opening accounts in Nagaland State Co-operative Bank and avail the benefits provided by the bank.

MLA, Benei M Lamthiu said this Bank is not only for financial inclusion but also for income generation and a source of livelihood. Benei urged the people to give full cooperation to the staff of Nagaland State Cooperative Bank. He inaugurated the NStCB ATM booth at Noklak town.

MD, NStCB, Bendangnungsang in the keynote address said NStCB is to help the customers achieve economic success and financial security.

Deputy Commissioner Noklak, Arikumba stated that though the staff might face difficulties in the initial stage,



MLA P. Longon inaugurated Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Ltd. at Noklak town on 11th May 2023 in the presence of MLA Benei M Lamthiu.

he requested them to extend all possible help and guide the people so that they can do something good for the people. He also urged all the people of the district to give full cooperation to the staff and appealed to the citizens to use the facilities which are available in the banks.

General Manager, Officer-in-Charge, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Tiakala Ao mentioned that the opening of the new branch of NStCB Ltd. in Noklak district will further enhance the accessibility and convenience of the bank's customers in this remote part of the State and enable them to avail the benefits of various schemes and initiatives launched by the bank.

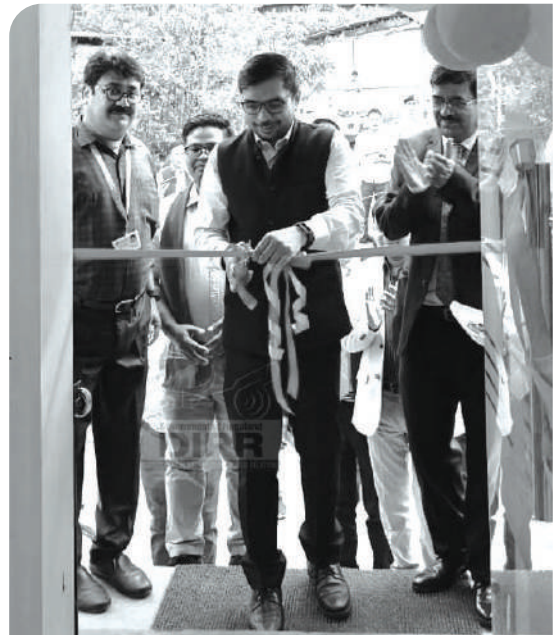
BANK OF BARODA OPENS

NEW BRANCH AT BOTSA AND AHTHIBUNG

AHTHIBUNG:

The Bank of Baroda opened its new branch at Ahthibung town, Peren district on 12th May 2023. Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS inaugurated the branch in the presence of General Manager & Zonal Head of Kolkata Zone, Debadrata Das, Network DGM, Kolkata Zone, Debashis Bakshi, Deputy General Manager & Regional Head Jorhat, Chandan Sahoo and Branch Manager Ahthibung Branch, Kaikho Savio.

Speaking at the event, DC Vineet Kumar said that with the opening of this new branch, all the blocks of Peren district have become 'Banked Blocks' and expressed hope that the services provided would



DC Peren, Vineet Kumar, IAS inaugurating the Bank of Baroda's new branch at Ahthibung town, Peren on 12th May 2023.

benefit the common masses residing in Ahthibung town and its adjoining villages.

BOTSA:

Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Botsa Branch, Bank of Baroda in the presence of General Manager & Zonal Head Kolkata Zone, Debadrata Das, Network DGM, Kolkata Zone, Debashis Bakshi and Deputy General Manager & Regional Head, Jorhat, Chandan Sahoo on 13th May 2023.

Rio, stating that financial institution plays a vital role in the growth of economy, he expressed hope that the branch will bring progress towards the economic growth of the area people. With the opening of Botsa Branch, he said that the Bank of Baroda has



CM, Neiphiu Rio with other officials during the inauguration of Botsa Branch, Bank of Baroda on 13th May 2023.

now 14 branches in the State and requested the Bank to reach all the blocks and extend their services to the needy people and also to extend the Chief Minister's programme for the benefit of the area people. Rio further called upon the villages to give full cooperation to the Bank and also assured to give support to the Bank from the

government level.

GM, Debadrata Das in his speech encouraged the area people to consider this branch as their lifeline and to have an account in this Bank and avail all the benefits provided by the Bank. He also apprised the gathering on various loans and facilities available for the welfare of the community.

AQUARIUM UNIT ON FISH GERMLASM INAUGURATED

Capacity building programme for farmers of Nagaland on scientific aquaculture and inauguration of Aquarium Unit on Fish Germplasm of Nagaland was held in Dimapur on 13th May 2023 at the Brooder Fish Farm, Dimapur. The programme was organized by ICAR - Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture and Department of Fisheries & Aquatic

Resources (F&AR) with Dr. Pramoda K. Sahoo, Director of ICAR-CIFA.

Rongsennungba, Director of F&AR said this is their dream project which was achieved through the help from CIFA. He said this centre is a resource for children and college students for their studies. He said that Nagaland has rich fish species, where there are 42 Aquariums with indigenous fishes collected and donated from the 16 districts of Nagaland.

Dr. Pramoda K. Saho, Director,



Dr. Pramoda K. Saho, Director, ICAR-CIFA, and Rongsennungba, Director of F&AR inaugurating the Aquarium Unit Fish Germplasm of Nagaland at the Brooder Fish Farm, Dimapur on 13th of May 2023.

ICAR-CIFA said that a huge number of species is imported into the country. To take benefit of the huge species available, he requested the farmers and the stakeholders to pass them to the Department instead of consuming them so that they can preserve that particular species. The new species will be preserved and will be researched to collect the information. He asked the farmers and the Department to preserve different varieties of fish species and inspire the young generation to preserve new species of fish and urged the farmers to keep an aquarium in their households.

Brief highlights of the project were delivered by Dr. Vimezo Kire, Deputy Director F&AR, who asked the staff to look after the new aquarium that has come up so that the species will be well preserved. He said that this preserved aquarium will help and inspire lots of children to study and get information about the different kinds of fish species in the upcoming future.

MEDZIPHEMA TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE INAUGURATED

Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio inaugurated the Medziphema Town Council office at the City Centre, Medziphema on 23rd May 2023.

Zhaleo Rio encouraged all the youths to come forward for trade and commerce, and hoped that the building will be utilized and be able to generate revenue for Medziphema sub-division. He also said the City Centre was a first of its kind in the State and Town Council should utilize it to the optimum. He emphasized that City Centre Medziphema will serve all tribes under Medziphema Town Corporation and urged them to maintain the magnificent building and set a good example for all.

ADC and Administrator, Medziphema Imsongmeren explained the concept of the Medziphema Town Council office and gave a brief report on the historical establishment of MTC, that it was set up in 2005 consisting of 9 wards. The first floor is for offices, the top floor is for setting up hotels, and the building is for business establishments for the benefit of the general public.

TEMJENMENBA INAUGURATES INTER STATE TRUCK TERMINUS AT KOHIMA

Advisor, Transport and Technical Education, Temjenmenba on 30th May 2023 inaugurated the Inter State Truck Terminus

(ISTT) at ISBT, Kohima.

Speaking at the occasion, the Advisor stated that the terminus will be operational and functional and that a lot of hard work has gone into constructing the building, right from the drawing to searching for the requisite fund. He reminded all who would be using this asset, to keep in mind that it is for the people, therefore, should be maintained properly. He also stated that the terminus is a much-needed facility, especially for the traffic congestion in the capital town and will help in easing traffic problems to a great extent.

General Manager, NST, Shikaho P. Yeptho highlighted about the project stating that the project was supervised and executed under the Civil Engineering Wing of the Department headed by the Executive Engineer (Construction), who has been effectively and efficiently executing the project. He mentioned that the Department



Advisor, Temjenmenba unveiled the plaque and inaugurated the Inter State Truck Terminus at ISBT, Kohima on 30th May 2023.

is grateful to the NEC officials and everyone involved in the project for their timely supervision and release of funds for the successful completion of the project. He added that once it starts functioning, the ISTT is going to be very beneficial in rendering all the needs of local and inter-state truck operators including parking facilities and easing congestion in the town area.

BRINGING BACK THE LISTENING CULTURE: 90.8 HILLS FM

(A DIPR feature by Atuzo Peseyie, Assistant Director)

90.8 Hills FM - The Voice of Change, is the first community radio station in Nagaland, established in 2022 and based in Dimapur. Educating, informing, promoting, and entertaining the community is at the heart of everything they do.

By producing and transmitting authentic, immersive, and educational programmes, they intend to create a community of well-informed listeners while also building a link between the government and the people.

90.8 Hills FM is the first and only community radio ever in Dimapur. It is certain that the 'Community First' approach will bring a positive and visible transformation to the community. Contrary to general belief, listening is far more powerful than people think. Hills FM, therefore, wants to build well-aware and well-informed listeners.

On their airwaves, they will talk about authors and their books, have panel discussions on pressing local issues, and address the importance of women's empowerment in today's day and age. There is a section for storytelling where people from all walks of life bring their stories to share with them. If you are an animal person, they have a show for you where they talk about everything around animals.

Hills FM makes sure that on their radio, there is something for everyone. Stories of people who are change-makers, trendsetters, and people who have defied

all odds to become who they are today, continue to be harbingers of hope. The team brings in such people, listens to their stories, and hopes that the listeners will be motivated. As a community radio station, its primary focus is to provide a platform for individuals of all age groups and to amplify the voice of the marginalized.

90.8 Hills FM strives to bring about a change of narrative, that perhaps with the community coming together, no dream is too crazy, no aspirations so high. The Hills FM members believe that the community is where the first change has to come - the first spark for a global fire. It is only when the community progresses, the individual thrives. It is due to this very fact that Hills FM trust in the power of the community, and this is where you come in. You matter, your voice matters.

Follow them on social media to catch up if you missed any of their shows. Hot day? Noisy traffic? Stressed? Pull up your window glass and turn on the AC. Gear up and tune your radio to 90.8 Hills FM. Get traffic updates, and listen to local music collections handpicked for you with love.

Do you want your voice to be heard? Your story told? Get in touch with them. No time to read newspapers? Worry not! Listen to the news on the go. Curious about your favorite musician or author? Catch up with creative artists and learn what makes them tick. The first and only community radio ever in Nagaland!

VISION:

To be the voice of the people and highlight the current grievances of the society, promote local talents and businesses, disseminate important information, and inspire the community to build a brighter future.

CORE VALUES:

90.8 Hills FM's mission is to bring about overall community empowerment and development. Their core values:

Hear: Community needs to hear in order to know and act.

Inform: Well-informed communities can discern what works best for them.

Learn: Learning from communities and

sharing it with the world.

Liaison: Platform to (a) Connect different stakeholders and (b) promote local talents/produce.

Society: Empower the society to bring about social change.

BROADCAST FEATURES:

They aspire to become their listeners' first choice and one-stop medium for all information and entertainment. Top programmes on the airwaves: Women empowerment, mental health awareness, disability talk, book reviews, government schemes awareness, music reviews, local music, panel discussion, stories by the fire.



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